

# Zion Weekly News

Luke 14:33

"So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

September 4, 2022—13th Sunday after Pentecost



## ZION

Lutheran Church

*Serving Christ by Sharing God's Love*

### A Warm Welcome to Zion!

*No matter where you are on your spiritual journey,  
you are welcome in our faith community.*

Join us for coffee and treats Sundays after worship—in the Fellowship Hall behind the Sanctuary.

Check out the Welcome Center in the lobby, our website

[ziongr.org](http://ziongr.org), scan the QR codes

or call for more information 326-8553.

Like and follow us at [facebook.com/ZionGR](https://facebook.com/ZionGR).

Zion Guest Wi-Fi 2.4 or 2.5—password is zionguest.



#### New Email for Bulletin information:

Send information and messages to [office@ziongr.org](mailto:office@ziongr.org)

Deadline for entries—Thursdays by 11 am

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—[elca.org](http://elca.org)



# Order of Worship

## **Sunday—9:30am**

Prelude—*O God Beyond All Praising* (Kirsten Siegle, flute)

Welcome and Announcements

\* Invocation, Confession & Forgiveness, p. 94

\* Gathering Hymn #880—*O God Beyond All Praising*

\* Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

First Reading—Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Children's Message—Paula Ross

Noisy Offering

\* *Gospel Acclamation*, p. 142

\* Gospel—Luke 14:25-33

Sermon—Pastor Bob Graul

\* Hymn of the Day #798—*Will You Come and Follow Me*, stz. 1, 2, 5

\* Prayers of Intercession

Offering Anthem—*My Jesus I Love Thee* (Vicki Maurer, soloist)

\* Offertory #686—*Take My Life, That I May Be*, stz. 1

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Great Thanksgiving, p. 144

\* *Holy, Holy*, p. 144

\* Words of Institution

\* Lord's Prayer, p. 145

*Lamb of God*, p.146, Special Music—*Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* (Kirsten Siegle, flute)

\* Table Blessing

\* Post-Communion Prayer

\* Benediction

\* Sending Song #660—*Lift High the Cross*, stz, 1, 3, 4

\* Dismissal

Postlude

\* *Please stand as able*

## Worship in Person or Online

**9:30am Sundays—Sanctuary**  
**No Wednesday Evening Service September 7th**

*Join us in the Sanctuary for fall Wednesday Worship starting  
September 14th at 6 pm*

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays and Wednesdays following*

**Sunday YouTube Live Stream or View Later**

Zmail link (sign up [ziongr.org](mailto:ziongr.org)) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). Offering: [ziongr.org/donate](https://ziongr.org/donate) or mail.

**School Kit Update:** 88 school kits were filled and boxed to be sent to Lutheran World Relief so far. More will be filled on God's Work Our Hands on September 11.

**Council Minutes** are posted on the bulletin board across from the office door. If you would like to have them emailed to you, email the church office at [office@ziongr.org](mailto:office@ziongr.org) and you will be added to the list. These minutes will be a month late as they are the approved minutes.

## Zion's Giving Tree for September

The District 318 Endowment Fund exists to provide supplemental funding, independent of the school budget, for educational enrichment opportunities for students in Independent School District 318 public schools.



Examples of special projects that have been funded include a climbing wall at Cohasset Elementary, LEGO Robotics Kits at RJEMS, digital cameras at Bigfork School that mix art and math concepts, and a drone for the Grand Rapids High School Math program.

Funding is community driven, made possible by generous donors to assist and enhance the education of kids in our schools.

*Different nonprofit/ELCA opportunities highlighted monthly—Social Ministry*

# YOUTH STUFF

**Confirmation Information Night.** Wednesday, September 7, 6—6:30 pm (FH). Brief informational meeting. Parents and students encouraged to attend.

**Blessing of Backpacks.** Students, bring your backpacks to be blessed on Sunday, September 18 or Wednesday September 21.

## God's work. Our hands.

### September 11 During Worship

There will be a **picnic potluck** following worship. The Church Council will provide: brats, hot dogs, buns, grills.  
Congregation will provide: salads and desserts.

In gratitude and honor, an invitation has been extended to our local emergency services and military personnel to join us.



### Share an Afternoon of Biking Sunday, September 18, starting at 1 pm

This is a congregational event. We will meet at the Grand Rapids Fairgrounds at 1 pm. This trail has a few bigger hills and a lot of beautiful scenery. Text Trudy Cagle at 218-244-1347 if you need a bike rack or would like to borrow a pull behind child carrier. Bikes will not be provided.

## 🎵 Fall Music Programs Starting Soon! 🎵

**SENIOR CHOIR:** Wed. Sept. 7th—7:00-8:00 pm

**WORSHIP TOO BAND:** Tues. Sept. 13th—5:30-6:30 pm

**CARILLON CLASSICS BELL ENSEMBLE:** Thurs. Sept. 15th—5:30-6:30 pm

**Come join us! Email Patty Dorn, Director of Worship & Music,**  
[patty@ziongr.org](mailto:patty@ziongr.org) or call 218-326-8553 for more details.



**Circles:** The WELCA Circles will be starting up next month. Martha Circle will meet Wednesday Sept. 14, at 9:30 am at Sharon Quern's house. Rebecca Circle will meet Thursday Sept. 15, 6:30 pm, location TBD. Come and join us for fellowship and Bible Study. Contact Liz 328-4492 or Peggy 360-2420 for info.

**Prayer Shawls** are warm, soft and wrap around the recipient. Each stitch is filled with prayers, a gift of God's love through the maker...and they are felt. Pattern [link](#). Questions? Fay 492-4338 or Ann 259-5548.

### November 5—Handmade Local Arts & Crafts



We are looking for crafters! If you have items that you make, please let us know. We are always looking for new and unique items for our show. It can be Christmas items, art, photography, candles, soaps, tie-dye attire, coasters, stationary, gift items, and so much more. All items must be handmade.

**SAVE** your books, puzzles and board games for the Wandering Reindeer Bazaar. Books can be dropped off at Zion in the beginning of September

### We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event.

Many positions available—serving lunch, cashiering, or cleanup. Contact Betty Wass at 218-327-4925 if you are available to help.

Sharon Quern and Cyndy Agle  
Email: [wanderingreindeershops@gmail.com](mailto:wanderingreindeershops@gmail.com)

### Our Sympathy...

to the family of Alice Sarkela who passed away on August 31.



### Attention all Readers

If you are ready to down-size your book collection, please consider giving to the Book Sale at Wandering Reindeer. Drop off your gently used books on the bookshelf near the North entrance. If you have questions, contact Leslie Ringdahl,

# Worship Volunteers

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## Can you help us out?

To fill OPEN spots or get signup emails, contact [tiina@ziongr.org](mailto:tiina@ziongr.org) or 326-8553.

**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Sun. 9:30	September 4	September 11
Ushers	Jim Cagle	Dawn Harcey, Joey Harcey, Brad Smith
Reader	Linda Winkler	Youth
A/V Booth	Gordon Winkler	Gordon Winkler
Coffee Crew	Gretchen DuPuis, Dan DuPuis	Marty Flink
Communion	Trudy Cagle, Pamey Casio, Martie Jacobson, Fay Klände, Sandy Sampson, Linda Winkler	
Children's Message	Paula Ross	Krista Sjostrand

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday and Wednesday following.  
Wednesday volunteers not needed during the Open summer.*

## Interested in Joining Zion?

Simply fill out a [new member form](#) any time to join and then have a short orientation with Pastor Ben. See "New to Zion?" info flyer at the Welcome Center or on the [website](#). Questions? 218-326-8553.

## COVID Info & Procedures

*Updated 4/21/22*

- **Mask guidance:** See widget on our website home page for local rates. CDC recommends masks in public indoors (and outdoors—if close contact) in areas of substantial or high transmission, ages 2 and up.
- **Please use hand sanitizer and/or wash hands.**
- **If you or a family member have symptoms, are awaiting test results or exposed to a case, please stay home and follow suggested MN Dept. of Health quarantines!** [health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html](https://health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html); [COVID-19 Testing](#)
- Evaluation is ongoing. Links: [MN Dept. of Health](#); [CDC](#)

# E-Giving @ Zion



*One-time or recurring...  
change yourself without a form*

- **Vanco Faith App**—Download from the App Store on your devices your devices.
- **Online**— [ziongr.org/donate](http://ziongr.org/donate)
- **Text**—Text the amount, ex. “40” to (218) 935-6112

**Switching from envelopes?** Notify us to take you off the envelope list.

**Changing from Simply Giving?** Fill out form (website “Donate” page or at Welcome Ctr.), sign and return to office to stop the bank draft first.

## Zion’s Open Closet Thursdays 12-5pm

*Free Clothing for Our Neighbors in Need*



**Zion’s Open Closet needs Men’s and Boy’s clothing (all sizes).**

Also accepting Children’s and Women’s clothing sizes XL, 2X & 3X; blankets, sheets, and towels.

## Zion Finance Update—July 2022

*Thanks so much for your continued support!*

### Monthly Summary

Account	Budgeted Need	Received	Surplus/Deficit
General Fund	\$41,875	\$33,156	-\$8,719
Building Fund	\$6,862	\$4,883	-\$1,979
Renewing Zion	\$4,170	\$2,253	-\$1,917
Mission Support (ELCA)	\$3,316	\$1,463	-\$1,853

### Year-to-Date Summary

General Fund	\$293,125	\$251,014	-\$42,111
Building Fund	\$48,034	\$40,528	-\$7,506
Renewing Zion	\$51,251	\$10,680	-\$40,571
Mission Support (ELCA)	\$25,101	\$9,518	-\$15,584

### Debt

Account	Balance
ELCA Mission Investment Fund (MIF) Loan	\$1,227,458
Honeywell Loans—New Boiler/Water Heater/AC	\$290,543

# Zion's Weekly Calendar

## **Sun., Sept. 4—13th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Worship & Livestream (S)

## **Mon., Sept. 5**

Church Closed for Labor Day

## **Tues., Sept. 6**

1:30—3:30 pm Staff Meeting (CR)

## **Wed., Sept. 7**

No Wednesday Worship

6—6:45 pm Confirmation

Informational Meeting (FH)

7—8 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal  
(MR)

## **Thu., Sept. 8**

12—5 pm Open Closet (210-212)

## **Sun., Sept. 11—14th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Worship & Livestream (S)

*Room Key: S=Sanctuary, CH=Chapel, CLC=Christian Life Center/Gym, K=CLC Kitchen, L=Library, FH=Fellowship Hall, MR= Music Room, YR=Youth Room, N=Narthex/Lobby, CR=Office Conference Room, LR=Living Room, BR=CLC Ball Room*



## Worship Flowers

Order from our supplier (\$40), yours, or create your own. Contact the office to order or be included in the bulletin.



## NE MN Synod ELCA

[nemnsynod.org](http://nemnsynod.org); [facebook.com/groups/639171292861658](https://facebook.com/groups/639171292861658)

**EcoFaith:** [nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html](http://nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html)

**Mental Health:** [nemnsynod.org/mental-health-resources.html](http://nemnsynod.org/mental-health-resources.html)



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