ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Tenth Sunday After Pentecost July 28, 2024 Phone: 605-338-5226

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AS WE GATHER:

Upon the chaos dark and rude—these words come from the hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." They refer both to the "formless void" preceding creation and to the frightening power of a storm at sea. We may at times feel like our lives are lived amid chaos dark and rude: random violence, destructive storms, and dozens of daily demands pulling us in multiple directions. Today's Readings give us God's assuring word of promise amid the chaos dark and rude. Following the chaos of the great flood, God establishes His covenant with Noah and all creation never again to destroy the earth and all flesh with a flood, but to give life. The Epistle teaches us that since Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, we are rooted and ground in His love amid the chaos dark and rude. And in the Gospel, Jesus treads the chaos dark and rude under His feet: walking on the water signaled that Jesus has the ultimate power over all the chaos that threatens to overwhelm us. So today, amid the chaos dark and rude, Jesus, who got in the boat with the disciples and caused the wind to cease, is with us through His Word and in Holy Communion calming our fears and guiding us through it all.

WE EXTEND OUR Christian Sympathy to the family of Velda Haberling at her passing on July 10th. Services were held Saturday at Zion.

THANK YOU for all the cards and condolences following the loss of our mother Avis Priest. The family of Avis Priest appreciates the caring support from the Zion family. -June Engel

HAVE YOU LOST SOMEONE SPECIAL?

Grief expert, Dr. Mark Vandebraak will have some suggestions on how to process these emotions. Join us in the Zion conference room on Saturday, August 17th from 1-3pm. RSVP to Nurse Rachel by August 8th.

<u>A BIG THANK YOU</u> to all who helped with Vacation Bible School this last week. More than 40 children followed the "Twists and Turns" to learn that following Jesus is a game changer! And more than \$1277 was raised through offerings to help Christ the King Lutheran Church in Spencer rebuild after the flood!

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING on

Sunday, August 4th at 7pm. This is for parents of all 8th grade confirmands.

<u>REV IT UP!</u> It's Youth night at Thunder Road on Wednesday, Aug. 7th from 7-9PM. Sign up at the Welcome Wall!

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Rod and Ruth Dunkle in honor of their 53rd anniversary on the 31st. And John and Darlene Duprey in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary. We thank the Dunkles and Dupreys for providing the flowers for our services today.

<u>WE CONGRATULATE</u> Ethan Johnson and Rachel Anders, who were married here at the church on July 19th. May God Bless Ethan and Rachel, their marriage and their home.

BEING BAPTIZED after the late service today is Camden Myles Smith, infant son of Justin and Kristin and grandson of Stephen and Keila Smith. We pray God's blessings upon Camden and his family.

<u>A BIG THANK YOU</u> to those who helped with the breakfast meal at The Banquet on Monday morning. 210 adults and 3 children were served!

<u>GET MOVING!</u> When was the last time you were in one of South Dakota's state parks? See Nurse Rachel for an extra incentive to get outside and explore!

IF:Sioux Falls is coming to Zion in November. It is a Women's Conference led by a group of women here at Zion. Tickets are on sale now for our members. There are flyers/posters up around the church for more information.

The Twelve Apostles



Andrew, Bartholomew, James, James, John, Judas, Matthew, Peter, Phillip, Simon, Thaddeus, Thomas



