

THE CLARION

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- Serving at The Banquet—
July 28
- Rally Sunday—Sept. 7



Congratulations to our 2025 High School Graduates:

Caleb Winckler, Aaron Stotts, Geneva Bormann, Nicolas Hagen, Dylan Saeger,
Evan Saeger, Taylor Wall, Tyler Friedrich and Emma Lowitz.



Confirmation 2025

Back Row: Jacob Shoup, Ryan Halbakken, Owen Gilster, Austin Loween,
Brandon Aamold, Pastor Greg Lehr

Front Row: Norah Nelson, Lauren Huber, Kylie McMillen

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jun 1 Caden Goetschius
 Jun 1 Verdena Dabbert
 Jun 2 Caroline Huber
 Jun 2 Gary Kludt
 Jun 2 Mary Ann Zinnel
 Jun 3 Ava Boettcher
 Jun 3 Solo Gaye
 Jun 3 Tanner Koster
 Jun 3 Seth VandeBraak
 Jun 3 Janet Wright
 Jun 4 Dave Rames
 Jun 4 Randy Thompson
 Jun 4 James Wagner
 Jun 5 Courtney Benolkin
 Jun 5 Alexis Boyce
 Jun 5 Aubrey Friedrich
 Jun 5 Rodney Geurtz
 Jun 6 Kara Erck
 Jun 6 Dylan Gilster

Jun 6 Jonathan Kludt
 Jun 6 David Ohrt
 Jun 6 Tyler Twigg
 Jun 7 Mary Hoon
 Jun 7 Connor Wood
 Jun 8 Carley Goetschius
 Jun 8 Rachel Hohn
 Jun 8 Dennis Holmes
 Jun 9 Jill Schultz
 Jun 10 Treyten Kolar
 Jun 10 Kael Schettler
 Jun 10 Don Sturzenbecher
 Jun 10 LeRoy Voegeli
 Jun 10 Linda Wagner
 Jun 11 Cora Larson
 Jun 12 Cindy Draisey
 Jun 12 Andrew Eisenhauer
 Jun 13 Jerilyn Harris

Jun 14 Dale Brockberg
 Jun 14 Jan Knuth
 Jun 14 Faith Thompson
 Jun 15 Ted Dumke
 Jun 15 Solomon Gaye
 Jun 15 Linda Neville
 Jun 15 Norma Robinson
 Jun 15 Jennifer Van Hove
 Jun 16 Hannah Coufal
 Jun 16 Chantelle Martin
 Jun 16 William Miller
 Jun 17 Terry Petheram
 Jun 17 Julie Rames
 Jun 18 Kourtney Dafoe
 Jun 18 Scarlett Tefft
 Jun 19 Andrea Eisenhauer
 Jun 20 Geneva Bormann
 Jun 21 Brenda Clow

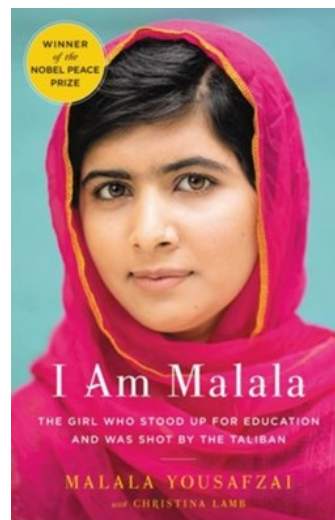
Jun 21 Craig Fitterer
 Jun 21 Dorothy Radloff
 Jun 22 Jozel Kok
 Jun 22 Brooklyn Pusch
 Jun 22 Lois Schmidt
 Jun 22 Wayne Hofer
 Jun 23 Cristal Kludt
 Jun 24 Carson Martin
 Jun 24 Rebecca Scott
 Jun 25 Nathan Gilster
 Jun 25 Mariah Graff
 Jun 25 Marissa Graff
 Jun 25 Brad Powell
 Jun 26 Dennis Ganter
 Jun 27 Lyric Oslund
 Jun 27 Craig Stember
 Jun 28 Kyle Hendry
 Jun 29 Steve Olson
 Jun 30 Ed Dunlap

ZION'S BOOK CLUB IN JUNE

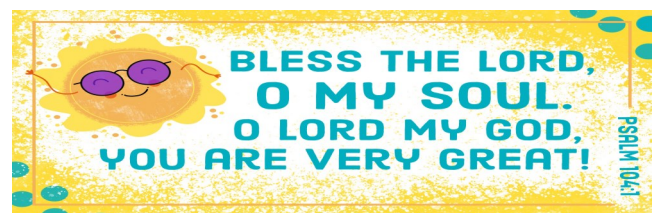
"I Am Malala"— Malala Yousafzai

"I come from a country that was created at midnight. When I almost died it was just after mid-day." When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at

point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she became a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize. I AM MALALA will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.



Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani female education activist, film and television producer, and the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate at the age of 17. She is the youngest Nobel Prize laureate in history, the second Pakistani and the only Pashtun to receive a Nobel Prize. Yousafzai is a human rights advocate for the education of women and children in her native homeland, Swat, where the Pakistani Taliban had at times banned girls from attending school. Her advocacy has grown into an international movement, and according to former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, she has become Pakistan's "most prominent citizen."



JAN-APRIL INCOME

Envelopes and Electronic Giving	\$207003.66
Plate	11426.71
Missions/Radio	1005.00
Lutheran School	440.00
Treasure Chest	523.90
Flowers	1032.44
Coffee/Donuts.....	1819.99
Funerals Weddings	1107.15
Youth Missions	97.65
Wednesday Suppers.....	1677.20
Total Received	\$226,133.70
4 Month Need	\$273,734.00

OTHER INCOME

Designated Memorials.....	2,215.00
Undesignated Memorials.....	
Camp Donation.....	40.00
VBS Supper.....	1,629.00
Honor Flight.....	1,893.00
Total Received.....	\$5,777.00

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the date today?

Usually when someone asks this question, you might look to a calendar for the answer. The date might help determine what to wear, where to go, and what you might do. For example, if the date were January 15, you might decide to wear warm winter clothes. If it were July 12, your family might have a picnic. Calendars help keep things in order.



What does this have to do with the Divine Service?

The Church's calendar determines much of what happens in worship each Sunday (like the colors in the Sanctuary, or the readings for the day). The Church has its own calendar and its own seasons. The Church's seasons are based on the different events in the life of Christ and His Church. Instead of Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring, the Church's calendar has Advent, Christmas, Lent and many more. This calendar helps put order to the seasons and festivals of the Church.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "church"?

When someone says the word "church," we usually think of a place people go to worship. The Lutheran Confessions teach us that the church is the "assembly of all the believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the Holy Sacraments are administered according to the Gospel." Wow! The church is so much more than a building!



If the church is more than just the building, then why is the building and everything in it so important?

The church building, or the "sanctuary," is a place where God is present. We know that our Lord has promised to come to us in His Sacraments. Since God is actually here with us in His house, we should be very reverent, or respectful. We don't want anything in the church pulling us away from what God gives us in His Word and Sacraments. Everything should direct our attention toward Him.

TRUST IN
THE LORD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART,
AND DO NOT LEAN
ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING.

PROVERBS 3:5

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Parish
Nursing

JUNE

MEN'S

HEALTH



Only 60% of
men go to the
Dr yearly - and
40% won't go
until something
is seriously
wrong
(Medicine.iu.edu,
2023)

Leading cause of death for men:
heart disease

52% of adult men have high blood pressure (CDC, 2022)
cancer

**A man is 2 to 3 times more likely to get prostate cancer if
his father, brother or son had it** (Medicine.iu.edu, 2023)

Your **body** is a **temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you,
whom you have received from God. You are not your own;
you were bought at a price. So honor God with your body.

~ 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20



As the school year winds down and the weather gets nicer, many of us travel during the next couple of months.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY DURING THE SUMMER

Here are a few ideas to help you stay healthy and connected to your Zion Family:

- Help us walk back home to Zion Lutheran – log your miles and invite a friend to exercise with you
- Have coffee with another church member
- Call someone you haven't seen in church and catch up
- Keep our Zion Family in your prayers
- Share Your Harvest Table (Plant an extra tomato plant or two and bring the extras to church to share)



Rachel Aamold MSN RN
Zion Lutheran Parish Nurse

ZION KIDS SUMMER UPDATE

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

THIS SUMMER WE DIVE
INTO GOD'S CREATION
TO DISCOVER HOW
AMAZING HE REALLY
IS! WE'LL WATCH
NATURE OF GOD
VIDEOS ON THE DATES
BELOW AND HAVE A
SHORT DEVOTION.

SEE YOU ON THESE
DATES DURING THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL
HOUR!



**DISCOVER THE
BIGNESS
OF GOD**

Zion Kids VBS
3 years - finished 4th grade
Register at:
myvbs.org/zionkidsvbs
JULY 13-16

MAGNIFI
PSALM 51:3

ZION KIDS SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
ages 3-5th grade and parents welcome!



video series on:
the nature of GOD

JUNE 1, 8, 29
JULY 6, 20, 27

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

New Orleans, LA



**SOUTH
DAKOTA**



1,280 MILES
5 STATES
21 HOURS



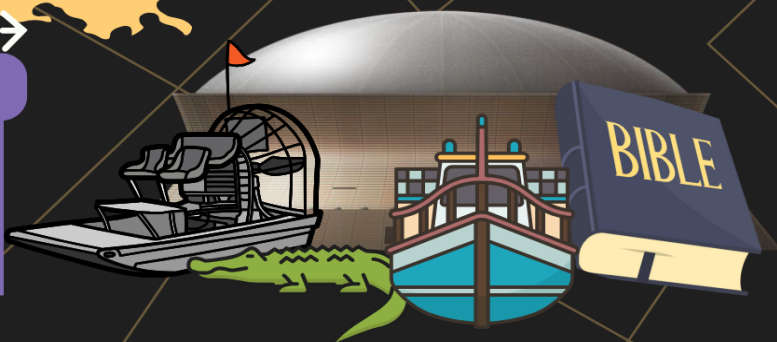
When Is the Gathering?

JULY 19-23

The Gathering begins on July 19, but we will leave on a bus on July 17 and return on July 24

What Will We Do?

Bible Studies
Breakout Sessions
Mass Events in the Superdome
Riverboat Cruise
Swamp Tour



28 YOUTH
8 ADULTS
2 BUS DRIVERS



How Many Are Going?

38 PEOPLE

What is the Theme?

ENDURE

It is based on Hebrews 12:1-3...
"For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

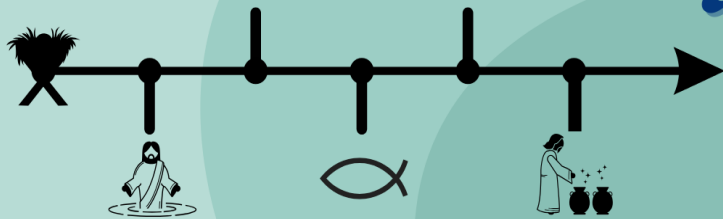
ENDURE

HEBREWS 12:1-3

MEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Timeline of Jesus' Ministry



Starting June 3

**Tuesdays
12 PM**

**Contact the Office
for more information**

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, June 7

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Call the Office to Register

2025 Softball Schedule

Zion Lutheran

Date	Time	Opponent	Field
May 5		UMP: 6:30 pm	B
	7:25 pm	vs. Crosspointe	B
May 12	6:30 pm	@ Our Lady Victory	D
	7:25 pm	vs. Holy Spirit	D
		UMP: 8:20 pm	D
May 19	6:30 pm	vs. Crosspointe	D
		UMP: 7:25 PM	D
	8:20 pm	@ Calvary	B
June 2	6:30 pm	vs. Eastside Baptist	D
	7:25 pm	@ Our Lady Victory	D
		UMP: 8:20 pm	D
June 9		UMP: 6:30 pm	D
	7:25 pm	@ Community Reformed	D
	9:15 pm	vs. Holy Spirit	B
June 16	6:30 pm	@ Eastside Baptist	B
		UMP: 7:25 pm	D
	8:20 pm	vs. Our Lady Victory	B
June 30	6:30 pm	@ Calvary	D
	7:25 pm	vs. Community Reformed	D
		UMP: 8:20 pm	D
July 7	6:30 pm	vs. Eastside Baptist	B
	7:25 pm	@ Crosspointe	D
		UMP: 8:20 pm	D
July 14	6:30 pm	@ Holy Spirit	D
	7:25 pm	vs. Our Lady Victory	D
		UMP: 9:15 pm	B
July 21		UMP: 6:30 pm	B
	7:25 pm	@ Community Reformed	D
	8:20 pm	vs. Calvary	D
Saturday July 26		League Tournament at Harmodon Park (Times TBD)	

All regular season games at Sherman Park



June 15 - June 21





Annual Diaper Derby

**Drop off your diapers
from Mother's Day
through
Father's Day**



EVERYONE is invited to join
the RUTH GUILD for a



TEA PARTY / BABY SHOWER

Saturday, June 21 - 11:00 am
Speaker: from Teddy Bear Den
All items collected will go to
Teddy Bear Den





Summer Break

No gatherings June, July or August
We will begin gathering again on September 6th at 3:00pm

Zion Women's Ministry

Zion Women: creating a space to build deep connections and grow spiritually through fellowship, prayer, bible study, friendships and laughter! Join us on the 1st Sat. of every month 3-5pm Sept-May

SERVING BREAKFAST

July 28
Downtown



COMING SOON!

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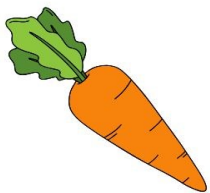


Parish
Nursing




Share your **HARVEST**

Plant an extra tomato plant or 2
and share your harvest with your
Zion Family




Our church family
sharing God's abundance





Ascension Day Service
Thursday, May 29
6:30 pm



Ascension Day Supper
5:30 - 6:15
Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Dessert

As I write this to you, summer is looming, and we are all dreaming of trips we might be taking or time we will get away and relax. Sabbath time, time away from what we regularly do is essential to our well-being. It helps us renew, restore and reconnect with God in a way that nothing else can.

I hope this summer you and your family have scheduled time to just relax and renew. I hope you get some well-deserved time away from busy schedules and hectic lives. I hope that you are able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather that summer brings and also have a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family that is so lacking in our busy lives these days.

I also hope that if you are in town on a Sunday, you will come and join us for worship. I know that it can be easy to sleep in and take a summer break, but we are still here doing ministry and sharing the Good News with one another and with the community all summer long.

I realize that you might be reading this article and thinking... “I go to church in the summertime!” If you’re one of those rare people who attend church year-round or always find a church to attend when you’re on vacation... high five to you.

Jesus Christ is the refreshing center of summer. He is pre-eminent in all things, including vacations and picnics and softball and long walks and campouts and cookouts. He invites us this summer, *“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”* (Matthew 11:28).

The Apostle Paul encourages us to this sort of summer mindset... *“If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.”* (Colossians 3:1-2). This is serious summer refreshment.

So, in closing, I ask you to consider these things any time you are planning to miss church. This goes for the summer months as well as all the other months. I guess what I’m trying to do with this Clarion article is get you to think deeper and more spiritually about your church attendance this summer and really throughout the whole year.

Remember that Hebrews 10:24-25 is still in the Bible... *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

However you spend your summers friends, I hope you share it with us, and that it is a summer of growing our faith and staying connected to our church family. Thank you so much for being a part of Zion Lutheran Church. We are blessed by YOU!



Pastor Greg's

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At Zion Lutheran, we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved, and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!

A vibrant, colorful illustration for a church rally. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a large yellow sun. A string of colorful triangular bunting flags hangs across the top. In the center, the word "RALLY" is written in large, white, bubbly letters with a green shadow, and "SUNDAY" is in smaller, blue, bubbly letters with a green shadow. Below that, "September 7th" is written in red, bubbly letters. On the left, a family of four (father, mother, and two children) is shown in a joyful pose. On the right, there is a colorful inflatable slide with a blue base, red sides, and a yellow slide. The website "zionlutheransf.com" is written in the bottom right corner.

RALLY
SUNDAY
September 7th

Worship:
8:00 Traditional
9:15 SS/Bible Study
10:30 Contemporary

Fellowship:
Lunch and Treats
Inflatables - Face painting
Bingo - Clowns
Balloon Animals

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