ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH June 22, 2025

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AS WE GATHER: The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands "to a rebellious people" (Isaiah 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Isaiah 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living "among the tombs" (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, "you are no longer a slave, but a son" (Galatians 4:7).

THE LEAD ELDER TODAY is Craig Fitterer. Please contact him if you have any questions about Zion Lutheran and he will be glad to help you out. Craig's favorite Bible verse is I Peter 5:7.

<u>A HUGE "THANK YOU</u>!" to Brian and Suze Frentz for all the years of hard work and leadership they've put into our Streets of Bethlehem Ministry. They have decided to take a welldeserved step back and let others step up into a leadership role. Please contact the office or a member of the Board of Elders if you would be interested in helping to reach out and share the story of Christ's birth with our community.

THE YOUTH are headed to **Great Shots** for a July event on Wednesday, July 2, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The cost will be \$10 and all Middle and High school youth are invited! Please sign up on the Welcome Wall. See Jacob if you have any questions.

<u>COME CELEBRATE</u> Emily Lafrentz's Retirement from teaching this afternoon starting at 4:00. It will be held "in the garage" at 5620 S Megan Avenue. There will be lots of food, fun, and fellowship. Bring your own lawn chair and stay as long as you want. **NO** gifts, please!

THE NEW PORTALS of PRAYER for July through September are available this morning in the back of the church and in the East Entryway.

<u>THE FLOWERS</u> on the Altar this morning are given by Don and Eileen Sturzenbecher in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary on Wednesday. We congratulate Don and Eileen on their special day and thank them for providing the flowers for our services today.

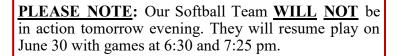
<u>WE EXTEND OUR</u> Christian Sympathy to Dennis and LeAnn Werner and their family at the passing of LeAnn's sister, Karen.



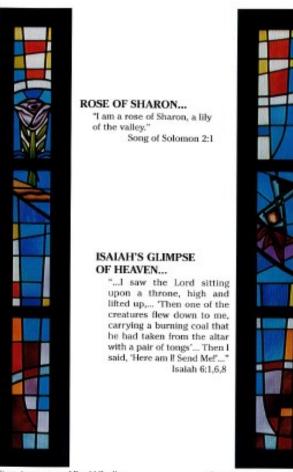
The family of <u>LU OTTEN</u> requests a Card Shower in honor of Lu's 90th Birthday on July 7. Cards and Greetings may be sent to Lu at 4000 S. Crescent Dr. Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

<u>NEW MEMBER WELCOME</u>: Please join us next Sunday as we welcome the new members who have joined our Zion family during this passed year, through either Transfers or Confession of Faith. They will be recognized at both services.

<u>A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU</u> to our Zion family for your support of our Annual Diaper Derby. Thanks to your care and generosity, we will be donating 5,758 diapers to the Teddy Bear Den. Thanks again Zion Lutheran, you are AWESOME!!!



<u>YOU SEE THEM EVERY SUNDAY</u> but how closely do you really look at Zion's stained glass windows? This summer we will be taking a closer look at the panels. Today we finish the North side of the Sanctuary with the Old Testament.



Given in memory of Exoaid Zoeller by Ann Zoeller and family.

Given in gratitude to God by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Paavola.

Window #13—Rose of Sharon

Christ has been compared to many things to help us understand His person and work. He has been called the "Door," "Good Shepherd," and "Bread of the Vine." In the Old Testament book of Solomon, he is called "The Rose of Sharon" Indeed Christ has much that could be compared to a rose; foremost is a beautiful fragrance and color in the form of an abundant life for his followers.

Window #14—Isaiah's Glimpse of Heaven

Isaiah is one of the most loved Old Testament prophets. He prophesied much about the Christ who



VICTORIOUS LAMB...
"...Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Joha 129
"Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Happy are those who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb'." Rev. 19:9

was to come. This window illustrates the story of Isaiah 6 in which he has a glimpse of heaven. He then feels his sinfulness and God takes the tongs and takes a coal off the altar of sacrifice and cleanses his lips, and now he was willing to do God's bidding and respond, "Here am I; send me."

Large Window—The Victorious Lamb

This window takes us to the realm of heaven itself, where we see the Lamb that was slain for our sins and the glorified Savior who will return to receive his children into eternal life.

