## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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<u>AS WE GATHER</u>: Jesus is traveling from Galilee to Jerusalem, aware that this journey will end in His crucifixion (Luke 9:51). Jesus teaches, preaches, and works miracles along the way, reflecting His merciful character. Through this parable, Jesus teaches us that fulfilling the Law requires continuous love and compassion. This means all of us have fallen short in caring for our neighbors. Our best efforts to "go and do likewise" are exposed as total failures in light of God's Law. But Jesus, the true Good Samaritan, has not fallen short. He came to do everything for salvation, leaving nothing for man to earn. He found us, dying sinners totally estranged from God, and paid all He had—perfect obedience during His life and a sacrificial death for our sins—in order to redeem us. He gives medicine that heals all sins, including the sin of lacking mercy. He will bear people to a place of refuge, the church, where they can be taken care of and receive more medicine. Then Jesus promises to come back to take all believers to Himself in heaven.

**THE LEAD ELDER TODAY** is Steve Smith. Please contact him if you have any questions about Zion Lutheran. Steve's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 3:3

**ZION IS SERVING BREAKFAST** at The Banquet on Monday, July 28. A Sign-Up sheet is at the back of the church.



THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING starts Saturday. Come and help us send off Zion's group on Thursday at 6:45 am in the Zion parking lot. They will be staying in Conway, Arkansas just north of Little Rock on Thursday night and will arrive at the Gathering on Friday. This is the 16th LCMS Gathering and the 5th Gathering held in New Orleans. More than 20,000 participants from 10 countries will be attending. They have the choice of attending 489 sessions on a variety of topics. And just a side note—the average temperature in New Orleans in July is 92 degrees! <u>**THE FLOWERS</u>** on the Altar this morning are given by Roger and Dianne Corkill in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary they celebrated Friday. We congratulate Roger and Dianne on their special milestone anniversary!</u>

<u>THANK YOU</u> to everyone who sent me a get well card and birthday card. It means so much to me to know I am thought of and prayed for. God bless, Kay Nelson

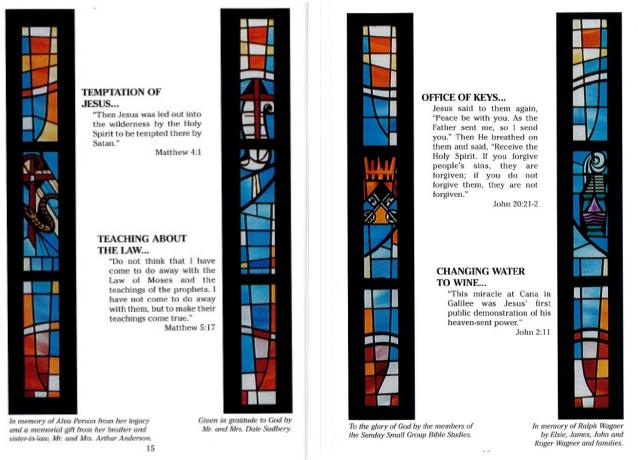
**<u>GIDDY UP</u>**! The Dr. Vaughn and JoAnn Meyer Memorial Golf Tournament is going country. It's Monday, August 4 and begins at 8:00am with a Shot-Gun Start at Bakker Crossing.

**SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL** will host it's Annual Book Sale on August 13 - 16. It will be held at Memorial Lutheran Church (5000 S Western Avenue) from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Wed-Fri and from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday. Donations are now being accepted at Memorial and the Lutheran School. Proceeds go to Tuition Assistance.

<u>**THE ZION BOOK CLUB</u>** meets this Saturday at 8:30 in the Conference Room. They are reading the book, "Vanished in Vermillion" by Lou Raguse.</u>

## LWML MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Ruth Guild—Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Atrium Ruth Guild—Saturday at 10:00 am in the Atrium Eve Group—Sunday at 9:15 in the Conference Room <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 are on the South side of the church and the New Testament.



Window #5—Temptation of Jesus

The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for 40 days and nights. As Adam was tempted in the garden Christ was also tempted. Where Adam failed and brought death, Christ was victorious over the devil, and we too can claim Christ's power to defeat out enemy, the devil.

Window #6—Teaching About the Law Jesus was a great teacher. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said He came to fulfill the law, not to do away with it. He explained that keeping God's Law

begins in the heart. We see the cross and the scroll to remind us the central truth of scripture is Christ and His death and resurrection for the sins of all.

## Window #7—Office of Keys

Jesus called His disciples and gave them the keys to the kingdom. The keys remind us that even today we have the power to forgive or retain sins. In John 20:22-23, "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.' Then He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven'."

Window #8—Changing Water to Wine Jesus performed many miracles, the first being the changing of water to wine at the wedding in Cana. Jesus has something better for our homes as He can change our lives. There He revealed His glory and His disciples believed in Him.