

# THE CLARION

SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2025

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Zion Women's Mtg – Sept. 6
- Rally Sunday –Sept. 7
- JOY–Sept. 9
- Suppers–Sept. 10
- Wednesday Activities - Sept. 10
- Choir– Sept. 10
- Trunk and Treat–Oct. 26
- LWML Fall Rally–Nov. 4



## Worship:

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

## Fellowship:

**Lunch and Treats**  
**Inflatables**  
**Bingo**  
**Face Painting**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 1 Jenn Kok  
 Sep 2 Jeff Bickel  
 Sep 2 Shelby Schneider  
 Sep 4 Kailee Schultz  
 Sep 4 Karen Voegeli  
 Sep 5 Eunice Burgraff  
 Sep 5 Mark Flenard  
 Sep 5 Tim Hoon  
 Sep 6 Stella Doerksen  
 Sep 6 Evelyn Heisel  
 Sep 6 Thomas Langpap  
 Sep 7 Brenda Locke  
 Sep 7 Emma Lowitz  
 Sep 10 Sunhild  
       Muldbakken  
 Sep 10 Leah Pidde

Sep 10 Sydney Schager  
 Sep 10 Glenda Stene  
 Sep 10 William Strandell  
 Sep 11 Michael Drefs  
 Sep 11 Ezekiel Gaye  
 Sep 11 Lois Jones  
 Sep 12 Dianne Corkill  
 Sep 12 Maddysen Pusch  
 Sep 13 Melanie Bundy  
 Sep 14 Tyler Erck  
 Sep 15 Marilyn Stratton  
 Sep 16 Marlys Brockberg  
 Sep 16 Griffen Olawsky  
 Sep 16 Macie Raabe  
 Sep 17 Jory Clow  
 Sep 17 Daniel Fick

Sep 17 Carol Stember  
 Sep 18 Sandra Anderson  
 Sep 18 Kimberly Grave  
 Sep 18 Barb Peterson  
 Sep 20 Lisa Westberg  
 Sep 20 Hudson Zens  
 Sep 21 Carl Eichstadt  
 Sep 22 Bekah  
       Crownover  
 Sep 22 Brynlee Boehrns  
 Sep 22 Alex Johnson  
 Sep 23 Rodney Ensz  
 Sep 24 Matt McMillen  
 Sep 24 Trevor Wegner  
 Sep 25 Salina Rauscher  
 Sep 26 Brian Frenz

Sep 26 Alex Holmes  
 Sep 26 Ava Kellenberger  
 Sep 26 Emily Lafrentz  
 Sep 27 Abigail Peterson  
 Sep 28 Traci Kiggins  
 Sep 28 Jake Scott  
 Sep 28 Marilyn Titze  
 Sep 28 Margie Wiebers  
 Sep 29 Mallory Callies  
 Sep 29 Larry Eisenbraun  
 Sep 30 Ruth Dunkle  
 Sep 30 Lenora Hendry  
 Sep 30 Rebecca Onnen  
 Sep 30 David  
       Sturzenbecher

## ZION'S BOOK CLUB IN SEPTEMBER

### "Daughter of Moloka'i"

Alan Brennert's beloved novel Moloka'i, currently has over 600,000 copies in print. This companion tale tells the story of Ruth, the daughter that Rachel Kalama—quarantined for most of her life at the isolated leprosy settlement of Kalaupapa—was forced to give up at birth.

The book follows young Ruth from her arrival at the Kapi'olani Home for Girls in Honolulu, to her adoption by a Japanese couple who raise her on a strawberry and grape farm in California, her marriage and unjust internment at Manzanar Relocation Camp during World War II—and then, after the war,

to the life-altering day when she receives a letter from a woman who says she is Ruth's birth mother, Rachel. Daughter of Moloka'i expands upon Ruth and Rachel's 22-year relationship, only hinted at in Moloka'i. The story conjures up the beauty and history of both Hawaiian and Japanese cultures.

Alan Brennert is an American author, television producer, and screenwriter. Brennert has lived in Southern California since 1973 and completed graduate work in screenwriting at the University of California, Los Angeles.

## CHOIR PRACTICE

### IT'S TIME TO START CHOIR PRACTICES

Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00 pm in the balcony. We are looking for male voices (tenor and bass)

and ladies voices (soprano and alto), old voices and young voices .... everyone is invited to come out and join us. Our accompanist again this year will be Liz Ramert. If you have any questions - please

contact Maxine Farden at: mmfarden@gmail.com.

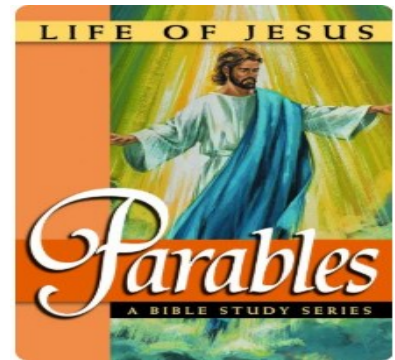


**JUNE—JULY—AUGUST INCOME**

Envelopes and Electronic Giving ..	\$192, 421.69
Plate .....	7,141.33
Missions/Radio .....	365.00
Lutheran School .....	200.00
Treasure Chest .....	141.32
Flowers .....	751.00
Coffee/Donuts.....	875.95
Funerals   Weddings .....	944.82
Youth Missions .....	20.00
Reimbursement.....	932.00
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$203,793.11</b>
<b>3 Month Need .....</b>	<b>\$205,300.00</b>

**OTHER INCOME**

Designated Memorials .....	\$395.00
NYG Reimbursement.....	\$9801.58
Camp Reimbursement.....	\$2161.03
Atrium Use .....	\$175.00
Vacation Bible School .....	1,177.26
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$13,709.87</b>

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY**Parables of Jesus

When we read the Gospels, we see the wonderful things that our Savior has done for us. We see His perfect life, His innocent death, and His glorious resurrection. We know that He did all this for us and saved us by His work. We see another facet of Jesus' ministry as well... we see Him as our teacher.

One of the common teaching methods He used was the parable.

Some of our favorite Bible stories may be parables. What are parables? How do we understand them? These are the questions we examine in this session.

Parables utilize a concrete, earthly story and compare it to a truth about the kingdom of God. They have one main point but are often puzzling. Most importantly, we need to read them with faith. So what's your story?

Whatever it is, however it begins, wherever it is going, I promise you Jesus' stories become your stories the more you hear and practice them.

We will consider all of this as we study the following parables together:

Sept 10 Reading the Parables

Sept 17 The Prodigal Son

Sept 24 The Great Banquet

Oct 1 The Talents

Oct 8 OFF

Oct 15 The Sower

Oct 22 The Unmerciful Servant

Oct 29 The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

Nov 5 The Rich Fool

Nov 12 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Nov 19 The Good Samaritan

- Pastor Greg

ZION LUTHERAN  
Parish  
Nursing

# back to school

## HEALTHY HABITS

**WHETHER YOU ARE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL OR NOT - NOW  
IS A GREAT TIME TO RE-SET INTO HEALTHY HABITS**

### MAKE SLEEP A PRIORITY

sleep is as important as exercise

### HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES

limit caffeine and sugar

### PRAY

Philippians 4:6-7  
Luke 5:15-1

### LIMIT SOCIAL MEDIA

find a hobby, read a book, or go for a  
walk

### TALK ABOUT YOUR DAY

share the day's highs and lows

*Need more resources?  
Contact Parish Nurse Rachel*

*for more tips check out: [Johns Hopkins Medicine](#)*



# Leave the falling to the leaves



One in four Americans aged 65+ fall each each year

If you are interested in joining a balance class here  
at Zion Lutheran, contact Nurse Rachel

ZION LUTHERAN



Parish  
Nursing

Mark your calendar

# JOY<sup>55+</sup>

Join us for fellowship and a devotion

## Tuesdays at 10:30 in the Atrium

Sept 9th

Oct 14th

Nov 11th

Dec 9th

Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

Mar 10<sup>th</sup>

April 14<sup>th</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup>

ZION LUTHERAN



Parish  
Nursing

# Zion Kids Family Ministry: Fall

## Sunday School Starts Rally Sunday!

Theme: Can you Find the Cross?

Welcome back to Zion Kids Sunday School where we begin back at the beginning- in Genesis and discover that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and the Word was with God." Jesus was there, and he can be found in every page of the bible. So this year we will be learning how we can "Find the Cross" in each true bible story we learn.

See you on Sundays!  
In Christ's love,  
Chezarae Shoup



Make sure to  
pick up an  
incentive form  
to earn  
awesome  
prizes and  
learn about  
Jesus!

Don't  
Forget:  
**FINISH 5  
FOR A  
PRIZE**



## Fall Dates to Remember

**Sept. 7** Rally Sunday

**Sept. 10** Wednesday Night Activities Begin

**Sept. 14** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Milestone

**Sept. 28** Zion Kids Choir Starts (2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Oct. 19** Choir Sings at 10:30

**Oct 26** Trunk and Treat 4:00

**Nov. 30** No Sunday School

**Dec. 7** Program Practice 9:15

**Dec. 14** Program Practice 9:15

Christmas Program 4:00

## How to stay connected?

text @zionkidsfm to the number 81010

join our facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/zionkidsfamily](https://facebook.com/groups/zionkidsfamily)

email [chezshoup@zionlutheransf.com](mailto:chezshoup@zionlutheransf.com)



# ZION YOUTH

The Fall is here which means the regular activities will be starting back up soon!  
We will have other events throughout the year (*which will be on the youth calendar*) but this is what is happening every week.  
Can't wait to see you here at Zion!



## Sunday Bible Study

SUN 9:15-10:15 AM  
*Begins Rally Sunday*

**Bible Study is a great opportunity to grow in our Bible literacy** and continue to learn about the stories of Scripture and how they point to Christ. Come and hang out in the youth room with your friends before we grab our Bibles around 9:45!



## Youth Night

WED 6:30-8 PM  
*Begins Sept 10*

**Youth Night is one of the best nights of the week!** Every Wednesday, you'll get to build relationships with peers and faithful adults who will mentor you in your faith in Jesus! This includes music, games, small groups and a separate middle and high school large group time. The fun begins with the youth doors opening at 6:15!



## Confirmation

*(see Confirmation Calendar)*

**Nine courses are offered twice throughout the year** and each family (*beginning in 8th grade*) has a calendar with the course offerings. These classes are also open to the adults in our congregation, so if you would like to take refresher course on any of these topics, please email Jacob and he will get you registered!



## Worship

SUN 8 & 10:30 AM

**Sunday morning worship is so important and the research shows it!** Making weekly church attendance a priority for your family is the number one indicator for your children staying in the faith once they leave the home. Youth, Bible Study, and Confirmation are all great, but those are supplements to worship, not a replacement! Join me in making worship a priority for your family as we weekly receive the good gifts God has for us!

KNOW  
BE  
SHOW  
GO



# WEDNESDAY SUPPERS



## SEPTEMBER

- 10 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans
- 17 Broasted Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes
- 24 Beef Tips/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes

## OCTOBER

- 1 Tater Tot Casserole, Salad
- 8 Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Fruit
- 15 Lasagna, Salad, French Bread
- 22 Chicken Noodle Casserole, Salad
- 29 Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges



## NOVEMBER

- 5 Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Veggies
- 12 Roast Beef, Baked Potato
- 19 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies

# Wednesday Nights

AT



## ZION LUTHERAN

**4:30 - COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY**

Conference Rm - Every other week

**5:30 - FREE WILL OFFERING SUPPER**

**6:30**

**KIDS**

**OWL**  
K-3RD  
ZION KIDS RM



**HOOT**  
4TH-5TH  
SS RM #2



**YOUTH**

**YOUTH NIGHT**

6-12TH  
YOUTH ROOM



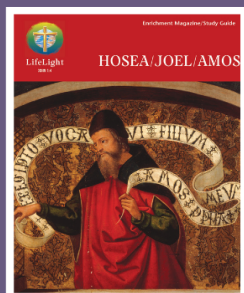
**CONFIRMATION**

SS RM #4



**ADULTS**

**LIFELIGHT STUDY**  
*Hosea*



Conference Rm

**Life of Jesus:  
Parables**



Atrium

**ZION CHOIR**



Balcony

JOIN US FOR OUR

# TRUNK or TREAT



**Sunday, Oct. 26th from 4-5:30!**

## **Zion Lutheran Church**

**Join us for a Free, Safe and Unique way to  
"Trick or Treat!"**

**Sign-ups will be on the Welcome  
Wall in the East entrance**

**Candy Donations are needed!**



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# VETERANS DAY

## *Brunch*

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PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING OUR  
VETERANS and FIRST RESPONDERS - TO  
WHOM WE OWE A GREAT DEBT OF  
GRATITUDE!

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*Sunday, Nov. 9*  
*8:45-10:30*

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*Everyone Welcome*

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FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL GO  
TO SUPPORT HONOR FLIGHTS

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Zion Women's is a ministry where women can set aside time each month to build deep connections with each other while growing spiritually through fellowship, prayer, a bit of laughter and bible study. This year's study is on the book of Ruth!

# Zion Women's Ministry

## 2025-26 Calendar of Events

### September Gathering

*Saturday, Sept. 6th ✂ 10-12pm\**

*Join us for some fun, friendship and an introduction to our year-long study on the book of Ruth*  
*\*Note time difference for September only!*

### October Gathering

*Saturday, October. 4th ✂ 3-5pm*

### November Gathering

*Saturday, November. 1st ✂ 2pm\**

*\*Note time difference for special activity!*

### December Gathering

*Saturday, December 6th ✂ 3-5pm*

### January Gathering

*Saturday, January 3rd ✂ 3-5pm*

### Zion Women's Retreat

*Saturday, February 7th ✂ 9:00am-5:30pm\**

*Join us to be encouraged and equipped in your faith as we enjoy powerful messages of hope and purpose, breakout small-group sessions, meaningful fellowship & fun. Invite friends & family to attend with you!*

### March Gathering

*Saturday, March 7th ✂ 3-5pm*

### April Gathering

*Saturday, April 11th ✂ 3-5pm\**

*\*Note: Meeting on a different weekend because of Easter*

### End of Year Party

*Saturday, May 2nd ✂ 3-5pm\**



**We will meet in the Atrium or Conference Room!**  
**Leah Pidde \* 605-216-4869 \* leah.pidde@gmail.com**



**Parade of Lights - Nov. 28**



Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Family Service

7:00 pm - Contemporary

9:00 pm - Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day

9:00 am - Traditional Communion

Sunday, December 28

9:00 am - Blended Service

Advent Services at 10am & 6:30pm

December 3

December 10

December 17



Tuesday Men's Lunch Hour Bible Study Noon in Conf Rm

This Men's Bible Study, "Be On Your Guard," is for men seeking to deepen their understanding of what it means to be a man of God in today's world. Drawing on the foundational words of 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

The ultimate goal of a man of God is to be an imitator of God, to walk in love just as Christ loved us. This is a love that isn't just spoken but lived, not just felt but demonstrated. My hope and prayer are that each of the men who attend this class, remember that every act of kindness, every patient word, every selfless sacrifice is a fragrant offering to God.

Each lunch hour session will explore a different aspect of this charge, encouraging spiritual growth, fellowship, and practical application in all areas of life. The class will address topics such as spiritual vigilance, steadfast faith, biblical manhood, inner strength, and the central role of love, all from a Christ-centered perspective.

Sept 9 Session 1: Be Watchful (Part 1)

Sept 16 Session 2: Be Watchful (Part 2)

Sept 23 Session 3: Stand Firm in the Faith (Part 1)

Sept 30 Session 4: Stand Firm in the Faith (Part 2)

Oct 7: OFF

Oct 14 Session 5: Act Like Men (Part 1)

Oct 21 Session 6: Act Like Men (Part 2)

Oct 28 Session 7: Be Strong (Part 1)

Nov 4 Session 8: Be Strong (Part 2)

Nov 11 Session 9: All Done in Love (Part 1)

Nov 16 Session 10: All Done in Love (Part 2)

Please join me, starting on Tuesday Sept 9 at noon in the Office Wing Conference Room for a 10 week journey together as Men of God. Let the final charge of Paul echo in your heart... "Let all that you do be done in love," for in doing so, you fulfill the entire purpose of your life in Christ.

In His Service,

Pastor Greg



*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!**

# **"STREETS OF BETHLEHEM"**

Please contact the office or a member of the Board of Elders if you are interested in taking on a leadership position to reach out and share the story of Christ's birth with our community.

