



The Herald

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President's Message Laura Rude

Dear Zion Church Family,

Can you feel that energy? Can you sense the excitement? We have so much to look forward to in the coming months! I know I'm pumped about what's ahead, and I hope you are too! We have had a great summer and have been blessed by so many and in so many wonderful ways. God is good and has big plans for His children at Zion. I pray that we have open eyes, hearts, and minds to recognize how God continues to bless and support us. Now it's time for the winds of change to bring us into fall and to start enjoying all the many wonderful activities it brings for the church and community.

Please be watching your mail, the bulletin, newsletter, and website for more info on the upcoming activities such as Sunday school, confirmation, choir practice, etc. There are so many wonderful activities to get involved with and to offer your time and talents. Please prayerfully consider getting involved and/or continue to stay involved!



Our mission to find a new pastor is still in full swing. Keep the faith and have patience! God has a plan for someone to be called. Please keep the call committee and church leadership in your prayers as this search continues and decisions need to be made.

I look forward to seeing many more faces as we get into our fall schedule. I appreciate all the dedication and attendance over the summer months. Our church is alive and well and doing God's work with Our Hands.

God's Peace and Blessings~
Laura Rude



- September 11 – Rally Sunday – Sunday school starts
- September 13 – WELCA – 10:00 – Board – 9:00
- September 18 – Little Lambs Pinning
- September 18 – Food and Fellowship breakfast – 10:00-11:30
- October 30 – Confirmation

Two candidates are currently under consideration as Zion's pastor. One candidate visited Zion and TRF on August 20 and 21. This included tours of the community and Zion, an interview with the call committee, and a group dinner. He served as our pulpit supply on Sunday, August 21. The second candidate was interviewed on August 9. The call committee is continuing to follow further call process steps for both candidates.



Please keep the call committee and the process in your prayers.
Kaylynn Wold, Jarrod Kalsnes, Sally Mumm, Shawna Spears, Glenice Johnson, Tim Numedahl, Bill Stock

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

It's been two years of pandemic news and updates, and it is frustrating. COVID 19 does NOT go away. It seems to be losing some of its severity though, and most people have lost some of the fear of getting it. That is good!

That said, COVID 19 cases are on the rise in the United States, and Omicron BA.5 is now the prominent variant, causing an estimated 78% of cases. It is more contagious, but symptoms are milder. For those who are vaccinated and boosted, this can protect against both infection and/or severe reaction to the virus. The symptoms are mild enough for one to have the virus and not realize it. For those who have underlying health issues, it is important to get tested, because post Covid pneumonia can happen and create long term effects.

The good news is that there is now an anti-viral medication called Paxlovid, that when started within the first five days, can resolve the infection and decrease symptoms. It has been most effective on all variants with an efficacy of 90%. That's impressive!

The most common symptoms of Covid, along with many other viruses, are runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue.

Intercounty Nursing Service has free test kits available, and there are a few in the church office. I will be available during office hours to help with using a test kit if needed – or for answering any questions.

The COVID-19 Public Hotline – 1-833-431-2053.

“Please Lord, make this virus go away.
AMEN.”

God's Blessings and Peace
Parish Health



All women of Zion are invited to the monthly WELCA meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Help us "kick off" the new program year as we join in fellowship, food, and friendship.

WELCA board meets at 9:00 a.m.

Silver Creek

Fall season has a way of sneaking up on us. Farmers and gardeners are gathering in their harvest. This is a time to be grateful for our many blessings.



With Fall also comes the time for our annual fund-raising project, so expect a letter and tickets to sell for our quilt. This year we have a queen size quilt with a deer panel titled Autumn Nature. Tickets need to be returned by October 9th for the drawing on October 16 before services. Tickets continue to be \$1.00 each. Thanks in advance for continuing to help support this project as it helps our budget for the year. Our church membership turkey dinner will be on October 16.

WELCA will meet on September 7 for a light supper at 5:30 followed by our business meeting. The program, "Thinking Outside the Box" will be presented and hopefully will help us with some ideas for planning our yearly activities.

The next scheduled church council meeting is October 9 at 9:30 before our regular service. If there is any business that needs attention, let Roger Rupprecht know, and an additional meeting will be scheduled.

Thanks once again to the crew who have been so good at keeping our church yard looking great.

Bev Rupprecht



Zion Lutheran's Congregational Council Minutes August 16, 2022

The Congregational Council Meeting was called to order by President Laura Rude at 7:00 pm. In attendance were President Laura Rude, Denny Minks, Renae Franke, Marijo Nabben, Glenice Johnson, Patty Schob as a guest and Deb Holtan

Laura Rude led the council in devotions and prayer.

There was not a meeting in July.

The minutes from the June 21, 2022, council meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed and seconded. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Renae reported that a very generous donation has been made from Reaume and Delores Laliberte's Trust in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Zion. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Silver Creek: No one to represent Silver Creek at the meeting.

Health Committee: Patty Schob reported the committee did not meet. The committee's next meeting will be Tuesday September 6th.

Call Committee: Glenice Johnson reported that Pastor King accepted another call. There are two other candidates for the committee to consider. Pastor Mark Helgeland has graciously signed a contract for another six months starting September 1st, filling in until the pastoral position is filled.

Stewardship: The council will be discussing the need for this board at the September and October council meetings. "Does there have to be an actual board?"

Worship: No one to represent the board.

Properties: No one to represent the board.

Evangelism and Lay Ministry: Marijo Nabben reported the board will be writing on cards again for the homebound and nursing home residents on Wednesday, August 24th. A tentative date for New Member Recognition Sunday is Sunday, October 9th. The board discussed the possibility of a Prayer Vigil or a "Day of Thanksgiving" around Thanksgiving time. This idea is still in its infancy. Ideas were for more Adult Education or informational classes were discussed. The board will be helping with updating the church membership roll. The board will be reaching out to long standing members of the congregation for their assistance with this undertaking.

Christian Ed and Youth: No one to represent the board. Rally Sunday is Sunday September 11th.

Parish Fellowship: Glenice Johnson reported they did not meet.

WELCA: Glenice Johnson reported that they have not met over the summer months. There's a need to reorganize this group. Their next meeting is Tuesday September 13th with the board members meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the group meeting/gathering at 10:00 a.m.

Public Relations: No one to represent the board. Newsletter items are due Sunday August 21st

Fall hours for the church office will be from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday September 20th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm after praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Holtan, Council Secretary.



September 11

Worship – 9:00

Meet your teachers – 10:00

Ice Cream Sundaes – 10:00

Watch for a letter with more details.



Spotlight Family:

HELP!!! Zion's Youth and Education Board wants to shine the spotlight on you and your family!

We are looking for families to help with our monthly food and fellowship breakfasts.

This is a great opportunity for your family to help Zion - and it is fun!! All you need to do is help set up, help make food, serve breakfast, and then clean up!

David Lee is our resident cook who will get it ready and started. We also will have confirmation students helping.

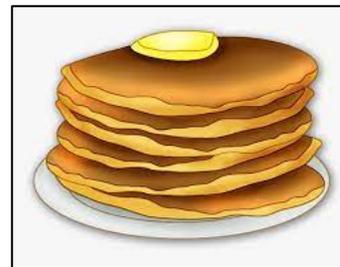
We just need one smiling family to help each month. Please consider signing up for a great opportunity to serve your church family!

You can contact Kami at 218-689-4266 with any questions or to get your family signed up!!

Food and Fellowship

September 18

10:00 -11:30



The first Food and Fellowship breakfast of the year will be September 18th! Enjoy a yummy breakfast from 10:00-11:30.



Little Lambs Pinning

Sunday, September 18th
Worship Service - 9:00

Please watch for your postcard.

Welcome back Confirmation students and families!!! We are so excited for another great year of classes and faith!

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR
CONFIRMATION- PUT THESE ON YOUR
CALENDAR!**

- September 28, 2022- 6:00 pm- MANDATORY Parent/Student meeting
- October 5, 2022- 6:00 pm- 1st night of Confirmation class! Supper served at 5:15- Tater-tot Hotdish
- October 18, 2022- 11th grade Confirmation Retreat
- October 30, 2022- Confirmation service for 11th graders

Our 11th graders are getting Confirmed!!!

- September 18th- 12:00-4:00 pm- Confirmation Retreat
- October 11, 12, 13th- Faith Statement Reviews
- October 26th- Confirmation pictures- time: TBD
- October 29th- 6:00 pm- Confirmation Banquet
- October 30th- 9:00 am- Confirmation service

More information on Confirmation classes and service will be sent out soon!

Don't Miss a Great Opportunity

Donate to Zion's electronic sign fund. \$13,000 of the needed \$40,000 has been raised. The sign is being ordered and will be completed in roughly 20-25 weeks.



Worship Together in the Sanctuary

Zion – 9:00 - Silver Creek – 10:30
Zion Sunday School – 10:00

Worship Online

If you choose to worship from home, take advantage of the alternatives to in-house worship.

KTRF radio – 1230 AM at 9:00

Cable TV – Channel 3 – KTRF – 9:00

Garden Valley – Channel 37 – 12:00 Noon

Log in to Zion's webpage – ziontrf.org and listen to the service over the internet.

Facebook Live – 9:00 on Zion's Facebook Page



worship
ONLINE

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OFFICE HOURS 8AM - 4PM SUNDAY BROADCASTS 9 AM CABLE 3 9 KTRF BROADCASTS 12 NOON CABLE 37				1 9 SAIL Exercise 12-4 LSS Caregivers Respite	2 Offices Closed	3
4 HOLY COMMUNION 9 Zion worship/Baptism 9:30 Coffee Fellowship No Blood Pressure screen today 10:30 Silver Creek Worship	5 LABOR DAY OFFICES CLOSED	6 9:30 Staff Meeting Noon Pastors Text Study 9-12 Parish Health hours 4 Parish Health meeting BOARD MEETINGS	7	8 9 SAIL Exercise 10 LSS Caregiver's group 12-4 LSS Caregivers Respite	9 7 Men's Breakfast/Biff's	10
11 RALLY SUNDAY 9 Zion Worship; 10 Sunday School 10 Coffee Fellowship 10 October Sharing Servants meet 10:30 Silver Creek Worship	12 9 SAIL Exercise	13 9 WELCA Ex Board 9:30 Staff Meeting 10 Women of Zion 11-1 RSVP Noon Pastors Text Study 1-4 Parish Health hours	14 6 God's Joy Choir resumes 7 Senior Choir resumes	15 10 Prayer Shawl ministry 12-4 LSS Caregivers Respite	16 7 Men's Breakfast/Biff's	17 WELCA Synod Convention at Bethlehem Fergus Falls
18 HOLY COMMUNION 9 Zion worship; Little Lamb pins; SS teacher installation 10 Sunday School 10 Food & Fellowship 10:30 Silver Creek Worship/ Baptism 12-4PM 11th grade Confirmation Retreat at Silver Creek	19 9 SAIL Exercise	20 Newsletter Items Due Noon Pastors Text Study 9-12 Parish Health hours 7 ZION COUNCIL	21 6 God's Joy Choir 7 Senior Choir	22 9 SAIL Exercise 10 Prayer Shawl ministry 12-4 LSS Caregivers Respite	23 7 Men's Breakfast/Biff's Wedding rehearsal	24 Lubitz/Johnson Wedding
25 9 Zion Worship/ Baptism 10 Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Silver Creek Worship	26 9 SAIL Exercise	27 Circles 9-12 Parish Health hours 9:30 Staff Meeting Noon Pastors Text Study	28 Circles 6 God's Joy Choir 7 Senior Choir 6pm-Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Youth grades 8-10	29 Circles 9 SAIL Exercise 10 Prayer Shawl ministry 12-4 LSS Caregivers Respite	30 7 Men's Breakfast/Biff's	