



Zion St. John

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Being the Body of Christ

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Season of Pentecost/ Reformation



OUR VISION STATEMENT

At Zion St. John Lutheran Church, we are committed to being the body of Christ until He returns. Led by the Holy Spirit and gathered around God's Word and Sacraments, we join in worship, fellowship, learning, spiritual nurture, outreach, and service, as we grow in faith and invite others to experience Christ's presence.



One thing I asked of the Lord that I will seek after: to live in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his Temple.

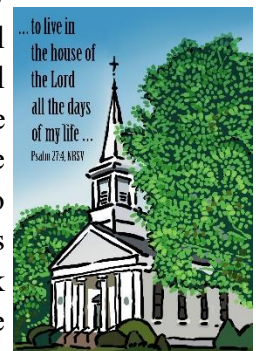
Psalm 27:4

It has been a busy and exciting summer here at ZSJ. There were many people working on improvements to our building both inside and outside over the summer.

The first project to be completed was tuckpointing on the Bell Tower. It was difficult to find a company that would do the work at a price we could afford, but after quite a wait, we found one that did a great job. Sometime in the next few years we will need to do more work on the inside area that holds the bell. This will involve taking down the Bell so the work can be accomplished and then reinstalling it. If you've never really looked at it, do so, it's a very big bell and it is the same bell that was used at the St John church in the country!

The second outdoor project that is nearing completion is a memorial gift given in memory of Larry Lockwood. This involves landscaping in the area east of the sanctuary. This area has been rocked with a number of plantings. Within the next month there will be a bench there as well. While this work was being done, the council voted to have the same company place rock in between the wall and the sidewalk. This area really looks nice and one family has already used it for family photos. Once the bench is in place it will be a wonderful place for people to sit and reflect and pray or have a conversation with a friend.

And now an update on our 75th anniversary project. The goal that was set at last year's annual meeting was to raise \$50,000 so we could remodel the downstairs bathroom and get new flooring in the fellowship hall, the kitchen, the bathrooms and the lower level of the education wing. It was decided to use \$20,000 from the Virginia Lease memorial as seed money for this project. This summer the work began on the bathrooms. In July the flooring in the bathroom area and the lower level of the education



wing was completed. Both bathrooms are now functional and we have just a few things to finish up in them. We thank all who contributed to this project. Special thanks to Jim B and Lance L for overseeing this project and to Judy S and Diane W for painting. Judy painted the bathrooms and Diane painted the outside wall.

In the past month we have made incredible progress in meeting our goal. We currently have raised \$38,056. We are also applying for a Barkema Grant so there is a possibility that we could get more grant money to help meet our goal.

If you haven't had a chance to see the work that has been done in these areas. Please do so in the near future. Together we are all doing our part to keep our House of the Lord a functioning and welcoming place.

God's blessings to you,
Pastor Kim

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

DORIS E will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 10th. We congratulate her on achieving this incredible milestone. To help her celebrate, her family is holding a birthday card shower. Please send a card to Doris at Deerfield Place, 505 E Gilman Sheffield, Iowa 50475.



Happy October! I am so excited to be back for another year! This summer was full of good times, blessings, and growth. And I can't wait to continue all of those positive things within the church this year! I can only hope that the church shares my excitement and continues to bless the youth

programs as I saw last year! I can't wait to see all that God has planned!

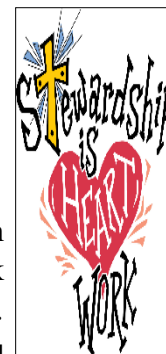
God Bless, Bre.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Here's a look at our finances as of August 31, 2023:

Budgeted Income	\$148,190
Offerings Received	\$123,325
Current Deficit	\$ 24,865
Expenses YTD	\$143,970
Checking Balance	\$ 2,298

This past month we had to borrow \$5,000 from savings to stay current with our expenses. Please check your pledge for the year and see if you are up to date. We appreciate anything you can do to help. Thank you for your faithful giving!



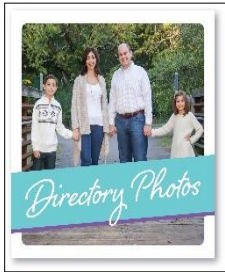
Thursdays,
Oct . 5, 12, 19, 26
2-5 pm
Saturday, Oct 7
10 am-noon

We have seen a huge increase in our numbers these last two months. If you can help, we are very appreciative for all donations of money, personal hygiene items, perishable and non-perishable food items, including garden produce. We are especially in need of juice, canned fruit and condiments. You can place items in the cart in the Narthex or in the drop box on the front of the pantry building @ 106 Gilman.

Sunday
October 29

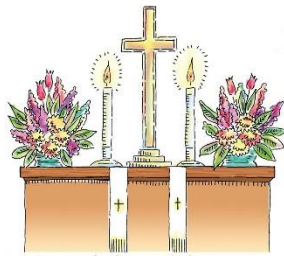


PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



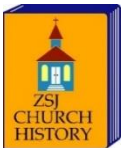
Thank you to everyone who has submitted a picture for the directory. If you have not sent a picture, please do so ASAP! This can be done electronically (jpeg or png please) or by hard copy. Please limit these pictures to immediate family members who are also church members. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions. Watch for the release of the new directory by end of 2023!

We will be modifying the worship schedule for October. There will not be Communion on October 1, while Pastor Kim and Diane enjoy some much needed vacation time. Please note that Holy Communion will be offered on October 8, 15 and 29.



Worship Changes

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



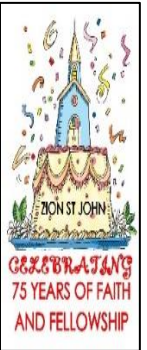
Believe it or not, we will be celebrating 150 years of being a church in 2025, only a few short years away. As we get closer to this huge milestone, we need the following to make this day very special:

- ◆ Share your special Bible verses, songs or stories in a devotional
- ◆ Written or verbal family stories
- ◆ Offer suggestions for events
- ◆ St John Confirmation pictures from 1909, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, & 1941
- ◆ Zion Confirmation picture from 1915

Our next 150th anniversary committee meeting will be Sunday October 15 @ 10:30 am.

PROPERTY UPDATES

The landscaping project for the courtyard has been completed. The bathrooms and the education wing flooring have been completed. We will continue to raise money to complete the flooring in the fellowship hall and kitchen. This part of the project will be completed when adequate funding has been reached. A \$50,000 fundraising campaign was approved at the January annual meeting as part of the recognition of 75 years together in this building. A generous memorial gift of \$20,000 from Virginia Lease is being used. As of September 30, our total is \$38,056.00. To make your contribution to this worthy project, you can place a check in the offering plate or send to the church and put 75th anniversary in the memo line.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS
AND SUPPORT OF THIS EXCITING
PROJECT!**

HEAT 'N' EAT



THE WOMEN OF ZSJ WILL BE HOSTING THE "HEAT 'N' EAT" FUNDRAISER ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP. STOP IN THE NARTHEX AND PICK UP YOUR FAVORITES IN 1, 2 OR FAMILY SIZE PORTIONS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL REMODELING PROJECT!

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

CALL TO ORDER: Alice Greimann called the General Meeting of the Zion St. John Women of the ELCA to order on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. There were eight women present.

MINUTES: Motion to approve September 2022 General Meeting minutes, Sue L; second, Lorna M; carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 31, there is a checking balance of \$1,690.46 and savings balance of \$2,664.79 of which \$161.72 are designated funds. The funeral cash donations balance as of August 31 is \$369.88. The report was placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ⇒ Discipleship: Plans have not been finalized, but we may do a 150th Anniversary activity in place of the Mother Daughter Tea Party.
- ⇒ Sunshine: Continues to meet to make cards that are given to home bound members and residents at Assisted Living and the Care Center.
- ⇒ Stewardship: The quilters start again on September 6th. 126 school kits were packed; personal care and baby care kits will be done as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ⇒ Work Groups have been restructured and will be finalized once we have contact information for a few remaining people. The groups are now divided into "Service Groups" of Workers, Food Donations, and Monetary Donations. Each person can choose which group(s) they would like to belong to.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ⇒ The new slate of officers for 2023-2024 is Alice G – 1 year co-chair; Marie L – 2 year co-chair; Pam M – secretary; Diane W- treasurer. Motion to approve, Sue Levitt; second, Carla Nelson; carried.
- ⇒ Diane presented the 2024 budget and Christmas gift list. Motion to approve budget, Marcia E; second, Sue L; carried. Motion to approve Christmas list, Sue L; second, Carla N; carried.
- ⇒ The Heat and Eat fundraiser will be held after church on October 22.

Diane will send emails asking for casseroles with at least 12 servings, to be delivered to the church by 10 am on Saturday, October 21, so that we can dish them up. The proceeds for this will be given to the fellowship hall flooring project.

- ⇒ Advent by Candlelight will be on Sunday, December 3rd. The same format as last year will be used, with Diane coordinating the program. She will ask Judy S to help with the tables again.
- ⇒ Holiday Food Fair will be held on Sunday, December 10, following church and then again after the children's program in the afternoon. We will still need to meet on Saturday to price items. We will serve cinnamon rolls for fellowship that day for a free will donation. Half of the proceeds will go to Wings of Refuge, with the other half to the flooring project.
- ⇒ Pennies for Poverty designee will be the Sharing Shop.
- ⇒ Altar Guild- Marlene and Carla will be working to fill the list again.
- ⇒ A possible idea for a 150th Anniversary project of a flower garden at the cemetery was discussed. No further action was taken at this time.
- ⇒ Alice adjourned the meeting at 7:25. Diane W led the Bible study following the meeting. The Bible study will be available to view online on Wednesday, September 6.

Secretary, Pam M

RIVERSIDE QUILT AUCTION CORRECTION



The total amount for the auctioned items for the Riverside Quilt Auction was actually \$645! Thank you for the correction!

Rebekah Circle

Mon, Oct 2 @ 6 pm

Livestream Recording

Available by 10 am

Tues, Oct 3





OCTOBER 22ND, after worship (about 10 am).

Mark your calendars now for the Women of ZSJ Heat 'n' Eat fundraiser! Come and find your favorite home cooked casseroles and entrees in a range of serving sizes! All proceeds will be donated to the 75th Anniversary Project.

**Advent
by Candlelight
Sunday, December 3**

**Holiday Food Fair
Sunday, December 10.**



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on Sept. 17, 2023, at 10:15 am by President Jim B. In attendance were Pastor Kim Wills, Vickie B. Gene S, Darwin M, Al N, Judy S, Doug D. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Motion, second to accept August's secretary's report, carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. On 8/24/23 a motion was made, second and carried via email to transfer funds from savings to cover bills.

Pastor's Report:

- ⇒ Pastor Kim will perform a memorial service for Dorothy O on September 18.
- ⇒ Request for membership transfer for Kim J to Palestine Lutheran Church in Huxley. Motion made and carried.
- ⇒ Request for membership for Lynette M from Furst Lutheran in Dows.

Motion made and carried. Also change Jeri B from Responsibility list to Active Member.

- ⇒ Pastor provides In-Home Communion for shut ins and others who request it.
- ⇒ Pastor preached at the Sheffield Care Center 2x in August.
- ⇒ Pastor participated in the People in the Park festivities and served breakfast at the KLMJ tractor ride as president of the Lion's Club.
- ⇒ Discussion on long term changes to Riverside YMT program.
- ⇒ Update on 150th anniversary celebration, planning has begun.
- ⇒ Pastor will be on vacation Saturday Sept. 30 – Saturday Oct. 7. Caitlin T will lead worship on October 1.

Committee Reports

Parish Education

- ⇒ Sunday school has begun and is going well, lots of kids and great teachers.
- ⇒ Teachers were installed on Sept. 10.

Property

- ⇒ Bathroom remodel is wrapping up. It looks great and thank you to Lorna, Judy, Diane & others for their cleanup efforts.
- ⇒ Finances will determine timing for work on fellowship hall floor.

Stewardship Has not met.

Youth & Family

- ⇒ Bre has begun her duties as DYFM and was installed on Sunday, Sept 17.

Worship & Evangelism

- ⇒ Sept filled, working on October.

Technology

- ⇒ Projector needs to be mounted in the fellowship area.

Old Business

- ⇒ Church directory pictures are in progress with 1 more Sunday offered for pics.
- ⇒ Landscaping project in memory of Larry L is completed, bench has been ordered.
- ⇒ Bell tower repair (interior wall) was discussed, this work may be done

next summer.

New Business

- ⇒ Motion made, second and passed to continue to use Portico for Pastor's health insurance benefits at proposed rate for 2024.
- ⇒ Al N is the council representative on the 150th anniversary celebration committee.
- ⇒ Next Council meeting will be October 8th, 2023.
- ⇒ Motion to adjourn at 11:15. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Doug D

PRAYER LIST



To keep Pastor Kim informed and our prayer list accurate, please let the church office or Pastor know if you are in the hospital or are anticipating hospitalization. You call him directly @ 641-425-9453. Family members are also welcome to call.

Cindy R	Gary S	Sarah P
Ray R	Betty H	Steve H
Christy M	Louise K	Drew H
Pat H	Patty B	Carolyn R
Jon S	Marcy M	Keely S
Parrish P	Sue K	Kathy V
Maddie P	Doris E	Brian F
Darwin M	Katlyn B	

- ⇒ Doris E as she celebrates her 100th birthday, October 10th!
- ⇒ The newly married, Gary & April S
- ⇒ The newly married, Cole & Kayla H
- ⇒ The family of Dorothy O
- ⇒ Our 2023 Confirmands, Brett B, Lillian E, Braylon S, Adam T and Norah T

- 2 Pat H, Junior N
- 4 Alex S, Ethan S
- 6 Dawn H
- 7 Kevin B, Deb H
- 9 Brody S
- 10 Doris E- 100 yrs old!
- 11 Joel E
- 12 Vicki M, Brett N
- 14 Sydney K
- 15 Roger M, Collin M, Lindy M, Logan P, Brandy H
- 16 Lily E, Travis S, Noah S, Jill K
- 17 Josh S, Nikki S
- 18 Carol L
- 22 Lauren D
- 23 Pat M
- 24 Devyn B, Lori H
- 25 Lance L
- 28 Jim E
- 30 Barb K, Dave S, Jordan S
- 31 Collin S



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



9:00 am Worship
(Livestream @ www.zionstjohn.org,
Livestream)

10:15 am Sunday School & Fellowship

STAFF OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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