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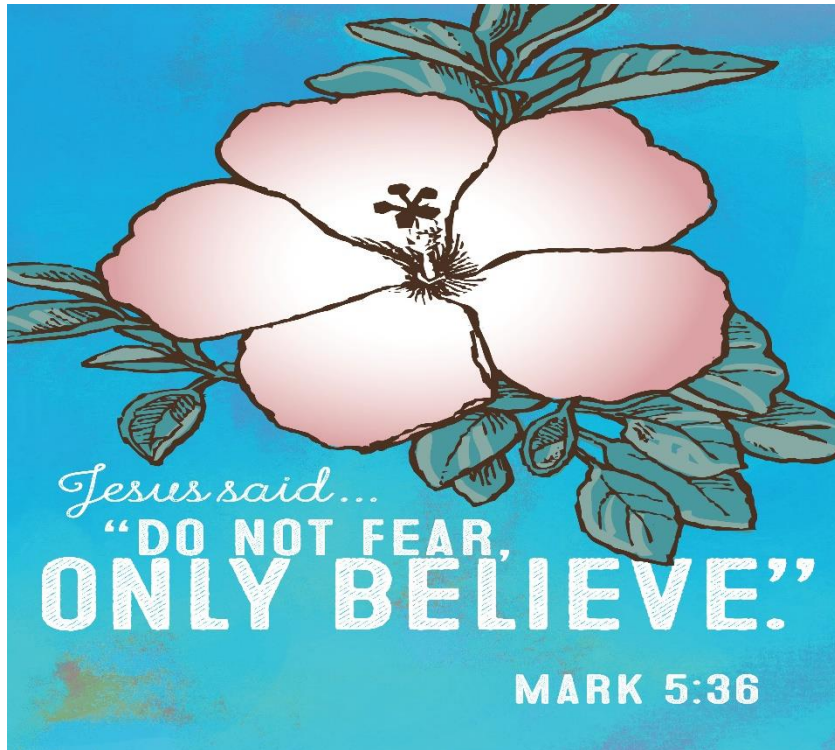
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

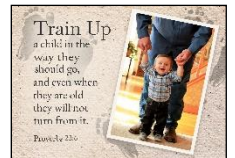


From
Pastor Kim
Desk
Train up a child in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.
Proverbs 22:6

The 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held July 16 to July 20 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Zion St. John will have four youth and two adults attending this event, Keira Huling, Jensen Robbins, Adam Tauro and Claire Tauro and sponsors Brandy Huling and me. ZSJ has a long history of sending youth to these events. The NYG has been a mountain top experience for those who have attended.

At the gathering the youth and sponsors meet each evening at a large sports arena to hear amazing speakers. At one of the past gatherings I was blessed to hear Archbishop Desmond Tutu from South Africa speak. Our youth will also learn about the local ministries in that area. At the end of the evening one of the top contemporary Christian musicians in our country puts on a concert.

During the day the youth will either be involved with hands on service projects, spend time in the interaction center, or participate in activities with other youth from our Northeastern Iowa Synod.



The cost of such a trip is not cheap. We estimate the total cost of attending to be a little over \$2,000 per person; about \$12,500 total. So far, we have about \$9,000 in hand. We will be holding four fundraisers in the next few weeks to bridge this gap.

We will be playing Bunko on Saturday, June 1. The flamingos will be descending on Sheffield soon after that. We will have an ice cream social later in June. In early July we will hold a pie auction after worship one Sunday.

I encourage you to participate in these fund raisers, or if you prefer, you can give us a donation. Please make checks payable to ZSJ Youth.

The impact of the gathering will have a lasting effect on the faith of our youth. Our congregation has a history of being very generous, for that I am very grateful.

God's Blessings to You,
Pastor Kim

C3 MINISTRY FAIR



All congregation members from the Northeastern Iowa Synod are invited to attend the synod's first "Creative Collaborative Congregations (C3) Ministry Fair" Saturday, June 1, at Wartburg College, Waverly. This new event is an opportunity for lay people, pastors and deacons from across the synod to gather in

fellowship, learn together, share ideas and get inspired with skills to strengthen their congregational ministries. This year's Ministry Fair will happen in alternating years with Synod Assembly. The ministry fair will feature a variety of workshops, round table discussions and displays to support congregations in their ministries and administrative activities. Everyone will be able to attend two workshops in the morning beginning at 9 a.m. and two in the afternoon, concluding at 3:45 p.m. Check-in for the fair will begin at 8:30 a.m.

CONNIE CLAUSEN SCHOLARSHIP

Connie Clausen, who was a very faithful member of this congregation, passed away on March 16, 2018. To honor her memory, her husband David, has established a scholarship fund. Two awards of \$250 each are awarded to graduating seniors who are members of ZSJ Lutheran Church. To be considered, an application needs to be submitted.



This year's recipients are Sage S and Claire T. These scholarships were presented at the Graduation Reception following worship on May 19th. We thank the family of Connie Clausen for their generosity. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, or apply for next year, please contact Roger M.

***Congratulations
Sage & Claire!!***



Eight beautiful and unique handcrafted quilts for our HS graduates, given by the ZSJ

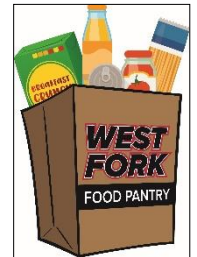


Piecemakers. We pray they will keep you wrapped in God's love wherever your journeys take you!



**Thursdays,
June 6, 13, 20, 27
2-5 pm**

**Saturday, June 1
10 am-noon**



We continue to see increasing numbers of families large and small at the pantry. If you can help, we are very appreciative for all donations of money, personal hygiene items, garden produce, perishable and non-perishable food items. We are especially in need of cereal and soup. You can place items in the cart in the Narthex or in the drop box on the front of the pantry building @ 106 Gilman. We will be celebrating 6 years as a permanent pantry and 4 years in our new building on Thursday June 27. There will be a cookout by the Franklin County Cattlemen's. Stop by 1-5 pm and have a burger or brat!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Here is a look at our finances as of April 30, 2024:

Budgeted Income	\$74,490
Offerings Received	\$63,000
Current Deficit	\$11,490
Total Expenses	\$68,869
Checking Balance	-\$2,656



We discovered that we had not been transferring \$1,000 a month from savings into checking from a \$10,000 gift to help pay for the Youth Director. \$5,000 has now been transferred from savings into checking. As we enter the summer months, please remember that while you may be gone on vacation our expenses continue. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

CALL TO ORDER: President Alice G called the board meeting to order on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 11:05 a.m. Those present were: Alice G, Diane W, and Pam M.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the April meeting minutes, Alice; second, Diane; carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of April 30, there is a checking balance of \$1,952.26 and savings balance of \$2,737.49, of which \$136.72 are designated funds, and \$541.83 are funeral/ event cash donations. The report was placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

◇ Graduation will be May 19. There are eight graduates this year. Diane has ordered the cake for the reception. The quilters have quilts ready for the graduates.

- ◇ The last day of quilting was April 24. Quilts will be sent on May 18.
- ◇ Alice is checking into more information on the "Looney Lutherans" comedy group. We could possibly incorporate their performance with the 150th anniversary celebration.
- ◇ Registration for the June 15th Gathering in Waverly is now open. Registrations must be postmarked by May 20. We still need a voting delegate.

NEW BUSINESS:

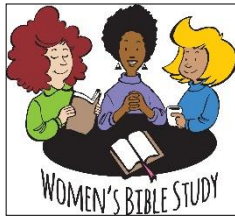
- ◇ The list of needed in-kind offering items for the June gathering has changed, since the residential part of Bremwood is closing. Alice will get the list of new items to Diane.
- ◇ The WELCA General Meeting will be held in September. An item we feel is worth considering for next year's budget is to raise Christmas donations back to \$75, which is where they were prior to Covid.
- ◇ The next WELCA board meeting will be held August 4th, unless unexpected items come up before then.
- ◇ Alice adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Secretary,
Pam M

WELCA GATHERING



Our Annual SWO Gathering will be on Saturday, June 15 @ Redeemer Lutheran in Waverly, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Our theme is *Rejoice and Renew*. Registration forms are available @ www.neiasynod.org/women-of-the-elca or in the church office. Along with normal business there will be interest sessions and always fellowship and worship. If you are interested in serving on the SWO board, nominating committee or as a Triennial Voting member, you can also find those forms on the website as well. And lastly, there are educational scholarships available for women wanting to improve their employment status.



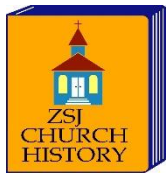
Mon, Jun 3
@ 6 pm
Video upload by
Tues, Jun 4 @ 10am

150 YEARS: WALKING WITH CHRIST

Our theme verse is Hebrews 13:8, *Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow.*

Celebrations:

- ⇒ February 2, Missionfest, celebrating our Hands of Service.
- ⇒ May 4, a concert, celebrating the Harmonies of the years
- ⇒ August 3, outdoor worship and picnic, celebrating our Homes
- ⇒ November 2, Finale All-Saints Worship, celebrating our Hearts



Other ideas: a Rally Sunday history scavenger hunt, a history pamphlet for all members, and a hymn commissioned based on our church.

Also needed:

- ◆ Share a devotional <https://forms.gle/xQQnPjdDSc6KmcxAA>
- ◆ Written or verbal family stories
- ◆ Offer suggestions for events using the idea box in the Narthex
- ◆ St John Confirmation pictures from 1909, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, & 1941
- ◆ Zion Confirmation picture from 1915

Our next committee meeting will be Sunday June 23 @ 10:30 am.

FLAMINGO WARNING

A flamingo warning has been issued for the Sheffield area, beginning June 4 until July 4, particularly for our Zion St John families, although they could land anywhere. Flamingo flocking is eminent for the Sheffield area during the warning time. Although these creatures are beautiful and look harmless, they can be very aggressive. You can contact Caitlin T and her experienced removal team for assistance in their removal for a nominal fee.

Flamingo insurance is available for purchase in advance either at church on Sundays, beginning June 2 or by contacting Caitlin. Caitlin T, 641-494-6989 or Pastor Kim, 641-425-9453 (text or call)



2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sundaes with Dads	June 16
NYG	July 17-20
VBS	July 22-25
Riverside Quilt Auction	Aug 3
Blessing of Backpacks	Aug 25
7-9 Conf Meetings	Aug 28
WELCA Meeting	Sept 3
Quilting resumes	Sept 4
SS resumes	Sept 8
3rd Grade Bibles	Sept 8
7-8 Conf resumes	Sept 18
Music groups resume	Sept 18
Riverside Golf	Sept 27
JAM resumes	Oct 2
LWR Pickup	Oct 12
WELCA Heat n Eat	Oct 20
9th Confirmation	Oct 27
SS Christmas	Dec 15



PRAYER LIST



In order to keep Pastor Kim informed and our prayer list are in the hospital or are anticipating hospitalization. You call him directly @ 641-425-9453. Family members are also welcome to call.

Cindy R	Sarah P	Maddie P
Ray R	Steve H	Carol L
Christy M	Louise K	Pat H
Patty B	Carolyn R	Jon S
Marcy M	Keely S	Sue K
Doris M	Crystal B	Drew H
Steve K	Ron E	Sawyer A
◇ The family of Loretta M		
◇ The family of Doris E		

STAFF OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

G Kim Wills, Pastor	641-425-9453 pastor@zionstjohn.org 9am-3pm, T-F
Church Office	641-892-4010 mail@zionstjohn.org 9am-12pm, M-F

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



9:00 am Worship
(Livestream @ www.zionstjohn.org,
Livestream)
10:15 am Sunday School & Fellowship

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| 1 Athena L | 15 Jacob R, Deb H |
| 3 Holly C, Oakley H
Mavis S | 16 Jason R |
| 4 Norma M, Brad G
Lucas F | 17 Lois B, Laney O |
| 5 Jake W | 18 Maxine H, Todd H |
| | 19 Heaven H |
| 6 Carla B, Hannah M | 21 Don H, Owen P
Hudson B, Grayson L |
| | 22 Kristle C, Ian L
Shane W, Sr. |
| 9 Todd B, Landon R
Cheyene P | 23 Lori O, Hayden S |
| | 24 Ian C, Lori S
Jessica R |
| 10 Cassidy R, Kim O
Addison S | 27 Alice G, Lennyn B |
| 11 Addy P | 28 Kari M, Morgan N |
| 12 Ken B, Pastor Kim Wills
John L, Andy O | 29 Doris M |
| Jakob W | 30 Carter N |
| 14 Lorna M | |

