



Zion St. John

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Being the Body of Christ

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Pentecost

TRUST IN THE LORD *and do good.*

PSALM 37:3

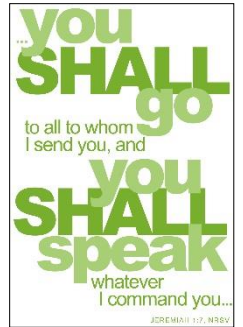
OUR VISION STATEMENT

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.



Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. Jeremiah 1:7

I am just back from the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. I wanted to share with you a bit about our trip. Four of our youth attended: Keira H, Jensen R, Adam T and Claire T. Brandy H and I were the adult sponsors. While we always want as many youth as possible to experience the youth gathering there are some advantages of having a smaller group. First, it makes it much easier to find a place to eat. Getting a table for six isn't nearly as challenging as 30. Another thing is that each member of the group will likely get to make some decisions about where we go and what we do. The youth and adults on this trip did an excellent job of taking leadership roles. Finally, I am wise enough to let them do this. So, here's how each youth used their gifts.



Claire T: was our navigator. I don't have a great sense of direction, but when we were walking, Claire would pull up Google maps and get us to our destination. She was always willing to help.

Jensen R: was our ambassador. Jensen loved making new friends. If we needed to ask another group something, Jensen was right there getting the information.

Keira H: was our decision maker. If we were undecided about where to go or where to eat, Keira would settle the matter.

Adam T: was our GaGa Ball Champion. Both Adam and Jensen loved playing Gaga ball at the Interactive Center. Both won games, but Adam's quickness let him prevail against kids who felt they were the better athlete.

Brandy H: was our Mother Superior. Brandy is an easy-going person,

but if the youth weren't paying attention or had their faces glued to their phones, she let them know. She also comforted them when they needed some TLC.

Together we used our gifts to make our trip such a memorable experience.

God's Blessings to You,
Pastor Kim

Thursdays,
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
2-5 pm

Saturday, Aug 3
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 personal care items 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.



Please note that Holy Communion will be offered on August 4 and 25, to accommodate Pastor Kim and Diane's vacation schedule.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Here's a look at our finances as of June 30, 2024:

Budgeted Income	\$111,735
Offering Received	\$ 94,034
Current Deficit	\$ 17,701
Total Expenses	\$103,511
Checking Balance	\$ 2,649



The bad news is that our budget deficit increased by nearly \$5,000. The good news is that our checking account balance only dropped by about \$1,600. One of the things that can help if you are gone a great deal in the summer is to use electronic giving for your offerings. You can set it up to make automatic withdrawals at whatever intervals you decide. For more information contact Diane. Thank you for your faithful giving!

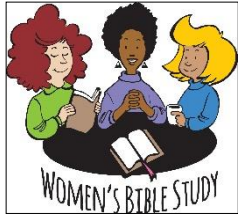
RIVERSIDE GOLF



The twentieth annual Riverside Fall Golf Classic will be Fri, Sept. 27 at Ames Golf & Country Club! Come enjoy lunch, golf, fellowship, and ice cream to conclude the day. If you are interested in playing and supporting Riverside, please contact Pastor Kim. Registration begins @ 10:30 am, followed by lunch and shotgun start @ noon. The registration fee is \$125 per person.



Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Rebekah Circle
Mon, Aug 5
@ 6 pm
Video upload by
Tues, Aug 6 @ 10am

LWR KITS



The ZSJ Piecemakers need your help! If you are spring cleaning or garage saling in the next few months, please watch for these gently used items: Bed sheets or blankets, Baby sleepers or gowns without the feet, 6-24 months, hooded jackets or sweatshirts, 9-24 months, baby blankets, baby t-shirts, 6-24 months, and new light-weight dark colored bath towels and hand towels and bars of gentle soap in original wrapping. Treasures can be put in the Quilter's room in the basement.

We are also still accepting cash donations for school kit supplies. Donations can be given to Maxine Heuberger or Marcia Etnier, or dropped off in the office.

QUILTING RESUMES

The ZSJ quilters will resume quilting on Wednesday, September 4, starting at 8:30 am. There is something for everyone to do, even if you don't know how!!!



RIVERSIDE QUILT AUCTION

The riverside quilt auction will be Saturday August 5 @ Riverside Bible camp. Here is the schedule:

Mon, July 29 online auction begins

Sat, Aug 5

8:30 am 5k walk/run view quilts in chapel

9:30 am pool open for 5k

10:30 am outdoor worship

11:00 live quilt auction

12:00 pm lunch, freewill offering

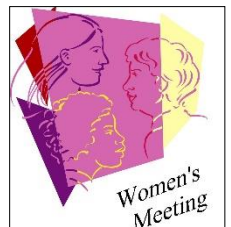
1:00 pm pool open for all



For more information, go to www.riversidebc.org

WOMEN OF ZSJ GENERAL MEETING

The Women of ZSJ will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 6 pm, for election of officers and approval of 2025 budget. Light refreshments will be served and bible study will be led by Diane W. If you are in need of transportation, please let the church office know.



MUSICIANS NEEDED



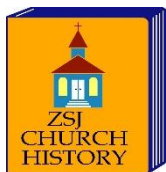
Singers and bell players are needed for the ZSJ adult and handbell choirs. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 18. This will be a very special year of music as we prepare for the 150th anniversary. If you have a love of music and want to share it, please contact Cindy H, 319-444-0623 or cjhemm56@gmail.com, for adult choir or Diane W, (641) 425-8628 or wills.dianes@gmail.com, for handbell choir.

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 August 25 @ 10 am.

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 11
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



The meeting was called to order by Vice president Daren M, July 14, 2024. Pastor Kim led the council in prayer. Members in attendance: Al N, Gene S, Daren

M, John L and Pastor Wills. Members absent: Jim & Vickie B, Nancy R, Scott S and Judy S.

Pastor's Report

- ◆ Presided at funeral for John F, June 11, @ Alexander Cemetery
- ◆ Funerals scheduled, July 13 @ ZSJ for Betty H
- ◆ Preparations for National Youth Gathering, finalizing travel plans
- ◆ Preaching at Sheffield Care Center during the month of July
- ◆ Reached out to Riverside to request another YMT to help with youth programming next school year
- ◆ Diane will lead worship on July 21
- ◆ Vacation is scheduled for August 15-22; This is a no-refund trip, so he won't be available those dates. Coverage for Sunday, August 18 needs to be arranged
- ◆ Providing In home Communion to those who request it.

Secretary's Report Motion to approve June minutes, John; second, Al; carried.

Treasurer's Report No issues noted

Committee Reports

Parish Ed

- ◆ VBS still needs some donations and there are 35 currently registered

Property

- ◆ Landscaping was completed on the north side of the building. Thank you to Gene for the donation of the rock and labor.
- ◆ Lorna and Diane completed the painting of the bathrooms in the basement and narthex.
- ◆ Pastor reported that Murphy's was called to replace the furnace filters and repair the 2nd AC unit for the sanctuary.
- ◆ Lance Larson gave a temple talk today about the bell tower tuckpointing and bell repair.
- ◆ Congregational meeting will be held July 21 after worship to discuss all options of bell tower repair project and how to pay for it.

Stewardship will meet in fall

Technology no items to discuss

Worship Vickie (Aug), Daren (Sept), Judy (Oct)

Youth & Family

- ◆ John and Daren will meet with Youth committee in August to finalize details of Youth programming for possible YMT from Riverside
- ◆ NYG had 2 final fundraisers this month, a pie auction and ice cream social. Over \$1500 was raised. Thanks to Daren and Pastor Kim for their help in organizing.

150th Anniversary

- ◆ Al gave information on the planned activities for 2025. He noted that the committee will be finalizing important details in the next few months.

Old Business

- ◆ The funeral table has not yet been purchased. Pastor will work with Fred R to get this done.
- ◆ The courtyard landscaping dedication was held on June 28 with the Lockwood family.

New Business

- ◆ Pastor asked about changing the paycheck distribution when the 15th and 30th fall on a weekend. He suggested having checks issued on the Friday before. Motion to have staff payroll checks completed by Friday if the end of the pay period occurs on a weekend, Gene; second, John; carried
- ◆ With other property concerns, the painting of Pastor's office is on hold.
- ◆ Money counters for July, John and Al; August, Daren and Gene
- ◆ Next meeting will be August 11.
- ◆ Motion to adjourn, John; second, Daren; carried.

Al N
Secretary protem

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by church council president Jim B at 9:56 a.m.

Jim B and Lance L reviewed the purpose of the meeting and the options available. History of the bell – The bell was brought to the current location from the St. John Church. It has been a long-time symbol of unity. Estimated age of the bell is probably at least 125 years old.

- ◆ Option 1: Do nothing. The bell tower is not leaking at this time and

the bell is working, however there are points of deterioration on the tower that will eventually need to be addressed. No cost

- ◆ Option 2: Remove bell, make the tuckpointing repairs, replace the bell as is, with a few small repairs made locally by church members. \$6,000-\$10,000
 - ◇ \$1,500 to remove the bell from the bell tower
 - ◇ \$2,500 to complete the tuckpointing and repairs to the bell tower
 - ◇ \$1,500 to put the bell back in the bell tower.
 - ◇ \$500-\$4,500 contingency
- ◆ Option 3: Remove the bell, make the tuckpointing repairs, evaluate the bell while it is on the ground and develop a repair and restoration plan at that time. \$15,000-\$20,000
 - ◇ The costs from Option 2
 - ◇ \$4,000 for parts for bell repair (new clapper and mechanism)
 - ◇ \$4,000 for labor, possible

Discussion held with the following questions posed by the congregation:

- ◆ Have there been any previous repairs done to the bell?

No, there have not been, however Don Greimann has made some modifications to the pulley system.
- ◆ Can the repairs be made to the bell tower without taking down the bell?

No. The person who will be doing the tuckpointing stated that the bell must come out prior to doing the repairs.
- ◆ What is the goal of the project?

To complete the tuckpointing and repair to the bell tower.
- ◆ What is the purpose of having a bell tower without a bell?
- ◆ Could we defer 1 year until after the 150th Anniversary?

We could, however, the person who has done the tuckpointing to the church will be retiring in the fairly near future and may not be available after this fall.
- ◆ Would there be any anticipated damage to the bell tower if nothing is done (Option 1)?

Not at this time, but eventually yes.

Motion to take the bell down and do the tuckpointing and repairs to the bell tower. While the bell is on the ground, the bell will be evaluated and the bell repair company will have a better idea of what repairs will need to be done. At that point, an additional congregational meeting may be held to determine what, if anything, will be done with the bell prior to returning the bell to the bell tower, Nancy R; second, Diane W; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy R, Secretary

BELL TOWER FUNDRAISER



As a result of the July 21 congregational meeting, we have started a fundraiser for the bell tower project. Our current goal is to raise \$10,000 to cover the cost of bell removal and replacement, tuckpointing and any minor repairs that may need to be done to the bell. Currently we have raised \$3,000 for this project. If you would like to donate, please indicate on the memo line of your check “bell tower repair.”

1 Julian C, Gary S
1 Cora M
3 Jennifer B, Justin M
Angela N
4 Payton P
5 Mickee T, Sage S
Teresa S
6 Chuck J
7 Lon E, Jordan G
Tenley S
8 Doug H
11 Alexandra C
12 Kayla S
17 Grace E
18 Hayden E, Taj O
Hallie G
19 Gemma I
20 Taylor E, Mark R
Gene L
21 Ned B, Kay R
Isaac T, Dax S
22 Kaci H
23 Kellen C
Louise K
25 Eric E
26 Leah LC
27 Cliff C, Ron E
Kacee G, Steve H
30 Sam C, Octavia D



PRAYER LIST



In order 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	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	Sawyer A	Cheryl R
Dusty M	Doug D	

- The family of Betty H
- All our students, teachers and support staff as they start a new school year

STAFF OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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9am-12pm, M-F

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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