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Zion Lutheran Church has a new Intentional Interim Pastor  
coming in August!! Welcome Pastor Elizabeth Martin!!



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TIDINGS OF ZION





## Worship in the Park

Church in Spencer Park on June 11<sup>th</sup> was an adventure this year. After a week of fairly nice weather, much needed rain arrived overnight on Saturday and with it, lower temperatures. Upon leaving the park at about noon, I checked the Weather Channel on my phone. The wind chill was 51 degrees! About 40 hardy souls had braved the weather. We had a nice morning, despite the circumstances. We enjoyed Pastor Bruce's message, sang some favorite hymns, communed together, and shared a wonderful meal of pulled pork and chicken sandwiches and all the great food everyone prepared. Special words of thanks go out to our secretary Mandy for getting the bulletins ready before she left on vacation, to Jean and Ken Anderson for providing the

coffee and yummy cinnamon rolls and muffins for early fellowship, to Cheryl Sturges for ordering the meat, to Dawn Calkins, Carolyn Jurisch, Michelle Ernest and Kris Beever for bringing Altar Guild items to the park, to Brenda and Doug Shiloh for bringing the collection plate and friendship pad, to the Downey family for providing bottled water, to Gary Yunto for bringing our sound equipment, to Sharon Yunto for collecting the offering for deposit, to Jeff Ernest for gathering the friendship pad with names of those in attendance, to John Enright for bringing items from the kitchen, to Dan Albrecht for bringing his accordion and his student musicians Alicia, Ben and Ryan, and everyone who prepared food to share. If I have omitted anyone, I apologize! Please let me know! I will feel awful if anyone has been left out. It took lots of people to make this morning happen. Two little items were left behind after everyone had gone, a sharp, silver Faberware knife and a Sunbeam black handled pie server. If they are yours, I (Donna Brookbank) have them and would like to return them. Thanks again, everyone. God bless you all!

Donna Brookbank



## Zion Scholarships

Zion has a scholarship program to encourage the future of our members. Awards will be announced on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the 9am service. Join in the celebration as we applaud past successes and pray for their continued endeavors.

Nathan "Nate" Brunschon	Lindenwood University	General Studies
Emma Cordray	Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Theater Education
Alicia Downey	Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	General Studies
Nadiya Reininger	Valparaiso University	Biology + Forensic Science
Sapphire Watts	Elgin Community College	Surgical Technology
Brenda Viet-Shiloh	ELCA	Diakonia Program

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## Community Meal



There were about 40-50 pounds of leftover chicken breasts from the June 3rd food truck, and the Community Meal Ministry took full advantage of them. A total of 72 meals of chicken parmesan, spaghetti, bread, and salad were served to our guests. A lot of effort went into this meal, and thank you to the following volunteers who made it happen: Dawn, Marilee, Kris, Marge, Linda, Patti, Judy, Kathy, Sharon, JoAnne, Terry, Arlyn, Nancy, Larry, and Delaney.

With the ongoing kitchen and dining hall renovations at St. John's United, they once again used Zion's kitchen for their June Community Meal. Over 30 meals of beef stew were served to the guests. In appreciation for using Zion's facilities, St. John's donated a variety of diapers to the Baby Bank.

The next Community Meal will take place on July 12th. Please consider joining us for dinner, to help out, or both.

John Enright

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## Food Truck



Thank You to the 29 volunteers that helped on Saturday, June 3rd with our 3<sup>rd</sup> Northern Illinois Food Bank truck of 2023.

The volunteers who helped to unload, package and load into vehicles

included: Dan Albrecht, Jean Anderson, Jody Archer, Kris Beever, Rodney Brandmire and his grandson Cody, Dawn Calkins, Jen Downey, Kevin Ekberg, Joannie Ekberg, John Enright, Jeff & Michelle Ernest, Arlyn Groen, Kathy Hansen, Sarah Hansen, Tanya Hoemke, Russ Kindberg, Lyle & Patti Lee, Jeanne & Keith Marnen, Terry Miller, Marge Olson, Amy Ortiz, Curt & Brenda Tobin, and Gary & Sharon Yunto. These 29 individuals packed 13 items for giveaway that helped 169 families with 604 individuals with their food insecurity from the Boone County and surrounding area.

Our next food truck is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping and have not helped in the past, please let Mandy know.



## **Boone County Fair**

**August 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**

The Boone County Fair is fast approaching! Be on the lookout for signup sheets soon on the back bulletin board to work the grandstands taking tickets and monitoring the seating, as necessary. We will need all hands on-board for this service that we provide our community, showing and displaying our commitment to sharing Christ's love with others. There will be a golf cart available to provide rides to and from your cars to the gates of the grandstand anytime you may need. And water will also be provided to helpers. Please consider helping us throughout this week of fun! Any questions - please see our amazing leader in this mission, John Bender.

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## **Sunday School News**



Vacation Bible School, Gadget's Garage was held June 19 – 23rd. We had 19 students, 4 youth helpers and many adults participate. During the week, the kids learned that God's Always Doing Great Exciting Things. They learned about A Mighty Wonder (God's Creation of the World), A Water Wonder (Jesus turning water into Wine), A Growing Wonder (The Parable of the Sower), A Glowing Wonder (The Transfiguration of our Lord) and A Risen Wonder (the Resurrection and the Road to Emmaus). Many different crafts. They had music, played some cool games, and enjoyed snacks. We closed the week by inviting parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends to our final closing time and the kids sang songs and received certificates and prizes.



VBS would not happen without the help of lots of people!! I'd like to thank the youth helpers, Jaxxon Sipe, Lilly Bennet, Kora Wick and Evan Wick. Thank you to all the adults who helped Melody Johnson (games), Melita Ogan (crafts), Terry and Joanne Miller (snacks), Carolyn Jurisch(snacks), Linda Johnson (registration), Ken Downey (Group Leader, Gadget for the skit, and music) and Marilee Sellers (group leader), Mandy Minson for helping with any office related issues and Alicia Downey and Ben Wolfram for leading music and taking pictures. Plus all those that brought snacks. Thanks to all!!

And to the kids that came and sang in Church on the 25th – Elleney, Amelia, Emilio, and Maggie-Lyn – GREAT JOB!! Thank You.

We are not having a Christian Nurturing meeting in July. Our next Christian Nurturing meeting will be in August 20 at 10:15am. Come join us!

## Youth Update



Rock Climbing: We had 6 kids (4 members and 2 friends) and 5 adults at Rivers Edge Recreation Center on May 26, for Rock Climbing and pizza. The 5 older kids enjoyed climbing as did a dad. **Very Special Thanks to Jean Twynning** for sponsoring the outing.



## Women of Zion



The Women of Zion are again collecting items for the children of 1<sup>st</sup> Step Daycare as they attend school this year. There will be a collection container located at the back entrance of the church to place your items in. Below is a list of the common items each school requires for students in Kindergarten or First grade. Each school also has a different requirement of how many of each item is needed per child.

Backpacks, 24 count Crayons, Dry Erase Markers – Expo Low Odor, Crayola Markers – washable, broad tip, Highlighters – yellow, Pencil holder – box or zip pouch, Watercolor Paints – Crayola/prang brand, Crayola colored pencils – 12 count, No. 2 pencils – no mechanical, 8 oz. bottle of glue, Glue sticks, Scissors child size – Fiskar metal pointed blade, Pink erasers, Double pocket folders – plain colors, not glossy, Single Subject Spiral notebooks – 70-100 pages, wide ruled, 12 inch ruler w/centimeters & inches.



## Zion Shirts

Need a new Z shirt or want a Zion shirt?

Shirts can be ordered between now and July 21, 2023. (This will give us enough time to get them delivered before the fair) Three types of shirts are available. Denim button downs, long or short sleeves (2 colors), Polos (many colors to pick from), and bright Yellow Z tee-shirts. Youth sizes are available in the polos and Z shirts. To order [click here](#) to fill out a form. If you order more than one item, you will need to fill out a different form for each order. You can also call or email Mandy with orders. Remember to include shirt style, color, and size if you order with Mandy.

Checks can be made out to Zion Lutheran Church. Cash or Checks can be given to Mandy in the office. A dollar from each shirt ordered will be donated to the Zion Youth program. If you have any questions contact Jody Archer [jec157@gmail.com](mailto:jec157@gmail.com)



### **Denim shirts Ladies**

Dark blue or light blue  
Short sleeves \$35    2XL-4XL \$37  
Long sleeves \$40    2XL-4XL \$42

### **Men's Denim Shirts**

Dark blue or light blue  
Short sleeves \$35    2XL-4XL \$37  
Long sleeves \$40    2XL-4XL \$42



Mens or Ladies \$25 Adult S-XL    \$27 Adult 2XL-4XL any color  
Youth sizes XS - XL \$15



The Logo will be white on the dark colored shirts and Black or navy on the light shirts



With a stain-release finish, this budget-minded polo is exceptionally durable.

- 6.5-ounce, 50/50 double pique knit cotton/poly
- Stain-release finish
- 1x1 rib knit collar and cuffs



Z shirt \$15 Adult S-XL \$17 2XL -4XL    Kids \$12  
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# July Birthdays



July 1-Tom Zastrow	July 11-Kim Halper	July 14-Diane Vorndran	July 25-Kirsten Larson
July 5-Gary Erickson	July 12-Jill Smuck	July 15-Isabelle Bahena	July 26-Jeanie Huffman
July 6-Pam Romanek	July 12-Courtney Long	July 16-Ian Cordray	July 26-Dick Beever
July 6-Pat Erickson	July 12-Mary Lightfoot	July 20-Arlyn Groen	July 27-Helen Huftalin
July 7-Curt Gustafson	July 13-Heather Wick	July 21-Sharon Yunto	July 28-Mary Albrecht
July 9-Eva Foley	July 14-Keith Marnen	July 24-Kyra Messbarger	July 28-Deno Ventura
			July 30-Jane Schuessler
			July 31-Rodney Brandmire

## From the Treasurer:

### General Fund

05/2023	Beginning Balance	\$ 45,557.62
	Total Income	\$ 12,772.31
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 12,682.45</u>
	Balance	\$ 45,647.48

### Building Fund

05/2023	Beginning Balance	\$ 9,113.83
	Total Income	\$ 3,573.50
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,752.99</u>
	Balance	\$ 9,934.34

### Staff

Mandy Minson  
Administrative Assistant

Ken Anderson  
Council President

Dan Albrecht  
Choir Director

Pat Castro  
Sunday School Director

Diane Vorndran  
Financial Secretary

Sharon Yunto  
Treasurer

### Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:00am  
Thursday's at 7:00pm

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OR

On Facebook at  
[ZionBelvidere+](https://www.facebook.com/ZionBelvidere/)

### Council Members

#### Term Through January 2024

Ken Anderson  
Kris Beever  
Rodney Brandmire  
Jen Downey  
Jeff Ernest  
Deana Foley

#### Term Through January 2025

Jody Archer  
Doug Shiloh  
Gary Yunto

#### Term Through January 2026

Gretel Baird  
Melody Johnson  
David Schumann

### Texts for the Month of July

#### July 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Jeremiah 28:5-9*

#### July 9<sup>th</sup>

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

#### July 16<sup>th</sup>

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

#### July 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Isaiah 44:6-8*

#### July 30<sup>th</sup>

*1 Kings 3:5-12*

*Romans 6:12-23*

*Romans 7:15-25a*

*Romans 8:1-11*

*Romans 8:12-25*

*Romans 8:26-39*

*Matthew 10:40-42*

*Matthew 11:16-30*

*Matthew 13:1-23*

*Matthew 13:24-43*

*Matthew 13:31-52*

July 2023						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
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2 <b>Sunday Worship @ 9am</b>	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Shiloh Picnic 5pm (Offsite)	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	5 Bible Study 9:30am	6 7:00 pm – Worship	7	8 Food Truck 10am-11:30am
9 <b>Sunday Worship @ 9am</b>	10 Witness 6pm (Library)	11 <b>Council Reports Due</b>  Worship/Music 5pm	12 Sewing/Quilting 9am Bible Study 9:30am Baby Bank 4pm-6pm Community Meal 5pm- 6:30pm	13 7:00 pm – Worship	14	15 <i>Ken Holmes Funeral</i>
16 <b>Sunday Worship @ 9am</b>	17 Shiloh Meeting 6pm-8pm (FH)	18	19 Sewing/Quilting 9am Bible Study 9:30am  <b>Council Meeting:7:00pm</b>	20 7:00 pm – Worship	21	22
23 <b>Sunday Worship @ 9am</b>	24 <b>Tidings Articles Due</b>	25	26 Sewing/Quilting 9am Bible Study 9:30am	27 Barnabas 6pm  7:00 pm – Worship	28	29
30 <b>Sunday Worship @ 9am</b>  Scholarships Awarded	31			<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> Monday-Friday 9am-1pm		

