



Dear Congregation,

Pastor David Petersen's last day at our congregation was May 31, 2023. As we engage in the time of transition ahead of us, we ask that you read and reflect on the information below. These agreements are important as we all move forward into the future. They reflect the healthiest practice in Congregation ministry and will serve both us and our departing minister as we continue to be the body of Christ in this world.

The Church Council and former Pastor have agreed to the following, and seek your cooperation, regarding the positive future relationships among us:

We will do everything possible to uphold the mission of the Church and the positive quality of life in this congregation.

We will recognize the need for time to adjust to the new relationships and will reach out in care and compassion to one another.

We will honor the departure of the former pastor so duties may be relinquished; and will honor the arrival of the new pastor by seeking her/his/their counsel and ministry. We are aware that conducting pastoral acts (such as baptism, weddings, funerals, confirmations, communions) and defining ministry programs and leadership styles are no longer the option of the departing pastor but belong to the arriving rostered minister with the Council and congregation.

Experience across the Church has shown that continuing relationships with former pastors is very positive when the above things are kept in mind.

In Christ,

Zion Lutheran Church Council

Worship in the Park

Pack up your lawn chairs and picnic baskets. It's time for church in the park. Zion will be worshipping God in His great outdoors at Spencer Park on June 11th. We will be in the pavilion, gathering for coffee and fellowship at 9:30, worshipping at 10:00 and enjoying a meal following the service. Pulled pork (sauce available), barbecue pulled chicken, buns, and water will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and table service. See you at the park.



Community Meal

The pulled pork BBQ sandwiches proved to be quite popular at the May Community Meal. 68 people gobbled up nearly 100 of the BBQ sandwiches along with several side dishes. The meal was successful thanks to the following: Marge, Linda, Ronnie, Marilee, Dawn, Judy, Sharon, JoAnne, Terry, Kris, Michelle, Nancy, Larry, and Sweet Baby Ray.



While our friends across town, St. John's, are undergoing plumbing repairs in their kitchen they utilized Zion's kitchen for their May Community Meal. They served over 30 people at their meal. It is likely that they will also use Zion's kitchen for their June meal.

Our next Community Meal will be held on Wednesday, June 14th.

John Enright

Food Truck



Zion's next food truck is scheduled for June 3rd. If you are interested in helping with this important food ministry to the community and have not help in the past, please let Mandy in the office or Gary Yunto know. Volunteers should arrive by 9:00 am to help with setting up.



Pioneer Lunch

During the summer months of June, July, and August we will be taking a little break and will resume our luncheons in September. We look forward to more of you joining us in the fall. Always room for more and we welcome anyone from Zion & your guests. A Big Shout out of Thanks to John Enright for the programs he entertained us with! (He loves being a game show host!) Thanks to everyone else who may have shared your ideas, delicious dishes, help in setting up & clean up and any help with programs. New thoughts for programs appreciated.

Pioneer Club



Patti Lee



Boone County Fair

August 8th-13th

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.

Scholarship Committee

The Zion Scholarship Committee invites Zion members to apply for a scholarship through our church. We would also like to remind all members of our church of the recent changes made to the scholarship process. The new guidelines now include not only colleges and universities, but also vocational-trade schools, the various branches of the armed forces, and other professions including entrepreneurial and apprentice opportunities.

The committee will also entertain an application for a second scholarship from a member of Zion who has previously received a financial scholarship from the church if the individual has been accepted at an ELCA seminary school or if the individual has plans for an advanced learning opportunity.

Applications may be picked up in the church office or an email version may be requested from Jean Twyning at twyning@hotmail.com

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity as we support you in your future endeavors. Deadline to turn in applications is May 26th.

Northern Illinois Synod

The Assembly of the Northern Illinois Synod will meet on June 16th and 17th. Please keep our delegates Ken and Jen Downey in prayers as they meet with other lay and rostered leaders from around Northern Illinois as they discern the Spirit's guidance.

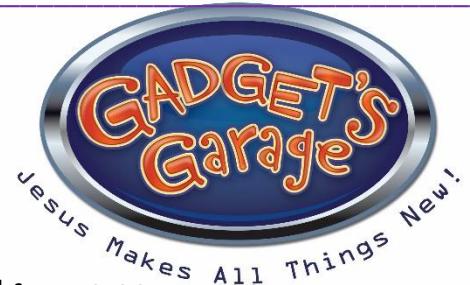


New Member Class

At this time the new member class for Sunday, June 4th has been postponed until Thursday, August 24th. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending or looking for additional information on upcoming classes. Please feel free to continue worshiping and working with us here at Zion as we share Christ's Love.



Vacation Bible School News



Come join us for Vacation Bible School June 19th – 23rd from 9:00 – 11:30am.

Ages 3-12

Our theme this year is *Gadget's Garage – Jesus Makes All Things New.*

Come and meet Gadget! Help him build his robot!

Join us for crafts, games, music, stories, and snacks

Pre-registration is welcome but not required.

To register call the office, 815-547-6102. There is no cost.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help please let Pat Castro know or call the office.

Interested in donating snacks? Watch for the sign-up sheet coming soon.

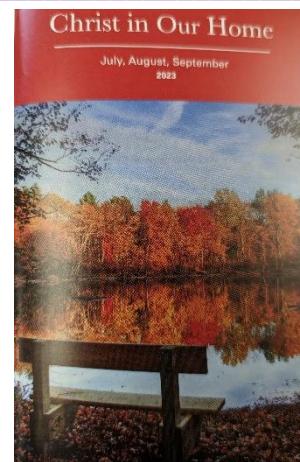
Christian Nurturing Meeting

Our next Christian Nurturing Meeting will be announced soon.

We will be discussing all things VBS.

All are welcome to join us!

Christ in Our Home devotional books for July-September are available for pick up.



Thank You!

For all the birthday cards, birthday texts, birthday emails, birthday presents, and birthday hugs....
it made my birthday special!

Pastor Petersen



Pastor Petersen & Members of Zion,
Thank you for your
kindness and support during
Xavier's baptism. Our family
felt welcomed and wanted.
Blessings to you all,
James & Deana Foley, the Foley kids, the
Girones

Thank you...for all the hugs, texts, cards, emails, presents, cookies, HUGS, tears, and well wishes.

Peace Be To You.....

Pastor and Susan Petersen

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-6)





June Birthdays



1-Bob Brunschon
2-Kari Schmidt
3-Mandy Minson
4-Leah Baird
4-Andrew Mallegni
5-Susan Petersen
8-Justin Kozlowski
8-John Kozlowski
9-Gretchen Mallegni
9-Chloe Balabuszko
9-Kayden Schmidt

10-Emily Bredlau
10-Brittany Bender
13-Burton Sandberg
13-James Heron
14-Doug Shiloh
16-Brianna Brunschon
17-Olivia Bahena
18-Melissa Bahena
18-Jared Wick
19-Luanne Carlton
19-Evan Wick

20-Kendal Schmidt
22-Racy Zediker
22-Cody Ahls
23-Lois Bender
23-Sam Larson
25-Jeremy Nogacz
29-Linda Kozlowski

From the Treasurer:

General Fund

04/2023	Beginning Balance	\$ 55,294.00
	Total Income	\$ 16,242.83
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 25,979.21</u>
	Balance	\$ 45,557.62

Building Fund

04/2023	Beginning Balance	\$ 7,146.04
	Total Income	\$ 3,837.25
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,869.46</u>
	Balance	\$ 9,113.83

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

Find Worship Videos at
www.zionbelvidere.com

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 June

June 4th

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 11th

Hosea 5:15-6:6
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18th

Exodus 19:2-8a
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8[9-23]

June 25th

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday 9am-1pm				1 Choir Practice 5pm Bell Practice 6pm 7:00 pm – Worship	2	3 NIL Food Truck 10am-11:30am
4 Sunday Worship @ 9am Graduates Recognition	5	6 Worship/Music 5pm	7 Sewing/Quilting 9am Bible Study 9:30am WOZ Footloose Play 8pm	8 Choir Practice 5pm Bell Practice 6pm 7:00 pm – Worship	9	10 Baby Bank 9am-12pm
11 Service in the Park @ 10 am	12 Witness 6pm	13 Council Reports Due	14 Sewing/Quilting 9am Bible Study 9:30am Baby Bank 4pm-6pm Community Meal 5pm-6:30pm	15 Choir Practice 5pm Bell Practice 6pm 7:00 pm – Worship	16 Synod Assembly	17 Synod Assembly
18 Sunday Worship @ 9am	19 VBS 9am-11:30am	20 VBS 9am-11:30am	21 VBS 9am-11:30am Sewing/Quilting 9am Bible Study 9:30am Council Meeting 7:00pm	22 VBS 9am-11:30am Choir Practice 5pm Bell Practice 6pm Barnabas 6pm 7:00 pm – Worship	23 VBS 9am-11:30am	24
25 Sunday Worship @ 9am	26 Tidings Articles Due	27	28 Sewing/Quilting 9am Bible Study 9:30am	29 Choir Practice 5pm Bell Practice 6pm 7:00 pm – Worship	30	