



Zion Lutheran Church & School



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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2020

Last Week: Attendance: ; Communion: ; Offerings: \$4184.01;

Sunday School Attendance: 74; Sunday School Offering: \$43.00

Special Voters' Meeting

Special Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the gym basement. The vote will be held concerning the church sanctuary. You must be a Zion voting member to attend and place your ballot.

Dinner, Auction & Dueling Fiddles

We appreciate all auction item donations we have received so far. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please bring in to the Zion office this week. Donation ideas are: gift cards, new or gently used items sitting around your house not being used, homemade quilts, homemade cheesecakes, pies.... you get the idea. If you have any questions, please call Tami McCollough at 267-3384.

Connection Cards

Please fill out a Connection Card! They are located in the entryway by the bulletins. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the back also. These cards are a wonderful way to stay connected to all of our members. You may leave your card in one of the offering plates.

Mark Your Calendars:

The year 2022 may seem like a long way off, but it's just around the corner! The Zion 150th Anniversary committee met this week and chose three dates of celebration in 2022. The dates are March 20, June 26 and September 25, 2022. Mark your calendars now! Many more details will be coming.

Addresses Needed

Invitations will be sent to all Zion members, past and present, for the 150th wedding anniversary. We need your help spreading the word that we need addresses of previous Zion members that have moved away so that we may include them. If you can think of anyone who would like an invitation, please email their address to info@ziondenison.org or send us a private message on our Facebook page "Zion Denison." Thank you for your help!

Stewardship Corner

Matthew 25:4 – "... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

Building Healthy Families

Are you feeling "dismayed" today? The dictionary's definition of "dismay" is *to lose courage or resolution; a feeling of unhappiness or disappointment*. Scripture is full of examples of people who were "dismayed" because of difficult conditions or life situations. The state of our world may have you feeling disappointed or broken down. But the message God gave to His dismayed people throughout Scripture is the same message He has for you today: Be not dismayed! You are not alone, not defeated, and not without hope! Your Father is with you, and He is the ruler of all things on earth and in heaven. He is in charge, even when things feel out of control. Be confident in His promise, for He is faithful. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (Lutheran Family Service - Lynette Aschinger - 712-276-9000)



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.” (Jeremiah 29:12)

For Healing...

Clare Bohlmann, Rodney Lenz, Tina Lenz

(Names will be kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If you would like a name on here longer, please let the Zion office know.)

For Comfort...

Blessings to the family of Betty Pedersen, who are mourning her loss.

Baptism Blessings...

Welcome in baptism to Everly Ann Kruse, daughter of Molly Caspersen and Brandon Kruse.

Happy Birthday! (Nov. 7-13)

Parker Eller, Jackie Frum, Cindy Goslar, Teah Hoffmeier, Janeen Lobaugh, Judy Evers, Charlene Gehring, Dylan Struck, Arlene Wessel, Gus Boettger, Steve Comstock, Lorna Johnson, Johnathan Malone, Terry Vogt, Dylan Haase, Shelby Reetz, Larry Boettger, Whitney Gustafson, Marshall Plagge, Mark Sharp, Chloe Neumann, Neil Schumann, Clint Winey

Happy Anniversary! (Nov. 7-13)

Bob & Roseann Olson, Pam & Doug Soseman, Dave & Janice Nemitz, Jim & Carol Segebart

Families and Zion Staff...

Madison Bailey, Jordan & River Schiltz, Larry & Jane Boettger, Gary & Nancy Hottendorf, Etta & Keith Peterson and Merrilee Sump

Serving in November:

Elders:

Sun., Nov. 8	8:00 a.m.	Kent Hollrah
	10:30 a.m.	Brian Kempfert
Wed., Nov. 11	9:00 a.m.	Kieth Osborn
	6:00 p.m.	Butch Miller
Sun. Nov. 15	8:00 a.m.	Mark Feller
	10:30 a.m.	Trevor Gress
Wed., Nov. 18	9:00 a.m.	Marc Gosch
	6:00 p.m.	Mark Feller
Sun. Nov. 22	8:00 a.m.	Marc Gosch
	10:30 a.m.	Marc Gosch
Wed., Nov. 25	9:00 a.m.	Bob Matthiesen
	6:00 p.m.	Marc Gosch
Sun., Nov. 29	8:00 a.m.	Larry Berner
	10:30 am.	Brian Kempfert

Ushers: Due to Covid-19, we were not able to use our previous usher schedule. Ushers are needed at each service. If you can help, please tell an elder before the service.

**Centered in
Christ Jesus**

we

Love

Teach

Serve

Reach

Repeat!

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

SUNDAY - 11/8

8:00am Traditional Worship
9:15am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Worship

MONDAY - 11/9

1:30pm Monday Sewing
6:00pm Parish Planning

TUESDAY - 11/10

WEDNESDAY - 11/11

9:00am Traditional Worship ✝
6:00pm Traditional Worship ✝
7:00pm Youth Confirmation

THURSDAY - 11/12

6:00pm Board of Christian Education

FRIDAY - 11/13

SATURDAY - 11/14

SUNDAY - 11/15

8:00am Traditional Worship ✝
9:15am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Worship ✝
1:30pm Special Voters' Meeting

This Week's Bible Verses:

Sunday - Matthew 25:1-13 - A parable of the ten bridesmaids

Monday - Amos 5:18-24 - What the Lord requires

Tuesday - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - The coming of the Lord

Wednesday - Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 - The tribes renew the covenant

Thursday - Psalm 78:1-7 - Tell the children God's Word

Friday - Luke 21:29-37 - Be always on the watch

Saturday - Psalm 70 - God is wonderful

Sunday - Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the talents

Thy Strong Word

Listen to KDSN (104.9 FM) for these 3-4 minute devotions (Mon.-Sat.) at 6:25 a.m. This week's speaker is Rev.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

DINNER, AUCTION & DUELING FIDDLES

Saturday, November 21

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

The Stables at Copper Ridge, 2197 Ridge Road, Denison

Please join us for a night of good food, an auction and entertainment!

Tickets available in the Zion office
Adults \$40; ages 12 and under \$20
Sponsored by Zion Lutheran School



Comprised of violinists Geneviève Salamone and Hanna Wolle, the Dueling Fiddles are an entertainment duo that mix the rich sounds of the violin with layered accompaniment for energetic and engaging performances. This Des Moines-based duo performs a wide range of repertoire, ranging from Celtic Rock to modern pop favorites, that audiences of all ages will enjoy.

† Order of Service †

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

C: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Personal Prayers

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

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490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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748 I'm But a Stranger Here



1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
 3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
 And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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