

JUNE 2026

Zion's Lutheran Church
THE TRUMPET

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*"O give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice"
Psalm 105: 1-3*

A Season of the Spirit

I have often wondered what the Holy Spirit might be teaching us as a nation, as a church, and in our relationships within our families and communities. I have wondered, too, how we invite God's Spirit to breathe life into us each day: Do we feel the Spirit's love and peace in the dawn and sunset of each day of life? To be sure, the gift of the Holy Spirit has come upon human life for a purpose. In this green season of the Spirit, perhaps, a renewed faith awaits each of us as we live each day's challenges and burdens.

Recently, I visited with my sister, Clara Zimmer, to be present with her as she begins home hospice care. Her journey these last few years has been hard. And now, she prepares for her next journey from "what has been" to "what she will become" as a child of God. We talked about the Spirit in her life - the mystery, the love, the fears and doubts that seem heavy sometimes. "I've lived a good life," she whispered, "a good life." It was a warm, sunny day; we laughed and shed tears together.

This season of the Spirit reminds us that we are not powerless or alone in our weakness. Listening for God to speak to us, allowing the Spirit to penetrate our worries, our boredom, our distractions and our fears is exactly the purpose of those tongues of fire that day in Jerusalem. "I am with you!", Jesus says to us now, with the ultimate power of love.

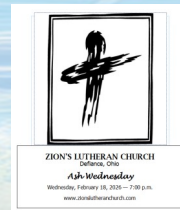
As summer begins, I hope you will feel the beauty and serenity that only the Spirit can give. Being who you are - a child of God - is good enough for the world in which you live. You don't have to prove anything anymore! Let the Spirit guide you and satisfy your soul.

Peace,
Pastor Tom

*What happens to another, whether it be a joy or a sorrow,
happens to me"*



Worship Service Sundays @ 9:45 am



Altar Flowers
Altar flowers are ordered by the donor of your choice of flower shops. Fancy Petals will deliver to Zion's on Saturdays. The sign-up sheet is posted in the entryway. Please plan to take the flowers after the Sunday Worship Service.

Worship Service Online
You may watch Sunday Worship Service live through the Zion's Lutheran Website at the Website address below and clicking on "Live Service"

You may also watch any Worship Service at a later date/time on Youtube TV by visiting the Zion's Lutheran Website (see address below):

<https://zionslutheranchurch.com/>

Weekly Bulletin
Sponsor a Weekly Bulletin in honor of a Birthday, Anniversary, Loved One, or anything you wish. Suggested donation is \$20.



Memorial Prayer Garden
A living memorial to the memory of the saints, both here & above. The garden provides a place for peaceful meditation and quiet reflection for our church family & community.



The Labyrinth
Walk the labyrinth located in the Prayer Garden. Come and experience the power and peace of this ancient form of prayer. Brochures explaining how to use the Labyrinth are available below the Little Free Library.



Little Free Library
Take a Book. Share a Book. The Little Free Library is located at the entrance of the Prayer Garden.

Deacon Ministry

"I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people... and I will be your Father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

2 Corinthians 6:16b, 18

We are the most fortunate people in the world, because we have God as our Father. He cares for us and provides for our every need. He is with us always in the person of the Holy Spirit. He sends special people into our lives to share His love and compassion with us. Whatever your circumstances, Pastor Tom and the deacons are here to support you and your spiritual wellbeing.

Please join us to celebrate our Father and spiritual family with a potluck picnic after worship on Sunday, June 21. We'll provide the meat, drinks, and condiments. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. If you know what you'd like to bring, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

*May you be blessed by the Father!
Your Deacons*

**Outdoor Worship Service
Sunday, June 21
More info in the
Announcement Section on pg. 13**



Our Deacons

Helena Morris, Head
Cindy Wendell, Secretary
John Diehl
Doug Eis
Angela Gutman
Regina Snyder

**Next Deacon's Meeting
Sunday, June 14, 2026
@ 11:30 am**



Shut-In's

John Jacob
Kingsbury Place #154
245 W. Rosewood Ave.
Defiance, OH 43512

Carole Engel
Kingsbury Place #112
245 W. Rosewood Ave
Defiance, OH 43512

Barb Jones
Glenn Park #151
2429 William A Diehl Ct.
Defiance, OH 43512

Elaine Davis
Glenn Park Edon Place
2429 William A Diehl Dr
Defiance, OH 43512

Linda Wagner
At Home
22668 River Chase Dr
Defiance, OH 43512

Council

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS MAY 18, 2026

- Pastor Tom is working on plans and training to expand worship participation.
- Announcements are no longer shared verbally as part of the worship service. They are shared via PowerPoint prior to the start of worship and in the bulletin.
- Everyone available was encouraged to be present on the church lawn on Wednesday, May 27 to show support for the Defiance Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run.
- Property is receiving quotes for repairs to the parking lot.
- Endowment Grants will be distributed on June 28.
- Secret Santa project will be spearheaded by Colleen. She will distribute information to the congregation for referrals and volunteer recruitment.
- Thank you to Libbie, Michelle, and Teresa for their work on the upcoming Church Photo Directory.
- Thank you, Marion Hanson, for volunteering to serve as an usher.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2026

Rev. Tom Zulick, Pastor
Dick Anderson, President
Joyce Rayle, V-Pres
Helena Morris, Secretary
Laurie Schey, Treasurer
Mary Boals
Libbie Engel
Steve Graf
Colleen Holley
Dan Meffley
Vern Mullett
Donna Schindler
Gary Smith
Regina Snyder

COUNCIL MEETINGS

6pm on the 3rd Monday
of each month (except July)
In the Hofer Room

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, June 15, 2026



Our financial and spiritual stewardship is vital as we continue to support both our regular giving as well as the HVAC fundraising efforts going forward. Thank you for your faith in support of our mission!!

Preparing for Worship

*"Be still, and know that I am God."
(Psalm 46:10)*

We invite everyone to enter the sanctuary with a spirit of prayerful silence. Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word without distraction. The announcements for the day will be scrolling on the screen prior to worship, and printed in the bulletin, and will no longer be read out loud by the lectors or deacons.

Council



A word on giving...

“Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, together we do not lose heart. Yes, everything is for our sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:1 & 15.

We at Zion’s practice “Grace Giving”; giving to God by how much he has graced us. If we are honest with ourselves, everything we have is His. We are in this ministry together as noted in St. Paul’s epistle. From a practical side, what we give in our tithes and offerings keep this ministry going. This beautiful facility, which is beginning to need attention, is from where our ministry is based.

In reviewing the finances at church council this past week, it’s the first time in such a very long time, we have a negative balance in our ministry fund after doing so well for a number of years, leaving carry-over balances each year. We need to look within ourselves how this may have happened. We need to maintain giving to the Ministry Fund to keep the ministry going. We need to give “extra” to replace the boiler and chiller so while we are engaged at our church, we feel comfortable again.

We, as council, respectfully request that when you give to the HVAC fund, you not take away from our obligations to the ministry and give that “extra” mile. Without the building being maintained, we have no place from which our ministry may occur. Without maintaining our giving to the ministry fund, we have no ministry because we would have no staff and even with a bright new HVAC system, we would not have the funds to from which we could provide power for its operation.

Respectfully and thank you,
Steven Graf

Christian Education

Upcoming Children's Sunday School Dates to Remember

- June 21 Father's Day Recognition—the Sunday School Class will be making cards and have a special gift for all dads, grandpas, brothers, & uncles attending church.
- July 12 Crafting Time—the Sunday School Class will be making special things for ourselves and/or for sharing.
- August 9 Blessing of backpacks and all involved in the school system—the Sunday School Class will be making something special for our school bags and During worship service, we will have special prayer time over our school bags.
- September 13 Rally Day to start the new Sunday School year!

ADULT FORUM

At 8:45 am
Each Sunday
the month of June

Sunday, June 21st FATHER'S DAY

The Children's Sunday School Class will be handing out gifts for the Father's/ Special Person.

Register Now!

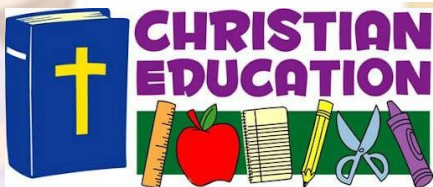
2026 Ohio Summer YOUTH RETREAT

JUNE 28TH - JULY 1ST

FOR YOUTH ENTERING 6TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

HopeWood Outdoors

Northeastern Ohio Synod
Northwestern Ohio Synod
Southern Ohio Synod



CLASS OF 2026



Robbie Fields
Tinora High School Graduate

Robbie will be attending Defiance College in the fall with plans to study business. Robbie is the son of Bob & Heather and brother to Alex.

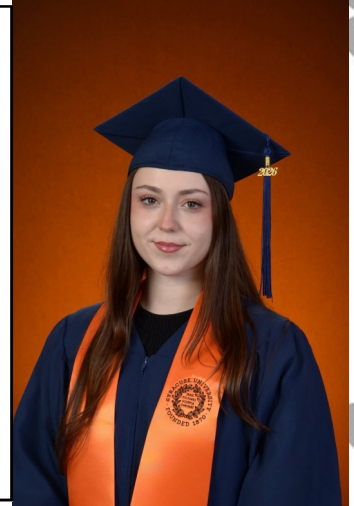
Jack Kennedy
Bryan High School Graduate

Jack will be attending the Ohio State University majoring in Finance. He is the grandson of Sue McKibben.



Avery Schner
Syracuse University Graduate

Avery graduated with degree in Business and is the granddaughter of Tom & Mary Boals.



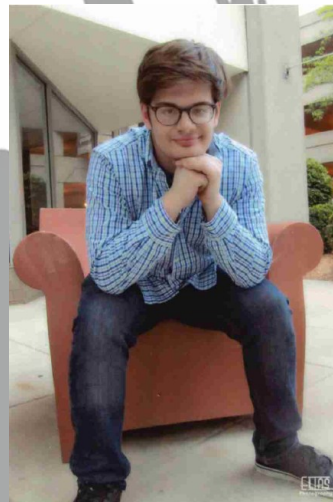
Ryleigh Anderson
Defiance High School Graduate

Ryleigh will be attending Miami University with a double major in Mechanical Engineering and SMART Manufacturing Engineering. She is the recipient of the Citizens in Action Scholarship 2026..



Elijah Noggle
Purdue University Graduate

Eli graduated with a degree in Communications and is the grandson of Donna Schindler.



INNKEEPERS' COMMUNITY MEAL & PANTRY

Our mission is to assist those living in Defiance with basic needs.

NEXT DISTRIBUTION DATE & MEAL

WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2026

ACCEPTED DONATIONS



The Innkeepers have designated the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. as distribution and Community Meal night. *In May, we distributed 92 bags, 13 new sign-ups, and served 120!! Wow!!*

The June Pantry needs are:

Kleenex

Paper Towels

Dish Soap

Innkeepers' shopping list:

- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Facial Tissues
- Dish Soap
- All Purpose Cleaner
- Bleach
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap & Body Wash
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Disposable Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Adult Incontinence Diapers

We also accept volunteers & monetary donations.

Announcements

Cookies Needed



The Innkeepers are requesting donations of cookies for the Wednesday Community Meals. Please package them for the freezer, and place in one of the freezers in the kitchen. Thank you!!!

Praises, Prayers & Visitors



During services, you will see in the back of the pew in front of you, **"Prayer Request & Visitor"** cards. Be sure to fill one out if you have a praise and/or prayer request and drop it in the designated basket in the back of the sanctuary. The reverse side of the card is for visitors to fill out so we have their information and can welcome them and send them info on any upcoming events and services.

The Pantry Needs Empty Bottles

Due to the donation of gallon sized bottles of hand soap, the pantry needs empty bottles to refill, both foaming hand soap type and regular type. We also need empty dish soap bottles to refill. All can be placed in the chest in the Narthex. Thank you for recycling with us!

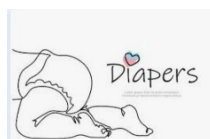


♥ grateful ♥



Bottoms Up Diaper Drive Results

Thank you to everyone who donated to the "World's Largest Diaper Drive" during the month of May. The official count for Zion's collection was **774** diapers! The unofficial total for the entire of the Defiance area, in monetary and diaper packs all together, is the equivalent of more than **41,000** diapers! This will go a long ways in keeping the Defiance Diaper bank and the Defiance affiliate pantries (including Zions' Innkeepers Pantry) stocked for the coming months—that's a lot of dry baby bottoms!!!



We would like to take a moment to recognize **Dawn McKibben** for her leadership & support of our church for many years. Dawn has relocated and transferred to Zion Lutheran Church in Tipp City, Ohio. She has been a wonderful asset to our church and community, serving as a Deacon. We will definitely miss her sweet spirit and wish her many blessings for the new chapter of her life.



Announcements

June Anniversaries



Doug & Sandy Eis	6/05
Randy & Diana Groll	6/11
Bob & Nancy Swingle	6/14
Dwaine & Laurie Schey	6/16
Steve & Karen Graf	6/28

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not listed here or is incorrect, please call the church office at 419-782-8781 or email the secretary at office@zionslutheranchurch.com

June Birthdays



Randy Groll	6/02
Robbie Fields	6/06
Judy Engel	6/11
Pastor Tom	6/13
Audrey Eis	6/14
Colleen Holley	6/18
Karen Graf	6/20
Carole Engel	6/23
Lucy Epple	6/26
Joseph Wendell	6/29



The weekly announcements are scrolled up on the screen before Sunday's worship service beginning at 9:45 am. When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of others as we prepare for worship.



Outdoor tent set up will take place Saturday, June 20th at 10:00 am or after (depending on the weather). We need 5-6 volunteers to help!

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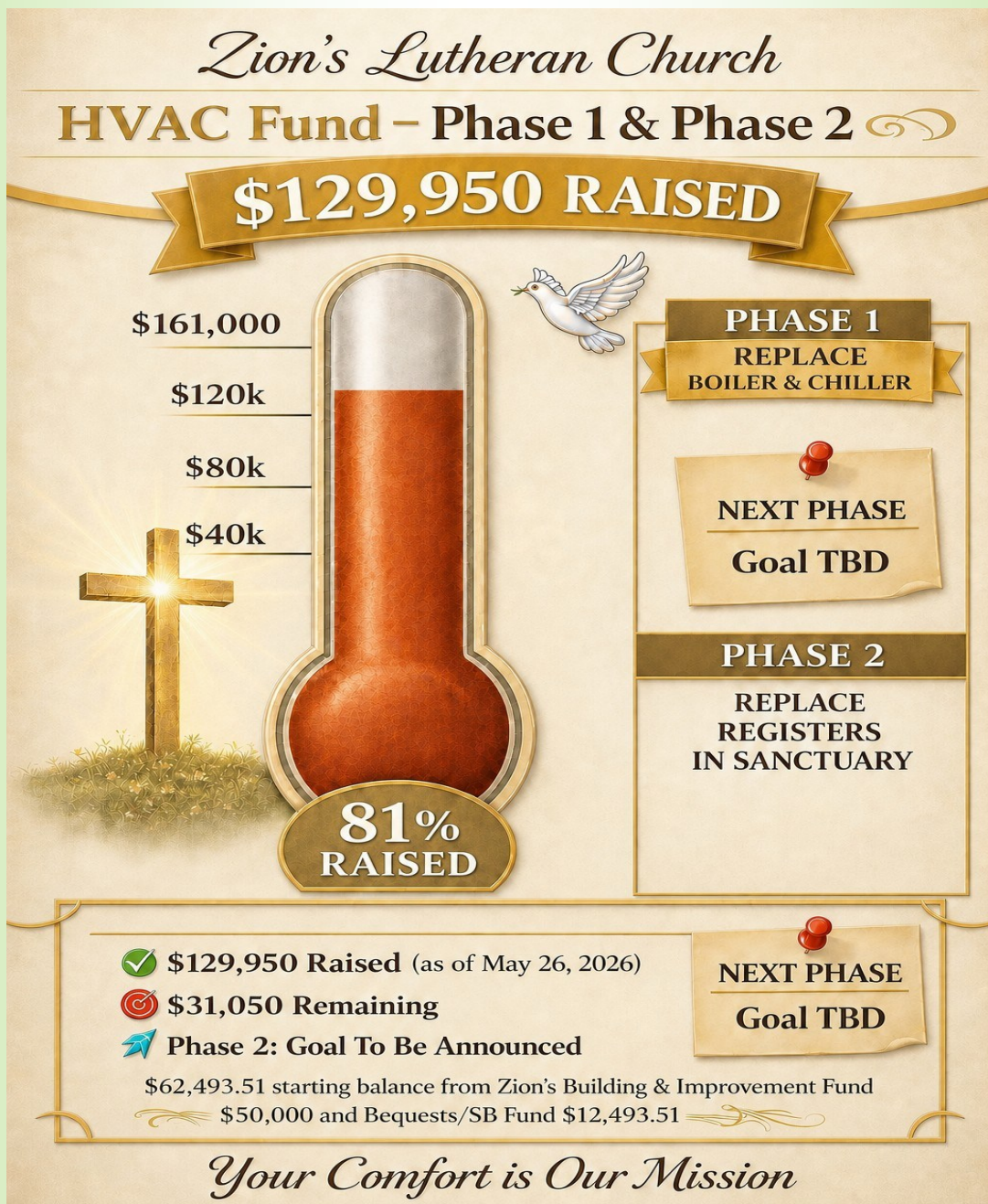
Zion's Lutheran Church QR Code

Zion's new way to access VANCO Mobile—our tool for mobile giving!



Zion's now has a QR code that you can scan that will take you directly to VANCO—then you can proceed to make your giving choices from there i.e. General Operating Fund, Innkeeper's Fund, and/or the Building Fund.

You will see the QR Code in the back of the pews.



Announcements



Many of our members have served Zion's in several capacities on committees, as deacons, on the church and bell choirs, Innkeepers pantry, lectors, church Council, altar guild, and several other important areas where their help is wanted and appreciated! **However, we are always in need of more members to serve in the many needs of the church.** We ask all our members to volunteer to serve in an area of your choice or seriously consider serving when asked to help. Thank you

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Due to Dawn McKibben's moving we are looking for one member to serve on the Mutual Ministry Committee effective immediately. The committee's membership currently consists of Bill Wendell, Audrey Eis, Kate Frank, and Steve Graf. Pastor also attends most of the meetings.

Mutual Ministry can be defined as an intentional commitment to affirm and strengthen the mission of the congregation and the ministry of the staff to strengthen our spiritual needs and improve the health of the congregation. This committee existed for several years many years ago and was reorganized during the past three years.

USHER NEEDED

We are looking for one more permanent usher to serve on the first weekend of each month to replace Sue McKibben and Marsha Leaders. Both members have done an excellent job for the past several years. Please contact Dick Anderson with questions and your interest.

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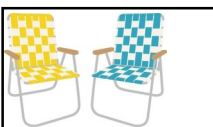


2026 Photo Directory & What You Need to Know

New Zion's Member Directories will be published soon and will be emailed to members. Paper copies will also be available for each member upon request!!!

Thank you Libbie and Michelle for putting together and scheduling our new member directory, and to Teresa for getting all information into the system!!! It is greatly appreciated!

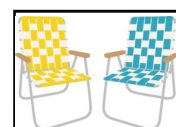
Upcoming Events



Please bring
your own
chair

Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, June 21

The deacons will host a picnic
following the service.



Please bring
your own
chair

Zion's will worship outdoors on Sunday, June 21. Stick around after the service for a potluck picnic hosted by your deacons. The deacons will provide the meat and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts. It will be a great time of fun and fellowship!!!

Upcoming Events



Zion's Operation Secret Santa

ATTENTION: Zion's members, families, and friends with financial needs. Zion's will be doing something this year to help families with little one's at Christmas time.

All children ages 0–10 are welcome. We will try to help as many as possible.

To register families in need, please fill out both pages of the "REQUEST FORM" for **EACH** child and return it to a Zion's Representative or put in Colleen Holley's church mailbox.

(Forms will be distributed beginning June 14, 2026)

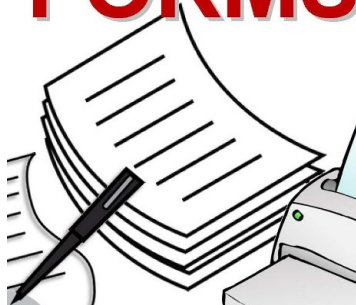
ALL FORMS NEED TURNED IN BY NOVEMBER 1, 2026

If you would like to help, please fill out an "OPERATION SECRET SANTA VOLUNTEER SHEET" and put it in Colleen Holley's church mailbox.

DISTRIBUTION DATE WILL BE DECEMBER 12, 2026

FORMS

**FORMS WILL
BE AVAILABLE
BEGINNING
JUNE 14th**



**FORMS
WILL BE LOCATED
IN THE
CHURCH LIBRARY**

Did you know?

Let Us Help You!



Please contact the church office:

- *To plan a baptism
- *To plan a wedding (at least 4 months ahead of time)
- *When entering the hospital
- *When there is a death in the family.

Fun Fact: Pastors have busy work lives, take vacations, and plan time with family. Please include them before you set dates for special events.

DEADLINES

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

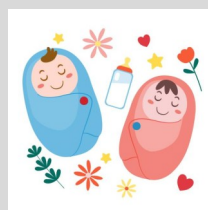
Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
(unless otherwise noted)

**JULY NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

June 18, 2026

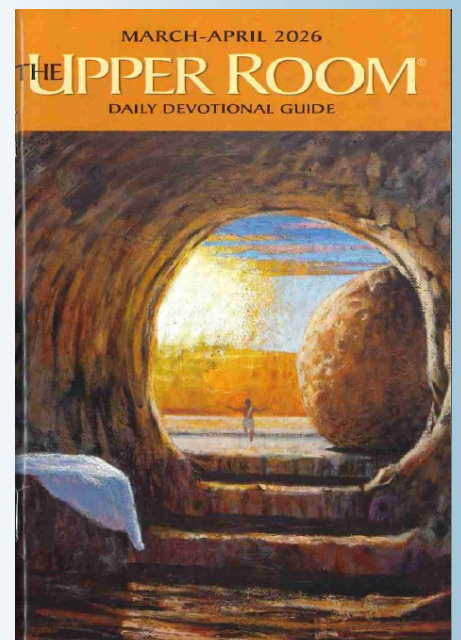
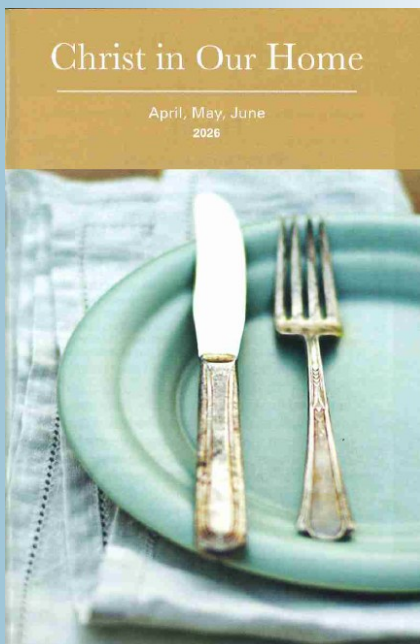
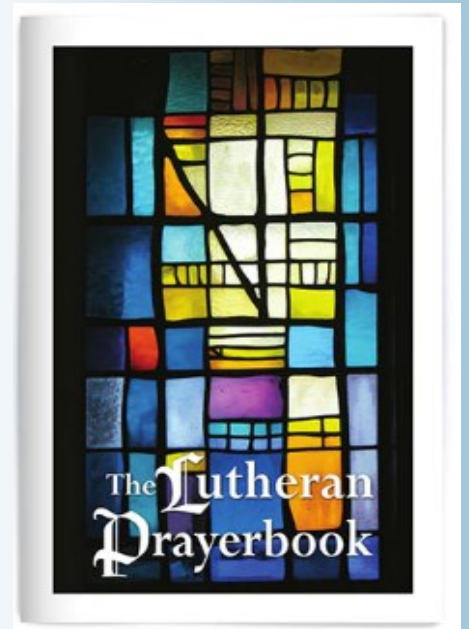
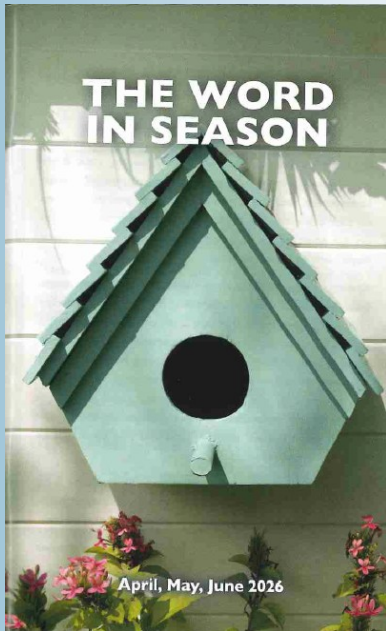
Please remember to call the church office when:

1. You will be or have already moved.
2. Have an addition to your family.
3. You have an address update and/or correction, or birthday correction.
4. New email address and/or phone number.



PUBLICATIONS

(Get your copy in the Narthex)



GET INVOLVED AT ZION'S



Altar Guild

Altar Guild is a group of ladies who alternate serving our Lord by preparing His Holy Table for communion every week.

New volunteers are always welcome!



Bell Choir

The Bell Choir plays during festival seasons and some Sundays throughout the year. Rehearsals are scheduled as needed by Neal Deniston



Book Group

The Book Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 12pm in the church library. Please bring your book & join us.

Next Meeting:
Mon, June 8th @ 12pm



Lutherans of Long Standing

LLS meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 2pm in the church library. Next Meeting:

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, June 2 @ 2pm**



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship meets **every Thursday** at 9am at Cabin Fever South.



Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11am in the church library. Cards are signed the following week in the Narthex.

Next Meeting:
TBA



Worship & Music Team

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Hofer Room at the Church.

**Next Meeting:
Does not meet in the Summer**



JUNE 2026

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THUR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
	1 7:00p Barbershop	2 2:00p LLS Group	3 10:30a Dulcimers 12:00p AA Group	4 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS	5	6
7 Graduation Recognition 8:45a Adult Forum 9:45a Worship 7:30p AA Group	8 12:00p Book Group 4:15p CIA Group 7:00p Barbershop	9	10 10:30a Dulcimers 12:00p AA Group 4:30p Pantry Dist. & Meal	11 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS	12	13
14 8:45a Adult Forum 9:45a Worship 11:30a Deacon Mtg. 7:30p AA Group	15 6:00p Council Mtg. 7:00p Barbershop	16	17 10:30a Dulcimers 12:00p AA Group	18 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS	19	20
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JUNE LESSONS

JUNE 7 PENT 2	HOSEA 5:15-6:6	PSALM 50:7-15	ROMANS 4:13-25	MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26
JUNE 14 PENT 3	EXODUS 19:2-8a	PSALM 100	ROMANS 5:1-8	MATTHEW 9:35-10:23
JUNE 21 PENT4	JEREMIAH 20:7-13	PSALM 69:7-18	ROMANS 6:1b-11	MATTHEW 10:24-39
JUNE 28 PENT 5	JEREMIAH 28:5-9	PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18	ROMANS 6:12-23	MATTHEW 10:40-42

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Driven by God’s spirit, we will grow in faith and make Christ's love known”



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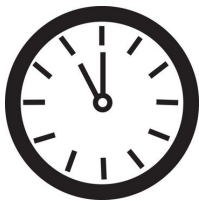
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Thursday
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WORSHIP SERVICE
Sundays
9:45am



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Tom Zulick



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.