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Worship Times

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00AM with Holy Communion

Service Broadcast at 10:30AM
on KNAF 910AM

Video of Service available on
Zion's YouTube channel @ 9AM
www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube

10:15AM Sunday School



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America (ELCA)



Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8am—3pm

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Zion Lutheran Church
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Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church

The Chimes

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

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In August we have five Sundays. At Zion, we do not have a set thing we do when there is a fifth Sunday, but I like to do something a little different for it. Perhaps the liturgy will be more of a hymn sing. One of the “newer” hymns, and a personal favorite, is “Will You Come and Follow Me.” It is also known as “The Summons.”

The tune is a traditional Scottish ballad entitled KELVINGROVE, named after a section of Glasgow. The text is by John Bell (b. 1949), a minister of the Church of Scotland. He is also part of the Iona community, a Christian group founded on the remote Island of Iona in far western Scotland. The group's inspiration goes back to the 6th century, when St. Columba found his way from Ireland and established an outpost from which he evangelized all of Scotland. Eventually, he spread a Celtic form of Christianity that still resonates strongly today.

John Bell has written many songs and chants. The hymn “Will you come and follow me” might be his most famous. Characteristic of his style, the text is prophetic, using many words not usually found in traditional hymns. It even has 13 questions. “The Summons” of Christ is to a radical change of life. We are challenged to “leave yourself behind” and to “risk the hostile stare” (stanza two), “set the prisoner free” and “kiss the leper clean” (stanza three), and “use the faith you've found to reshape the world around” (stanza four).

The Lutheran faith is a singing faith. Let's take the words we sing to heart. Answer the question “Will you come and follow me” with a resounding, “Yes, Lord!” Live as faithful followers of Christ – **and share the joy!!!**

grace and peace in Christ, *Pastor Jonathan*

A Minute *on Prayer*

Because He knew of its power, Jesus made prayer a priority, prayer was His life and He taught his disciples many facets of prayer.

We will cover all that Jesus taught in future articles.

J. Sidlow Baxter highlights some instances of our Lord's human dependence on prayer:

- When Jesus was endued by the Holy Spirit at the river Jordan, He was "*praying*" (Luke 3:21).
- In His wilderness withdrawments from incessant thronging, He "*prayed*" (Luke 5:16).
- Before He chose the Twelve, He solitarily "*continued all night in prayer*" (Luke 6:12).
- At His transfiguration He had climbed the mountain to "*pray*" (Luke 9:28-29).
- Just before He prescribed the Lord's Prayer, He himself was "*praying in a certain place*" (Luke 11:1).
- He assured Peter, "I have *prayed for thee*, that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:32).
- In Gethsemane He "*prayed more earnestly*" (Luke 22:44).
- On the cross, both His first and last utterances were "*prayers*" (Luke 23:34,46).

Just as Scripture has shown Jesus' reliance on continually communicating with His Father in prayer, so should we.

In His service,
David Hartmann,
Prayer Ministry Member



Note from President

I felt it was important to keep you informed about our current property tax situation. Several months ago I mentioned that the Council was surprised that the tax valuation of the Bracher House (Now Schatze Haus) increased from \$590,000 to approx. \$1,350,000. We were scheduled to begin paying taxes in January of 2027 on the property. We reached out to the Grace Center, our tenant to see if there was a way to bring the property back into compliance for the tax exemption that we had enjoyed previously, before leasing the property. I'm pleased to let you know that with our pastor's assistance, we have reached an understanding with the Gillespie County Tax Appraisal Office that will continue to classify our property as tax exempt. Simply stated, the Grace Center has agreed to utilize Pastor Jonathan for pastoral counseling, and worship opportunities for the Grace Center residents requesting help and support at the Bracher House during hours that the Schatze Haus is closed. This places the property back into religious classification that allows for the exemption. ~Robert Menking, President

Statistics

Attendance: 9:00

July 5	62 + 63	YouTube views
July 12	52 + 55	YouTube views
July 19	63 + 47	YouTube views
July 26	58 + 38	YouTube views

Weekly Offerings:

(includes regular, loose, property & special offerings)

July 5	\$ 4,532.00
July 12	\$ 1,910.00
July 19	\$ 3,858.00
July 26	\$ 1,840.00
Mailed in	\$ 2,725.00
Tithe.ly	\$ 1,050.00
Total	\$ 15,915.00

Gen Fund Rev & Exp for JUNE:

Gen Fund Revenue Total \$16,890.10
Gen Fund Expense Total \$27,761.67

2026 Year-to-Date thru JUNE:

Revenue/Expense	\$ (7,379.43)
Transfer from Legacy Fund	\$13,000.00
YTD Rev/Exp	\$ 5,620.57

Our Homebound

CAROLYN CRENWELGE 510 Valley Dr, Kerr
VERNELL HELM 1125 S Adams Apt#402
LARRY & DARLENE HENKE 906 Henrietta
MARJIE MCADAMS PO Box 443
BETTY MOELLENDORF 610 N Elk
HELGA SOLBRIG 1803 Hwy 290 W
GLENN & AGGIE THOMPSON 116 Frederick
DWIGHT WEIRICH 40 Robin Lane

Spec Concern

Der Stadt Friedhof

Preserving Yesterday for Tomorrow
 This historic cemetery is owned jointly by Bethany, Holy Ghost, Zion and the Cemetery Board. With your help they have and will continue with the excellent upgrades. Go see the brand new columbarium that was built!



The Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery
Board would like to say
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difference!**
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ELAINE THOMAS
BOB RIGGLE RM#13
JULIA WEDEN #A4
ANN ARMENTROUT #2029
DORIS ERNST #1004 or at Home
MARY HEIDTKE #2016
KATHY RAINS #1027
ALMA SOBEY #2013
RUTH SARNECKI #112

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Rally Day

Invite



WHO:

Everyone is Invited

WHEN:

Sunday, Aug 16 @10:15pm

WHERE:

Fellowship Hall

WHY:

Try your luck at



and win fun prizes

Enjoy a Potluck Lunch
(bring a dish to share)

Cool down while
you socialize with
Ice Cream *(provided)*



*Songs
of Zion*

October 25 @ 4PM
"The Phantom Greets the
Saints" will be Singers,
Organists, and Dancers
providing music from *Phan-
tom of the Opera* & hymns.

March 14, 2027 @ 4PM
Gospel Bluegrass with
Jey Ping on fiddle and
musicians Shane Stumpf
and Kim Carson.

Thank You *Notes*

Christi, Pastor Jonathan & the Evangelism Committee, thanks so much for the lovely birthday and anniversary cards. Zion is very fortunate to have you all taking care of and supporting us. ~Debbie & Peter

Dear Zion Church, thank you all for your guidance, assistance and patience to make Lauren and Jacob Fuhrman's wedding memorable. Many thanks to Christi for answering all my email questions during planning. Donna & Darlene were angels during the day of the wedding. Their ministry of service was done from their hearts. Thanks to Perry, too, during the day and during clean up. We must acknowledge Pastor Jonathan for advice during the rehearsal. Fredericksburg has always had a special place in Lauren's heart. She spent 10 years attending summer camp at Heart of the Hills in Hunt, and we always had stopovers in Fredericksburg at camp drop-off and pick-up. Thank you again, for opening your hearts (and church) to the sweet couple.

~Much Love, Gretchen Wright (mom of the bride)

School Supply Drive

Zion Women of the ELCA are collecting school supplies now through September 6! Find school item lists in the bulletins and attached to the bus in the Atrium.

Thank You *Notes*



Dear Parish Ed Committee,
Thank you so much for supporting me in my confirmation and for the wooden cross. ~Brynlee

Thank you to Create Healthy for donating 300 bottles of water that we will be handing out during the July 4 Parade.

The Golden Hub Community Center staff & directors thank you for your continued, generous support of \$1,270.

Thank you so much for helping me go to camp. This year I was able to participate in the Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience (LYLE) program. My favorite parts about Camp Chrystalis were nuke'em and the creek. My favorite parts about Camp Ebert were riding horses, the pond, and hammocks - we tried to have the highest hammock and we went upside down in our hammocks. We also got to ride horses on many trails and got to camp out one night. Thank you so much camp was so fun! ~Brynlee Minshew

Thank you SOO much for providing me with this opportunity to go to Camp Ebert. I had the best time learning about the Lord. I loved the horses and hammocks. I appreciate the support Soo much and I can't thank you enough. Thank you! I loved camp!
~Bonnie Minshew

We would like to express our gratitude for all the kind words, support, encouragement, and prayers as we celebrated Brynlee's Confirmation in June. Zion's Congregation has truly blessed her from Baptism through her faith journey to Confirmation. We are so thankful to Pastor Jonathan, Susan Otto, & Sandy Schmitzinsky who invested their time and care in helping her grow in faith and understanding. Special thank you also to the Parish Ed Committee for the cake reception following the service. ~Logan & Jill Minshew