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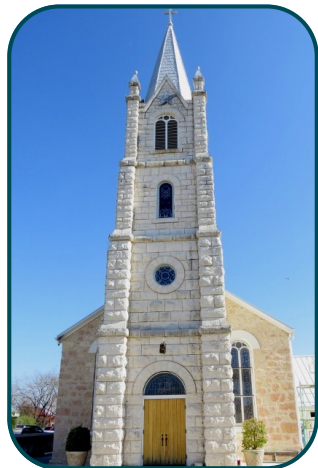
SUNDAY WORSHIP

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)



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Fredericksburg, TX 78624
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Zion Lutheran Church Sept 2026

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Monday—Thursday
8am—3pm

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Zion Lutheran Church Newsletter

The Chimes

September 2026

From Pastor Jonathan's Desk...

CURIOSITY

Thank you for supporting your pastor in engaging in continuing education. In August, I was able to participate in three different forms of education. Two of them are ongoing. August 6-7 I attended the Global Leadership summit hosted at Holy Ghost. We watched speakers from many different backgrounds via livestream.

A few themes emerged. It is incredible to witness the joy that people can find in service and generosity. That encourages me to be more active in service and to be truly generous. As always, we pray to serve and to give out of authentic love. A third theme is curiosity.

Let me share more specifics about that. Pr. Craig Groeschel highlighted how great leaders notice patterns. They get curious about how repeated behaviors create predictable results. Some curiosity questions are "What keeps repeating? What's consistently missing? What tension keeps resurfacing?"

Expert negotiator Kwame Christian emphasized compassionate curiosity. Acknowledge and validate emotions as you listen – remember that empathy is not endorsement.

On another note, Kelly Merryman Hoogstraten of the Wonder Project said: **we seek certainty first, God asks for trust first.** Certainty is often an illusion!

The ongoing continuing education is twofold. I was accepted into Leadership Gillespie County. Our class of 20 diverse people will have monthly learning sessions and do a service project. I'm grateful to God for this opportunity to plug into the community. The other learning will come from being mentored by a preacher who is highly focused on the Lutheran distinction between law and gospel.

So, be curious – about people, the world, and what God is up to in our lives...

~grace and peace in Christ, *Pastor Jonathan*



God's Work. Our Hands.
Sunday, September 13
After worship on this Sunday,
we will have a short service
project. God's Work, Our Hands is
an annual day that ELCA Lutheran
churches engage in service.
Like we did last year, all ages are
invited to help assemble school
kits in the Fellowship Hall. The
supplies will be ready, and many
hands will make light work. These
school kits will be sent to
Lutheran World Relief to
help kids around the world.

A Minute on Prayer

Do Our Prayers Affect God's Actions?
It is a mystery. Although God is unchanging in His nature, wisdom and purpose (Hebrews 13:18), **our prayers genuinely matter** as **God has chosen to involve us in His purposes** (John 15:16).

So, because He involves us in His purposes, **our prayers clearly affect how God acts**. Many examples are documented in Scripture—God relented when Moses asked Him not to punish his people (Exodus 32:14); the Lord relented His plan after showing Amos a vision of locusts swarming over the land and a great fire (Amos 7:1-3, 4-6) and God spared the people of Sodom after Abraham pleaded with Him (Genesis 18:16-33).

This should give us pause, as Dr. Wayne Grudem states, "God's actions do change, and thus causes us to rethink how we view prayer."

In His service, David Hartmann, Prayer Ministry Member

Our Homebound Statistics

CAROLYN CRENWELGE
510 Valley Dr, Kerr
DORIS ERNST
708 N Edison
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

Attendance: 9:00
Aug 2 54 + 44 YouTube views
Aug 9 58 + 43 YouTube views
Aug 16 89 + 44 YouTube views
Aug 23 45 + 28 YouTube views

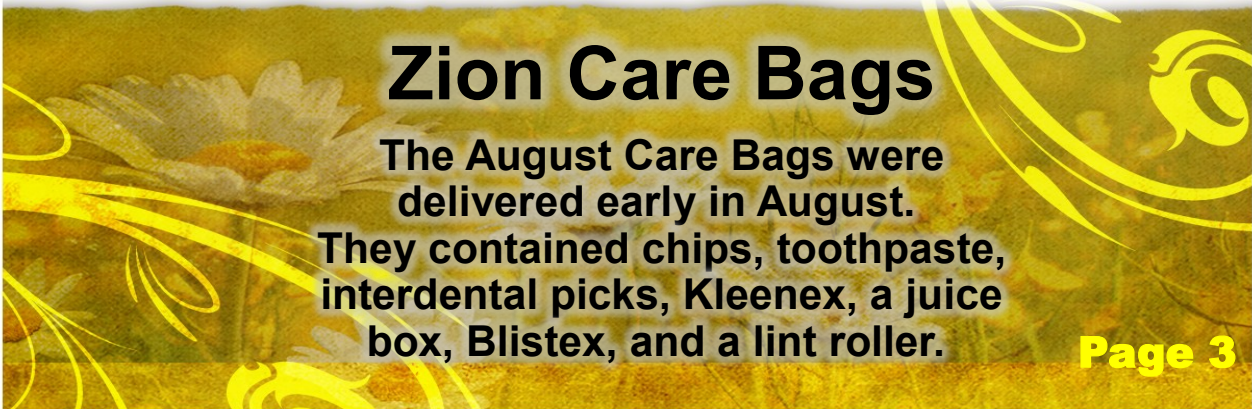
Weekly Offerings:
(includes regular, loose, property & special offerings)
Aug 2 \$ 4,801.00
Aug 9 \$ 4,436.00
Aug 16 \$ 1,426.00
Mailed in \$ 350.00
Tithe.ly \$ 950.00
Total \$ 11,963.00

In Senior Living

KNOPP ASSISTED
ELAINE THOMAS
KNOPP HEALTHCARE
BOB RIGGLE RM#13
KNOPP RETIREMENT
JULIA WEDEN #A4
VILLAGES AT WINDCREST
ANN ARMENTROUT #2029
MARY HEIDTKE #2016
KATHY RAINS #1027
ALMA SOBEY #2013
RUTH SARNECKI #112

Gen Fund Rev & Exp for JULY:
Gen Fund Revenue Total \$16,795.00
Gen Fund Expense Total \$26,766.71

2026 Year-to-Date thru JULY:
Revenue/Expense \$(17,351.04)
Transfer from Legacy Fund \$ 13,000.00
YTD Rev/Exp \$(4,351.04)



Zion Care Bags
The August Care Bags were delivered early in August.
They contained chips, toothpaste, interdental picks, Kleenex, a juice box, Blistex, and a lint roller.

Thank You Note

Zion members, so I was nearing the end of marching in the 2026 4th of July parade at a temperature close to 90°, and pretty sure that hospitalization or at least medical treatment was not too much of a stretch for my imminent future, when, out of nowhere, at 426 W Main St, an angel appeared before me with an ice cold bottle of water. My goodness, what a blessing that was. Thank you so much for this generous contribution to our community. And at the perfect time and place- near the end of the parade. Your contribution was like the exclamation point to a LONG sentence. Sincerest thanks.

~Your friend in Christ,
Joy Oehler Culpepper

Memorial Notice

Memorial Service:

Ronald Gant passed away on August 11, 2026 at the age of 73. His memorial service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on September 18, 2026 at 11am with Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf officiating. A lunch will be provided immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Starting Up...

Bonnie Minshew will be continuing her Confirmation studies this school year. Please pray for her faith development and for her mentors Susan Otto and Sandy Schmitzinsky. This year we will have an overview of the Bible.



If you know of any other young people, or even adults, who want to deepen their understanding of the faith, please talk with Pr. Jonathan.

Cross Trails Ministry Fall Festival

Join Us For a Fun Filled Day!

CRAFT & QUILT SHOW | AUCTION | CHILDREN'S GAMES | LIVE MUSIC | FOOD | FUN

19 | **SEPT.** | **9 AM - 3 PM**
2026 | **MARKTPLATZ**
FREDERICKSBURG, TX

Ways You Can Help with the Fall Festival

- Proceeds will go toward building a bridge at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville and a dock at Ebert Ranch camp in Harper.
- Zion's WELCA has already reserved 2 tables.
- We would like to invite the congregation to help us fill our tables with handcrafts, plants, baked goods, jewelry, woodwork etc.
- We also need people to help set up early Saturday, work at the table during the day and take down our booth.
- There will be a sign-up sheet in the Atrium.
- Over the years many at Zion have benefited from attending one of the camping programs. Now is the time" to give back."

Songs of Zion

Sunday, Oct 25 @ 4PM

The PHANTOM GREETs

The SAINTS



Singers, Organists, and Dancers providing music from *Phantom of the Opera* and hymns

~Story in Song~



Tenth Day of Christmas concert with the band
Das ist Lustig
singing carols and playing accordion, Alpine horn, percussion, bells, and more.

SUNDAY,
MARCH 14
@ 4PM

BLUEGRASS
Gospel



Gospel Bluegrass with Jey Ping on fiddle and musicians Shane Stumpf & Kim Carson.

Special Concern

Kairos Prison Ministry Brings God's Light into the Darkness of Prison

The prison environment is a dark place, where prisoners face violence, anger, gangs and loneliness daily.

Kairos Prison Ministry volunteers step into this darkness to hold a 3 ½ day weekend, with the majority of participants made up primarily of negative leaders within the prison. Through talks, discussions and Chapel meditations **prisoners learn that they are worthy of God's love, light and grace. That no matter who they are or what they have done, God forgives them.**

When a former negative or gang leader accepts Christ, it can influence the very atmosphere of a prison for the better. As the Kairos Christian community inside a prison grows and begins to gain influence, the incidence of violence often decreases.

Bible Study

Adult Bible study resumes!

Mondays at 6:30pm starting September 14.

Ever feel like you need wisdom?

Come explore the book of James to grow in God's wisdom. Pr. Jonathan will lead this study and reference a book by Max Lucado.

Meet in the Conference Room or by Zoom.

Preaching Series:
"Since You Asked..."

September 20 ~
Dinosaurs and Origin Stories

September 27 ~
Sabbath and Torah

October 4 ~
The Trinity and Jesus' Life

October 11 ~
Heaven and Euthanasia

October 18 ~
Salvation and Holy Communion

October 25 ~
Martin Luther

November 1 ~
Revelation(s)

November 8 ~
Women in the Bible