

# Glad Tidings

Zion Lutheran Church – A Joyous Oasis Sharing Life through Christ!  
July 2026



## Vacation Bible School

Don Hays

It's almost here! We will set up and decorate the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, July 12, and then classes will begin Monday morning, July 13, at 9:00 AM with Mrs. Kris kicking things off with the Hippo Song! We will examine this year's theme: *Jesus Comes to Seek and Save*. as we focus on God saving baby Moses, God leading Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth, back to Bethlehem where Ruth becomes the great-grandmother of King David, Jesus calling Zaccheus down from the tree for lunch, Jesus rising from the dead to bring eternal life to each of us, and Jesus calling Saul (later Paul) from a life of persecuting the new church to become a great witness to the gentiles!

We greatly appreciate your faithful prayer support and donations. Without everyone's support we couldn't do this. Please check the donations board one last time for any last minute additions.

If you can help out in any way, especially with donations or as Team Leaders, please call or text me at (760) 881-1925, or email at [haydk@outlook.com](mailto:haydk@outlook.com).

We truly appreciate all the prayer support we are receiving. If you can help out in any way, especially with donations or as Team Leaders, please call or text me at (760) 881-1925, or email at [haydk@outlook.com](mailto:haydk@outlook.com).

Thank  
you

Don and Sherry Hays

We would like to thank our Zion family for helping us celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary,  
What a great surprise!

*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31*



**Read the Bible in 2 years**

## **Today's Light**

Lani Sanders

Week 27 begins July 6 with 2 Samuel 1  
Week 28 begins July 13 with 2 Samuel 11  
Week 29 begins July 20 with 2 Samuel 23  
Week 30 begins July 27 with 1 Kings 9  
(For more information contact Lani Sanders.)



## **Community Sharing**

The Community Service Board will be collecting food and hygiene items for the FAM Spot. They are in need of **canned or boxed food that is easy for the kids to prepare, such as: Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Mac n' Cheese, Ramen etc.** Please place your donations in one of the collection baskets in the narthex.

Thank you!



## **You're Invited to a Life Line Screening Event!**

Charlene Perry

We have great news! Our church will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on Thursday, July 9. Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screening since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer (\$129) to all Zion members which will identify your risk level for the following diseases: 1. Carotid Artery Disease 2. Peripheral Arterial Disease 3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm 4. Atrial Fibrillation

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001
- Online: <https://www.llsa.social/habc>
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607



Flat Jesus with Church volunteers at NASCAR San Diego



## **Blessed 250<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.* – Psalm 118:1

This July we celebrate our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. We rejoice in the blessings which God has bestowed upon us as a nation, and we, as Christian citizens, endeavor to respond to God's goodness with humility and thankfulness. As we celebrate though, we are mindful of the ever-present temptation to forget the Lord. What Moses spoke to Israel in the wilderness also applies to us. In Deuteronomy 8 Moses warns the people: *'Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God. ... Otherwise, once you eat and are satisfied, once you build fine houses and settle down, once your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart may become proud and you will forget the LORD your God. ... You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth,'* (Deuteronomy 8:11-14,17-18)

These words speak to our hearts. And, if we're not careful, we fall into the same trap of worshipping the blessing instead of the one giving the blessing (Cf. Matthew 6:21 & Luke 12:34). Indeed, we are 'Blessed to be a Blessing' (Cf. Genesis 12:2-3). As Paul writes in Ephesians *'We are God's workmanship, created anew in Christ Jesus to do those good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do'* (Ephesians 2:10).

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, then, is not merely a celebration of the blessings of this bounteous land, but it is also about our privilege to 'be the people of God.' Prayer is central to this privilege. As Paul writes: *'I urge, then, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness'* (1 Timothy 1:1-2).

As we celebrate this month the wonderful blessing of our God, may our hearts be set on reflecting the goodness of the One who is the source of all blessings.

*Pastor Busch*

### **A Prayer for Responsible Citizenship**

(Lutheran Worship page126)

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Help us provide trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





## **Preschool News**

Rosemarie Carrizosa

As the school year came to an end, we congratulated those moving up from Preschool to TK and Kindergarten. We had a special ceremony to applaud them in the June 4th Chapel.

We have a lot of fun activities planned for summer, including swim days, popsicle days, picnic days, water play days and much more.

We will be closed on July 3rd to honor the 4th of July.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



# STAY connected

Lani Sanders

The **Gomez family** has moved. Their new address is 14829 Desert Lily Ct., Apple Valley 92307

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Check out the **inspirational books available** in the meeting room. The book table is a take a book, borrow a book, or donate book table. Check it out!

We're looking for families to host our **Coffee Time** on the first Sunday of each month. Set up (coffee would be prepared), provide a simple treat, and help clean up afterwards. Please consider signing up for a Sunday.

**Circles of Friends** are close small group faith families forming friendships to support and encourage faith in each other's lives. Sign-up now!

Whenever you purchase **Script** you are contributing to our school. Use it when you go shopping or dining. Script is on sale in the office during the week.

# Church **FAMILY** —PRAYER LIST—

Lani Sanders

## **Please remember...**

- ...**Fred Perry**, diagnosed with colon cancer...
- ...**Pastor Larry Miller** (Johanna Allen's father), recovering from open heart surgery...
- ...**Deegan Reimers**, grandson of Troy and Lisa Reimers, recovering from a respiratory virus and surgery on his legs...
- ...**Jimmy Garcia**, in rehab after hospitalization...
- ...former long-time member **Doris Hinojos**, going through medical tests...
- ...**Linda Bowers**, recovering after hospitalization for pulmonary embolism and blood clots in her lungs...
- ...**Sofia Gomez**, recovering from surgery...
- ...**Amy Knapp**, recovering from surgery...
- ...**all those** in harm's way due to armed conflicts,,,

**Let us offer Praise and Thanksgiving** for God's protection during the recent roll-over accident involving **Matt Hutter and his family** (son of Diana Santini)...

**We ask for the Lord's comfort and peace** for the family and friends of **Richard Sack** at his passing...

**We ask for the Lord's comfort and peace** for the **Duffy family** at the passing of Mike's father...

Names on our prayer list will remain for two months. If you need ongoing prayers, or if you have a prayer request, please contact the church at 760-245-9725, or email [secretary@zionvv.org](mailto:secretary@zionvv.org).





Children are blessed by the presence and love of Jesus Christ, made known to them daily at Zion Lutheran School. Our school is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church.

GIVE25 is an opportunity to support this mission. Please consider giving \$25 a month over and above your regular gift return, designated specifically for GIVE25 (the school mission and ministry). Blue cards are available in the narthex to use as reminders.



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# Family<sup>+</sup>

Lani Sanders

*Parents are the primary shapers of faith and life in their children... ~ Ben Freudenburg*

The title of the article in the newspaper—*In the Age of AI, the Best Thing I Can Give My Students Is a Dinner Table*—caught my eye immediately, which isn't surprising. Family dinners are a topic of great importance for me. But what do they have to do with AI?? What does a dinner table have to do with students?

The author apparently teaches business classes—online. She talks about everything AI can do in and for education. She also talks about what it doesn't provide in education—mentors. Human mentors who know you and can vouch for you as someone worth hiring. People who can know you and be included in your future plans, to guide you through your landmine laden path. "As more of education, advise, and even conversation becomes machine-mediated, the rare and decisive resource is no longer information. It is a human being who has chosen to be in your corner." She writes that this doesn't just happen. It is a relationship that is built. And the table is a place where it *can* be built., so she invites students and those who are willing to mentor them to her table, and they build relationships that make a difference in her students' education and their future.

What a caring and devoted teacher! But...

The same can be said of families. Life "still moves at the speed of trust, and trust is built across a table." When parents invite their family together around the dinner table, relationships and trust are built. Over time, relationships and trust grow, as does the commitment and love of the family for each other. Knowing each other, knowing about what's going on in each other's lives, caring, and supporting each other grow out of both sharing food and sharing life around the family table. Family history, family stories, and faith are shared around the family table.

"My students did not get advice last night. They got relationships, and relationships are something you cannot download. ... Someone still has to set the table. And someone has to ...sit at it."



"Home is where the dinner table is."

# Church FAMILY » Odds & Ends



## Revocable Living Trust Template

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### Revocable Trust Includes

- Pour Over Will
- Certification of Trust
- Abstract of Trust
- Power of Attorney
- Advanced Healthcare Directive
- Grant Deed Documents
- Trust Asset Forms
- Personal Effects Form
- Amendment to Trust Form
- Codicil of Last Will & Testament Form
- Final Arrangement Form
- Successor Trustee Guidelines
- Glossary of Terms



Anyone interested in walking one or more mornings a week, Monday-Saturday, about 7 a.m., please contact Lani Sanders.  
Goal: 2 mile brisk walk





## **Zion Family Adventures with Flat Jesus**



Flat Jesus on a Hot Air Balloon Excursion with Caleb,  
April 2026



Seaworld May 2026



Camping at Anza Borrego State Park May 2026



Flat Jesus with Pastor & Edy in Solvang



Flat Jesus with Pastor & Edy at the Santa Barbara Pier



Flat Jesus with Pastor & Edy in Solvang



With Pastor & Edy at the Santa Barbara Pier



Cummins Falls TN with Leigh

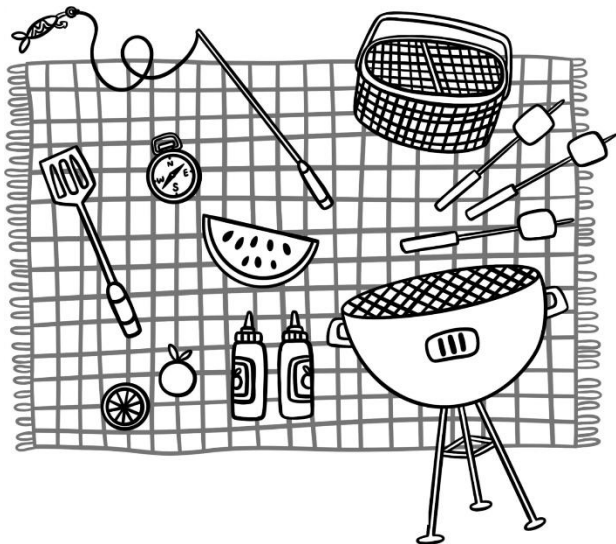
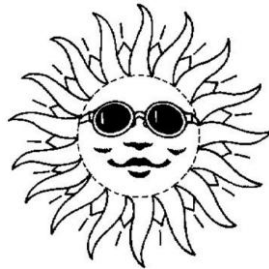


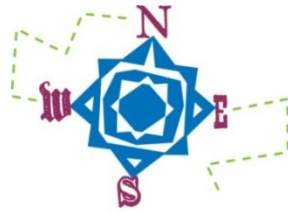
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is

**ZLYF**

Tristina Rodriguez

**MEETINGS:**

*ZLYF meetings will be on break May thru July.*

**ACTIVITIES:**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

*July 3-7, 2028 – LCMS National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX*

