

Glad Tidings

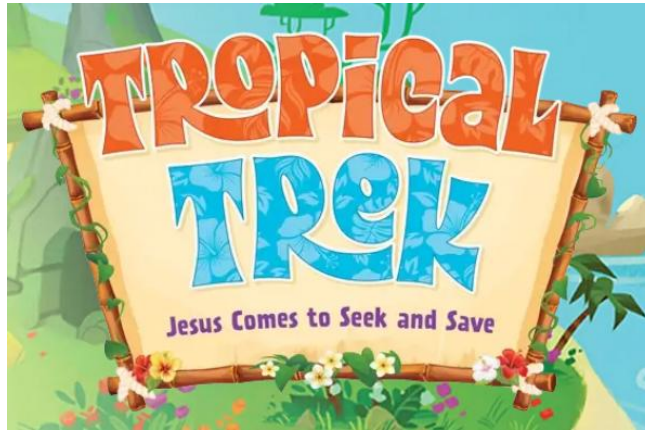
Zion Lutheran Church – A Joyous Oasis Sharing Life through Christ!
June 2026



Season of
Pentecost

**Welcome to our newest confirmed members:
Alex Xia, José Rodríguez, Grace Griffen, and Caleb Bottom**





Don Hays

This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 13-17. We are again planning a morning program running from 9:00 AM till noon. Our program is free (we will take up offerings each morning during opening which will support Concordia Gospel Outreach, sending Bible based story books throughout the world). We welcome children from 2 years (potty trained) through 5th grade. We do request that a parent of preschoolers not enrolled in Zion Preschool attend with their children so they aren't in a totally strange environment with no one they know.

Please preregister your child as early as possible to cut down on first day confusion and help us determine how much material we need to order. Flyers and registration forms will be available on Sundays in the church narthex and during the week in the church office beginning in June.

Thank you to all the prayer warriors out there, and all those who have volunteered to help! Currently we are still looking for older youth who would like to assist as team leaders. Please check out the Team Leader job description (in the narthex at the VBS display) to see if you would like to serve as a team leader.

Thank you also to all who have begun bringing donations. Please look for our display with sticky notes listing items we need.

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.

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 22 begins June 1 with Judges 17

Week 23 begins June 8 with 1 Samuel 2

Week 24 begins June 15 with 1 Samuel 9

Week 25 begins June 22 with 1 Samuel 16

Week 25 begins June 29 with 1 Samuel 24

(For more information contact Lani Sanders.)

Blessed to Be a Blessing

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



Church Family Prayer List

Lani Sanders

Please remember...

- ...**Pastor Larry Miller** (Johanna Allen's father), recovering from open heart surgery...
- ...**Deegan Reimers**, grandson of Troy and Lisa Reimers, hospitalized with a respiratory virus...
- ...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,,,

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.





Summer as Sabbath

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. – Psalm 25:4-5

The month of June brings the beginning of the season of summer. For many of us this means lighter work schedules and the opportunity for rest, relaxation, and the exploration of God's awesome creation. In this sense I would encourage us to see the season of summer as a type of Sabbath (Cf. Genesis 1:2; Exodus 20:8-11). A time for rest, re-creation, and fellowship with God.

Again, in this sense, I would encourage that we take to heart the prayer of the Psalmist above (Psalm 25:4-5). Indeed, we know our gracious God. We joyfully spend time with Him in our Sunday worship. And, we look for His guidance upon our journey of faith. One of the blessings of summer is that in this season we have the opportunity to be more intentional in this blessed undertaking. Thus the prayer, 'show me' and 'guide me'.

As we pause and as we consider the awesome blessings of God that surround us (Cf. Psalm 8:3-4); as we remind ourselves of the hope that we have because of the grace of God (Psalm 25:5); and, as we open our eyes to His work in our lives (2 Corinthians 5:17); there, we find the peace, joy and confidence that God desires for each of us (Cf. 1 Corinthians 1:9: 'God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful'). So, this summer, I would encourage you to draw near to God (Cf. Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 10:19-25; Acts 17:24-27 & James 1:9). Indeed, 'God [is our] Savior, and [our] hope is in you all day long' (Psalm 25:5).

Blessed summer.
Pastor Busch



First Annual Zion Lutheran Church Chili Cook-off

Shellee Zillner

When: Sunday, June 14 at 12:00 p.m.
Where: Patio area of Zion Lutheran School
What: Bring your best chili, either in a stock pot or a crock pot

Categories:

- the *Tender Mouths* (aka mild), and
- *I don't have tastebuds left* (aka hot and spicy).

There will be a winner for each category.

Fellowship will provide paper goods, drinks (water and lemonade), and all the condiments (cheese, onion, sour cream, etc.).



**Semi-annual Voter's Meeting
Sunday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m.**

Sunday, June 21




Father's Day, celebrated on the third Sunday in June, is a special day dedicated to honoring fathers and father figures for their contributions to family and society. It celebrates the role of fathers in nurturing and guiding their children.

Father's Day serves as a reminder to appreciate the love, support, and guidance that fathers provide throughout our lives.




"And this is my dad. He begat me."



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

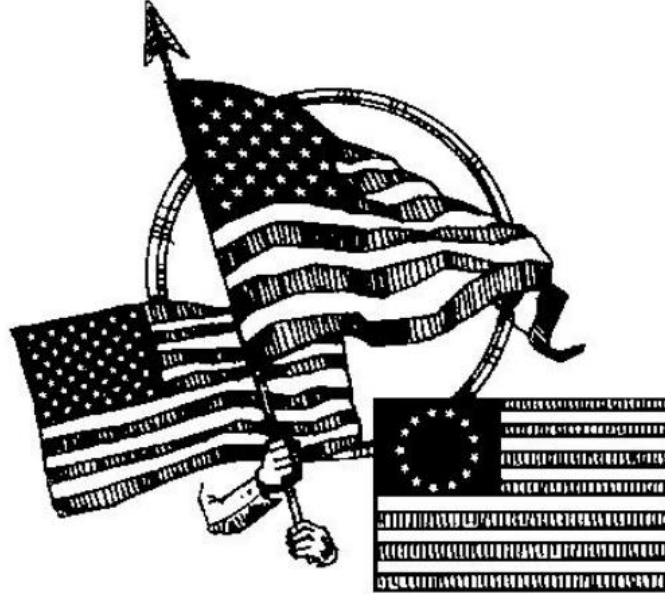
Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll __t t_ m_,
 'Y__ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_
 G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v__r.'"

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV



Flag Day is a holiday celebrated on June 14 in the United States, commemorating the adoption of the national flag on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress. Although it is not an official federal holiday, it is recognized as a day to honor the flag and its symbolism.

The day serves as a reminder of the flag's significance and the values of unity, freedom, and patriotism represented by the flag.



Give unto the Lord

The 1% Solution

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Manage your time well! Lifelong discipleship starts today! Will you dedicate **just 1%** of your time to the spiritual welfare of you and your family?

1% in the Word and Prayer = 14 minutes every day

Each day we live is a gift from the Lord, and He gives each of us the same amount of each day: 1,440 minutes. Will you use 14 of those minutes—just 1 % of the time the Lord has given you each day—to read the Bible and pray?

1% in Worship = 1 hour every week

If you get the full 8 hours of sleep the doctor recommends each night, that leaves 112 waking hours per week. Will you spend just 1% of those hours to come to church each week and worship the Lord?

14 minutes



1 hour



Zion Family Adventures with Flat Jesus



Flat Jesus at Waikiki beach



Flat Jesus at the Dole Pineapple Plantation in Hawaii with Guy & Donna



Aria and Nathaniel took flat Jesus to Sea World, San Diego.



Aria and Nathaniel took Flat Jesus to San Diego.



Flat Jesus with Becky Graham camping in Chula Vista



Oregon Ruts, Guernsey, Wyoming with Knapps



Leisa, Jeff and Chris ran into each other in Capitol Reef National Park, Utah. A small world made smaller by knowing Jesus!



Part of our group in front of st. Paul statue.



Yellowstone National Park

Family⁺

Lani Sanders

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

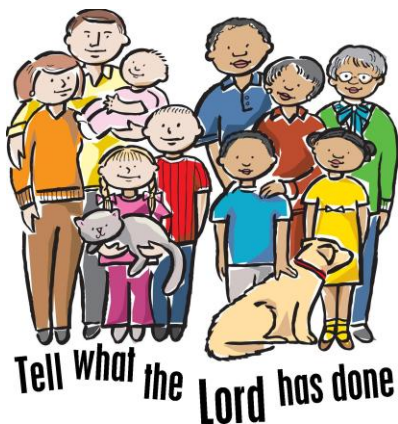
When Martin Luther had his epiphany concerning justification by faith alone, it sparked understandings of several other of the church's doctrines that he believed were not Biblical. Among them is the doctrine of vocation (literal meaning is 'calling'). At that time, the only recognized vocation was a call into the religious life—priests, monks, and nuns. This differentiated between a "spiritual" world and a "secular" world, with the spiritual being of much more importance. In recognizing the true Gospel of God, Luther realized that there *is* no secular and sacred, as everything is God's, and therefore everything is sacred. He also recognized that having a family, working to make a living, and being a citizen of the culture are vocations from God. All these things (including a religious life) are of equal importance to God, and all are given as gifts to and for His children. All believers are priests.

According to Luther, "God does not need our good works, but our neighbor does."

Luther saw vocations as "masks" of God. God hides Himself in the workplace, the family, the Church, and the seemingly secular society. To speak of God being hidden is a way of describing His presence, as when a child hiding in the room is there, just not seen. To realize that the mundane activities that take up most of our lives—going to work, taking the kids to soccer practice, picking up a few things at the store, washing dishes and making beds, doing laundry, mowing the grass, going to church—are hiding-places for God can be a revelation in itself. To find Him in vocation brings Him, literally, down to earth, makes us see how close He really is to us, and transfigures everyday life. And understanding that WE are the masks changes our attitude about what we are doing in those mundane activities. We are literally 'Jesus with flesh on' to the world, and everything we do—in all of our multiple vocations—has more worth than we'd dreamed. Vocation gives our ordinary lives purpose and meaning.

I recently read *Your Place in God's Plan*, one of the *Project Connect* booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries (found in the narthex display), which is why I'm thinking about this again. This great little booklet illustrates how God appointed a worm to be part of His plan both in the life of one of His people who refused to live his calling, and in the lives of those He wants to be His people. It's helped me to think more about what I do every day and who I am serving as I live my life. It's reminded me that I do have a purpose, however miniscule and unimportant it seems to me.

Look for the Project Connect carousel by the mailboxes in the narthex and look through the titles. The booklets are on very relevant subjects, and are well-written and helpful.



"Our table might be small,
but the love around it is huge!"

Church FAMILY

»» Odds & Ends



Revocable Living Trust Template

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Revocable Trust Includes

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- 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: walking briskly about 2 miles



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THIS SUMMER

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Sharing Life in Christ
is
ZLYF

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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