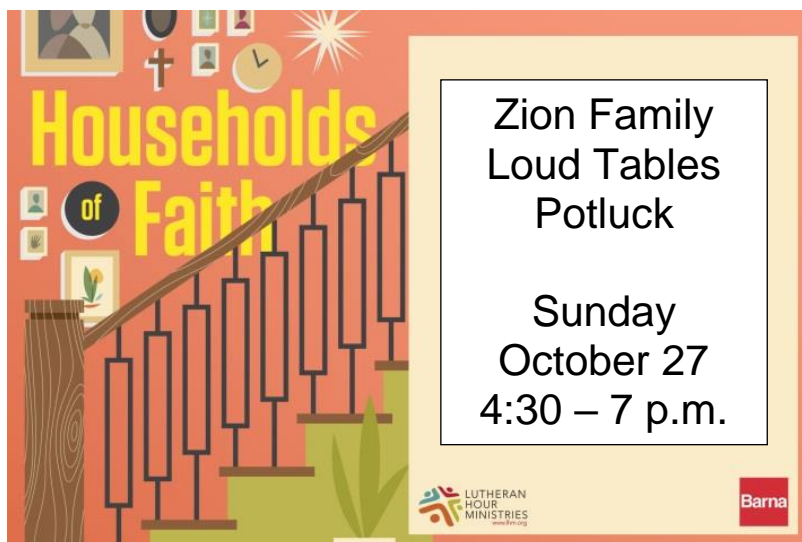


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Loud Tables Reformation Potluck Dinner

Join our Zion household of faith as we share hospitality and life
Bring your entire household for food, fun, and fellowship



Thank you, Pastor, for everything you do!



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Shellee Zillner

Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 13 at 12:00. Fellowship will provide hot dogs, sausages, buns, and drinks, such as water and lemonade. We are asking the congregation to bring side dishes and desserts. If you would like anything else to drink, please bring your own. We will celebrate this annual tradition in the picnic area of the school. In case the weather does not cooperate that day, we will move our celebration into the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing every one there.

Fellowship will also host the annual Thanksgiving Pie Social. This will be held in the conference room on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, following the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Please bring a pie to share. Coffee, hot chocolate, and paper goods will be provided. Come and celebrate all of God's blessings with us, even if you cannot bring a pie (there is always plenty to share).

Stay tuned for information on the annual Christmas Progressive Dinner...

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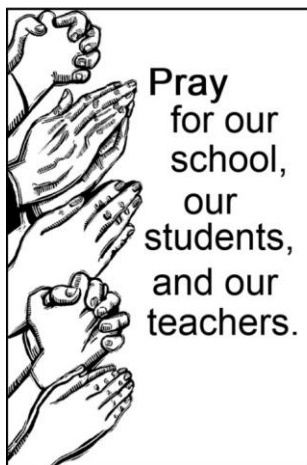
Read the Bible in 2 years

Today's Light

Lani Sanders

Week 40 begins September 30 with Ezra 9
Week 41 begins October 7 with Nehemiah 11
Week 42 begins October 14 with Job 2
Week 43 begins October 21 with Job 15
Week 44 begins October 28 with Job 32

(For more information contact Lani Sanders.)



Adopt a Class

Lani Sanders

Zion Lutheran School is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church, sharing the grace and love of God in all subjects and everyday life with our students.

We're inviting everyone to participate in our mission by adopting a class, to pray for every student and the teacher by name throughout the school year. You can support the class in other ways if you choose (writing an occasional encouraging note, attending school events, etc.), but the commitment is to lift the students and their teacher up in prayer during the school year.

Lists of first names of students in each grade of each classroom will be left in the narthex of the church. Please pick one up and pray for our students and teachers!

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Community Sharing

Linda Bowers

The Community Services Board will be collecting **canned or dry milk and dry cereal**, and **razors and shaving cream** during the month of **October**.

Please remember outdated items cannot be accepted.

The Homeless Shelter needs diapers and baby wipes. Donations of these items will be delivered there.

Thank you!



Tristina Rodriguez

ZLYF will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, November 16th. We will be offering studio style portraits for families, couples, groups and individuals at a discounted cost. Sessions will be available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You will have a choice between 3 different backgrounds. Prices vary. Cash payments only. You will be purchasing the digital images to print and/or share as you would like, delivered to you via email. Portraits will be taken in the church conference room.

Come support Zion's youth group while capturing cherished memories. All proceeds go to ZLYF. Call or text Tristina Rodriguez (photographer) at 760-646-3224 with questions or to make a reservation

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Since we have flesh and blood, [Jesus] shared our humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he needed to be made like us, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. — Hebrews 2:14-17

Blessed October! As we do every October this month we pause to celebrate the Reformation. That time 500 years ago when God used Martin Luther to restore the Church’s focus to good news of God in Christ Jesus. In our celebration we focus on Grace, Scripture and Faith. For we are redeemed and reconciled (Cf. Galatians 3:13; Colossians 1:21-22; Romans 6:23; Titus 3:4-7) to our holy God only through his Grace (Cf. Romans 5:6-8 & Ephesians 2:8-9). And, we know this good news only through His Revelation in Scripture (Cf. 2 Timothy 3:14-16 & Romans 1:16-17). And we are able to comprehend, trust, and believe in this goodness of God only through Faith. (Cf. Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Psalm 13:5-6; Isaiah 25:9). In humble awe we contemplate the question of the Psalmist: ‘When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?’ (Psalm 8:3-4) And we rejoice proclaiming: ‘Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression? ... You do not stay angry forever rather you delight in showing mercy.’ (Micah 7:18) This is what our celebration of the Reformation is all about.

Truly God is good but, while Luther’s theology gets to the heart of the Gospel, nothing elicits that deep seated sense of awe like God’s own Word. In the passage above, Hebrews 2:14-17, God dives deep into the details of our Redemption. Jesus, the very Son of God, (Cf. John 1:1-5; John 3:16-17) takes on our nature, our flesh (v14), walking obediently with God and then, being our faithful high priest, (v17) takes the burden of our failures and sins on his own shoulders. (Cf. Isaiah 53:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:19,21; Romans 5:6-8) This is our Redemption! This is the good news of God! This IS our God! God ‘helps’ sinners. (v16) God, in Christ Jesus, overcomes both the consequence of our sin (death) as well as the influence, power, and control of the one who uses the reality of that consequence to enslave us to fear and hopelessness. (v15).

So, join us this October as we, in trusting Faith, rejoice in the Grace of God, as revealed in Scripture.

Pastor Busch

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone



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ZLYF Family Camping Trip

Tristina Rodriguez

Join us on Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20 at Mojave Narrows Regional Park for a fun camping weekend. All ZLYF families are invited. Must supply your own tent, camping equipment, etc., and reserve your own campsite. Each ZLYF member must have at least one parent in attendance. Call or text Tristina at 760-646-3224 with any questions.



Save the Date

Tiffany Rodriguez

This year ZLYF will be hosting the Annual Christmas Bake Sale. Come support our church youth group on December 21st and 22nd. We will be accepting donations of both baked goods and craft items. Plan now what you might like to donate. Also if there is a favorite baked good you would like to see at our bake sale let us know. Contact Tristina 760-646-3224 with any questions.

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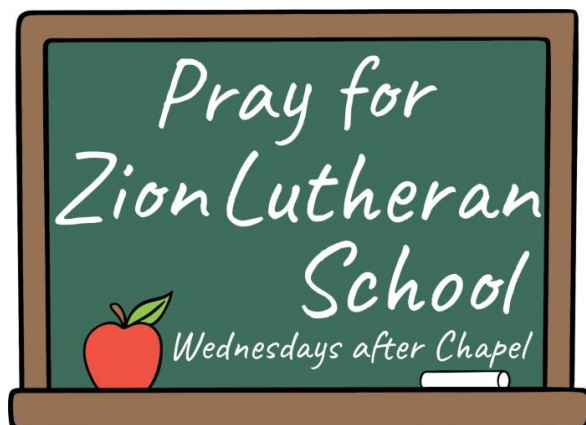
Secret Prayer Sisters

*An undercover friend praying
to God on your behalf.*

The Zion Secret Prayer Sisters group is returning October 20. All committed women are invited to participate in this ministry of caring and sharing. Join us as we gather together from 12:00-2:00 p.m. for a potluck luncheon in the nursery/conference room adjacent to the narthex. Please bring a simple dish to share; drinks will be provided.

New Prayer Sister personal information sheets are in the narthex. Please pick one up and fill it out before the luncheon. If you can't make the luncheon fill out the form and put it into Jerri Sue's box. We still want you to participate! If you have any questions and/or concerns call her (760-900-8509). We are looking forward to another great year of intercessory prayer and praise.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)



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We are fully in the swing of things at school. In September, during Kindness Week the students dressed up each day and showed extra kindness to our school family. Picture day was also in September, and our first field trip was to Riley's Farm on the 26th.

On October 9th we will visit the Fire Station, where there may even be a new hook and ladder fire truck to show us. We begin our fall break the next week, on the 14th. Towards the end of the month, the students will be getting their first quarter awards at our 9:15 chapel service.

Later in month, the students will be taking their yearly ITBS test. Our students, with the rest of the Pacific Southwest District, take this test to see how much growth they've had from year to year.

If you know anyone who has a school age child, please have them call the school office at 760-243-3074.



Preschool News

Geoffrey Bottom

We have a lot of fun activities planned for this fall season, beginning with Fire Prevention Week. If all goes well we will have a fire truck coming for all the children to see and enjoy!

We will be collecting fall leaves and talking about harvesting apples, pumpkins and gourds.

We will be having the silly hat parade on October 31st.

We have so much to be thankful for this fall season. Please continue to pray for our school children, families and staff for continue good health and safety here at Zion Lutheran School!

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LORD, hear our prayers

Lani Sanders

Please remember...

- ...**Joann Asta**, in rehab with ongoing medical problems...
- ...**Richard Waiwood** (brother of Rob), recovering from surgery for brain cancer...
- ...**Lauri and Ira** (Lani's sister and brother-in-law), both diagnosed with cancer...
- ...**Chuck Knapp**, recovering from eye surgery...
- ...**Gary Sinclair** (son of Ruth Reynolds), who is fighting a blood infection...
- ...**Mark Bowers**, dealing with ongoing health issues...
- ...**Doris Hinojos**, (former member of Zion) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer...
- ...**April O'Hara**, suffering with health issues...
- ...**Bob Dunnerman**, on hospice and suffering with heart problems...
- ... **Lerma Bockhorn** as she continues on dialysis...
- ...**Jonah Dimas**, dealing with multiple health issues....

We ask for the Lord's comfort and peace for the family and friends of ...

- ...**Jay Graham**, at his passing...
- ...**Marie Figueroa** (mother of Maribel Svider), at her passing...



Lani Sanders

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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Join the **Secret Prayer Sisters** group as we restart this ministry on October 20 for a potluck lunch and to sign-up to participate. You'll have an undercover friend praying to God on your behalf!

Join **ZLYF** for their **Family Camping Trip** on Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20 at Mojave Narrows Regional Park for a fun weekend.

Our next **Loud Tables Potluck Dinner** will celebrate the **Reformation** on Sunday, October 27, from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Be there or be square.

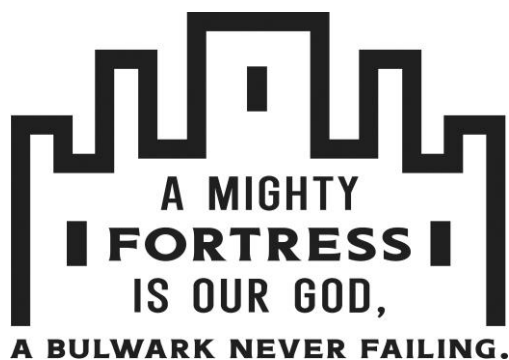
This year we are introducing a **Halloween Carnival and Trick or Treat Trail** to replace our annual Trunk or Treat. Come join us on October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school playground area for tons of fun.

Our **Petal Pushers** spot has been reserved for Monday, December 30, from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. We have 20 openings. 8 of them are already filled.

Please join us on Wednesdays after chapel as we **pray for Zion Lutheran School** together.

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

Support Zion Lutheran Church's mission—Zion Lutheran School. **Adopt a class** to faithfully pray for, every student and the teacher, by name for the school year. Pick up your class list in the narthex now.



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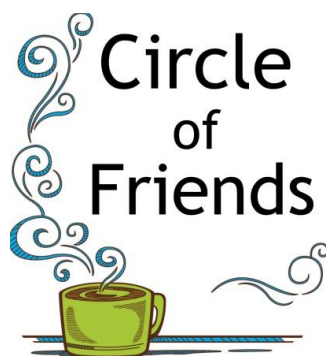
Lani Sanders

Small groups within a congregation provide support, encouragement, education and perceptions on life—perceptions in terms of the context of faith; perceptions that “put our reality into the perspective of God”

(Pastor Busch, May 15, 2022).

Circles of Friends are groups of seven to eleven folks who meet together (they decide how often; suggested at least once a month) at the times that work best for the people in their group. They share food (dinner, breakfast, dessert, whatever the group decides), and share their lives and faith (they may just talk about life, have a Bible study, have a devotion, or however they as a group decide to talk about their faith in life). They may meet in their homes, at restaurants; it's up to their group and what works best for them. The result is a special group of friends growing in their faith life, and that growing faith life is reflected in their homes and church family as well.

Please prayerfully and seriously consider being part of this ministry. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex to join a *Circle of Friends* group. Connect with fellow Zion family and through them, develop a deeper relationship with God.



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Zion Family Adventures with Flat Jesus



Flat Jesus at Lutheran Bridge Gardnerville, NV



Flat Jesus at the Walker River in the Eastern Sierra



Flat Jesus at Joshua Tree

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Tristina Rodriguez

We are trying something new this year. ZLYF will be hosting a Halloween Carnival and Trick or Treat Trail in place of our annual Trunk or Treat. Join us on Halloween night from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the school playground area for tons of fun.

There will be games, a cake walk, a bounce house (for the younger children), piñatas, and of course our new Trick or Treat Trail. Come enjoy this free Halloween event with your family and friends. There will be a Halloween photo opportunity available (at an additional cost) if you would like to participate. This is a fundraiser for Zion's youth group and is completely optional.

We will have a costume contest, so dress to impress! Top winners will receive a free photo session at our ZLYF Holiday photo fundraiser that will be held at church on November 16th. Other prizes will vary.

For those of you that enjoy passing out candy, we still need you! Come setup your station along our Trick or Treat Trail. You can even decorate your space and dress up if you like.

We need volunteers to help set up, clean up and help run different activities. We are also asking for donations of candy. Please drop off candy at church or at school ASAP! We will accept donations of baked goods on the day of the event for our cake walk. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Tristina Rodriguez 760-646-3224 with any questions or to sign up to volunteer.



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Sharing Life in Christ

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Tristina Rodriguez

MEETINGS:

Every Sunday during Sunday School

ACTIVITIES:

October 18 – 20 – ZLYF Family Camping Trip

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 9 – ZLYF Nerf Battle 1 – 4 PM

November 16 - ZLYF Holiday Portraits Fundraiser 10 AM – 4 PM

December 21-22 – Annual Bake and Craft Sale (formerly LWML)

December 30 – Petal Pushers 8AM – 4PM

July 2025 – LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA

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