

GET IN TOUCH!

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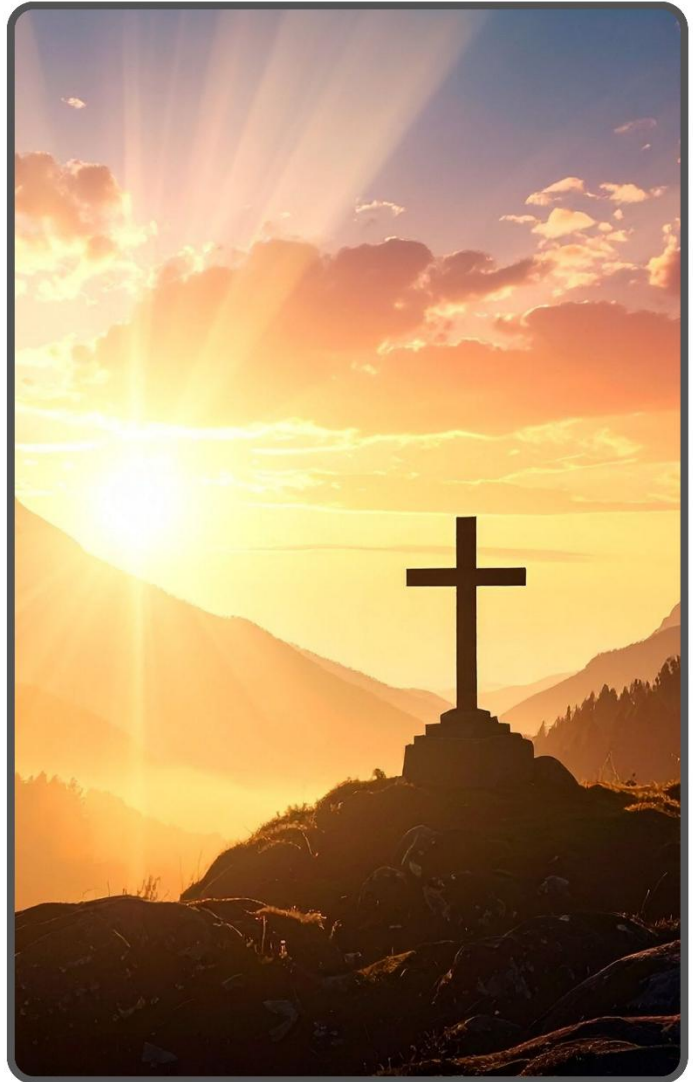
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“What an Awesome God”

Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-13

“Goodness of God”

Matthew 14:13-21

“Jesus Messiah”

“King of Kings”

WORSHIP SERVERS

ACOLYTES:

8 a.m. Need Acolyte
10 a.m. Logan Tomford

ORGANIST:

Jana Ludwig

LIVESTREAM:

Cilicia Steidl

ALTAR GUILD:

Shelly Eggers, Gale Jackson,
Kari Anderson,
Cathy Hollermann

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

170

PRAYERS

OUR ZION

FAMILY

Robin Schoeneck
Cindy Andersen
Dale Flemming
John Rice
Judy Hanson
MarVella Playle
and all of our
shut-ins

OUR LOVED ONES

Dale Zappe
(Brother of Neal Zappe)
Jenny Hankel
(Daughter of John and Judy
Johnson)
Peter Thoennes
(Brother of Judy Johnson)
Steve Wadsworth
(Son of Evadne Wadsworth)
Leta Jo Brey
(Daughter of Norm and Ruby
Prochnow)
Christopher Clapshaw
(Grandson of Arlene Lanning)
Lynn Kral
(Sister of Roger Zwieg)

90 DAY SUMMER CHALLENGE— MID-POINT UPDATE!

Our Stewardship Committee is excited to share an update to this summer's campaign where we asked our Zion members to prayerfully consider "stepping up" their Time, Talents and Treasures thru the summer months.

- Church attendance is tracking above last year's summer months
- Volunteers stepped up for a very successful week of VBS
- Giving is tracking very close to our weekly goals

For this second half, we encourage and challenge you to continue to follow the instructions God has given us through His Ten Commandments. All praise to God for his continuous blessings!



Zion Lutheran
Church & School

JOIN THE TEAM

**PART-TIME
CUSTODIAN**

19 hours per week in the evenings, with a flexible schedule. A great fit for someone looking for steady, meaningful part-time work in a Christ-centered environment.

Interested and want to learn more?
Contact Andrew Strickland at astrickland@zionalex.org or stop in the office to pick up an application, speak with Andrew, or Pastor Lorenz.

APPLY TODAY EMAIL: ASTRICKLAND@ZIONALEX.ORG

USHERS NEEDED The Board of Lay Ministry is in the process of making up a new usher schedule, starting September 2026. There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome center. This is an opportunity for men off all ages to serve the Lord. Please call Jeff Rousu with any questions.



Fall
Back
BBQ

7TH
ANNUAL

● FELLOWSHIP ● CORNHOLE TOURNAY ● SUPPER
● MUSIC ● KIDS GAMES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

LUTHERAN MISSION CENTER

Our circuit churches will again be operating the Lutheran Mission Center at the Douglas County Fair. The proceeds this year will go to the "Together In Mission" program. We need your help to operate Zion's time on Saturday, August 22nd from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. You may sign up for more than one shift. We also need crafts, plants, produce, and jewelry to sell. Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions, you may call Debbie Ziegelmann at 320-500-0909.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

WEEKLY OFFERING

July 21 - July 27, 2026

\$5,147.60

\$18,500 needed weekly

To give electronically visit zionalex.org and find the "online offering" in the menu at the top and you will be taken to the Vanco site Or scan the QR Code and it will bring you to our online giving. You may also contact the office and set up an ACH through Glenwood State Bank.

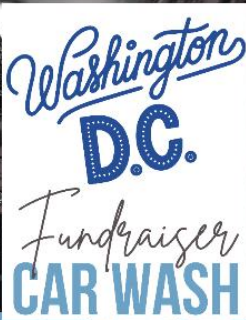


MORTGAGE

		Interest	Principal	Balance
July 15	July debt reduction		\$1,270.00	\$351,393.70
July 9	Loan Payment	\$1,921.79	\$1,289.55	\$352,663.70
July 8	June Debt Reduction		\$505.00	\$353,953.25
June 18	June Debt Reduction		\$1,270.00	\$354,458.25
June 9	Loan Payment	\$1,934.48	\$1,276.86	\$355,728.25

Interest Rate 6.5%

ZION SCHOOL JUNIOR HIGH



AUGUST 15 | 10AM-4PM

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ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308

All fundraiser money raised will go to the 7th & 8th Grade Classes Headed to Washington D.C. Fall 2026!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

If you are interested in helping, please sign up! We are excited for the year ahead! Contact Pastor Brown, sign up online at zionalex.org or using the QR code below.

Register your child for Sunday with the QR code below as well! We are planning and ordering materials. It helps us plan ahead when we know how many will be attending!

If you have any questions, reach out to Pastor Brown or Pastor Lorenz.



2 8 a.m. Worship w/Communion 9:20 a.m. Fellowship 10 a.m. Praise Worship	3	4 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Common Ground 1 p.m. Chalk the Walk 6 p.m. Mission Council	5 6:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Class	6 9 a.m. Quilters	7	8
9 8 a.m. Worship 9:20 a.m. Fellowship 10 a.m. Worship w/Communion	10 9:30 a.m. Christian Fellowship: At Common Ground – All Women Welcome!	11 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Common Ground 6:30 p.m. LWML 6:30 p.m. Board of Lay Ministry	12 6:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Mid Week Bible Class	13 9 a.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Praise Worship Practice	14	15 10 a.m. Car Wash Fundraiser at Diamond Waves and Wags

VBS 2026 UPDATE AND THANK YOU! July 27 – 30 VBS was held here at Zion from 8:45-11 a.m. We had 93 students registered to join in the fun! Each day we gathered to learn how Jesus is the way and the truth and the life! We would like to thank you, the congregation, for supporting this mission and helping to make the week a success! There were many ways to serve including as leaders, Jr. High helpers, Sr. High helpers, decorating crew, take down crew, monetary gifts, Thrivent grants, moving the children through the hallways, singing and dancing, sharing ideas, praying for the week, and other countless and likely unknown ways. For all of this we are thankful! We collected offerings of \$323.17 for Sharing Love and Hope. They are dedicated to strengthening our communities by sharing God's love and hope with those in need. We are excited to share that we have next year's theme and dates picked out and are hoping you mark your calendars for another amazing week of sharing Jesus with the next generation!

Brenda Haar & Cilicia Steidl
Co-VBS Coordinators





CHALK THE WALK & FREEZEE POP



PLAYGROUND PLAYDATE



Tuesday August 4th

1 - 2 pm

Zion Playground

300 Lake St.



ALL Preschool Age Families attending Zion in the fall OR
families interested in learning more about Zion's preschool
program are welcome to attend!





ZION MEN'S MINISTRY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us after services for fellowship and
pancakes, which are served with Pastor
Finnern's very own pancake syrup.



August 16, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
In Zion's Fellowship Hall

STARTING SEPTEMBER 13

SUNDAY
School

9:20-10:15am

Sunday School starts soon and it's time to register your
Preschool-6th Grade child. We look forward to the year
ahead. Register with the QR Code or by visiting
zionalex.org

