



August 2021 Newsletter

All the news that's fit to print from A to Zion

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**Rooted in Christ
Growing in Faith
Reaching Out in Love**



Sunday Worship in August

**9:00am Worship Service
in the Family Life Center Gym**
Masks required

9:00am Online Worship Service via Facebook Live

10:30am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Masks required

Special Celebrations this Month

Sunday, August 15 – Back to School Sunday

Worship at 9:00am and 10:30am will include
Blessing of the Backpacks and special
recognition and prayers for students and
teachers who are beginning a new school year.

**Back to school
Blessings.**



Sunday, August 22 – Bring Your Donations for Snack Packs

Zion supports students at Oak Grove Elementary School by providing ready to eat foods for students who need extra nutrition during weekends. You can help us provide these **Snack Packs** by bringing any of the following items on or before Sunday, August 22.
Individual serving sizes of: granola bars, apple sauce, Lance crackers, animal or other crackers (Cheezits or Goldfish), ravioli, canned spaghetti, or Mac and Cheese, and pudding.

Sunday, August 29 – Golden Age Sunday

On this special Sunday we will recognize all Golden Age members, age 70 and over. There will not be a Golden Age luncheon this year, but there will be lots of applause and gratitude as we honor these faithful members of Zion.



Wednesday Night Live will return September 1st

We are making plans to be together as a church family for Wednesday night fellowship and learning starting in September. Look for more details soon about Wednesday Night Live.

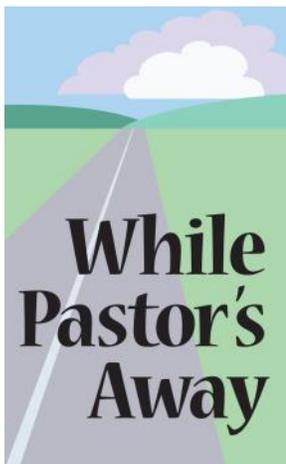


An Update Concerning Upcoming Repairs and Renovations at Zion

You may have heard that over the last year leaders at Zion have been planning for some needed repairs and renovation to the church sanctuary and other parts of our facilities. There are some maintenance issues related to water damage, plaster, and paint that you might have noticed in and around the sanctuary. Other areas in need of renovation may not be as noticeable but are also part of the planning work. The goal of our upcoming project will be to address all of these needs.

At the same time, the Renovation Team, with help from our Finance Ministry, Executive Committee, and Congregation Council, has determined that it will also seek to couple with the repair work some additional upgrades that are needed for our sanctuary. The purpose of these upgrades will be to improve the usability of our space and help us carry out our mission to worship and serve the Lord more effectively. Our Renovation Team is currently assessing those additional needs so that they may be included in the scope of work for our renovation project.

In the coming months you will be hearing about the renovation work that is planned. The work is likely to be considerable and will involve some significant cost, but it is work that congregational leaders believe is essential for our church. You can expect to learn more soon about the ways you can contribute to our sanctuary renovation project so that we can worship and serve together at Zion Lutheran Church for years to come.



Pastor Nathan will be on vacation with his family July 31 to August 7. During this time Pastor Gina Metze from Mt. Mermon Lutheran Church will be available for emergencies and pastoral needs. Please call the church office during our office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm) if you have news or updates to share about someone's health or have a pastoral need. At other times you may contact, Pastor Gina (803)951-3784 by phone.



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christian Education



Hello Everyone,
 I wanted to take a moment and update you about Youth at Zion as well as thank some important folks who have made Youth Ministry work here this last year and a half. Our Youth met throughout the pandemic first virtually then outside with safety restrictions. Yes that means we met in rain, cold, and hot weather. We had a super dedicated group of youth who came every week to share about their lives and study scripture in depth. Our lessons ranged from topical studies to a 3 month deep dive into John and finished up with a month of tough topic speakers (topics like stress, drugs, and suicide). Here I need to say a big **THANK YOU** to my adult leaders Kathryn Barton and Troy Fite who helped make it all possible. All while lending there unique experiences and perspectives. This summer we have had a pool party and a service experience week. I am very excited to begin Youth programming in full starting September 1st. A final thank you goes to the parents who helped encourage and transport their youth here each week, and YOU! Zion has been such a great support of our youth ministry and none of this would be possible without your faith and support. Thank you, I am excited to see what God does this year in our youth!

Walt Hampton -Youth Director

Summer 2022 could hold a life changing experience for your youth!

Find out more August 22nd at 9:45 am in the youth room.

From July 24-28 2022 we will join over 30,000 other Lutheran Youth from around the ELCA and beyond in Minneapolis MN for *Boundless* the 6466 ELCA Youth Gathering. (actual travel dates could be July 23-29 depending on flight availability)



Walt know if you have any questions or to signup now: Walt@zionlexsc.com

Zion Christmas in July Vacation Bible School

Our Children had a great time celebrating Christmas in July for Vacation Bible School this year. We had a "hybrid" VBS this year, each family got supplies delivered to them to do lessons and crafts at home. Then we gathered for a special Christmas movie night Friday evening. We were also able to help provide a VBS camp at Saluda River Club doing the activities in person. A massive **THANK YOU** to Carol Hunter and Jamie Hampton for making all this happen!

Our Youth had a great time serving our neighbors at GraceWorks 2021

Check out more pictures at:

[Facebook.com/graceworkssc](https://www.facebook.com/graceworkssc)





MUSIC NOTES August 2021

Choir and Handbell friends,

Assuming our church schedule stays on track for fall, we will start choir rehearsals when Wednesday Night Live resumes. I plan to start bells a few weeks later, but I know we'll be short some bell ringers. If you or someone you know is interested in Choir or Handbells, please let me know!

Thanks for your continued support! -Julie

If you have any questions, or if you'd like to share your musical talents in some way, please contact Julie at julie@zionlexsc.com.

**My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises! Psalm 57:7**

Handbell Fun Facts

Before we know it, it will be time to ring handbells again, and we'll be in need of some handbell players. Come join us!! Here are some fun facts for you:



- PT Barnum (Yes, 'A handbell ringer is born every minute' PT Barnum) is credited for bringing the English handbell to the USA in the 1840s.
- The smaller the handbell, the higher the sound. The bells range from two inches to more than 15 inches in diameter. Some of the larger bells can weigh more than 15 pounds. For example a C8 may weigh 8 ounces, while a G2 can weigh in at over 18 pounds!
- Handbell players wear gloves because their hand oils will tarnish the bells.
- Most handbell players play one bell with each hand. Depending on the size of the ensemble and the complexity of the piece, they may play four in hand, or even six in hand.
- Most handbell pieces are four minutes or less as they are predominantly used in religious settings. A version of [Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody](#) clocks in at slightly more than eight minutes. (No, don't bother asking your Minister of Music if you can play that at a worship service. Just don't.)

Wishing all students, teachers and school staff a GREAT school year!





LUTHERAN CHURCH

Serving in Worship



We need your help to make Worship happen at Zion. We are looking to fill in a few serving roles this month. See below and let the office know if you can help! ZionChurch@zionlexsc.com

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
9:00 am – In Family Life Center					
Door/Check In:	Steve Sult	Steve Sult	Steve Sult	Steve Sult	Steve Sult
Table/Sign In:	Janice Sult	Janice Sult	Janice Sult	Janice Sult	Janice Sult
Sound:	Robby Bigham	Robby Bigham	Robby Bigham	Robby Bigham	Robby Bigham
Slides:	Todd Elrod	Todd Elrod	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Livestream:	Walt Hampton	Robby Bigham	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton
10:30 am - In Sanctuary					
Check In Usher:	Steve Wingard	Steve Wingard	Steve Wingard	Steve Wingard	Steve Wingard
Seating Usher:	To be Announced	To be Announced	To be Announced	To be Announced	To be Announced
Assisting Minister	Sue Anderson	Darlene Weight	Craig Balch	Mary Nell Panyard	Youth TBA
Sound Tech:	OPEN	Todd Elrod	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

What does that server do?

Door/Check In: Be here by 8:30 am to greet worshipers etc.

Table/Sign In: Be here by 8:30 am to greet worshipers and record attendance.

Sound: Be here by 8:30 am to run sound board. Now training. It's easier than you think.

Slides: Be here by 8:45 am to advance our in house slide show during worship.

Livestream: Be here by 8:15 am to setup online livestream, then run livestream during worship. Now open to train new volunteers. Reach out now to find out more.

Check In Usher: Be here by 10:00 am to greet worshipers and record attendance.

Seating Usher: Be here by 10:00 am to guide worshipers in the sanctuary to their seats.

Assisting Minister: Assists the pastor in leading worship. Reads first reading, leads creed and prayers, and assists where needed. You will receive readings in advance.

Sound Tech: Be here by 10:00 am to setup and run sound for worship.

Now training new volunteers. Great intro to our tech roles.



In our Prayers

Current Needs

Jerald Drafts
Barry Granda
Melba Ivey
GeGe Kimball
Guy Kimball
Daniel Kinard
Wyman Kleckley
Ray Kyzer
Eileen Leaphart
Janice Lindler
Warren Peebles
Sara Rymer
Becky Saville
Betty Shaw
Connie Simpson
Carolette Turner

Homebound

Betty Baker (Carolina Gardens)
Les Caton (Brookdale Harbison)
Nellie Drafts
Gene Hendrix (Westminster)
Thelma Kleckley (Oakleaf)
Thomas Kleckley (Oakleaf)
Jane Langston (National Health)

Expecting Mothers

Anna Wingard

Military

Brett Creasman (Army)
Burton Flake (Army)
Matt Mayer (Air Force)
Chris Rauch (Army)

Friends of the Congregation

Lynn Balch (health, wife of Craig Balch)
Millie Berg (lung cancer, Ervin Shaw's sister)
Ann Black (stroke, cousin of Al and Carla Fallaw)
Hart Cartrette (cancer, friend of the Leapharts)
Rusty Keathley (health, Denise Caulder's brother)
Noreen Hamm (liver transplant, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Tommy Harman (cancer, friend of Janet Boltjes)
Esther Hempel (health, mother of Carol Hunter)
Arthur Holladay (health, uncle of Bonnie Phillips)
Pam Holladay (health, mother of Bonnie Phillips)
Colin Hungerpiller (health, friend of Stefanie Wingard)
Terry Hubert (cancer, Ray Kyzer's son-in-law)
Sue Jaeckel (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Heather Kaikini (breast cancer, niece of Michael and Jane Kohn)
Shelly Koenig (cancer, daughter of Tom Panyard)
Sarah May (health, aunt of Mary Hampton)
Hayley Meetze (cancer, friend of Janet Phillips)
Russell Meetze (cancer, family of Edith Clark)
Deanna Morrical (cancer, Hanna family)
Bo O'Neal (son of Charlie and Marsha O'Neal)
Donna Oneal (surgery, cousin of Marsha and Charlie O'Neal)
Mackenzie Pinnell (Hodgins lymphoma, friend of Donna Corley)
Donna Riggins (cancer, sister in law of Rachael Rhoden)
Sylvia Ruff (cancer, aunt of Julie Branham)
Teresa Sharpe (cancer, friend of Al and Carla Fallaw)
Robert Tolar (health and family, friend of Bob McCombs)
John Whiteside (cancer, friend of the Shaws)

*To ensure we have accurate information on our prayer list please let us know as prayer requests change.
To make updates or additions to the prayer list, contact the church office at 356-2297.*



Congregation Council

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Sara Rymer (vice-chair) 10 members were present plus Pastor Nathan and Walt Hampton. Suzette Porth and Mary Nell Panyard were absent.

Devotions: Kathryn Barton shared a devotional on difficulty and peace

Report of the Secretary: Kimberly Rauch provided May minutes via email. Those were approved as printed.

Report of the Treasurer: Betsy Burn emailed reports and verbally reviewed with council. It is noted that Report B has been updated. Reports were approved and will be filed for audit.

Report of the Chair/Executive Committee: Sara Rymer vice-chair had no updates to share.

Report of the Pastor: Pastor Nathan submitted a written report via email and verbally expressed thanks to all who have helped us transition back into worship within the sanctuary. It was stated that the 9:00 am gym service is a bit more relaxed, mask optional; where the 10:30 am sanctuary service is more rule oriented, but both services are successful. Also announced was the ordination of Pastor Christopher Shealy, which took place on June 5th.

Ministry Team Reports

Christian Ed: (Bridget Ridgell) work continues on the virtual VBS, as well as plans for a family movie night as the team explores ways to bring people back together in person

Fellowship: (Sue Anderson) no report

Inreach: (Janice Sult) no report

Mutual Ministry: (Sara Rymer) no report

Outreach: (Mary Nell Panyard) no report

Property: (Ernest Beck) The property team met and discussed two proposals listed below.

Stewardship: (Kimberly Rauch) no report

Technology: (Ross Hunter) Services in the sanctuary have gone smoothly. The team is still looking into ways to stream this service, as well as looking for more volunteers to help.

Worship and Music: (Lee Caulder) Lee expressed the excitement of the committee to be back in the sanctuary. The 9:00 am service recently had approximately 40 people in attendance and the 10:30 am service had about 50.

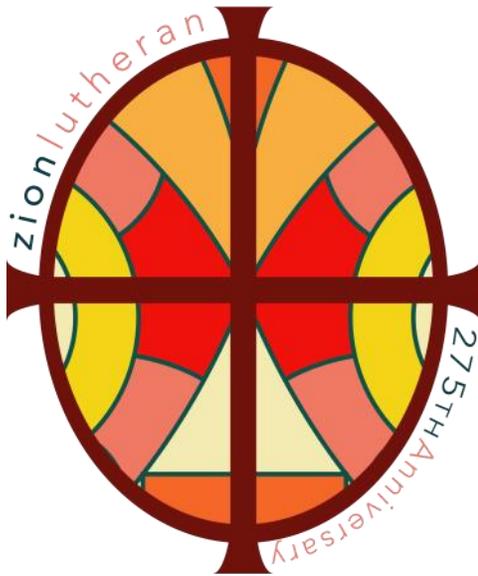
Youth: (Kathryn Barton) Recent pool party was a success with 8 youth attending. Walt shared that Grace Works is approaching in July. This is an annual service week (day style mission trip) hosted by 12 different Lutheran Churches in our area with a focus on relationship style ministry.

Business/Action Items:

- a. Plans are being discussed to start repair work to the sanctuary building. Once council settles on a final plan there will be a called Congregational meeting before moving forward.
- b. The property team has put together two recommendations for consideration: one to paint the Sunday School hall and one to professionally clean windows. Council is aware of both of these projects needs and costs.

Joys and Concerns were shared

Meeting closed: at 7:53 by Sara after The Lord's Prayer



Giving Update

Giving Info Year to date June 27, 2021
Offering **anticipated** year to date: \$ 263,042
Offering **received** year to date: \$ 221,521
Difference year to date: \$ **-41,520**

Gifts to Zion and Partner Feeding Ministries this Year

Mission Lexington: **\$275 & 452 pounds of food**

Snack Packs Ministry: **\$ 550**

Matthew 25 Lunch Ministry: **\$ 1150**

Giving at Zion - Recent Memorials & Honorariums Given

To General Fund

In memory of Wayne & Lewis *by Rebecca Saville*

Thank you to our Congregation Leaders on council this year!

It has not been an easy year but they haven't risen to the occasion to help Zion stay rooted in faith and continue to share the good news!

Suzette Porth - Council Chair

Betsy Burn - Treasurer

Sue Anderson

Ernest Beck

Ross Hunter

Bridgett Ridgell

Sara Rymer - Vice Chair

Kimberly Rauch - Secretary

Kathryn Barton

Lee Caulder

Mary Nell Panyard

Janice Sult



Communications

August Birthdays

1st Kathy Bigham
Kay Waites

2nd Rob Bigham
Wyman Kleckley

4th Janet Boltjes
Heather Hunter
Chasen Williams

5th Warren Peebles

6th Wayne Keisler

7th Ray Kyzer
Kimberly Sims

8th Kevin Keisler

12th Michael Ellisor
Emma Bateman
Matt Rymer
Lauren Hinsey
Denise Caulder

13th Peggy Baker

14th Ronnie Kyzer

15th Hailey Wingard

16th Jamie Addy

17th Riley Burn

18th Suzanne Riley Whyte
Brighton Barrineau

19th Al Fallaw

20th Nikki Harmon
Isaac Hampton

22nd Hannah Elrod

23rd Nellie Drafts

24th Michael Kohn
Meredith Beck
Bryson Scott

25th DeAnna Granda

26th Chris Harmon
Connie Simpson

27th Will Cohoon

28th Karen Keisler
Jennifer Elrod

31st Christian Ridgell
Rachael Rhoden
Janice Face
Bransyn Williams

August Anniversaries

1st Jane & Michael Kohn

3rd Gege & Guy Kimball

4th Kaye & Frank Waites

11th Cristie & Brad Ledford

19th Janice & Thom
Stoudemire

19th Mary & Walt Hampton

30th Mary & Paul Hook

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage you to give to support the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church during this critical time. We are fortunate to have continued to receive offering from many through the mail and through the various electronic ways we have to give.

You can contact Julie Branham in the church office to find out more about these ways to give (356-2297, fin_admin@zionlexsc.com) or go to <https://www.zionlexsc.com/giving>.

There are many ways to give an offering to Zion today or in the weeks ahead.

1. You can mail offering to Zion Lutheran Church, 226 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072.
2. You can send a gift through your bank's online giving system.
3. You can click here to go to Zion's online giving page to give a one time offering or to set up regular automated giving. [Zionlexsc.com/giving](https://www.zionlexsc.com/giving)



Our partners in ministry at Mission Lexington are on the front lines helping those in our community who are most affected by the current financial strain. The best way to support the work of Mission Lexington is to give a financial gift. Click here to find out how: <https://missionlexingtonsc.org/donate>