October 2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Horizon

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rejoice. Renew. Reach Out.

A Message From The Pastor . . .

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
Isaiah 43:19

The seasons are changing again, and along with that change, we find that our routines, our daily habits, even our clothes change to accommodate the different temperatures and hours of daylight and darkness.

I have a dear Native American friend, from the Crow tribe, who gave me my own Indian name a few years ago – Four Seasons. He spoke at my naming ceremony about the seasons and how we can always count on and trust their coming and the associated changes. With each change in season, I usually get a short text message from him that simply says, "New season," and then we chat a little. It's a lovely reminder for me of my friends on the Crow Reservation and all the time I spent there over the years. It's also a great time to think about what the past season was like, & what the new one will bring.



Church life often goes along in seasons, too. Not just by the calendar and the activities we do, but also in growth and loss, people who come and go, and so on. We see some things that work well in our church life for a time, and then we realize that they need to change; or perhaps even a particular activity/event/program has come to its natural end and we need to try something new.

We've had a few new groups in the recent months and it's very exciting to see what God might be building through them. The first is the Outreach and Witness team in which we are trying to find new ways to share the Gospel in our community, to shine as Jesus calls us to do, and to reach out to others with his love and grace. We will spend some time learning how to share our stories with others of how Jesus has changed our lives so that when opportunities arise we can easily talk about our faith. All are welcome to join us and be part of the conversation and action of reaching out.

A second group that has formed is Zion Prays. We meet every Sunday after worship, and more recently right after the Sunday School hour, to pray together. We share prayer concerns of those in our families, our congregation, our community, and the world. We spent a week praying for all the unreached people groups in the world, and we will pray for persecuted Christians around the world soon with the International Day of Prayer that is coming soon. It has become an hour of great peace and comfort to those who attend – and all are welcome to join us. We are about to start a Visitation Ministry, as well, that will aid me in making regular visits to our homebound members, and others. Our Visitation Ministers will be trained in serving Communion, and they are excited to share in the ministry of "presence" with others. If you are interested in serving our congregation this way, please contact me.

The Youth and Family Ministry team is organizing a youth group, Zion Roots, that will meet monthly for all kids age K-12. By the printing of this newsletter, it will have already begun, but we are looking forward to seeing what happens with that. It's bound to be exciting!

I want to also remind everyone that it is time for our Reformation Speakers to return this month, as well. This is not new, but is always a welcome time of learning, discussion, and Bible study. We hope you will join us on October 18 and 19 when Luther House of Study comes to continue our study in the book of Romans. More details will be posted soon, and again, all are welcome to attend the sessions.

Come join in and see what "new thing" God has in store for you!

Ever in His Grip,
~Pastor Kelly

October 2026 Highlights

Sundays, October 4, 11, 18, 25	Worship - In Person (Coffee Hr follows) and Live Streamed, 9:00am
Friday, October 6	Family Movie Night, 6:00pm
Sun. & Mon. Oct 18-19	Reformation Speaker, 10am & 6pm
Wednesday, Oct. 28	Zion Roots, 5:30pm
Friday, October 30	Family Game Night, 7:00pm

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YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School Education for All Ages - Every Sunday morning, 10:15am - 11:15am

Welcome back to Sunday School (our Education Hour) for the 2026—27 School year !

Adult Education (& High School) - in Faith Café

This class will meet in the Faith Café, and is studying the Holy Spirit. All are welcome!

Confirmation (Middle School) - in Holywood

Confirmation classes will meet in Holywood with Pastor Kelly and Steve.

Children's Music - in Choir Room

Children will meet in the choir room for music with Margaret and Debora before being escorted to their classroom.

Elementary (grades K-6) - in Creation Room

We are excited to welcome elementary-aged students to gather, share and grow our faith in God and each other.

Preschool (age 3-5) - in the Beginning Rm

Spend Sunday mornings with other Preschoolers to gather together and learn about God and His love!



Note to Parents with Small Children:

The Cry Room is always open and available for use during the Worship Service.

Busy Bags and Youth Worship Bulletins

are available in the Narthex for preschool and elementary students.

Adult Small Group Options

Small groups are a great way for people to connect with one another in Zion's church family. Call the church office if you would like to learn more about any of the following small groups.

Julefest
Mondays in September
9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

At the workshops we prepare items that will be for sale at Zion's Julefest bazaar in November. We're looking for willing workers and ideas. No skill necessary – we can find something for everyone to do.
Contact: Pat or Church Office, 253-631-0100.

Next Julefest: **October 5th, 12th, 21st, 26th at 9:30am**

Hardanger / Stitchers Group
1st and 3rd Mondays, 12pm - Library

Bring your stitching project and join us!
Contact: Sonya or Church Office, 253-631-0100

Next Hardanger/Stitchers: **October 5th, 19th at 12pm**

Ruth Rachel Circle
2nd Tuesdays (Sept - May)
1pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please plan to join us for an afternoon of women gathering for Christian fellowship, Bible Study and Service (LWR Health Kits, Holiday Cards to shut-ins).
Contact: Pat or Church Office, 253-631-0100

Next Ruth Rachel: **October 12th, 1pm**

Reminders from Zion's Office

Please contact the office if:

- You would like a Bulletin, the Horizon Newsletter and/or the Announcements Emailed to you
- You have information to be added to the Church calendar about dates, times and method of meeting

For up-to-date calendar information: go to Zion's website, www.zionkent.org, then click on Calendar to see Church Events

Office Manager's work hours are
Monday - Thursday :: 8:30am to 3:30pm
Please continue to respect these office hours.

Thank You!

+ Renew Through God's Word . . .



Interested in helping start up or attending a **Bible Study**? Please contact the church office.

Zion's Men's Ministry Bible Study
1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:30pm - Faith Cafe



We will be reading "Thirty Men Who Lived with Conviction" and studying Joshua. Real life heroes who defied the odds, lived with unyielding conviction and left an indelible mark on history.
Contact: Mark Gazdik or Church Office, 253-631-0100

Next Bible Study: **October 4th, 18th at 3:30pm**

Wednesday Bible Study
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9:30am - Library
Looking forward to gathering & exploring the Bible as we continue our study of God's Word. Come join us!
Contact: Mary or Church Office, 253-631-0100

Next Bible Study: **October 7th, 21st at 9:30am**

Lifelight Bible Study
1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:30am - Sanctuary
We will begin again studying the book of Romans. All are welcome!
Contacts: Sonya, Karen or Church Office, 253-631-0100

Next Bible Study: **October 1st, 15th at 9:30am**



Thirsty Theologians
Third Thursdays, 5:30pm
Location: Farelli's in Maple Valley
We start up again this Fall at Farelli's Pizza in Maple Valley Four Corners. Study topic is Rahab.
Contact: Debora if you have any questions

Next Bible Study: **October 15th, at 5:30pm**

Zion Prays:



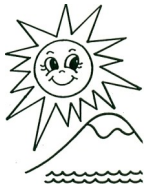
We are excited to announce a new prayer group at Zion, created to deepen our prayer life and strengthen our connection with God. This group will **meet Sunday mornings at 11:30am** in the Prayer room in the education building on Sundays in October . We believe that prayer is the most important thing we can do as Christians and this group is a step toward making that a daily reality. If you' re ready to deepen your prayer life and be part of something special, we 'd love to have you join us.

Next Zion Prays: **Sunday October 4th, 11th, 25th at 11:30am**

Events and Happenings



New to our Worship Service: During the recessional, a flame from the altar candles will be carried from the sanctuary by the liturgist, symbolizing the light of Christ that we carry within us into the world to illuminate the way for others.



Sunshine Mountain will be selling Butter Braid Pastries October 5th – October 16th. Order forms and envelopes are available in the church office. This fundraiser will help to purchase new carpet for Sunshine Mountain! Butter Braids will be available for pick up on October 22nd between 10:30am – 3:30pm.
Thank you for your support!



Family Movie Night
Friday October 9, 6pm
In Holywood
Bring your kids or grandkids, comfy bankets and snacks and join us! We will be showing "Finding Dory" (rated G). Doors open at 5:45pm, movie stars at 6pm. Popcorn will be provided.



Reformation Speaker Series
Sunday & Monday, October 18th, 19th
10am and/or 6pm
Please join the Trust Committee in welcoming speakers from the Luther House of Study back to Zion for the **2026 Reformation Speaker Series, October 18 –19** . Continuing our study of Romans, they will explore chapters 5-7. Sessions 1 and 2 will be held Sunday morning and evening, with Sessions 3 and 4 on Monday morning and evening.



Zion Roots
Wednesday, October 28
5:30-6:30pm, in Education Bldg
All school age children (K -12) are welcome and family participation is encouraged. Parents are encouraged to participate, with elementary parents required to stay. All are welcome to attend this fun and faith based event. Dinner included. (See pg. 7 for more information)

Family Game Night (in the Faith Café)
Friday, October 30, 7pm-9pm
Everyone is welcome to join the fun!



Zion's Choir is back!
Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4pm in Choir rm
Do you like to sing? We would love to see you here! Any questions, please contact Stephen.

Events and Happenings (continued)



To best prepare yourself for worship:

Before the Service, talk to God;

during the service let God talk to you;

after the service talk to one another.

Puzzle & Book exchange! Evangelism & Fellowship Committee is hosting a jigsaw puzzle and book exchange after worship. Bring a puzzle or book to drop off and leave with a new one! It's a great way to get puzzles and books into the hands of people who want them, and out of the homes of those who have already finished their own. Puzzles & books of all types are welcome.

Zion's Safety and Security items



Please remember to:

Sign the Sign-In sheet, if you enter the church building after normal office hours.

Check, secure and set: If you are the last one to leave the building, **please** check that all lights are off (****except as marked*), all doors are secured, and the alarm is set. Please secure any valuables in your vehicle. Be aware of the surroundings when arriving and/or leaving, and try to walk to and from the parking lot with another person if using the facilities after dark. Always lock your car doors even when in your vehicle.
***PLEASE NOTE:** Entry and Hallway lights are to be left on at night from now on for security reasons.

Zion has contracted with a local towing company to help with towing vehicles that may be left or abandoned in our parking lot for extended periods of time. Towing will be at the owner's expense. If for any reason you need to leave your car here overnight or longer, please be sure to contact the church office so that it will not be towed.

Thank you!

Join us for coffee and light snacks after Worship each Sunday !
This is a great way to fellowship with our Christian friends. If you'd like to help provide treats, contact Pat to be put on the schedule.

2026 Master Flower Chart - is filled in for the remainder of the year, Thank you to everyone who signed up!

Did you know Zion has a Prayer Garden?
The Prayer Garden—accessible through the church office— is available for those of you who would like to visit. Please see Lori in the office for admission to the garden during the week, or one of the ushers on Sunday mornings.
There is also a need for someone with a love for gardening to help keep this peaceful space welcoming for prayer and reflection. If this kind of behind-the-scenes, non-committee service fits your gifts, please contact Pastor Kelly (pastor@zionkent.org) or Lori in the office (office@zionkent.org) to learn how you can support this meaningful ministry.

Even YOU can help with communication at Zion !

- Please submit items for the Bulletin, Announcements, Horizon and the master church calendar to **Lori, our Office Manager**, in a timely manner (on time or even early!). Include meeting or event names, dates, times, locations, contact person and any other important information.
- **All meetings and events** (for and/or at Zion) **should be on the master calendar**. This allows the office to prevent double booking of rooms and other possible inconveniences.
- Should there be any changes to previously submitted information, please get those changes to the office as soon as you can.
- If someone else also needs this information, Lori will be sure to get it to them. (Example—Custodian, the Horizon, Pastor, Musicians, etc.)

Please go to www.zionkent.org to see Zion's improved web site and up-to-date calendar of events!

+ REACH OUT TO SERVE OTHERS . . .



More Service Opportunities Available:

Zion's Witness and Outreach Team

has begun meeting. Zion's Outreach and Witness ministry will focus on how our Congregation can better proclaim the Good News to the unchurched and de-churched people in our community and beyond; encouraging and building up one another as members of the body of Christ.

The Tiny Shepherd Shop Returns !!!

We are starting to collect donations (giftable items, like-new, for family members: moms, dads, siblings) and also pledges to participate (personal shoppers or gift wrapping) for the **Tiny Shepherd Shop** again this November. Dad-gifts, small toys, and Christmas ornaments are most needed. More information coming soon – see Kara with any questions.





OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP AND SERVE

Shopping Cart Sunday is every Sunday! Your donation of non-perishable food items for the Kent Food Bank, placed in the shopping cart in the narthex, helps during these times of great need.

Help us keep our Free Pantry (next to Education building) **filled** by bringing in quick shelf stable items (boxed dinners, snacks items, rice, pasta, boxed juices, etc.) for people to take as they need (no jars or canned items at this time).

Volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings. If you think you would like to help usher, greet people, provide goodies for coffee hour or be a Scripture reader, just ask someone who you see doing that job to learn more!

Ushers: Watch for **Usher List,** available in the narthex of the church. Please check your calendars and sign up. Thank you.



Back-up A/V operators needed: training will be provided for operating sound and video. For more info or to volunteer, contact Church Office.

Volunteers needed for upcoming Youth and Family activities: Contact - Kara Daley

- **Sunday School & Youth Ministry helpers**
- **Nursery Attendants urgently needed** for Sunday mornings during Worship service. Please contact Church Office with questions or to help.

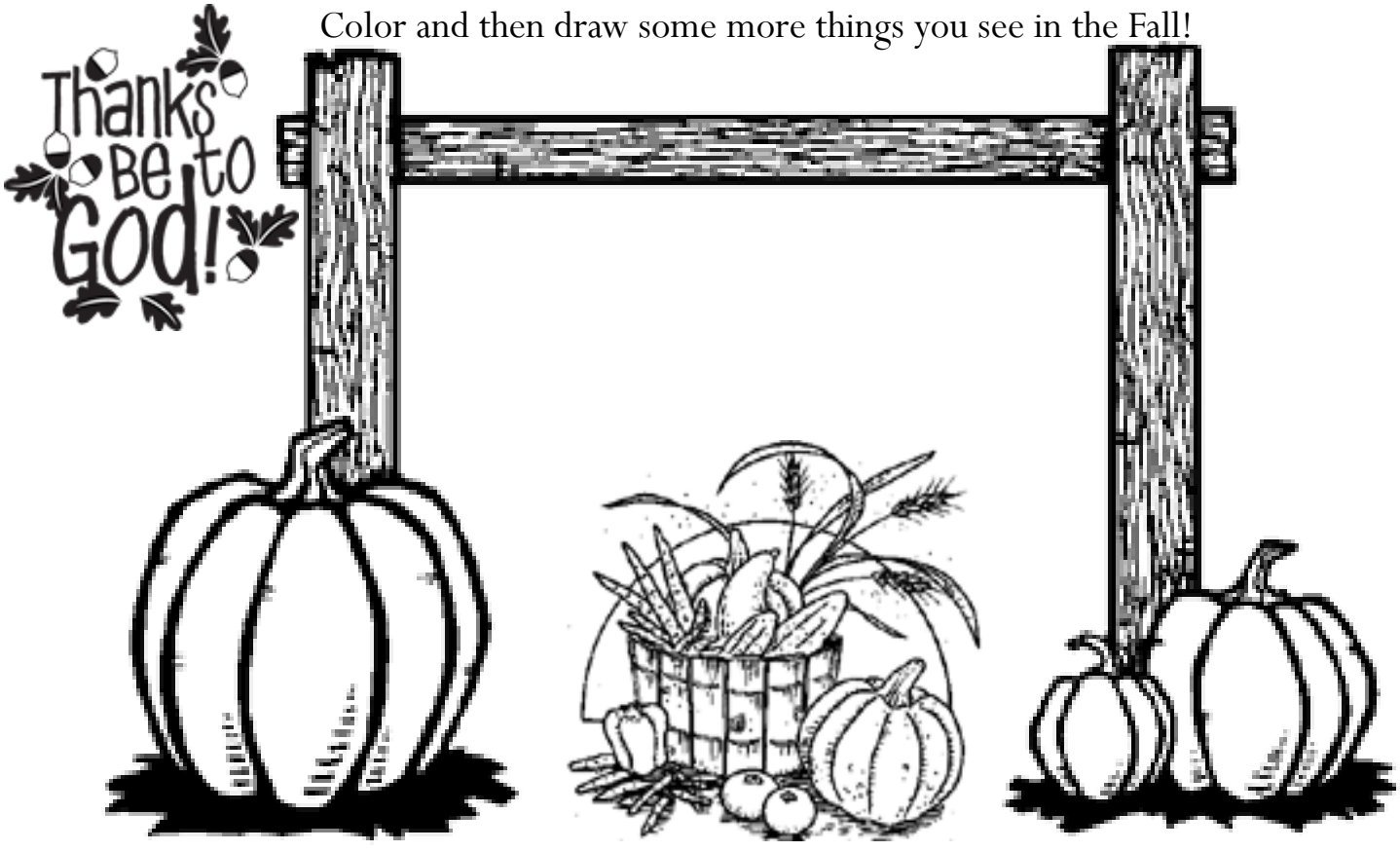
YOU Can Help !

WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING WE OFFER OUR TIME AND OUR TREASURES . . .

Week Ending	9/6/2026	9/13/2026	9/20/2026	9/27/2026	Year to Date
General Fund	$16,121.00	$5,707.00	$10,343.00	$4,219.00	$319,055.20
Required for Budget	$9,166.65	$9,166.65	$9,166.65	$9,166.65	$357,499.50
Excess/(Shortfall)	6954.35	(3459.65)	1176.35	(4947.65)	(38444.30)
Designated Offerings:					
Building Fund	$453.00	$103.00	$23.00	$3.00	
Gifts	$3.00	$103.00	$3.00	$3.00	$5,461.86
Rent			$2,088.45		$17,648.55
Facility Use, Utilities		$800.00			$3,875.00
Holiday, Special					$0.00
Reimbursements	$30.00				$4,927.71
Total Designated	$486.00	$1,006.00	$2,114.45	$6.00	$31,913.12
Total Deposits:	$16,607.00	$6,713.00	$12,457.45	$4,225.00	$350,968.32
Trust Fund Income					
Memorials					$250.00
Loan interest					$2,024.22
Good Samaritan					$0.00
Other Trust					$8,655.35
Total Trust Income:	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10,929.64
Bank Interest Income:					$3,667.91

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:

Color and then draw some more things you see in the Fall!



+ Rejoice in God's Grace . . .



Thank you **Zion Lutheran Church** for your donations & gifts:

From: Prayer League.....$ 393.14
From: Faith Int'l University & Seminary.....$ 235.89
From: Vine Maple Place .....$ 1,100.80

Zion,

ILT deeply appreciates your prayers and financial support. We encourage you to visit our website (www.ilt.edu) to see the many accomplishments we have achieved with your generous giving.

Many Blessiings to you,
- Institute of Lutheran Theology





ZionRoots Youth & Children's Group

ZionRoots Youth & Children's Group is open to all school-aged children Kindergarten through 12th grade. We hope to grow until every Wednesday becomes ZionRoots at Zion Lutheran, but for now we are starting small. We will be meeting on Wednesday, September 30, from 5:30-6:30pm, then planning on the fourth Wednesday of each month (subject to change, watch announcements in the weekly bulletins). Parents of elementary children are required to stay, though all families are encouraged to join us for a story, craft, play time, prayer, dinner, discussion, and a bible study around the evening's theme.

September's focus: a tree -- the growing symbol of the Spirit's work. A tree grows in many directions at once – upward and outward, that which we can see, as well as downward and outward, grounding itself to withstand everything that comes its way. According to Romans 11:16b "*...if the root is holy, so are the branches*." In our first session, we explore a Serendipity book by Stephen Cosgrove "The Dream Tree" in which Patti Caterpillar wonders what it will be like to turn into a butterfly. May we all approach life with Patti's sense of wonder and stay open to the Holy Spirit acting in us to open our hearts and minds to new life.

Let's ensure that our children are **rooted in the Spirit**.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2026

Council Members for 2026

Mark	President, Property	Linda	VP, Personnel
Steve	Treasurer; Flsp/Evan	Steve	Sec., YFM
Dianne	Technology	Steve	Personnel
Penny	Fellowship & Evangelism	Karen	Stewardship
Mary	Fellowship & Evangelism	Pail	Property
Jill	Worship & Music	Susan	Personnel

Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m. by President Mark

Present: Linda (Pers), Paul (Prpt), Karen (Stwd) Mark (Prpt), Steven (YFM) Pastor Kelly Westlund; Dianne (Tech); Mary (F&E), Susan (Pers); Steve ; Penny (F&E)

Absences: Jill (W&M) - EX; Steve (Pers)
Guest(s): None

Devotions and Church, Community, and Individual Prayers

- Devotions provided by Dianne
- Church, Community and Individual Prayer
- Devotions for October 13: Mary

Review of Council Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- MSP to approve the Aug 2026 Minutes
- MSP approve the Aug 2026 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Summary: For Aug 2026

	August 2026	Year-to-date 2026
Operating Income	$ 52,205.90	$ 293,012.19
Operating Expenses	$ 35,761.00	$ 311,916.64
Excess (shortfall)	$ 16,444.90	$ (18,904.45)

Old Business – approved motions in bold-face type

1. Demolition of the old Parsonage update – as of 9/8, house has been removed, lot will be graded and smoothed and planted with grass soon.
2. Rummage Sale – planning and preparation are proceeding; donations expected to arrive on Friday and Saturday.

New Business & Action Items - motions in bold-face type

1. Electric Sign – bids are coming in for electronic reader board (mid-30K up to 50K); cost will be deferred with funds raised from the rummage sale.
2. 2027 Budget proposals from each committee need to be submitted to Budget and Finance by October 15.
3. MSP to authorize Mark to withdraw funds from Washington Federal Bank for a Certificate of Deposit (account ending 9511) that will mature on Sept 30, 2026, in the amount of $72,246.00.
4. Council discussed and approved receiving a regular attendee into membership, via adult reaffirmation of faith.

Security Incident Report

- On August 23 during Sunday morning security rounds, a stack of mail was found on the sidewalk near the NE corner of the Ed building. It was for two separate homes nearby on 132nd Avenue and appeared to have been there for several days. The mail was returned to their respective addresses.
- On Monday August 24, cleaning staff found all hall lights on in the Ed building and the crash bar on the entry door was left in the unlocked position. The door was secured and each room checked.
- On Sunday August 30 before services there was a man sleeping near the NW door of the Ed building. Security staff told him to leave the property, which he did.
- On Friday afternoon Sept 4, cleaning staff discovered the door to the Property Management room in the Ed building was propped open and lights were left on. Also, the lights in the office furnace room closet were left on.

Staff Reports

Pastor's Report (Kelly Westlund)
Report for: Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Items of interest - August 2026 Activities

- Pastoral Acts: None
- Visitation: 1 home visit this month
- Worship Notes: New liturgy will begin on Sunday, Sept. 13.
- Confirmation: We are looking at starting Confirmation with two students this fall and will use an interactive curriculum put together by Luther House of Study.
- LCMC National Gathering: October 4-7, Kara Daley and I are registered for this event.
- SSMT Chapel – SSMt. begins school on September 9, Chapel will begin the next week. Kara and I will be involved in Chapel again.
- Zion Prays – A group has been meeting weekly to pray for the church and our community. It's been a very encouraging gathering for me, and I hope for all those that have attended. Once Sunday school begins, we will meet at a different time – TBD.
- Staff Updates:
  - Lori will be on vacation for a few days in September – the office will be covered by volunteers.
  - Stephen has been on vacation and will return to worship on September 6.
- Vacation days used in August: 1 (for a total of 11 vacation days used in 2026, 2 Sundays included)
- Many thanks to Mark for providing pulpit supply on August 9 while I attended my high school reunion.
- Personal Notes: I continue to travel across the state as I finish up my brother's estate business, and care for my mom.

Action items for Council: None

Education Coordinator Report (Kara Daley)
Report for: Sunday, September 6, 2026
Items for Interest

- Monthly movie nights to return! Kicking off the season with Finding Nemo [G] on September 11. The next is tentatively planned for October 9. More information to come – watch bulletin announcements!
- Rally Sunday Sundaes and Sunday School Registration on September 13, online registration available at zionkent.org. Sunday School Teacher/Shepherd meeting immediately following.
- Sunday School for all ages will resume during the education hour: 10:15-11:15am, starting September 27. Elementary education will be following the lectionary calendar. Confirmation classes have new curriculum. Adult Education will be studying the Holy Spirit.
- Sunday youth bulletins are provided throughout the year to engage youth during the morning worship services.
- Monthly communications: Horizon article, council report, website Y&F updates, coordination with other committees, etc.
- Zion Roots Youth Group expansion to include children's program for growing families will begin for all students K-12th beginning 5:30-6:30pm Wednesday, September 30. Any person interested in leading an evening group, please talk with Kara.
- Working on Mission Project for our Sunday school this fall.
- Anyone interested in being a Sunday School teacher, shepherd, substitute, or special speaker, please call or come into the office to speak with Kara before September 13.

Action Items: None

Committee and Team Reports

Worship and Music Committee (Jill)
Report for: Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026
Committee Members: Jill, Stephen Olsen, Pastor Kelly Westlund, Evelyn, Margaret, Carl, Pat, Patti, Debora, Sonya
Excused: Stephen Olsen, Pastor Kelly
Items of interest:

- Altar care: Working on budget for next year; will increase poinsettia donation monies from church members in December to reflect the rising cost of plants
- Choir: starts Wednesday, September 9 at 4pm; Jill, Patti, Deb, Laurie gone 5th-20th
- Communion assistants: Scheduled through September
- Liturgists: Scheduled through the end of September.
- Liturgy: Words of some of the responses, and also the music will be changing as of 9/13 for the rest of the season of Pentecost.
- Starting September Liturgist will carry out the flame during the recessional hymn along with Pastor Kelly. A blurb will be put in the bulletin and noted in the announcements.
- Piano will be tuned in October; Organ will be tuned in November
- Scripture Readers: scheduled through mid-November
- Ushers still needed
- Pastor Kelly: Christian Ed teachers and Shepherds will be commissioned for the new Sunday school year on Sunday, 9/13

Action Items: None

Property Management Committee (Marion)
Report for: September 2026
Committee Members Present: Dave, Don, George, Bob, Marion, Pat, Pastor Kelly
Items of interest:

- Thanks, Don, for helping resolve some problems with voicemail in the office.
- Thanks, Dave, for repairing many of the kickstands around the church. A few more were added to the list for repair.
- Pat informed our committee that the vacuums we have at the church are worn out and need replacing. Also, there are some plumbing issues in the main kitchen that need some attention.
- Pastor Kelly informed us that our microwave mounted above in the kitchen does not work so we will need to purchase a new one for it.
- Bob and Chuck will be looking into modifying and updating the electric panel in the narthex.
- The roofing job on Sunshine Mountain has been completed.
- Demolition of the old parsonage starts soon as all the permits have been completed. Thanks Paul and Mark!
- Fall work party at Zion is scheduled for September 26th from 9am to 1pm. Lunch will be served.

Action items for Council: None

Youth and Family Ministries Committee: (Steven)
Report for Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Committee Member present: Jenise, Mrs. Marion, Kara Daley, Pastor Kelly Westlund, Steven
Items for Interest

- Appreciation to Kara for putting together the agenda and organizing the meeting; for Pastor Kelly and SSMt. for including staff in recent CPR and First Aid training; for the Sunday School teachers and shepherds for volunteering for the next school year
- Next Family Movie Night 9/11 Finding Nemo [G] – doors open at 5:45, movie starts at 6pm.
- Need adult volunteers for helping out on movie nights in place of Manny and Pat.
- 2026/2027 Sunday School year teachers/shepherds commissioning during the 9am worship service on 9/13
- A table in the corner of Fellowship Hall will be available for Sunday School registration; teachers and shepherds volunteers will serve ice cream.
- Short Teacher/shepherd meeting will follow clean-up (approx. 11am)
- Sunday School begins 9/27 due to teacher/shepherd availability (schedule currently populated through December)
- Zion Roots nights (60-90 minutes generally the 4th Wed each month – can add nights as it grows – first will be 9/30, 5:30-6:30+. Includes story & play time, craft, meal, parent involvement for littles, deep dive Bible time for older kids – would love an at will donation and kid-led charity project, perhaps staggered start/finish but more volunteers needed for small-group break-out since all of our activities require 2 adults' supervision for activities with kids <18.
- Crop Hunger Walk tabled for this year – will revisit participation for next year.
- Pr. Kelly & Kara will be attending the LCMC Annual Conference in Iowa, October 4-7.
- World Communion Day – October 4.
- Next Meeting: Thursday, Oct 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Action Items for Council: None

Fellowship/Evangelism Committee (Pat)
No meeting this month – no report submitted

Technology Team (Dianne)
No meeting this month – no report submitted

Stewardship Committee: (Karen)
No meeting this month – no report submitted

Personnel Committee (Linda)
No meeting this month – no report submitted

Church Council

Trust Report (Steven)

Council Report from Trust Cm as of: **August 31, 2026**

CASH ON HAND

	Non-Spendable Principal	Interest Available	Fund Total
Endowment Funds- Cash			
Zion Endowment	$ 210,470.56	$ 60,166.89	$ 270,637.45
N. Matson Endowment	$ 51,301.70	$ 34,789.26	$ 86,090.96
Wivag Endowment	$ 2,243.18	$ 1,570.63	$ 3,813.81
Zgolinski Endowment	$ 21,199.83	$ 1,699.55	$ 22,899.38
Schack Endowment	$ 300,800.00	$ 10,835.83	$ 311,635.83
Subtotals Endow. Cash	$ 586,015.27	$ 109,062.16	$ 695,077.43
Other Individual Trust Funds			
General Fund Holding Account			$ -
Pastor Housing Equity Account			$ -
Memorial Fund			$ 35,081.01
Good Samaritan Fund			$ 4,783.89
Organ/Piano Fund			$ 2,631.06
Subtotal Other Individual Trust Funds			$ 42,495.96
Trust Funds Total (Cash + CDs)			$ 737,573.39
Loan Balances - Accounts Receivable (Loaned to General Fund)			
Zion Endowment			$ 56,802.86
N. Matson Endowment			$ 16,708.06
Wivag Endowment			$ 756.82
Zgolinski Endowment			$ 6,938.31
Total Loan Balance Remaining			$ 81,206.05
Grand Total Trust Fund Assets (Cash + CDs + Accounts Receivable)			$ 818,779.44

NOTES:
Additional Principle Received in Aug = $0.00
Total Loan Principal Paid in Aug = $897.64
Total Interest Paid in Aug = $273.68
Next Month's Loan Payment Expected = $1,171.32 ($900.63 principal; $270.69 in interest)

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 5:28pm
Minutes taken and respectful submitted,
~Steven, Secretary

Zion Lutheran Church

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am Zion Prays	**28** 9:30am Julefest 9:30am Staff 11:30am Visitation Tm 7:15pm Boy Scouts	**29** 9:30am VMP Meal Prep 10:00am Budget/Finance 2:00pmBunco	**30** 4:00pm Choir 5:3 0pm Zion Roots	**1** 9:30am Bible Study 11am SSMt Chapel 1pm SSMt Chapel 7:00pm Trust Cm	**2** 	**3**
4 9am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am Zion Prays 3:30pm Men's Ministry 5:00pm Outreach & Witness Ministry	**5** 9:30am Julefest 9:30am Staff 12:00pm Hardanger 7:15pm Boy Scouts	**6** 2:00pm Exec Council Meeting 6:30pm Property Committee	**7** 9:30am Bible Study 3:00pm Worship & Music 4:00pm Choir	**8** 11am SSMt Chapel 1pm SSMt Chapel	**9** 6:00pm Family Movie Night	**10** 
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18 9am Worship Service 10:30am Reformation Speaker 3:30pm Men's Ministry 6pm Reformation Speaker	**19** 9:30am Staff 10am Reformation Speaker 12pm Hardanger 6pm Reformation Speaker 7:15pm Boy Scouts	**20** 12:30pm Evangelism & Fellowship	**21** 9:30am Bible Study 9:30am Julefest 4:00pm Choir	**22** 11am SSMt Chapel 1pm SSMt Chapel	**23** 	**24**
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Sunday Morning Schedule

All Church Worship - 9:00 am

(also continues to be Live Streamed)

In Jesus Christ we . . .
REJOICE in God's Grace,
RENEW through God's Word and
REACH OUT to serve others,
. . . all to the Glory of God!

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November Horizon Deadline:
Thursday, October 15th

To submit articles for the Horizon:
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