


ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 25, 2025

IN OUR PRAYERS

THE HOMEBOUND: Arit Aqua, David John Benjamin, Ken Buss, David Formet, Millie Gomoll, Tom & Virginia Hood, Carolyn McDaniel, Dina McDonald, Margaret Porter, Linda Preece, Tom Sanchez, Lila Schrank, Myrna Schulze, Ben Thieme, Lucretia Watson, Bobby Young.

THE SICK AND RECOVERING: Lance & Karen Lashley, Jerry Knippa, Rosemary Francis, Larry Wagner, Sharon Lehmann, Lovis Miller, Jack Harris, Joe Porter.

THE FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF PARISHIONERS: Catherine, friend of Lucretia Watson; Don Triano; Joe Tolbert; Martha, dear friend of the Moncriefs; Lois Eatherton.

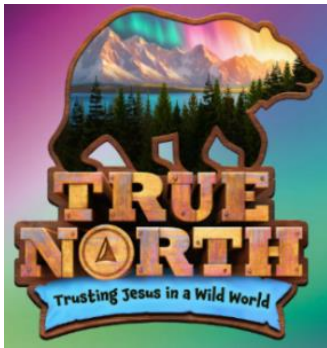
HAPPY BIRTHDAY 5/26 Mike Caruthers, Aaron Hammer; 5/27 Jaden Patterson, Dina McDonald, Jonathan Olness, Kaili Tucker; 5/28 Connie Gatlin, Milo  Ebersole, Whitt Drewyor, Katie Gresl; 5/30 Sarah Martin, David Schulze, Emily Sloan, Bryan Wendt; 5/31 Peder Johnson, Blake Breithaupt, Merritt Mock.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 5/26 Amanda & Christopher Adler; 5/27 Donna & Joe Pipes; Kristin & Colin Cunningham; 5/28 Eleanor & Steve Young, Jennifer & Shannon O'Brien; 5/30 Sue Koriotoh & Randall Riecke; 5/31 Amy & David Mandt.

Fabric Kit Workshop

Zion Lutheran Church
in the ROC lobby
SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH
10AM-3PM
COME AND GO
zionlutheransacristian@gmail.com





Vacation Bible School is June 9-13, from 9:00 am-Noon. Registration closes THIS TUESDAY, MAY 27—SIGN UP NOW! Students aged 3 (and potty trained) – those currently in Grade 5 are welcome to join us for a fun week learning how Jesus is our True North every day of our life! Volunteers are still needed too — those currently in grade 6-adult. Use the QR Code to register!



Items needed for VBS: Do you have any of the following to donate or borrow?

- Plastic tablecloths in various colors
- Empty and clean Pringles cans
- Big pieces of cardboard
- Artificial Christmas trees (all sizes, please label it if you want it back)
- Home Depot buckets (8-10)
- Empty milk jugs (gallon size)
- Empty laundry detergent containers (large sizes)

If you do, please talk to DCE Amy Heuer or Jenn Hoeppner. Thanks!

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE FELLOWSHIP CLUB IN MAY.

More information will be forthcoming regarding future meetings of the group.

New Member Class Begins June 1! Are you interested in learning about what it means to be a member at Zion? Or perhaps you'd just like a refresher course on what Lutheran Christians believe? Join Pastor Ebersole for the next New Member Class that begins June 1 and continues throughout the summer on Sunday mornings at 8:15 am in the Church Conference Room. Contact Pastor Ebersole for more info: Jebersole@ziondallas.org.



June 6 @ 5:30

Oak Cliff Brewing

[1300 S Polk Street #222](#), Dallas

We will discuss Chapters 5&6 of *10 Lies Satan Loves to Tell*.

—Patrick McClendon

p_mcclendon@icloud.com

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Needed per Sunday: \$27,646

Received 5/18: \$19,173



“On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside.”

1 Corinthians 16:2

Scripture encourages percentage giving. In the Old Testament the tithe was part of the ancient law. In the New Testament Christ calls us to total dedication to Himself. Paul’s message in 1 Corinthians encourages us to lay aside a portion of our income *on the first day*—not waiting lest our Savior get pushed to the end of the line. Prayerfully consider consistently laying aside gifts during the summer months.

— Michael Stamp, Board of Stewardship

ZION YOUTH

HS Seniors- We’ll be recognizing your graduation/HS achievements on **Sunday, June 1!** You (or your parents) should have received an email from Ms. Heuer with a Google form for you to fill out. Please fill it out TODAY- even if you are unable to be at church on that Sunday. Thanks!!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Mark your calendars—**On June 1**, we will begin our summer schedule of one Divine Service at 9:30 am. Immediately following that service on the 1st, there will be a **Congregational Meeting** to elect new Officers and Board Chairs. There will also be an update from the Call Committee. More details to come.

The current slate of candidates:

President-Elect: Bob Wallner Secretary : Bryan Green Treasurer: Daniel Kruger
Financial Secretary: Randy Peters

- Social Ministry: Tim Dunk
- Christian Education & Spiritual Growth: Quinn Marschik
- Christian Education – School Board (3): Gina Stewart Drewyor, Chris Hendricks, David Dedrick, Claire Landry, Marlene Gardner
- Missions & Outreach:
- Evangelism & Church Growth: Bill Muenchinger
- Member Care & Assimilation: Susan Dumas
- Youth: Geoff Underwood, Juli Schkade
- Nominating Committee (6): Amy Kuhlmann, Terri Dunk , Chuck Green, Russell Treece, Valerie R. Green, Stan Gisler



Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

The Call Committee is excited to share with you an update on our progress and next steps of calling our next Senior Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church at the Congregational Meeting on June 1st immediately following the 9:30 worship service.

According to our Constitution and By-Laws, the Call Committee is responsible for the process of identifying, vetting and interviewing candidates. As the committee receives nominations from the congregation and the Texas District, the committee will begin initial conversations and interviews with potential candidates. When the Call Committee identifies a candidate for the purpose of a Call, that candidate will be presented to the congregation for a congregational vote.

If you would like to nominate a Lutheran pastor you think might serve well in this capacity of Senior Pastor at Zion, you may submit their name and contact information to zioncallcomm@gmail.com, which will then be provided to the Call Committee. You may also submit names to myself or any member of the Call Committee. **Nominations will be accepted through June 9, 2025.**

We ask for your continual prayers throughout this process for our community of disciples at Zion, for the pastor that God desires to bring to Zion, and all who are involved, that our Savior is glorified in this process, our purpose of *worshiping God, proclaiming the Gospel, nurturing faith, educating, loving and caring for people* is sustained, and that we all grow as disciples of Jesus in this time.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other member of the Call Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to live out our purpose, together, as disciples of Jesus at Zion!

In the love and joy of Christ,
James Kuhlmann, Chair, jkuhl.tx@gmail.com (214) 293-3850.
Call Committee, Zion Lutheran Church

Call Committee members: Geoff Adams, Todd Baumann, Anthony Chapa, Chuck Green, Jeannette Harris, Jenn Hoeppner, Daniel Jensen, James Kuhlmann (chair), Juli Schkade, Rachel Schnegelberger, Russell Treece, Bob Wallner
Ex Officio (non-voting): Rev. Fred Gersch, Rev. Jim Haner, Min. Amy Heuer, Rev. Richard Kurth

Tornado Disaster Relief Efforts At Bethlehem Lutheran Church

On May 16th, a devastating tornado struck our community, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been actively supporting those affected. There are plenty of ways for you to help!



Keeping Our Ministries Active Amidst the Storm:

Bethlehem Lutheran School:

We are looking forward to the official launch of our very own school this fall!

Childcare: We offer a safe, nurturing environment for children at two locations.

Afterschool/Summer Ministry: A safe place for students across multiple locations serving over 200 kids.

Kitchen Ministry: Preparing 250 meals per meal and distributing them to the community.

Basketball and Dance Ministries:

Giving youth in our church a way to serve and grow.

Van Ministry: providing transportation for those in need.

Sunday Morning Worship: Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am

Disaster Relief

and Long Term Support:

Food Distribution: Serving 250 meals per meal and providing essentials such as water and hygiene products.

Shelter: Our gym is open as a temporary overnight shelter space.

Financial Gifts: We have already provided over \$20,000 of direct aid.

How You Can Help

Donate Supplies: We are collecting food, toiletries, water, and other essentials.

Give Financially: We are so grateful for one-time gifts of any amount. Through recurring giving, you provide us to continue to support our community through the months and years ahead.



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Serving Together: Grandsons of the congregation, Rev. Chris Knepper and Vicar Luke Symmank serve at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

www.bethlehemstlouis.org/disasterrelief



For the next three Sundays we will be gathering a door offering to continue to help with Disaster Relief in North St. Louis through Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Louis. Thank you.

Zion Constitution & Bylaws – Updated After 17 Years

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee—Anthony Chapa, Tim Dunk, Kyle Hranitzky, Mark Johnson, Ann Medley, Bill Muenchinger, Danny Shannon, and Paul Vandermeer—has worked faithfully over the past year to complete a full revision of Zion’s governing documents.

Special thanks to our board chairs, church council, church and school staff, legal professionals within our congregation, and the Texas District LCMS for their valuable insight and support throughout this process.

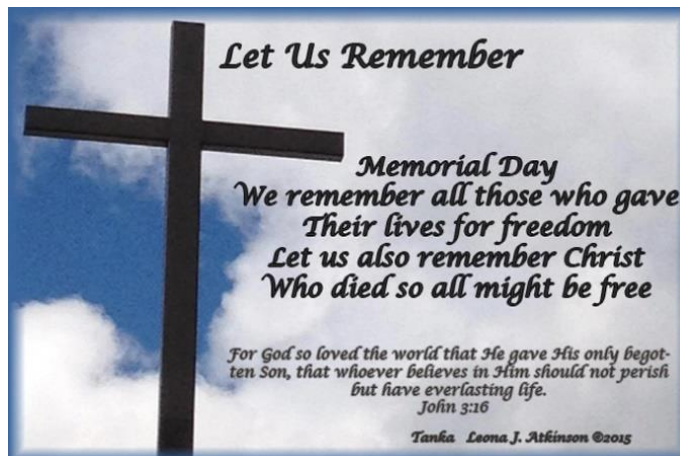
Key Updates Include:

- Clearer definitions of Boards, Committees, and Leadership roles
- Updated processes for pastoral transitions, member status, and accountability
- Simplified language for clarity and future adaptability

Several printed copies of the revised Constitution are available in the Narthex, along with a one-page summary of the key changes. The congregation will vote on approving it at the June 1 meeting.

Please take a moment to review and join us in prayer as we seek to follow God’s direction for Zion’s future.

After both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services, members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be available in Trinity Hall to answer any questions you may have.





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Jerry P. Knippa, MBA
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Manager

May 15, 2025

Dear Zion Family,

As you know, over the last several weeks, I have been contemplating two Calls- one here to Zion and the other to Fairlawn Lutheran Church and School in Akron, Ohio. The overarching question being, "Where would God have me serve in this time and place for my gifts to be best used for His glory?". All of us have been praying for a clear and God-pleasing decision. After much prayer, counsel, and consideration, the Lord has led me to the decision to accept the Call to serve as Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Fairlawn Lutheran.

Thank you for your prayers and patience during this time of discernment. Your many emails, notes, and words of support over the past month have been a great blessing to me. Your kind words at the congregational meeting three weeks ago blessed and humbled me. It is bittersweet as I begin to wrap up my time at Zion and say, "see you later," to all of you- students, friends, and co-laborers of the Gospel- that I've been privileged to work with over the last seven years.

While new opportunities and challenges await me at Fairlawn, Zion will also have some new opportunities and challenges ahead. I ask that you keep me in your prayers as I finish out my time at Zion and make the move to Ohio. Please know that Zion will remain in my prayers as well! Let's continue to seek God's guidance and help for each other in the days and months to come.

With this letter I respectfully request a peaceful release from my Call to Zion Lutheran Church and School effective July 31, 2025.

God's grace and peace to you,

Amy Heuer