



2026 June/July Messenger

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Message from Pastor

"To better know and show Christ's love." That's the mission of Zion Lutheran Church and School. Without getting too far into the grammar, "know" and "show" are verbs. Verbs are action words.

The action of knowing involves our eyes, ears, brains, and even our hearts. To know Christ's love, we need to see, hear, and think about his word read and preached from the Bible. To better know his love we need to see, hear, and think more about his words. Like anything in life, if we want to be better at it, we need to do more of it. The more a person cooks the better they get at cooking. The same is true for playing golf, doing math, giving a presentation, driving a car, you name it. We will better know Christ's love by spending more time knowing it through seeing, hearing, and thinking about his word.

You can see where this is going right? As your pastor I encourage you to spend more time this summer knowing Christ's love by seeing, hearing, and thinking about his word. You can do so by coming to church, reading your Bible at home, and attending Bible study on Sunday mornings after a time of fellowship.

Yes, a time of fellowship. In conjunction with better knowing Christ's love this summer, I encourage you to better know your brothers and sisters in Christ. That will mean spending more time with them. You can do so by coming to church, staying afterwards for a few minutes and talking together, helping with VBS, attending the Fish Fry in July, going to church camp, or even inviting friends and acquaintances from church to share a beverage or a meal with you sometime. The more time we spend with one another, the better we'll know one another. And the better we know each other, the better we'll show Christ's love to each other.

In His Service,

Pastor Menz

August-September Annual Reports

Please send all Annual Reports and any other information to the office no later than Monday, July 20th for the **August-September Messenger**. Information can be emailed: office@zionauburn.com or dropped off at the office.

Thank you for your timely submission.

Message from Mrs. Susan Klauer

On May 31st Zion graduated eight 8th graders: Nicklas Corbat, Gracyn Dowd, Matthew Hemme, Benjamin Moncivaiz, Noah Patterson, Carter Rossow, Makalya Schwannecke, and Graham Varner. What a joy it has been watching these young people grow and prepare for high school! Gracyn, Carter, and Makayla will be attending Western High School, and Nick, Matthew, Ben, Noah, and Graham will attend Valley Lutheran High School. We wish them God's blessings as they continue to grow in their faith and develop the gifts God has created within each of them. In preschool we graduated five students to kindergarten; Gavin S., Jared S., Emelia P., Abigail P., and Lillian W.



June will also be the end of my career as an educator. Thank you for the wonderful Retirement Recognition. The congregation certainly showed their appreciation for my many years in ministry. I am blessed that God had such wonderful work for me to do, which involved getting to see so many children grow and become a part of so many families' lives, even if just for a short time. Thank you!

We are also excited to welcome Cassie Foco to the staff as our new leader and principal. Cassie and her husband, Jon, have two boys attending Zion. Cassie comes with an Early Childhood background and experience in leadership. Please be sure to reach out and welcome her to our staff!

Next year's theme: Rooted in Christ, based on Colossians 2:6-7; "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" is a great time to celebrate the solid foundation of faith Zion offers to the families here. What a joy and privilege to be a part of this!

Blessings on your summer! Although I will no longer be seeing you here in the Messenger or speaking at Voters meetings, I will certainly see you in the pews and at church activities as we continue to reach out with the GOOD NEWS of Jesus to all those God brings to us!

Susan Klauer

Confirmation Instruction

Planning has begun for the Junior Confirmation program for the 2026-27 school year. If you missed the meeting that was held April 26th or know of or have a 7th grader needing to join the class, please contact one of the pastors.

Generally, it is expected that students who are in the 7th and 8th grade participate in Junior Confirmation instruction. The congregation has established a standard that students generally attend two years of Junior Confirmation instruction prior to their confirmation.

Confirmation instruction is designed to help Christian people see their place within the life of the church. Our Lord has called us to a life of service. For that reason, it is expected that participants in the program earn service hours. This service includes serving the congregation as an usher. The scheduling of ushers is done by the Elder in charge of the usher teams. Many parents have found serving along with their child as an usher a helpful experience. Students will begin ushering in July.

Through the Junior Confirmation program, we are seeking to provide a quality Christian educational experience. The goal of the program is not simply to get a confirmation certificate but to learn and embrace the foundational truths of the Christian faith and Lutheran doctrine. It is our hope that working together this will be an extremely positive experience for all involved. May God bless us all as we continue to follow our Lord and grow as His disciples.

In Christ,

Pastor Hemme

Pastor Menz



Summer Saturday Services: From June 6th - August 29th, **Non-Communion Saturday services** will be held **outside** (weather permitting) at **5:30 PM**. We will meet at the Gazebo, east of the Church parking lot. Please bring a lawn chair. **Communion Saturday services** will be held **indoors** at **5:30 PM**.

There is still time to join us for VBS in the **RAINFOREST, June 21st-25th!** We welcome registration at the door. Each night VBS opens in the gym at 6:00pm and closes at 8:30pm. Dinner is served each night for your family's convenience starting at 5:00pm.



Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) have a new service project for the Fall rally. We will recycle medicine bottles for developing countries. Until October we will collect clean, empty pill bottles with their lids. They can be lg/small prescription or over the counter. It will be helpful if labels are removed but not necessary. Bottles can be placed in the LWML bag at the bottom of the stairs in the church basement. Thank you for all your help.

Facebook Live/Live Streaming Update - We need to purchase new equipment for our live streaming service. The equipment currently in use produces poor audio, experiences technical interruptions, and limits our ability to present services in a professional and accessible manner. As a result, online viewers may have difficulty hearing the message clearly or staying engaged throughout the service. This situation affects our outreach efforts and our ability to serve individuals who are unable to attend in person.



With upgraded live streaming equipment, we will be able to provide higher-quality video, clearer sound, and a more dependable viewing experience. Improved equipment will help us better connect with homebound members, families traveling, and others who rely on virtual participation. It will also support the church's mission by extending the reach of our services beyond the physical building and presenting our ministry with excellence.

For questions on how to support this please contact one of the pastors.



Ushers Needed: Please consider contributing to Zion's worship service. Zion has a need for usher teams on both Saturday and Sunday Services. Here's a great opportunity to serve with your spouse, child, or sibling. (You'd even get to light the candles!) Ushers usually are on a 4–5-week rotation depending on the number of teams that we can establish. If you can't attend a week depending on your schedule, it's easy to find someone to cover. Please contact Mark Steih at 989-662-0373 to add your name to the team list. Scheduling begins in July.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Cookies

Stick around for a while after church on Sundays this summer and have coffee or juice, and a cookie or donut with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Start the week off right with friendly conversations in the sunshine of summer starting Sunday, June 7th.



Zion's 3rd Annual Fish Fry **PLEASE JOIN US!**

**TUESDAY, JULY 14
5:00PM**

THE ELDERS WILL BE JOYFULLY FRYING FISH FOR DINNER. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO ENJOY AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND MAYBE SOME YARD GAMES, TOO.

Zion's Pavilion



STICK AROUND FOR A WHILE AFTER CHURCH ON NON-COMMUNION OUTDOOR WORSHIP SATURDAYS THIS SUMMER AND HAVE A BEVERAGE WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST. MAYBE THAT BEVERAGE WILL HAVE SOME HOPS OR MAYBE IT WILL SIMPLY BE A POP. EITHER WAY, SPEND A LITTLE EXTRA TIME IN FELLOWSHIP BEFORE HEADING HOME FOR THE NIGHT. A SMALL AMOUNT OF BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T PLAN ACCORDINGLY, BUT PLEASE BYOB. SEE YOU ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THESE EVENINGS PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF THE PASTORS.

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