

**Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church**  
**----- Bringing Hope Through Christ**  
**7455 Foothills Drive Farmington, NM**  
**505-325-3420 Website: zionlutheran505.com FaceBook:**  
**Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:00 AM Divine Service -10:15AM**  
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**Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 11:30 Monday – Thursday**  
**August 2026**

Coming Soon: All Church Picnic on September 13, following Divine Service. Begin to pray about who you'd like to invite to attend church with you & join us for a picnic. The best way to grow a church is to invite someone to come – they'll like us! Did you know? We Americans do not understand what it means to live under the sovereign rule of a king. In coming weeks, Pastor will be talking about the sovereign rule of King Jesus. (See his message at the end of this newsletter.) It may help to define sovereign: one who exercises supreme authority. According to Merriam-Webster: "Sovereign has everything to do with absolute power, power that cannot be checked by anyone or anything." Be sure to come to hear this series of sermons, so that we "may come to honor Him in all we do and say as we live as his children in His glorious kingdom." - Pastor Biberdorf

Many thanks! For our Fellowship Lunches following Sunday services, Zion Circle & the women (usually) bring to us deliciously wonderful food. Thanks, everyone. POCKET

PRAYERS: Ike Gonzales, Lennis Walker, Deborah Perleberg, Tyler, Jeanne, DJ, Macie, Lisa, Thompson Family, Kerry, David Lukow, Roy and Dale Esau, Carol Unger, Deborah Unger, Shanda Unger, Shea and Jessica, Debra Mobley, Jack McKeever, Annette Lewis, Jason Hobbs

#### PRAYER TEAM NEWS –

Divine Service Prayer Team is praying that the Holy Spirit will fill every person present, that all would know God's comfort and be healed in body, mind, and spirit as we receive the body and blood of Jesus. As you kneel or stand at the altar you are being prayed for by this Team. Zion Church Prayer

Team is praying for our church council as they make difficult financial and other decisions. Council members are being lifted to the Lord to receive His wisdom and guidance. The Team prays that the Holy Spirit will speak to each one so unity is achieved in their decisions. The Team speaks the name of each council member and prays for protection for each one. Community/State/Nation/World Prayer

Team is praying for rain to extinguish the fires and end the drought. They pray God's comfort for the families of the firefighters who have been injured or died.

**that he will be safe as he travels to ,Pastor's Prayer Team prays daily for our beloved pastor ,guidance ,The Team prays that he will be blessed with strength .conferences and elsewhere**

This team is led by Barbara .Lent and Holy Week ,especially during Advent ,and good health Lukow and Pastor can ask for specific prayers from his team. Prayer by Text is available for ,urgent prayers – please contact Leslie to place a prayer request on this phone list. Always for those who pray the Prayer by Test list to those who are on a Prayer Teams to the Healing Prayer is a .to be respected & honored ,all requests are held in confidence ,Prayer Team tender & holy privilege. Many thanks to those who have committed to pray on the Prayer Teams – we have indeed become a praying church!

**Secret Sister Ministry - Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon is on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Please RSVP to Taryn @ 509-392-3380**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Church Picnic – September 13**

**Kriskindlemarkt December 11 & 12**

**Facebook site is up & running! To submit info, send to Dale Leikem @ conwaytc@aol.com**

### **Financial Report**

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| <b>Actual operating income.....</b>   | <b>\$12,128.98</b> |
| <b>Budgeted operating income.....</b> | <b>\$15,172.50</b> |
| <b>Under budget.....</b>              | <b>\$3,043.52</b>  |
| <b>Actual expense.....</b>            | <b>\$24,799.83</b> |
| <b>Budgeted expense.....</b>          | <b>\$12,895.69</b> |
| <b>Over budget.....</b>               | <b>\$11,904.14</b> |

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| <b>Actual operating income.....</b> | <b>\$79,369.46</b> |
| <b>Budgeted income.....</b>         | <b>\$75,832.50</b> |
| <b>Over budget.....</b>             | <b>\$3,506.96</b>  |
| <b>Actual expense.....</b>          | <b>\$84,890.64</b> |
| <b>Budgeted expense.....</b>        | <b>\$64,292.87</b> |
| <b>Over budget.....</b>             | <b>\$5,521.18</b>  |

**Church Council Highlights July 14, 2026**

**Attendees:** Richard Kynast, Pastor, Steve Unger, Dave & Mary Ripley, Jim Lukow, Mark & Sonia Lukow, Andrew Galloway, Bob Fitz, Tim Snyder, Alden Gabel and Sanda Lanier

**Pastor Report:** Adult Bible Study finished the Small Catechism. New study will be defending the Christian faith. Zion has a new Facebook page.

**Elders Report:** Tim is starting a notebook to help with scheduling with people who need help with transportation.

**Trustee Report:** No report

**Old Business:** Money was refunded from Next Level. The current alarm system is not working properly. Richard asked Mark to get a list together of security system “wants” to take to AADI.

The trash dumpster has been replaced & Mark will request one with wheels. Cameras have been installed to monitor the parking lot.

Laptops for music-the old laptops seem to be working fine at this point.

Church picnic will be on September 13<sup>th</sup>. More discussion next month.

**New Business:** Access to the parking lot needs to be limited in order to seal and stripe it.

Motion made and approved to install a simple cable gate. To attack the problem of mice coming in from the roof, Mark will screen off their entryway. He is also putting more tar on the roof.

Kristkindlmarkt will be held Dec 11 and 12. As Chairman, Dale will be drawing up new contracts to include specific booth sizes.

Insurance inspection went well. Dale discussed the coverages.

**LWML Report:** LWML supports the education of Pastors. This summer, we highlight Tyler Simmons. At age 3, he sensed God calling him & the dream was to become a semi-truck driver & share the Good News at truck stops. God had another plan: Tyler was a naval pilot at Pensacola, FL when God rekindled his calling. This spring, Tyler graduated from the seminary & was called to shepherd Faith Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee, WA. Please pray for Tyler & for other men called to serve the Lord. LWML also supports Grace Place, a Christian service that supports women as they choose life for their unborn child, here in Farmington. There will be a fundraiser for this ministry in November.

LWML hopes to sponsor 2 tables. Pray about what assistance you can offer.

## **Pastor's Message**

“Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!” (Psalm 24:10)

All this month of August, we will be looking at each of the banners that hang above the choir loft. Each one depicts a different crown that Christ wore, crown of prophecy, crown of incarnation, crown of thorns, crown of victory, and crown of glory. The sermon series depicting these different crowns is called, “The Crown: The Kingship of Christ.” We will also have the Netflix series *The Crown* help us see the difference between the earthly crown, especially Queen Elizabeth II’s reign, and our Lord’s eternal reign as King of Kings. The reign of Christ is eternal, and we will share in that reign one day when Christ returns and we will receive the crown of eternal life from Him.

Jesus, the prophesied King of the universe, came to earth in humility to show Himself to be one of us to die a wretched death so that we may also die to our sins in baptism and rise with Him. So many things to cover in this series about Christ our King. He showers us with His love and we are to act the same toward others. Jesus is the true King of whom we show honor, love and respect for all He has done for us. May we honor Him in all we do and say as we live as His children in His glorious kingdom. “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

God’s peace to you through Christ!

Pastor Nathanael Biberdorf