

The Tidings

Zion Lutheran Church

August 2026



Bear one another's burdens (hardships), and so fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6.2

Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his building up.
Romans 15.1-2

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.
1 Thessalonians 5.14

Those are some powerful imperatives, and commands! They press on us the character of the Christian, the duties of the disciple, the attitudes of the apprentices to Jesus.

But who prays for the opportunities to fulfill these commands? "Lord, give me someone unruly that I may admonish them." "Lord, give me someone burdened so that I might assist." "Lord, give me someone so annoying that I simply must be patient with them." (I don't think I've ever met a person who prayed these prayers.)

Perhaps we don't have to pray for the opportunities but simply to recognize them as they come along. Certainly our community, both church and Kerrville, haven't had to try hard at all to recognize the burdens of our neighbors, the good we can do for our neighbors, and the fainthearted who need encouragement. And the annual 500 year floods have kept these things fresh for us.

So what happens in 5 years, 10 years, or more? Sinful humans are really great at forgetting to love and we move on fast to selfishness. God calls us to be an intentionally alternative people. We are called to have an attitude, and a set of behaviors, that don't have expiration dates. I believe that if we let God set our habits now of bearing, pleasing, helping, etc., we have a good chance of still looking like, and acting like, God's intentionally alternative people 5 and 10 years from now. (Good apprentices form good habits!)

And as we are transformed into the image of Christ Jesus, we have this inexhaustible resource: "Come to Me (Jesus), all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11.28

May God our Father continue to bless us that we might bless others!

Pastor Tim Sternberg



Council Corner

August 2026

Isaiah 43:2 says “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Once again, our community faces a challenge. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” We are not defeated because God doesn’t desert us. And Lamentations 3:22-23 tells us “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Zion has done so well and progress continues. When it seems a little rough, remember to just lean a little more on those everlasting arms! Check on each other. If you need help, let us know. The church family is all of us helping all of us.

Martin Luther explained that all we have is a gift from a benevolent God. We are to be grateful with all our hearts. Luther didn’t deny the reality of suffering but viewed thankfulness during hard times as spiritual discipline so we focus less on immediate circumstances and trust God’s enduring grace and promises.

"God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try." Mother Teresa

Leslie North
Council President

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future .”

Contact us!

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Our main purpose for being the church is enabling each person to grow a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Child, Youth, and Family Coordinator

Love Jesus? Love working with youth? Help us build the next generation!

Zion Lutheran Church in Kerrville is seeking a passionate, high-energy Child, Youth & Family Coordinator to join our team!

If you are a faithful leader with a heart for discipling youth and a knack for organizing communities, we want to hear from you. This is a unique opportunity to:

- Lead Bible-centered youth ministry & family outreach.
- Recruit and inspire volunteers to serve the Kingdom.
- Grow our mission in the heart of Texas.

Details: 24-30 hrs/week | Part-time (Full-time potential) | Based in Kerrville, TX.

Check out the full description and apply today at <https://zlckerrvilletx.org/job-opportunities/>

Questions? Send your resume and a letter of interest to office@zionkerrville.org

Worship & Music Notes

Jonathan Shim

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

Thanks

As pilgrims and disciples, we are blessed to serve in the context of the pure teaching of God's Word and the Gospel of grace through faith in Christ alone.

Thank you for using your gifts as offerings to the glory of God and for the joy of His people!

Thank you to every singer, instrumentalist, reader, church media operator, and volunteer who has faithfully used your God-given gifts this summer to the glory of God and in service to His people.

Your dedication has been a blessing!
To God alone be the glory!

Camp season draws to a close, schools are ramping back up into session, daylight begins to shorten, late harvests are on the table, a new season approaches. As the activities of life begin to shift while summer winds down (or perhaps it's still up in Texas), remain ever steadfast in faith and service unto the Lord God Almighty in each and everything we do.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen Sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

LBW 543

Choir News

Bell Choir resumes regular rehearsals on September 2nd.
Chancel Choir resumes regular rehearsals on September 2nd.

August Worship Assistants

Liturgists: Brenda Abbatiello, Judy Johnson, Carol Greene, Kimber Rhoads, Jonathan Shim

Ushers: Beverly Fischer, Darla Pfiester, Patty Putnam, and Raylene Sherbourne

August 2	9:00 a.m.	Reader:	Bob Hartman
	11:00 a.m.	Reader:	Donna Shirley
		Altar Flowers:	Bubba & Sherri Walters
		Children's Message:	Pastor Tim Sternberg
August 9	9:00 a.m.	Reader:	Beth Taylor
	11:00 a.m.	Reader:	Katy Kappel
		Altar Flowers:	Tom & Candy Hakeman
		Children's Message:	Pastor Tim Sternberg
August 16	9:00 a.m.	Reader:	Gary Hartjen
	11:00 a.m.	Reader:	Tammy Callcott
		Altar Flowers:	Kent & Cathy Bressler
		Children's Message:	Pastor Tim Sternberg
August 23	9:00 a.m.	Reader:	John Nielsen
	11:00 a.m.	Reader:	Jerrielee Rust
		Altar Flowers:	Ward Jones
		Children's Message:	Pastor Tim Sternberg
August 30	9:00 a.m.	Reader:	Sybil Marsh
	11:00 a.m.	Reader:	Donna Zipp
		Altar Flowers:	Gary & Diane Hartjen
		Children's Message:	

Happy Birthday!

8/02	Stratton Borchers	8/08	Faye Carroll	8/20	Danielle Marks	8/28	Ashley Walters
8/02	Solveig Crawford	8/09	Carolyn Freeman	8/21	Ross Turner	8/29	Diane Hartjen
8/03	Gary Reichenau	8/09	Jeffrey Wilson	8/22	Bob Hartman	8/31	Trudy Heuerman
8/03	Sandra Yarbrough	8/12	Tammy Callcott	8/23	Tammy Harrison		
8/05	Ryan Balser	8/18	Jerry Highsmith	8/24	Helen Johnson		
8/05	Brenda Craig	8/18	Harold Johnson	8/25	Amelia Balser		
8/07	Gordon Lewis	8/18	Robert Rendon	8/26	Joseph Crowder		
8/07	Beth Taylor	8/20	Peter Crowder	8/27	Alycia Garza		
8/07	Dena Theis	8/20	Winston Fossett	8/27	Jody Jacoby		



WOMEN of the WORD

COMING EVENTS:

*Please watch the weekly bulletins and church information slides for any future WOW events this summer.

The WOW Board's next meeting will be on Monday, September 14th in the conference room. All ladies are welcome to attend. The Ladies' Breakfast Fellowship Group meets the second Monday each month at 9:00 at Cracker Barrel. Please come and join us!

The **Martha Circle** will take a summer break and meet again on Tuesday, September 1st at noon in the conference room.

The **Ruth/Rebecca Circle** will take a summer break and meet again on Thursday, September 3rd at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. Their study is A Woman Jesus Can Teach by Alice Matthews.

The **Deborah Circle** will take a summer break and meet again on Thursday, September 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room. They will discuss Chapter 5 in the book Overbooked and Overwhelmed by Tara Sun.

Magdalene Evening Circle meets the first and third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. Their study is Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver.

Zion Cares Ministry: If you know someone who might benefit from a casserole or has other needs, please contact the church office.

The Flower Ministry could use some more small bud vases.

Zion Men Of the Bible

Zion Men of the Bible (ZMOB) meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our main focus is to study the Bible and discuss how it affects our daily lives. Our meetings start with a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by discussion of any special activities that are being planned. Such activities include service projects and organizing special events like the Classic Car Show. The rest of the evening is devoted to Bible study. Our current study focuses on Steve Murrell's book "Iron Sharpens Iron," taken from Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend." This book is designed for small group discussion and discipleship among men, highlighting scripture from several books of the Bible.

ZMOB organized and hosted a successful Car Show on Saturday, June 27th. In addition to awarding trophies to cars and motorcycles in various categories, ZMOB held a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction, and classic hamburgers and hot dogs. Women Of the Word also participated with an amazing display of crafts that brought additional funds to WOW. We look forward to hosting our 3rd Annual Car Show in 2027.

ZMOB invites all men to join us for food, fellowship, and the opportunity to go deeper into God's Word. ZMOB also welcomes non-ZLC members to join us. Future meetings are August 4th & 18th.

August 2026

Every Sunday

8:30 Prayer Cell

9:00 Traditional Worship

10:10 Children's Sunday School

11:00 Contemporary Worship

All activities are subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 AA 10:00 NA
2 Communion 9 & 11 Services 10:10 Lutheranism 101 for kids 10:15 Adult & Children Sunday School 3:00 VBS Back to School Party 6:00 NA	3 12:00 Women's AA 5:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Ladies Reflection AA 7:00 Zion Recovery	4 9:00 LWR Quilting 12:00 AA 6:00 Magdalene Circle 6:30 Men's Group	5 9:00 ZLCC Chapel 12:00 Women's AA 5:30 Potluck for No Reason 7:00 AA	6 9:00 LWR Sewing 10:00 Ladies Bible Class 12:00 NA 6:00 Praise team rehearsal 7:00 Nar-Anon	7 5:30 AA 6:30 Children's Center Graduation Ceremony 7:00 Speaker Mtg	8 8:00 Convoy of Hope: Food & Backpack Distribution 10:00 AA 10:00 NA
9 9 & 11 Services 10:10 Lutheranism 101 for kids 10:15 Adult & Children Sunday School 6:00 NA	10 9:00 Women's Fellowship Breakfast 12:00 Women's AA 5:00 Zion Cares 5:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Ladies Reflection AA 7:00 Zion Recovery	11 9:00 LWR Quilting 9:00 Holy Casserolers 12:00 AA 5:30 Church Council	12 9:00 ZLCC Chapel 12:00 Women's AA 12:00 Flying Solo 7:00 AA	13 9:00 LWR Sewing 12:00 NA 6:00 Praise team rehearsal 7:00 Nar-Anon	14 5:30 AA 7:00 Speaker Mtg	15 10:00 AA 10:00 NA
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Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



A New Season of Learning

As we prepare to flip the calendar to August, there is no denying it's back-to-school time! Stores are showcasing all the school supplies front and center. Moms and Dads are taking their kids shopping for new clothes and shoes and backpacks and a never-ending list of things that every parent hopes will help their son or daughter learn and grow in the new school year. Soon churches will be blessing backpacks, praying for schools, and teachers, as the buses begin to roll. For many, the end of summer is a reminder of fresh starts and new learning.

What if this became a life-prompt for our discipleship journey? As I write this, we will soon be gathering in New Braunfels around the theme CALLED. Together we are exploring 2 Timothy 1:9 and are reminded that God saves us and calls us with a holy calling, not because of anything we have earned or accomplished, but according to his own purpose and grace. That is where the Christian life begins. Yet Paul does not leave Timothy, or us, there. In 2 Timothy 2:2 he instructs young Timothy what those who are called are to do next: What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Notice the sequence Paul describes here: He taught Timothy. Timothy is then to entrust that same teaching to other faithful people. Then those faithful people are in turn to teach others. That is four generations of discipleship referenced in a single verse! This is how the gospel moves through history: from one disciple to another, passed down from one generation to the next. Every follower of Jesus is simultaneously a learner and a trainer: We never graduate from Jesus' discipleship training, always both learning from those who are ahead of us and teaching those who are coming after us. With that in mind, let me ask you two questions to ponder:

First, how is God calling you to keep on learning? Perhaps you join a small group or Bible study, or ask another believer to meet with and mentor you for a while. The One who called you longs to keep forming you by His grace and for His purpose. So how is God calling you to continue to grow and mature in your faith life in this new season?

Second, whom will you teach? You do not need a theology degree to be faithful to the call in 2 Timothy 2:2. You need only to faithfully pass on what you yourself have received. Teach a child, mentor a new believer, or open your home and your Bible to a neighbor. Invest in someone who will receive the Word of truth from you in the hope that in the same way one day they may invest in another.

This is the very heart of our shared mission as a District: to multiply disciples and churches. Through intentional relationships we seek to equip leaders, strengthen congregations, and inspire gospel mission. When we gather each year in July, it is never our finish line. Rather this is the starting line for a new season of learning and growth in faith. I pray that we may be hungry and eager learners and diligent, humble and faithful teachers, so that the good news we have received keeps on multiplying and being handed down from one generation to the next.

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for LCMC Texas District and Program Director of Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at www.harvestworkers.net). Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Please contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org.

Heartfelt Thank You

Our hearts are full and thankful to our Lord and to our Zion family for such a wonderful installation service and BBQ lunch! Truly we are walking together into the next chapter God has for his church in Kerrville. And it does take many hands and open hearts to launch us forward, right? From Pastor Vitek's wonderful message about sheep and shepherds, to Brenda's corralling of Pastor Tim's excited rush to get to lunch (LOL!), to altar paraments and fresh flowers, to everybody who prepared food, served food, cleaned up afterwards, to Ray and Freddy who come ahead and behind us all, to Johnna's many calls and contacts and conversations and bulletin arrangements, to our praise band, organist, sound and tech staff, to those who greeted and who hugged and welcomed, to the quality quilters, . . . gosh, the community stretches out so far and when we function together as the body of Christ, it is HE who is honored and praised - as HE should be. But again, thank you, thank you, everyone!

Pastor Tim and Allison

Job Opportunities @ ZLC Kerrville

Director of Worship and Music

Office Assistant

Nursery Attendant

Child, Youth, and Family Coordinator

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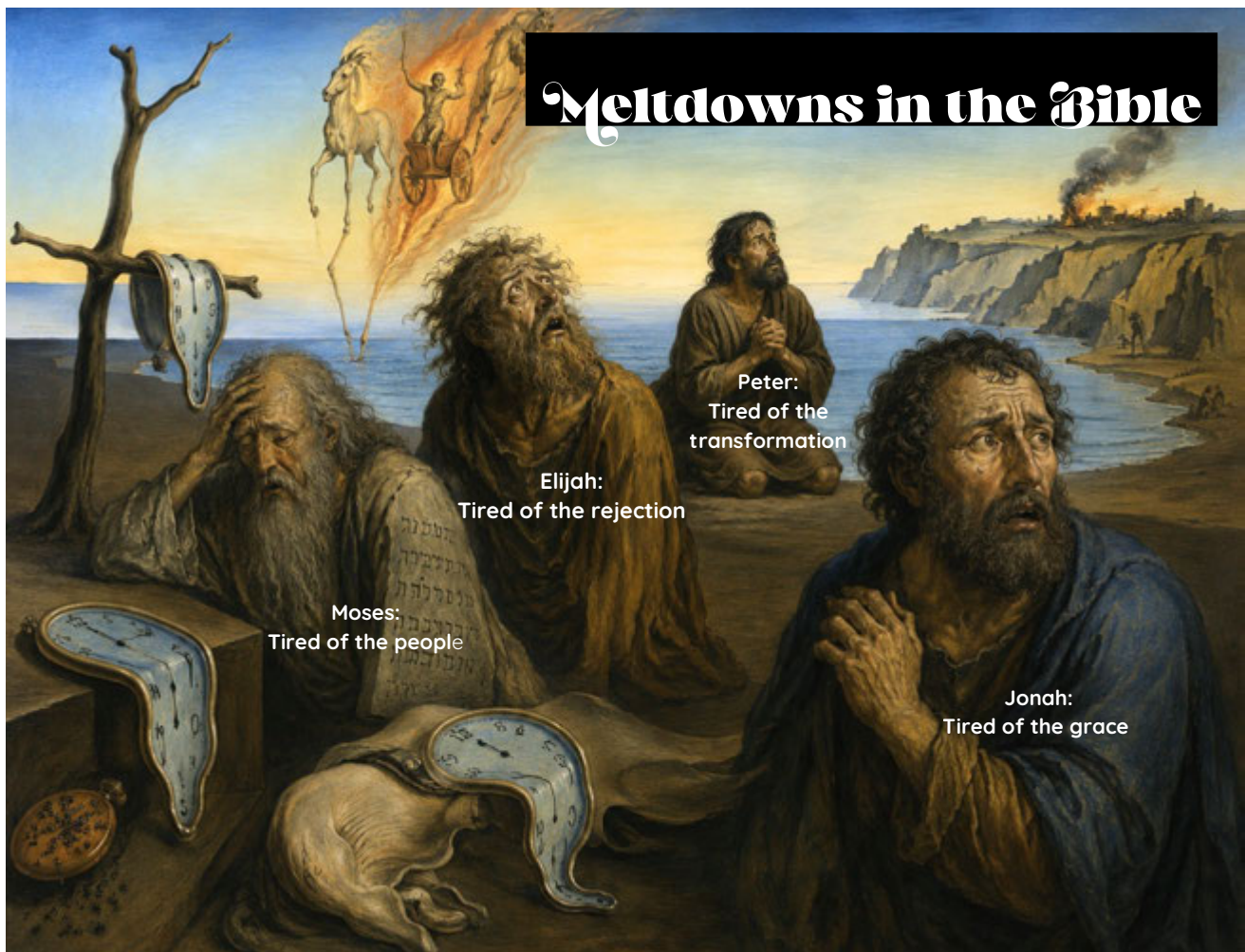
Sermon Series

Meals with Jesus

July 19 - August 9

followed by

Meltdowns in the Bible
August 16 - September 13



What's Happening at Zion Lutheran Children's Center

ZLCC is an outreach ministry of Zion Lutheran Church; serving the Kerrville Community by providing Quality Education in a Nurturing Christian Environment.

August Birthdays

Sean Azure
Kennedy
Victoria



Special days In August

08/07: Graduation 6:30 p.m.

08/17: Pajama Day



Faith isn't just belief, it's trust lived out. Abraham showed faith by obeying God's call, even when he didn't know where it would lead.
Hebrews 11:8

The Grace House is coming along nicely. At this point, the inside has been painted and fixed up and new windows have been installed. We have a ways to go yet before we can accept school age children. We will keep you posted on all of the details as they occur.

Thank you, ZLCC

Curriculum

Week 1: Wacky Olympics

Week 2: Sportsmania

Week 3: Camping

Week 4: Hollywood

Week 5: All American Foods



Bible Focus

Week 1: Elijah's Faith

Week 2: God Shows His Power

Week 3: Daniel's Faith

Week 4: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

Week 5: Jonah Runs from God

Please join us for Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 n.m.

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!



Youth and Family Corner

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Our Youth and Family programs have been very busy this month! We started off with a great Pot Luck for No Reason. The Open Mic night was a success with lots of laughter! Judy Johnson and Pastor Tim had the most jokes and could have gone all night. Thanks to all who participated! Please come to our upcoming Pot Luck for a FREE drawing. You never know what you might get!

The Flying Solo program had their first meeting at Green Grocers Deli. We will meet again August 12 at noon in the Zion kitchen area. Don't be solo, come join us for a laugh or two!

Our main event this month was VBS! July 6-9 we hosted the Preschool and July 13-19 was for the public. We not only had lots of fun, but planted a lot of seeds. As you know the rain came down hard. Our Father didn't say why, but I know everything happens for a reason! I cannot say, "Thank you!!!!" enough for those of you who helped with VBS.

On August 8 we plan to distribute food and school backpacks with supplies as a part of Convoy of Hope! Volunteers are needed to help!

Any questions, requests, or comments are always welcome! I do have a complaint closet if you need it!

God Bless You All,

Darla



