

LADIES DEPARTMENT



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Women in Mission - Zion Lutheran Mission Valley



Bible Study times each month....

Esther Circle-2nd Tuesday of the Month-9 am
Ladies Aid-1st Wednesday of the Month
Rebecca/Ruth Circle-2nd Monday of the Month-10 am. Each Bible study group or circle has ongoing activities they are involved in, such as the kits, quilts, Ladles of Love, etc. *But to participate, you do not have to belong to a circle...*



ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle met on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Present were Iris, Darla, Gail, Michelle, Cass, Darlette, Bettye, Dorothy, Barbara, Pam and Sherilyn.

Hostesses were Pam, Dorothy and Barbara. Bible Leader was Cass.

Business: Sewing will be Tuesday, June 16. LOL will be July 11 by Esther C. **District Convention** will be June 11 with 5 members from Zion attending.

Offering: \$56.00

All ladies of Zion are invited to join *Esther* on the second Tuesday of each month as we study the Word of God! Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be Kay and Cass. PLEASE JOIN US!

Sherilyn Arnecke, Secretary/Treasurer

REBECCA/RUTH CIRCLE

Rebecca/Ruth Circle met on Monday, June 8th, at 10:00 am with 7 members present. They were Sherri Bluhm, Pat Harper, Sheron Alex, Shelvy Schneider, Alice Crockell, Winona Klacman, Seda Weaver, & Denise Afflerbach.

Bible Study was led by Winona. Bible lesson, "Out of Sight But Not Out of Mine", from Spring Woman's Quarterly. Bible Study was opened by reading the the author's story: By DECANONESS EMERITUS KRIS BLACKWELL and an opening prayer was read by all. The end of lesson we read verses 2 and 3 of hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" from the Lutheran Service Hymnal and closed by reading the closing prayer.

Business Meeting:

Rebecca/Ruth Circle voted on changing the date of their meeting from the first Monday of the month to the **second Monday of the month starting July 13th**;

June 11th -13th: LWML Texas District Convention in Austin: Denise, Michelle Wendel, Peggy Lee, Kimberly Ramirez and daughter, Korgen, are attending.

June 16th: Sewing Day 9:00 am

June 21st: Father 's Day

We drew names for our prayer partners.

Cards were sent.

Rebecca/Ruth will meet **2nd Monday, July 13th at 10:00 am** at the church and Peggy Lee will be the Bible Study Leader. Bible lesson is on page 18 in the Summer magazine, "How Long, Lord?" We closed our meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

All women of the church are invited to come and join us for Bible Study and Fellowship.

Secretary, Winona Klacman

LADIES AID

No meeting.



LADLES OF LOVE

Esther C is in charge of Ladles of Love in **July**. If you would like to participate in a group or form your own group, please talk to Sherilyn Arnecke.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Chairperson



Each month the ladies of the church are collecting a different item as one of their projects for Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM). For the month of **July** LWML is **collecting regular 12-36oz. boxes of Cereal, ex. Corn flakes, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, etc.** We are asking the congregation to help with this project. It would be very much appreciated. There is a box in the **Narthex near the Ladies Restroom** for your donated item. Please help restock the shelves at VCAM. If any questions, contact Eva Cooke, project chairperson.

Want to thank everyone for contributing food for all these people in need.

Irene Heinold & Darlette Mathisen, Chairpersons

Thank you, thank you. For the month of May, 69 lbs. of tomato sauce were collected for VCAM!



SEWING DAY

Sewing Group met on Tuesday, June 16th at 9am. Those who attended were Shelley Sharp, Kay Lagal, Judy Faulkner and Darlette Mathisen. We match eight tops and bottoms to be put together.

Our next Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, July 21st** at 9am in the multi-Purpose Room.

Irene Heinold & Darlette Mathisen, Chairpersons



The LWML General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28th at 6:45pm. This organization is for **all women of Zion**, providing spiritual growth and instrumental on giving an insight, through God's Grace and to His Glory, of the good work that is accomplished for the Church and beyond. Please consider joining us.

Be sure to remember to bring your Mite Offering. Make your plans now to attend. Hostess will be

Rebecca/Ruth Circle with Esther Circle having devotions.

Leaders of Servant Resources, Barbara Schmidt & Sherri Bluhm

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Please join us for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9am.



FELLOWSHIP FACEOFF

Fellowship Faceoff is **BACK!**

We are playing Discernment on July 19th during the Sunday School hour, 9am. We look forward to seeing you!



GLOW-IN-THE DARK WORSHIP NIGHT

Glow-in-the-Dark Worship Night is from **5-9pm on Saturday, July 18th**, featuring Brandon Lake watch party as we watch a streamed concert, The King of Hearts Tour.



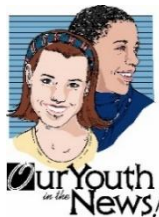
CONGRAULATIONS!

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS so great this year! Parents and children alike loved the stories, crafts, activities, and music. Offering of \$336.00 this year was dedicated to Mid-Coast Family Services over the five days. We shared Jesus love to 56 children, including 18 members of Zion and 38 non-members.

A **HUGE** thank you to all the volunteers and leaders. Your help was invaluable, especially Kathy Harryman for all the creative ideas for decorations and crafts, Amanda Jaeger for her awesome science lessons, Kelsey and Michelle Wendel for their energetic games, Denise Afflerbach for purchasing all the food and Shelley Sharp, Irene Heinold, Debbie Gras, Debbie Meyer, Karen Wood, Terry Depine, our kitchen crew, Megan Meyer and Ann Heller for the music, social media and working the sound system, Jennifer Henry, Kristy Zarate and Kathy Harryman for organizing VBS and Peggy Lee leading Bible Study and all her characters, Jason Henry our security guard, and all the group leaders, kitchen helpers, registration greeters, as well as any and all other roles that needed filled. Your creativity, flexibility, dedication, and sense of fun were evident every day. Thank you. Until next year!

Jennifer Henry & Kristy Zarate,
VBS Chairpersons

See insert.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Pvt Abagayle Faulkner will graduate from her school at Ft. Sam, San Antonio on August 25, 2026. There will be family day and graduation ceremony. She will be deployed overseas to Stuttgart, Germany within that week. Her duty tour is three years. She will be health tech at an Army intake center.



Stella Hickman has received several awards. She is one of 8 students at Trinity Episcopal School to carry **ALLA's ALL YEAR.**

Her travel softball team, Texan Hustle, finished 2nd in their last tournament battling very large girls. They are being called the Giant Killers.
Championship Ring.



Her Beefmaster Heifer won "Breed Champion" at the Lone Star Classic in Gonzales." Banner & Belt Buckle

Stella is the daughter of John & Stacy Hickman and granddaughter of Calton & Sherilyn Arnecke.



We had only 1 camper go to Camp Lone Star in LaGrange on June 14th-19th this year. Elizabeth Clay, daughter of Jacky & Candice Clay, said her favorite part of camp was the pool, slip in slide & making new friends.



If your children have any news like school recognitions, honors, sports, achievements this year that you would like to share, please submit them to the church office. Throughout the year, please submit special happenings. We love to hear about our children.

COMMITTEE NEWS



On May 31st Zion had a Blood Drive and I am proud of all who gave, all who thought about it, and all who would but could not give blood. We will be scheduling another drive. There is a wait time so eat heartily, but wisely and take your vitamins! Many thanks again.

Judy Faulkner, Chairperson



Congratulations on the success of your blood drive! Y'all had an amazing day and your ability to inspire participation truly made a difference.

1. The blood we collected on Sunday will already be helping patients in need by Tuesday.
2. This was the 6th largest collection of blood in all South Texas on Sunday!
3. This was the 3rd most sustainable event of all the blood drives in South Texas on Sunday!
4. We did not have any new blood donors this time, but we're very-very appreciative for everyone's recent, past, and future support.
5. This was 1 of only 9 blood drives in Victoria County during the month of May.
6. This was the 4th largest blood drive in all Victoria for the month of May!
7. This event has the potential to help 24 patients in need of blood.

Joby Stortz, Regional Account Manager



Zion's congregation voted to extend a Pastoral Call to Pastor Mark Harris on April 12, 2026. The Call Committee became aware he received additional Calls shortly after Zion issued its Call. This extended the deliberation process for Pastor Harris. On June 23, 2026, Pastor Harris replied and declined the Call to Zion. His letter expressed sincere gratitude for the compassion, kindness and patience that Zion extended to him during this process.

The Call Committee will start the process of identifying other candidates for Congregational approval by requesting a new list of candidates from the Texas District as well as further reviewing candidates that ranked high in the previous list received.

David Miller, Call Committee Chairman

CONGREGATION NEWS



OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Roy Taylor who passed away June 23, 2026. He was the father of Taylee (Stephen) Lester and grandfather to Jacob, Katherine and Madelyn Lester.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Willie Mae Gibbs who passed away June 10, 2026. She was the sister of Doris (Dan) Nugent.



IT'S A BOY

Congratulations to Alex and Rachel Innes on the birth of a son, James Ryan. He was born June 12, 2026, 8 lbs.7 oz. and 21.5 inches. PROUD brother Adam Innes, grandparents James David & Sherita Miller and Teresa & Keith Boswell. Great-grandparents Marvin and Pauline Janak.



June 18, 1966



June 18, 2026



Congratulations to Edward and Iris Heller who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 18, 2026. Their children are Darryl Heller and the late Randall Heller. They have four grandchildren, Rylan, Keegan, Logan, and Lillian Heller.



CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendars. Zion's Church Annual Picnic will be on **Sunday, September 27th**! Those who volunteered for this year's picnic are Darla Sifford, Cass Martignoni, Peggy Lee and Michelle Wendel.

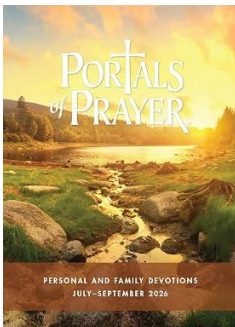
An example ballot sheet for the free-will offering lunch is attached in this Messenger for review and will be in Sunday's bulletin August 6th & 13th for you to vote & place in a basket in Narthex.

Also see attached all the fun activities planned for the church picnic.



NEW GROUP COMMUNICATION TOOL

GroupMe is replacing the Remind tool to allow group communications to be sent to the Zion Congregation. The new communication group will be called "Zion Connect". Seda will load each member into the new tool. Each member will get a text message from Zion Connect providing instructions to join the group. **To join, simply respond to the message by typing #stay. You can ignore the instructions to get the GroupMe App.** If you need assistance joining the new group, contact David Miller.



PORTALS OF PRAYER

July thru September small and large print Portals of Prayer are available in the magazine rack in the

Narthex. First come, first serve, if you want one, please help yourself. If you know of anyone who needs one, please take them one.



VISITATION

If you are in the hospital or would like a home visit, please call an Elder or Church office.



Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is especially ill, please call an Elder or contact the church office.



SHUT-INS

Please continue to keep our shut-ins in your prayers and enliven their lives through visits, letters, and cards or phone calls.

Dalhardt & Rose Goebel
3100 S. River Road
Cuero, Tx 77954

James Morris, Sr.
3472 FM 447
Victoria, Tx 77905

Alissa Blount
Arboretum of Winnie
1215 TX-124
Winnie, Tx 77665

Dan & Doris Nugent
5404 FM 236
Victoria, Tx 77905



PRAYER LIST

To add another person's name to our prayer lists, you must be a member or active worshipping guest of Zion and identify yourself as the one requesting prayer for someone else. It is your responsibility to gain this permission! The church office reserves the right to edit prayer requests for publication.

Please check names on the Prayer List. Please let the office know should someone be removed.

*******PRAYER REQUESTS*******

1. Bill Lagal
2. Cole Ohrt – friend of Zion
3. Holly Corey
4. Loma Chandler – Karen Wood's sister
5. James Morris, Sr.
6. JoNell Martin
7. Ann Pantel – wife of Curtis Pantel
8. Lisa Roman – niece of Cass Martignoni
9. Kamryn McDavid – granddaughter of Pribyl's
10. Mai Harwell
11. Rose & Dalhardt Goebel
12. Allie Faulkner – Faulkner's granddaughter
13. Julie Heinold
14. Alissa Blount
15. Jodie Schaefer – friend of Barbara Schmidt
16. Becky Debore – friend of Irene Heinold
17. Glennie Bednorz – friend of JoNell Martin
18. Ava Soliz – Ann Heller's friend's daughter
19. Jim Krause
20. Priscilla Dornburg
21. Pauline Janak
22. Emily – friend of Ann Heller
23. Charles Krueger – Cass Martignoni's brother
24. Kenneth & Nancy Hahn – Faulkner's friends
25. Cindy & Jennifer Henderson – Randy Carter's sister & niece
26. Jana Ragsdale – niece of Julie Heinold
27. Pam Ficklen – niece of Barbara Schmidt
28. Kim Gisler – relative to Jacki Cooke
29. John Meharg – Calton Arnecke & Darlette Mathisen's cousin
30. Janie Bolten – Jacki Cooke's friend
31. Ryan Aaron – friend of Cooke's
32. Gary Moses
33. Robert Kaiser – friend of Arnecke's
34. Bea Fuchs
35. Richard Gisler – friend of Zion
36. Darryl Heller
37. Jan Foerster – friend of Karen Wood
38. Ken Sifford
39. Leslie Thigpen Hanslik – friend of Cooke's
40. Peggy Polster
41. Linda Griffin – Fred Dentler's sister
42. Eva Cooke
43. Marvin Janak
44. Karen Wood
45. Randy Kersten



ATTENDANCE CARD

Members & Guests, please fill out an attendance card for each worship service attended and place them in the offering plate. These cards help us to keep accurate records and assist with pastoral care. Please list each individual's name attending if in a family. That way each one gets counted.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR JULY

- July 1 – Cheryl Gisler
July 9 – Leah McBrayer
July 10 – Steven Lee
July 11 – Lana Webel
July 13 – David Pribyl, Michelle Homan
July 14 – Jennifer Henry, Sherita Miller
July 17 – Stacey Hoefling
July 20 – Gracey Hoefling, Heath Hoefling
July 25 – Christopher Wood
July 26 – Pat Zmeskal, Robert Ramirez
July 30 – Wyatt Jaeger



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

- July 1 – Michelle Homan
July 3 – Brittney Woytasczyk
July 4 – Gloria Buchhorn
July 6 – Shelvey Schneider, Dorcas Martignoni
July 8 – Emma Fox
July 9 – Erin Reynolds, Layla Dornburg
July 10 – Wanda Heller
July 11 – Fred Dentler
July 12 – Jim Cooke
July 14 – Blayne Blount
July 15 – Radonna Brown
July 17 – Emily Hanchett
July 20 – Brian Lester, James Morris, Sr.
July 21 – Ava Dornburg
July 23 – Rachel Innes
July 27 – Kimberly Ramirez
July 30 – Jim Krause, Shawna Stockton
July 31 – Clifford Startz



HEARING ASSISTANCE

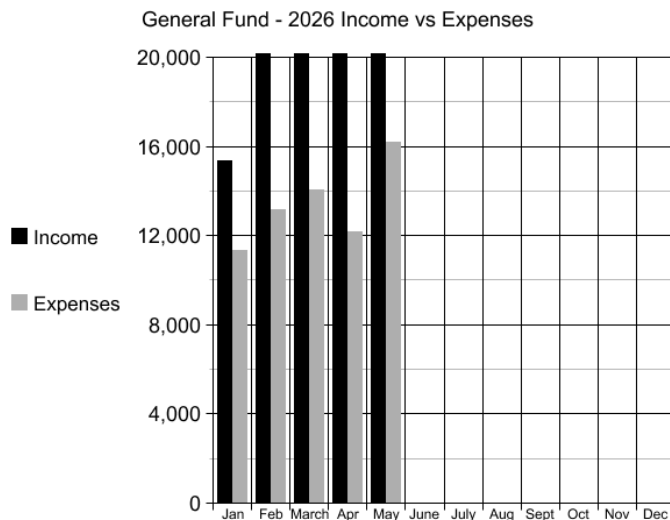
HEARING ASSISTANCE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

To assist anyone to hear the discussion at meetings in the Fellowship Hall, the Fellowship Hall is now equipped to use the same hearing assistance devices that are used in the sanctuary. Just bring one of the devices from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. Contact David Miller or David Pribyl for any assistance.



RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES

How do we get rewards for recycling ink cartridges? As a Reward Member of Office Depot, the church gets \$2 back in program rewards for each ink cartridge that we recycle, up to 10 cartridges per month. Qualifying purchases include any product or service purchase made in store or online. All brands of ink qualify for recycling rewards. This helps with the rising cost of supplies for the church. There is a basket on a shelf in the Narthex between the Men's & Ladies' Restrooms for your cartridges.



In the above chart, you can see our expenses and offerings. We share this with you so you are aware of how this is continuing to impact our overall ministry. Even as we continue to thank God for the many blessings He gives to Zion, including those of the financial offerings of His people, the Church Council

and Church Office are being as mindful as possible about the stewardship of the church budget.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	
Sunday, May 31st	74
Sunday, June 7 th	98
Sunday, Jun 14 th	68
Sunday, June 21 st	78



Entire Service on: Zion's Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/zionmissionvalley/>

*****We are trying to "boost" our social media (Facebook) and internet presence. If you are a Facebook user, go ahead and give us a "Like" at [facebook.com/ZionMissionValley](https://www.facebook.com/ZionMissionValley). We are posting several times a week with various memes, quotes, Q&A, and interesting articles. "Like" and share what you see, whether it's Sunday's service or a goofy meme! Also, be sure to click on the church webpage, <https://zionlutheranmv.org/> and let it load up. You don't even have to read it! It drives the algorithms to keep us closer to the top when people do searches for churches in the Victoria area.



VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Visit our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

The *Summer of Giving!* is underway & we are off to good start, considering all the clothing donations that are coming in. Keep 'em coming! **Appropriate summer wear, especially for kids, young adults & men** is the clothing we are currently accepting.

The mosquitoes are definitely out, so some of the non-clothing donations to consider are **cans, bottles, wipes or even repellent bracelets** are some of our seasonal needs. It goes without saying that the homeless population in our area are exposed to all the outside elements & that includes those pesky insects.

The Messenger, July 2026

VCAM once again is giving out **box fans** to combat the hottest months of summer. Clients in need will given one per household until the supply runs out.

As you can see, it is a busy summer break at VCAM, so any support is deeply appreciated...many thanks!

Staple inventory items always in dire need in the pantry:

Rice (1 or 2 lbs. bags – uncooked), cereals (box or bag), 1lb. bag beans, pastas, tomato sauce.

Please consider donating these bags to VCAM. This will greatly assist in maintaining our expenses.

**VCAM IS ALWAYS IN NEED
OF T-SHIRT BAGS FOR ALL
PHASES OF OUR
OPERATION
PLEASE RECYCLE TO VCAM**



Blessings...*Marc*

Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is served on a daily basis.

All services are provided free.

Please continue to refer those who require our services to VCAM & please continue to support.

“Providing hope when things seem hopeless...”



ERRORS AND/OR OMISSIONS

The Messenger Staff wants to correct any errors and/or omissions. Please let the church office know promptly.

FREEDOM



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Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



SHELL — A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

FYI

CHURCH CONTACTS

Sunday School – Board of Education/Youth
Lutheran Youth Fellowship – Board of Education/Youth
Altar Guild, Pauline Janak
Blood Drive, Church Office
Leaders Of Compassion, Eva Cooke
Judy Faulkner
Ladles of Love, Sherilyn Arnecke
Library, Sherita Miller
Memorials, Seda Weaver
LWML President, Michelle Wendel
Esther, Iris Heller
Ladies Aid, Eva Cooke
Rebecca/Ruth, Debbie Meyer
Worship/Music Bd., Hilbert Nagel
Church Secretary, Seda Weaver
Sound System, David Miller
Kitchen Cartel, Darla Sifford
Board of Elders, David Miller
Board of Trustees, Pauline Janak
Board of Outreach, Judy Faulkner
Board of Education/Youth, Jacki Cooke
Candice Clay
Board of Fellowship, Priscilla Dornburg
Security & Safety, David Pribyl

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President, Pat Zmeskal
Vice-Pres., Pauline Janak
Secretary, Terry Depine
Treasurer, Seda Weaver
Financial Sec, Teresa Boswell
Elder, David Miller
Elder, David Pribyl