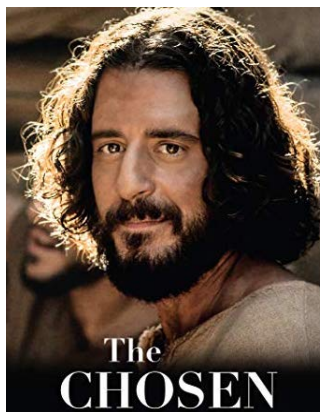
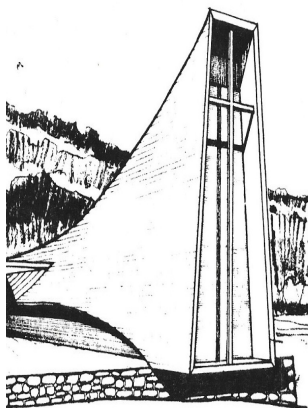


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Zoar Church Summer 2022 Newsletter



Zoar Church is Your Church!

In the Bible, the village of Zoar was a place of refuge. Zoar Church in Tofte was founded over 100 years ago by hearty settlers who believed in the power of the Gospel and found refuge with brothers and sisters in Christ who came alongside them in times of hardship. Life was hard on the North Shore then and it's not always so easy today. Come experience the power of the Gospel for yourself! We are a Lutheran congregation in mission for Christ, a place of refuge, and a beacon of hope on the North Shore. We welcome you!

Wednesday Movie Nights Beginning in July

Join Us for "The Chosen" in the sanctuary Zoar Church **Wednesday** nights in **July and August**.

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth, created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus, and season one, produced in 2019, was the top crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time.

Come enjoy each episode of Season 1 together with the whole family. We'll start each week at **6:00 PM**. Following the episode Pastor Daren will lead a brief discussion for those who would like to stay. Popcorn is available! Feel free to invite friends.

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Sunday services are in-person, streamed on Facebook, and over 107.9 FM locally at 9:30 AM

The Beacon

ZOAR CHURCH PARISH NEWS

A Beacon of Hope on the North Shore



Upcoming Messages

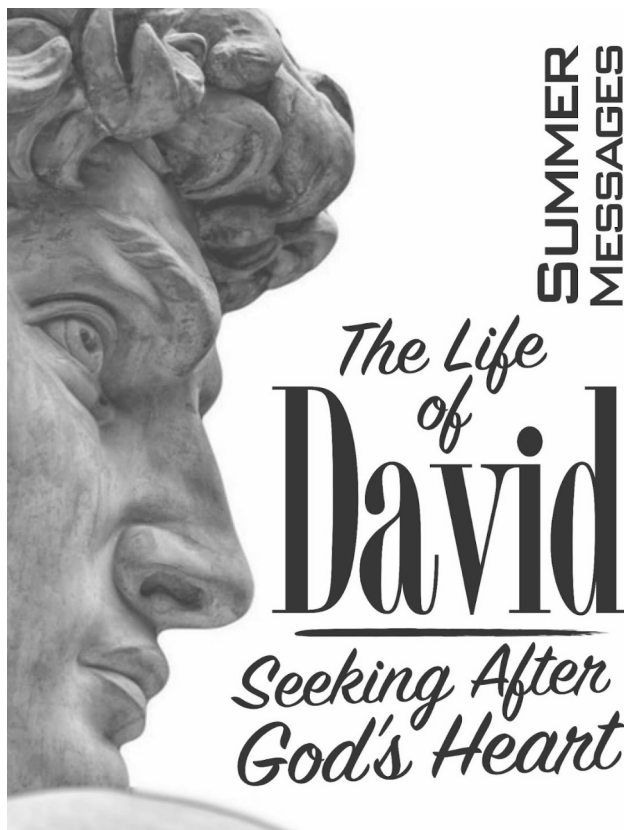
By Pastor Daren Blanck

Summer Messages ~ June 5-Sept 25, 2022 ~

Our messages this summer focus on the life of King David. Most of us know the story of David and Goliath but we may not know the rest of the story - David the fugitive, David the builder, or David the father. David is known as ancient Israel's most important king, the king whose star is the symbol of the nation, and the progenitor of the messiah. He was a shepherd boy who felled giants and united 12 backward tribes into a formidable nation. He was a talented musician and poet to whom 73 of the 150 psalms in the Hebrew Bible are credited, yet he was a violent warrior in violent times. David was a paradox. At times he seems larger than life like Michelangelo's Florentine masterpiece, yet he was very human. He made destructive choices, abused his power and caused brokenness in the lives of others. But despite his failures, he ultimately sought to follow God and was redeemed by truth and forgiveness. We have much to learn from the life of David, not because he was a perfect example, but because we see our own lives in his, warts and all, and we see how grace and faith molded a forgotten shepherd boy into a man after God's own heart. Come join us!

Father Baraga's Cross Services

Worship during the summer on the rocks at the Father Baraga's Cross Historic Park in Schroeder at **8:00 am** each **Sunday**. Bring something to sit on and dress warmly!



Worship Inside at Zoar Church

Services are also held inside at Zoar church in Tofte on **Sundays at 9:30 am**. Coffee and goodies are served following the worship service.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday morning Bible Study is an opportunity to dig into the theme and text from Sunday morning in an informal setting and apply it to our lives. Join us for coffee or tea and a lively discussion each **Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 am**.





WEST END WORKERS WELCOME DINNER

ALL LOCAL, OUT OF TOWN & INTERNATIONAL
WORKERS IN SCHROEDER, TOFTE & LUTSEN
ARE WELCOME

Date: June 21st
Location: Birch Grove School
Hours: 17:00 to 20:00
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Food Drinks




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SHUTTLE SERVICE PROVIDED
AT 16:30 & 18:15

Call 218-663-7925 or go to zoarchurch.org
for more information.

Fourth of July Food Stand*

\$4 Jerk Chicken Sandwich

\$4 Burgers

\$2 Beef Franks

\$1 Popcorn - \$1 Chips - \$1 Pop

Served from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM by the Fire Hall and after parade until 4:00 PM

6:00 PM in the Zoar Parking Lot during Praise Service & Concert

*Proceeds support Zoar's Missions and Ministries

7:00pm Freedom Day Praise Service & Concert

Join us in the evening at Zoar Church for our *Freedom Day Praise Service & Concert* featuring contemporary Christian music led by Dave Gustafson on Guitar with a short message by Pastor Daren Blanck.

Lutheran Indian Ministries

~May Mission Project ~

Less than 5 percent of the more than 5 million Native American people in North America know that they are accepted by God and forgiven in Christ.



Lutheran Indian Ministries proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Native American peoples, disciples Native leaders to share the Gospel with their brothers and sisters, addresses social sufferings in a way that values Native cultures, and envisions a day when all nations walk together in Christian fellowship. Lutheran Indian Ministries serves Native American communities in the Alaskan interior, Hawaii, the Pacific northwest, and the southwestern US. Zoar supported Lutheran Indian Ministries during the month of May.

Wycliffe Bible Translators

~June Mission Project ~

This June Zoar supports Wycliffe Bible Translators. Wycliffe is an interdenominational nonprofit organization with a goal "for people from every language to understand the Bible and be transformed." Zoar has had a number of connections with Wycliffe throughout the years. One is Galen Johnson who recently retired from his work with the *Seed Company*. His wife, Jill, is the daughter of Paul and Helen Olfelt who owned a cabin in Schroeder for decades. Another connection is John Leverington, Pastor Daren's second cousin and his wife Becky. John and Becky founded *Olive Tree Counseling Center* in Turkey to assist workers in the Middle East with the stresses of work for the Kingdom of God there.

Summer Blood Drive



The Memorial Bloodmobile will be at Zoar on **Monday July 18th** from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All blood types help save lives. Nearly 100% of the blood used by patients in northland hospitals is donated by northland blood donors with Memorial Blood Centers.

Contact Polly at 218-663-7398 to sign up

Starfish Fund

~July Mission Project ~

In addition to the support that we provide to national and international missions, we also strive to support the needs of our local community. During the month of July, we will be collecting funds for our Starfish Fund. The Starfish Fund is used to support community members in times of need.



Birch Grove Kid's Meals

~August Mission Project ~

Birch Grove Community School is a very small school. 60% of K-5 pupils qualify for free/reduced meals, and the school has limited resources to help fight hunger.

Birch Grove does not have a school breakfast program but does provide breakfast bars in the morning which, in many cases, keeps children from starting the school day hungry so they are better able to concentrate on learning. BGCS also serves a hot lunch three days a week. The other two days students bring lunch from home.

Zoar's contribution to the *Hungry* program assists BGCS in purchasing breakfast bars and food for children that forget a lunch from home. Birch Grove Community School appreciates your support in this program.

Cook County Food Shelf

~September Mission Project ~

During the month of September, Zoar is supporting the *Cook County Food Shelf* as our Mission Project. The Cook County Food Shelf operates out of the First Congregational Church at Third Avenue and Second Street in Grand Marais. We are collecting monetary donations as well as donations of non perishable foods, household items, and clean brown paper grocery bags. For more information about the needs of the food shelf, you can contact Gwen Lenz at (218) 387-9860.

WE FEED & WE CONNECT

by Mary VanDoren

After two successful Ruby's Pantry distributions, I feel much more confident to continue to find ways to improve our West End. Two board members are still needed for WE FEED and at least 5 board members for WE CONNECT. If you want to be on a board or know of someone on the West End that might be interested in either of these non-profits, please contact me. We have many goals that we would like to accomplish for the two 501c3 non-profits. For more information, please contact Mary at 218-370-1015