



From the Pastor's Cup...

November 2024

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Lately the Greek phrase "ένα και έτοιμο" comes to mind when I think of the month of November. Old German farmers might say "eins und fertig" when another season of harvest had come and gone. And now we experience the in-between time of fall and winter as farmland and human outdoor activity begins to abate.

This time of year also reminds me of Matthew chapter 19 where on the cross Jesus said, "It is finished." The harvest is finished and hopefully the field fires and drought are over too, along with the background noise of party politics on every commercial break. I personally am ready for the peace and quiet along with the calm this season offers as we turn our hearts to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We had our Thanksgiving and Christmas with our kids and grandkids early. We all met in Kearney in October for a time to get away and just be "us" again. There was swimming, board games, Cornhole tournament, fishing, walking, basketball, and our son making his famous pizza on his pellet grill. A good time to review and assess where life has led and is leading. What comes to my mind is the saying, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." (From An Essay on Man by Alexander Pope, circa 1732)

It is human nature always to find a fresh cause for optimism. People will keep on hoping no matter what the odds. I pity people who continually live a negative life where everything is something to be feared. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast" means that hope continually gushes forth like water from a spring in the ground and it will never run out.

The Christian Sacrament of Holy Baptism is the spring from God that gushes water that will also never run out. This is symbolic of rebirth, new life, new beginnings, and new blessings even for the worst of sinners like Paul the Apostle. In confidence, we wait expectantly in peace and joy, discerning where God is leading us and to what God is leading us. It can be as simple as opening the door to the possibility of rebirth, new life, new beginnings, and new blessings!

Sincerely Pr. Jer

SUNDAY 9 am Adult Coffee Fellowship in November

What's your **mission**? God gave an assignment to His people thousands of years ago: Bring "lost sheep" back into the love and safety of His kingdom. It's still our task today. In the 13th volume of **That the World May Know**, you'll glimpse the urgency and rewards of welcoming strangers and prodigals the Lord longs to embrace.

Sunday, October 20 – Abraham and Sarah and the Three Strangers

Sunday, October 27 – Israel at Sinai: The First Great Commission

Sunday, November 3 – Jesus Renews His Mission: Seeking the Lost

Sunday, November 10 – The Lost Son: In the Far Country

Sunday, November 17 – The Seeking Father: The Lost Son Returns

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS IN NOVEMBER 2024

Reminder to start thinking about your Bible verse and My Faith Project for Confirmation Sunday on April 27, 2025. My Faith Project will be displayed on Sunday, April 20, 2025, in the fellowship hallway. My Faith Project is explained at the end of this booklet.

10/30/2024 – 6-7 p.m. – Overview of the Apostles' Creed

Movie, **Bonhoeffer: The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer** - Session One, "What is the church?" (20 minutes)

Bible Text: Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:28-34

Lesson Focus: The Apostles' Creed states our shared beliefs as a community of faith.

Big Question: What do I believe?

Key Words: CREED, BELIEF, CHURCH, MONOTHEISM, TRINITY

Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Pr. Jer & Karen

11/6/2024 – 6-7 p.m. – Exploring Article One

Movie, **Bonhoeffer: The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer** - Session Two, "Living in Christian Community" (20 minutes)

Bible Text: Genesis 1:1-2:25

Lesson Focus: God's creative work in the world is ongoing.

Big Question: How do we know God is still creating stuff today?

Key Words: CREATE, CREATION, SUSTAIN, EX NIHILO, STEWARDSHIP

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Presleigh Borgman's family**

11/13/2024 – 6-7 p.m. – Exploring Article Two

Movie, **Bonhoeffer: The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer** - Session Three, "Religionless Christianity" (20 minutes)

Bible Text: Matthew 1:18-25

Lesson Focus: Jesus came to teach us how to live and free us from sin and death.

Big Question: Wait, God became human?

Key Words: CRUCIFIED, RESURRECTION, ASCENDED, LORD, REDEMPTION

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Max Cornelius' family**

11/20/2024 – 6-7 p.m. - Exploring Article Three

Movie, **Bonhoeffer: The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer** - Session Four, "Come and Die" (20 minutes)

Bible Text: John 14:15-17; Acts 2:1-13

Lesson Focus: The Holy Spirit nurtures and advocates for us.

Big Question: The Holy Spirit works in my life every day?

Key Words: HOLY SPIRIT, COUNSELOR, PENTECOST, CHURCH

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Brogan Ideus' family**

Advent Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

6 p.m. Sunday, December 1st 2024,

I am presently developing the bulletin for this candlelight service and seeking musical talent for this night. Scheduling this candlelight service for the first Sunday in Advent gives a good chance for better weather. If you would like to share your musical talent (solo, group, choir or instrumental) please contact Pr. Jer 403-404-0494. I am NOT a last-minute kind of pastor, but rather I like to have my plans tentatively firmed up by November. This is a well-attended service, and bulletins will need be printed ahead of time.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Parde.

Members present: Cindy Parde, Kristi Dorn, Kenny Reed, Jason Wallman, Paul Jurgens, Carrye Meints

Absent: DeAnn Oltman, Neal Meints, Kevin Buhr

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect

Motion was made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 10-9-2024 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from September 4, 2024 meeting.

Upcoming Weddings

- 11/2/2024 – Maggie Parde & Cole Baumgartner
- 2/8/2025 - Cole Jurgens & Jenilee Wright
- 10/4/2025 - Shelby Baehr & Anthony Hernandez

Upcoming Events:

- Nebraska Synod Fall Leadership Gathering, October 21-22, 2024 in Kearney
- 150th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, October 26, 2024 and Sunday, October 27, 2024

September Mileage: 630 miles

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- Nominating Committee - Cindy Parde met with the committee. The committee has a list of names, and they will begin contacting people.

Discerning God's Will – New Business

- School House Lock - The lock has a keypad. Make sure it is unlocked for Sunday School.
- Janitorial-Kristin is having surgery and Mert will be too. They are going to have some other people help with the weekly duties.
- NextLink/Sound System-Alex met with the reps from NextLink. They will be measuring to put in the new lines. We will be going with the business plan which gives us 24/7 service. This runs about the same cost as Big Red. Alex has been working on the sound system. There will be a rep here Sunday, October 13, during church to listen to the sound system and microphones.
- Venmo- We now have a Venmo account. Members may use this for their offering, but you can still do the envelopes as well. There will be a QR code coming out soon.
- Insurance Review-Pastor and Karen's Goldplus package is being renewed.
- Candlelight Service Offering-We will be making a decision in this next month of where the offering will be designated to.
- Dates to look at next month- Christmas tree set up date will be decided this month. Budget meeting has been tentatively set for Dec. 11, 2024.
- Review Zion's Church Constitution - We went over Chapters 16-20. Cindy will be putting the revisions together.

Ministry Team Report as of October 9, 2024

- Financial-General Fund Balance on hand - 9/1/2024 - \$113,010.83
- Income - \$18,305.12
- Balance on hand – 9/30/2024 - \$113,200.23
- Sinking Fund - \$57,589.07
- Seminary Fund - \$58,727.19
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$2,928.20
- Open Savings - \$23,925.05

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team Reports.

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Devotions - 7:00

Committees – 7:05

Council – 7:30

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carrye Meints, Secretary

Committee Notes for October

Endowment: Did not meet

Hospitality: Jeni Bohlmeier, Deb Rinne, Angie Grone, Makayla Wiese, Cally Ideus

Absent: VeAnn Jurgens, Karla Carstens, Linda Blackwell, DeAnn Oltman.

- New Business:**
1. New member Sunday – providing treats – Costco Cookies & New members with welcome sacks
 2. Trunk or Treat – 1027 2pm -4pm need trunk volunteers!!
Will send sign up around next week 10-13 flyer going to Sunday School kids 10/13. Also, to Freeman kids. F/B social media to Beatrice School.
 3. Need to build mission statement/future plan for hospitality.
“Building friendship, fellowship & community”
Need to develop new member ideas
 - packets/info
 - mentoring

Memorial Committee: Did not meet

Parish Ed: Members Present: Nicole Behrends, Jay Bartlett, Courtney Schlake, Allison Lane, & Lanette Nelson

Members Absent: Alyssa Lieneman

Balance: \$ 855.89

• **New Business**

- Christmas Program
 - Select Christmas Program
 - Send out Program Schedule – Courtney
- Tree of Warmth
 - Thrivent Grant – Doreen Remmers
 - Starts December 1st
- CASA 5th Grade Shopping Trip
 - Shopping Day: November 24th
 - Thrivent Grant: Mary Lenner
- Parish Ed will visit classrooms to order more curriculum.
 - Jess Ideus will create her own worksheets.

▪ **Old Business**

- Set up classrooms 8/19
- First Day of Sunday School Treats
 - Courtney will make prayer tags
 - Alyssa will purchase juice boxes from Costco
- 2nd Grade Bibles
 - Jay & Allison will present 2nd Graders their Bibles at Rally Sunday
- Perfect Attendance
 - Reward kids each month for perfect attendance.
 - Courtney will create certificates to pass out at Sunday School the first Sunday of the following month along with a candy bar.
 - End of the year will reward kids that have attended over 80% of the time.
- Handbooks

- Nicole will update the handbook and pass out at Sunday School

Park Board: Will meet Monday 10-15-24

Receipts: Last gate & concessions - \$1562.25

Expenditure: Misc \$ 250.00 range

Balance on Hand: Est. \$8000.00

- New Business:
1. Winterize the stand
 2. Empty trash cans
 3. Portable pitching mound stored
 4. Batting cage/pitching screens to batting shed
 5. Irrigation improvements

Property & Management: Connor Mason, Mike Detert, Kenny Reed

Old Business: Discussed fellowship doors

Discussed ceiling fan in sanctuary

Discussed tuck points

New Business: Look at cleaning gutters on church, parsonage & parish hall later this fall.

Publicity: Did not meet

Stewardship: Did not meet

Worship & Music: Alnora Daubendiek, Shirley Gronewold, Carrye Meints

Picked hymns until January 12th

Willie & Anna Meints Endowment: Did not meet

Youth: Cindy Parde, Hannah Hrenchir

- New Business:**
1. Dare 2 Share – would council approve the use of this for summer retreat and organizing Dare 2 Share event in November at Zion.
 2. Pancake Feed – Annual Meeting Sunday
 3. Continue to plan for summer youth retreat & information shared for National gathering in Nashville

Exciting news and another option for giving will be available for our Zion members beginning with the first Sunday in November. A QR code will be added to the Sunday bulletins. Simply scan the QR Code to access Zion's Venmo account and submit your offering. Offering envelopes and online giving via Vanco are still available to members as well. **Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.**



Grace Circle

Grace Circle met @ 1:30 on Oct. 9 for their monthly Bible Study and business meeting. Bible Study opened with singing hymn "Great God Your Love Has Called Us." The lesson "After Certainty-Compassion" was given by Stephanie Wallman.

The business meeting was opened with minutes of last meeting, roll call and treasurers' report. 11 members were present. The treasury balance is 119.00. Offering was accepted in the amount of \$90 with \$60 going to the General Treasury.

Action Chair, Alnora Daubendiek suggested members pay .50 fine if they are still praying for rain and \$1 fine if they had stopped. Money will be used to purchase items for a Christmas child box for Samaritans' Purse.

The yearbook for next year was finalized.

All members should think about what we want to do for our Dec. meeting. Nov. meeting will be held at the Villa with the Thank Offering service. No further business the meeting adjourned with the Lords' Prayer.
Sec. Mickey Larkins

Youth



This year through Play to Win, students will learn that God wants them on the team, not just someday when they're older, but TODAY. By unpacking Paul's charge to young Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:1-8, your group will be equipped and ready to **GO preach the Word, FIGHT for the Truth, and to WIN the reward.** On this single day, youth groups all around the globe will embark on a shared mission—creating a 24-hour wave of change and transformation as they are trained to share the Gospel through Dare 2 LIVE videos and then sent into their communities with the message of hope in Jesus Christ. Our mission project will be helping

around our church community with small projects. **To sign up please contact Hannah Hrenchir at hannah.hrenchir@gmail.com or 402-802-5035, there is a sign up at the church or on Facebook under events. Date and time of this event is Saturday, November 9th from 9:30 am - 4:45 pm. Lunch and snack included.**

The 7th & 8th Confirmation Classes and parents picked up trash 2 miles south of Church and 2 miles north of church on October 2nd for their service project for “Keep Beatrice Beautiful”.



Followed by hotdogs, chips & cookies by Pastor Jer & Karen.

Thank you to all that helped with this service project again this year!

The money that they earn goes towards Confirmation pictures and robes for the upcoming year.

Another year of great kids!



Birth's

Congratulations to Kevin & Natalie Denny on the birth of their son – Owen Michael Denny. Owen was born Thursday, October 17th. **Brand new grandparents** are Stan & Mary Lenners and great-grandparents are Donny & Elnora Lenners. Congratulations to all!



The LWR blanket sewers this year so far have completed 123 quilts.

Mildred Fossler has made a multitude of quilt tops again this year! (Many yet to be sandwiched together and tied).

We have delivered **25 quilts to CASA** in Beatrice already and Denise & Gerald Ideus delivered **25+ quilts to Table Grace** in

Omaha. We also keep a few quilts back each year if need arises for local families in need and the rest will be delivered the first week in November to the LWR headquarters in Minneapolis.

Rosanna Miller has crocheted **a total of 113 mats (of this is 13 for this year).** They are made out of plastic grocery bags (**Elaine Waltke cuts and rolls the bags** so they can be crocheted) These mats are made for The Bargain Box, then they are distributed to the Grain Train.

150 School kits that were assembled on Rally Day, these will also be sent to Omaha to be shipped to Minneapolis. Thank you everyone that helped on Rally Day!
Gods work our hands!

We are still looking for volunteers to take the quilts and kits to Omaha the first week in November. It is a very easy drop off, you just need to be able to unload the boxes from your car to the dock. The drop-off address is: **Magnum Trucking
10611 Gertrude Street
LaVista, NE 68128**

Dates to drop off are Monday November 4th- Friday November 7th from 9 am – 2 pm.
If you are able to help contact Denise Ideus or Karen Gilbreath.



The Ladies Aid (Mildred Fossler, Roseann Miller, Sandi Johnson, Mary McKee, and Lee Spilker) have been working on a quilt that Bernice Parde had hand sewn the blocks together (Bow tie is the name of the pattern).

Bernice use to quilt with the Ladies Aid and some of these exact ladies. So, this will be a very special keepsake for the Parde family.

Bulletins sponsored in the month of October

For the Sunday of Oct 6th – Larry & Macy Gronewold, Patty, Brittnay & Jeremy Thomas in memory of Shirley Gronewold's 84th birthday on Oct 7th. Happy heavenly birthday Shirley.

For the Sunday of Oct 20th – Lorene Wallman & family in memory of Eldon Wallman. Eldon passed away 6 years ago, yesterday October 19th and his 89th birthday would be today October 20th.

Sympathies

Our sympathy to the family of Evelyn Meints: she passed away on October 11 and her funeral was here at Zion on Wednesday, October 16th. Please keep Peggy & Steve Johnson, Janie and Chris Vrtiska, Nancy & LeRoy Stumme and Neal and Barbie Meints in your prayers at this time of loss.

Thank you's recieved

Thank you everyone that provided donations of Food, Money and Time for the Warrens Table serving event, 9/24. We provided meals for 117 guests. The Christ Episcopal Warrens Community Dinner Table is a well-organized outreach ministry serving meals every Tuesday to those hungry or having troubles making ends meet. They are offered inside fellowship or parking lot fellowship for those who chose drive thru meals. A team of dedicated Christ Church women provide prayer, friendship and compassion to those that attend, whether they are new or attend regularly. All participants see God's work in action by the support of this ministry. Again, thank you for Zion's support. A Thrivent Community Action Grant was used to buy chicken (Thanks to Russ's Market/ Deli for making that work financially for us) and was provided by John and Marcia Busboom.

Thank you to the Council and the Congregation for the gift card to Lowe's for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Pastor Jer

We would like to thank all our family and friends for the many kind words and stories about Mom, floral bouquets, cards, food and memorial donations. Pastor Jer and our church family provided a beautiful service. A special thanks to the Men's Choir, organist Alnora Daubendiek and our niece Britan Meints for her solo and to the Joy Circle for the delicious lunch after the service. She was so Loved, and we are so Blessed to have you all in our lives!

God Bless you all!

Peggy, Janie, Nancy Neal and our families

Snow Brigade

For the week of Nov 4th – Jason Lovitt captain, Les Lieneman – tractor, David Meints – tractor, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese.

For the week of Nov 11th – Steve Oltman captain, Eric Parde – tractor, Chris Fossler – Fossler – tractor, Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Kyle Schlake.

For the week of Nov. 18th – AJ Wiese captain, James Meints – tractor, All Wiese, Kenny Newman, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeier, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold.

For the week of Nov 25th – Justin Hippen – captain, Gary Gronewold – tractor, Stan Lenners – tractor, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus.

Hospitality Committee is offering

Make & Take Charcuterie night with Fellowship at Zion

Wednesday November 13th

6-8pm



Learn how to put together a charcuterie board before the holidays & take home your creation.

Enjoy a fun night together with the assistance of “Pasture & Platter”

\$50 per person

Bring your own cutting board & small knife

Basement of Parish Hall

RSVP your spot Jeni Bohlmeier
402-440-3672

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

1 Jerod Ideus Tony Oltman	11 Eloise Blecha 12 Cullin Bloom Carrick Eickhoff Gary Wiese	19 Gerald Ideus 22 Ernest Jurgens Kaylyn Parde Lorene Wallman
2 Donald Fossler Lily Wiese	13 Shirley Gronewold Terry Oltman Larry Schuster Debreigh Wendeln	Della Dorn 24 Abby Hovendick Neal Meints 25 Hudson Ideus Colt Rinne
3 Deb Winkle 4 Alex Buhr 5 Jordan Freeman 6 Madison Detert 7 Karen Buhr Nevaeh Niles	14 Elnora Leners Dean Siefkes Brian Sullivan 15 Micah Jensen Burdette Schoen 17 Cassie Eickhoff Logan Hippen	26 Bob Folkerts Justin Hippen Ashton Niles Amy Oltman 27 Scott Leners Deb Hrenchir
8 Allison Scott 9 Ace Bartlett 10 Ellis Freeman Kyle Kolm Laura Parde Brooke Barr	18 Cassie Thornburg Elaine Waltke	28 Luke Ideus Ashley Oltman

YOUR VOCATION FOR THE MONTH

What you do for God!

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

November 3

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Kipton Lovitt
 Millie Garton
Lector: Elnora Lenner
Greeters: Council
Special Music:
Breakfast Club: Sammie Garton

November 10

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes: Konner Kolm
 Pastor Jer
Lector: Linda Blackwell
Greeters: Billy & Janet Harms
 Lynette Jurgens
Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom
Breakfast Club: Cindy Jurgens

November 17

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Keyboard: Janelle Ideus
Guitar: Deric Bloom
Acolytes: Brogan Ideus
 Hunter Gone
Lector: Sandy Meints
Greeters: Darwin & Susan Buss
 Dennis & Patti Behrens
Special Music: Endless Hallelujah
Breakfast Club: Jennifer Mahler

November 24

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Max Cornelius
 Korbin Busboom
Lector: Les Lieneman
Greeters: Dennis & Rhonda Fossler
 Les & Cindy Lieneman
Special Music: Amigos
Breakfast Club: Beth Buhr

Altar Guild: DeAnn Oltman, Karen Gilbreath, Annette Wiese, Rhonda Fossler, Linda Ideus

Table Troop: Duane Zulauf, Stan & Mary Lenner, Al Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom, Steve Gronewold, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr

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					1 Wedding Rehearsal Maggie Parde & Cole Baumgartner	2 Wedding of Maggie Parde & Cole Baumgartner
3 All Saints Sunday 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/Adult SS/Endless Hallelujah Practice 10 am Worship/Men's Choir/Communion	4 7 pm Men's Choir Drop off for LWR 9-4 Omaha	5 6:30 pm Bible Study Drop off for LWR 9-4 Omaha	6 1:30 pm Grace Circle Bring Thank Offering 6 pm confirmation 7 pm Committee Mtg 7:30 pm Council Mtg Drop off for LWR 9-4 Omaha	7 Drop off for LWR 9-4 Omaha	8 Drop off for LWR 9-4 Omaha	9 9:30 am -4:45 pm Play to Win - Youth Event at Zion
10 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/Adult SS/ Endless Hallelujah Practice 10 am Worship/Kids of the Kingdom	11	12 6:30 pm Bible Study	13 6 pm confirmation 6 pm-8 pm Make & Take Charcuterie Night & Fellowship	14	15	16
17 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/Adult SS 10 am Worship/ Communion	18 7 pm Men's Choir	19 6:30 pm Bible Study	20	21 Ladies Aid	22	23
24 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/Adult SS/ Endless Hallelujah Practice 10 am Worship/Endless Hallelujah /Amigos	25 **Newsletter Print day** 6:15 Quartet practice 7 pm Men's Choir	26	27	28 **Thanksgiving**	29	30

