



From the Pastor's Cup...

June 2024

Dear Church Family,

At the Mount of Olives, Jesus said to the disciples, “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near **(Mt. 24:32).**”

As I write this, I know that **“summer is near,”** but also not quite here!

If you don't mind me asking, **“How's your summer looking, dear church family?”** Do you have a break from the busyness of the school year? Fewer scheduled meetings and a little space for self, rest, reading and reflection? Are you taking some well-deserved time away? Are you planning to spend more time outdoors?”

Your response might be, “Pastor, stop with all the questions! We haven't thought about any of that! Summer is near, but also not quite here!”

Summer does bring a different kind of busyness into our lives. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said to the crowd, **“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today (Mt. 6:34).**” I watch my kids and grandkids exchange the busyness of the school year for the busyness of summer. The cost of traveling teams and camps to improve their skill level makes my head spin.

Here are a few events or activities suggested for families in both the Lincoln and Beatrice area. As a family, you could add these to your summer bucket list:

- Plant a garden, flowers and/or a tree.
- Take time to for a summer journal.
- Go to the playground or splash pad or pool.
- Outdoor family activities like a bike ride, a hike, a picnic or any combination of these.
- Visit a library or start/join a book club.
- One day outing to local museums or zoo.
- Take in a county fair and all the exhibits from livestock to quilts.
- Friendly game of sandlot ball (you pick the sport) for the exercise avoiding the need to make someone a winner and someone a loser.

One final thought, remember that Zion is always open on Sunday morning for your spiritual care and nourishment. And if you can't be here in person, you can always watch online our Sunday morning worship service. And remember, “Summer will be over before you know it, but God's love and grace last forever!”

Sincerely Pr. Jer

Council Meeting – May 7th 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Cindy Parde.

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

Absent: Neal Meints, Kevin Buhr

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 5-7-2024 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from April 10, 2024 meeting.

Upcoming Baptisms:

- **5-5-2024** - Silas Bradley Frerichs (Isaac & Riley Frerichs)
- **6-30-2024** - Waylon Lee Buss (Evan & Kaitlyn Buss)

Upcoming Weddings:

- **7/27/2024** – Emily Lenners & Brendan Lipovsky
- **11/2/2024** – Maggie Parde & Cole Baumgartner
- **2/8/2025** - Cole Jurgens & Jenilee Wright
- **10-4-2025** - Shelby Baehr & Anthony Hernandez

Upcoming Events:

- Freeman Baccalaureate at Zion Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- VBS is May 28-31, and the program is Sunday, June 2, 2024 during church.
- Confirmation Camp begins June 2, 2024.
- Sunday June 23, 2024 Rev. Dennis Rock from Lincoln will be filling in for Pastor Jer.
- Sunday September 29, 2024, Mission Sunday, NLOM/ Camp Carol Joy Holling Executive Director Jason Gerdes here.

April's Mileage: 423 miles

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- **Committee Volunteers for Fellowship Hall Decorations** - Paul Remmers, Monica Busboom, and Avery Busboom have volunteered to help.
- **Zion's Funeral & Wedding Policies** - Finalized the policies. Voted to accept the new fees.

Discerning God's Will – New Business

- **Upcoming Special Dates/Recognition** - Administrative Assistants' Day, Mothers Day, Graduate Recognition, Freeman Baccalaureate at Zion.
- **Elevator Inspection** - We pay an annual fee of \$450.00. This May will be the inspection.
- **Semi-Annual Meeting** - Due to the Anniversary celebration on July 21, 2024, we will now have the Semi-Annual Meeting on July 14, 2024, right after church.
- **Treasurer** - The position of treasurer on the council will be as follows - 1st year will be a shadowing year of the current treasurer. Then years 2 and 3 will be their responsibility and in the third year they will train the new treasurer.
- **Review Zion's Church Constitution** - Chapters 7 & 8 were reviewed. We made some typographical corrections. In June we will go over Chapters 9 & 10.

Ministry Team Report as of May 7, 2024

- Financial-General Fund Balance on hand 4/1/2024 - \$157,122.05
- Income - \$21,212.07
- Balance on hand – 4/30/2024 - \$154,737.17
- Sinking Fund - \$56,898.23
- Seminary Fund - \$57,311.55
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$2,891.79
- Open Savings - \$22,508.81

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

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Devotions - 7:00
Committees – 7:05
Council – 7:30

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carrye Meints, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

HOSPITALITY: Did not meet

Old Business: served on 4/21/24.

New Business: will serve on May 12th Mother's Day

Will help serve food on May 19th, Graduation Recognition

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Present – Jenny Bohlmeier, Eric Parde, Terry Oltman, Jason Wallman

Treasurers report	4/1/24	\$ 15,780.84
Receipts – Interest		\$ 6.05
Balance on hand		\$ 15,786.89

New Business – Replacing the Cross above
Carpet on the front steps of the entrance

PARISH ED: 5/5/2024 Meeting Notes

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

Members Absent: Alyssa Lieneman

- Balance as of 5/5/2024
 - \$2,315.17
- Expenses
 - Group Publishing > \$198.47 (VBS supplies)
- Old Business
 - Need to start looking for two people to write Thrivent grants for VBS snacks, crafts, etc.

- Survey sent out regarding curriculum and last day of Sunday School on 4/7
- Discover Worship Music option will be purchased by the Parish Ed each year and will be done in August.
- Will pass around VBS donation sheet during church end of April/beginning of May.
- Reminder to sign up for VBS – Deadline is 5/11
 - May 28-31 8:30-11:30am
 - Program & Picnic 6/2 @ 10am
- New Business
 - Curriculum
 - Most teachers voted to keep the same curriculum, but a few mentioned some negatives regarding the curriculum.
 - Will discuss different options next year with Sunday school teachers after doing more research.
 - **SHIRLEYS SURPRISE CELEBRATION/Mother's Day** on Sunday, May 12th
 - Jay Purchased bouquet of flowers for Shirley & Carnations for Mother's Day from Blossom Khardt
 - Alyssa will say a few words & then ask all of Shirley's past students to come down for a picture.
 - Hospitality will provide cake.
 - VBS
 - Thrivent Grants – Connie Thornburg for snacks & Doreen Remmers for crafts (Doreen's was declined by Thrivent)
 - Courtney ordered craft items from Amazon. Purchased by Parish Ed funds. \$243.83. Will submit receipt.
 - Sarah Bartlett & Nicole Grummert will teach Preschool.
 - Decorate for VBS on Monday, May 27th @ 1:00
 - We will have the VBS Picnic in the Parish Hall this year instead of the park to make set up easier.
 - Sunday School
 - Last day of Sunday School is May 12th.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Deric Bloom, Luke Ideus, Jordan Busboom, Kenny Reed

Secretary minutes – approved

Treasurer's report – approved

Old Business - reviewed bills

New Business – South Church doors

Ceiling in the fellowship hall

Parish Hall doors

Park Board: Did not meet

Publicity: Did not meet

STEWARDSHIP: Did not meet

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT Did not meet 4/10/24 or 5/7/24

Treasurers Report – 3/28/24	\$ 332,115.48
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Balance 4/26/24	\$ 322,752.56
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Old Business – none

New Business – Zion youth attending retreat in July will each receive \$50.00 towards the overall costs.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Did not meet

YOUTH: Did not meet

ATTENTION / REMINDER - Summer worship time change.

Starting Sunday, June 9th worship will be at 9:00 am. Come and worship this summer and then stay for coffee fellowship each Sunday.

Note Change of Date for the Semi-Annual Meeting in July

The semi-annual meeting is being moved to Sunday, July 14th due to the 150th Anniversary Celebration with the German tourist and special speaker Pastor Arden Dorn being here on July 21st. This allows our members to take part in both the semi-annual meeting and the Celebration Sunday.

Bulletins sponsored in the month of May

IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

For Sunday May 5th by: Patty, Brittnay & Jeremy Thomas and Larry & Macy Gronewold in Memory of George Wolken's birthday which was on May 4th. Happy heavenly birthday George.

For Sunday May 12th by Gary & Brenda Gronewold in honor of Shirley Gronewold for teaching 50 years of Sunday School. Congratulations Shirley!

For Sunday May 26th: By Peggy Johnson, Janie Vrtiska, Nancy Stumme and Neal Meints and families in honor of Evelyn Meint's (their mother) 90th birthday. Happy Birthday Evelyn!

Fifth Sunday Offering in June is designated for the new heating and cooling units that have been installed in the sanctuary and church office.

Congratulations on the births

March 23, 2024, the birth of Waylen Lee Buss – son of Evan and Kaityln Buss, Grandparents are Darwin and Susan Buss.

May 17, 2024, the birth of Didi Anne Dorn – daughter of Tandon and Kayla Dorn. Grandparents are Greg and Kristi Dorn and Michael and Doreen Busboom. Great grandparents are Irene Busboom and Gerald & Donna Dorn.

March 22, 2024 the birth of Baylor Lee Bloom - son of Brady Bloom and Bryanne Vculek. Grandparents Deric & Ivy Bloom.

Grace Circle News

Grace Circle met in the Fellowship Hall on May 8, 2024 @1:30 PM. Opened with prayer. An interesting lesson about stewardship was given by Stephanie Wallman.

Business meeting opened with reading of the minutes, roll call and treasurers' report. We answered roll call with our favorite flower. There were 10 members present and only 1 absent. The treasury balance is \$54.00. An offer of \$57.00 was taken. Everyone paid a .25 fine for thinking the weather was perfect today.

It was decided to be a month behind with our lessons from Gather magazine. This is due to the fact that the magazine does not always come in time.

We will have our social outing to SE NE Cancer Garden and Jeannies' Place in Lewiston on June 15, with an alternate date of June 22.

Grace Circle will be doing coffee and cookies for after church fellowship on June 9, 23, 30 and July 7. Volunteers for these dates were set.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

Sec. Mickey Larkins

Nothing says Summer like a road trip and girls' day out!!

We are organizing a summer road trip to the SE Cancer Memorial Garden in Humboldt on Saturday June 15th. The plan is to organize a carpool leaving around 9:00 am enjoying some time at the garden and a sack lunch before returning in the afternoon.

There is a sign-up clip board on Welcome Center, or you can let Marcia or Elnora know your interest in joining us.



Ladies Aid: Mary McKee, Rosanna Miller, Lee Spilker, Sandi Johnson - hand quilting a quilt.



Opportunity for Giving at Zion!

Willow Center Baby Bottle Campaign – from **Mother's Day to Father's Day**. Check out the display in the Fellowship Hall and pick up a baby bottle to fill!

Join the Baby Bottle Campaign!

When you support our Baby Bottle Campaign, you are providing support to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, allowing them to find hope in a time of crisis. There are two ways you can help - by filling an empty bottle with change and cash, or by filling a virtual bottle online!

\$25 fills a bottle online
How many bottles can you help us fill?

ONE Pregnancy Test \$25	ONE Ultrasound \$50	ONE Parenting Education Class Subscription \$100
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Willow center

Scan the QR code with your phone to go to Willow's support page and fill an online bottle.
Or go to our website: friendsofwcbeatrice.net



Youth News

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 2024 Perfect Attendance

Little Angels

Dorothy Freeman
Henry Behrends

Pre-K

Jaxson Lane

Kindergarten

Claire Freeman
Emmalynn Blecha

First Grade

Beau Gronewold
Carson Behrends

Second Grade

Emma Lane

Third Grade

Gus Garton
Layton Lieneman



Fourth Grade

Austin Folkerts
Devyn Gronewold
Ellis Freeman
Jace Behrends

Fifth Grade

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Sixth Grade

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Seventh Grade

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Eighth Grade

Henry Garton

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May 2024 Perfect Attendance

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Dorothy Freeman
Henry Behrends
Graham Schlake
Hudson Ideus

Pre-K

Jaxson Lane
Ace Bartlett
Marlowe Sutter

Kindergarten

Claire Freeman
Allison Ideus
Luna Meints
Paul Nelson
Vonn Behrens

First Grade

Everett Meints
Carson Behrends
Hudson Schlake
Aiden Schlake
Logan Hippen
Chesleigh Ideus

Second Grade

Emma Lane
Aubrey Wiese
McKendrick Sutter

Third Grade

Gus Garton
Emerson Ideus
Everly Meints
McKenzeleigh Ideus

Fourth Grade

Ellis Freeman
Jace Behrends
Ava Meints
Bryleigh Ideus
Mason Hippen

Fifth Grade

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Sixth Grade

Millie Garton

Mother's Day Service – honored Shirley Gronewold for teaching 54 years of Sunday School – Parish Ed gave her a flower bouquet and also asked everyone that was in Church to come forward if Shirley had taught them in Sunday School. Congratulations Shirley on a job well done! What a blessing over the years you have been and continue to be at Zion!



Thank you's received

Thank you to the 8th grade confirmands for the plant and sentiment. We continued to be blessed making this connection with Zions youth and sharing the living breathe and Word of God!! We pray you keep that word close as you continue your faith journey! God Bless! ~Cindy & Marcia

Thank you to the 7th graders for the year end gifts. It was very kind of you! We enjoyed our time together and look forward to watch you grow in your faith! ~Cindy & Marcia

Thank you to the 8th grade confirmands for the gift card to Home Depot! Another great class of confirmands at Zion! **God Bless! Pastor Jer**

Thank you to Parish Ed Committee and to Gary, Terry and Tamera and their families for the beautiful flowers you gave me last Sunday in honor of my years of teaching Sunday School. **Also, to the Parish Ed for the framed enlarged picture from the photo taken on Sunday. Shirley Gronewold**



2024 Confirmation Class

Back Row – Jayden Wiese, Paxton Parde, James Scholl

Middle Row-
Bella Burr, Henry Garton, Logan Busboom, McCoy Peters

Front Row - Harley Grone, Pastor Jer, Avery Busboom



50th Confirmation Class Reunion 1974

Back row: Terry Weise, Wayne Robinson, Keith Jurgens, Doreen Remmers

Middle Row: Kim Folkerts, Jeanette Dorn, Wayne Schuster, Dennis Fossler, Michael Busboom.

Front Row: Glenda Knoche, Annette Wiese, Burdette Schoen, Barbara James, Cheryl Folkerts.

Graduates for 2024

High School Graduates



Alex Busboom – Son of Paul and Jenny Busboom – will graduate from **Beatrice High School** – on May 19th. Alex plans to attend southeast Community College in Beatrice for one year prior to transferring to UNL to major in Agronomy and Ag Business.

Kiera Busboom - daughter of Paul & Jenny Busboom – will graduate from **Beatrice High School** – on May 19th. Kiera plans to attend UNK and major in Exercise Science before going to graduate school for Occupational Therapy.

Kyla Davison – daughter of Doug & Sandi Davison – graduated from **Freeman High School** – Kyla plans to attend K-State and major in Landscape Architecture.

Faith Holland – daughter of Dave & Karla Holland – graduated from **Freeman High School** – and Faith's plans are to attend Northwest Missouri State University and major in Elementary Education.

Kolby Mahler – son of Kent & Jennifer Mahler – graduated from **Freeman High School** – Kolby will be attending Concordia University in Seward and is playing football and majoring in business finance.

Carly Meints – daughter of Jeff & Terra Wiese & Ryan Meints - will graduate from **Beatrice High School** - Carly plans to attend UNO to further her education. She plans to major in pre-nursing with the intent of becoming a pediatric or neonatal nurse.

Crew Meints – son of Blake & Jami Meints – will graduate from **Beatrice High School** – Crew will be attending Southeast Community College and major in Architectural Design.

Caleb Oltman – son of Tony & Amy Oltman – will graduate from **Beatrice High School** – Caleb is working at Zoellner Ford Dealership in Beatrice and has plans on going to Southeast Community College

Carson Robinson – son of Greg & Lori Robinson – graduated from **Freeman High School** – Carson will be attending Southeast Community College in Beatrice and will study Ag Business.

Jacob Scholl – son of Ron & Crystal Busboom -will graduate from **Beatrice High School** – Attending UNL majoring in Biology Sciences – pursuing a career as a Chiropractor.

2024 College Graduates



Morgan Buhr will be graduating from UNL in May, Morgan is the daughter of Kevin Buhr.

Trenton Buhr is graduating from Law School at the University of Michigan in May. Trenton is the son of Kevin Buhr.

Evan Busboom from UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. After graduation, Evan will be working for Farmers Cooperative at the Filley Agronomy plant. Evan is the son of Paul & Jenny Bussom

Amya Cornelius Graduated from Southeast Community College in Beatrice from the Practical Nursing Program. Amya is the wife of Trip Cornelius.

Addison Dorn is graduating from Doane University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with an Emphasis in Pre-PA and a Minor in Psychology. She is applying to Physicians Assistant Graduate programs and will be working in the healthcare field.

Macy Holland graduated from UNMC College of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science degree. She will be working at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln on the Med/Surg floor.

Garrett Lenners graduated from UNMC in Omaha with a Master of Science in Medical Anatomy. He will be starting Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program at Des Moines University in August.

Jonah Reed received his bachelor's degree in science education from Hastings College on May 18. He will teach high school science this fall at David City High School.

Peyton Winkle graduated on December 14th from Southeast Community College in Lincoln with an Associates of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant Peyton is working at Beatrice Health and Rehabilitation right now, but she has plans to be a traveling PTA towards the end of this year for a couple of years then settle down somewhere.

Congratulations to all our Graduates! Remember Zion is always here for a loving, supporting place to come home too! Thanks be to God! ZION...a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Anniversary Information

150th Anniversary committee now accepting donations for our next Silent Auction to be held June 2nd - July 21st! Contact anyone on the committee if you have questions or are interested in donating! **The committee members** are Mert Rademacher, Connie Thornburg, Denise Schlake-Ideus, Janet Harms, Jeni Bohlmeyer, Sandy Meints, Steve Oltman.



As part of the Upcoming July 150th Anniversary celebration there will be a “Show & Shine” display of vehicles from the period of 1924-1974.

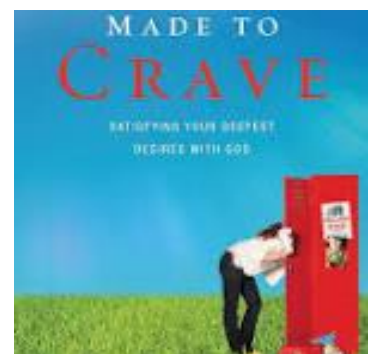


This will take place on **Sunday morning July 21st**. Vehicles from this period will be displayed in the parking lot for all to see and enjoy! Anyone interested in bringing your vehicle please **contact Terry Oltman at (402)416-4902.**

Summer Bible Study Opportunity “Made to Crave”satisfying your deepest desire with **God, not food!** Author is Lysa Terkeurst

- Read (book)
- Watch (video)
- Walk (optional)

6 weeks of sessions Begins May 21st at 6:30 am (Yes, you read that right! 6:30 am!!) Contact Connie Thornburg if you are interested.



Mothers that were honored for Mother’s Day with a hanging plant from the Church – Newest mother was Riley Frerichs – with the birth of Silas. And the wisest mother this year in turn was Anora Schone. Hope you had a wonderful day!

June Birthdays

1 Josephine Gronewold

Kenny Newman

Shelby Meints

2 James Meints

3 Nathan Bartels

4 John Folkerts

Rhonda Fossler

Luke Kolm

Duane Zulauf

5 Brady Bloom

Everly Meints

7 Faith Holland

8 Doug Harms

Dan Rademacher

Lexi Winkle

9 Evertt Bloom

Dustin Thompson

11 Dennis Behrens

Madison Fikar

Dale Zimmerman

13 London Meints

Carrie Reed

14 Rylee Zimmerman

16 Liz Buhr

17 Aaron Schoen

18 Ben Meints

Heston Fehringer

19 Steve Behrens

Kyle Schoen

20 Jeff Parde

21 Evan Busboom

23 Cerice Cornelius

Kali Oltman

24 Todd Bohlmeier

Laurie Wallman

25 Cooper Lovitt

26 Jordan Jurgens

27 Kristin Hoffman

Paul Jurgens

28 Jordan Busboom

Norman Parde Jr.

Patty Thomas

29 Karla Holland

Kyle Leners

Steve Oltman

30 James Lenners

Joel Gronewold



YOUR VOCATION FOR THE MONTH

What you do for God!

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

June 2 - 10am

Pastor: At NE Synod Assembly
Worship leaders: VBS Program
Greeters: Council
Special Music: VBS Kids – Program with picnic to follow at the Parish Hall

June 9 - 9 am

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes: Jayden wiese
Karlee Riha
Lector: Elnora Lenner
Greeters: Mickey Larkins
Darvin & LaDonna DeBuhr
Coffee Fellowship by Grace Circle

June Table Troop: Duane Parde (L), Gary Wiese, John & Marcia Busboom, Doug & Rhonda Dorn, Janice Parde, LeAnne Fossler.

June 16 – 9 am – Father’s Day

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: James Scholl
Colt Rinne
Lector: Sandy Meints
Greeters: Dennis & Rhonda Fossler
Billy & Janet Harms
Coffee Fellowship by the Hospitality

June 23 – 9 am

Pastor: Dennis Rock
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: McCoy Peters
Presleigh Borgman
Lector: Les Lineneman
Greeters: Les & Cindy Lineneman
Donny & Gayle Schuster
Coffee Fellowship by Grace Circle

June 30 – 9 am

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Bella Buhr
Max Cornelius
Lector: Gerald Ideus
Greeters: Gerald & Denise Ideus
Les & Mert Rademacher
Coffee Fellowship by Grace Circle

June Altar Guild: Caroline Ideus (L), Dianna Andrew, Susan Buss, Patti Behrens, Lynette Jurgens

JUNE 2023

						1 NE Synod Assembly Kearney
2 NE Synod Assembly Kearney 10 am VBS Program & Picnic to follow at the Parish Hall Confirmation Camp	3 Confirmation Camp	4 6:30 am Made to Crave Bible study Confirmation Camp	5 Devotions – 7:00 Committees – 7:05 Council – 7:30 Confirmation Camp	6 Confirmation Camp	7 Confirmation Camp	8
9 9 am Worship /coffee fellowship by Grace Circle	10 7-9 pm Adams Blue Bloods 14U vs Malcom	11 6:30 am Made to Crave Bible study	12 1:30 pm Grace Circle 7-9 pm Adams Blue Bloods 14U vs Milford Black	13	14	15 9 am Girls Day out to the SE Memorial Garden - Humboldt
16 Father's Day 9 am Worship /Comm/ coffee fellowship by the hospitality committee	17	18 6:30 am Made to Crave Bible study	19	20 Ladies Aid	21	22 Pastor & Karen vacation
23 9 am Worship/coffee Fellowship Grace Circle Pastor & Karen vacation 30 5 th Sunday offering/ Heating & cooling units 9 am Worship /Comm/ Baptism/coffee fellowship Grace Circle	24 7-9 pm Adams Blue Bloods 14 U vs David City Pastor & Karen vaca	25 6:30 am Made to Crave Bible study Pastor & Karen vaca	26 **Print Newsletter** 7-9 pm Adams Blue Bloods 14 U vs Denton	27 Ladies Aid	28	29