



## From the Pastor's Cup... ☺ October 2024

***In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*** Proverbs 16:9

Dear Church Family,

October 27, 2024 is Reformation Sunday at Zion Lutheran Church is all about remembering our Lutheran roots. Those Lutheran roots were uprooted from Germany and replanted in southeast Nebraska because the immigrants understood the need for church being central in their lives in this new country, they now called home. Martin Luther's teachings brought them a sense of security and continuity in an ever-changing world.

***We walk by faith and not by sight.*** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:7

October 27<sup>th</sup> is also the third Sunday we will celebrate our sesquicentennial anniversary. Rev. Casey Lieneman, son of this church family, will be our guest pastor on this 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Pastor Casey presently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hooper, NE. This Sunday will be a day of celebration, celebrating both a 150 years of Zion's ministry existence and all the sons of this church who became pastors.

***Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.***  
Proverbs 19:21

I find it interesting that in the 150 years Zion called eighteen pastors (not counting interim pastors) to serve them. Now if you divide 150 years by 18 pastors you come up with eight years and four months per pastor, but that's not the truth or factual.

- **Rev. J.B. Reents** served for 43 years (1902-1945) making his ministry the longest and most impactful on Zion including the sanctuary we worship in today.
- **Rev. Bill Jurgens** served 20 years (1974-1994) making him second only to Rev. Reents guiding this church family through the aftermath of the Vietnam War and farm crisis of the 1980's.
- Until I came to serve Zion, **Rev. John Hieronymus** served Zion for ten years (1946-1956) making him third longest pastor to serve Zion. Rev. Hieronymus may have been just as impactful as Rev. Reents because he led Zion's transition in worship from German to English (which was no easy accomplishment) after World War II.

***For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.*** Psalm 36:9

Notice how God provides the right pastor at the right time! God is and was, always involved in each moment of this church's 150 years. God carefully mapped out every inch of this journey even though much of it felt haphazard. Because the world is in a fallen condition things always seem to be unraveling around the edges. If we look for trouble we will find trouble. Jesus said,

***“Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven,”*** Luke 6:37

This church's hope and future are rooted in heaven. Nothing can rob you of this inheritance. God in Christ came to set all people free. As the Holy Spirit controls both mind and actions, we become free indeed.

***“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 a hope and a future.”*** Jeremiah 29:11

Sincerely Pr. Jer

### **SUNDAY 9 am Adult Coffee Fellowship in October**

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6 – Abraham and Sarah and the Three Strangers**

**Sunday, October 13 – Israel at Sinai: The First Great Commission**

**Sunday, October 20 – Jesus Renews His Mission: Seeking the Lost**

**Sunday, October 27 – The Lost Son: In the Far Country**

**Sunday, November 3 – The Seeking Father: The Lost Son Returns**

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER 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.***

**10/2/2024 – 6-7 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SERVICE PROJECT – Stewardship with**

**Benefits** - This is our annual service project event each fall for Zion's confirmation group and parents. We walk the roads picking up trash on both sides of the road leading to Zion. We receive both money (\$75 a mile) plus resources (gloves, vests, gloves, etc.) from **Keep Beatrice Beautiful Inc.** The money raised (usually \$200) goes to pay for Confirmation Sunday robes, pictures, etc. We appreciate our parents' help in this service project to make it work.

- **Light supper provided by Pastor and Karen after returning back to the Church after the service project**

**10/9/2024 – 6-7 p.m. - Exploring the Commandments Part Two**

**Bible Text:** John 2:1-12; 32:1-20; Matthew 5:17-48; 2 Samuel 11:1-27

**Lesson Focus:** God wants us to honor, respect, and nurture all living things.

**Big Question:** Honor, respect, and nurture...how am I supposed to do all that?

**Key Words:** RESPECT, NURTURE, INTERRELATEDNESS, HUMAN SEXUALITY

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Kipton Lovitt's family**

**10/16/2024 – 6-7 p.m. - Exploring the Commandments Part Three**

**Bible Text:** Luke 16:19-31; 1 Kings 3:16-28

**Lesson Focus:** God calls us to be honest and fair and to protect truth and property—always!.

**Big Question:** Always be fair, honest, and truthful--am I supposed to be perfect?

**Key Words:** HONESTY, SHARE, PROTECT, INTEGRITY, TRUTH

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Karlee Riha's family**

**10/23/2024 – 6-7 p.m. - Exploring the Commandments Part Four**

**Bible Text:** Matthew 6:19-21

**Lesson Focus:** We honor God when we are content with what we have and help others to keep what they have.

**Big Question:** Other people have so much more, how am I supposed to be grateful for what I have?

**Key Words:** CONTENTMENT, COOPERATION, ALTRUISM, BENEVOLENCE

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Colt Rinne's family**

**10/30/2024 – 6-7 p.m. – Extra Wednesday Pastor Missed**

When creating the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Schedule Booklet, Pastor Jer missed that there are five Wednesdays in October until it was pointed out to him. There will be class on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 6 to 7 p.m.

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

**Good Neighbor & New Member Recognition Sunday, October 6, 2024,** we invite our church family to **INVITE** their neighbors & friends to worship that day. **INVITE & BRING** these special people with you! We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion and remember that as a church of the ELCA, we practice **OPEN** communion. **OPEN** communion comes with the invitation that all who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior as **WELCOME** to partake in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will also be recognizing Zion's past year's new members this Sunday so come and make your presence felt!

**Please help welcome our new members that have joined during the year.**

Rev. Arden & Roxanne Dorn

Troy, & Diane & Kaitlyn Otto

Brandon & Lindsay, Micah & Lennon Hofstetter

Steve & Paige Harwood, Bella Burr, Cash & Stevie Harwood

**Advent Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service**

**6 p.m. Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 402-404-0494. 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** **August 7, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Parde.

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

Absent: None

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 8-7-2024 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from June 5, 2024 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from July 14, 2024 Semi-annual 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:

- Rally Sunday September 8, 2024
- Mission Sunday, September 29, 2024

April's Mileage: 907 miles

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- None

## Discerning God's Will – New Business

- Nominating Committee - Cindy reached out to Todd Bohlmeier to plan a meeting in September. Committee members consist of Todd Bohlmeier, Sammie Garton, Linda Blackwell, Annette Wiese, Brenda Gronewold, and VeAnn Jurgens (outgoing council members)
- Rally Sunday - September 8, 2024
- Mission Festival - September 29, 2024. Jason Gerdes will be visiting and talking about Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (Camp Carol Joy Holling).
- Time and Talent Sheets - Looked over the time and talent sheets for the upcoming year. We are to preview and then decide at September meeting if it needs any changes.
- Review Zion's Church Constitution - We went over Chapters 11 & 12. There were some typographical errors that were corrected. Next meeting we will be going over Chapters 13, 14, & 15.

## Ministry Team Report as of May 7, 2024

- Financial-General Fund Balance on hand - 7/1/2024 - \$85,581.46
- Income - \$40,320.47
- Balance on hand – 7/31/2024 - \$99,600.99
- Sinking Fund - \$57,589.07
- Seminary Fund - \$58,015.05
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$2,928.20
- Open Savings - \$23,593.05

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

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 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 August**

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:** Paul Remmers, Keith Parde, Johnny Gronewold, Larry Gronewold, Kristi Dorn. Absent: Denise Schlake Ideus.

Larry called meeting to order

Larry moved to accept Treasurers Report

<b>Treasurer's report</b> – Beginning Balance	\$ 130,061.58
Receipts	153.42
Balance on hand	\$ 130,218.00

**New Business:** CD due \$ 32,560 - donate \$25K to General fund for AC/Heating units- roll the rest into checking.

**HOSPITALITY:** members present Jeni Bohlmeier, Angie Grone, Cally Ideus, Makayla Wiese, Karla Carstens, Deann Oltman Council Rep. absent: VeAnn Jurgens, Debbie Rinne, Linda Blackwell

- New Business:**
1. reviewed list of current members and discussed bringing additional structure of the committee by voting of officers at our next meeting.
  2. Discussed the committee when it originally started and how the current committee could engage more in welcoming new members to Zion.
  3. Plan to serve ice cream sandwiches on Rally Sunday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Plan to have Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Zion ballpark. Time to be determined at a later date.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:** Jeni Bohlmeier, Eric Parde, Jason Wallman

**Balance on hand** June 1 \$ 13,624.49

**Income:** Ernie Zimmerman \$ 1,104.50 interest 4.94

Leonard Dorn Memorial 1,350.00 interest 5.42

**Expenditures:** Nebraska sign-lighted Cross \$ 2,169.51

**Balance on Hand** 7/31/24 \$ 13,919.84

**Old Business:** Lighted Cross is done and paid for

**New Business:** Looking for new projects

**PARISH ED:** Did not meet in person

New Business: Sunday School

First day of Sunday School in September 8<sup>th</sup> – All kids Sing

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Amigos Sing

Teacher's Note

All Curricula will be available to be picked up from the Parish Hall on

Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up at your earliest convenience

To review prior to the start of Sunday School

**Park Board:** Fuller Park Board Minutes 7/30/24

Call To Order Board Members Present

- Terry Oltman
- Kenny Reed
- Greg Robinson
- Todd Bohlmeier
- Paul Jurgens
- Jerod Ideus

Reading of the last Meeting Minutes

Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Unanimously Approved

Treasurers Report - motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and unanimously approved

**Old Business**

- Property Insurance
  - Todd will pursue options and costs.
- Landscaping Wall Fall Protection
  - Goal is to get materials and installed for fall softball.

## **New Business**

· Signage fee

It was discussed that while we have not charged an annual fee for advertising for the banners across the fence, we have new and increased expenses. We discussed the different sizes and fees. We will reach out to the businesses that have banners currently. It was motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn

**PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:** Deric Bloom, Jordan Busboom, Kevin Buhr, Neil Meints, Kenny Reed, Connor Mason

**Old Business:** Fellowship doors, discussed about installing  
Tuck point still trying to find a company  
Waiting on response on company for painting gutters

**New Business:** Discussed prevention of ice camming during winter months on roof  
Signed propane contract w/Sapp Brothers  
Sump pump in church basement, replace  
North railing repaired, south will be done soon

**Publicity:** Did not meet

**Stewardship:** Did not meet

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Shirley Gronewold, Alnora Daubendiek, Carrye Meints  
picked hymns for August 18<sup>th</sup> through October

**Willie & Anna Meints Endowment:** DID not meet

Balance on hand 6/28/24 \$ 331,894.00

Balance on hand 7/26/24 \$ 335,348.86

**Old business;** none

**New business;** 1. paid \$ 1,425 (\$285each) to 5 youth who attended confirmation camp 6/2/24 to 6/7/24.  
2. Reminder if you child attended confirmation camp in 2024 make sure to submit an application and paid receipt for reimbursement. Submit to DeAnn Oltman no later than 12/15/24.  
3. Paid \$450 to the JYO account for 9 youth who attended the youth trip to Colorado in July

**YOUTH:** Did not meet

## **Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting      September 4, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by Cindy Parde.

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

Absent: Jason Wallman, Kevin Buhr

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 9-4-2024 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from August 7, 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:

- Rally Sunday September 8, 2024
- Mission Sunday, September 29, 2024
- Confirmation Service Project, Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Good Neighbor/New Member Sunday, October 6, 2024
- Nebraska Synod Fall Leadership Gathering, October 21-22, 2024 in Kearney
- 150th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, October 26, 2024 and Sunday, October 27, 2024

August's Mileage: 294 miles

#### Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- Nominating Committee - Begin meeting by the end of September
- Time and Talent Sheet Review - We went over the time and talent sheet and this will be included in the October newsletter.
- Miscellaneous Updates - Alex Buhr has contacted the person who works on the sound system. There is an echo and sometimes people are not able to hear in certain spots in the sanctuary. Checking into the hearing devices we have for people to use.

#### Discerning God's Will – New Business

- Good Neighbor/New Member Sunday October 6, 2024
- Review Zion's Church Constitution - We went over Chapters 13, 14 & 15. Next meeting we will be looking over Chapters 16-20.

#### Ministry Team Report as of September 4, 2024

- Financial-General Fund Balance on hand - 8/1/2024 - \$99,600.99
- Income - \$132,392.52
- Balance on hand – 8/31/2024 - \$113,010.83
- Sinking Fund - \$57,589.07
- Seminary Fund - \$58,015.05
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$2,928.20
- Open Savings - \$22,690.95

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

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 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 SEPTEMBER**

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**: Did not meet



**HOSPITALITY:** Jeni Bohlmeier, Angie Grone, Cally Ideus, Makayla Wiese, Karla Carstens, Debbie Rinne, DeAnn Oltman Council Rep.

**Old business:** 1. Discussed structure of committee & purpose  
2. Served ice cream on 9/8/24 for Rally Sunday

**New Business:** 1. Election of officers, Officers as follows -  
President – Jeni Bohlmeier  
VP – Angie Grone  
Secretary – Makayla Wiese  
Treasurer - Cally Ideus  
Event/Membership – Debbie Rinne  
Karla Carstens  
VeAnn Jurgens  
Linda Blackwell

2. Discussed advertising & activities for Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> for 2:00-4:00 pm. At Fuller Park unless weather is bad.

3. Discussed ideas for welcoming new members to Zion & matching them with existing Zion members to act as mentors over the first year of their membership.

4. We will serve cake/cookies October 6<sup>th</sup> for New Member/Good Neighbor Sunday

5. Serve Hot Chocolate at Candlelight Service in December.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:** Did not meet.

**PARISH ED:**

Members Present: Nicole Behrends, Jay Bartlett, Courtney Schlake, Allison Lane, Lanette Nelson, Alyssa Lieneman Members Absent: none

• **New Business**

- Set up classrooms 8/19
- First Day of Sunday School Treats
  - Courtney will make prayer tags
  - Alyssa will purchase juice boxes from Costco
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bibles
  - Jay & Allison will present 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 handbook and pass out at Sunday School

▪ **Old Business**

- Sunday School
  - First Day of Sunday School is September 8<sup>th</sup> – All Kids Sing
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Amigos Sing

- Teacher's Note
  - All curricula will be available to be picked up from the Parish Hall on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up at your earliest convenience to review prior to the start of Sunday School.

**Park Board:** Will meet Monday evening 9/9/24 at 7:30

**Balance on hand** \$ 7,480.00

**Receipts:** Freeman Game 1 - \$ 542.00 gate  
668.75 Concession

**Expenditures:** Fence: ??  
Backstop ??

**Old Business:** 1. Got a belt for a 72" mower, a bagger assessor for the 21"  
2. Fence on new retaining wall being installed

**New Business:** 1. Add 2 zones to outfield irrigation, getting quotes  
2. Freeman has 5 remaining home games  
3. Banners invoices being emailed early next week

**PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:** Jordan Busboom, Connor Mason, Neil Meints & Kenny Reed  
Secretary minutes approved as read

**Old Business:** Discussed doors, ice damming for roof (snow load)

**New Business:** Parsonage (north garage door)  
Underground sprinkler system at parsonage

**Publicity:** Did not meet

**Stewardship:** Did not meet

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Shirley Gronewold, Carrye Meints  
picked hymns thru November 24<sup>th</sup>

**Willie & Anna Meints Endowment:** Did not meet

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Balance on hand 7/26/24	\$ 335,348.86
	Receipts (earnings)	9,783.11
	Expenditures	2,264.16
	Balance on hand 8/30/24	\$ 342,867.81

**YOUTH:** Did not meet

**October 13th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday** on behalf of the Church Council and our members we would like to acknowledge Pastor Jer for all he does for us here at Zion. Thank you, Pastor Jer, for all you do for our Zion church family!

## **Grace Circle**

Grace Circle met for their monthly Bible Study and business meeting on Aug. 14, 2024 @1:30 PM. Stephanie Wallman led us in a hymn and prayer followed by our Bible Study titled "After Certainty-Community." We closed Bible Study with a prayer and hymn.

Vice Chairman Lorene Wallman called the business meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Roll call showed 8 members and one guest [Dorothy Trauernicht] present. We welcome her as a new member to Grace Circle. Treasury has a balance of \$106.

Depending on rather or not we had received enough rain recently, we paid the card fund 25 to 50 cents.

No old or new business, the meeting was adjourned.  
Sec. Mickey Larkins

## **Fall Bible Study begins the evening of Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Blessed are the CHOSEN – Season 2

The Chosen -Season 2 Bible Study beginning Oct 14th at 6:30 pm.

ALL are welcome! Each person will purchase the study book on their own. If interested contact Stephanie Wallman (402) 673-4035 or Connie Thornburg (402) 673-3605.

## **LWR Quilts and School Kits Drop off address in Omaha:**

Magnum Trucking  
10611 Gertrude Street  
LaVista, NE 68128

(Drop off dates and times are listed under the picture to the right.)

November we will need some drivers for delivery of the kits. It is a very easy drop off spot just have to be able to lift the boxes out of your car.

ALSO, if interested in dropping off quilts to Table Grace in downtown Omaha. Let either Denise or Karen know. That can be any day of the week but Sunday or Wednesdays from 9-2. If interested in doing this, please let Karen know and I will set it up with Table Grace so they know when you will be coming. What a great way to keep these beautiful quilts local. We also have delivered 25 quilts to CASA in Beatrice.



Dates: Monday, November 4th –  
Thursday, November 7th  
Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## **LWR BLANKET SEWING**

October dates for sewing trying some new days to see if can get a few more sewers and helpers. Dates are Tuesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am- 3 pm Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 9 am- 1 pm quitting early due to the Grace Circle meeting. And Thursday Oct 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3 pm. No experience needed.

## **WELCA GENERAL MEETING**

**September 11, 2024**

**Fellowship Hall**

Pastor Jer led with a Bible Study. Thank you, Pastor!!

Chairperson Marcia Busboom called the meeting to order.

Linda distributed the Secretary minutes from the January 28, 2024, General Meeting. The minutes were approved.

Susan Newman passed the Treasurers Report as of 9/1/24 with the group. The balance on hand WELCA General Fund was 7,938.32. The treasurer's report was approved. 2025 Budget items were also discussed and will be presented at the January General Meeting for approval.

Committee Reports:

**Mission Blanket Sewing:** Denise asked the group for suggestions of which days of the week work best for sewing days. October dates are to be determined.

Need volunteer drivers to bring LWR blankets and School Kts Nov 4-7<sup>th</sup> to LaVista, NE. Easy to drop off but will need to be able to lift the boxes out of your car.

Will also need volunteer to drop off Quilts to Table Grace in downtown Omaha. If interested let Karen know so she can set up arrangements with Table Grace.

**Kitchen/Funeral:** Marcia is reaching out to Gayle Schuster if needing any additional supplies, etc.

**Volunteers** – Linda Hooper indicated we now have 82 members on the “Joy Circle & Volunteer” Facebook Chat group. Pass the word, if anyone knows of others who would like to be added to please have them call, text or message Linda. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for the serving and food with Summer Fellowship, funerals and any other special activities/events happening at Zion. Gods' Work, Our Hands.

**Yearbook:** Karen will start working on the yearbook in December.

**Shelving in Parish Hall:** Denise said Connie wrote a \$250 Thrivent Grant and they have gotten 2 shelving units and will be buying a few more little boxes which are still needed.

**Cancer Garden Retreat** had a nice group who attended, and it was a great day! Elnora gave a donation to the Cancer Garden and Susan (Treasurer) reimbursed her for that donation. It was discussed that it would be nice to consider a donation in our Budget for next year to the Cancer Garden.

**WELCA Leadership:** Our current leadership agreed to extend our positions to the next year. We will discuss further at our January meeting how we want to proceed with projects and meeting for next year.

**Warrens Table is a weekly feeding ministry** sponsored by local churches and organizations and hosted by Christ Church Episcopal in Beatrice. Zion is providing a meal at Warrens Table on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be needing volunteers to help prepare and serve. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the "Welcome Center" in the Fellowship Hall, and we will reach out to the Volunteer group, or they can also reach out to Marcia to donate or volunteer.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "A Century of Fashion" 1870-1970 will be held Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.** Sue McLain will be featuring a program "150 Years of Fashion" and items will be displayed from Zion's history. A light lunch will be served so we will be asking those planning to attend to sign up on a clipboard located at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall. The program by Sue is funded by Humanities Nebraska. If you have any fashion items for display, contact Denise Schlake Ideus

An offering of \$89.00 was taken and the next General Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26, 2025, immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Delicious refreshments were served.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Hooper, Secretary

## **SAVE THE DATES: October 26 & 27th**

### **Final 150th Anniversary celebration**

**SATURDAY- Oct 26th** starts at 9:30 featuring a program by Sue McLain "150 Years of Fashion". In addition, we will have items displayed from Zion's history. A light lunch will be served so we are asking those planning to attend to sign up on a clipboard located at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

The program by Sue is funded by Humanities Nebraska.

Contact Denise Schlake Ideus (402) 806-2236 if you have fashion items for display.



**SUNDAY -Oct 27th** features Pastor Casey Lieneman assisting in the worship with a soup luncheon to follow the service.

**SILENT AUCTION for 150th ANNIVERSARY** begins September 8<sup>th</sup> and ends October 27<sup>th</sup>. The winners will be announced at the noon luncheon at 1:00 pm.

Thanks to all contributing. All proceeds go to the anniversary fund for future projects connected to the Heritage Room in the German School House. Check it out if you haven't already!

**The Anniversary Committee is planning a soup/dessert luncheon after the service on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.** Anyone interested in bringing soup or dessert can sign up on the clipboard on the Welcome Center. Or contact someone on the Anniversary Committee.



## **Bulletins sponsored in the month of August/September**

### **August Bulletins Sponsored**

**August 11<sup>th</sup> bulletin** sponsored by Dean, Karen & Derek Zimmerman in memory of Clarence "Claas" Zimmerman whose 107<sup>th</sup> birthday would have been August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Happy heavenly birthday Claas!

### **September Bulletins Sponsored**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> bulletin sponsored** by Donny & Elnora Lenners in Honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**September 15<sup>th</sup> bulletin sponsored** by Larry & Macy Gronewold, Patty, Brittnay, & Jeremy Thomas in memory of George Wolken who passed away September 16, 1995.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> bulletin sponsored** by Larry & Macy Gronewold, Patty, Brittnay, & Jeremy Thomas in memory of Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold's wedding anniversary it would have been September 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth



### Journey Nebraska Synod summer trip.

(If interested more info on the bulletin board at church)

**Location:** Nashville, TN The Nebraska Synod Journey is a week-long experience for youth who have completed grades 8-12 by the summer of 2025 and their adult leaders. The 2025 Journey to Nashville will feature service learning throughout the Nashville area, worship, fellowship, and other activities throughout the city. We will use our gifts as we grow in our faith together and learn about the gifts our neighbors in Tennessee bring to the table. Travel will be by Windstar motorcoaches, and housing will be in residence halls at Vanderbilt University, with an overnight stop each way in St. Louis. Each participating congregation is asked to register one adult leader for every six youth. Adult leaders must be at least 21 years of age.

- Cost of event: -Early bird (submitted before December 1, 2024): \$630 -Regular registration (submitted December 1, 2024-March 1, 2025): \$680 \$130 per person deposit due with online early bird registration / \$180 per person for regular registration -The deposit is non-refundable, and registration cost includes transportation, meals and lodging • Last date to register: March 1, 2025

**Bible presentation** – Second Grade Sunday School receive their Bibles on RALLY DAY September 8<sup>th</sup> during worship.

Aiden Schlake  
Beckett Bayless  
Chesleigh Ideus  
Everett Meints  
Lincoln Eickhoff  
Madison Detert

Beau Gronewold  
Carson Behrends  
Connor Jensen  
Hudson Schlake  
Logan Hippen  
Shane Parde





## Zion Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat

Fuller Park

18219 S. 80<sup>th</sup> Road, Pickrell

Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00

We could use your help to make Trunk or Treat a success. If you're willing to make a trunk on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jeni Bohlmeyer at 402-440-3672 or any other member of the Hospitality Committee.

### Teacher Recognition

The Parish Ed would like to thank our 2024-2025 teachers for their *dedication* and *willingness* to teach the Word of God to our children. They have done, and continue to do, an outstanding job!

Please see below the number of years they have completed.

- **Little Angels**
    - Jess Ideus
    - Nicole Grummert
  - **Pre-K**
    - Alyssa Lieneman 7 years
    - Kate Meints 5 years
  - **Kindergarten**
    - Laura Fikar 10 years
    - Lindsey Remmers
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**
    - Brooke Jensen 2 years
    - Sarah Bartlett 2 years
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**
    - Renae Mason 21 years
    - Jami Meints 8 years
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
    - Doreen Remmers 17 years
    - Connie Thornburg 10 years
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**
    - Joni Folkerts 4 years
    - Terra Wiese 2 years
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
    - Jennifer Mahler 7 years
  - **First Communion**
    - Karla Carstens 2 years
  - **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**
    - Sammie Garton 2 years
    - Brian Garton 2 years
  - **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**
    - Hannah Hrenchir 1 year
  - **Confirmation**
    - Marcia Busboom 30 years
    - Cindy Jurgens 30 years
    - Pastor Jer 11 years
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**
    - Les Lieneman 25 years
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- **Music Leaders**
  - **Kids of the Kingdom**  
(Little Angels-1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
    - Jordan Freeman 6 years
    - Angie Blecha 2 years
  - **Amigos**  
(2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades)
    - Sammie Garton 14 years



### **Thank you's received**

**The family of Clarence Zimmerman would like to thank the Zion church family** for their support during the past few years. Especially the Bake and Take, visits to BH&R, prayers, calls, visits, memorials, flowers, food, and other acts of kindness. Thank you to the ladies for the special luncheon served. He was proud to be a part of this community. Dean, Karen & Derek Zimmerman.

### **Thank you was received from St Monica's in Lincoln**

On behalf of St Monica's, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution to our organization. Your support means so much to us and has a significant impact on our mission of empowering women to achieve life changing recovery through proven treatment and critical support services.

C. Leigh Hallbusch  
Director of Development

### **Thank you from CASA of Gage County**

On behalf of CASA of Gage County, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation. Thanks to donations like yours, we've been able to help children create meaningful family visits. We have also been able to assist families with essential needs. From purchasing school pictures to providing phone minutes so parents can stay connected with schools and caseworkers, and even covering transportation costs to keep families close, every bit of help you provide enables youth and families to feel supported, included, and valued.

With Kind Regards,  
Amber Lovitt  
CASA of Gage County  
Executive Director

### **Sympathies**

**Our deepest sympathy to the family of Arnold Buhr.** Arnold passed away Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> at Good Samaritan. Arnold's funeral was here at Zion on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep Lois and the family in your prayers.

## **Births**

**Congratulations to Jayde (Carstens) and Jared Marsh on the birth of their son Brooks Callam Marsh** born on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Grandma is Karla Carstens & Great grandpa is Gary Carstens. Praise God for his amazing grace and endless blessings!

**Congratulations to Reese and Megan Gronewold** on the birth of their baby boy Ellis Alan Gronewold. Ellis was born August 19<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are Gary and Brenda Gronewold.

**Congratulations to Matt and Anastazia Ideus** on the birth of their baby girl Greta Helene Ideus born August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Grandma of Greta is Janelle Ideus.

**Congratulations to Kelly & Brittany Sturek** on the birth of Rory Todd Sturek, born August 27<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are Todd & Jeni Bohlmeyer. Congratulations.

**The Snow Brigade letters will be going out** if you haven't already received them. Not sure where the year has gone and hopefully, we don't need your help quite this early. But the list is made so watch your mailboxes!

### **Snow Brigade**

**For the week of Oct 21:** Justin Hippen Captain, Gary Gronewold tractor, Stan Lenner's Tractor, Mark Buhr, James Lenner's, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus.

**For the week of Oct 28:** Mike Busboom captain, Dean Zimmerman Tractor, Russ Wallman Tractor, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr.

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

## Cemetery Update

Work is continuing at the cemetery on the fence project, headstone base replacement, headstone straightening, and dirt work on the next section to the north.

Several weeks ago, Gary Carstens brought a track hoe and motor grader to start the leveling project on the new north section. Scott Carstens and AJ Wiese brought their side dump trailers to haul the dirt from a pond Wade Thornburg had dug out. Approximately 60-80 loads of dirt were hauled and leveled in the section.

Gary, Wade, AJ, Scott donated their time and equipment to work. Please give them a big thank you for their service and contribution to Zion Cemetery.

Materials for the fence are slowly arriving at the welding shop. Todd Wilcox is building the sections and will install them after they have been powder coated.

We have \$51,932.00 of the \$54,000.00 needed for phase one which is the east and south side of the cemetery. We will be receiving some dollars from the Gage County Big Give. The second phase of the project will be on the west side of the cemetery. This phase will run approximately \$67,000.00. Donations are always appreciated.

Ben Walters has installed bases or straightened 50 headstones. The three sections to the south have been completed. We have allocated \$5000.00 Towards this project and have moved to the next section to the north. The cost of this work runs anywhere from \$50.00 to \$1500.00 depending on the work to be done and the size of the headstone. If you have a family member in the cemetery whose stone needs work, please let us know so we can include it in the phase or add it to the next time money is allocated. If you would like to contribute to repairing your family's headstones, it would be appreciated, and we would have Ben include it.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions, work, time and input on these projects.



# **2025 Time and Talent Sheet for Zion Lutheran Church**

Time and talent sheets on the following two pages. Please fill it out and bring it back to Church and place it in the offering plate. **If you no longer are wanting to be on something** like Lector etc., please put on the form or contact the Church office (Karen) – otherwise if you will be still put in the rotation of reading etc. for the Church services. **Thank you, we need you!**

## **2025 Time and Talent Sheet for Zion Lutheran Church**

The Council is asking all members to complete a 2025 Time and Talent sheet. Please **return your completed form by December 1, 2024**, to the church office or put it in the offering plate. The results will be shared with the appropriate committees throughout the church which in turn may then contact you.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  would like to be notified by text

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  would like to be notified by email

### **WORSHIP**

- \_\_\_ Greeter-pass out bulletins
- \_\_\_ Lector/Reader of scripture
- \_\_\_ Altar Guild/Communion Preparation
- \_\_\_ Special Music
- \_\_\_ Hospitality Assist with Sunday Coffee/Fellowship
- \_\_\_ Breakfast Club-Sunday AM Food
- \_\_\_ Joining a Choir
- \_\_\_ Sound System

### **COMMITTEES**

I do not currently serve, but I am interested in serving

On the following committees

- \_\_\_ Church Council
- \_\_\_ Parish Education
- \_\_\_ Property & Management
- \_\_\_ Worship
- \_\_\_ Publicity
- \_\_\_ Memorial
- \_\_\_ Park Board
- \_\_\_ Endowment
- \_\_\_ Auditing
- \_\_\_ Nominating
- \_\_\_ Hospitality
- \_\_\_ Youth- LYO\_\_\_\_\_ & JYO\_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNICATION

- Prayer Chain (informed by phone)
- Prayer Chain (informed by email)
- Joy Circle/**Volunteers** (on Facebook Messenger or text message for funeral foods/provide food for events throughout the year and summer fellowship)

## TEAM ASSISTANCE

- Snow Brigade
- Table Troop
- Chrismon/Banners

## OFFICE HELP

- Assist with mailings
- Assist with special projects
- Assist with computer questions

## Thrivent

I am eligible for writing an Action Grant & I am Interested in someone assisting me to do so for A \$250 gift card for an outreach project thru church

## GROUPS

I do not currently belong, but I am interested in joining/volunteering with the following group(s)

- Women's Circle – Grace Circle meets once a month at 1:30 pm
- Joy Circle – we don't meet monthly – we mainly help with funerals and special events – possible yearly outings
- Funeral/Summer Fellowships/Special Events Volunteers to Provide food or assist with serving  
Contact via Facebook Messenger \_\_\_\_\_ or text message \_\_\_\_\_
- Move Night Ministry
- Breakfast Club (High School)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I do not currently serve, but I am interested in joining/volunteering for the following:

- Sunday School Teacher/Substitute Teacher
- Confirmation Teacher/ Helper
- Vacation Bible School
- Music Ministry MISC.

## SEASONAL PROJECTS

- Landscaping projects
- Outside-front of church pot décor \_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_ Winter
- Indoor church decorating
- Cleaning –indoor /outdoor opportunities
- Ballpark Concession Stand Help
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

## **YOUR VOCATION FOR THE MONTH**

What you do for God!

### **WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE**

#### **October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor:** Jerry Gilbreath  
**Organist:** Alnora Daubendiek  
**Acolytes:** Max Cornelius  
Nora Glynn  
**Lector:** Connie Thornburg  
**Greeters:** Council  
**Special Music:** The Quartet  
**Serve Breakfast Club:** Marcella Rademacher

#### **October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor:** Jerry Gilbreath  
**Organist:** Shirley Gronewold  
**Acolytes:** Presleigh Borman  
Sadie Gronewold  
**Lector:** Kelly Lenner  
**Greeters:** Duane & Janice Parde  
Lorene Wallman  
**Special Music:** Kids of the Kingdom  
**Serve Breakfast Club:** Sammie Garton

#### **October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor:** Jerry Gilbreath  
**Keyboard:** Janelle Ideus  
**Guitar:** Deric Bloom  
**Special Music:** Endless Hallelujah  
**Acolytes:** Colt Rinne  
Tavin Lieneman  
**Lector:** Amy Wallman  
**Greeters:** Karla Carstens  
Steve & Diane Oltman  
**Serve Breakfast Club:** Lindsay Hofstetter

#### **October 27<sup>th</sup> – 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

**Pastor:** Jerry Gilbreath  
Casey Lieneman  
**Organist:** Alnora Daubendiek  
**Acolytes:** Karlee Riha  
Alexis Folkerts  
**Lector:** Peggy Johnson  
**Greeters:** Steve & Peggy Johnson  
James & Kelly Lenner  
**Special Music:** Amigos & Brass Quartet  
**Serve Breakfast Club:** Connie Thornburg

**October Table Troop:** Duane Parde (leader), Gary Wiese, John & Marcia Busboom, Doug & Rhonda Dorn, Janice Parde, LeAnn Fossler

**October Altar Guild:** Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed, Janet Harms, Peggy Johnson, Rose Gronewold

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Mark Cornelis

2 Jon Gronewold

3 Jackson Evers

Ryan Meints

4 LaDonna DeBuhr

Allison Ideus

Ervin Meints

Luna Meints

5 Derek Zimmerman

9 Crystal Scholl

10 Noah Jurgens

11 Susan Buss

Daniel Barr

Courtney Schlake

12 Cash Harwood

13 Korbin Busboom

Michelle Jurgens

Barbara Meints

15 Sabrina Glynn

16 Kenley Schoen

17 Jake Buhr

Devyn Gronewold

Daniel Jurgens

Andy Schoen

18 Will Ideus

Dorothy Trauernicht

19 Joshua Glynn

Chris Mason

21 Austin Folkerts

22 Linda Blackwell

Kylie Church

Tyson Parks

Iris Wiese

23 Doreen Busboom

Mary Lenners

Matt Meints

Palmer Parks

Katrina Novonty

24 Lynette Dorn

Macy Gronewold

Zane Hoffman

25 Riley Frerichs

Tiffany Buss

26 Jaxson Lane

Marlowe Sutter

28 Craig Ideus

29 Alan Wiese

30 Kyle Schlake

31 Carly Meints

Aaron Miller

Robert Wallman

# October 2024

		1	2 <b>6 pm Confirmation Service project</b> – (light meal following by Pastor & Karen)	3 6 pm Freeman vs Centennial	4	5
<b>6 Good Neighbor/ New Member Sunday</b> 8:45 SS 9 am Adult SS/Bkf Club 10 am Worship/ Communion/Coffee Fellowship	7	8 <b>9-3 Blanket Sewing</b>	9 <b>9-1 Blanket Sewing</b> 1:30 Grace Circle 6 pm Confirmation 7pm Committee Mtg 7:30 Council	10	11	12 <b>Pastor &amp; Karen are gone</b>
<b>13 Pastor Apprec Sun</b> Visting Pastor 8:45 SS 9 am Adult SS/Bkf Club Endless Hall Practice 10 am Worship/Kids of the Kingdom <b>Pastor &amp; Karen are gone</b>	14 6:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study  <b>Pastor &amp; Karen are gone</b>	15	16 6 pm Confirmation  Endless Hall Practice	17 <b>9-3 Blanket Sewing</b>  Ladies Aid	18 <b>9-3 Blanket Sewing</b>	19
20 8:45 SS 9 am Adult SS/Bkf Club/Endless Hall Practice 10 am Worship/ Communion/Endless Hallelujah sing	21 6:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study  Pastor to Fall Conference	22  Pastor to Fall conference	23 6 pm Confirmation	24 <b>**Print Newsletter**</b>	25	26
<b>27 Anniversary Cele Casey Lieneman</b> 8:45 SS 9 am Adult SS/Bkf Club 10 am Worship/Amigos/Brass quart/Lunch to follow <b>2-4 Trunk or Treat - Fuller Park</b>	28 6:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study	29	30 6 pm Confirmation	31 Ladies Aid		



## What's Left is Right

My wife Karen...had surgery to repair the damage on her right rotator cuff. Karen is right handed but this surgery has made her into a left handed person. She eats with a fork left handed...she brushes her teeth and hair left handed and she puts her makeup on left handed. I just said all this as a visual to what I am about to say.

To be **RIGHT** with Christ we must focus on the **LEFT**—those **LEFT** behind,  
those **LEFT** over,  
those **LEFT** out,  
those **LEFT** standing,  
those **LEFT** stranded,  
those **LEFT** alone,  
and those **LEFT** untouched.

Here is Jesus' last will and testament...Jesus left...

- His **PURSE** to Judas;
- His **BODY** to Joseph Arimathea and Nicodemus;
- His **MOTHER** to John the disciple whom Jesus loved;
- His seamless **ROBE** to the soldiers gambling;
- His **PEACE** to his eleven disciples;
- His **LAST SUPPER** to ALL his followers;
- His **BAPTISM** to ALL new believers;
- His **LOVE** to ALL children;
- His **HEALING** to the sick;
- His **TEACHINGS** to ALL who are hungry in mind and spirit.
- His **CHURCH** to society;
- His **GOSPEL** to the world;
- and His **HOPE** to the hopeless.

How does your **last will and testament** compare with Jesus' to **last will and testament**?

**You do have time to change it!**

**(It was suggested from the Adult Sunday School class to print this in the newsletter this month and since I had room and needed an extra page. Here it is.)**