



# From the Pastor's Cup...

February 2025

Dear Church Family,

*When they all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”  
So, they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces  
of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.*

John 6:12-13

Abundance as at the very heart of who God is. God is both the God of intricate detail and overflowing abundance. I think we forget this. We so often go along with the world when it says everything is scarce. The only scarcity that can be found is in the human heart. I think Howard Thurman speaks of the “glad surprise” of God when he wrote:

*“When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father’s full giving is only begun.”*

For Thurman, the “glad surprise,” and God’s giving has only begun in the Gospel of John. For Thurman, the “glad surprise,” contains within it the foundation of hope. We should always consider the surprises that are offering hope to our church family.

God does answer our requests. We might be surprised how thoroughly God answers. But maybe God does not always answer as we want. Because God is infinite in ALL His ways, we should never fear that we will run out of resources. Let’s not be a “the sky is falling” Christian who runs and hides at any whisper of risk or danger. God calls us to come with open hands, open hearts, and always remember *God’s abundance is at the very heart of who God is!*

Remember the wedding Jesus attended, the Wedding at Cana, with his mom and his twelve disciples? Weddings in Jesus’ day were a weeklong and after four days. The wedding celebrants had exhausted the store of wine. And then God provides the “glad surprise”, and God’s giving had just begun through His One and Only Son. Because God is infinite in ALL His ways, we should never fear that we will run out of resources.

*How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among people find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delight. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Psalm 36:7-9*

We live in a world where both high and low people reside. Our only refuge is residing in the shadow of God's wings where we all feast on the abundance of God's house. Where we drink in God's delight, and God's delight we see God's light.

Sincerely Pr. Jer

### SUNDAY 9 am Adult Coffee Fellowship in February

**Starting after Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** there will be ongoing wall and ceiling repair in the fellowship hall. So that the crew doing the repairs do not have to pick up tarps, scaffolding and etc. **we will NOT be having adult coffee fellowship until the repairs are done.**

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY 2025**

***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.***

### 2/5/2025 6-7 p.m. – Connecting with God thru Prayer

Video Clip by The Skit Guys – World vs. Christian Prayer

**Bible Text: Psalm 23; 51; 150; Luke 11:1-13**

**Lesson Focus: When we pray, no matter how we pray, we open a connection with God.**

**Big Question: How do I know God is listening?**

**Key Words: INTERCESSION, CONFESSION, BLESSING, SUPPLICATION**

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

**2/12/2025 6-7 pm. Serving Others through Vocation**

Video Clip by The Skit Guys – Rich Young Ruler

**Bible Text: Colossians 3:12-17**

**Lesson Focus: God calls us to mercy and serve others in all we do.**

**Big Question: I don't know what I want to do when I'm an adult, so how can I have a vocation now?**

**Key Words: VOCATION, AVOCATION, CALL**

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

**2/19/2025 6-7 p.m. – Theology of the Cross/Theology of Glory**

Video Clip by The Skit Guys – Sheep & Goats

**Bible Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-13**

**Lesson Focus: God overturns human expectations.**

**Big Question: What's so great about the cross?**

**Key Words: THEOLOGY, THEOLOGY OF GLORY, THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS, EGOTISM GRACE**

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

**2/26/2025 6-7 p.m. – Saved by Grace** (simultaneously saint and sinner) –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Lent 8<sup>th</sup> Grade w/council worship duties.

**Bible Text: Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:17; Acts 6:8; 7:54-60**

**Lesson Focus: No matter what I do, God is always ready to love and forgive me.**

**Big Question: Am I good enough?**

**Key Words: SALVATION, GRACE, FAITH, WORKS, WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Konnor Kolm's family



## REVIEWING THE YEAR AT ZION 2024

### Baptisms

**Monroe Jaynes Podany**      **02/25/24**  
Parents: Nicholas & Brittany Podany

**Cash William Harwood**      **03/17/24**  
Parents: Paige & Steve Harwood

**Stevie Sue Harwood**      **03/17/24**  
Parents: Paige & Steve Harwood

**Silas Bradley Frerichs**      **05/05/24**  
Parents: Isaac & Riley Frerichs

**Didi Anne Dorn**      **06/16/24**  
Parents: Tandon & Kayla Dorn

**Baylor Lee Bloom**      **07/14/24**  
Parents: Brady Bloom & Bryanne Vculek

**Levi James Hovendick**      **12/08/24**  
Parents: Heath & Abby Hovendick

### Confirmation

Bella Burr	Avery Busboom
Logan Busboom	Henry Garton
Harley Grone	Paxton Parde
McCoy Peters	James Scholl
Jayden Wiese	

### Marriages

**Brendan Lee Lipovsky**      **7/27/24**  
Emily Ann Lenners

**Cole Baumgartner**      **10/02/24**  
Maggie Parde

### Funerals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>
01/07/24	83
02/24/24	78
02/29/24	93
03/22/24	95
06/08/24	75
06/12/24	91
06/21/24	95
07/25/24	56
09/23/24	91
10/16/24	90

### New Members Received

**Steve, Paige Harwood, Cash, Stevie Harwood and Bella Burr** – from 1<sup>st</sup> Plymouth Lincoln

**Rev Arden & Roxanne Dorn** – from St Johns Beatrice

**Troy & Diane & Kaitlyn Otto** – from American Lutheran in Adams

**Brandon & Lindsay, Micah & Lennon Hofstetter** – From the Methodist Church in Cortland

### Transfers from Zion

**Jayde (Carstens) Marsh** to Grace Lutheran Hebron, NE

**Evan, Kaitlyn, Ellianna, Tholen, Waylon Buss** – to Grace Lutheran Hebron, NE

# Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Parde.

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

Absent:

Pastor Jer shared: Pastor Jer shared Regroup & Reflect

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 1-8-2025 meeting.

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

## Upcoming Baptism

- 2/2/2025 Owen Michael Denny, son of Kevin and Natalie (Lenners) Denny
- 3/1/2025 Daniel and Brooke Barr's twins

## Upcoming Weddings

- 2/8/2025 - Cole Jurgens & Jenilee Wright
- 5/10/2025 - Evan Busboom & Olivia Jamison
- 10/04/2025 - Shelby Baehr & Anthony Hernandez

## Upcoming Events:

- Zion's Annual Meeting 1/19/2025 immediately after church

December Mileage: 442 miles

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

- Funeral/Sunday Service Assistants - Putting together information of share at the annual meeting. Youth greeters on first and 5th Sundays
- Annual Meeting All reports are due by Wednesday.

## Discerning God's Will – New Business

- Church Secretary - Interviews have concluded. The offer will be going out this week.
- Bible School Committee- Parish Ed. will have a subcommittee that will help with Bible School.
- Zion's Giving Letter - There will be some revisions to the giving letter.

## Ministry Team Report as of December 4, 2024

- Financial-General Fund Balance on hand - 12/1/2024 - \$134,714.41
- Income - \$53,509.09
- Balance on hand – 12/31/2024 - \$164,802.06
- Sinking Fund - \$58,295.98
- Seminary Fund - \$59,440.23
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$3,017.02
- Open Savings - \$30,001.72

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team Reports

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:** *Did not meet*

### **PARISH ED:**

Members Present: Jay Bartlett, Courtney Schlake, Allison Lane, & Lanette Nelson,  
Alyssa Lieneman      Members Absent:

Balance: \$656.06

- New Business
  - New Member, Kari Parks, was nominated to take over as Treasurer for Allison Lane
    - Allison will work with Kari on transitioning role.
  - Vacation Bible School
    - Discuss Themes/Order Kit
    - Select a Bible School Committee?
      - 4-5 people who will help Parish Ed lead Bible School (Crafts, Snacks, Games, etc)
      - Will free up Parish Ed members to help where needed during VBS

- Tree of Warmth
  - Donated items to Freeman Public Schools & Beatrice Coat Closet
- Old Business
  - Finalize Christmas program and review music.
    - Sent home the Christmas Program Practice Schedule on 11/3. Also posted on Facebook.
  - Christmas Goodie Bags for Christmas Program – 100 bags
    - Cindy Lieneman will donate candy.
    - Popcorn balls? Fruit? Other ideas?
  - Tree of Warmth
    - Starts December 1<sup>st</sup>
    - Courtney will deliver items to First Christian Church
  - Lanette will order curriculum for classrooms.
  - New Parish Ed Member
    - Looking for one more replacement

**Park Board:** Did not meet

**PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:** Members present – Jordan Busboom, Kenny Reed, Kevin Buhr, Neal Meints, Connor Mason,

- Old Business:**
1. Cleaned out storage under stage in Parish Hall
  2. Plugged in heat tapes for gutters & downspouts.
  3. Had fuel filled for Boiler
  4. Repaired closer for North Church door on East elevations
  5. Fellowship doors are ordered

**STEWARDSHIP:** Did not meet

**WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT:** Did not meet

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance on hand as of 11/29/24	\$ 352,029.48
Balance on hand as of 12/31/24	\$ 340,097.37

- Old Business:**
1. Posted reminders in the Nov/Dec bulletins & Dec Newsletter for parents submit bills for youth attending confirmation & church camps during 2024. Deadline to submit applications for reimbursements was 12/15/24.

- New Business:**
1. Paid out \$1,135 during the month of December to parents of youth who had attended confirmation and church camp during 2024.

2. Reminders have been posted in the December/ January newsletters & weekly bulletins for those attending college to submit their scholarship application by 2/16/25.
3. Contacted Edward Jones to pay %5 of the 12/31/24 year-end balance to the Willie and Anna Meints general fund for distribution to eligible college scholarship applicants.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Did not meet

**YOUTH:** Did not meet

## **Zion Lutheran Church Annual Meeting January 19, 2025**

**Meeting was called to order** by President Cindy Parde

A quorum of 74 members were present.

**Opening devotions** were given by Pastor Jer.

Minutes from the 2024 Semi-Annual meeting were read by secretary, Carrye Meints. General Treasurer's report was given by Paul Jurgens. Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes and financial report.

**Committee reports were given.** Motion was made and seconded to accept committee reports. Motion carried.

**Ballots were presented.** Names for church council were Todd Bohlmeier, Les Lieneman, Dennis Remmers, and Laurie Wallman. James Lenner was nominated for the Auditing Committee. Dale & Hannah Hrenchir and Steve & Diane Oltman were nominated for Synod Assembly. Jess Ideus and Greg Robinson were nominated for the Nominating Committee, with Cindy Parde and Kristi Dorn representing outgoing council members. Jenny Busboom and Lynette Dorn were nominated for the Endowment Committee.

**Election was held** and ballots were collected.



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

- Fellowship Hall Doors
  - Kenny Reed - The doors were delivered. The doors didn't fit. The manufacturers measured wrong. They were sent back to the manufacturer. The new doors should be in at the end of February. Myron Jurgens has graciously offered his time to install. Blake Meints is also working on getting them up and installed by March.

### **Cemetery Update**

- Les Lieneman - Les gave an update on the financial process of the new fence. So far the east and south west side is around \$130,000.00. The south side is around \$65,000.00-\$75,000.00. We have around \$70,000.00. We have raised around \$20,000.00. We have between \$100,000.00-\$110,000.00 in the cemetery account. \$60,000.00 of that is tied into perpetual funding that is state mandated. We hope to continue to have yearly offerings to help pay. Maintenance and insurance run around \$15,000.00-\$20,000.00 a year. Donny Schuster gave an update also. Progress is going a little slower than expected. Todd Wilcox is a one man show. He works when he can. He makes the fence and powder coats. There are flagpole holders too. The gates will have crosses on them. Dirt was donated by Wade Thornburg. Gary Carstens and his crew did the dirt moving. AJ Wiese also helped with dirt, with the use of his sidedump.
- Anniversary Committee

Mert Rademacher - The committee has had lots of help with getting the Heritage Room up. We were blessed to have help from volunteers and from the offerings. The committee will now be called the Heritage Committee with the blessing of the Council. This committee will meet quarterly. The work will continue on, because there is always going to be history to add.

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

- Budget - President Cindy Parde went through the 2025 proposed budget. Made corrections as it was being presented.
- Zion's Helping Hands - President Cindy Parde presented the idea of a group called Zion's Helping Hands. This would be a sign up for members who would like to help out with communion. Also helpers for funerals, such as ringing bells, helping with projector and screen and candle lighting.
- Staff Updates- Michelle Kolm will be the Church's new secretary. Pastor Jer will plan to give his last sermon on April 27, 2025. He will then retire.

## **Election Results -**

- Council members with terms ending in 2028 will be Todd Bohlmeier, Les Lieneman, Dennis Remmers, and Laurie Wallman.
- James Lenner will be joining the auditing Committee.
- Nominating Committee will be Jess Ideus and Greg Robinson with Cindy Parde and Kristi Dorn representing outgoing council.
- Dale and Hannah Hrenchir and Steve and Diane Oltman will be representing Zion at the Synod Assembly.
- Jenny Busboom and Lynette Dorn will be joining the Endowment Committee.

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the 2025 Annual Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church.** We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carrye Meints, Secretary

## **Zion Lutheran Council Meeting      Sunday, January 26, 2025**

President DeAnn Oltman called the meeting to order.

**Members present:** DeAnn Oltman, Kenny Reed, Jason Wallman, Laurie Wallman, Dennis Remmers, Todd Bohlmeier, Carrye Meints

**Members Absent:** Paul Jurgens, Kevin Buhr, Les Lieneman

**Balloting for Officers:** Names presented for officers President - Deann Oltman, Vice President - Les Lieneman, Secretary - Laurie Wallman, Treasurer - Kenny Reed

It was moved and seconded to approve the names for officers and voted to accept the nominations.

### **New Officers:**

**President** - Deann Oltman

**Vice President** - Les Lieneman

**Secretary** - Laurie Wallman

**Treasurer** - Kenny Reed

Council Duties, rotation schedule, and committees for 2025 were presented and discussed.

Exit Interview - President DeAnn Oltman will be sending out information.

Moved and Seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Carrye Meints, Secretary

**The Willie & Anna Meints scholarship** applications are located on the welcome center located in the Fellowship Hall. Students entering college can apply for the scholarship for up to 4 years. Applications must be received by February 16, 2025, following the start of the student's first college year. Applications received after the February 16, 2025, deadline will not be considered.

**Committee Members: DeAnn Oltman, Steve Oltman & Laura Fikar**

**Exciting news and another option for giving is available for our Zion members.**

A QR code has been added to the Sunday bulletins. Simply scan the QR Code to the right 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.**

Zion Lutheran Church  
@Zion68422



**venmo**

Scan this code to pay

Zion's Church Council is seeking members who would be interested in lending a helping hand to assist them with funerals and communion Sundays.

Helping hands for funerals would be to help with ringing of the bells, setting up of the projector and screen, and other miscellaneous tasks.

Helping hands for communion Sundays would be to help a council member with the distribution of communion.

Those interested please indicate your interest below and place it in the offering plate or on the sign up sheet on the Welcome Center.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

FUNERALS \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNION \_\_\_\_\_



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## ZION'S HELPING HANDS



### **“Souper” Bowl of Caring time is here again!**

**This year it is being sponsored by Zion's 3rd Grade Sunday School class!**

Soups, crackers and any & all food items are welcome! **The drive will go from January 19th till Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th.** Please bring items to the table set up in the fellowship hall or in the baskets provided in each of the hallways in the church. **Special thanks to Doreen Remmers** for writing a \$250 Thrivent Grant to support this project!

Together we can work at tackling food insecurities in our community!

# **WELCA News**

## **2025 Women of Zion – from the Annual report – years activities**

2024 was a very active year for the Women of Zion We currently have one active Circle, our Grace Circle, which meets once a month during the day for Bible Study and fellowship. They invite everyone to join them. Their Bible Study is taken from the Gather Magazine which is a magazine printed for Woman of ELCA.

The Women of Zion also have a large group, “Joy and Volunteer Group” that help with serving and providing food for funeral luncheons and other needs of the congregation. These volunteers also help with the Christmas tree, seasonal church decorating, summer fellowship, kitchen cleaning and Warrens Table Our group has grown through the last year to approximately 80-90 volunteers who are contacted through Messenger or by Text. We welcome all ladies who would like to be included, if interested contact Linda Hooper by calling or texting 402-239-8656 or by Messenger. We are very grateful to all who have volunteered in some way through the year.

Gayle Schuster is our Food Coordinator organizing funeral lunches. Linda Hooper will continue to be in charge of sending out the messages requesting help and food as well as Annette Wiese will do any phone calls to food and servers if needing more. Connie Thornburg and Denise Schlake Ideus continue to decorate the tables for many funerals and activities through the year. A Thrivent grant was obtained to purchase shelving units in the furnace room to organize the decorations and supplies. It was a much-needed improvement.

We assisted with serving and food at some of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations through the year. A Fall 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program by Sue McLain “A Century of Fashion 1870-1970” was a very successful celebration activity in which we coordinated and served a delicious meal.

### **Gods Work Our Hands!**

The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) blanket sewers completed 132 blankets in 2024. In November, 76 quilts were delivered to Omaha to be shipped to Minnesota for LWR distribution. Another 25 were given to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Gage County. Table Grace in Omaha were given 25 blankets and 3 smaller blankets. Seven blankets were kept to give to families locally as a need arises. The blankets made are app 60” X 80.” They consist of a top that is one piece of fabric or multiple pieces, a layer of batting and a bottom that is usually a sheet.

Mildred Fossler has sewed fabric pieces together to make almost all of the tops. Karen Gilbreath and Elnora Lenners have cut the 48 blocks of 11” squares or 6” squares and strips for 9 patch blocks for each top.

Rosanna Miller has crocheted more than 113 sleeping mats (at least 13 in 2024). Each mat is made from 500-700 plastic grocery bags. Elaine Waltke cuts and rolls the bags so they can be crocheted. The mats are made for the Bargain Box in Beatrice, and they deliver them to the Orphan Grain train. They are distributed to individuals sleeping on the ground in countries such as Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Philippines, and Haiti.

On Rally Day in September, 150 school kits were assembled for LWR. These were also delivered to Omaha for shipping to LWR. Thank you to all who donated items for the school kits and helped in the assembly process.

Denise Schlake-Ideus and Caroline Ideus embroider beautiful baptismal napkins for our newborns baptized at Zion. Thank you, Denise and Caroline!

In June a nice group had attended a Social Outing at the SE NE Cancer Garden Retreat at Humboldt, NE. It was a very enjoyable day!

Janet Harms is the captain of the phone list members for the Prayer Chain. Connie Thornburg is the captain for the text message/email list with Mary Lenners as backup for her.

Special Thank You to Karen Gilbreath for the many years of compiling the yearly WELCA Books!

We continue to financially support the WELCA on the National and NE Synod levels

Thank you to all the women that serve at Zion in so many different ways --- your hands are serving our Zion Congregation and beyond!

## **Blanket Sewing Days for February**

### **Blanket Sewing Looking for Part-Time Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to do the following at home on their timeline:

- prepare sheets for quilt backs (cut off elastic on fitted sheets and wash sheets)
- cut blocks and strips for tops (fabric provided)
- sew blocks and strips into tops
- tie completed tops with crochet thread (provided)
- donate sheets



If interested, contact Denise Schlake-Ideus at 402-806-2236 or Karen Gilbreath at 402-661-9362

# Continued Blanket Sewing Days for February

Come join in assembling the Lutheran World Relief Blankets for part or all day on **Tuesday, Feb. 11 (9 am-3 pm) and Wednesday, Feb. 12 (9 am-1 pm)**. **Grace Circle meets at 1:30 on the 12th. The second set of dates is Monday, Feb. 17th and Tuesday, Feb. 18, both days 9 am-3 pm.** The 17th is Presidents' Day for those who have the day off work can come. If you come all day, please bring your lunch. Coffee, cake and fellowship after 10 am.

## Youth



**Zion Sunday School**  
DECEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

<b>LITTLE ANGELS</b> Ellie Grummert Hank Bartlett Micah Jensen	<b>2ND GRADE</b> Chesleigh Ideus Connor Jensen Everett Meints Lincoln Eickhoff Logan Hippen Madison Detert Shane Parde	<b>6TH GRADE</b> Nolan Buhr Ava Meints Bryleigh Ideus Mason Hippen
<b>PRE-K</b> Brantley Glynn Carrick Eickhoff Hudson Ideus	<b>3RD GRADE</b> Brooks Coffin Emma Lane Emmit Buhr McKendrick Sutter	<b>7TH GRADE</b> Nora Glynn
<b>KINDERGARTEN</b> Ace Bartlett Jaxson Lane Marlowe Sutter Rory Detert	<b>4TH GRADE</b> Emmerson Ideus Everly Meints Layton Lieneman McKenzie Ideus	<b>8TH GRADE</b> Brogan Ideus
<b>1ST GRADE</b> Allison Ideus Claire Freeman Emmalynn Blecha Luna Meints Vonn Behrens	<b>5TH GRADE</b> Brixton Coffin Ellis Freeman	

## **Births**

**Congratulations to Connor & Caylee Mason** on the birth of their son Callahan Dale Mason born January 10<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are Chris & Renae Mason.

**Congratulations to Jon & Emily Gronewold on the birth of their daughter** Elsie Gronewold. Elsie was born October 25, 2024.

## **Bulletins Sponsored**

**For the week of January 19th bulletin is sponsored by Steve & Diane Oltman** in loving memory of their sister Angela Klaseks – her birthday was January 19<sup>th</sup>. Happy Heavenly birthday Angela.

**For the week of January 26<sup>th</sup> – Darwin & Susan Buss** in memory of Shirleen DeBuhr for her January birthday.

## **Our Sympathies**

**Our sympathy to Alex & Beth Buhr on the death of Beth's mom Charity Masters.** Charity's funeral was held here at Zion on Monday, January 20th. Please keep Alex & Beth, Nolan and Emmet in your prayers!

**Our sympathy to Devan, Shelby and Arnold Baehr & the extended family on the death of Preston Baehr.** Preston's funeral was held here at Zion on Thursday, January 23. Please keep the family in your prayers!

**Our sympathies to Donny & Elnora Lenners and the extended families of John Lenners.** John passed away on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, his funeral was January 29<sup>th</sup> at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Please keep the family in your prayers.



**The Hospitality Committee presents...**

# Handmade Cards



*Only*  
**\$10**

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**2025**  
**2 Feb**



*Let's get creative!*

Join us for a fun and creative afternoon at our Handmade Card Class, where you'll make four unique cards—perfect for every occasion! You'll leave with cards that are as personal as they are beautiful. Our guest expert has designed these cards just for us. She'll bring everything you need. In this class, you'll create:

- A Valentine's Card
- A Sympathy Card
- A Birthday Card
- A General Occasion Card

No previous crafting experience is required—just bring your positive vibes!

- Cost: \$10 non-refundable supplies fee (via Venmo to Deb Rinne or cash).
- RSVP: Please reserve your spot by January 20th to ensure we have enough supplies for everyone. Payment is required to reserve your spot.
- Deb Rinne 402-499-3420 Venmo: @Deb-Rinne

We can't wait to see you there and help you make beautiful, personalized cards for all of life's moments!

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Don Schuster

DeAnn Smith

2 John Busboom

Zachary Coffin

3 Suzy Brown

4 Irene Busboom

Alnora Daubendiek

Michele Kolm

Calvin Remmers

Jeff Winkle

7 Kelly Lenners

8 Cindy Lieneman

Lane Frost

9 Hailey Parde

Paul Wallman

10 Darvin DeBuhr

Leon Jurgens

11 Brynn Sullivan

Jaimie Sutter

15 Zackary Hoffman

Crew Meints

Curtis Meints

Dennis Remmers

Anthony Schoen

17 Olivia Wollenburg

18 Layton Lieneman

Keith Parde

19 Elliott Mencl

Kim Thornburg

20 Chad Buhr

Danelle Evers

Paul Nelson

Braxton Trauernicht

Jamison Wallman

Monroe Podany

21 Marcia Busboom

Alyssa Jurgens

Amy Parde

22 Shawn Meints

Pastor Jer Gilbreath

23 Graydon Day

Caroline Ideus

Les Rademacher

Pam Trauernicht

24 Morgan Behrens

Caleb Oltman

Vivian Schuster

25 Austin Gronewold

Brian VonSeggren

26 Paul Remmers

27 Monica Busboom

Carrye Meints

Tucker Parks

Dalton Sullivan

Tanden Wiese

28 Aubrey Wiese

29 Patti Behrens

# YOUR VOCATION FOR THE MONTH

**What you do for God!**

## **WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE**

### February 2

**Pastor:** Jerry Gilbreath

**Organist:** Alnora Daubendiek

**Acolytes:** Karlee Riha

Sadie Gronewold

**Lector:** Denise Schlake-Ideus

**Greeters:** Council & 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Special Music:**

**Breakfast Club:** Sammie Garton

### February 16

**Pastor:** Jerry Gilbreath

**Keyboard:** Janelle Ideus

**Guitar:** Deric Bloom

**Acolytes:** Konner Kolm

Alexis Folkerts

**Lector:** Carrye Meints

**Greeters:** Brian & Danelle Evers

Tony & Kristin Hoffman

**Special Music:** Endless Hallelujah

**Breakfast Club:** Jennifer Mahler

### February 9

**Pastor:** Jerry Gilbreath

**Organist:** Shirley Gronewold

**Acolytes:** Kipton Lovitt

Tavin Lieneman

**Lector:** Connie Thornburg

**Greeters:** Jacob & Nicole Behrends

Russ & Amy Wallman

**Special Music:** Kids of the Kingdom

The Quartet

**Breakfast Club:** Jordan Freeman

### February 23

**Pastor:** Jerry Gilbreath

**Organist:** Alnora Daubendiek

**Acolytes:** Brogan Ideus

Millie Garton

**Lector:** Dorothy Trauernicht

**Greeters:** Craig & Jess Ideus

Robert & Doreen Ideus

**Special Music:** Amigos

**Breakfast Club:** Hannah Hrenchir

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

**February Altar Guild:** **Carrye Meints Leader**, Linda Blackwell, Denise Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers

## **Snow Brigade**

**For the week of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Justin Hippen (Captain), Gary Gronewold – Tractor, Stan Lenners – tractor, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus

**For the week of Feb 10<sup>th</sup>:** Mike Busboom (Captain), Dean Zimmerman – tractor, Russ Wallman – tractor, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Bob Freeman

**For the week of Feb 17<sup>th</sup>:** 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 Feb 24<sup>th</sup>:** Steve Oltman (Captain), Eric Parde – Tractor, Chris Fossler – Tractor, Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Kyle Schlake

## **Thank you's**

**Thank you on behalf of our residents** for your generous gift of \$221.62 This will be used to purchase small gifts so our residents have something special on Christmas. It truly means so much!  
Blessings!

**Our Homes in Lincoln**

**Thank you to the Parish Ed for all you work through the year and the Christmas Eve Christmas program!** It's so fun to watch the kids sing and dance to the music and to see the confirmation kids reenact the reason for the season!

**Mildred Meints would like to give a sincere thank-you to Pastor & Karen, family & friends** for the visits, phone calls, and all the cards on her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She was overwhelmed and blessed. God's Blessings to you all!

**Thanks to all who donated food & supplies to the BPS Mini Mart program last month.** Items have been delivered & were greatly appreciated!

# FEBRUARY 2025

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2 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/ Adult SS 10 am Worship/Comm 1-2:30 Card Making/ Hospitality event	3 6:15 pm Quartet Practice  7 pm Men's Choir	4	5 6 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation 7 pm Committees 7:30 pm Council	6	7  5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	8  4:30 pm Jurgens/ Wright Wedding
9 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/ NO Adult SS 10 am Worship/kids of the Kingdom/Quartet	10  7 pm Men's Choir	11 9-3 Blanket sewing	12 9-1 Blanket sewing  1:30 pm Grace Circle 6 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation	13	14	15
16 <b><u>Deadline for Willie &amp; Anna Meints Scholarship Apps</u></b> 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/ NO Adult SS 10 am Worship/Communion Endless Hallelujah	17 9-3 Blanket sewing  7 pm Men's Choir	18 9-3 Blanket sewing	19 6 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation	20  Ladies Aid	21	22
23 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/ NO Adult SS 10 am Worship/Amigos	24 Print Newsletter  7 pm Men's Choir	25	26 6 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation	27  Ladies Aid	28	