



From the Pastor's Cup...

Dear Church Family,

As I sit in the parsonage office looking east I see a field of corn well past knee high by the Fourth of July. It made me think that corn is everywhere. It's on the dinner table, at the movie theater, and served up in one form or another in just about every country in the world. This also makes corn an easy target of puns like:

Did you hear about the farm dog who liked to strip ears of corn?

He was part husky!

What did the farmer say when someone complimented him on his corn harvest?

Aww, shucks!

What did the baby corn call his dad?

Pop corn!

But one pun had a **serious kernel of truth** that took it to a whole deeper meaning.

What did the cornfield say when it heard rain coming?

That's music to my ears!

This **kernel of truth** speaks of the **gamble of faith** our farmers and farm families make each year when they plant their crops. This **kernel of truth** also speaks of the annual partnership between God and farmers. The farmer plants the corn, God waters and shines the sun on the corn, and if all things are blessed by God, the farmer will harvest the corn.

But what about the hail that came early and left many corn fields shredded? That's a tough question. Being in direct sales and not middle management, I am not privy to what upper management has planned. Remember the **gamble of faith** farmers and farm families make yearly? I think Paul Harvey, on a radio broadcast, shined a little light on this **gamble of faith** when he said:

On the 8th day God said, "I need a caretaker" so God made a farmer...I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt...and watch it die...then dry his eyes and say, "Maybe next year."

"Maybe next year" is the **deepest of faith** when all we have is to trust in a hope and a promise that is yet unseen but will be realized as some future time. The Jews have a similar deep faith when they say, "Next year in Jerusalem!" This represents their trust in a hope and a promise that is yet unseen but will be realized as some future date. As

Christians we live in this trust, hope and promise! May your July be blessed with the music of gentle rain falling on your field, amen! Pr. Jer

GriefShare Support Group this August. **GriefShare is Your Journey from Mourning to Joy!** If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. That's the reason for **GriefShare**, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close.

We will be meeting at 10 am Saturday mornings in August, September and October. Our meeting site will be Zion's fellowship hall. We invite all who have participated before in a **GriefShare** seminar support group to attend again as a refresher! Here is the schedule of sessions and topics:

- #1 - 10 a.m. August 6, 2022, When Your Dreams Fall Apart**
- #2 - 10 a.m. August 13, 2022, The Seasons of Grief**
- #3 - 10 a.m. August 20, 2022, The Emotions of Grief (Part 1)**
- #4 - 10 a.m. August 27, 2022, The Emotions of Grief (Part 2)**
- #5 - 10 a.m. September 3, 2022, When Your Spouse Dies**
- #6 - 10 a.m. September 10, 2022, Your Family and Grief**
- #7 - 10 a.m. September 17, 2022, Where is God?**
- #8 - 10 a.m. September 24, 2022, Stuck in Grief or Moving On**
- #9 - 10 a.m. October 1, 2022, Growing Through Grief**
- #10 - 10 a.m. October 8, 2022 , Grief Recovery Tool Kit**
- #11 - 10 a.m. October 15, 2022, God' Spiritual Hospital**
- #12 - 10 a.m. October 22, 2022, Longing for Heaven (final session)**

These sessions are independent of each other so missing a session or two isn't a problem. Hopefully with scheduling this at 10 a.m. and in the months of August, September and October, we will miss Husker football & volleyball and the threat of bad weather.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 8, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Wiese

Members present: Brenda Gronewold, Alan Folkerts, VeAnn Jurgens, Cindy Parde, Paul Remmers,

Pam Trauernicht & Gary Wiese

Members absent: Kristi Dorn, Neal Meints

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect – Thinking About Our Group's Future.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from the 5/04/2022 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 6/08/2022 meeting.

Upcoming Weddings:

- 06/11/2022 - Jayde Carstens & Jared Marsh
- 06/18/2022 - Dillon Buss & Cari Lineweber
- 07/09/2022 - Nicole Busboom & Nathan Bartels
- 07/16/2022 - Blake Lenner & Marisa Pitre (Omaha)
- 10/29/2022 - Brooke Mason & Daniel Barr
- 12/03/2022 - Breanna Trauernicht & Dan Pennissi (Berean, Lincoln)
- 06/10/2023 - Abby Mason & Heath Hovendick

Upcoming Baptisms:

- 6/19/2022 Brian Faye Zeman (daughter of Mary Zeman)
- 7/3/2022 Lane Andrew Frost (son of Hayden & Madison Frost)

May mileage: 377 miles

Supply pastor:

- July 17, 2022 9:00 am ~ Rev Fred Anderson. Pastor Jer on vacation Friday through Sunday

July 15-17.

- July 24, 2022 9:00 am ~ Rev Roger Hoffman. Pastor Jer on vacation Friday through Sunday

July 22-24.

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- Well Update – Remark location west of Church for well.

o Estimated cost at \$10,000 +.

o Abandoned the use of well just North of church due to length time since it's been in use.

Elevator –Will pursue replacement elevator quote from Access Elevator of Omaha, which is

company recommended by others.

Around \$35,000 for hydraulic, chain driven system with new door system.

Timeframe is 6 – 8 weeks out.

Will consider maintenance agreement for service.

Will get another bid this week, and then move forward.

Parrish Hall Bathrooms – Handicap assessable options. Will begin soon; to be finished over

the summer.

Janitorial Duties - Continue to review and consider options moving forward.

Picture Directory – Committee is looking at options including, print verses apps, etc.

o In house photographer/or electronic file with photographer release.

Greeters – Reinstating beginning on Rally Sunday.

Discerning God's Will – New Business

New member and complete church member list – Located in church office.
Distributed

phone directory is a convenience of those who wish to share their personal information; but is

not a complete listing of members.

Discussion of confirmation program. Expectations are communicated to students at the

beginning of each year.

Wedding Deposits, discussion to confirming the process. Moving forward, a deposit will

secure and 'save the date' for ceremony and will be collected by the church treasurer.

Custodial fee's and minister fee's will be sent by wedding couple to Zion's current treasurer

prior to the wedding and can be mailed to the church's address.

Father's Day recognition. Candy Bouquets? Newest Father is Reece Gronewold and Veteran Father in-turn is Gerald Dorn.

Ministry Team Report as of 6/08/2022

Financial-General Fund-Balance on hand 5/01/2022 \$96,978.70

Income- \$18,059.45 Expenses- \$18,047.04

Balance on hand- 5/31/2022-- \$96,991.11

Sinking Fund - \$139,307.25

Seminary Fund - \$30,925.02

Thrivent Mutual Funds - \$2,747.91

Open Savings - \$29,119.63

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

Next council meeting will at the Semi-Annual Meeting Sunday, July 17, 2022.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Gronewold, Secretary

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 12, 2022

Special meeting was called to order by - President Gary Wiese

Members present: Krisit Dorn, VeAnn Jurgens, Neal Meints, Paul Remmers, & Pam Trauernicht.

Members absent: Alan Folkerts, Brenda Gronewold, Cindy Parde

Old business:

Council reviewed the bid received this week from Access Elevators and Lifts for a replacement elevator in the Parrish Hall. The \$36,490 bid includes installation, materials, labor and shipping for a new unit.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Access Elevator's and Lifts to replace the elevator in the Parrish Hall.

Motion carried.

New business:

No new business was discussed.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Brenda Gronewold**, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship Committee: Did not Meet

Parish Ed: Did not meet

Park Board: Did not meet

Property & Management: Jordan Busboom, Alan Folkerts, Paul Remmers, Doug Parde.

Old Business: Meeting with several companies on elevator replacement. Found the issue with sewer smell and installed a vent pipe.

New Business: Discussed options to update the Parish Hall bathrooms.

Memorial Committee: Did not meet

Endowment Committee: Kelly Lenner, Denis Schlake, Stan Lenner, Larry Gronewold

New Business: Discussed CD rates looking at different options.

Hospitality Task Force: Did not meet.

Publicity: Did not meet.

Willie and Anna Meints Youth Endowment Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for the delicious candy bouquet in recognition of Father's Day, it was greatly appreciated. – Reece Gronewold

Wanting Classroom Grandmas and Grandpas! Are you, or someone you know, 55 years of age or older AND would like to volunteer to help a child? Join AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program today! The Program is a mentoring opportunity that pairs people 55 years & older with children who have special/exceptional needs or failing behind in a skill. The volunteers provide one-on-one attention to children in the following areas of development: reading, math, social and motor skills, and independence. Some activities include; readings, color/number recognition, and puzzles. Grandparents are placed at volunteer sites such as schools, preschool programs, Head Start centers, day care centers, youth programs and State facilities.

On behalf of the Warren's Community Outreach Table we thank you for your generous donation of \$500 and for remembering our weekly ministry. We are continuing to serve 75-80 participants weekly with about 15 eating inside and the

remaining carry out. We are grateful for all the organization that help keep this weekly ministry a successful program.

Thank you To everyone that played a part in the Easter Sunrise Breakfast and for the generous financial gift to our family – thank you so much for your generosity!

My family and I are truly blown away by the continued love and support we receive from our Zion Church family. The incredible love & support shown to Terry during his battle with cancer was amazing and even today that love & support continues. As we learn how to make our way in this life without Terry, you have been there for us with a warm smile, hugs, visits, phone calls, text messages, food/meals and the many prayers said for our family ... that is what keeps us going. God's love shines through all of you. Thank you doesn't seem to quite cover the gratitude we feel but from the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

Janelle, Will, Matt & Anastazia Ideus

Mark your calendar, and come join the Movie Night Small Ministry group on Tuesday, July 12th, for an evening at the Beatrice Movie Theater! We will be watching "Minions". The first 50 to sign up will get free admission! We will have a sign up sheet at church, or contact Rhonda Dorn. You can also go to the church Facebook page and sign up for the event. We would like to thank Doreen Remmers for sponsoring this event with a Thrivent Grant. We are also planning for additional movie nights in late August(Outdoors, if weather permits), and around the Thanksgiving-Christmas holidays.

The Nebraska Synod Assembly theme this year was "Let your Light Shine." With the retirement of Bishop Maas, the main order of business was the election of a new bishop, along with a few other resolutions. There were several inspirational speakers as well as each of the candidates gave presentations. It was a difficult decision, evidenced by the fact that a fifth ballot was necessary. The new Bishop is Rev. Scott Johnson, director of campus ministry at Midland University. In this report, Bishop Maas spoke of some of the challenges facing the church today. He closed with "The Good News is True. Jesus Christ is Lord." On Friday evening, we celebrated 150 years pf the Nebraska Synod with cake and a hymn sing. -Alnora D.

FULLER PARK UPCOMING BALL SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 26

5:00pm Zion T-ball vs Dewitt

Monday, June 27

6:00pm Adams 12's DH vs Milford

Wednesday, June 29

6:00pm DH Adams 12's vs Lincoln Dominators

Thursday, August 25

5:00pm Freeman JV & Varsity vs Ashland-Greenwood

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Tyler Adams
2 Sydney Carstens
6 Kameron Riha
8 Chandler Branders
Kyla Davison
Kate Meints
9 Natalie Lenner
10 Cindy Parde
Declan Petritzka
11 Jim Gronewold
12 Karen Gilbreth
Lori Robinson
13 Camden Behrens

14 Scott Carstens
16 Perry Jurgens
Tracy Lidolph
17 Devon Busboom
Tandon Dorn
18 Jamison Theye
Tiffany Trauernicht
19 Cheryl Folkerts
20 Brett Oltman
21 Lawrence
Jurgens
22 Ross Eickhoff
Matthew Ideus
Brooklyn Lidolph

23 Bristyl Brown
Preston Huls
Carley Remmers
24 Anora Schoen
26 Natalie Niles
28 Eldon Mencl
29 Nicole Busboom
James Scholl
30 Denise Schlake-
Ideus
31 Jen Busboom
Cindy Gronewold
Steve Johnson
Dawson Smith

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

July 3rd, 2022

Acolytes: Garret
Ideus, Cooper Lovitt
Reader: Denise
Schlake-Ideus

July 10th, 2022

Acolytes: Savannah
Mahler, London
Meints
Reader: Gary
Gronewold

July 17th, 2022

Acolytes: Nevaeh
Niles, Dawson Smith
Reader: Brian
Garton

July 24th, 2022

Acolytes: Kameron
Riha, Gage Smith
Reader: Amy
Wallman

July 31st, 2022

Acolytes: Dalton
Sullivan, Morgan
Behrens
Reader: Les
Lieneman

July Table Troop: Steve and Peggy Johnson, Dave & Carrye Meints, Kenny & Janet Schuster, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Gary & Brenda Gronewold

July Altar Guild : Patti Behrens, Elnora Lenner, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus, Dianna Andrew

JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Worship 9 am	4	5	6	7	8	9 Wedding of Nicole Busboom & Nathan Bartels
10 Worship 9 am.	11	12	13	14 Ladies Aid	15	16 Wedding of Blake L enners & Marisa Pitre
17 Worship 9 am	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship 9 am	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28 Ladies Aid	29	30
31						

