

TOGETHER IN FAITH

"Bonded in Christ's love, we teach, preach, and equip God's people for discipleship here and throughout the world."
~Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Zion Lutheran Church

"A place to belong, a
place to believe, a
place to become.

Sunday Service 10:00am

**Interim Pastor –Rev. Dr.
Renaë Koehler**

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August is what I consider to be one of those transition months. The hectic pace of Spring planting, getting cow-calf pairs to pasture, grandson ballgames, etc. are now in the rear-view mirror. No doubt we live in a busy world. Time is that precious commodity that we just don't seem to have enough. Unfortunately, the more we pile onto our plates the first scraps that our pushed off is the time we devote to God. The slower pace of August provides a great opportunity to recommit to what God means in your life.

Psalm 46:10 tells us to "be still and know that I am Lord". Find that quiet corner in your life, those still moments that provide the opportunity to get to know your God. There are many ways to get to know your God.

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For me perhaps the easiest is to just watch what's going on in nature. A line from a Paul Simon song tells us to "slow down you move too fast, you got to make the morning last" applies here. The bees that fly from flower to flower in your landscaping, how do they find that nectar/pollen source. It turns out that bees communicate using an intricate dance called the Waggle Dance. Yes you read right the Waggle Dance! Bees can range up to a mile from their hive, locate a food source, successfully return to the hive and communicate distance, direction, quantity, and quality of their find. Modern science preaches to us that all life is the result of evolution. To think that such a complicated bio-system is the result of evolution alone is foolishness to the nth degree. Solomon, considered to be the wisest man to ever live, tells us "only a fool says there is no God". Don't be foolish with your life. Use August's still moments to get to know your God. Nature provides a great starting point.

For Zion ~ Les Lieneman

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CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday June 28

Attendance: C -

Offering: C - \$2,742.00

Sunday July 5th

Attendance: C - 76

Offering: C - \$2,010.00

Sunday July 12th

Attendance: C - 101

Offering: C - \$6,446.00

Sunday July 19th

Attendance: C - 101

Offering: C - \$2414.00

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION - Keep your information updated with our church family. New phones, address, phone numbers, and email addresses are all available for you to update on www.instantchurchdirectory.com, just remember to not share your password with anyone and all will stay confidential. If your email has changed please let the church office know and they will get that updated in the system for you so you are able to login.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 12, 2026 Semi Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Les Lieneman. Approval of the agenda was granted a motion and seconded.

Secretary Laurie Wallman read the minutes from the 2026 Annual meeting. Approval of the minutes were given- a motion to approve- then was seconded.

The Treasurer Jenny Busboom read the treasurer report and the report was approved and seconded.

Celebrating God's Work in Progress

- Alan Folkerts gave a report on the Nebraska Synod Assembly Conference 2026.
- Terry Oltman gave an update on the Call Committee progress. They had a zoom interview with a candidate but decided the candidate wasn't a good fit for our current situation.
- Dennis Remmers gave an update on the Furnace replacement progress, and how the new system will work for the church.
- Laurie Leners gave a report on the new purchase of the slide projector and custom cabinet that will house the unit. Funding was also addressed.

Motion to Adjourn - Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday Aug 5th, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None due to semi-annual meeting**GRACE CIRCLE:**

Grace Circle met on July 8th. They opened by signing "Savior Like a Shephard Lead Us. Opening prayer and bible study were given by Karen Buhr. Bible Study was titled "God the Protector: Gate & Shephard. Chairperson Dorthy Trauernicht opened the business meeting. Roll Call was answered by 7 members. Treasurer report had a balance of \$64.00. Minutes from the last meeting were read. Collection was \$35.00.

We discussed reorder the Gather Magazine. Group price will be \$22.45 per subscription. We will order one for pastor Renae using money from our treasury. Dorthy will get them ordered.

It was decided to have a Grace Circle meeting & Bible Study if there is no General Meeting in September. Grace Circle will not do fellowship after church and general meeting, July 12th.

Action/Growth Chairperson, Alnora Daubendiek said we had received 20 boxes to fill for "Operation Christian Child." We can purchase items for these, for either boy or girl. Ages 2-5, 5-9, & 10-14. We also collected \$0.50 if we thought things looked nice outside.

No other business. Meeting Adjourned.

MISCELLANEOUS

FIFTH SUNDAY - Fifth Sunday offering for August has been designated to go to the Park Board.

THANK YOU - Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the moving of the pews and the radiators this last Wednesday evening. The council truly appreciated the overwhelming response that they were able to get all done in just a few hours.

CONGRATULATIONS – To Riley and Isaac Frerichs on the birth of a baby boy on July 17th. His name is Solomon Gregory. Grandparents are Greg and Kristi Dorn, Brad and Susan Frerichs. Great-grandparents are Gerald Dorn, Donna Chumney, Phyllis Niles, Jim and Carol Frerichs, and Lucille Schaardt.

MISSION SUNDAY – Mark your calendars for Mission Festival Sunday, September 20th. Featured speaker will be David Hingst.

GGFAN (GOD’S GRACE FOR ALL NATIONS)

In 2025 David and Glenda Hingst traveled to Kenya to observe the mission work of GGFAN and learn more about the lives of the people in southeastern Kenya.

GGFAN is a non-profit organization committed to transforming lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with a mission to build powerful congregations that meet the spiritual and physical needs of the unreached and least reached communities in Kenya.

Our trip included multiply opportunities to evaluate agricultural practices for the area as well as learning more about five key areas that GGFAN uses as focus areas.

- Reaching the Unreached
- Rescuing Vulnerable Children
- Transforming lives Through Mercy Ministry
- Empowering Churches & Leaders
- Fostering self-sustainability through agriculture, savings groups and
- community-based solutions.



FARM FRESH EGGS - Farm fresh eggs are now available for purchase! Suggested price is \$3 per dozen and can be found on the Welcome Center. Proceeds will support various projects around the church. Eggs have been generously donated by Don Schuster—thank you for your kindness and support!

2026-2027 7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING – August 26 @ 6:00pm will be a student/parent confirmation orientation meeting, followed by acolyte training for all 7th grades. Please plan to attend if your child is in either 7th or 8th grade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are looking for volunteers to help teach our Sunday School students this coming year!

Open Positions:

- * **2nd Grade Co-Teacher**
- * **4th Grade Co-Teacher**
- * **7th Grade Co-Teacher**

Teaching Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word and help nurture the faith of our children and youth. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to a member of the Parish Education Committee.

Thank you for helping make a difference in our Sunday School program!

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Our hands.*

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

1 	FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper	2 	ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
3 	ONE pencil sharpener	4 	ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
5 	FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band	6 	FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
7 	ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons	8 	ONE 2 1/2" eraser
9 	ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)		



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helping a child
learn and dream!*




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a world of difference!*

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BULLETIN SPONSORS:

July 5th: None

July 12th: Sponsored by Mickey Larkins in memory of her husband,
Larry Larkins birthday, July 10th.

July 19th: Sponsored by Linda VanEngen and her family in memory of her parents
Arnold and Marie Schoen who both passed away in July.

July 26th: Sponsored by Mickey Larkins in memory of her and Larry's 63rd wedding
anniversary, July 26th.

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.



SNOW BRIGADE:

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU – Please thank all of these men for their help
this winter. We appreciate you all!**

Luke Ideus, Gary Gronewold , Stan Lenner, Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenner, Billy
Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Mike Busboom, Dean Zimmerman, Russ Wallman,
Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Jeff Wiese,
Les Lieneman, David Meints, Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry
Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Kyle Schlake, Eric Parde Chris Fossler, Steve Oltman,
Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Taiten Harms



WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

August 2nd - 9:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Micah Hofstetter
 Hunter Grone
 Lector: Sandy Meints
 Greeters: Hunter & Linda Blackwell
 Darvin & LaDonna DeBuhr

August 9th - 9:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Shirley Gronewold
 Acolytes: Grayson Borgman
 Korbin Busboom
 Lector: Gary Gronewold
 Greeters: Craig & Jess Ideus
 Gary & Brenda Gronewold

August 16th - 9:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Cash Harwood
 Millie Garton
 Lector: Gerald Ideus
 Greeters: Gerald & Denise Ideus
 Robert & Doreen Ideus

August 23rd - 9:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Tavin Lieneman
 Alexis Folkerts
 Lector: DeAnn Oltman
 Greeters: Irene Busboom
 Steve & Peggy Johnson

August 30th - 9:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Nolan Buhr
 Sadie Gronewold
 Lector: Kelly Lenners
 Greeters: Kyle & Michele Kolm
 James & Kelly Lenners

August Altar Guild: Patti Behrens, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus, Susan Buss

August Table Troop: Mark Buhr (Leader), Alex Buhr, Stan & Mary Lenners, Alan Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom



August

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|---|--|---|
| 1 Carol Young | 13 Kaitlyn Hostetler | 22 Lavon Behrens
Micah Hofstetter
Robert D. Ideus
Orvin Miller
Emersyn Rademacher
Bennett Wiese
Madison Frost |
| 3 Kyler Boyer
Ava Meints | 14 Jayde Marsh
Alexis Folkerts
Linsey Gronewold | 23 Mike Detert |
| 4 Brandy Coffin | 15 Cindy Jurgens
Miranda Zeman
Sharla Wendeln
Janie Vrtiska | 24 Paxton Parde
Aceson Wendeln
Chloe Brauer |
| 5 Jeanette Behrens
Jordan Wallman | 16 Beckett Bayless
Sadie Gronewold
Billy Harms | 26 Heston Grone |
| 6 Case Fossler
Andrea Siefkes | 17 Jeni Bohlmeier
Mike Busboom
Tony Busboom
Makayla Wiese | 27 Everett Meints |
| 7 Mason Hippen | 18 Sandra Minnick | 28 Sharon Schuster
Amanda Knoll |
| 8 Mark Buhr
Nick Podany | 19 Emmitt Buhr
Diane Otto
Gerald Dorn
Ellis Gronewold | 29 Katie Meyer |
| 9 Heather Hippen
Corey Lieneman
Kolby Mahler
Hannah Schoen | 21 Harper Knoll | 30 Logan Busboom
Mary Zeman |
| 10 Joshua Glynn | | 31 Deb Wolken |
| 11 Karla Carstens
Blaine Harms
Duane Parde | | |
| 12 Skylar Meints
Wes Meints | | |

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:00am Worship/Communion Women of Zion serving summer fellowship after service	3	4	5 Grace Circle 7pm – Committee Meetings 7:30pm – Council Meeting	6	7	8
9 9:00am Worship Women of Zion serving summer fellowship after service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00am Worship/Communion Grace Circle serving summer fellowship after service	17	18	19	20 Ladies Aide	21	22
23 9:00am Worship/Baptism Women of Zion serving summer fellowship after service	24	25	26 6:00pm - Student & Parent Confirmation Orientation meeting followed by acolyte training for 7 th graders	27 Ladies Aide	28	29
30 9:00am Worship/Communion Women of Zion serving summer fellowship after service *Offering to Park board	31					

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Sunday Worship – 10:00am

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PICKRELL"

SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am

Adult Bible Study – 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
9:00-9:45am

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