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“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.

Service’s Sunday’s at 9:00am

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Council Update

By Council President DeAnn Oltman

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting**August 6, 2025**

Meeting was called to order by President DeAnn Oltman.

Members present: DeAnn Oltman, Paul Jurgens, Kenny Reed, Jason Wallman, Dennis Remmers, Laurie Wallman, Les Lieneman, Todd Bohlmeier, Carrye Meints, Kevin Buhr

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 8-6-2025 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from June 4th, 2025 meeting and July 13th 2025 Semi Annual Meeting.

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- Repairs to Fellowship hall - Painting is to start this Friday 8-6-2025.
- Parsonage Upkeep- Council is checking in on parsonage each week.
- Confirmation Program- August 27th parents Meeting with a start date of Sept 3 2025. Carrye and Paul will be the council reps at the meeting.
- Notification system for members- Gloo/BAND- Committee has yet to be decided on which program we will use.

Discerning God's Will- New Business

- Ministry Site Profile- Approval for submission has been granted by Council with a vote.
- Review Schedule of Preachers- An update was given on Preachers selected from the ELCA Supply List.
- Good Neighbor and NEW Member Sunday- October 12th
- Interim Pastor- Interim Pastor and process of hiring one was discussed.
- Upcoming Baptisms- Drew Lenners son of Blake and Marisa Lenners will be baptized on 8/17/2025
- Call Committee-Call committee nominees and number of people on committee were discussed.
- Ushering Out of Church- Being ushered out of church was discussed by council.
- Church lighting- The lighting of the church was discussed and recommendations for a remedy to the low light problem was being looked into.
- Sharon Schuster reimbursement- Sharon has been doing communion for shut-ins and reimbursement was established according to visitations.
- Fireproof filing cabinet for church documents- Riley needs a safe file cabinet to contain her church documents.

Ministry Team Report as of August 6, 2025

Financial-General Fund Balance on hand - 7/1/2025 \$86,829.30

Income - \$21,073.32

Balance on hand – 7/31/2025 \$92,057.52

Sinking Fund- \$60,261.32

Seminary Fund - \$60,804.57

Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$3,117.50

Open Savings - \$35,025.48

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team Reports

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday September 3, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Wallman, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment committee met at the Fellowship Hall on August 6, 2025. Members present: Keith Parde, John Gronewold, Paul Remmers, Jenny Busboom, and council member Dennis Remmers. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved by John Gronewold, seconded by Paul Remmers.

The Treasurer's report was given by Paul Remmers,

Checking account	\$61,942.80
Edward Jones	\$ 2,961.57
First State Bank CD	\$27,312.00
Wells Fargo CD	\$27,241.00

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jenny Busboom and seconded by Dennis Remmers.

Old Business:

1. With moving most of the funds from Edward Jones to the checking account it was discussed to put some of those funds into a CD. A motion to move \$40,000 from the First State Bank checking into a 6-month CD was made by Paul Remmers and seconded by Jenny Busboom.
2. Dennis Remmers discussed the painting to be done in the fellowship hall, and it is still unknown if we will need to help provide funds for that or if the general funds will take care of the bill.

New Business:

1. Dennis discussed that council would still like the committee to inform the congregation about the Endowment Committee. Discussed putting something in the next newsletter for all members to be able to read and receive information.

Our next meeting will be November 5, 2025.

Respectfully submitted.

Jenny Busboom

HOSPITALITY: Rally Sunday Sept 7th- will provide ice cream cups.

New member Sunday- providing treats

Trunk or treat-- will host again, date TBD

Be on the look out for a fun Holiday event which will be hosted last Nov/early Dec

Sourdough class will be happening again after the 1st of the year- let Angie Grone or Makayla Wiese know if you are interested. More info will be coming soon.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Committee members present were Jason Wallman and Eric Parde.

Treasurers report stated balance on hand was \$22,550.88 with no expenditures. New Business: New carpet on steps leading into the church.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Shirley Gronewold and Alnora Daubendiek met on Aug 6th and picked hymns with Sept. 14th.

PARISH ED: Members Present: Heather Hippen (Chair), Courtney Schlake (Secretary), Lanette Nelson

Members Absent: Kari Parks (Treasurer), Alyssa Lieneman

Balance: \$1,931.55

New Business:

- Rally Sunday
- Sunday, September 7th
- Ordered Bibles/Catechisms for 2nd Graders (14 Total)
- Courtney will update Sunday School Handbook prior to Rally Sunday
- Lanette will order curriculum for classrooms
- Requested \$1,500 from council to help pay for curriculum was approved by council
- Parish Ed Member - Josh Glynn has moved to Missouri
- Looking for a male replacement – reach out to Parish Ed if interested
- Breakfast Club -Jay Bartlett will take over Breakfast Club

Old Business:

- VBS 2025- Pros & Cons
- 2026 Themed Announced: Rainforest Falls

PARK BOARD: Meeting Date: July 31, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Terry Oltman

Members Present: Terry Oltman, Greg Dorn, Greg Robinson, Kenny Reed & Jerod Ideus

Members Absent: Blake Meints, Josh Jensen, Todd Bohlmeier

Minutes from last meeting were not read due to Todd's absence.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Greg Dorn and unanimously approved.

- Checking Account Balance as of 7/31/25: \$6,197.82
- Savings account balance as of 7/31/25: \$2,066.30

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sprinkler addition – completed by Mike Baehr
- AC in concession stand on hold due to insufficient fuse panel
- Sponsor banners need to be hung on outfield fence

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approved Mike Baehr's sprinkler bill for payment
- Bluetooth speakers – Todd reviewing options and prices
- Sponsor banners were installed prior to the meeting
- Breaker box in concession stand – Terry will contact Craig Ideus
- Banner invoices will be sent out on 8/2/25 by Todd & Kenny
- Clean up at the park scheduled for 8/16/25 at 8:00 a.m.
- Voted to have all 8 board members present & help at each Freeman softball game if possible.

Games are August 21st, September 2nd, 16th & 30th

Motion made & seconded to adjourn meeting. Next meeting will be determined later.

PUBLICITY: Did not meet.

STEWARDSHIP: Did not meet.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Committee members present were Jordan Busboom, Luke Ideus, Derick Blume, Connor Mason, Kevin Buhr, and Todd Bohlmeier. Secretary's minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report as of 8-6-25 was an balance on hand of \$5,493.89.

Old Business: Painting of Fellowship Hall. Jordan will follow-up with contractor. Will set down or we will look for another contractor. Fellowship doors expected to be delivered next week and look to have installed once painting is done. Looking at some issues with plaster around church doors. Moving forward with carpet on the outside steps of the church doors (North & South). Sprinkler system has been repaired. Trees on west side of parish hall will be taken out this fall.

New Business: Entrance lights and ballasts above north & south doors of fellowship need replaced. Will call Buhr Electric. Closer of the north church door needs fixed. Elevator company came & fixed elevator. Looking at installing garbage disposal in the kitchen.

YOUTH: Did not meet.

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT: Date: 8/6/2025

Members present: Committee did not meet

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand as of 6/27/25 \$342,246.40

Balance on hand as of 7/25/25 \$348,439.13

Old Business:

Any youth attending confirmation camp or a summer Christian based camp, may qualify for reimbursement of 75% of the camp cost based on the "Early Bird Discount", if applicable. Funds are provided through the Willie & Anna Meints Endowment Fund.

Qualifications are as follows:

- Applicant must be a member of Zion Lutheran church.
- Active in Sunday School & other youth activities at Zion.
- Complete camp before any reimbursement will be honored.
- Submit application & copy of paid receipt to DeAnn Oltman, 6677 E Pickrell Rd. Pickrell, NE 68422.

Application deadline is 12/1/2025.

- Applications are located on the Welcome Center in the fellowship hall.

New Business: None

GRACE CIRCLE: Grace Circle met at Gold Crest in Adams for their Aug. meeting. Bible Study opened and closed with prayer. Lorene Wallman led us in an interesting study on "relationships that form us". Janice Jurgens, Mildred Meints and Marilyn Robinson were special guests. Business meeting opened with minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report. Roll call was answered by 8 members. Alnora Daubendiek reported on the items she has bought for the Samaritan's Purse project and what members could still purchase. We paid a 25 cent fine to the Growth fund if we were enjoying the nice weather. A thank you was read from Willow Center. President Elnora Lenners told us about the 2025 Biennial Convention and Gathering to be held on Sept. 26-28 at Carol Joy Holling Conference and Retreat Center.

Elnora Lenners will lead next months' Bible Study. Dorothy Trauernicht will hostess.

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

September 7- 10:00am Rally Sunday.

Workshop Leader: Cory Lenners
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Tavin Lieneman
 Alexis Folkerts
 Lector: Marcia Busboom
 Greeters: Alan & Kim Folkerts
 Gerald & Denise Ideus
 Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom
 Amigos

September 21 – 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Arden Dorn
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Micah Hofstetter
 Hunter Grone
 Lector: Gary Gronewold
 Greeters: Kyle & Michele Kolm
 Kevin & Pam Trauernicht

September 14 – 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Shirley Gronewold
 Acolytes: Nolan Buhr
 Sadie Gronewold
 Lector: Cindy Parde
 Greeters: Robert & Doreen Ideus
 Steve & Peggy Johnson
 Special Music: The Quartet
 Shane Parde

September 28 – 10:00am Mission Sunday.

Workshop Leader: Cassie Thornburg
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Grayson Borgman
 Korbin Busboom
 Lector: Sammie Garton
 Greeters: Russ & Amy Wallman
 Darvin & LaDonna DeBuhr

September Altar Guild:

Susan Newman, Carol Young, Sandy Meints, Marcella Rademacher

September Table Troop:

Don Schuster (Leader), John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers,
 Les & Mert Rademacher, Robert & Linda Ideus



September

1 Laura Ideus
Burke Meints
2 Timothy Blecha
Kaden Glynn
Robert M. Ideus
Hank Barlett
3 Greg Robinson
Kerri Zeman
5 Kenny Reed
6 Keith Schuster
7 Lois Meints
Karen Zimmerman
Lindsey Hofstetter
8 Jay Bartlett
Greg Dorn
Mary Freeman
9 Colton Gronewold
Callie Rademacher
Ava Remmers

11 Kathy Barnard
DeAnn Oltman
12 Harley Grone
Marsha Zulauf
13 Taylor Buhr
LeAnn Harms
15 Kristi Dorn
17 Carson Behrends
18 Eric Parde
19 Isaac Frerichs
Blake Meints
20 Kayla Dorn
21 Lanette Nelson
Jeremy Sutter
22 Sloane Cornelius
AJ Wiese
Bexley Schuster

23 Don Lenners
Brandon Jurgens
Carson Robinson
Gus Daubendick
25 Pastor Arden Dorn
26 Stevie Harwood
27 Brixton Coffin
28 Nicole Davison
Darin Jurgens
VeAnn Jurgens
Ray Rinne
Dan Parks
Haydon Scott
29 Taylor Camell
Doug Davison
Amelia Garton
30 Larry Archer
Dorothy Jo Freeman
Blake Lenners

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, August 3rd

Attendance: 88
Offering: \$2,331.00
Online Views:

Sunday, August 10th

Attendance: \$1,318.00
Offering: 87
Online Views:

Sunday, August 17th

Attendance: 140
Offering: \$2,814.00
Online Views

Sunday, August 24th

Attendance:
Offering:
Online Views:

Sunday, August 31st

Attendance:
Offering:
Online Views:

MISCELLANEOUS

LWR-SCHOOL KIT UPDATE - ***NEW GOAL 150 Bags***

To reach this we only need 175 black/ blue pens. Amazing isn't it? Thanks to Linda Blackwell for writing the Thrivent grant and a huge thank you to those of you who have contributed!

ANOTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITY is available for our Zion members.

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.

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PRAYER QUILT In the hallway leading from the church to the fellowship hall, please take a moment to stop by the PrayerQuilt hanging on the west wall. The Prayer Quilt is for our Church as we pray to find a new minister. Please tie a knot and pray for God's intervention and discernment for our Call Committee & Church Council. This quilt was made by Karen Gilbreath & given to us as we pray for a new minister. The number of knots tied, reflects your prayers for Zion.

RALLY DAY - Sunday, September 7th



THANK YOU - Dear Zion Lutheran Church Family,

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. Your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and meals meant so much to us when I was going through my cancer journey. Your kindness, compassion, and faith were a constant source of strength and comfort during a very difficult time. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

~With love and gratitude, Debbie and Gilbert Wolken

THANK YOU - A heartfelt thank you to the ladies who served the lunch after the funeral. Thank you to Pastor Nathan Metzger for officiating the service and thank you to the Zion family for your visits, cards, food, and prayers. Thank you all.

~Janice Jurgens, Donna, Randy, Bob, Myron & Darin

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations to Trip & Amya Cornelius who welcomed son, Donavan Elias on Friday, August 1st.

WELCOME to our newest member in Christ Drew Thomas Lenners

Baptized on August 17, 2025. Son Blake & Marisa Lenners born on May 20, 2025. The sponsors are Kevin & Natalie Denny. Grandparents are Stan & Mary Lenners and Mike and Sandy Pitre.

BULLETIN SPONSORS -

August 3rd: Sponsored by Patty, Jeremy, Brittany Thomas and Larry & Macy Gronewold in memory of Esther Gronewold's birthday August 4th.

August 10th: Sponsored by Art & Sharon Schuster who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 15th.

August 17th: Sponsored by Gary & Brenda Gronewold in honor of their grandson, Ellis Gronewold's 1st birthday and his earlier baptism.

August 24th: Sponsored by Janice Jurgens and family.

August 31st: Sponsored by Patty, Jeremy, Brittany Thomas & Larry & Macy Gronewold in honor of Deb Wolken's birthday today.

TO OUR SPONSORS,
Thank You!

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.

ONLINE SERVICES ON FACEBOOK UPDATE

If there are any online services you would like to keep from Facebook, please personally download and save the service. Effective September 6, 2025, Facebook plans to delete all live streamed videos over 30 days old. After September 6th, the church will save the most recent services within the last 3 months & older services will be deleted on a rolling basis.



Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

Zion Lutheran Church has created an endowment fund which will enable you to provide enduring support to the areas of the church.

This Fund Shall Provide:

1. For capital improvements, debt reductions, for a building program, for the maintenance of the church buildings, and the well-being of the Zion Lutheran Church.
2. For outreach into the community including but not limited to institutions and agencies to which the congregation relates and to special programs designed for those persons in our parish area who are in spiritual and/or economic need.

A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

The funds contributed to this Zion Lutheran endowment will be invested by the Foundation to create continuing income for their designated purpose. This means that over the years your gift will continue to make a difference and provide a lasting expression of your Christian faith

For more information pamphlets can be found in the Fellowship hall or ask any Endowment Committee member if you still have further questions.



	1 Labor Day	2 Freeman SB 5:00 - JV 6:30 -Varsity	3 6pm 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7pm - Quartet Practice 7pm - Committee meetings 7:30 - Council Meeting	4	5	6
7 Rally Day 8:45 am SS 9 am Adult SS/BKF Club 10am Worship/ Leader Cory Lenners/ Special Music Amigos & Kids of the Kingdom/Ice Cream by Hospitality	8	9	10 1:30 Grace Circle 6pm 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	11	12	13
14 8:45 am SS 9 am BKF Club 10am Worship/ Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler/ Communion/ Special Music - Quartet & Shane Parde	15	16 Freeman SB 5:00 - JV 6:30 -Varsity	17 6pm 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	18 Ladies Aid	19	20
21 8:45 am SS 9 am BKF Club 10am Worship/Com m/Rev. Arden Dorn	22	23	24 6pm 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	25 Ladies Aid	26 Newsletter Printing Day!	27
28 Mission Sunday 8:45 am SS 9 am BKF Club 10am Worship/ Leader Cassie Thornburg	29	30 Freeman SB 5:00 - JV 6:30 -Varsity				

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