

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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October Message and Prayer from Pastor Renae

Welcome, Autumn, arms full of summer's blessings, carrying the seeds of life for next year's planting. The golden wisdom of grain that will feed us and our animals is being harvested and stored. We are all students in the school of gratitude. Take time to reflect on the summer now gone and give thanks for the many gifts that enriched your life in that season of growth.

Prayer: Loving Christ, I unite myself with you in this autumn season. My heart sings a song of gratitude. My soul is full and content, like a fall festival. I praise you, O harvest of my heart, sacred source of all life, delight of my days. Amen

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Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 9, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Les Lieneman. Devotions were given.

Members present: Les Lieneman, Laurie Leners, Todd Bohlmeier, Paul Jurgens, Jenny Busboom, Dennis Remmers, Laurie Wallman, & Tony Hoffman

Member absent- Jason Wallman & Kevin Buhr

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for Sept 9th -2026 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from August 5th- 2026 meeting.

Celebrating God's Work in Progress-Old Business

- Talked over upcoming weddings

Discerning God's Will – NEW Business

- Boiler project- After second wedding we will start plumbing portion of boiler project, put propane tank under ground and sod on top diesel tank will come out.
- October 11th Good Neighbor and New Member Sunday.
- Council approved Trevor Parde and Elsie Woerner June 26 2026.
- Rally Sunday will be- September 13th 2026 8:45 start time.
- Mission Festival will be September 20th 2026. Refreshments and rolls will be served after church.
- Sound System- Shipping September 21st and here the 24th.
- Parsonage Use- the quilting group would like to set up in the parsonage so they wouldn't need to take down everything every time.
- Pastors Mileage- 570 miles for August approved.

Weddings in 2026 & 2027

- **10/24/26 - Micheal Knipe & Bibiana Ornelas**
- **5/22/27 - Kale Harms & Cassie Janzen**
- **6/18/27 - Katie Bohlmeier & Travis Hula**
- **8/28/27 - Carley Leners & Collin Hartig**
- **6/26/27 - Trevor Parde & Elsie Woerner**

Ministry Team Report as of August 5, 2026

- Financial-General Balance on hand - 8/1/2026- \$103,715.03
- Income - \$16,628.55
- Balance on \$62,920.35
- Seminary Fund - \$73,667.55
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$3,236.93
- Opening Savings - \$42,359.35

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team Reports.
Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday October 7, 2026.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday August 30th

Attendance: C - 122
Offering: C - \$4,710.00

Sunday September 6th

Attendance: C - 82
Offering: C - \$2,408.00

Sunday September 13th

Attendance: C - 236 S - 66
Offering: C - \$3,885.00 S - \$173.00

Sunday September 20th

Attendance: C - 130 S - 59
Offering: C - \$4,316.00 S - \$141.00

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Themes for the Month.

October 4th – Lesson on How we got the Bible. The different translations of the Bible and the version we use at Zion and why.

October 18th – Lesson on Martin Luther. Learn about the reformation, and what it means to be ELCA Lutheran. Learn why people were in danger (Martin Luther,) or killed because they wanted to translate the Bible for the common people.

Come learn, pray, and grow in your relationship with God!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

HOSPITALITY: Did not meet.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

PARISH ED:

Balance - \$4,274.44

Present: Courtney Schlake, Brooke Jensen, Jordan Freeman

Notes:

- Mike Detert agreed to be 4th grade teacher. We are still looking for a 7th grade teacher. Have pastor announce in church in September.
- Brooke ordered and received all materials are in for Sunday School teachers. We ordered 7th and 8th grade materials this year for the classes to try.
- Courtney has the Sunday School activity book nearly complete. Jordan and Sammie to confirm Sundays that the upstairs and downstairs are singing.
- Jordan requested reimbursement for a filing cabinet, children Cds, and blue tooth speaker bought for downstairs music.
- Jordan will do both upstairs and downstairs music until Sammie is back.

PUBLICITY: Did not meet.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:

STEWARDSHIP: Did not meet.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: No Report.

YOUTH: Did not meet.

PARK BOARD: Did not meet.

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT:

Date: 9/9/2026

Members present: Committee did not meet

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand as of 7/31/26	\$364,540.39
Balance on hand as of 8/28/26	\$372,018.53

Old Business: None

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 12/1/2026.**
- Applications are located on the Welcome Center in the fellowship hall.

GRACE CIRCLE:

Grace Circle met on Sept.9 for their monthly Bible Study and meeting. Bible Study opened with prayer and Lord's Prayer. Pastor Renae led the study "I Am "Worthy."

Business meeting opened with reading of last month's minutes. Roll call showed 9 members present. Treasury report showed a balance of \$88.00. Offering was taken. Money was collected to purchase items for Willow Center bags. Members were reminded of what items to purchase for the Samaritan Purse Christmas boxes.

Alnora D. asked members to wear a Thrivent shirt to the next meeting. No further business, the meeting closed with prayer.

MISCELLANEOUS

CORRECTION FROM LAST MONTHS NEWSLETTER

WELCOME - To our newest member in Christ, Iris Mae Detert, on her baptism today. Daughter of Lindsay & Mike Detert. Iris was born on February 2, 2026. The sponsors are Michele Arduser and Matt Detert, standing in on their absences are Justin and Jenny Hanshaw. Grandparents are Doug & Shelley Detert and Denise (the late Richard Newton) & Darrell Stock

Sympathy – Our sympathies to Gerald Dorn and family on the passing of his cousin Viola (Dorn) Wolf September 9th. Please keep Gerald and family in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Brady & Lauren (Trauernicht) Ideus on their wedding here at Zion on September 12th. Brady & Lauren also have become members of our church this year and we will be honoring them at the New Member Sunday Service.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Brett and Taraesha (Cole) Oltman on their wedding September 20th here at Zion. May God bless them as they start their lives together.

THANK YOU – The family of Anora Schoen would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and memorials. A very special thanks for the wonderful luncheon and to Pastor Renae of all her visits and prayers. Anora loved her Zion Family very much.

SUPPORTING SAMMIE GARTON - Many within our church family have asked how they can support Sammie Garton as she continues her healing journey through leukemia. As we stand with Sammie and her family in prayer, we also recognize the significant financial burdens that often accompany ongoing medical treatments, travel, and time away from work.

For those who feel led to provide financial support, contributions may be mailed to:

**Adams State Bank
649 Main Street
Adams, NE 68301**

Please make checks payable to Adams State Bank and include "Sammie Garton" in the memo line. The memo is very important to ensure the funds are properly directed. Most importantly, we ask that you continue to lift Sammie and her loved ones in prayer, trusting in God's faithfulness, comfort, and provision during this difficult journey.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

BLANKET SEWERS NEEDING HELP -

- Getting rid of summer sheets? Drop off non stretchy colored or patterned sheets in the Parish hall kitchen.
- We are in need of people to take home assembled blankets and tie
- them together at intervals with crochet thread. Contact Denise Schlake-Ideus 402-806-2236 or Elnora Lenners 402-806-5909 if interested.

TRUNK OR TREAT - "The Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to host and decorate a trunk for our upcoming Trunk or Treat. We need your help to make this a successful event. Please contact one of the hospitality members to sign-up. You can also sign-up via the sheets that we will pass around church. Or, you can contact Jeni Bohlmeier at [402-440-3672](tel:402-440-3672)



Pastor Renae's

Chicken Curry

Ingredients:

- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter (or Ghee clarified butter)
- 1 tablespoon turmeric powder
- 1 tablespoon allspice (or garam masala powder)
- 1 tablespoon coriander powder
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves powder
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon powder
- 1 tablespoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 4-6 chicken thighs (remove skin)
- 1 tablespoon ginger root, chopped
- 1 large can diced tomatoes
- 1 can V8 juice (12 oz or less)
- 1 small container of plain yogurt (or buttermilk)
- 1 package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- Rice - cook separately, Serve the chicken curry over the rice.



Instructions:

- Preheat your oven to 350°F.
- In a large pot, sauté the chopped onion and garlic in butter.
- Add the spices and stir. Let the spices simmer and cook into the onion mixture.
- Add the chicken thighs and stir with the spice mixture until they are well coated and the spices soak in.
- Add all the remaining ingredients and stir to combine.
- Transfer the mixture to a roaster. Cover and roast in the oven for 1 ½ hours. (or use a pressure cooker.)
- Serve over rice.

Suji's Indian Grocery Store

3140 O Street, Lincoln, NE

- Extra long grain basmati rice, unbleached. (purple bag)
- Gulab jamun(dessert in a can)
- Ghee clarified butter in a jar
- Garam masala powder and other spices.



BULLETIN SPONSORS:**September 6th:** None**September 13th:** None**September 20th:** Vivian Schuster & family; Sandra & Mike, Lorene & Pat, Clarence & Jo in memory of Elmer Schuster's 96th birthday on September 24th.**September 27th:** Patty Thomas & Doyle Scott in memory of Laurence & Shirley Gronewold's anniversary September 25th.

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.

TO OUR **SPONSORS,**
Thank You!

SNOW BRIGADE:**October 12th - Gary Gronewold (Captain)** - Tractor, Stan Lenners (Tractor), Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus**October 19th - Dean Zimmerman (Captain)** - Tractor, Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom**October 26th - Les Lieneman (Captain)** - Tractor, David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese**November 2nd - Eric Parde (Captain)** - Tractor, Chris Fossler, Steve Oltman, Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Taiten Harms, Kyle Schlake**November 9th - Alan Wiese (Captain)** - Tractor, AJ Wiese, Kenny Newman, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeier, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

October 4th - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Ellis Freeman
 Macy Oltmans
 Lector: Carrie Reed
 Greeters: Darwin & Susan Buss
 Karla Carstens

October 11th - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Shirley Gronewold
 Acolytes: Mason Hippen
 Mason Ideus
 Lector: Pam Trauernicht
 Greeters: Karla Holland
 Robert & Linda Ideus
 Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom

October 18th - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Tanden Wiese
 Cash Harwood
 Lector: Katelyn Bohlmeier
 Greeters: Billy & Janet Harms
 Jeni & Katelyn Bohlmeier
 Special Music: Endless Hallelujah

October 25th - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Grayson Borgman
 Micah Hofstetter
 Lector: Lynette Jurgens
 Greeters: Doug & Rhonda Dorn
 Mark & Christy Buhr
 Special Music: Amigos

October Altar Guild: Carol Young, Sandy Meints, Marcella Rademacher, Susan Newman

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





October

1 Mark Cornelius	13 Korbin Busboom Michelle Jurgens Barbara Meints	23 Doreen Busboom Mary Lenners Matt Meints Palmer Parks Katrina Novonty
2 Jon Gronewold		
3 Jackson Evers Ryan Meints	15 Sabrina Glynn	
	16 Kenley Schoen	24 Lynette Dorn Macy Gronewold Zane Hoffman
4 LaDonna DeBuhr Allison Ideus Ervin Meints Luna Meints	17 Jake Buhr Devyn Gronewold Daniel Jurgens Andy Schoen Owen Denny	25 Riley Frerichs Elsie Gronewold Tiffany Buss
5 Derek Zimmerman		
	18 Will Ideus Dorothy Trauernicht	26 Jaxson Lane Marlowe Sutter
9 Crystal Scholl		
10 Noah Jurgens	19 Joshua Glynn Chris Mason	28 Craig Ideus
11 Susan Buss Daniel Barr Courtney Schlake	21 Austin Folkerts Clare Sidner	29 Alan Wiese
		30 Kyle Schlake
12 Cash Harwood	22 Linda Blackwell Kylie Church Tyson Parks Iris Wiese	31 Carly Meints Aaron Miller Robert Wallman



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club/Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship/ Communion	5	6	7 Grace Circle 6pm – 7 th & 8 th grade service project 7pm – Committee Meetings 7:30pm – Council Meeting	8	9	10
11 Good Neighbor/New Member Sunday 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club 10:00am Worship/Amigos	12 9-3:00pm Blanket Sewing	13 9-3:00pm Blanket Sewing	14 6pm- 7 th & 8 th grade confirmation class	15 Ladies Aide	16	17
18 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club/Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship/ Communion/ Schuster Baptism/ Endless Hallelujah 3:00-5:00 Trunk or Treat @ Fuller Park	19 9-3:00pm Blanket Sewing	20 9-3:00pm Blanket Sewing	21 6pm- 7 th & 8 th grade confirmation class	22	23 Knipe/ Ornelas Wedding Rehearsal	24 Knipe/ Ornelas Wedding Newsletter Printing Day!!!!
25 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club/ 10:00am Worship/Cornelius Baptism/Kids of the Kingdom	26	27	28 6pm- 7 th & 8 th grade confirmation class	29 Ladies Aide	30	31

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Sunday Worship – 10:00am
CAN'T MAKE SERVICE WATCH US LIVE ON OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE "ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH -
PICKRELL"
SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am
Adult Bible Study – 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
9:00-9:45am

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