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. Renae Koehler

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November Message and Prayer from Pastor Renae

November is a time for giving thanks. So, as we prepare for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I invite you to spend the month with this prayer in mind:

Prayer: Loving Christ, grant me the miracle of Jesus' eyes to see the moments of my day as awesomely abounding and jammed-full of the grace and wonder of you. May I see every room as the holy of holies, every drop of water as holy water, every window as cathedral glass, every door as the holy door, and every meal as a holy communion. Amen

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Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 7, 2026

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

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

Member absent- Kevin Buhr

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for Oct 7, 2026 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from Sept 9, 2026 meeting.

Celebrating God's Work in Progress-Old Business

- Knipe wedding- Council who works wedding will be Laurie L, Todd B, & Jenny B. A planning sheet was given to them by Les for details.

Discerning God's Will – NEW Business

- Boiler project- tank needs to be dropped in before winter
- October 11th Good Neighbor and New Member Sunday. New member gift consists of towel and laser engraved board done by Lorin Bartels.
- Mission Festival was for GGFan in Kenya $3,941 was raised. It is to be used at their discretion for the farm show, five acre farm, rescue home, orphanage, the school, general ministry, or pastoral training.
- New screen and projector project is installed. Front pew removal was discussed and will be looking to sell 1 pew and store the other for the time being.
- Pastor Renae's health insurance-renew the insurance for the amount we did last year.
- Fundraiser for Sammie Garton- continue the bulletin benefit at the bank, and look into doing a soup supper in February with the kids planning the entertainment.
- Update on Subsplash- new app for church will be introduced shortly.
- Trevor Parde Wedding- it was brought up that the couple would like to use the bride's ELCA Pastor to do the wedding
- Pastors Mileage- 600 Miles approved.

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Weddings in 2026 & 2027

- **5/22/27 - Kale Harms & Cassie Janzen**
- **6/18/27 - Katie Bohlmeyer & Travis Hula**
- **8/28/27 - Carley Leners & Collin Hartig**
- **6/26/27 - Trevor Parde & Elsie Woerner**

Ministry Team Report as of October 7, 2026

- Financial-General Balance on hand as of 9/1/2026- $103,668.02
- Income - $23,326.77
- Balance on 9/30/26 $94,358.49
- Sinking fund $62,920.35
- Seminary Fund - $73,667.55
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - $3,236.93
- Open Savings - $42,484.34

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team Reports.
Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday November 4, 2026.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday September 27th
Attendance: C - 165 S - 58
Offering: C - $3,626.05 S - $145.00

Sunday October 4th
Attendance: C -132 S - 53
Offering: C - $3,393.00 S - 30.00

Sunday October 11th
Attendance: C - 178 S - 62
Offering: C - $3,364.06 $S - $42.01

Sunday October 18th
Attendance: C - 155 S - 57
Offering: C - $12,159 S - $43.06

Sunday October 25th
Attendance: C - 165 S - 51
Offering: C - $10,806.11 S - $127.70

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Themes for the Month.

All adults are welcome to join in these classes led by Pastor Renae at 9AM in the fellowship hall.

November 1st – Angels, Saints, Demons, Heaven and Hell

November 15th – No Class Pastor Renae on vacation

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

HOSPITALITY:
Date: 10-7-26
In attendance: Diane Oltman, Jeni Bohlmeyer, Laurie Wallman, Karla Carstens, Linda Blackwell, and Makayla Wiese.

Discussed upcoming events:

- New Member Sunday we will provide fall treats. We will give each new member family a cutting board that was engraved by Lorin Bartels, they look amazing.
- Trunk or Treat-need more trunk volunteers.
- For the Candlelight Service we will provide treats and have a hot cocoa bar.
- We will host Galentine's Day again in February.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

PARISH ED:
Attended: Courtney Schlake, Kari Parks, Alyssa Lieneman, Brooke Jensen

Balance: $3,857.12

- Breakfast Club will start using SignUp Genie to have volunteers sign up for breakfast. Will see how people respond to the new method.
- Start looking at Christmas Programs for December. Courtney will create a handout with the Program schedule.
- Sandy Parks & Cassie Eickhoff have volunteered to help Terra with 7th Grade.
- Looking for 2 new Parish Ed members starting January 2027. Contact Courtney Schlake or Alyssa Lieneman if interested.

PUBLICITY: Did not meet.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Did not meet.

STEWARDSHIP: Did not meet.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Did not meet.

PARK BOARD: Did not meet.

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT:
Date: 10/7/2026

Members present: Committee did not meet

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand as of 8/28/26	$372,018.53
Balance on hand as of 9/25/26	$365,884.17

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:

On Oct.14,2026, Grace Circle met for their monthly Bible Study. We opened singing 4 verses of the hymn "For All the Faithful Women." We said a prayer. The Bible Study titled "I Am More Than One Thing" was given.
Business meeting opened with minutes, treasury report and 8 members answering roll call. An offering of $38 was taken.
A thank you was read from Willow Tree for a recent donation. Alnora D. invited everyone to the Legacy of Life banquet sponsored by Willow Tree on November 9th. Members were reminded to bring their Thankoffering box to the November meeting. We packed boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

YOUTH:



MISCELLANEOUS

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING – The fifth Sunday offering for November has been designated to go to the replacement of the boiler.

WELCOME – To our newest member in Christ, Bergen Lynn Schuster, on her baptism October 18th. Daughter of Cole & Nichelle Schuster. Bergen was born on April 2, 2026. The sponsors are Sadie Meyer and Matt Fossler. Grandparents are Kendall and Sharon Schuster, Kevin & Kristen Meyer, and Toby & Shelly (Meyer) Julian. Great grandparents are Roger & Gaylene Day and John Post.

WELCOME – To our newest member in Christ, Donavan Elias Cornelius, on his baptism October 25th. Son of Trip & Amya Cornelius. Donavan was born on August 1, 2025. The sponsors are Carlos & Grace Garcia. Grandparents are Pat & Jen Beach and Mark & Cerice Cornelius.

THANK YOU – I would like to thank everyone for their prayers & concerns while in the hospital with my surgies. I'm now home walking with a cane and doing well. ~ Clarence Schuster

THANK YOU – to Sandy Johnson & Elnora Leners for cutting blocks & strips for me. I wouldn't be able to sew the blanket tops without your help. ~ Mildred Fossler

PEW REMOVAL – The Zion church council plans to permanently remove the front pew by the new sounds system cabinet. Anyone interested in purchasing this pew, please contact a council member.

DONATION NEEDED – Ladies Aide is seeking a donation of 2 vice grip c-clamps that are used for hand quilting. If willing to donation new or used please contact Mildred Fossler or Sandy Johnson.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Michael & Bibliana (Ornelas) Knipe on their wedding October 24th here at Zion. May God bless them as they start their lives together.

BREAKFAST CLUB SIGN-UP – Please consider helping with providing breakfast for our high school youth on a Sunday morning. Use the link or the QR code to sign-up https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44AFAD2FA0FEC52-66766232-breakfast

YOUTH CAMP REIMBURSEMENTS - Any youth who attended confirmation camp or a Christian based camp during 2026, may qualify for reimbursement up to 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:

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WARRENS TABLE - Look for sign-up details coming soon for Warrens Table volunteers and food donations. We serve on November 10th.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - With the help of a Thrivent Action grant of $250 Grace Circle prepared 17 Operation Christmas child boxes. Most of these children have never received a gift like this: toys, socks, crayons, etc. Every box is an opportunity for a child to hear that Jesus came to earth for them. The boxes are on display in the fellowship hall along with information material.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE – A new way to give Online starting November 1, 2026. We are excited to announce a new, streamlined way to support Zion's mission and ministry. Beginning November 1st, we will be transitioning our online giving platform to Subsplash. This will replace our current Vanco and Venmo giving options. This new system offers a simple, secure, and user-friendly experience that allows you to set up a one-time, weekly, or monthly recurring giving option. You can set up your new Subsplash account by visiting https://subsplash.com/u/-5WBGMS/give or scanning the QR code to the right.

Traditional giving isn't changing! You are still welcome to give during weekly service using cash, check, or offering envelopes. Subsplash giving is the first step in some updates we are bringing to our church family. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for news about our new church phone app and an updated website!

NOVEMBER SERVICES – Due to Pastor Renae on vacation in November we will be having some special guests. On Sunday, November 8th, Luke Worth of Lincoln, NE will be leading our church service. Luke is involved in ministries at his church, particularly youth ministries. We look forward to Luke's message. On Sunday, November 15th a familiar face returns to the pulpit at Zion. Pastor Dave Smith will be our featured speaker. Pastor Renae will also be gone on November 22nd and council is still seeking our special guest.

FALL BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY DRIVE – Special thanks to Mary & Stan Lenners for writing a Thrivent Grant to support this project.



TRUNK OR TREAT FUN



BULLETIN SPONSORS:
October 4th: Patty Thomas & Doyle Scott in memory of Shirley Gronewold's birthday October 7th.
October 11th: None
October 18th: Dorothy Trauernicht & family in honor of Dorothy's birthday October 18th. Happy birthday Dorothy!
October 25th: The Edward Parde family in honor of what would have been his 100th Birthday on October 24th.

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:
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 Bohlmeyer, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold
November 16th - Gary Gronewold (Captain) -Tractor, Stan Lenners (Tractor), Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus
November 23rd - Dean Zimmerman (Captain) - Tractor, Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom
November 30th - Les Lieneman (Captain) - Tractor, David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese



WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

November 1st - 10:00am
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
Organist: Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes: Nolan Buhr
Bryleigh Ideus
Lector: Linda Blackwell
Greeters: Alex & Beth Buhr
Dennis & Patti Behrens

November 8th - 10:00am
Service Leader: Luke Worth
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Ava Meints
Brixton Coffin
Lector: Marcia Busboom
Greeters: Mickey Larkins
Donny & Gayle Schuster
Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom
Men's Choir

November 15th - 10:00am
Pastor: Rev. Dave Smith
Piano: Janelle Ideus
Guitar: Deric Bloom
Acolytes: Bryleigh Ideus
Caleb Kastanek
Lector: Cindy Parde
Greeters: Lynette Jurgens
Dorothy Trauernicht
Special Music: Endless Hallelujah

November 22nd - 10:00am
Pastor:
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes Debreigh Wendein
Devyn Gronewold
Lector: Doug Parde
Greeters: Alan & Sheryl Wiese
Pam & Kevin Trauernicht
Special Music: Amigos

November 29th - 10:00am
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Ellis Freeman
Mason Ideus
Lector: DeAnn Oltman
Greeters: Terry & DeAnn Oltman
Wes & Sandy Meints
Special Music: Men's Choir

November Altar Guild: Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenners, Christy Buhr

November Table Troops: Lynette Jurgens (Leader), Steve & Peggy Johnson, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Gary & Brenda Gronewold, Dave & Carrye Meints, DeAnn & Terry Oltman





November Birthday's

1 Jerod Ideus
Tony Oltman

2 Donald Fossler
Lily Wiese

3 Deb Winkle

4 Alex Buhr
Lauren Trauernicht

5 Jordan Freeman

6 Madison Detert

7 Karen Buhr
Nevaeh Niles

8 Allison Scott

9 Ace Bartlett
Levi Hovendick

10 Ellis Freeman
Kyle Kolm
Laura Parde
Brooke Barr

11 Eloise Blecha
Pastor Renae Koehler

12 Cullin Bloom
Carrick Eickhoff
Gary Wiese

13 Shirley Gronewold
Terry Oltman
Larry Schuster
Debreigh Wendeln

14 Elnora Lenners
Dean Siefkes
Brian Sullivan

15 Micah Jensen
Burdette Schoen

17 Cassie Eickhoff
Logan Hippen

18 Cassie Thornburg
Elaine Waltke

19 Gerald Ideus

22 Kaylyn Parde
Lorene Wallman
Della Dorn

24 Abby Hovendick
Neal Meints

25 Hudson Ideus
Colt Rinne

26 Bob Folkerts
Justin Hippen
Ashton Niles
Amy Oltman

27 Scott Leners
Deb Hrenchir

28 Luke Ideus
Ashley Oltman
Ellie Barr
Everett Barr

30 Cassie Janzen



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club/Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship/ Communion	2	3	4 6pm – 7th & 8th confirmation class 7pm – Committee Meetings 7:30pm – Council Meeting	5	6	**7**
8 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club/Endless Hallelujah practice 10:00am Worship/Men's Choir/Kids of the Kingdom	9 7pm -Men's Choir Practice	10 Warrens Table	11 Grace Circle 6pm – 7th & 8th confirmation class 7:30pm – Endless Hallelujah practice	12	13	14
15 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club 10:00am Worship/ Communion/ Endless Hallelujah	16 7pm -Men's Choir Practice	17	18 6pm- 7th & 8th grade confirmation class	19 Ladies Aide	20	21
22 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club 10:00am Worship/ Communion/ Amigos ***Newsletter Printing**	23 7pm -Men's Choir Practice	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27	28
29 8:45am SS 9:00 BKF Club 10:00am Worship/ Communion *5th Sunday offering to the Boiler Fund	30 7pm -Men's Choir Practice					

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