



From the Pastor's Cup...¹³

April 2023

Dear Church Family,

An elderly woman had just returned home from an evening church service when she realized there was an intruder in her home. Seeing that he was in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, the lady yelled "Stop! Acts 2:38!" Hearing her, the burglar stopped dead in his tracks and stood motionless. The woman calmly called the police and explained what was going on. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the lady did was yell a Bible verse at you." "Bible verse?" said the burglar, "She said she had an ax and two 38's!"

SURPRISE! Have you ever been **surprised**? What **surprised** you? (*Right now I imagine there are many different but interesting church family answers to that question.*) When Jesus' disciples went the tomb the first Easter morning they expected to find the body of Jesus. **SURPRISE!** The cloths that had wrapped Jesus' body were lying there, but no Jesus! They were **surprised!**

The elderly woman yelled. "Stop! Acts 2:38!" And SURPRISE the burglar stopped dead in his tracks and stood motionless. You may be wondering what Acts 2:38 says in case you come home to a burglar in your house. Here is what Acts 2:38 says:

Peter said to them [his fellow Israelites], "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Easter is the time that at least half the population stops dead in their tracks and take the time to stand in church reflecting on the greatest **SURPRISE** of ALL time! The **SURPRISE** Jesus shared with Nicodemus in John 3:16-17 when he said:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Sincerely Pr. Jer

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP – Fellowship Hall

We will be showing Rev. Ray Vander Laan's Death & Resurrection starting 9 a.m. Sunday, March 19, 2023. We will travel to the Holy Land without leaving the comfort of the fellowship hall and without the need pack a bag or to purchase an airline ticket or to have our passport with us. **AND** we offer a warm room, good company, and hot coffee for all who take this trip!

4/2/2023 – Gates of Hell – Caesarea Philippi

4/16/2023 – City of the King Part 1 – The Temple

4/23/2023 – City of the King Part 2 – Jerusalem

5/7/2023 – The Lamb of God – Mount of Olives

5/14/2023 – The Weight of the World – Capernaum/Gethsemane

5/21/2023 – Roll Away the Stone – Garden Tomb

5/28/2023 – Power to the People – Southern Stairs

6/4/2023 – Total Commitment - Caesarea

WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL 2023

Reminder to pick ASAP your Bible verse and My Faith Project for Confirmation Sunday on April 30, 2023. My Faith Project is explained at the end of this booklet.

HOLY WEEK BREAK: Pastor is with First Communion Class in preparation for First Communion on Maundy Thursday 4/6/2023. Those who acolyte on Palm Sunday are the acolytes for Maundy Thursday. Also, if you are behind in your 20 sermon notes, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are two more opportunities to add two more completed sermon notes to your total.

4/12/2023 6-6:45 p.m. – Christian Denominations

Video Clip by the Skit Guys -- Meet the Sanders

Bible Text: Matthew 16:13-20; John 17:6-21; Ephesians 2:1-22

Lesson Focus: The various Christian denominations share our beliefs.

Big Question: If we all worship the same God, and Jesus is Lord of all, where did all the different “churches” come from?

Key Words: PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, ORTHODOX, CREED, ECUMENICAL, INFAALIBLE, INERENT

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Mahler family**

4/19/2023 6-6:45 p.m. – World Religions

Bible Text: Genesis 17:1-7; Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 15:21-28; Acts 10:1-35

Lesson Focus: Christians who are knowledgeable and confident about their own faith can communicate and collaborate respectfully with people of other faiths.

Big Question: How are Christians supposed to interact with people of other faiths?

Key Words: JUDAISM, HINDUISM, BUDDHISM, ISLAM, MUSLIM

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Meints family**

4/23/2023 – Sunday Faith Project Display & Explanation – This is the Sunday that your faith project will be displayed in the hallway to the fellowship hall. You will also read your explanation to the church council and audience, answering any possible questions. This time is usually after worship

4/26/2023 6-7 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Class YEAR END REVIEW

Video Clip by The Skit Guys – God’s Chisel

Time to review the year, make sure all 20 sermon notes are completed, and whatever else we need to talk about.

- **Pastor and Karen provide snack that night!!! We invite parents to stay this evening to celebrate the end of the year!!!**

4/30/2023 – Confirmation Sunday!!!



It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare.

We will be starting a new support group at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall. Each session will be about 60 minutes in length with a check-in time, a video with a corresponding take home personal reflection and study for the week, there are 12 sessions that help fill your toolbox with tools needed on this journey. The

12 sessions and dates are:

10 a.m. April 15 - Session 1: When Your Dreams Fall Apart

10 a.m. April 22 - Session 2: The Seasons of Grief

10 a.m. April 29 - Session 3: Emotions of Grief (1)

10 a.m. May 6 - Session 4: Emotions of Grief (2)

10 a.m. May 13 - Session 5: When Your Spouse Dies

10 a.m. May 20 - Session 6: Your Family and Grief

10 a.m. May 29 - Session 7: Where us God?

No Session June 3 due to Pastor at Synod Assembly

10 a.m. June 10 - Session 8: Your Greatest Resource

10 a.m. June 17 - Session 9: Stuck In Grief or Moving On

10 a.m. June 24 - Session 10: Growing Through Grief

No Session July 3 due to National Holiday

10 a.m. July 10 - Session 11: Grief Recovery Tool Kit

10 a.m. July 17 - Session 12: God's Spiritual Hospital

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Alan Folkerts

Members present: Kristi Dorn, Brenda Gronewold, VeAnn Jurgens, Carrye Meints, Neal Meints, DeAnn Oltman, and Kenny Reed.

Absent: Cindy Parde

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect –

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from the 2/04/2022 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from the Annual Meeting on 1/15/2023.

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 3/07/2023 meeting.

Upcoming Baptisms:

- 3/12/2023 –Kit Kelly Meints (Zack & Britan Meints)
- 3/19/2023 -- Emma Marie & Avery Grace Frerichs (Adam & Morgan)
- 04/23/2023 – Hooper Michael Mencl (Elliot & Dusty)
- 05/28/2023 – Baby girl Sturek (Kelly & Brittany (Bohlmeyer))

Upcoming Weddings:

- 06/10/2023 -- Abby Mason & Heath Hovendick
- 06/24/2023 – Jamison Theye & Mason Roth
- 9/16/2023 - - Dale Hrenchir & Hannah Ley
- 10/21/2023 – Trip Cornelius & Amya Beach

February Mileage: 358 miles

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- 150th Anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church
 - On the calendar for Bishop Scott Johnson to be here on Sunday, March 13, 2024.
 - Update from the committee
 - § Three Celebration Events
 - § Working on a theme
- Spring Cleaning – March 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation kids are encouraged to come.
- Lent & Easter Service Confirmation kids will be asked to help with the Lenten Services shadowing the council. Marcia is organizing.
- Picture Directory – Looking at other options for assembly and production. Will continue to move forward. Found an option to put it online as well as being able to print the directory. Cost is \$7.50 a month.
- Elevator –Contract for maintenance on the elevator for \$450 per year for one time a year.

Discerning God's Will – New Business

- Heat Tape & Roof Covering – Need plug ins by each gutter
- Lighting on the signs- Possibly looking at solar lighting. Try it out on one sign first.
- Domain registry- Letters on file. We haven't paid the balance but going to hold off paying. We haven't paid in the past.
- Approved Church Credit Card for monthly subscriptions and miscellaneous items. Limit around \$1500

Ministry Team Report as of 3/7/2023.

- Financial-General Fund-Balance on hand 2/01/2023 \$103,509.49
- Income- \$49,979.31 Expenses- \$47429.61
- Balance on hand- 2/28/2023-- \$106,059.19
- Sinking Fund - \$139,980.68
- Seminary Fund - \$31,121.18
- Thrivent Mutual Funds - \$2,693.93
- Open Savings - \$43,681.36

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

Next council meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

Devotions – 7:00

Committees – 7:05

Council – 7:30

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Carrye Meints, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Did not meet

Treasurers Report

\$ 212,095.30

HOSPITALITY: Did not meet

March 12th treats after church.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

PARISH ED

Members Present: Heather Hippen, Kate Meints, Allison Lane, Jay Bartlett, Nicole Behrends, & Lanette Nelson

- Balance on hand as of 3/7/23
 - \$725.69
- Old Business
 - Save the date for our Stellar VBS sent out via Facebook.
 - May 30th-June 2nd
 - VBS Program & Picnic after church on June 4th
 - Online registration will be available in April.
 - Jay Bartlett repaired cabinets in Parish Ed office.
- New Business
 - Thank you to Cindy Jurgens for giving us her remaining Thrivent Grant money that we purchased backdrop stands for our VBS backdrop that can be reused throughout the years for other events.
 - Beginning to ask businesses for donations for VBS.
 - Kate will send out an online VBS registration link April 1st via Facebook.
 - Heather will contact Steve Oltman regarding branches for Palm Sunday on 4/2.
 - The last day of Sunday School will be May 21st.
 - We will look to do grants for snacks and crafts for VBS.

PARK BOARD: Paul Jurgens, Doug Davidson, Kenny Reed

Secretary's minutes approved as read.

Treasurers Report: Savings \$ 29,161.61

Checking \$ 1,234.84

Old Business: Batting cages this spring

New Business: Todd Bohlmeyer & Terry Oltman

Officers: Pres. – Kenny Reed

Treas – Paul Jurgens

Sec – Doug Davison

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Connor mason, Alan Folkerts, Mike Busboom, Mike Detert, Neil Meints, Jordan Busboom

Old Business: 1. Gutters are all lined with heat tape.

2. The water heater in the parish hall is fixed, had a bad smell.

New Business: 1. Have tuck pointing lined up for this year.

2. Need to run power around the outside of the church for the downspouts,
Will Call an electrician.

3. Will vote on window repair at the Semi-Annual Meeting

PUBLICITY Mary Lenners, Jeff Winkle, Rhonda Dorn

New Business: Newspaper ad for Easter – Voice? Cheaper than BDS

Road Signs – lease easements 100 years.– hasn't cashed checks – won't be sending another check – hard to locate address, etc.

Road sign lighting – Hwy 136 – Hwy 77, Hwy 41 – Pickrell Blacktop
Filley/Adams Blacktop

STEWARDSHIP Did not meet

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT: Did not meet

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Did not meet

YOUTH: Did not meet

Grace Circle News

Grace Circle met March 8, 2023 at 1:30 pm for our meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Our bible study is a series of lessons by Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychiln, "Ten Commandments: Reviving the Soul". Karen Buhr led us in a study on the 5th and 6th commandments, "The Sanctity of Life and Love". Thank you, Karen.

Business Meeting...roll call was answered with 10 members present. Minutes were read. Offering was given in the amount of \$50.00 of which \$17 will go to our circle treasury and \$33 to General.

Chairperson Elnora reminded us of sewing days March 13 & 14. She also reminded us of church cleaning on March 18. Discussed our Spring Gathering for March 25, which will be here at Zion. Reminded us about registration. We passed around a signup sheet for help with breakfast casseroles. There will be a Bible Study by Pastor Kathee Forresst.

Our Action/Growth had Easter cards for us to sign. We also all paid a fine of 25 cents if we had complained about the weather. As I'm writing this, I forgot what weather we had at the time. I'm presuming it was cloudy and cold, since we all contributed. Betty also had some "Food for Thought" sayings that she shared with us.

No other business. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Lunch was served.

Secretary,
Lorene Wallman

Shout to the Women of S.E Nebraska as they “Let their Light Shine” at the recent Spring Gathering hosted at Zion on Saturday March 25th. Ninety women gathered on a beautiful day to share in worship, bible study and fellowship concluding the day with Christina Lyons sharing her story “Looking for the light in our everyday life.”

Mission stories shared with the group from Gwen Vitosh of Mercy Meals Blue Valley, Trish from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (CJHCamp) and our own Amber Lovitt shared on CASA. The in-gathering offering for the day included items collected for CASA and TeamMates. Nearly 1000 items came in for CASA and 20 items for TeamMates. *See below

Thank you to the Conference Planning Committee including Janet Byars, Carol Frerichs and Marian Debuhr from area congregations, and Zion women Karen Gilbreath, Linda Hooper and Denise Ideus. With special thanks to the Zion members including Pastor Jer that helped in greeting and prepping and serving the brunch, Thank you Annette Wiese, Connie Thornburg, Carrie Reed, Doreen Remmers, Lynette Dorn, Sandi Johnson, Susan Newman, Sharon Schuster and council Cindy Parde and Kenny Reed. Giving Glory of God!!~*Marcia Busboom - Conference Coordinator*

***We are continuing the tangible offering collection through Easter Sunday! Items will be received for CASA including personal hygiene items, suggested items include shampoo, conditioner, hair products, combs and brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, toilet paper, Kleenex, lotions. WE are also collecting items for TeamMates, these items are used for Mentor Boxes, and they request New or gently used, card games, board games, fidget toys, craft kits. Thank you to Kelly and James Lenners for the Thrivent Action funds to support the drive for CASA and the Freeman and Beatrice TeamMate Chapters.*

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.

Bulletins Sponsored in April are:

April 2nd - The bulletin is sponsored by Patty Thomas in memory of her dad Lawrence Gronewold – Lawrence passed away March 25, 2022 and his birthday is April 11th.

April 9th – The bulletin is sponsored by James and Kelly Lenners in Memory of Ernest Meints for his birthday on April 7th, and for Emma Meints for her birthday on April 27th.

April 16th - The bulletin is sponsored by the family of Arnold Buhr in honor of his 90th birthday. His birthday is on April 10th. Wish him a Happy Birthday!

PHOTO DIRECTORY IS STILL UNDERWAY:

Last Call for Family Photo for the Picture Directory

Time is running out so if you haven't submitted a family photo, please do as soon as possible. Digital copies are to be sent to Rhonda or pictures to be scanned given to Brenda.

Rhonda – 402-520-1320 or rhondadorn@yahoo.com

Brenda – 402-520-0397 or brendag@diodecom.net

Men's Choir

No Choir practice but planning to sing Good Friday and Sunday, April 16th (the Sunday after Easter.

Our Sympathies: To Anora Schoen on the loss of her sister Betty Jean Buss who passed away on Thursday, February 23rd. Her funeral was held at St Johns Lutheran in Beatrice on February 28th. Please keep Anora and the whole family in your prayers.

Our Sympathies to Kim and Connie Thornburg on the loss of Kim's father – Dean Thornburg who passed away on March 10th. The funeral was March 18th at the First Christian Church in Beatrice. Keep Kim & Connie and the whole Thornburg family in your prayers.

Country Club 4-H Meeting

ALL are welcome!

A 🌸 Garden Party 🌻 providing "Buckets of Fun" will be held.

Sunday, April 30th at 2:30 pm

at the "garden" of Denise Schlake Ideus a Master Gardener!

A tour as well as a "plant & take" activity" are planned. 🌱

Contact Connie Thornburg to RSVP or to answer any questions.

YOUR VOCATION FOR THE MONTH

What you do for God!

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

April 2

Organist: Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes: Cale Behrens
James Scholl
Lector: Denise Schlake-Ideus
Greeters: Council
Special Music: Amigos
Kids of the Kingdom
Breakfast Club: No Bkf club

April 9 - 7:00 am service

Youth Service: Worship lead by the youth
Special music: Endless Hallelujah
Breakfast following in the Parish Hall

April 9 - 9:30 service

Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Harley Grone 9:30
London Meints 9:30
Lector: Todd Bolhmeyer 9:30
Greeters: Tony & Kristin Hoffman 9:30
Paul & Cindy Jurgens 9:30
Special Music: Britan Meints
Breakfast Club: Easter Breakfast

April 16

Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Kameron Riha
Hudson Fikar
Lector: Elnora Lenners
Greeters: Irene Busboom
Beth & Alex Buhr
Special Music: Men's Choir
Breakfast Club: Brenda Gronewold

April 23

Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Paxton Parde
Max Behrens
Lector: Dorothy Trauernicht
Greeters: Karen & Dean Zimmerman
Les & Mert Rademacher
Special Music: Amigos
Breakfast Club: Need a Volunteer!!!

April 30

Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Pastor Jer
Logan Busboom
Lector: Mary Lenners
Greeters: Les & Cindy Lieneman
Gary & Annette Wiese
Special Music: Brianna Pennisi
Breakfast Club: Karla Holland

April Table Troop: Stan Lenners (L), Mary Lenners, Al Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom, Steve Gronewold, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Duane Zulauf.

Altar Guild: Linda Ideus(L), DeAnn Oltman, Karen Gilbreath, Annette Wiese, Rhonda Fossler.

Snow Brigade: For the Week of April 3: Mark Buhr**Captain, Gary Gronewold – Tractor, Stan Lenners – Tractor, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman Luke Ideus, Justin Hippen

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Jason Folkers

Jackson Grenemeier

2 Matthew Fossler

Kace Schoen

Booker Theye

3 Ella Archer

Morgan Leners

4 August Garton

5 Maximus Cornelius

Larry Gronewold

Emma Lane

Kent Mahler

Kevin Trauernicht

6 Kim Folkers

Angie Grone

Steve Gronewold

Connor Mason

7 Presleigh Borgman

8 Ron Scholl

If I have missed your birthday, please call or text me and I will get you added for next year's calendar. Karen at 402-661-9362. And I apologize!

9 Emmerson Ideus

Anna Siebert

Courtney Seward

Brittany Thomas

Ernest Zimmerman

10 Arnold Buhr

Cole Schuster

12 Dennis Fossler

Macy Oltman

Lindsey Remmers

13 Devin Dorn

Jadyn Huenink

14 Monty Barnard

Maverick Podany

16 Rhonda Dorn

Alan Folkerts

McKenzligh Ideus

17 Carley Leners

Janet Schuster

18 Lauralee Sullivan

Joni Folkerts

Karissa Parks

20 Jonah Reed

21 Brian Evers

Susan Newman

22 Angela Blecha

Grayson Borgman

23 Lindsay Harms

24 Garrett Ideus

25 Brittany Sturek

Beau Gronewold

Jami Meints

26 Duane Jurgens

Doreen Remmers

Ryan Wiese

28 Emmalynn Blecha

Gary Carstens

Sandi Davison

29 Josh Jensen

Brian Daubendiek

30 Linda Ideus

Savannah Mahler

Mya Mierau

Doug Parde

Wayne Wallman

Adam Frerichs

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 2023 Perfect Attendance

Little Angels

Henry Behrends
Dorothy Freeman

Pre-K

Bennett Wiese
Claire Freeman
Luna Meints
Paul Nelson
Lane Grummert
Aceson Wendeln

Kindergarten

Beau Gronewold
Carson Behrends
Connor Jensen
Everett Meints
Logan Hippen
Madison Detert

First Grade

Second Grade

Gus Garton
Graydon Day
Everly Meints

Third Grade

Debreigh Wendeln
Devyn Gronewold
Mason Hippen
Jace Behrends
Tanden Wiese
Ava Meints

Fourth Grade

Fifth Grade

Amelia Garton
Sadie Gronewold

Sixth Grade

Max Cornelius

Seventh Grade

Henry Garton
Bella Burr

Eight Grade

Nicole Davison



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - PICKRELL

STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

LAUNCHING A BIBLE SCHOOL
ADVENTURE THAT'S OUT OF
THIS WORLD!

MAY 30 - JUNE 2
AGES K - 5TH GRADE
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM



SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MAY 13TH



Let's Play Ball

We are excited to announce that we will have a modified t-ball team again for 2023.

Likely all games will be played at Fuller Field (Zion ballpark) and will be played on Sundays late afternoons - May through mid-June with 4-6 games depending on how many other team's sign-up. A few away games could be played in Adam depending on the schedule.

If your son/daughter is interested in playing, **go Zion's Facebook page** and complete the google form!

First Communion Class taught by Karla Carstens

Korbin Busboom

Alexis Folkerts

Amelia Garton

Hunter Grone

Sadie Gronewold

Nora Glynn

Tavin Lieneman

These young people have been meeting for the past few weeks on Wednesday evenings to prepare for their First Communion that will take place on Maundy Thursday. During these sessions they have been learning about God's unending love and sacrifices made for each one of them. We have discussed the two sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. How each of these sacraments are God showing his love "For Us". They have been studying how to prepare their hearts and minds each time they are blessed in partaking of this communion meal by understanding the significance behind the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Savior.

May this life-giving Bread always feed your soul and nourish your spirit. May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love and the joy of his life within you.

Karla Carstens

EASTER SUNRISE

Our high school youth will again take the lead of the Easter Sunrise Worship Service! Join us as we gather as they did that early morning, to hear the news of the Risen Christ! The 7:00 am service will include communion and music lead by our Endless Hallelujah. Breakfast fellowship immediately following service.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH...There will be a practice for the Sunrise Service on the Saturday before Easter 4/8 at 9:00 am. If you would let Karla Holland, Carrie Reed or Natalie Niles know prior to the practice if you want to participate. Thank you to these moms for their help!!

Sign up for the Easter Breakfast food donations and volunteers are at the welcome center! This year the breakfast fellowship following the Sunrise Service will receive free will offering to help the youth with expenses of attending Nebraska Synod Journey to Denver July 10-15, 2023. We again will be asking for the donations of breakfast casseroles, baked sweets, (cinnamon rolls, muffins, or coffee cakes) and fruit, (bowls, plates, cups) milk and juice. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up! Thanks everyone for your help and a special *Thank you to Linda Blackwell for the Thrivent grant for the supplies for breakfast!*

Servicemen Deployment:

Please keep Jon & Emily & Ada Gronewold in your prayers. Jon and others from his National Guard Unit are being deployed to Germany for up to a year. Keep them and their extended families in your prayers. We will be posting a mailing address when he gets to Germany.

Please Keep Quintin Hartig also in your prayer. Along with his parents. Son of Cally & Jerod Ideus and John Hartig. He has been deployed to Kuwait and will be stationed there for about a year. His address for letters and packages is as follows:

SGT Quintin Hartig
2-130FAR/C TRP 1-134th
APO, AE 09366

Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out is an event being put on by Dan and Breanna (Trauernicht) Pennisi to help cover the cost for their upcoming mission trip to Kenya. This is an opportunity for kids, grades K-5, to have a fun time while their parents get a much needed (kid free) night! Kids will be able to make crafts, play games, and watch the movie "Around the World in 80 Days." Pizza will be provided.

The cost for this event is:

1 child: \$30

2 children: \$25/ child

3 children: \$20/ child

*Payment can be brought to Zion the night of the event (cash, check, Venmo)

Who: Kids in grades K-5

What: Kids Night Out

Where: Zion Lutheran Church

When: April 28th - 6-9pm

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) for this event, please reach out to Breanna at bretrauernicht@gmail.com or (402) 806-3238

Congratulations on Baptisms:

Kit Kelly Meints – March 12, 2023. Born December 14th to Zac & Britan Meints. Sponsors were Brody Blair, Bond Blair and Ben Meints. Grandparents Neil & Barb Meints, Great Grandmother Evelyn Meints.

Emma Marie Frerichs and Avery Grace Frerichs – March 19, 2023. Born December 28, 2023, to Adam & Morgan Frerichs. Sponsors were Isaac & Riley Frerichs, Emily Lenner and Garrett Lenner. Grandparents James and Kelly Lenner, and Brad & Susan Frerichs.

Congratulations:

On the birth of Everlee Mae Glynn born January 25, 2023, to Josh & Sabrina Glynn. **Welcoming at home** are brothers & Sisters – Elizabeth, Kaden, Tayler, Rylee, Nora and Brantley.

Grandparents Dave & Max Glynn, Burdette Schoen and the late Mark Jurgens and Tiffany Wright. Great Grandparents Anora Schoen and the late Robert Schoen, Rita Glynn and the late Jay Glynn, Ethel

Congratulations to Colton & Jodeen (Rademacher) Dyer, of Lewiston, Montana **on the birth** of their daughter Millie Mae born March 7, 2023. Also, congratulations to grandparents Les & Mert Rademacher.

Congratulations to Dillon and Cari Buss **on the birth** of their son Barrett Dean Buss born March 22, 2023. His grandparents are Darwin & Susan Buss.

Thank you's received.

Thank you to all for your flowers, gifts, and cards. And especially for your prayers of healing. A special thanks to Pastor Jer for his visits and prayers and to Zion's Bake & Take ministry team. God Bless you all.

Janet Schuster and family

WELCA Spring Gathering

We would like to thank you ladies Elnora Lenners, Rhonda Dorn, Kristen Meyer, Laurie Wallman, Beth Buhr, Lorene Wallman, Irene Busboom, Karen Buhr, Lynette Dorn, and Janet Byers for being so willing to bring breakfast casseroles for the WELCA Spring Gathering. We had a lot of compliments.

Lynette & Karen

Zion Lutheran Church

We greatly appreciate your kind generosity for the clocks that you donated to Gold Crest Retirement Center. The residents that clocks were provided to their rooms were very pleased to get them, and they are especially happy because of the clock numbers being bigger and easier to see.

Our heartfelt appreciation,
Gold Crest Retirement Center
(Thanks to Denise Schlake Ideus for writing this Thrivent Grant)

THANK YOU to all members who contributed to the 7th & 8th grade pancake feed drive for the food pantry. They exceeded their original goal of 43 items easily!

The inventory included 40 bottles of syrup; 41 pancake mixes; 5 cooking sprays, and 60 Misc. supplies for pancake making!

Over 145 items were donated by Zion members alone and additional items were purchased using a cash donation and a \$250 Visa card from Thrivent.

Heartfelt thanks to Doreen Remmers for writing the grant and organizing this service-learning project for our youth as well as delivering service!

Thank you for all the youth and adults that helped get the Church, Fellowship Hall and Parish Hall basement ready for the WELCA Ingathering and for Easter! Many hands make light work! (Two and a half hours of hard work! 37 X 2.5 hrs = 92.5 hours of cleaning) Here is a list of all of the volunteer helpers: again, a BIG THANK YOU! (Sorry if anyone was missed)

Hudson Fikar,
Jayden Wiese
McCoy Peters
Nicole Davison
Sandi Davison
Savannah Mahler
Kent Mahler
Kameron Riha
Cale Behrens
Henry Garton
Max Behrens
Kyson Kolm
Michele Kolm

Bella Burr
Brenda Gronewold
Lisa Riha
Cindy Parde
Doug Parde
Deann Oltman
Terry Oltman
Pastor Jer
Cindy Jurgens
Iris Wiese
Rose Gronewold
Neal Meints

Alan Folkerts
Michael Busboom
Art Schuster
Paul Remmers
Connor Mason
Rhonda Fossler
Sandi Johnson
Elnora Lenner
Lynette Dorn
Karen Gilbreath
Linda Hooper
Annette Wiese



Zion's 150th Anniversary (March 10, 1874 - March 10, 2024)

To kickoff this once in lifetime celebration, Karen and I have two handcrafted quilts (Thrivent T-shirt and John Deere) and two handmade quilt racks both painted white satin. These four items will be auctioned to raise both interest and funding for next year's **150th Anniversary** on March 10, 2024. These items will be displayed in the fellowship hall at a future time. We invite any church family members who would like to donate any of their handcrafted and handmade items to be auctioned at a future date.

90
BIRTHDAY



We are celebrating Arnold's 90th birthday.

Please join us for
An Open House
Sunday, April 16
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church Parish Hall

If you are unable to attend, please consider sending Arnold a card.
Arnold Buhr
1828 William Drive
Beatrice, NE 68310

Hosted by his children
No gifts please

Come and help celebrate the 90th Birthday of Arnold Buhr

April 2023

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2 Palm Sunday 8:45 SS 9 am NO BKF Club/ Adult SS 10 am Worship/Comm/ Amigos & Kids of the Kingdom	3	4 Text Study	5 NO CONFIRMATION First Comm Class 6 pm Committee & Council Mtg 7 pm	6 Maundy Thursday/ First Communion/ Quartet 7 pm	7 Good Friday/Men choir 7 pm Endless Hallelujah practice after worship	8 Parish hall rented. (Winkle family)
9 EASTER SUNDAY 7 am Sunrise Service/comm/youth service/Endless Hallelujah Breakfast at Fellowship Hall 9:30 am Worship/Comm	10 Blanket sewing 9-3	11 Blanket sewing 9-3 Text Study	12 1:30 pm Grace Circle 7 & 8 Confirmation 6 pm	13	14	15
16 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/Adult SS 10 am Worship/Comm/ men's choir/coffee fellowship by the Arnold Buhr family Parish Hall Reserved- (Arnold Buhr family)	17	18 Text Study	19 7 & 8 Grade Confirmation 6 pm	20 Ladies Aid	21	22
23 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/Adult SS 10 am Worship/Baptism Amigos Parish Hall Reserved (MencI family)	24 Blanket sewing 9-3	25 Blanket sewing 9-3 Text Study **Newsletter Deadline***	26 7 & 8 Grade Confirmation 6 pm	27 Ladies Aid	28	29
30 Confirmation Sunday 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/Adult SS 10 am Worship/Comm 2:30 Country Club 4-h @ Denise Ideus home						