

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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A Father’s Day Message and Prayer for you from Pastor Renae

On this Father’s Day, we gather the memories of our dads like smooth stones carried in the pockets of our hearts; some still walking beside us beneath the summer sun, some now beside the still waters in heaven. We give thanks our dads; for rough farming hands and quiet sacrifices, for lessons spoken beside pickup trucks and at kitchen tables, for laughter and joy.

Holy Mystery of Eternal Love, we thank you for the fathers and grandfathers who held us, taught us, challenged us, and loved us. Bless the fathers still among us with strength and tenderness, and cradle those who have died in the great mercy of your endless light. Amen.

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Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Members present: Paul Jurgens, Jenny Busboom, Dennis Remmers, Laurie Wallman,

Les Lieneman, Kevin Buhr, Laurie Leners, Todd Bohlmeier & Tony Hoffman

Member absent- Jason Wallman

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 5-6-2026 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from 4-8- 2026 meeting.

Celebrating God's Work in Progress-Old Business

- Approval for Copier Contracts- Copier contracts about to expire in June were renewed with Eakes for two copiers and a 5-year contract.

Discerning God's Will – NEW Business

- Temple Talk for Boiler System-A Temple Talk for the need of a new boiler system with Chris Mason's company. Sapp's will bury the fuel tank per standards needed for the project. Cost is estimated at 40-50 thousand dollars, with an annual fuel savings of 3-7 thousand dollars a year, because of the upgrade being more economical.
- May 17th - Pam Trauernicht will play piano for service.
- Call Committee update - Dennis Remmers has updated the council on the status of the call committee. One candidate has been interviewed but was not pursued. The Committee will wait for more names to be sent.
- Projector and Cabinet update - Paul Jurgens is still working on the projector project. Funds are still being sought to complete the project in its entirety.
- Wedding Fees and Payment Plan-Wedding fees and the updated payment plan and how they are distributed were discussed.
- A Motion was made and seconded to close Edward Jones (General Funds - Insurance Funds) - the amount in account to close is \$2.53.
- July 19th - Arden Dorn will substitute preach for us.
- June changes Church schedule time - the first Sunday in June Church will be starting at 9am
- Bible School Program - Bible school will run May 26-29, with the program being on Friday the 29th at 11:45.
- Rally Sunday will be September 13th, 2026
- Mission Festival will be tentatively September 27th, 2026 depending on speaker availability.

Pastors Mileage - 539 miles Approval for itemized miles.

Weddings in 2026 & 2027

- 5/23/26- Tyler Welch & Ashley Parde
- 9/12/26- Brady Ideus & Lauren Trauernicht
- 9/19/26- Brett Oltman & Taraesha Cole.
- 10/24/26- Micheal Knipe & Bibiana Ornelas
- 6/18/27- Katie Bohlmeyer & Travis Hula
- 8/28/2027-Carley Leners & Collin Hartig

Ministry Team Report as of May 6, 2026

- Financial-General Balance on hand - 4/1//2026 - \$119,316.64
- Income - \$28,633.57
- Balance on hand – 4/30/2026 \$123,854.24
- Sinking Fund - \$61,855.62
- Seminary Fund - \$72,437.47
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$3,200.37
- Open Savings - \$39,534.62

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team Reports

Next Council Meeting will be **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday May 3rd

Attendance: C - 87/SS - 30
Offering: C - \$2,217/SS - \$15.00

Sunday May 10th

Attendance: C - 226/SS – 43
Offering: C - \$3,354/SS - \$718.50

Sunday May 17th

Attendance: C - 94
Offering: C - \$2,391.78

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

The Endowment Committee met on May 6, 2026, with the following in attendance: Paul Remmers, Kevin Trauernicht, Doreen Busboom, Linda Ideus, Lynette Dorn and Council Representative Jenny Busboom.

- The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved by Jenny Busboom.
 - Seconded by Doreen Busboom.
- Kevin Trauernicht gave the treasurer's report:
 - Checking account: \$20,127.46
 - Watch Tower CD : \$27,064.32
 - Edward Jones : \$ 3,275.80
 - CD's : \$70,839.16
- A motion was made by Jenny Busboom to close the account with Edward Jones and deposit into the checking account. Second, by Kevin Trauernicht.
- The investment at Watch Tower will come due on May 20th. Lynette Dorn made a motion to redeem the investment and move to the checking account.
- Seconded by Doreen Busboom. These funds will be invested in a CD with First State Bank Nebraska.
- Council Representative Todd Bohlmeyer, met with the committee and discussed the issue with the current boiler and the new option that is being discussed. If approved this project may start in July and would be requesting funding from the Endowment Committee. We will discuss more on how much we will contribute when final estimate is given.
- Our next meeting will be August 5th. Linda Ideus made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Second, by Kevin Trauernicht.

HOSPITALITY: Did not meet.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

PARISH ED:

- Finalizing all things for VBS which is May 26-29th with a picnic after the program that starts at 11:30.
- Confirmation that the last day of Sunday school is May 17th.
- Account Balance = \$3,314.00

PARK BOARD: Did not meet.

PUBLICITY: Did not meet.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Did not meet.

STEWARDSHIP: Did not meet.

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT: No Report.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Did not meet.

YOUTH:

**2025-2026
PERFECT
ATTENDANCE**

CONGRATS TO THE STUDENTS WHO ONLY MISSED
ONE DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS YEAR!

ACE BARTLETT CLAIRE FREEMAN
PALMER PARKS TUCKER PARKS

APRIL
Perfect Attendance

LITTLE ANGELS Gus Daubendiek Micah Jensen	2nd GRADE Coral Harms Tucker Parks Vonn Behrens
PRE-K Graham Schlake Palmer Parks	3rd GRADE Aiden Schlake Carson Behrends Hudson Schlake Connor Jensen Lincoln Eickhoff
KINDERGARTEN Carrick Eickhoff Henry Behrends	4th GRADE McKendrick Sutter
1st GRADE Ace Bartlett Marlowe Sutter	5th GRADE Gus Garton
	6th GRADE Jace Behrends

GRACE CIRCLE: Did not meet formally.

MISCELLANEOUS

THANK YOU – Marsha, Rosanna, and Anora would like to thank the youth Sunday school kids that sent them the May Day cards. They would like you to know they were a great surprise and very special to them.

THANK YOU - to the 8th grade confirmands for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. We enjoyed teaching you and wish you God's blessings as you continue your faith journey beyond confirmation. ~Marcia and Cindy

THANK YOU - to the 7th grade class for the gift card to Paper Moon Pastries in Cortland. We will enjoy the sweets! We enjoyed teaching this class of 4 boys during the past year. You kept us laughing. God's blessings as you keep growing your faith! ~Marcia and Cindy

THANK YOU - Thank you to the congregation for the beautiful potted flower arrangement that I received for Mother's Day. ~Lois Meints

THANK YOU - The family of Duane Schuster wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and visits after the loss of their brother. Thank you and God bless each and every one of you. ~Don & Gayle Schuster

THANK YOU – Thank you to a Thrivent Action Grant written by Alnora Daubendiek, Zion has received \$250 to replenish materials in the children's bags used during church services. Thank you, Alnora, for taking the time to write this grant, and thank you to Thrivent Action for their generosity and support of our children's ministry!

CONGRATULATIONS - To Taiten and Hannah (Luedders) Harms on their wedding May 2nd here at Zion Lutheran Church. May God bless you with a lifetime of shared joy, laughter, and unwavering love.

CONGRATULATIONS - Tyler Welch & Ashley Parde on their wedding May 23rd here at Zion Lutheran Church. May God bless you with a lifetime of shared joy, laughter, and unwavering love.

MOTHER'S HONORED – **newest mother is Nichelle Schuster** and the **wisest in turn is Lois Meints**. Congratulations to Nichelle on being our newest mother of baby Bergen born on April 2nd. Congratulations to Lois for being our wisest mother! Plants were given to both from Zion Church. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, mother figures!

ZION FULLER PARK NEWS - The Zion Park Board expresses its gratitude to all who contribute and support our ballpark. Maintaining the park requires significant time and financial resources. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the family of Leonard and Caroline Gronewold. Our appreciation goes to Jeff, Pam, Jim, and their families for their generous donation towards the acquisition of a new flag and flagpole for our park. We hope everyone has had the chance to see it proudly displayed! It is a wonderful enhancement to our park, coinciding with our Country's celebration of 250 years of freedom!

SAVE THE DATE - We have scheduled a date for the dedication of this new flagpole. We invite you to join us after church on June 14th (National Flag Day) at the park. While we are still in the planning phase regarding the details of the event, we can confirm that there will be a flagpole dedication along with a meal available for free will donations, featuring our famous burgers, brats, and hotdogs.

We are also excited to share that we are raising funds for several initiatives, including additional water sprinklers for the ball field, upgrades to some items in the concession stand, and building a fund to eventually purchase a new mower.

Thank you from the Board – Greg Robinson, Greg Dorn, Todd Bohlmeyer, Jerod Ideus, Josh Jensen, Kevin Meyer, Blake Meints, Terry Oltman

JOIN ZION - as we Celebrate "America 250" on June 14th

As our nation approaches its 250th birthday on July 4, 2026, Zion invites you to gather on June 14th for a special day of remembrance, gratitude, and celebration as we honor this historic milestone and the contributions of all Americans.

- Before the church service, join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall and visit the display of "Quilts of Valor" many which have been presented to Zion members.
- The worship service will feature patriotic songs that lift our hearts in gratitude for our nation's heritage.
- Immediately following the service, The Piecemakers, a quilt group of Firth will present a Quilt of Valor to Sandra (Busboom) Minnick, a daughter of Zion who served 25 years in the military.
- Head up to Zion Fuller Park for the dedication of the new flagpole at 10:45am, donated in memory of Leonard and Caroline Gronewold, especially fitting as we gather on Flag Day.
- After the dedication, enjoy a "All American Ballpark Meal" of burgers, brats, or hotdogs for a free will offering in support of our beautiful ballpark. Come celebrate "America 250" with Zion as we honor our heritage as one nation under God and share in fellowship.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE – Starting June 7th church services will change the start time of worship for the summer to 9:00am. Please mark your calendars.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING DATE – Mark your calendar for the Semi-annual meeting as it has been schedule for July 12th right after the 9:00am church service. Please plan to attend.

BULLETIN SPONSORS:

May 3rd: Sponsored by Patty Thomas and Doyle Scott in memory of George Wolken's birthday May 4th.

May 10th: None

May 17th: None

May 24th: Dorothy Trauernicht in memory of her husband Wayne Trauernicht's birthday, May 24th.

May 31st: None

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 Lenners, Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, 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





2026 High School Graduates

Morgan Behrens - Daughter of Jeanette Behrens and Steve Behrens graduated from Beatrice High School on May 10th. She is currently undecided on future plans.

Cooper Lovitt - Son of Jason and Amber Lovitt graduated from **Beatrice High School** on May 10th. Cooper plans to attend Southeast Community College and major in Ag Business and Accounting.

Nevaeh Niles - Daughter of Natalie Niles and Faron and Kristal Niles graduated from Freeman High School on May 16th. She is planning to attend University of Nebraska Lincoln and major in Pre-Dentistry.

Dawson Smith - Son of Neil and DeAnn Smith graduated from Beatrice High School on May 10th. Will attend Southeast Community College in Milford this Fall, majoring in Electro Mechanical Technology.

2026 College Graduates

Carley Leners - will be graduating from the University of Nebraska Medical Center with a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

Chelsea Leners - will be graduating from the University of Nebraska Omaha with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. She will be attending the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).

Crew Meints - graduated from Southeast Community College in Lincoln on May 5th with a degree in Architectural Design.

2026 8th Grade Confirmation Class



Front Row: Pastor Renae,
Center Row: Alexis Folkerts, Millie Garton, Sadie Gronewold, Nora Glynn,
Back Row: Grayson Borgman, Tavin Lieneman, and Hunter Grone

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

June 7th - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Cash Harwood
 Millie Garton
 Lector: Katelyn Bohlmeier
 Greeters: Katelyn & Jeni Bohlmeier
 Karla Carstens
 Special Music:
 Coffee Fellowship by Grace Circle

June 14th - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Shirley Gronewold
 Acolytes: Tavin Lieneman
 Alexis Folkerts
 Lector: Amy Wallman
 Greeters: Darwin & Susan Buss
 Karla Holland
 Special Music:

June 21st - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Nolan Buhr
 Sadie Gronewold
 Lector: Marcia Busboom
 Greeters: Alex & Beth Buhr
 Doug & Rhonda Dorn
 Special Music:

June 28th - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
 Acolytes: Micah Hofstetter
 Hunter Grone
 Lector: Lynette Jurgens
 Greeters: Lynette Jurgens
 Dean & Karen Zimmerman
 Special Music:
 Coffee Fellowship by Grace Circle

June Altar Guild: Janet Harms, Peggy Johnson,
 Rose Gronewold, Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed

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



June

1 Josephine Gronewold
Kenny Newman
Shelby Meints

2 James Meints

3 Nathan Bartels

4 John Folkerts
Rhonda Fossler
Luke Kolm

5 Brady Bloom
Everly Meints

6 Michael Knipe

7 Faith Holland

8 Doug Harms
Lexi Winkle

9 Evertt Bloom
Dustin Thompson

11 Dennis Behrens
Madison Fikar
Dale Zimmerman

13 London Meints
Carrie Reed

14 Rylee Zimmerman

16 Liz Buhr

17 Aaron Schoen

18 Ben Meints
Heston Fehring

19 Steve Behrens
Kyle Schoen

20 Jeff Parde

21 Evan Busboom

23 Cerice Cornelius
Kali Oltman

24 Todd Bohlmeier
Laurie Wallman

25 Cooper Lovitt

26 Jordan Jurgens

27 Kristin Hoffman
Paul Jurgens

28 Jordan Busboom
Norman Parde Jr.
Patty Thomas
Marilyn Zimmerman

29 Karla Holland
Kyle Leners
Steve Oltman

30 James Leners
Joel Gronewold



June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:00am Worship/Communion Grace Circle serving Summer Fellowship	8	9	10 Grace Circle 7pm – Committee Meetings 7:30pm – Council Meeting	11	12	13
14 Before Church fellowship & Quilts of Valor display 9:00am Worship 10:45 – New flagpole dedication	15	16	17	18 Ladies Aide	19	20
21 Father's Day 9:00am Worship/Communion Hospitality will be serving treats for all the dads after service.	22	23	24	25 Ladies Aide Newsletter Printing Day!	26	27
28 9:00am Worship Grace Circle serving Summer Fellowship	29	30				

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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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