

# 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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## **September Message and Prayer for you from Pastor Renaë**

The first day of Fall will be on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. On this autumn equinox, day equals night and light balances darkness. The fruits of summer are stored for the coming winter. Full barns, overflowing granaries and stocked cupboards cause us to rejoice! We welcome Autumn with our arms full of summer's blessings, carrying the seeds of life for next year's planting.

Join in praying; Gracious Christ, My life is a feast that delights in your presence. I rejoice in the river of gifts that flow from taste, smell, touch, sound, and sight. My life song is a magnet that draws me close to you, who has whispered in the silent spaces of my heart words that speak the gift of gifts: "You are my beloved." Amen

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**Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 5th 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dennis Remmers.

**Members present:** Paul Jurgens, Jenny Busboom, Dennis Remmers, Laurie Wallman, Jason Wallman, and Tony Hoffman

**Member absent:** Les Lieneman, Laurie Leners, Kevin Buhr, Todd Bohlmeier

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for August 5, 2026 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from July 12, 2026 meeting.

**Celebrating God's Work in Progress-Old Business**

- Screen project update- Working to get the new screen up and running by Mission Festival September 20th. Need to pick the laminate color for cabinet.
- Coffee Pot in Fellowship Hall- Will just get unplugged and eliminate the timer on the wall.

**Discerning God's Will – NEW Business**

- Boiler update- Boiler project drywall is being installed, and then flooring will be installed before moving on to the plumbing portion of the project.
- LeAnn Fossler letter to council- LeAnn Fossler has offered cleaning service help to our cleaning team.
- Trevor Parde wedding to be reviewed on calendar for next year.
- Confirmation and Sunday School updates-Marsha Busboom and Cindy Jurgens will be teaching 7th grade. April 18, 2027 will be confirmation date.
- Rally Sunday will be- September 13, 2026
- Mission Festival will be September 20, 2026. Refreshments will be served
- Pastors Mileage- 281 miles Approval for itemized miles in July.

**Weddings in 2026 & 2027**

- **9/12/26- Brady Ideus & Lauren Trauernicht**
- **9/19/26- Brett Oltman & Taraesha Cole.**
- **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**

## Ministry Team Report as of August 5, 2026

- Financial-General Balance on hand - 7/1/2026- \$115,443.58
- Income - \$15,577.80
- Balance on hand – 7/31/26 103,715.03
- Sinking Fund - \$62,385.71
- Seminary Fund - \$73,039.77
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$3,200.37
- Opening Savings - \$42,265.35

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team Reports  
Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday September 9th, 2026

## CHURCH STATISTICS

### Sunday July 26

Attendance: C - 80  
Offering: C - \$3,555.39

### Sunday August 2

Attendance: C - 110  
Offering: C - \$4,167.24

### Sunday August 9

Attendance: C - 111  
Offering: C - \$5,183.00

### Sunday August 16

Attendance: C - 71  
Offering: C - \$2,255.00

### Sunday August 23

Attendance: C - 109  
Offering: C - \$2,967

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Starting back up on September 20, 2026

**\*\*Will meet on the first and third Sunday of the month.**

### LESSON ON PRAYER

Exploring the Many Forms of Prayer

Come join us as we explore and experience different forms of prayer, including:

- Prayer forms and how to experience them
- Planning out your personal prayer life
- A study of The Lord's Prayer
- Prayers of Intercession
- Prayers of Confession
- Prayers of Blessing
- And other forms of prayer

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

The Endowment Committee met on August 5, 2026

Members were present: Paul Remmers, Kevin Trauernicht, Linda Ideus, Doreen Busboom, Lynette Dorn and Council Representative Jenny Busboom.

The minutes from the May meeting were read. Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Doreen. Motion carried.

Kevin gave the treasurer's report:

Checking Account: \$25,320.70

Certificates of Deposit: \$99,007.16

Edward Jones: \$3,502.57

Lynette made a motion to approve the treasurer report. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Check from Edward Jones that was requested not received. Lynette will call to see if the check was mailed and let the committee know the results.
- Discussion was held on the new heating system in the church. We will discuss it again at our next meeting.

### New Business:

- Kevin let the committee know that a certificate was coming due. After discussion it was decided to continue the CD and not change the term.

Jenny Busboom made a motion to close the meeting. Second by Lynette.

Next meeting will be held in November.

**HOSPITALITY:** Did not meet.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:** Did not meet.

### PARISH ED:

#### **Wednesday, August 5, 2026**

Present: Courtney Schlake, Alyssa Lieneman, Brooke Jensen, Jordan Freeman

Bank Balance: \$4,247.44

### Sunday School

- Begins Sunday, September 13, 2026
- Jordan will create a Sunday School registration google form for parents to sign up their kids. Asking for final registrations by August 21

- Brooke will order materials after we get registrations in
- Courtney will request baptisms from 2022 and 2023 to see if there are new kids to reach out to join our Little Angels Group
- Brooke or Kari will order bibles for our 2nd graders
- We need co-teachers for 4th and 7th grade. Courtney has posted in the bulletin and online.
- Courtney is working to confirm our substitute teacher list
- Suggestion was made to ask parents of the grade to substitute first. We will do this via grade level GroupMe communication accounts. Teachers can also use this to communicate to parents

On Rally Sunday, we plan to recognize Les Lieneman for his years of teaching Sunday School. Ranae Mason has volunteered to speak in church to help request teachers

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2026. At this meeting we will draft a teacher communication to go out to all teachers in lieu of holding a teacher meeting before Sunday School starts.

**PUBLICITY:** Did not meet.

**PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:**

Alcove remodel/Boiler Replacement

- Drywall Repair with painting complete
- Flooring installation will be at the end of August
- Radiator system replacement set for October install

Nothing other to report

**STEWARDSHIP:** Did not meet.

**WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT:** No Report.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Did not meet.

**YOUTH:** Did not meet.

**PARK BOARD:** Did not meet.

**GRACE CIRCLE:**

On August 12, 2026 Grace Circle met in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly Bible Study and meeting. We sang "Here I Am Lord" followed by a prayer.

Mari McKee gave the Bible Study - God's Name, God's Promise.

Chairperson Dorothy Trauernicht opened the business meeting. She called on Sec. Mickey Larkins to read minutes, give Treasurers' report and roll call. We had 8 members present.

Treasury has a balance of \$76. Offering was taken.

Action/Growth Chairperson, Alnora Daubendiek, presented a plan to give monies to fill Willow Center bags with needed items.

It was decided to not reorder Gather mag. for now.

Elnora Lenners told us about an Indian Cooking activity on Sept.15<sup>th</sup> at Pastor Renae's home. Next meeting will be Sept. 9 @ 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Renae will give the lesson. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**WELCOME** - To our newest member in Christ, Solomon Gregory Frerichs, on his baptism today. Son of Isaac & Riley Frerichs. Solomon was born on July 17, 2026. The sponsors are Adam & Morgan Frerichs and Tandon & Kayla Dorn. Grandparents are Greg & Kristi Dorn and Brad & Susan Frerichs.

**WELCOME** - To our newest member in Christ, Iris Mae Detert, on her baptism today. Daughter of Isaac & Riley Frerichs. 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To Zac & Britan Meints on the birth of a baby boy, Tag Harvey Meints, on July 25<sup>th</sup>. He joins the brothers Burke & Kit. Grandparents are Neal & Barb Meints.

**OUR SYMPATHY** – to the family of Anora Schoen. Anora's funeral was held at Zion on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please keep all of Anora's family in your prayers.

**MISSION SUNDAY** – Mark your calendars for Mission Festival Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Featured speaker will be David Hingst.

## **GGFAN (GOD'S GRACE FOR ALL NATIONS)**

In 2025 David and Glenda Hingst traveled to Kenya to observe the mission work of GGFAN and learn more about the lives of the people in southeastern Kenya.

GGFAN is a non-profit organization committed to transforming lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with a mission to build powerful congregations that meet the spiritual and physical needs of the unreached and least reached communities in Kenya.

Our trip included multiply opportunities to evaluate agricultural practices for the area as well as learning more about five key areas that GGFAN uses as focus areas.

- Reaching the Unreached
- Rescuing Vulnerable Children
- Transforming lives Through Mercy Ministry
- Empowering Churches & Leaders
- Fostering self-sustainability through agriculture, savings groups and community-based solutions.



# Spice Up Your September!

## INDIAN COOKING NIGHT with Pastor Renae

 **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
**6:00 P.M.**

 **AT PASTOR RENAE'S HOUSE -**  
25255 S 54th Street. Firth

Join us for a fun cooking show, delicious food, and colorful culture.

Pastor Renae will demonstrate her mild chicken curry recipe, followed by a tasting of the chicken curry and gulab jamun, a delicious Indian dessert.

You'll also enjoy a display of beautiful Indian saris, jewelry, and traditional clothing, and we'll take a walk down to Pastor's pond and Standing Stone Circle.

**Join the fun!**  
**SIGN UP NOW.**  
To sign up contact either  
Jeni Bohlmeier at (402) 440-3672  
or Karla Carstens at (402) 228-6318

**RALLY SUNDAY** – Please join us as we kick off Rally Sunday. Kids will return back to Sunday School at 8:45am and service time will also change back to 10:00.



### **BULLETIN SPONSORS:**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Sponsored by Patty Thomas & Doyle Scott in honor of Deb Wolken's Birthday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Irene Busboom in honor of her grandparents, John and Rena (Jurgens) Ideus. Their descendants are "Coming Home to Zion" for their annual reunion, being held today in the Parish Hall. Hosted by the Sadie (Ideus) Folkerts descendants.

John was born in Schirum, Ostfriesland, Germany in 1878 and died June 4, 1952. Rena was born in Gage County in 1884 and died August 11, 1967, 59 years ago. They had eleven children: Siebend, Henry, Sadie (Folkerts), Marie (Buhr), George, John, Martin, Anna (Siefkes), Edward and Thee & Frieda who died as infants.

Both of John and Rena's parents immigrated from Ostfriesland, Germany and were members of Zion. Rena's father, Henry T. Jurgens, was on the building committee for the current Zion church building and donated of the bells in the tower.

**August 16<sup>th</sup>:** None

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 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.

TO OUR SPONSORS,  
*Thank You!*

## WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

### September 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek  
Acolytes: Austin Folkerts  
Ava Meints  
Lector: Carrye Meints  
Greeters: David & Carrye Meints  
Duane & Janice Parde

### September 13<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
Organist: Shirley Gronewold  
Acolytes: Brixton Coffin  
Caleb Kastanek  
Lector: Alexis Folkerts  
Greeters: Russ & Amy Wallman  
Les & Mert Rademacher

### September 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek  
Acolytes: Debreigh Wendeln  
Devyn Gronewold  
Lector: Sadie Gronewold  
Greeters: Loreen Wallman  
Kim & Connie Thornburg

### September 27<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek  
Acolytes: Ellis Freeman  
Jace Behrends  
Lector: Hunter Grone  
Greeters: Kenny & Carrie Reed  
Steve & Diane Oltman

**September Altar Guild:** Linda Blackwell, Denise Schlake-Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Carrye Meints

**September Table Troops:** Robert Ideus (Leader), Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers, Les & Mert Rademacher, Linda Ideus



## September

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Laura Ideus<br>Burke Meints                                      | 11 Kathy Barnard<br>DeAnn Oltman                   | 23 Don Lenners<br>Brandon Jurgens<br>Carson Robinson<br>Gus Daubendick                        |
| 2 Timothy Blecha<br>Kaden Glynn<br>Robert M. Ideus<br>Hank Barlett | 12 Harley Grone<br>Marsha Zulauf                   | 25 Pastor Arden Dorn                                                                          |
| 3 Greg Robinson<br>Kerri Zeman                                     | 13 Taylor Buhr<br>LeAnn Harms                      | 26 Stevie Harwood                                                                             |
| 5 Kenny Reed                                                       | 15 Kristi Dorn                                     | 27 Brixton Coffin                                                                             |
| 6 Keith Schuster                                                   | 17 Carson Behrends                                 | 28 Nicole Davison<br>Darin Jurgens<br>VeAnn Jurgens<br>Ray Rinne<br>Dan Parks<br>Haydon Scott |
| 7 Lois Meints<br>Karen Zimmerman<br>Lindsey Hofstetter             | 18 Eric Parde                                      |                                                                                               |
| 8 Jay Bartlett<br>Greg Dorn<br>Mary Freeman                        | 19 Isaac Frerichs<br>Blake Meints                  | 29 Taylor Carnell<br>Doug Davison<br>Amelia Garton                                            |
| 9 Colton Gronewold<br>Callie Rademacher<br>Ava Remmers             | 20 Kayla Dorn                                      | 30 Larry Archer<br>Dorothy Jo Freeman<br>Blake Lenners                                        |
|                                                                    | 21 Lanette Nelson<br>Jeremy Sutter                 |                                                                                               |
|                                                                    | 22 Sloane Cornelius<br>AJ Wiese<br>Bexley Schuster |                                                                                               |



# September

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                 | MONDAY                                  | TUESDAY                                                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                                               | THURSDAY              | FRIDAY                                               | SATURDAY                                   |
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|                                                                                                                                        |                                         | 1                                                                                               | 2                                                                                       | 3                     | 4                                                    | 5                                          |
| 6<br><br>9:00am Worship/<br>Communion<br><br>Women of Zion<br>serving summer<br>fellowship after<br>service                            | 7                                       | 8                                                                                               | 9<br><br>Grace Circle<br><br>7pm – Committee<br>Meetings<br>7:30pm – Council<br>Meeting | 10                    | 11                                                   | 12<br><br>Ideus/<br>Trauernicht<br>Wedding |
| 13<br><br><b>RALLY SUNDAY</b><br>8:45am SS<br>9:00 BKF Club<br>10:00am Worship<br>Hospitality serving<br>ice cream after<br>service    | 14<br><br>9-3:00pm<br>Blanket<br>Sewing | 15<br>9-3:00pm<br>Blanket Sewing<br><br>6:00pm -<br>Indian Cooking<br>Night @ Pastor<br>Renaë's | 16<br><br>6pm- 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup><br>grade<br>confirmation<br>class       | 17<br><br>Ladies Aide | 18                                                   | 19<br><br>Oltman/<br>Cole<br>Wedding       |
| 20<br><br><b>Mission Festival<br/>Sunday</b><br>8:45am SS<br>9:00 BKF<br>Club/Adult Bible<br>Study<br>10:00am<br>Worship/<br>Communion | 21<br><br>9-3:00pm<br>Blanket<br>Sewing | 22<br><br>9-3:00pm<br>Blanket Sewing                                                            | 23<br><br>6pm- 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup><br>grade<br>confirmation<br>class       | 24                    | 25<br><br><b>Newsletter<br/>Printing<br/>Day!!!!</b> | 26                                         |
| 27<br><br>8:45am SS<br>9:00 BKF Club/<br>Endless Hallelujah<br>practice<br>10:00am Worship                                             | 28                                      | 29                                                                                              | 30<br><br>6pm- 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup><br>grade<br>confirmation<br>class       | 31<br><br>Ladies Aide |                                                      |                                            |

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members as well.



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month  
9:00-9:45am

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