



Zion  
Lutheran  
Church

**January 2022  
Newsletter**

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***A place to belong,  
a place to believe,  
a place to become!***

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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No SSchool No Breakfast Club God's Grace, DVD series, 9am Worship/Comm, 10am	2	3	4	5 Committees, 7 pm Council, 7:30 pm	6	7 Annual Reports Due <u>Morning. Please</u>	8
SSchool, 8:45 am Breakfast Club, 9 am God's Grace, DVD series, 9am Worship/Baptism, 10am	9	10	11	12 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Conf. 6-7pm	13	14	15 <u>WELCA Executive Board</u> , 9 am @ Elnora Lenners
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## **Worship Leaders Schedule**

### **January 2, 2022**

**Acolytes** – Savannah Mahler, Kameron Riha

**Reader** – Les Lieneman

**Special Music** – Men's Choir

### **January 9, 2022**

**Acolytes** – Nevaeh Niles, Dalton Sullivan

**Reader** – Brian Garton

**Special Music** – Kids of the Kingdom

**Breakfast Club Food** – Kenny Reed

### **January 16, 2022**

**Acolytes** – Gage Smith, Max Behrens

**Reader** – Stan Lenner

**Breakfast Club Food** – Brenda Gronewold

**Special Music** –

### **January 23, 2022**

**Acolytes** – Dawson Smith, Morgan Behrens

**Reader** – Amy Wallman

**Special Music** – Amigos

**Breakfast Club Food** –Cindy Parde

### **January 30, 2022**

**Acolytes** –Braxton Trauernicht, Cale Behrens

**Reader** – Gary Gronewold

**Special Music** –

**Breakfast Club Food** – Sandi Davison

**January Altar Guild:** Patti Behrens, Elnora Lenner, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus, Dianna Andrew

**January Table Troop Volunteers:** Linda & Robert Ideus, Les & Mert Rademacher, Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers

**Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Snow Brigade #2** – Eric Parde, Greg Robinson, David Meints, Duane Jurgens, Larry Johnson, Jordan Busboom, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Steve Oltman, Don Schuster

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Snow Brigade #3** – Alan Folkerts, Kenny Newman, Alan Wiese, James Meints, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeier, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold, AJ Wiese

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Snow Brigade #4** – Paul Remmers, James Lenner, Gary Gronewold, Stan Lenner, Billy Harms, Mark Buhr, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus, Justin Hippen

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Snow Brigade #5** – Tracy Lidolph, Craig Ideus, Dean Zimmerman, Russ Wallman, Terry Gronewold, Dave Holland, Greg Dorn, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom, Dan Jurgens

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Snow Brigade #1** - Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Les Lieneman, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Matt Meints, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese, Jason Lovitt, Chris Fossler

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## *From the Pastor's Cup...*

Dear Church Family,

### **What's So Amazing about Grace?** by

Philip Yancey, is a ten part DVD series on God's GRACE. It will be starting Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 9 am at Coffee & Fellowship. It is a follow up to Philip Yancey's **Vanishing Grace** shown last November and December, which was well received.

Phillip Yancey's use of stories and modernized parables help paint a picture of grace that, if we are honest, we knew already...but I never really envisioned. This book and DVD series, and the idea he presents are both game changers for the Christian community, and in our society today it couldn't be more relevant.

**Sunday, January 2, 2022** –The Missing Ingredient: *A Beautiful Word, Powerful Concept*

**Sunday, January 9, 2022** –Letting Grace Soak In: *God's Love for the Undeserving*

**Sunday, January 16, 2022** – An Unnatural Act: *Extending Grace When You Have Been Wronged*

**Sunday, January 23, 2022** – The Art of Forgiving: *Responding with Grace When It Seems impossible*

**Sunday, January 30, 2022** – Skin Deep: *The Power of Grace to Penetrate Racism*

**Sunday, February 6, 2022** – Grace Put to the Test: *Grace in the Face of Disagreement*

**Sunday, February 13, 2022** – Grace Abuse: *Cheapening Grace and Robbing of Its Power*

**Sunday, February 20, 2022** –The Church Backslides: *How Legalism Corrupts Grace*

**Sunday, February 27, 2022** – Dispensing Grace: *How Can We Do It?*

**Sunday, March 6, 2022** – Counterforce: *Grace Set Loose in the World*

We will begin each Sunday morning with prayer concerns from the group. A brief introduction of the DVD session is approximately 15 minutes long. This will be followed by a group discussion on the DVD and the topic presented. All are invited!

Sincerely Pr. Jer

## **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS IN JANUARY 2022**

*Reminder to pick ASAP your Bible verse and My Faith Project for Confirmation Sunday on April 24, 2022. My Faith Project is explained at the end of this booklet.*

**1/12/2022 6-7 p.m. – The Greatest Prayer** (The Lord's Prayer) Video Clip by The Skit Guys – God's Chisel

**Bible Text: Matthew 6:5-15**

**Lesson Focus: When we say the prayer Jesus taught us, we connect with God.**

**Big Question: What's the big deal about the Lord's Prayer?**

**Key Words: RELATIONSHIP, PETITION, EXAMPLE, ACCESS, HOLY**

***Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Kastanek family***

**1/19/2022 6-7 p.m. – God's Kingdom and Will** (The Lord's Prayer) Video Clip by The Skit Guys – Tug of War

**Bible Text: Luke 1:46-55; 17:20-21; Mark 14:32-36**

**Lesson Focus: God's will and kingdom are all around us.**

**Big Question: What does God want from me?**

**Key Words: CO-CREATION, NOW AND NOT YET, WILL, WILLINGNESS, TRUST**

***Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Lovitt family***

**1/26/2022 6-7 p.m. – God Gives and Forgives** (The Lord's Prayer) Video Clip by The Skit Guys – The Verdict

**Bible Text: Exodus 12:16; Matthew 18:23-34; Luke 6:35-36; 22:14-23**

**Lesson Focus:** God gives us gifts of daily bread and forgiveness.

**Big Question:** I'm doing okay. What do I need God for?

**Key Words:** MANNA, SIN, FORGIVENESS

**Snack & drink plus staying the hour:** Niles family

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*Thank You for all the Christmas cards and best wishes,  
from Pr. Jer & Karen*

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**Hi I'm Britan Meints**, Zions new secretary. I grew up in Ord, Nebraska, where my parents and three younger brothers still live. After graduating high school I continued my education at the University of Nebraska Lincoln where I am currently pursuing a Hospitality Management degree. I ended up here in the Beatrice area after meeting my husband Zac Meints. We live where Vernon and Evelyn Meints used to live. We have the sweetest 15 month old son Burke. A few of my favorite things are spending time with family, taking Burke on adventures, listening to music, coffee shop trips and being busy in the kitchen baking. I am excited to be a part of the Zion family.

*We look forward to having Britan Meints as our new secretary. I know she will do a fantastic job and will enjoy working with Pr. Jer and Karen and all of Zion's wonderful members!!*

## Zion Lutheran Council & Committee Reports.

### Zion Lutheran Congregational Council (2021)

Linda Blackwell, Chairman (\*Tekton)

Eric Parde, Vice-Chairman (\*Endowment)

Brenda Gronewold, Secretary (\*Willie & Anna Meints Funds, Youth)

Pam Trauernicht, Treasurer, (Worship)

Alan Folkerts, Benevolence (\*Memorial, Benevolence)

Tracy Lidolph(\*Property & Management )

Paul Remmers (\*Property & Management)

VeAnn Jurgens –(\*Parish Ed, Hospitality/ Stewardship)

Gary Wiese (\*Publcty, Park Board)

**\*Council representative to designated committee**

### Zion Lutheran Church ~ Council Minutes ~ Dec. 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Eric Parde

**Members present:** Brenda Gronewold, Tracy Lidolph, Eric Parde, Paul Remmers, Pam Trauernicht & Gary Wiese

**Members absent:** Linda Blackwell, Alan Folkerts, VeAnn Jurgens,

**Pastor Jer shared:** The Escape to Egypt.

Sound system is allowing many absent from Zion to partake in our service.

Motion made & seconded to accept minutes from the 11/03/2021 meeting.

Motion made & seconded to accept meeting agenda for 12/08/21 meeting.

### **Upcoming Weddings:**

- 05/07/2022 - Caylee Lueders & Connor Mason
- 06/11/2022 - Jayde Carstens & Jared Marsh
- 07/09/2022 - Nicole Busboom & Nanthan Bartels
- 07/16/2022 - Blake Lenner & Marisa Pitre (Omaha)

### Upcoming Baptisms:

- 12/12/2021 Gus Denver Daubendiek son of Brian & Courtney Daubendiek
- 1/9/2022 Della Elizabeth Dorn daughter of Tandon & Kayla Dorn

**NE Synod Theological Conference** Anger Webinar November 28, 2021

### Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- Secretarial position update – Britan is going to be in office with Janice Thursday and Friday (December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>) for training.
- Elevator repair need someone to look into this prior to Annual Meeting and Soup Supper. Look at repair or pricing of replacement.
- Committee duties list– guideline for each committee to follow including list of committee members, duty list, contacts.
- 2022 Budget meeting – December 15 at 7:00 at Brenda's.
- Church Cancellation – church will be live streamed if cancelled.
- Chili Soup Cook-off with NLOM was a success.
- Luminary/Candle light service -- discussion to return service portion to traditional candle light service with musical.
  - Concern over hot chocolate in sanctuary; maybe move to serve when over.

### Discerning God's Will – New Business

- Carrie Reed shared information on the *Boundless God Beyond Measure Youth Gathering Trip* would be July 23 – July 29, 2022.
  - St. John's Lutheran Church has asked if Zion youth would be interested in this opportunity.
  - \$390/person with commitment and \$150 down by Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Total cost is expected to be around \$700+/per person plus food/miscellaneous/personal.
  - Council is committed to supporting any youth who make a down payment by Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Potentially \$100 per person from existing LYO funds. Checking with sponsors.
    - January 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering pending a temple talk from those interested in going January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Garage/storage unit south of parsonage. Update and improve for larger vehicles and church storage for snow blowers, lawn mower, etc. Consider raising floor to eliminate drainage or face it to the south.

- Council Holiday gather – will set January date later.
- Annual meeting agenda items.

### Ministry Team Report as of 12/08/2021

- Financial-General Fund-Balance on hand 11/01/2021 \$76,823.34
- Income- \$15,986.42 Expenses- \$12,647.31
- Balance on hand- 11/30/2021-- \$80,162.45
- Sinking Fund - \$138,910.13
- Seminary Fund - \$30,734.59
- Thrivent Mutual Funds - \$2,640.03
- Immanuel Vision Fund - \$4609.01
- Open Savings - \$24,527.64
- Memorial Balance - \$5001.64

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

Next council meeting will be Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Devotions – 7:00 Committees – 7:05 Council – 7:30

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, *Brenda Gronewold*, Secretary

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Worship Committee:** Did not meet.

**Parrish Education:** Members present: Jess Ideus, Heather Hippen, Kate Meints, Lindey Gronewold, Laura Ideus

**Old Business:** Order Winter Curriculum  
Preparation for Christmas Eve Program  
Sunday School Teacher Gifts

**New Business:** New members for upcoming term  
Curriculum for next Spring

Need to have more volunteers for Substitute Sunday School Teachers.

**Youth Committee:** Carrie Reed, Brenda Gronewold, Council Rep.

**New Business:** Boundless God Beyond Measure 2022 Youth Gathering, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$390 + (hotel 50/night) + travel expense = approx. \$700/student.

Check on \$100/person from LYO, 5th Sunday January offering/Temple talk.

**Park Board:** Did not meet.

**Property & Management:** Doug Parde, Tracy Lidolph & Paul Remmers, Council Rep.

Old Business: Parsonage basement wall, done.

Parrish Hall basement was, done.

Light bulb N side upstairs, done.

**New Business:** North stair glass window upstairs North side

Coal doors leak water, fellowship doors.

Outside cross lights.

**Memorial Committee:** Did not meet.

**Endowment Committee:** Members present: Amy Wallman, Kelly Lenners, Stan Lenners, Eric Parde, Council Rep.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$154,187.18.

**New Business:** New carpet for future project in church

Table conversation on Stain Glass Windows in future (3 years)

Replacements for members – Amy Wallman, John Busboom.

Ask members to replace these 2 terms.

**Hospitality Task Force:** Did not meet.

**Publicity:** Did not meet.

**Willie and Anna Meints Youth Endowment Fund.**

**Committee members:** Doreen Wallman, Steve Oltman, DeAnn Oltman, Terry Gronewold (Council representative)

Balance as of **Dec.28, 2021 – \$373,367.22.** Preston Meints (Edward D. Jones @ Friend, NE.)

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Willie and Anna Meints scholarship applications are located in the Welcome Center in the back of the church. Students entering college can apply for the scholarship for up to 4 years. **Applications must be received by January 15, 2022 following the start of the students first college year.** Applications received after the January 15, 2022 deadline will not be considered. **NOTE: Please make sure to read through the qualifications listed on the application, as the student must be an active communing member of Zion Lutheran Church & a printout of the student's grades are needed upon completion of their 2021 Fall semester.**

Committee Members: Doreen Wallman, Steve Oltman & DeAnn Oltman

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## Looking Ahead:

## Annual Reports & Treasurer's Reports Due January 7th

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 01/16/2022 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE (APPROX 11:00 AM).** Items to be discussed: new well for the church, parsonage garage/building, Parish Hall basement bathrooms updating, and upstairs Parish Hall flooring.

## Farewell

Please join us on Sunday, January 9th for fellowship after Church to wish Janice Parde well as she retires from her position as Secretary at Zion. Janice has served Zion for 27 years as Secretary and prior to that as Janitor for 22 years. We wish Janice the best in her retirement. It has been a blessing to have her as part of our Zion staff for so many years and she will greatly missed!!

## Zion Members.....

As my secretarial position is coming to a close I was asked to give a listing of the Pastors I worked with and Council Presidents. The list is quite long!

### Pastors

William Jurgens – 1994 (very briefly)  
Rick Danforth – 1996-1999  
Paul Petersen – 2000-2003  
John Sievers – 2004-2009  
David Smith – 2011-2013  
Jerry Gilbreath – 2014 – 2021

### Interims

Paul Petersen  
Stan Floth  
Doug Allen  
Brad Brauer  
Alton Schwandt  
Timothy Wiggins (helped out)  
Glen Schnacht

### Council Presidents

Duane Parde (1994)  
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Ehme Gronewold (1996)  
Steve Oltman (1997)  
Leonard Buhr (1998)  
Alan Wiese (1999)  
Stan Lenners (2000)  
Alan Folkerts (2001)  
Gary Gronewold (2002)  
Kenny Newman (2003)  
Judy Carstens (2004)  
Mark Kujath (2005)  
Gerald Ideus (2006)  
Les Lieneman (2007)

Greg Dorn (2008)  
Linda Hooper (2009)  
Mark Buhr (2010)  
Don Schuster (2011)  
James Meints (2012)  
Terry Oltman (2013)  
Chris Mason (2014)  
Todd Bohlmeier (2015)  
Dale Zimmerman (2016)  
Josh Gronewold (2017)  
Alex Buhr (2018)  
Terry Ideus (2019)  
Connie Thornburg (2020)  
Linda Blackwell (2021)

*I want to thank everyone who has helped me through the years. A lot of wonderful people have crossed my path, and you hold a special place in my heart!! My best wishes to Britan Meints, may she enjoy her time as Zion's new secretary! Thank you again, and may God Bless you all,  
Janice*

**Grace Circle** met for their December meeting on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. After an enjoyable time of visiting over pizza and cookies for lunch, Lorene Wallman read the Christmas Gospel Story from Luke and we joined in singing Silent Night. Betty Daubendiek got us busy trying to solve a picture puzzle on Christmas songs. She also read "The 10 Commandments of Christmas." Gave us lots of food for thought. We presented a Christmas gift to Pastor Jer and Karen in appreciation for their service and friendship to our circle. Thank you for joining us. An offering of \$60 was given of which \$20 will go into our circle treasury and \$40 to the General Treasury.

A short business meeting was held to finish out our year. 10 members were present. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$98. After adding the \$20 from our offering and \$37 from our Birthday and Anniversary bag we had a total of \$155.00. This total will be given in a gift card to Lucas Wiese and his parents, Jed and Annette (Waltke) Wiese. Lucas is Willard and Elaine's grandson who was injured in an accident and is working his way through a long recovery. We pray God's blessings on their family. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Members are reminded if you have not paid \$10 to Roxanne for your Gather Magazine subscription, which we will be using next year for our Bible Study, please remember to do so.

After a little more fellowship time we closed our meeting.

Secretary, Judy Carstens



# January Birthdays

1 Ron Graham	13 Lindsay Detert Shirleen Miller	23 Brock Robinson Nolan Robinson
2 Scott Johnson Sheryl Wiese	Bella Burr	Kelsey Murphy Kylee Brown
4 Linda Hooper	16 Ashley Parde	25 Deric Bloom Brogan Ideus
5 Larry Miller	17 Chesleigh Ideus	26 Rory Detert
6 Gary Gronewold Tavin Lieneman	18 Darin Huls	27 Lisa Riha
7 Gary Hooper Trevor Parde	19 Addison Dorn David Meints	28 Mark Kujath Chelsea Leners
9 Kade Wiese	20 Lisa Hostetler Debra Scheidler	29 Katelyn Bohlmeier
10 Lauren Parde	21 Patti Busboom Judy Carstens	31 Zachary Meints Terry Ideus
11 Mickey Larkins Nichelle Schuster Marie Schoen	Rose Gronewold	Sandy Parks Chloe Remmers

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## *Pastoral Acts.....*

Baptized on December 12, 2021 was Gus Denver Daubendiek, infant son of Brian & Courtney Daubendiek

## **Poinsettia Plants**

*(Given by, In Memory of)*

### **Vic & Alvera Bade**

*Emil & Margaret Wallman  
Ralph & Neva Bade*

### **Karen Buhr**

*Leonard & Bruce Buhr*

### **Lindsay Detert**

*Richard Newton*

### **Kent & Jennifer Mahler**

*Lowell Rahe  
Cliff & Idella Mahler  
Keith Mahler*

### **Don & Elnora Lenners**

*Loved Ones*

### **Betty & Devonna**

*Elmer & Leona Trauernicht*

### **Marilyn Robinson**

*Kenneth Robinson*

### **Gilbert & Deb Wolken**

*George & Eleanor Wolken*

### **Bernice Parde & Family**

*Edward Parde*

### **The Les Rademacher family**

*John & Emma Thompson*

**Emma Meints,  
Eddie & Lynette Dorn,  
James & Kelly Lenners  
& families**

*Ernest, Dennis & Terry Meints*

### **Ernest & Marilyn Zimmerman**

*Rodney Zimmerman*

### **Kenny & Janet Schuster**

*Loved Ones*

### **Mark, Cerice & Paige**

**Cornelius, & Steven Harwood**  
*Ron & Adeline Cornelius,  
Diane Cornelius  
Stephanie Morris*

### **Wayne & Dorothy Trauernicht**

*Loved Ones*

### **Kristi, Kalleigh, Alley Dee**

**Bender**  
*Andy Bender*

*Thank you to all who shared  
your Poinsettia plant with us  
this Christmas Season! My  
apologies if your name is not  
on the list. Many plants were  
not marked.*

## REVIEWING THE YEAR AT ZION 2021

### Baptisms

Burke Ollie Meints

**Parents:** Zac & Britan Meints

Palmer Lauralee Parks

**Parents:** Tyson & Karissa Parks

Beckham Lee Schmitter

**Parents:** Jordan Schmitter  
Paige Buss

Maverick Hayes Podany

**Parents:** Nicholas & Brittany Podany

Harrison Robert Siebert

**Parents:** Konrad & Anna Siebert

Hank Edward Bartlett

**Parents:** Jay & Sarah Bartlett

Gus Denver Daubendiek

**Parents:** Brian & Courtney Daubendiek

### Confirmation

Ella Archer

Madison Fikar

Abbie Hoffman

Hailey Parde

Lily Wiese

### Marriages

Devin Dorn & Camille Svoboda

Isaac Frerichs & Riley Dorn

Cole Schuster & Nichelle Meyer

### Baptismal Date

March 28<sup>th</sup>

July 25<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

### Date

July 17<sup>th</sup>

August 7<sup>th</sup>

August 28<sup>th</sup>

### Funerals

Lynn McKee

Angeline Johnson

Delores Baehr

Katie Pfister

Beverly Buhr

Leonard Buhr

Dena Trauernicht

Leona Trauernicht

Dean Baehr

### Funeral Date

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

March 15<sup>th</sup>

July 30<sup>th</sup>

August 12<sup>th</sup>

August 26<sup>th</sup>

September 12<sup>th</sup>

October 16<sup>th</sup>

November 18<sup>th</sup>

### Age

71

99

78

103

69

83

97

92

54

### New Members Received

Lavon Behrens

Isaac Frerichs

Camille (Svoboda) Dorn

Carol Young

Dillon Buss

Cari Lineweber

Cody Buss

Tiffany Buss

### Transfers from Zion

Matthew & Alisa Knipe, Michael, Eric

Jacob & Madalyn Schuster

