

# 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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## **Guidance for Lent**

Lent is a season when you slow down to notice where you are in life, where you feel nudged, and where you might need a course correction. Take time to recognize the inner compass God has already placed within you.

***Be sure to attend our short meaningful 7PM Wednesday Evening Lenten Services.***

Lenten Prayer: Almighty God, I am already walking this Lenten path and giving up the things that are not good for me. I can feel the distractions loosening their grip, and a deeper hunger for truth, compassion, and courageous love rising within me. Amen

**Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting****February 4th, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Les Lieneman.

Members present: Paul Jurgens, Jenny Busboom, Jason Wallman, Dennis Remmers, Laurie Wallman, Les Lieneman, Kevin Buhr, Laurie Leners, & Todd Bohlmeier

Member absent- Tony Hoffman

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 2-4-2026 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from 1-7- 2026 meeting.

Devotions on the subject "to serve" were given by Les Lieneman

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

- Boiler Problem Resolved-Boiler working and will be overseen by Chris Mason from now on.
- Ceiling Fans were finally installed- along with sound boards on ceiling
- Paint Project- is being taken over by a new contractor

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

- Fifth Sunday Offerings (March, May, Aug, and Nov)- Offerings for the fifth Sunday of the month were discussed and March was assigned to Endowment, and May was assigned to the cemetery. August and November are still open for discussion.
- Council Committee assignments- votes were taken 9 members present 1 absent all voting in favor of these new assignments.
  - Les Lieneman Council President
  - Dennis Remmers Council Vice President
  - Laurie Wallman Council Secretary
  - Jenny Busboom Council Treasurer
- New Council Duties-Duties for the members were gone over and committees were assigned to each member.
- Wedding policy-wedding policy was addressed and 2 weddings were approved by council. They were the weddings of Knipe on October 24th 2026 and Bohlmeier on June 18th 2027.
- Our Sound System- Looking in the future to updating the sound and video system.
- Sign up Medical Volunteers for Church- The list of volunteers could use an update in volunteers that might be accessible during church service
- Mileage for Pastor- approval was granted for the mileage of 372 for January
- The idea of Renting Parsonage was brought up- at this time the idea is tabled
- Ash Wednesday-Febr 18th starts Lent services at 7 pm. Council will report before 6 pm. The Council and committee meetings will be held Tuesday March 10th due to Lent services.
- Church Insurance- cost of insurance continues to rise. Brotherhood Mutual has been our company since 2024. Any questions on Insurance that you may have refer to Todd Bohlmeier.
- Zion Quilt of Valor- America 250 June14-July 4 America fellowship with American theme
- Bible School Program- This year the bible school program will be held on the Friday of Bible school instead of Sunday morning.
- Weddings in 2026
  - 5/2/26- Taiten Harms & Hannah Lueders
  - 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

Ministry Team Report as of Feb 4, 2026

- Financial-General Fund Balance on hand - 1/1/2026- \$127,337.96
  - Income - \$12,455.10
  - Balance on hand – 1/31/2026 \$116,687.93
  - Sinking Fund - \$61,464.17
  - Seminary Fund - \$62,011.64
  - Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$3,200.37
  - Open Savings - \$45,955.01
  -

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team Reports  
Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday March 10, 2026

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

**Sunday, Feb 1**

Attendance: C - 132/SS - 35  
Offering: C - \$7,879.81/SS - \$12.00

**Sunday, Feb 8**

Attendance: C - 155/SS - 47  
Offering: C - \$13,862/SS - \$132.50

**Sunday, Feb 15**

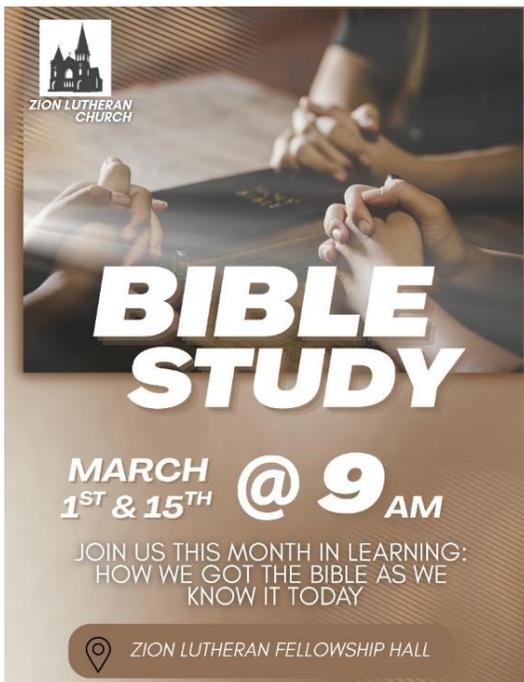
Attendance: C – 138/SS -52  
Offering: C -\$10,587.75/SS -\$1,639.25

**Ash Wednesday Feb 18th**

Attendance: 130  
Offering: \$1,204.00

**Sunday, Feb 21**

Attendance: C- 147/SS -50  
Offering: C-\$11,527/SS -\$147.25



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

*\*\*\*All are invited to attend.*

**Come to Pastor’s class  
“How the Bible Came to Be.”**

Join us at **9AM** on **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** and  
**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**!

Pastor Renae is an excellent teacher and Bible scholar. No worries if you miss one; each class is a self – contained topic. You will learn a lot in one hour!

You’ll discover that the Bible is a library of books by distinct authors in specific times of history. The word “Bible” literally means “a collection of little books.”

Whether you’re new to scripture, lifelong in the church, spiritually curious, or full of questions, this class will deepen your understanding and bring the Bible to life in a whole new way. This class will continue from March and April.

## **Zion Lutheran Church Annual Church Meeting 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President DeAnn Oltman

The meeting was cancelled due to weather on January 25 and rescheduled to Febr. 1 2026.

A quorum of 83 voting members was present.

Minutes from the 2025 Semi-Annual meeting were read by the secretary, Laurie Wallman.

General Treasurer's report was given by Kenny Reed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes and financial report.

Committee reports were given by designated committee heads.

A motion was made and seconded to accept committee reports. The motion carried.

Ballots were presented.

- Names for church council members were Jenny Busboom, Tony Hoffman, and Laurie Leners.
- The Auditing committee with a 3-year term was Amy Wallman.
- Synod Assembly Delegates for 2026 were Alan and Kim Folkerts and Steve and Rose Gronewold.
- Nominating committee for a 3-year term Mark Buhr and Josh Gronewold.
- Endowment Committee for a 3-year term were Doreen Busboom, Kevin Trauernicht, Linda Ideus (2-year term)

An election was held and ballots were collected.

### **Celebrating God's Work in Process - Old Business**

We went over the Fellowship Hall repairs, citing what had been done and what is going to be finished yet at this time. Projects are almost complete.

The Church messaging system. How the messaging system is working for people with cell phone access.

It doesn't work with land phones. It serves as reminders for church activities and changes in schedules.

An update was given on the Heritage Room.

### **Discerning God's Will - New Business**

The Budget for 2026 was looked over.

The Church Boiler system and School House repairs were gone over. Both facilities were damaged due to water. Repair and restoration were needed.

The Church lighting issue has been addressed by putting different bulbs in the existing globes so they are brighter.

The Ministry Site profile was addressed. It is uploaded on the ELCA website for prospective Pastors to view.

### **Election results were as follows:**

- New Council members with terms ending in 2029 are Jenny Busboom, Tonym Hoffman, and Laurie Leners
- Auditing Committee- Amy Wallman
- Nominating Committee- Mark Buhr and Josh Gronewold
- Synod Assembly for Zion- Alan and Kim Folkerts and Steve and Rose Gronewold
- Endowment Committee- Doreen Busboom, Kevin Trauernicht, Linda Ideus (2-year term)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

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

Jenny started the meeting with election of officers.

President: Paul Remmers

Secretary: Lynette Dorn

Treasurer: Kevin Trauernicht

- A motion was made by Jenny Busboom to approve the 2026 officers. Seconded by Linda Ideus
- The minutes from January were read and approved. Motion by Doreen Busboom
  - Seconded by Jenny Busboom.
- Paul gave a treasurer's report:
  - Checking \$19,804.19
  - Two CD's totaling \$70,000
  - Watch Tower: ?
  - One Certificate with First State Bank Nebraska will be coming due on February 8th. Linda Ideus made a motion to have the CD roll over for another 6th month term.
    - Seconded by Kevin Trauernicht.
- Jenny Busboom will be contacting Edward Jones about the questions on funds being held what are the Zion Church funds vs is the Zion Endowment funds.
- The next meeting will be May 6th, 2026.
- Linda Ideus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Doreen Busboom.

**HOSPITALITY:** Did not meet.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:** Did not meet.

### PARISH ED:

Present Members – Ross Eickhoff, Kari Parks, Courtney Schlake, and new members Jordan Freeman and Brooke Jensen

Absent Members - Alyssa Lieneman

Bank balance is \$1,131.08

President – Courtney Schlake

Treasurer – Kari Parks

Secretary – Jordan Freeman

Brooke is to order materials for spring lessons. Courtney is coordinating first communion details and ordering books. Jordan will reach out to Heather about getting the Bible School Committee together to start planning for May bible school. Current members are Heather/Jordan, Courtney, Sammie, Sarah, and Kate. We have already ordered and received the program materials.

**PARK BOARD:** Did not meet.

**PUBLICITY:** Did not meet.

**PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:** Did not meet.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Did not meet.

**WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT:**

**Date:** 2/19/2026

**Committee members present:** DeAnn Oltman & Laura Fikar

**Committee members absent:** Steve Oltman

**Treasurer’s Report:**

<b>Balance on hand as of 12/31/25</b>	\$363,546.35
<b>Balance on hand as of 1/30/26</b>	\$351,785.61

**Old Business:**

- Reminders were posted in the December/January newsletters & weekly bulletins for those attending college to submit their scholarship application by 2/15/2026.
- Contacted Edward Jones to pay 5% of the 12/31/25 year-end balance to the Willie and Anna Meints general fund for distribution to eligible college scholarship applicants. Total withdrawn was \$18,278.85.

**New Business:**

- Committee met on 2/19/26 to review college applications & distribute funds to applicants who met the scholarship qualifications. A total of 18 applicants were paid \$985 each. Checks were mailed on 2/21/26 with a letter reminding students to commune at least 1 time per year (must complete a communion card), asking them to cash their checks within 30 days of receipt and reminding them to write a thank you note to Willie & Anna Meint’s daughter.

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

**YOUTH:**



**GRACE CIRCLE:**

Grace Circle met on Febr. 11 at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Elnora Lenners led us in the opening hymn, prayer, and Bible study titled "Money, stewardship and generosity. Business meeting opened with reading of minutes, treasures report and roll call. We had 8 members present. Offering was taken. A 50-cent fine was paid to action fund if we were enjoying the beautiful weather. Chairperson Dorothy Trauernicht informed everyone of a Quilt of Valor event coming on June 14th in celebration of our nations' 250th anniversary. We were also reminded of the Spring Gathering on March 14th at Falls City.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Our Sympathy** – to the Meints family on the passing of Mildred Meints. Funeral services were held at Zion on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep all of the Meints family in your prayers.

**Our Sympathy** – to the family of Betty Daubendiek. Betty's funeral was held at Zion on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep all of Betty's family you in your prayers.

**OFFERINGS FOR MARCH** – March 29<sup>th</sup> the fifth Sunday offering has been designated to the Benevolence Fund.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES TO START** - 5th Graders, mark your calendar for a new chapter in your journey of faith and worship with the lord, First Communion.

Sandy Meints will teach First Communion instruction during Lent prior to Wednesday evening services. These classes will lead to your First Communion during Maundy Thursday evening services on Thursday, April 2nd. The 5 week session will begin on Wednesday, March 4th from 6:00 - 7:00pm. The last session will be on Wednesday, April 1st.

The Parish Ed Committee highly encourages each child to be accompanied by a parent or family member. Student attendance is required in order to Commune with the class on Maundy Thursday. If you have any conflicts, please contact a Parish Ed member in advance.

**THANK YOU** - The Meints family would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all the wonderful prayers, messages, food, flowers and plants during the loss of our mother! We especially want to thank Pastor Renae for her visits to mother and the wonderful service. The music added a special touch, so thank you Shirley for playing the organ. Also thank you to the Zion Ladies group for the delicious lunch served. We all feel so blessed to be a part of the Zion Church family!

**CONGRATULATIONS** – Congratulations to Adam and Morgan (Lenners) Frerichs on the birth of their baby boy, Owen James Frerichs, on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are James & Kelly Lenners and Brad & Susan Frerichs.

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations to Dan & Breanna (Trauernicht) Pennisi on the birth of their baby boy, Callum Daniel Pennisi on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are Kevin and Pam Trauernicht and Great Grandmother is Dorothy Trauernicht.

**SPRING & SUMMER CAMPS** – There are several options for Spring and Summer camp for our youth. If interested, you can find more information now displayed on the Welcome Center.

# Galentine's Party Fun!



**BULLETIN SPONSORS:**

**February 1st:** Pastor Renae Koehler in memory of her father, Bill Koehler

**February 8th:** Family of Irene Busboom in honor of Irene's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and in memory of Thees birthday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.

**February 15th:** Betty Schoen and Devonna Primivera in remembrance of their parents Elmer and Leona Trauernicht. Elmer would have been 101 years old today (2-15) and Leona would have been 97 this month (2-25). They were both life-long members of Zion.

**February 22nd:** Patty Thomas and Doyle Scott in memory of Heather Currie's birthday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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!*


**SNOW BRIGADE:**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Luke Ideus (Captain),** Gary Gronewold (Tractor), Stan Lenners (Tractor), Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman

**March 9<sup>th</sup> - Mike Busboom (Captain),** Dean Zimmerman (Tractor), Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr

**March 16<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Wiese (Captain),** Les Lieneman (Tractor), David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Kyle Schlake (Captain),** Eric Parde (Tractor), Chris Fossler, Steve Oltman, Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Taiten Harms

**March 30<sup>th</sup> - Josh Gronewold (Captain),** Alan Wiese (Tractor), AJ Wiese, Kenny Newman, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeyer, Brian Garton



## WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

### March 1 - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek  
 Acolytes: Tavin Lieneman  
                   Alexis Folkerts  
 Lector: Katelyn Bohlmeyer  
 Greeters: Paul & Cindy Jurgens  
                   Les & Mert Rademacher  
 Special Music: Quartet

### March 8th - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
 Organist: Shirley Gronewold  
 Acolytes: Nolan Buhr  
                   Sadie Gronewold  
 Lector: Gary Gronewold  
 Greeters: Kyle & Michele Kolm  
                   Gary & Brenda Gronewold  
 Special Music: Men's Choir  
                   Kids of the Kingdom

### March 15 - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
 Piano: Janelle Ideus  
 Guitar: Deric Bloom  
 Acolytes: Micah Hofstetter  
                   Hunter Grone  
 Lector: Amy Wallman  
 Greeters: Kim & Connie Thornburg  
                   Darvin & LaDonna DeBuhr  
 Special Music:

### March 22 - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek  
 Acolytes: Cash Harwood  
                   Millie Garton  
 Lector: Linda Blackwell  
 Greeters: Hunter & Linda Blackwell  
                   Irene Busboom  
 Special Music: Men's Choir  
                   Endless Hallelujah

### March 29 - 10:00am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
 Organist: Alnora Daubendiek  
 Acolytes: Cash Harwood  
                   Millie Garton  
 Lector: Kelly Lenner  
 Greeters: James & Kelly Lenner  
                   Donny & Elnora Lenner  
 Special Music: Amigos  
                   Kids of the Kingdom

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

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



## March

1 Hudson Schlake  
Aiden Schlake

2 Alexis Holland

4 Mallory Sekutera

5 Renae Mason

6 Todd Carstens  
Kaitlyn Otto  
Kylee Schoen

7 Millie Dyer

8 Andy Lane  
Jennifer Mahler  
Sadie Meyer

11 Courtney Daubendiek  
Randy Oltman

12 Josh Gronewold  
Janelle Ideus  
Nick Meints  
Neil Smith  
Steve Zulauf  
Weylan Gronewold  
Rigby Daubendiek

14 Jess Ideus

15 Hudson Fikar  
Rylee Glynn  
Tayler Glynn  
Gage Smith

16 Dana Buhr  
Nora Glynn  
Gilbert Wolken

17 Catie Reed  
Patty Schoen  
Taiten Harms

18 Misty Oltman

19 Brenda Gronewold

20 Kole Jurgens  
Silas Frerichs  
Austin Karlin  
Josh Nelson  
Annette Wiese

21 Becky Boyer  
Easton Rademacher  
Marcella Rademacher  
Karlee Riha

22 Jeff Busboom  
Carter Niles  
Barrett Dean Buss  
Baylor Bloom

23 Ivy Bloom  
Amber Lovitt  
Hannah Lueders  
Robbie Hall

24 Eddie Dorn  
Roxanne Dorn

25 Reece Gronewold

26 Sandy Meints

27 Laurie Leners  
Jeff Wiese  
McKenzie Behrendt

28 Kyson Kolm

29 Paul Busboom  
Jenna Fehringer  
Britan Meints

31 Nathen Archer  
Hunter Grone  
Conner Jensen  
Caylee Lueders



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:45am Sunday School 9am BKF Club/Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion/Quartet	<b>2</b>  Men's Choir Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  6pm - 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class 7pm Lenten Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:45 am SS 9 am BKF Club/Endless Hallelujah practice 10am Worship/Men's Choir/Kids of the Kingdom	<b>9</b> 9-3 Blanket Sewing  Men's Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 9-3 Blanket Sewing  7pm - Committee meetings 7:30 - Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 1:30pm Grace Circle  6pm - 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class 7pm Lenten Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  WELCA Spring Gathering in Falls City
<b>15</b> 8:45am Sunday School 9am BKF Club/Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion	<b>16</b> 9-3 Blanket Sewing	<b>17</b> 9-3 Blanket Sewing	<b>18</b>  6pm - 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class 7pm Lenten Service	<b>19</b> Ladies Aide	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:45 am SS 9 am BKF Club/Endless Hallelujah practice 10am Worship/Men's Choir/Endless Hallelujah	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  6pm - 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class 7pm Lenten Service	<b>26</b> Ladies Aide  <b>Newsletter Printing Day!!!</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:45 am SS 9 am BKF Club 10am Worship/All Kids Sing	<b>30</b>  Men's Choir Practice	<b>31</b>				

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Sunday Worship – 10:00am  
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FACEBOOK PAGE "ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH -  
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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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