



From the Pastor's Cup...

May 2024

**In his heart a man plans his course,
but the LORD determines his steps.** Proverbs 16:9

Dear Church Family,

Sometimes life and the Lord, have a way of changing what or how or where we do things. Take for example a garden. A large garden requires soil preparation, fencing to keep out rascally varmints, weeding when Preen is not working, and lots of physical labor in the hot sun. The older you get, the more you seek a simpler way!

That simpler way often comes out of necessity, which is often the mother of invention (or intervention in our case). It was time to try patio gardening with elevated raised beds along with milk crates for tomato and green pepper container gardening. This patio gardening checks all the boxes for us. No more do we have to manhandle the rototiller or mower, No more do we have to weed with a hoe or pull hose and position the sprinkler just so to cover most of the garden (sometimes letting the water run longer than it should). No longer do we have to lug the vegetables and produce from the garden to the house (especially when the zucchini grew faster than we could eat).

There are many lessons that we have to learn and often it takes a lifetime to pass the different tests the Lord sets for each one of us. We may think we are working our plan, but we need the grace of God and the blessing of God to make it happen. So, we need to be ready to follow the steps the Lord has determined for us. This often means we **change** the course we have plotted in life, and **change** can be a word we don't like to hear or deal with.

Change is what we celebrate during the season of Easter. What difference does the resurrection make in our lives? For the earliest believers, the **change** was profound. Just read the entire book of Acts to learn how the early believers lived in community and how they embraced life in Christ.

Today is a day to name and celebrate the power of the resurrection in our lives. The church is an Easter community shaped by the good news of Jesus' resurrection!

Sincerely Pr. Jer

9 am SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN MAY 2024

LUTHERAN BASICS: The Bible – For those new to the Lutheran faith, this could be very beneficial in expanding your knowledge and understanding. For those who are already in the fold, this might be the refresher you need. We will meet in the fellowship hall each Sunday in May at 9 am.

Sunday, May 5th – Introduction to the Old Testament

Sunday, May 12th – Introduction to the New Testament

Sunday, May 19th – Introducing Jesus of Nazareth

Sunday, May 25th – The Life of Paul and the Women of the Early Church

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes April 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Cindy Parde

Members present: Cindy Parde, DeAnn Oltman, Neal Meints, Kenny Reed, Jason Wallman, Paul Jurgens, Kevin Buhr, Carrye Meints

Absent: Kristi Dorn

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 4-10-2024 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from March 14, 2024, meeting.

Upcoming Baptisms:

- **5-5-2024** - Silas Bradley Frerichs (Isaac & Riley Frerichs)

Upcoming Weddings:

- **7/27/2024** – Emily Lenners & Brendan Lipovsky
- **11/2/2024** – Maggie Parde & Cole Baumgartner
- **2/8/2025** - Cole Jurgens & Jenilee Wright
- **10/4/2025** - Shelby Baehr & Anthony Hernandez

Upcoming Events:

- Freeman Baccalaureate at Zion Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday June 23, 2024, Rev. Dennis Rock from Lincoln will be filling in for Pastor Jer.
- Sunday September 29, 2024, Mission Sunday, NLOM/ Camp Carol Joy Holling Executive Director Jason Gerdes here.

February's Mileage: 835 miles

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- **Anniversary Committee Update** - Mert Rademacher gave a report from the anniversary committee. The Heritage Room is still being finished but making progress. The next focus will be on the years 1924-1974 for the July celebration.
- **Committee Volunteers for Fellowship Hall Decorations** - There hasn't been any response, so there will be another announcement made in the bulletins and newsletter.
- **Zion's Funeral & Wedding Policies** - After reviewing the policy and spreadsheet again the council voted to make some changes. Member funerals and weddings will increase by \$25.00. So, the fee is \$375.00. Non-member funerals and weddings will increase by \$250.00. The fee for the non-members will be \$1200.00.
- **Council Coverage Duties** - James Meints has agreed to help out during this year.

Discerning God's Will – New Business

- **Faith Projects Presentation** - April 21, 2024, some council members will be listening to the presentations from the confirmation students.
- **Upcoming Special Dates/Recognition** - Administrative Assistants' Day, Mother's Day, Graduate Recognition, Freeman Baccalaureate at Zion.
- **Review Zion's Church Constitution** - Chapters 5 & 6 were reviewed. In May we will be reviewing Chapters 7 & 8. As soon as we finish with the Constitution, we will be going over the Bylaws. These were last approved in 2009.

Ministry Team Report as of April 10, 2024

- Financial-General Fund Balance on hand 3/1/2024 - \$161,106.66
- Income - \$31,860.81
- Balance on hand – 3/31/2024 - \$157,122.05

- Sinking Fund - \$56,666.64

- Seminary Fund - \$57,311.55

- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$2,862.84
- Open Savings - \$22,561.81

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

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2024 (Due to Baccalaureate on May 8th)

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.

HOSPITALITY: Did not meet

Will have fellowship on April 21st and May 12th.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE – Did not meet.

PARISH ED: 4/7/24 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Allison Lane, Nicole Behrends, Lanette Nelson, Alyssa Lieneman & Jay Bartlett

Members Absent: Courtney Schlake

- Balance as of 4/7/24
 - o \$2,310.57
- Expenses
 - o None
- Old Business
 - o Nicole has started the 24-25 Sunday School handbook
 - o Parish Ed is looking for a new 3rd grade teacher
 - o VBS signup was posted on Facebook on 4/1
 - Preschool will be all four days this year due to willing volunteers
 - We are thankful for all of our volunteers
 - o Need to start asking business for donations
 - Courtney mentioned Wal-Mart
 - o Survey to get feedback on Sunday School Curriculum
 - o New music option- Discover Worship- Council to discuss
- New Business
 - o Thrivent grants for VBS will be written by Mary Lenner & Lindsey Remmers (food, crafts)
 - o Survey sent out regarding curriculum and last day of Sunday School on 4/7
 - o Discover Worship Music option will be purchased by the Parish Ed each year and will be done in August
 - o Will pass around VBS donation sheet during church end of April/beginning of May
 - o **Reminder to sign up for VBS – Deadline is 5/11**
 - May 28-31 8:30-11:30am
 - Program & Picnic 6/2 @ 10am

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT – Kevin Buhr, Neal Meints, Kenny Reed, Connor Mason

Secretary's minutes – approved as read

Balance on Hand – not available

- Old Business-**
1. Water Fountain (fellowship hall) Lammel Plumbing ordered parts and will have working next week.
 2. Church doors, Doug Alberts will start in mid to late April
 3. Fellowship doors. Ordered and we will need to find an installer.
 4. HVAC is done
- New Business**
- 1. Need to look at push mower used at parsonage. Blade not engaging.
 2. Replace floor mats in entryway of Parish Hall
 3. HVAC in schoolhouse

Park Board – Kenny Reed, Greg Robinson, Paul Jurgens, Jerod Ideus, Terry Oltman

Treasurer's Report – 4/10/24	Balance checking	\$ 8,155.26
	Balance Savings	\$ 4,209.81
	Balance on Hand	\$12,365.17

New Business:

1. Tony Busboom, Wade Thornburg will move in the last of the dirt for land scaping for the baird sod.
2. Paul has the turf for new bull pens
3. Annette and DeAnn Oltman clean out concessions stand need to move grills out and clean them out.
4. July 20th reconnection at Fuller Park (doing multiple events at the park). (Games, pie contest, water games w/fire trucks. Fireworks. Pastors versus Mosaic? Church versus Church?

Publicity: Did not meet

STEWARDSHIP: Did not meet

WILLIE & ANNA MEINT'S ENDOWMENT: Did not meet.

WORSHIP & MUSIC- Shirley Gronewold, Alnora Daubendiek, Carrye Meints
Picked out hymns through June 9th.

YOUTH – Did not meet.

GRACE CIRCLE NEWS

Grace Circle met at 1:30 pm on April 12, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions opened with singing “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” and prayer. Stephanie Wallman led us in an interesting lesson “Food,” (what the Bible says about food.)

The business meeting opened with reading of the minutes of last meeting, roll call, and treasurers’ report. Nine members answered roll call. Treasury has a balance of \$42.00. An offering of \$37.00 was taken. A fine of .25 was taken if we had complained about the wind.

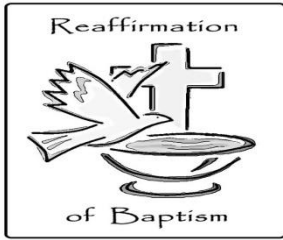
It was decided to have our May meeting with a lesson on May 8, regular time and place. Date for our social outing at the SE NE Cancer Garden will be determined later.

Elnora Lenners gave a report on the Spring Gathering that was held at Syracuse.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

Sec. Mickey Larkins

YOUTH NEWS



Confirmation Class of 2024

April 28, 2024

Bella Burr

Parents: Paige Harwood

Sponsors: Sloane Cornelius, Christina Burr

Confirmation Verse: 1st Corinthians 10:31

“Whatever you do, do it all for the Glory of God.”

Avery Busboom

Parents: Tony & Monica Busboom

Sponsors: Joel and Penny Bowers

Confirmation Verse: Peter 4:8

Above all, Love each other deeply.

Logan Busboom

Parents: Jeff & Jennifer Busboom

Sponsors: Kathy Haake, Mary Hadorn, Justin Busboom

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 28:20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you and remember I am with you always to the end of the age.

Henry Garton

Parents: Brian & Samantha Garton

Sponsors: Angie Klingenberg and Jordan Freeman

Confirmation Verse: 2 Timothy 3:14“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it.”

Harley Grone

Parents: Heath & Angie Grone

Sponsors: Brandon & Nikki Oltman

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 37:4

“Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.”

Paxton Parde

Parents: Norman Parde Jr. & Julie Manfelt

Sponsors: Kaylyn Escher, Maggie Parde

Confirmation Verse: Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint.

McCoy Peters

Parents: Matt & Stacey Peters

Sponsors: Scott Swanson, Ben & Abbie Ferguson

Confirmation Verse: Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint,

James Scholl

Parents: Ron & Crystal Scholl

Sponsors: Robert Wallman, Amy Wallman

Confirmation Verse: Revelations 2:10

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of Life.”

Jayden Wiese

Parents: Ryan & Iris Wiese

Sponsors: Josh & Linsey Gronewold, Garrett & Cara White

Confirmation Verse: 1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Freeman Baccalaureate

Freeman Baccalaureate will be at Zion on Wednesday, May 8thth at 7 pm. Guest speaker will be Teri Nieveen.

Sunday, May 5th is the last Day to sign-up for the summer youth trip to Colorado. Please contact Hannah Hrenchir with any questions at 402-802-5035.

Attention all Graduates: May 19th will be Graduate Recognition Sunday.

If you graduated last December or are graduating this spring or summer from High School or College. **Please let the church office know your future plans no later than Thursday, May 16th**, so I can have the information in the Sunday, May 19th bulletin.



Reminder to sign up for VBS – Deadline is 5/11

Preschool will be all four days this year due to willing volunteers

We are thankful for all of our volunteers

May 28-31 8:30-11:30am

Program & Picnic 6/2 @ 10am

Volunteer Opportunity

Parish Ed is in need of a few more teachers for the next Sunday School year

beginning in September. If you have been wanting to get involved or volunteer your hour while you wait for your child/children during Sunday School, this is your time to shine! If you have a buddy this would be a great opportunity to do things together and split responsibilities and not feel the pressure of needing to be available every single week! It works great when you have a partner in teaching so you can work together to switch every other week, every other month, only fill in when the other is gone and have a primary person teach, etc. Whatever works best for you and your partner would be fine. Or you can volunteer solo too! **We need volunteers to keep our youth**

program thriving! Don't wait, contact a Parish Ed member today if you're interested!



Thank you's received!

Congratulations Zion!

The goal of 150 items for birthday kits was easily surpassed & almost doubled! 295 items were delivered this past week to the Community Food Pantry & Mother to Mother Ministry! In addition, another \$250 worth of highly needed items were donated to the pantry using Thrivent Funds using a grant written by Mickey Larkins!

God Bless all who contributed!

Our next Food Pantry Drive will be collecting popular foods invented during 1924-1974 which coordinates with Zion's next celebration. Stay tuned for future details!

The family of Thees Busboom would like to extend our gratitude for all the acts of kindness we received following his passing. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, memories shared, have been a blessing at this time of loss. Thank you to those that coordinated the luncheon, set up tables, served and provided food, it was all very much appreciated. Pastor Jer, we are grateful for your visits to Thees over the last few years, his church was dear to his heart, and you kept him connected and we thank you for that, also our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful service honoring, Thees's life and providing comfort and encouragement.

Irene, John & Marcia Mike & Doreen, Laurie & Greg, Paul & Jenny and families

Dear members of Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for letting me come and give a short update about my ministry with the Navigators to you all. It was encouraging to see many of you and get up and share and the encouraging responses I received from you so thank you! The Lord really strengthened and encouraged my heart through it!

Thank you also for your generous offering donation! I fundraise for all of my salary, benefits, and ministry expenses so it was a huge blessing to me!

"3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

Laboring with you,
Cassie Thornburg

Thank you, Zion and Church Council, for the fun looking plant for Administrative Assistant Day. Karen

Thank you Zion Lutheran,

A heartfelt thank you for your donation on sponsoring to Day One Ministries.

Your continued support helps to keep this program going.

We have noted 2 Sundays of your donations to be on Anniversary Sundays – July 21st and October 27th.

Bless your generosity!

Pat Jobman

Summer Bible Study Opportunity

“Made to Crave”satisfying your deepest desire with God, not food! Author is Lysa Terkeurst

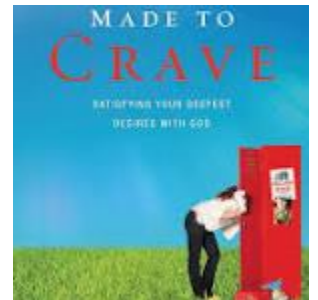
Read (book)

Watch (video)

Walk (optional)

6 weeks of sessions Begins May 21st at 6:30 am (Yes, you read that right! 6:30 am!!)

Contact Connie Thornburg if interested!



The Council is looking for volunteers

Are you interested in helping with changing out the displays in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas and Lent/Easter? The Church Council is still looking for a few more volunteers to help change out these decorations. If you are interested please reach out to any council member.



150th Anniversary committee now accepting donations for our next Silent Auction to be held June 2nd - July 21st! Contact anyone on the committee if you have questions or are interested in donating!

May's Baptism

We will welcome our newest member in Christ on Sunday, May 5th, Silas Bradley Frerichs, son of Isaac and Riley Frerichs. Born on March 20, 2024. Sponsors for Silas will be Addison Dorn, Adam & Morgan Frerichs. Grandparents are Greg and Kristi Dorn and Brad and Susan Frerichs. Please keep Sias and Isaac and Riley and the whole family in your prayers!

Card Shower for Evelyn Meints – Evelyn's 90th birthday is May 27th. Let's shower her with cards! Her address is:



**Homestead House
2300 Lincoln Street
Room 25
Beatrice, NE 68310**

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.

Bulletin's sponsored in April:

For the week of April 7th: Larry & Macy Gronewold, Patty, Brittnay & Jeremy Thomas in Memory of Lawrence Gronewold their father & grandfather. Lawrence's birthday was April 11th, he would have been 86. Happy heavenly birthday!

For the week of April 14th: Dennis & Rhonda Fossler and Rosie Fossler in Honor of Ernie Zimmerman (their father). Ernie had a birthday on April 9th – happy 95th birthday Ernie!

For the week of April 21st: Larry & Macy Gronewold, Patty, Brittnay & Jeremy Thomas in Memory of George & Eleanor Wolken (their Grandparents). Their Anniversary was April 19th.

For the week of April 28th: Duane & Marsha Zulauf in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary that is on the 29th of April.



The LWR Blanket Sewers have been busy since last September! We have completed 89 quilts and have 13 quilts left over from last year for a total of 102 quilts. Most of us will be taking the summer off.

Mildred Fossler continues to make quilt tops through the summer. Lois Meints has plans to tie the remainder of the quilts this summer.

Thank you to all the ladies that have helped cut up the fabric, assemble, sew, tie, and that have come for fellowship. **We are always looking for more helpers.** This is a great group of ladies! We will start back up in September to assemble more quilts to be distributed this Fall.



Confirmation Class of 1974: **Top Row** – Pastor Grant, Terry Weise, Dale Robinson, Randy Oltman, Keith Jurgens, Doreen (Parde) Remmers, Angela (Oltman) Klasek. **Middle Row**- Kim (Buhr) Folkerts, Jeanette (Buhr) Dorn, Wayne Schuster, Duane Schuster, Dennis Fossler, Michael Busboom. **Bottom Row**- Glenda (Parde) Knoche, Annette (Jurgens) Wiese, Burdette Schoen, Barbara (Trauernicht) James, Cheryl (Meints) Folkerts.

May 2024

			1	2	3	4 Parish Hall reserved/Gronewold
5 50th Confirmation Sunday Parish Hall reserved 8:45 SS 9:00 Adult SS & BKF Club 10 Worship/Comm /baptism/last Sunday to sign-up for summer youth trip	6	7 7 pm Committees 7:30 Council	8 1:30 pm Grace Circle 7 pm Freeman Baccalaureate @ Zion	9	10	11 Deadline for signing up for VBS
12 Mother's Day 8:45 The Last SS 9:00 Adult SS / NO BKF Club 10 Worship/Kids of the Kingdom/Amigos/Coffee Fellowship	13	14	15 6 pm Endless Hallelujah practice 7-9 pm Adams Blue Bloods 14U vs Bennett White	16 **Graduation info deadline for bulletin** Ladies Aid	17	18
19 Graduation Recognition Sunday 9:00 Adult SS 10 Worship/Endless Hallelujah/Communion	20 7-9 pm Adams 14 U Blue vs Pleasant Dale	21 6:30 am Bible Study "Made to Crave"	22 7-9 pm Adams 14 U vs ??	23 ***Newsletter Print day *** Ladies Aid	24 Pastor & Karen gone afternoon and evening	25 Pastor & Karen gone for the day for a family wedding.
26 9:00 am Adult SS 10 Worship 2 pm Memorial Service at the Cemetery	27 Memorial Day Card Shower for Evelyn Meints	28 6:30 am Bible Study "Made to Crave" 8:30-11:30 VBS	29 8:30-11:30 VBS 7-9 pm Adams Blue Bloods vs Shelby Rising City	30 8:30-11:30 VBS	31 8:30-11:30 VBS Pastor & Karen to NE Synod Assembly	1 NE Synod Assembly Kearney - Saturday-Sunday

YOUR VOCATION FOR THE MONTH

What you do for God!

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

May 5

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes: Avery Busboom
Presleigh Borgman
Lector: Kelly Lenners
Greeters: Council
Special Music:
Breakfast Club: Greg Robinson
Special Guests: Confirmation
Class of 1974

May 12

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Logan Busboom
Max Cornelius
Lector: Brian Garton
Greeters: Alex & Beth Buhr
Brian & Sammie Garton
Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom
Amigos

**May Table Troop: John Gronewold
(Leader)**

Paul & Shellie Remmers, Les & Mert
Rademacher, Robert & Linda Ideus,
Don Schuster.

May 19

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Keyboard: Janelle Ideus
Guitar: Deric Bloom
Acolytes: Konnor Kolm
Brogan Ideus
Lector: Amy Wallman
Greeters: Robert & Linda Ideus
James & Kelly Lenners
Special Music: Endless Hallelujah

May 26

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Harley Grone
Konnor Kolm
Lector: Connie Thornburg
Greeters: Kyle & Michelle Kolm
Wes & Sandy Meints

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

**Last Scheduled for this winter!!!!
Snow Brigade**

**The week of May 6th: Matt Meints **
Captain, Les Lieneman – Tractor, David
Meints – Tractor, Gary Wiese, Andy
Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens,
Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese, Jason Lovitt**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Diane Andrew

Doug Dorn

4 Natalie Boyer

Trip Cornelius

Betty Daubendiek

Sandi Johnson

5 Jenny Busboom

Bob Freeman

Briar Zeman

Graham Schlake

6 Macy Holland

7 Arnold Baehr

Kody Jurgens

Emily Lenners

Maggie Parde

8 Annette Daubendiek

Jesse Gronewold

Jace Harms

Konnor Kolm

Stanley Lenners

Alyssa Lieneman

Rosanna Miller

Doreen Wallman

9 Art Schuster

Jason Wallman

10 Brooke Jensen

11 Sharon Schuster

14 Larry Johnson

Coral Harms

Terra Wiese

Brantley Glynn

15 Jace Behrends

16 Dion Parks

Amy Wallman

17 Diane Oltman

18 Lucas Archer

19 Kipton Lovitt

Lindsay Mierau

22 Bryleigh Ideus

Connie Thornburg

Amya Beach

23 Angela Jurgens

24 Nolan Buhr

Jocelyn Gronewold

Kenny Jurgens

Wayne Trauernicht

25 Jeff Riha

26 Brittany Podany

Jacob Scholl

Kenny Schuster

27 Evelyn Meints

Emily Gronewold

28 Chad Fikar

29 Russell Wallman

30 Doreen Ideus

McKendrick Sutter

31 Darwin Buss

Janice Parde