



From the Pastor's Cup...⁹

March 2024

Nebraska Synod Theme for March is: **Be Intentional**

Jesus is on the road to the cross and is prepared for what is to come. Too often during Lent, we find ourselves busy marching down the road with a 'to-do' list. The season of Lent calls to **be intentional**. This means showing up, being present, and diving in deep as disciples.

Questions to Consider:

- What is a Lenten or Easter tradition in your family?
- How can you **be intentional** in your preparation for Holy Week and Easter?
- How can you get unstuck and **GO** forward with **intention** as a follower of Jesus?

Dear Church Family,

***"March is a green muddy month down below.
Some folks like it. Farmers mostly."***

From the movie **Jeremiah Johnson**

These words about the month of March were spoken by the mountain man Bear Claw Chris Lapp, played by Will Geer, in response to Jeremiah Johnson's question about what month of the year it was. Jeremiah Johnson, played by Robert Redford, living so high up in the mountains, removed from civilization, was struggling to reconnect with the people far down below. Remember ***Zion is a place to believe, a place to belong, a place to become, and a place to reconnect!***

This year, March is more than green and muddy, but a big transition month for us as we celebrate both our 150th Anniversary as a church with Bishop Scott Johnson and second, we move from the season of Lent to Easter Sunday on March 31st with all the excitement and celebration on that day!

This means that in the month of March we will have ten worship services which is more than double any other month except December. More bread and wine distributed, more heat and light used, more coffee perked, and bulletins printed, and more people in and out of the church doors! I approach this month of March with excitement and adrenalin and end the month with exhaustion and in need of a rest.

Towards the end of the movie, Bear Claw Chris Lapp says to Jeremiah, 'You've come far pilgrim.' Jeremiah responds with, "Feels like far." To which Bear Claw says, "Were it worth the trouble?" With a pause, Jeremiah says, "Huh? What trouble?"

Maybe I will be in need of a mountaintop retreat?

Sincerely Pr. Jer

9 am SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN March 2024

What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey – It's one thing to talk about grace; it's another to taste its power. Through candid video interviews, Philip Yancey integrates true-life faces and experiences in ten powerful sessions that might just change popular preconceptions and bias.

3/3/2024 – The Church Backslides: How Legalism Corrupts Grace

3/10/2024 – Dispensing Grace: How Can We Do it

3/17/2024 – Counterforce: Grace Set Loose in the World

3/24/2024 – Grace Abuse: Cheapening Grace and Robbing Its Power

3/31/2024 – EASTER SUNDAY no Sunday school.

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH 2024

Reminder to start thinking about your Bible verse and My Faith Project for Confirmation Sunday on April 28, 2024. My Faith Project will be displayed on Sunday, April 21, 2024 in the fellowship hallway. My Faith Project is explained at the end of this booklet.

3/6/2024 6-6:45 p.m. – Sharing Your Faith – 3rd Wednesday in Lent 7th Grade w/council worship duties.

Bible Text: Acts 16:11-15; John 3:1-17; Matthew 28:16-19

Lesson Focus: Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations.

Big Question: I'm just a kid, so how can I help others follow Jesus?

Key Words: EVANGELISM, GOSPEL, THE GREAT COMMISSION

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Bella Buhr's family**

3/13/2024 6-6:45 p.m. – Stewardship of Creation – 4th Wednesday in Lent 8th Grade w/council worship duties.

Bible Text: Genesis 1:28-31; 3:17-20; Psalm 148; Romans 8:18-25; Revelation 5:11-14; 22:1-5

Lesson Focus: We are called to help take care of God's creation.

Big Question: With all the problems facing the environment, what can one person really do?

Key Words: CREATION, STEWARDSHIP, PRAISE

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Avery Busboom's family**

3/20/2024 6-6:45 p.m. – Stewardship of Money – 5th Wednesday in Lent 7th Grade w/council worship duties.

Bible Text: Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 11:37-42; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Lesson Focus: Christians give in obedience and in gratitude.

Big Question: How do Christians use money?

Key Words: STEWARDSHIP, LAW, GOSPEL, FIRST FRUITS, TITHES

- **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Logan Busboom's family**

7th & 8th Grade Spring Service Project

Saturday March 23rd at 9:00 am – Spring cleanup at Church - inside and outside of Zion Church. 7th & 8th graders and parents are expected to be there to help with the spring cleanup.

3/27/2024 - HOLY WEEK BREAK: Pastor is with First Communion Class in preparation for First Communion on Maundy Thursday 3/28/2024. Those who acolyte on Palm Sunday are the acolytes for Maundy Thursday. Also, if you are behind in your 20 sermon notes, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are two more opportunities to add two more completed sermon notes to your total.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes - February 4, 2024

Called the meeting to order to vote on officers for 2024.

Members present: Cindy Parde, Neil Meints, Kristi Dorn, DeAnn Oltman, Kenny Reed, Paul Jurgens, Jason Wallman, Carrye Meints

Absent: Kevin Buhr

Names were presented for ballot to vote for President and Vice President.

Paul Jurgens volunteered for treasurer.

Ballots were handed out and voted. President - Cindy Parde Vice President - DeAnn Oltman.

Secretary - Carrye Meints and Treasurer - Paul Jurgens. Moved to accept these positions.

New Officers for 2024:

- President - Cindy Parde
- Vice President - DeAnn Oltman
- Secretary - Carrye Meints
- Treasurer - Paul Jurgens

President Cindy Parde adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Carrye Meints, Secretary

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 7, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Cindy Parde

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

Absent: None

Mert Rademaker gave an update on the anniversary celebration.

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 2-7-2024 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from January 10, 2024 meeting Annual Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025.

Upcoming Baptisms:

- Monroe Podany, Nicholas and Brittany Podany

Upcoming Weddings:

- **7/27/2024** – Emily Lenner & Brendan Lipovsky
- **11/2/2024** – Maggie Parde & Cole Baumgartner
- **2/8/2025** - Cole Jurgens & Jenilee Wright

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, September 29, 2024, Mission Sunday** - Executive Director Jason Gerdes from NLOM, Camp Carol Joy Holling will be here.

January's Mileage: 284 miles

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- **Doors** - Looking at samples to come up with the best color, so the church and fellowship hall are all close. Voted on having Doug Albers fix the church doors. He said he would not charge for labor, but we will pay for all of the materials. This will start after the windows are all finished.
- **Heating/AC Units** - Chris Mason received a discount and ordered the 2 units for upstairs. The rest of the units will be ordered when he gets the next discount. Noakes will be installing the units. We also have a service contract with Noakes to check everything twice a year, including the boilers. This fee is \$2,132.00 per year.
- **Non-member fee for Funerals**- We agreed to have a committee to look into how we should go about this and write up the guidelines. This committee is Kristi Dorn and Jason Wallman.
- **Window Project** - There were windows on the north and south side that we were going to keep the original storm window. We will be going with the new style so everything will match. This is an additional \$4,277.00. This is still under the amount that was given to this project.

Discerning God's Will – New Business

- **Zion's Guest Pastor Policy** - The new rate will be \$225.00 and mileage. We are following the ELCA guidelines.
- **Spring Cleanup** - Spring cleanup will be March 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. This will be indoor and outdoor.
- **Zion's Church Constitution** - The church's constitution was last revised in 2014. We will be taking a chapter at each meeting and reviewing and revising. Then present for approval.
- **Nativity Scene/Cross** - Council will be taking down the nativity scene in the Fellowship Hall and putting up the cross after church on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Ministry Team Report as of February 7, 2024

- Financial-General Fund Balance on hand 1/1/2024 - \$134,552.54
- Income - \$55,600.96
- Balance on hand – 1/31/2024 - \$149,398.21
- Sinking Fund - \$56,282.68
- Seminary Fund - \$42,251.11
- Thrivent Mutual Fund - \$2,862.84
- Open Savings - \$37,091.76

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

2024 Benevolence Donations

Community Food Pantry	\$500
Warren's Table	\$500
Day One Ministries	\$500
St Monica's	\$500
CASA	\$500
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$500 Beatrice
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$500 Freeman
NE Lutheran Outdoor Ministries	\$500
Special Olympics (Beatrice)	\$500
American Cancer Society	\$500
Hope Crisis Center	\$500
Mother to Mother Ministry	<u>\$500</u>
	\$ 6000

Fifth Sunday Offerings

March	Cassie Thornburg
June	Heating/AC
September	Endowment
December	Cemetery

Special Services

Sunrise Service	Cassie Thornburg
Sunrise Breakfast	Youth Mission Trip
Candlelight	
Christmas Eve	Backpack programs
Christmas Day	Backpack programs

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Devotions - 7:00

Committees – 7:05

Council – 7:30

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Carrye Meints, Secretary

Committee Reps for 2024

Benevolence & Memorial Treasurer: Jason Wallman

Property & Management: Kevin Buhr, Neal Meints, Kenny Reed

Parish Ed: Carrye Meints

Park Board: Paul Jurgens, Kenny Reed

Endowment: Kristi Dorn

Willie & Anna Meints Funds: DeAnn Oltman

Publicity: Kevin Buhr

Youth: Paul Jurgens

Worship: Carrye Meints

Hospitality: DeAnn Oltman

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Paul Remmers, Kristi Dorn, Larry Gronewold, Keith Parde, John Gronewold

Larry called meeting to order.

Read minutes – Larry approved, Kristi seconded.

Paul moved to approve the treasurer’s report, Larry seconded.

Larry moved to adjourn Keith Parde seconded.

Treasurer’s Report - 2/7/24 \$ 208,420.05
Windows 54,544.40

Old Business: Roll January CD to another 6 month at 5.05%

New Business: 1. Roll February CD to a new 6 month CD at 5.05%

Roll March CD to a new 6 month CD @ 5.0%

2. Larry Gronewold nominated Pres by Keith P, Kristi seconded

Paul Remmers nominated Treasurer by Larry, Keith P
Seconded

Denise Ideus nominated secretary by Larry G, Keith P
Seconded

3. Committee voted to approve to in getting treasure Paul on
signature card at First State Bank.

HOSPITALITY: Did not meet

Planning “Super Bowl” treats on 2/11/24 vs a Valentine Theme

Will have treats in March.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

PARISH ED PARISH ED: 2/7/24 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Allison Lane, Nicole Behrends, Lanette Nelson, & Courtney Schlake

Members Absent: Alyssa Lieneman & Jay Bartlett

- Balance as of 2/7/24
 - \$2,515.99
- Expenses
 - \$ 59.99 for VBS tin (\$309.99 - \$250 Thrivent Grant)
 - Pending shipping = \$198.47 will be next bill for VBS posters/backdrop
 - \$617.19 for Sunday School material
- Old Business
 - Kate ordered First Communion Books
 - Nicole ordered SCUBA VBS materials
 - New Parish Ed members are Courtney Schlake & Alyssa Lineman
- New Business
 - Lanette ordered Sunday School material for spring
 - We will ask teachers if they like current curriculum or would like to consider switching for the 2024-2025 year
 - Anniversary Committee needs help setting up on 3/10
 - Nursey can stay in their room and the 4th grade on stage still; all other classes will go over to school house (PreK-3rd grade)
 - Use older kids (5th-8th) in schoolhouse to help set up tables/chairs downstairs and upstairs in parish hall

- Coloring contest for kids will be hung up – start coloring 2/18 and finish on 2/25, hang up on 3/3 throughout parish hall for viewing
- Palm Branches for Palm Sunday
 - Steve Oltman has provided in the past; Allison will reach out to get them for 3/24 service.
- Elections for 2024
 - Chairman – Jay Bartlett
 - Secretary – Courtney Schlake
 - Treasurer – Allison Lane
 - Members – Nicole Behrends, Lanette Nelson, Alyssa Lieneman
- New council representative
 - Carrye Meints VBS Save the Date will be posted on Facebook in March
 - Online signup link will be available April 1st
 - VBS will be Tuesday 5/28-Friday 5/31
 - Be on the lookout for volunteer sign up towards the end of March/beginning of April

PARK BOARD: Did not meet

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Kenny Reed, Neal Meints, Deric Bloom, Jordan Busboom, Jason Wallman, Connor Mason

Old Business: 1. HVAC units are ordered, waiting on others for better price.

2. Got door samples for fellowship hall, deciding on color

New Business: 1. Discussed window project
 2. Fixed gutters on Fellowship Hall
 3. Company lined up to fix blue cross on east end of Church

PUBLICITY: Did not meet

STEWARDSHIP Did not meet

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT: DeAnn Oltman, Stee Oltman, Laura Fikar

Balance on Hand 12/31/23	\$ 326,183.33
Balance on Hand 1/26/2024	\$ 329,874.90

Old Business: College scholarship applications due 2/15/24

New Business: 1. Discussed advertising for church confirmation camp reimbursements.
 2. Will pay qualifying scholarship applicants prior to 02/29/24.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Shirley Gronewold, Alnora Daubendiek, Carrye Meints
 Picked Hymns

YOUTH Did not meet

2024 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERS

Pastor.....Rev. Jerry Gilbreath
 Parish Secretary.....Karen Gilbreath
 Bookkeeper.....Riley Frerichs
 Custodians.....Kristin Meyer, Les & Marcella Rademacher
 Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek
 Assistant Organist.....Shirley Gronewold
Choir Directors:
 Men's & Instrumentalists.....Alnora Daubendiek
 Quartet.....Shirley A. Gronewold
 Amigos De Cristo.....Samantha Garton
 Kids of the Kingdom..... Shirley A. Gronewold, Jordan Freeman, Angie Blecha
 Endless Hallelujah.....Janelle Ideus, Marcia Busboom, Deric Bloom

THE 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

Position - 3-year term	Name	Term Expires
President.....	Cindy Parde	2025
Vice-President.....	DeAnn Oltman	2026
Secretary.....	Carrye Meints	2026
General Treasurer.....	Paul Jurgens	2027
Benevolence Treasurer.....	Jason Wallman	2027
Council Member.....	Neal Meints	2025
Council Member.....	Kristi Dorn	2025
Council Member.....	Kenny Reed	2026
Council Member.....	Kevin Buhr	2027

NEBRASKA SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Either Male or Female: Marcia Busboom, Karen Gilbreath, Hannah Hrenchir

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Linda Blackwell, Annette Wiese, Brenda Gronewold, VeAnn Jurgens

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Jordan Freeman
 Mary Lenner
 Cindy Lieneman

TERM EXPIRES

2025
 2026
 2026

WELCA GENERAL MEETING

January 28, 2024
Fellowship Hall

Chairperson Marcia Busboom opened with a prayer and called the meeting to order.

Linda distributed the Secretary minutes from the September 13, 2023, General Meeting. The minutes were approved.

Susan Newman reviewed the Treasurers Report as of 12/31/23 with the group. The balance on hand WELCA General Fund was 1,615.50 and the Kitchen Fund was 4,999.76 for a Total General and Kitchen Fund balance of 6,615.26. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Mission Blanket Sewing dates are February 12, 13, and 26, 27 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Denise said the machines are working great and they invite anybody to come.

Kitchen/Funeral Luncheon. A special thank you was given to Elnora Lenner and Dorothy Trauernicht for their many years as Food Coordinators. Gayle Schuster has volunteered to step into that position and has also agreed to purchase items as needed for the kitchen. Linda Hooper will continue to oversee sending out the messages requesting help and food as well as Annette Wiese will do the phone calls to food and servers, if needed. Annette will also contact the Table Troop for that month. Karen Gilbreath is sending a letter to the funeral homes to let them know of the contact person change.

Volunteers – Linda Hooper mentioned passing the word to anyone who would like to be added to the Joy & Volunteer group text/message list. We'd love to have them added to our volunteer list. If they are interested, have them call, text or message Linda.

Baptismal Gifts – Denise Ideus said it is going great. She and Caroline Ideus have a good system set up of embroidering the baptismal napkins. Zion was blessed with many baptisms this past year.

Christmas Tree/Decorating - An executive decision had been made for Marcia to purchase some battery candles (approx. 75.00). She has the bill and will turn that into Susan Newman (Treasurer). Denise mentioned that we will want to go through the decorations boxes and take out any we no longer use or need fixing, etc.

Other/Summer Fellowship/Yearbook/Prayer Chain Update – Elnora Lenner and Linda Hooper will coordinate again this year when it comes time for Summer Fellowship.

Prayer Chain: Janet Harms will be the new captain of the phone list members as Betty Daubendiek wanted to be removed from this duty. Thank you, Betty, for the years that you helped as the captain. Connie Thornburg will still be the captain for the text message/email list – with Mary Lenner as back up for her. Thank you to both Connie and Mary as well.

Proposed WELCA 2024 Budget: Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024 proposed WELCA Budget of \$760.00

Spring Gathering 2024 will be held April 6th at Syracuse, Nebraska. Registrations Forms were on the table for those wanting to attend. The deadline to turn in forms is March 27th. Marcia stated that once we hear what the Tangible Offerings are, she will let us know, we also may be able to do a Thrivent Grant.

Purchase Shelving – Proposal. Denise Ideus checked into the cost of purchasing some metal shelving that can be placed in the furnace room for Funeral Decorations, etc. A motion was made, voted, and approved to purchase if needed up to \$500.00 for the purchase of these metal cabinets. Also discussed that it would be nice to purchase a cart to move boxes,

etc. Connie mentioned there may be a possibility of obtaining a Thrivent Grant as well.

March 10th Anniversary Meal – Connie stated that there will be a Catered/Potluck Meal by Dennis and Doreen Remmers. They provide meat, potatoes, and vegetables. She asked if our group would be able to help with providing salads/desserts and volunteers to help with this meal. We will be looking for volunteers to help serve, set up and clean up. Once we know approximately how many people will be attending this meal, Linda and Connie will coordinate the Potluck food, and Volunteers needed.

Lorene Wallman mentioned it would be nice, since it's Zions 150th Anniversary this year, that we look into some new Altar pieces and cloths. Marcia is checking with Caroline Ideus and options with contributions from Memorial and Endowment committees.

Zions Women's Anniversary Event – Yesterday's Lady – Sue McLain "A Century of Fashion Program".

Connie visited with Sue and Sue thought it may be better to hold this event in the Fall sometime. Motion was made and approved to have the Spring Event held as a Fall Event 2024 and we would pay \$75.00 to Sue McLain, Yesterday's Lady. Connie will let us know what we need as the time gets closer. It was mentioned this would be nice to invite lots of people from other churches. Also discussed was having items from congregational members bring history items such as Wedding Gowns of the past, etc.

May Meeting – Marcia opened to the group if anyone had any ideas of what we would like to do. Some suggestions were the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial at Humboldt, Nebraska, or the Convent House at Steinauer, Nebraska. Marcia will check the calendar with these places and will get back with the group.

An offering of \$91.00 was taken and the next General Meeting with Bible Study will be held September 11th.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Hooper, Secretary

Grace Circle News

Grace Circle met on Wed. Feb. 14th, 2024, at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Roxanne Dorn led us in our opening hymn "God of the Sparrow," prayer and Bible study on creatures.

Chairperson Elnora Lenners opened the meeting. Roll showed 10 members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved and treasurers' report was given. Treasury has a balance of \$5.00. Offering of \$51.00 was taken. Anora Schoen will be put on our inactive member list.

Alnora Daubendiek volunteered to replace Betty Daubendiek as Action/Growth Chairperson.

Thank You cards were read from Pastor and Karen and Randy Oltman for their Christmas gifts.

Members gave 25 cents to the card fund if we had not complained about the beautiful weather. We signed a birthday card for pastor and a welcome home card for Jon Gronewold. (serviceman)

Elnora passed out a signup sheet for a salad or dessert for the Mar. 10th Anniversary Celebration. She also passed out the minutes from the Jan. 28th General meeting. She reminded us of the Spring Gathering to be held in Syracuse on Apr. 6th.

She announced that Stephanie Wallman has volunteered to do the Bible Study for our meetings, unless we prefer to do it ourselves. Discussion about ordering Gather Magazine was tabled until next month.

No further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sec. Mickey Larkins

WELCA Spring Gathering – SE Conference at Syracuse Luther Memorial Church

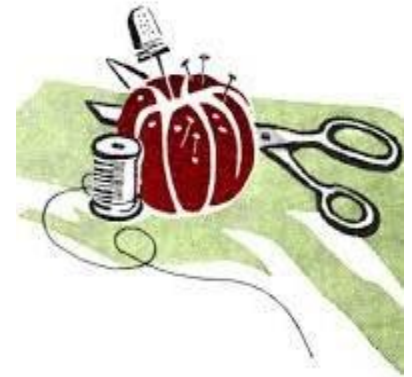
Saturday – April 6th

Operation Stand Down – collecting items for homeless veterans. The tangible items (new or gently used – adult sizes Medium – 2XL) they are collecting this year are: heavy coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, gloves, stocking caps, new heavy socks, scarves, sleeping bags, backpacks, shoes/boots, Carhart clothing, hunting clothing, camo vest/jackets. Anything that would keep veteran's warm outside in the winter.

LWR Sewing Days for March

We are always looking for people to help with our blanket sewing days! No experience needed! We have all jobs available – making coffee, ironing, matching fabrics, preparing the blanket tops, sewing the blanket binding, tying the blankets – or just come and enjoy the fellowship of this group! Come and enjoy an hour – a few hours - the whole day (bring your lunch) – or both days with us in the Parish Hall basement.

March sewing days will be March 11th and 12th and March 18th and 19th. From 9am – 3 pm.



Questions contact- Denise Schlake-Ideus 402-806-2236 or
Karen Gilbreath 402-661-9362.

Thank you received!

Dear Zion

Blue Valley Community Action Partners appreciates your donation of \$1,757.00 to our Gage County Family & Community Services Center Wish List. It certainly helped to make someone's holiday much brighter.

Thank you for "Helping People and Changing Lives!"

Sincerely,
Heather Lytle
Administrative Director



Thank you to all who donated to the tree of warmth through the Christmas holiday.

With the help of a \$250.00 Thrivent grant items collected were gloves, hats, scarves, socks, coats, pajamas, and several fleece tops. Items were boxed by the Parish Ed and taken to the coat closet/ First Christian Church in Jan.

Thanks again to all who donated, you are a Blessing to those who are less fortunate in our community.

Elnora Lenner

A Note from Pat Jobman

I have Zion down for Day One sponsoring on KWBE for Sunday, March 10th. I will recognize your church celebration in the announcement that morning. **Thanks for your Day One support.**

I do worry about getting sponsors and couldn't do without churches like Zion and their members support to keep it going.



Easter Lillie sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center


Please place your name and in memory or in honor of on the sheet. It will be posted in the April Newsletter and the bulletins on Easter Sunday. Please don't plan to deliver until the week of Easter if at all possible.

Youth News/ Sunday School News

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 2024 Perfect Attendance

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Little Angels</u> Dorothy Freeman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Grade</u> Beau Gronewold Connor Jensen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fourth Grade</u> Austin Folkerts Devyn Gronewold</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pre-K</u> Jaxson Lane Ace Bartlett Kade Wiese Marlowe Sutter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Grade</u> Mac Sutter Aubrey Wiese Brooks Coffin Emma Lane</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fifth Grade</u> -</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kindergarten</u> Claire Freeman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Third Grade</u> -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sixth Grade</u> Millie Garton</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seventh Grade</u> -</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eighth Grade</u> James Scholl Henry Garton</p>



7th & 8th Grade Spring Service Project

Saturday March 23rd at 9:00 am – Spring cleanup at Church - inside and outside of Zion Church. 7th & 8th graders and parents are expected to be there to help with the spring cleanup. Always a time fun to see the kids polish the floors under the pews!

Middle School and High School Parents – Summer Retreat opportunity!!!!

Hannah is planning a summer youth retreat to Colorado leaving July 17th and returning home July 20th. Things we will be doing will be one day spent going white water rafting. I am currently searching for a place to stay via Vrbo. I do need to start getting a head count as places are going fast. I will be



using the numbers to solidify a place in Colorado. The theme of this retreat will be Crossroads – when you're faced with a challenge which way to go. I do need parents to come along and assist on this trip. We will be renting a van or bus to travel. If you love to cook or want to help with the cooking, please let me know. If you have questions or want to help with this trip contact Hannah Hrenchir.

Pick up a brochure on the Welcome Center

Scan me!

First Communion Class Starts this week February 28th in the Parish Hall Basement at 6 pm.

The class again this year is being led by Karla Carstens. The 5th Graders this year are Grayson Borgman, Bristyl Bayless, Nolan Buhr, Cash Harwood, and Micah Hofstetter.

The last Wednesday that the kids meet they will meet with Pastor Jer and also with Annette Wiese and they will make the communion bread for Maundy Thursday service.

If there is anyone that we have missed, please let Karla C or Karen G know. **Please bring your Bibles.**

Our sympathies to the family of Arlan Zimmerman – Arlan passed away Sunday, February 18th. His funeral was held here at Zion Saturday, February 24th. Please keep Marie Zimmerman, Marsha & Dean Zulauf, Russ and Amy Wallman, Robert and Doreen Wallman, Crystal and Ron Scholl and their families in your prayers.

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 February:

For Sunday February 4th the bulletin was sponsored by Larry Gronewold & Macy, Patty Thomas & Jeremy & Brittnay in Memory of Shirley Gronewold – their mother & grandmother. Shirley passed away on January 22, 2022.

For Sunday February 25th the bulletin was sponsored by – Devonna Primavera and Betty Schone and families in memory of Elmer and Leona Trauernicht for their February birthday's. Happy Heavenly birthdays to Elmer and Leona.

Welcome to our newest member in Christ with the baptism of Monroe Jaymes Podany! On February 25th. Monroe is the daughter of Nicholas and Brittany (Jurgens) Podany. Sponsors for Monroe are Brandy Coffin and Tim and Carla Schuster. Please remember Monroe in your prayers.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Hudson Schlake Aiden Schlake	14 Lois Buhr Jess Ideus	21 Becky Boyer Easton Rademacher
2 Alexis Holland	15 Hudson Fikar Rylee Glynn	Marcella Rademacher Karlee Riha
4 Mallory Sekutera	Tayler Glynn	22 Jeff Busboom Carter Niles
5 Renae Mason	Gage Smith	Barrett Dean Buss
6 Todd Carstens Kylee Schoen	16 Dana Buhr Nora Glynn	23 Ivy Bloom Amber Lovitt
7 Millie Dyer	Gilbert Wolken	24 Eddie Dorn
8 Andy Lane Jennifer Mahler Sadie Meyer	17 Catie Reed Patty Schoen	25 Reece Gronewold
11 Courtney Daubendiek Alaina Huls Randy Oltman	18 Ellianna Buss Misty Oltman	26 Sandy Meints 27 Laurie Leners Jeff Wiese
12 Josh Gronewold Janelle Ideus Nick Meints Neil Smith Steve Zulauf Weylan Gronewold	19 Brenda Gronewold	McKenzie Behrendt
	20 Kole Jurgens Austin Karlin Josh Nelson Annette Wiese	28 Kyson Kolm 29 Paul Busboom Jenna Fehringer Britan Meints
		31 Nathen Archer Hunter Grone Conner Jensen Caylee Lueders

YOUR VOCATION FOR THE MONTH

What you do for God!

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

March 3

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Avery Busboom
Karlee Riha
Lector: Jenny Busboom
Greeters: Council
Special Music: Men's Choir
Breakfast Club: Paul Remmers

March 10

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Bishop Scott Johnson
Organist: Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes: Logan Busboom
Colt Rinne
Lector: Mickey Larkins
Greeters: Jacob & Nicole Behrends
Hunter & Linda Blackwell
Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom
Endless Hallelujah
Men's Choir
Breakfast Club: Iris Wiese

March Table Troop: Larry Gronewold (Leader), Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Gary & Brenda Gronewold, Dave & Carrye Meints, Kenny & Janet Schuster, Steve & Peggy Johnson

March Altar Guild: Kelly Lenners (Leader), Christy Buhr, Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom

March 17

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Keyboard: Jannel Ideus
Guitar: Deric Bloom
Acolytes: Henry Garton
Presleigh Borgman
Lector: Peggy Johnson
Greeters: Steve & Peggy Johnson
Dennis & Patty Behrens
Special Music: Endless Hallelujah
Breakfast Club: Need a Volunteer

March 24 Palm Sunday

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Harley Grone
Max Cornelius
Lector: Elnora Lenners
Greeters: Mark & Christy Buhr
Irene Busboom
Special Music: Amigos
Breakfast Club: Need a Volunteer

March 31 – Easter 2nd Service

Pastor: Jerry Gilbreath
Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Paxton Parde
Brogan Ideus
Lector: Mary Lenners
Greeters: Brian & Danelle Evers
Gary & Brenda Gronewold
Special Music:
Breakfast Club: No Sunday School

Snow Brigade for March

For the week of March 4: **Jordan Busboom** ****Captain**, Eric Parde-Tractor, Chris Fossler-Tractor, Duane Jurgens, Greg Robinson, Larry Johnson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Steve Oltman.

For the week of March 11: **Alan Wiese** ****Captain**, James Meints – Tractor, Kenny Newman, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeyer, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold, AJ Wiese.

For the Week of March 18: **Mark Buhr** ****Captain**, Gary Gronewold – Tractor, Stan Lenners – Tractor, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus, Justin Hippen.

For the Week of March 25: **Greg Dorn** ****Captain**, Dean Zimmerman- Tractor, Russ Wallman – Tractor, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Dave Holland, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom.

For the Week of April 1: **Matt Meints** ****Captain**, Les Lieneman – Tractor, David Meints – Tractor, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese, Jason Lovitt.

CROSS IN MY POCKET LENTEN GIFT



When your heart is heavy, and your eyes are wet with tears. Be sure that you are not alone, God is always near.

When your mind is overloaded with the burdens that you bear. Just be still and know that you are always in his care.

Keep this little cross with you, hold it lightly in your hand, let it bring your hope and faith in God's perfect plan!

We have a free tangible gift of the **CROSS IN MY POCKET**. These palm size crosses come individually wrapped in white, natural wood and dark wood. There are a few left, and they are located on the Welcome Center.

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REFLECTING ZION'S PAST & GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE

The First 50 Years

“Beautiful for situations, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. Walk about Zion and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death.” Psalm 48: 2, 3. 12-14

It was with these words of Psalm 48 that Pastor J.B. Reents began his history of the first 50 years of this congregation which he read at the golden jubilee on May 11, 1924.

The above writing was taken from the Seventy-five Years of Blessings booklet that was published for the Jubilee Service held for Zion Lutheran's Jubilee Service on May 29, 1949. Psalm 48 was read by Pastor Reents 100 years ago as they were celebrating 50 years as a congregation. How amazing it is that it still rings loudly as we have reached yet another mountain height: the joyful jubilee of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Zion Lutheran Church-Pickrell, Nebraska. Also taken from that Jubilee Service book was the following which is also as true today in 2024 as it was in 1949:

This great anniversary is truly a day “which the Lord hath made”, and we have much reason to “rejoice and be glad in it”. No poverty, no drought, and crop failure was able to hinder the Lord's work in this place, and no human insufficiency was able to undo it.

Rather, His people were permitted to go “from strength to strength” and when they walked uprightly, He withheld no good thing from them (Psalm 84:11), and of this the history of the 75 years **(150 years)** now past offers ample testimony. Truly “the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”

Join Zion members on March 10th as we honor and celebrate the 150-year heritage of Zion, with emphasize on those first 50 years. Invite friends, family, past members of Zion, descendants of the Founding Fathers, to help fill the pews as Bishop Scott Johnson joins Pastor Jer and delivers the message for this service. A meal will follow for those who have signed up or called the church office.

A Giving Opportunity

LET'S CELEBRATE 150 years by helping others in need celebrate their special occasions!

Items Needed:

9x13 disposable aluminum pan
Cake mix Box (any flavor)
1 can of sprite
1 container of frosting (any flavor) Birthday candles
Plates / napkins/ decor

Bring a complete kit or bring any of the items separately & we can assemble!

Challenging you to gather 150 total items to celebrate 150 years!

Please bring items to the Fellowship Hall project table through the month of March.



Thanks to Mickey Larkins for writing a Thrivent Grant to support this project!
Ready...Set...Let's Bless!!!

Cassie Thornburg Serving with The Navigators World Missions

Hello Zion! My name is Cassie Thornburg and I currently serve with the Navigators ministry in Colorado Springs doing training, development, and care to teams of missionaries that serve all over the world. The Navigators is a nonprofit, nondenominational parachurch organization whose calling is to advance the gospel of Jesus and His kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost.

Many who go to serve overseas don't make it after their first 18 months in a new country and end up leaving and returning to the US. I serve on a team to provide the training and shepherding needed to help missionaries get overseas and stay there to make a longer-term impact with the gospel. I am passionate about training and caring for the next generation who can go and continue to make disciples of all nations!

All Navigator staff are required to raise their full salaries, ministry expenses, and funds needed through donations by family and friends and churches.

Zion is generously allowing me to come and give an update to Zion Lutheran Church members on Sunday, March 31st during part of the service and the offering from that service will go towards my funds needed for this next year.

I would love to have you all there to hear what God is doing overseas and the impact your lives and partnership makes in that!



March 2023

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3 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/ Adult SS 10 am Worship/Comm	4 7 pm Men's Choir	5 6:30 pm Bible Study -The Chosen 7 pm Committees 7:30 pm Council	6 6 pm 7 & 8 Confirm 6 pm 1 st Com Class 7 pm Lenten Service	7	8	9
10 150th Anniversary/ Bishop Johnson 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/ Adult SS 10 am Worship/Kids of the Kingdom/Men's Choir/ Endless hallelujah	11 9-3 Blanket sewing	12 9-3 Blanket sewing 6:30 pm Bible Study -The Chosen	13 1:30 pm Grace Circle 6 pm 7 & 8 Confirm 6 pm 1 st Com Class 7 pm Lenten Service	14	15	16
17 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/ Adult SS 10 am Worship/Comm/ Endless Hallelujah 2:30 Gold Crest	18 9-3 Blanket sewing	19 9-3 Blanket sewing 6:30 pm Bible Study -The Chosen	20 6 pm 7 & 8 Confirm 6 pm 1 st Com Class 7 pm Lenten Service	21 Ladies Aid	22	23 **Spring Clean-up 9:00 am *** 7th & 8th Grade service project
24 Palm Sunday 8:45 SS 9 am BKF Club/ Adult SS 10 am Worship/ Communion 31 EASTER 7 am Youth Sunrise Service/ Communion Breakfast-offering to youth Mission Trip 9:30 Worship/ Comm 5th Sunday offering to Cassie Thornburg	25 **NEWSLETTER Print Day**	26 6:30 pm Bible Study -The Chosen	27 6 pm 1 st Com Class NO Confirmation	28 Ladies Aid 7 pm Maundy Thursday/1 st Comm	29 7 pm Good Friday	30

