



From the Pastor's Cup...^{גכ}

July 2023

GO AND...LISTEN (Nebraska Synod theme for the month of July)

How do we listen with our full selves? In reality, all our senses are used when we listen—with our ears, our eyes, our mouths, and our bodies. As disciples, we listen to ourselves, our neighbors, and God. When we listen, we find new perspectives, shared history, and common ground.

Questions to consider:

- > What is something you learned from listening to your heart?
- > What is something you have learned from listening to a stranger?
- > In the year of **GOING**, how will you listen to those around you?

Prayer: Listening One, help me to stay open to the surprises you provide while on the road this summer. Amen.

Dear Church Family,

Will Rogers, the great American humorist, had an attitude toward humor different than most of the humorists today. I would like to share one of his thoughts with you this month.

*This is what Will Rogers thought about **Of Things Religious**, “Our religious beliefs are many, but one belief is universal with all, and that is there is some divine being higher than earthly. We can speak to Him in many devious ways, in many languages, but He sees us all in the same light, and judges us according to our actions, as we judge the actions of our children different because we know they are each different.” –Will Rogers Wise and Witty Sayings of a Great American Humorist, pages 43 & 44.*

In July, the Gospel of Matthew will take us through the commissioning of the 12 apostles, ministry throughout Galilee, and the parables of the kingdom. Matthew's main purpose is to prove to his Jewish readers that Jesus is their Messiah. He does this primarily by showing how Jesus in his life and ministry fulfilled the Old Testament scriptures.

We all do ministry in everyday life whether we realize it or not. This is my way of announcing that on Sunday, September 24, 2023, our Mission Sunday speaker will be Simone & Matt Weber from **Table Grace Café** located in downtown Omaha, NE. Not only will Matt and Simone be here, but they will also be bringing their **Table Grace Café Food Truck** to serve burgers and brunch after worship at the very reasonable price!

Simone Weber co-founded Table Grace Ministries in 2008 with her husband Matt and served as Table Grace's COO and musical missionary since 2014 and in 2018 transitioned into the role of CEO. Simone's calling and vision is in music, ministry, hunger outreach and development. Matt Weber is the Chef and COO of the organization and sings and plays with Simone whenever possible. Simone obtained her BME degree and ESL endorsement from UNL in 2002. As I did in last month's newsletter article, I will again include their ministry and mission in this world.

Our mission states we work “To foster a healthy community by offering great food prepared and served with dignity and to provide opportunities for transformation both personally and spiritually through hospitality, music and fellowship.”

Please mark your calendar with this time and date: 10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 24, 2023, to meet Simone and Matt Weber and the **Mobile Grace Café**. Simone is a PK (pastor's kid) who will also be sharing her musical gift with us, but I'll tell you more about that next month!

Sincerely Pr. Jer

Conversations: A Simple Approach to Sharing the Gospel @ Zion

10:30 am–2:30 pm Sunday, August 20, 2023, seminar by **The Gideons International**

Basic Information about **Conversations: A Simple Approach to Sharing the Gospel**

How much does it cost? The course and its facilitation are **FREE!**

Who will lead the training? A commissioned Gideon instructor.

Who can attend the training? The content is applicable from students to adults.

How long will the training take? Four hours but a **FREE** lunch will be provided for all participating.

What is the desired outcome of the training? For participants to discover the simplicity of the Gospel and walk away with practical tools and resources to confidently share their faith.

Topic One: What is the Gospel?

Topic Two: Why Share the Gospel?

Topic Three: Basics of Sharing the Gospel

Topic Four: Tools and Resources

Topic Five: Call to Commitment

A \$250 Thrivent Grant (written by Connie Thornburg) will cover the **free lunch** for all participants. We need a ballpark number for the **free lunch**, so a **lunch sign** up is on the Welcome Center so please sign up, so we know how many to plan for lunch.

If you type in **Gideon International Conversations" A Simple Approach to Sharing the Gospel** a 5-minute video by David Lacy will pop up. Click on it and several pastors will share what this seminar has meant to the health of their congregations.

Pastor's July Calendar

June 28/July 2 Pastor Jer on vacation.

July 11 Text Study

July 9-14 Confirmation Camp

July 18 Text Study

July 25 Text Study

July 28-29 NLOM Quilt Auction

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes

June 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Alan Folkerts

Members present: Kristi Dorn, Cindy Parde, VeAnn Jurgens, Brenda Gronewold, Neal Meints, and DeAnn Oltman, Carrye Meints

Absent: VeAnn Jurgens, Kenny Reed

Pastor Jer shared: Regroup & Reflect –

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 6/7/2023 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from May 3, 2023, meeting.

Upcoming Baptisms:

- 6/25/2023 - Everlee Mae Glynn, Josh & Sabrina Glynn

Upcoming Weddings:

- 06/10/2023 -- Abby Mason & Heath Hovendick
- 06/24/2023 – Jamison Theye & Mason Roth
- 9/16/2023 - - Dale Hrenchir & Hannah Ley
- 10/21/2023 – Trip Cornelius & Amya Beach

February Mileage: 522 miles

Celebrating God's Work in Progress – Old Business

- 150th Anniversary - Mert Rademacher gave an update on the 150th Anniversary celebration coming up. All is going well. They will be giving a report in June and July to the congregation.
- Picture Directory – Ready to print. There will be 150 directories ordered. They will be \$10 each.
- Doors - Still working on getting bids for a 6-panel door, a steel door, and a smooth door.
- Windows - Talked with the person again. Wanting him to come to church and talk in person.
- Laptops - Purchased 3 laptop computers. These will be for the treasurers and secretary. These will follow the officers. They will also be used in church services when we have videos.
- Youth - Five of our youth will be attending camp with St. John's youth in July, in Denver, Colorado.
- Air Conditioners - Still working on fixing and cleaning the air conditioner units. Some are not functioning properly.

Discerning God's Will – New Business

- Semi Annual Meeting - July 16, 2023, after church.
- Time Change of Service - Beginning June 10th church service to start at 9:00 am.
- Sunday School - Sunday school will resume on Rally Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023.
- Offering - 5th Sunday of July the offering will go toward the 150th Anniversary.

Ministry Team Report as of 4/5/2023

- Financial-General Fund-Balance on hand 5/1/2023 \$117,238.72
- Income- \$18,656.68 Expenses- \$20,261.46
- Balance on hand- 5/31/2023-- \$115,633.94
- Sinking Fund - \$54,558.93
- Seminary Fund - \$40,957.10
- Thrivent Mutual Funds - \$2,737.64
- Open Savings - \$25,182.30

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

Next council meeting will be Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

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: John Gronewold, Keith Parde, Larry Gronewold, Denise Schlake-Ideus, Council Rep: Kristi Dorn

Secretary's Minutes: Larry Gronewold moved & Jon Gronewold second approval of minutes, approved

Treasurers report: Larry Gronewold moved approval of treasurer's report, add the length of the CDs into the report.

Balance on hand: 6/7/23	\$ 90,796.70
In CD's	\$123,036.22
Receipts	1,895.97
Expenditures - nonprofit fee	28.00
Balance on hand	\$213,832.92

Old Business: Window leading project. New information on cost and timeline
Touch pointing. Still need to do remaining part on bell tower. Plan to do it for fall or spring. Already in general fund budget.

New Business: CD due July 14, 2023. Motion by Larry and seconded by Kristi to roll over into 6-month CD.

HOSPITALITY: Did not meet

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

PARISH ED: PARISH ED

Members Present: Heather Hippen, Kate Meints, Nicole Behrends, Allison Lane & Lanette Nelson

Members Absent: Jay Bartlett

- Balance on hand as of 6/7/23
 - \$2,203.19
- **Old Business**
 - We are currently looking for Sunday School teachers, specifically 7th grade at this time as Doreen Remmers has resigned from teaching.
 - We are always looking for substitute teachers for Sunday School. Please reach out to any Parish Ed member if you're interested.
 - Vacation Bible School was a success!
 - \$367.69 to go to Great Commission Ministries for our VBS Mission from the VBS/Sunday Offering.
 - 85 kids attended.
- **New Business**
 - The first day of Sunday School/Rally Sunday will be September 10th.
 - Preparing for next Sunday School year, we will be ordering curriculum this summer.

PARK BOARD: Did not meet.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Connor Mason, Alan Folkerts, Mike Busboom, Neal Meints, Jordan Busboom.

Old Business: Discussed A/C unit conditioner
Discussed tuck pointing for this fall.

New Business: Still looking for bids for doors on new addition, waiting on Pickrell Lumber to get back to us.
Need to replace A/C unit parts.

PUBLICITY: Did not meet.

STEWARDSHIP: Did not meet.

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS ENDOWMENT: Did not meet.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Alnora Daubendick, Shirley Gronewold, Carrye Meints
Chose hymns for July & August

YOUTH: Did not meet

Old Business – Youth will be attending the Nebraska Synod Journey to Denver July 10-15,
2023 Denver, CO

Fifth Sunday Offerings for the remainder of the year.

July 30th – Anniversary Committee

October 29th – Endowment

December 31st – TBA

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.

Bulletins Sponsored in June were:

June 4th – Shirley Gronewold in memory of Ehme for his Birthday on June 6th.

June 11th – Terry, DeAnn, Brett & Ashley Oltman in memory of Angeline Oltman for her
97th birthday which was on June 21st.

June 18th – The family of Elmyra Graham in memory of her 84th birthday that was on
June 19th.

We welcome our newest member in Christ on Sunday, June 25th – with
the baptism of Everlee Mae Glynn daughter of Josh and Sabrina Glynn. Sponsors for
Everlee were Cody & Bridget Quint. Welcome Everlee.

We celebrated Father's Day at Zion with candy-dad's root beer-popcorn gifts. The newest father being Dillion Buss and the wisest father in turn was Ernest Jurgens. Congratulations to these two men.



1973 Class - 50th
Confirmation
Reunion – May 28, 2023

Front Row: Randy Parde,
Keith Parde

2nd row: LaVonna Miller, Les
Lieneman, Annette Slaven,
Keith Buhr, Teresa Agena

Back row: Marleen Clark,
Linda Hooper, Debbie
Hrenchir, Connie Thornburg,
Nancy Goeken

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Ethel Wallman who passed away Wednesday at Gold Crest. The funeral was at Zion on Monday, June 19th. Please keep Robert & Doreen Wallman, Pat & Virgil Jobman, Russ & Amy Wallman and Crystal & Ron Scholl and their families in your prayers at this time of loss.

Our deepest sympathy to Janet Harms on the death of her brother David Parde. David passed away June 16th and his funeral was Thursday, June 22nd at St John's in Beatrice. Please keep Janet & Billy and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Congratulations on the marriage of Abby Mason & Heath Hovendick. They were married at Zion on Saturday, June 10th. Blessings to you both on your marriage.

Congratulations also to Jamison Theye & Mason Roth. They will be married here at Zion on June 24th. (The wedding takes place after printing the newsletter). Blessings to you both on your marriage.



SIMPLE GIVING!

Ronald McDonald Tab collection

Collection at Zion is located at the Welcome Center Desk. Funds received from the tabs help pay for electric & other house expenses.

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 2023 Perfect Attendance

Little Angels

Ace Bartlett
Henry Behrends
Dorothy Freeman
Marlowe Sutter
Jaxson Lane

Pre-K

Claire Freeman

Kindergarten

Carson Behrends
Logan Hippen
Madison Detert
Hudson Schlake
Aiden Schlake
Everett Meints

First Grade

Emma Lane
Mac Sutter

Second Grade

Gus Garton
Everly Meints

Third Grade

Mason Hippen
Ellis Freeman
Jace Behrends

Fourth Grade

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Fifth Grade

Millie Garton

Sixth Grade

Max Cornelius

Seventh Grade

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Eighth Grade

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Cemetery News

If **members of the Zion congregation** have a deceased military family member or relative that has not received a **military grave marker**, please let someone on the Cemetery Board know and they will get the needed medallion marker for the grave.

Cemetery Board members are Don Schuster, Arnold Baehr, Les Lieneman, Darvin Debuhr, Stan Lenner, Gary Gronewold, James Lenner, Dale Zimmerman, and Paul Jurgens.

Thank you received from Day One Ministries

Day One Ministries are so grateful to have the support of people like you. Bless your generosity and being a Light to many listeners with your donation.

Day One
Pat Jobman

Grace Circle news

Grace Circle met Wednesday, June 14, 2023 @ 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall for our bible study, meeting and fellowship. Alnora Daubendick led us in our opening hymn, prayer and bible study, titled "Promised Salvation now: Jesus brings wellness." Putting emphasis on the word "Now" – Jesus is active in every present moment. Thank you Alnora.

- Business Meeting ----- Roll call was answered by 10 members present and 3 absent. Minutes of last meeting were read. Treasury total is \$57. Offering was given in the amount of \$45.
- Ten dollars was contributed toward our Birth/Ann bank in thankfulness by Roxanne Dorn for her and Pastor Dorn's Anniversary. Thank you, Roxanne. We signed a "Thinking of You" card to be sent to one of our members Janice Jurgens, who is at Goldcrest. We pray for her strength and wellness.
- Grace circle will be serving coffee and cookies for fellowship June 25, July 2, 9, and 16. We passed a signup sheet for cookies and help.
- Roxanne Dorn invited us to the "Dorn Heritage Barn" for our August meeting. We are looking forward to that and thank you >
- Deb Wolken asked if the Circles might be interested in serving for the upcoming sale for Marilyn Folkerts. It could possibly be for 3 days. No date is available, and no decision has been made.

No other business, so the meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Lorene Wallman

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Sydney Carstens

Cody Buss

8 Kyla Davison

Kate Meints

Dillon Buss

9 Natalie Denny

10 Cindy Parde

Declan Petrzilka

12 Karen Gilbreath

Lori Robinson

13 Camden Behrens

14 Scott Carstens

16 Perry Jurgens

Tracy Lidolph

17 Devon Busboom

Tandon Dorn

18 Jamison Theye

Tiffany Trauernicht

19 Cheryl Folkerts

20 Brett Oltman

21 Lawrence Jurgens

22 Ross Eickhoff

Matthew Ideus

Brooklyn Lidolph

23 Bristyl Brown

Preston Huls

Carley Remmers

Dale Hrenchir

24 Anora Schoen

26 Natalie Niles

28 Eldon Mencl

29 Nicole Bartels

James Scholl

30 Denise Schlake-Ideus

31 Jen Busboom

Cindy Gronewold

Steve Johnson

Dawson Smith

If I have missed your birthday, please call or text me and I will get you added for next year's calendar. Karen at 402-661-9362. And I apologize.

YOUR VOCATION FOR THE MONTH

What you do for God!

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

July 2 – 9:00 am

Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Logan Busboom
Paxton Parde
Lector: Carrye Meints
Greeters: Council
Coffee Fellowship: Grace Circle

July 9 – 9 :00 am

Organist: Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes: Kameron Riha
London Meints
Lector: Connie Thornburg
Greeters: Billy & Janet Harms
Connie & Kim Thornburg
Coffee Fellowship: Grace Circle

July 16 – 9:00 am

Organist: Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes: Nicole Davison
Braxton Trauernicht
Lector: Kelly Lenners
Greeters: Robert & Linda Ideus
James & Kelly Lenners
Coffee Fellowship: Grace Circle

July 23 – 9:00 am

Organist: Alnora Daubendick
Acolytes: Reagan Rinne
Savannah Mahler
Lector: Stan Lenners
Greeters: Stan & Mary Lenners
Darwin & Susan Buss
Coffee Fellowship: Grace Circle

July 30 – 9:00 am

Organist: Alnora Daubendick
Acolytes: Henry Garton
Bella Buhr
Lector: Sammie Garton
Greeters: Brian & Sammie Garton
Craig & Jess Ideus
Coffee Fellowship: Joy & Volunteers

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

July Guild: Rose Gronewold, Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed, Janet Harms, Peggy Johnson

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2 9 am Worship/ Communion/coffee fellowship by Grace Circle	3	4 <u>Fireworks and activities at Fuller Field</u>	5	6 14U Baseball Touney at Fuller Field	7 14U Baseball Touney at Fuller Field	14U Baseball Touney at Fuller Field
9 9 am Worship/coffee fellowship by Grace Circle Confirmation Camp	10 Confirmation Camp	11 Confirmation Camp	12 Confirmation Camp	13 Confirmation Camp	14 Confirmation Camp	15
16 9 am worship/coffee fellowship by the Grace Circle <u>Semi Annual Mtg</u>	17	18 Text study	19	20 Ladies Aid	21	22
23 9 am worship/coffee fellowship by the Grace Circle	24	25 Text study	26 <u>*** Deadline for newsletter***</u>	27 Ladies Aid	28	29 Camp Quilt Auction
30 9 am worship/coffee fellowship by the Joy & Volunteers <u>5th Sunday Offering to the Anniversary Comm</u>	31					