



Zion Messenger

August 2025

REJOICING, REACHING OUT, and RENEWING,
we share the joy of the gospel, through a life of faith.



July 28 – August 2
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held July 28 – Aug. 2, 2025, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- ✚ Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.
- ✚ Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- ✚ Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws.
- ✚ Establish ELCA churchwide policy.
- ✚ Worship together.
- ✚ Adopt a budget.
- ✚ Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

For the Life of the World

The first Council of Nicaea was convened 1,700 years ago, beginning the process of setting forth Christian convictions in what we know today as the Nicene Creed. The creed proclaims the life-giving truth of the triune

God and our steadfast faith in Jesus Christ “for ... the life of the world to come.” These convictions continue to live and breathe among us in word and sacrament.

Early in her tenure, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton set forth her own convictions to guide the members of the ELCA in understanding our unique identity, and these convictions have become a recognized way of articulating who we are:

- ✚ We are church.
- ✚ We are Lutheran.
- ✚ We are church together.
- ✚ We are church for the sake of the world.

We are church for the sake of the world — for the abundant life promised by God and fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for all creation.

We recognize the wisdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who said, “The church is the church only when it exists for others.” Our constitution's “Statement of Purpose” boldly proclaims this commitment to be a people “called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.”

Rooted in the ancient creeds, we are called to live boldly in service to a world longing for healing, justice and hope. We will continue to faithfully pursue God's mission of reconciliation for the life of the world.

For more information about the churchwide assembly, to stream it live or to get updates, visit the ELCA website:
<https://www.elca.org/about/leadership/churchwide-assembly>

Pastor Carolyn



Corner

When You Don't Feel Like It

We all struggle with spiritual discouragement and lethargy. Some days our circumstances threaten to overwhelm us, and we struggle just to pray. Many times, we just don't feel like doing the things we know we should. For one reason or another, God sometimes seems far off and unreachable.

David faced times like these in his life. The Psalms are filled with verses that express his despair and feeling of abandonment.

Yet the Psalms also give us the key to living victoriously during the dark periods of life. Let's take a quick look at Psalm 119:89-95*.

*"Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.
Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations;
You established the earth, and it stands.
They stand this day according to Your ordinances..."*

My circumstances or feelings have not changed God. He is the same God today as He was when He hung the stars in the sky, led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and fed the five thousand.

"For all things are Your servants..."

All things, even the things affecting me right now, are God's servants. The circumstance, people, and events around me are all under God. They are His servants, designed to help and bless me spiritually.

*"If Your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have revived me.
I am Yours, save me; for I have sought Your precepts.*

The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies."

Recalling God's faithfulness and control over everything that touches us gives us strength to walk with God even when we feel like giving up in despair. After all, our feelings and circumstances have not changed God. He is perfectly capable of sustaining us if we will only let Him. We simply need to choose to *delight in and diligently consider God's precepts (His principles and character)* despite how we feel. Choosing to delight in God might not be easy. It might even involve hard work. But only God can revive and save our soul from spiritual lethargy.

Next time you feel spiritually drained or inadequate, remember that you have a choice. You can wrap yourself up in excuses and self-pity, or you can choose to draw your strength from an unchanging God.

God's Blessing to you all!

Tammy Reigle

Taken from: *Short Inspirational Devotionals: Encouragement to Help You On Your Way – Christian Perspective*

*From the
Vicar*



Ephesus

Ephesus is this month's highlighted city from my trip that followed the Apostle Paul's journeys. It is an ancient coastal city located in present day Selcuk in the Izmir Province of Turkey. Ephesus was a recipient city of one of the

Pauline epistles, also known as one of the Letters of Paul. It is also one of the seven churches of Asia which are addressed in the Book of Revelation. While in Izmir we had the opportunity to tour the ancient city of Ephesus along with the ruins of The Basilica of St. John, where John the Apostle is said to be buried. The House of the Virgin Mary was another stop in this region. The legend is that Mary, the mother of Jesus, may have spent the last years of her life in Ephesus.

The Apostle's time in Ephesus is recorded in Acts 19. Paul arrived in Ephesus and found a group of disciples who had been baptized in the name of John the Baptist. Paul then baptized the disciples, and they received the Holy Spirit and were able to speak in tongues and prophesy. Paul then went into the synagogue and spoke boldly about the kingdom of God for three months. When some synagogue leaders opposed him, Paul left the synagogue and began teaching in the Hall of Tyrannus for two years, continuing to spread the message of Christ throughout Asia.

God performed miracles through Paul during his time in Ephesus. People were healed by touching items that Paul has used, such as handkerchiefs or aprons. This was a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit working through Paul. Many who practiced magic and sorcery repented and even burned their magical scrolls to symbolize their conversion to Christianity. The word of the Lord spread and gained power which led to a great number of conversions in Ephesus and the surrounding area. The growing influence of Christianity certainly caused a disturbance in Ephesus when many people turned away from their idol worship. Demetrius, a silversmith who made shrines of Artemis, led a riot accusing Paul of causing economic harm. A huge crowd gathered, shouting, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" The city clerk eventually calmed the crowd, reminding them of the legal repercussions of their actions and dismissed the riot. When the uproar ended, Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, he said goodbye and set out for Macedonia.

The city of Izmir and the sites of Ephesus, such as the House of the Virgin Mary and the Basilica of St. John were wonderful to see and experience. The city is full of history and many wonderful sites to see. I wish we had had more time to tour the city and were able to go into the theater in Ephesus where the riots took place. We were unable to do this however, because it was under restoration at the time of our visit. Overall, the time in Izmir was wonderful.

Blessings,
Vicar Keith Powell

(Pictures are on page 19)





Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:55pm by Tammy Reigle.

Present: Pastor Carolann Hopcke, Jim Meyer, Chris Nelson, Vicar Keith Powell, Sara Rasmussen, Tammy Reigle, Amanda Reinhart, Roberta Seda, Mary Kay Tisthammer

Excused: Kay Flanagan, Josh Thayer

Equipping Time: Kay Flanagan sent a music video and a discussion question for us to watch and reflect upon. It was the song, ***Your Ways Better*** by Forrest Frank. We talked about God's timing versus our timing.

Approve Minutes: Jim Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025. Roberta Seda seconded. Motion carried.

Report of Officers

President: Tammy Reigle – Tammy ordered the cake for the recognition of Carroll Rolf this Sunday, June 29th. Roberta Seda offered to possibly help pick up the cake on Saturday. Pastor shared the gifts we will be giving Carroll which are a t-shirt (Mr. Mow-it-all), Mowing socks, keychain, and a Christmas ornament (Always Kicking Grass!).

Vice President: Mary Kay Tisthammer – Mary Kay has agreed to serve as the chairperson for the fundraising committee. They will meet for the first time on Sunday, July 20th, after church. They will generate ideas as well as a visual for our fundraising goals.

Treasurer: Nancy Ahlers - Due to some larger bills and the low attendance in the summer, the checking account is tight on funds. Nancy would like to transfer \$10,000 from the Dankert account into the checking account as a balance buffer. The council agreed to the transfer by consensus. Sara Rasmussen made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's Report. Jim Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor: Rev. Carolann Hopcke – Ann Tisthammer contacted Pastor about donating her parents' antique organ to Zion. The council decided to accept the donation; it will be placed in the lounge. Confirmation Camp went well – we had 6 youth participate this year. Thanks to Vicar Keith for taking all the pictures and posting them for everyone on Facebook. The Boone County Fair worship will be held on Sunday, July 13th, with Vicar Keith preaching. Pastor's brother will be visiting during Fair so she will be taking some days off that she didn't get in May & June. Pastor donated a Snow Cone machine to Zion for VBS and other activities. She contacted the Albion Arts Council and received permission to offer snow cones for a freewill donation during the Summer Concert series in July. Pastor will make a sign-up sheet for the bulletin board as well as on signup genius. We think we need 2-3 volunteers per week to do this.

Intern Pastor: Vicar Keith Powell – Confirmation Camp was fun & exhausting! A middle school retreat at camp is planned for October 17-19; Vicar is hoping to take some of our youth to this event. Vicar has vacation scheduled for August 6-12 & 28-31. He will be attending the Nebraska Synod Candidacy Retreat August 22-23. Prolog at Wartburg this semester is scheduled for September 1-5.

High School Youth Coordinator: Dorothy Grosch – The ELCA Youth Ministry Network offers a resource known as Martin's List that Dorothy would like to access. The cost is \$95 per year for her, or \$45 for students. Vicar Keith is a student and can access this resource for us.

Committee Reports:

Faith and Fellowship: The trip to Harrah's Casino and Racetrack in Columbus for June 22nd was cancelled due to weather and low availability. It will be rescheduled. Their next meeting is Sunday, July 27th.

Property & Maintenance:

Bell Tower: Tommy Heesacker completed work on Friday, June 20th. The final cost is \$13,581. We have \$10,000 from Insurance + \$2,070 from the \$40 for Lent envelopes. The remaining balance of \$1,511 will be paid from the Building Fund, which has a balance of \$113,030.13.

Parsonage Fence: A loose board was repaired by Bob Bruland & Pat Zaruba.

Oreck Vacuum: Jenny Gompert likes the vacuum and thinks it works well. We will purchase 2 more so that there is a vacuum on each level of the church.

Worship: The outdoor worship service with a pet blessing is scheduled for Sunday, August 10th. The wedding Pastor did in Genoa went well, except for two of the groomsmen, who were very disrespectful during the ceremony.

Task Force Reports:

Handicap Accessibility Project:

We have received the Leon and Lorna Krab Kraft Memorial Grant for \$30,000! Work needs to begin by June 2026 and be completed by June 2027. We will receive ½ of the money at the start of the construction & the remainder when the final bill for the project is rendered. Tammy Reigle signed the grant acceptance contract which is due by July 31st.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, August 19, 2025**, at 6:00pm
Josh Thayer is responsible for the equipping time.

Adjournment: Amanda Reinhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. Jim Meyer seconded. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Carolann Hopcke
Secretary Pro-tem

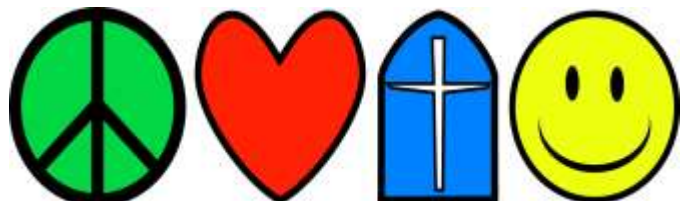


Thank You

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,
Thanks for covering our camp cost. It really paid off because camp is really fun for me. Thanks a lot Zion!

Tate Porter
(Please see the original on the bulletin board — he drew pictures!)

Pastor Carolann will be attending the Nebraska Synod Council Retreat in Kearney, Friday, August 8th through Saturday, August 9th.





AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Joel Lindgren
- 8/2 Josh Gompert
- 8/3 Chris Kohtz
- 8/4 Darlene Reynoldson
- 8/7 Mary Levander
- 8/8 Jana Knecht, Mikki Mangus,
Paige Nelson, *Kathy Williams**
- 8/10 Dana Wright
- 8/11 Amanda Aldaba, Blaine Kennedy
- 8/12 Cindy Rasmussen
- 8/13 Connie Bentjen, *Ralph Pilkington**,
Peyton Seier, *Lois Thewke**
- 8/14 Nancy Ahlers, Jim Lindgren,
Emilyn Nelson, Garret Niewohner
- 8/15 Gerry Schmitz, Trisha Winter,
*Muriel Young**
- 8/16 Becky Aldaba
- 8/17 Zondee Coakes
- 8/18 Mary Kay Tisthammer
- 8/19 Debra Bittner, Tinsley Neidhardt,
Jim Olnes
- 8/21 Jared Schnoor
- 8/22 Cohen Schnoor, Dave Skillstad
- 8/23 Vienna Neidhardt, Kyler Stuhr
- 8/24 *Judy Harder**, Tristan Salwei
- 8/26 Deb Borchers, Brooklynn Kelley,
Emma Krohn
- 8/28 Kyla David, Roxanne Kardell
- 8/29 Erica Carder, Cheryl Krohn,
Stacy Petersen, *Lois Schroeder**
- 8/30 *Harold Thewke**, Hannah Wells
- 8/31 *Leta Brugger**, Jo Weltruski

**Denotes 80+ years young*



ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/2 Kirk & Staci Sandman
Andy & Lyndsay Tisthammer
- 8/4 ***Bob & Gay Sandman****
- 8/7 Amy & Ross Nelson
- 8/9 ***George & Pat Christo****
- 8/11 Doug & Pam Young
- 8/14 ***Cindy & Lanny Rasmussen****
Bob & Tammy Reigle
Allen & Kathy Thorberg
- 8/15 Cheri & Jerry Pollock
- 8/16 Kent & Sheila Carder
- 8/17 ***Mary & Ron Levander****
Kent & Mary Kay Tisthammer
- 8/19 Darol & Margie Broekemeier
Brett & Gina Temme
- 8/23 Ben & Brooke Stuhr
- 8/24 ***Jim & Mary Staub****
- 8/29 Deb & Paul Kyncl
- 8/31 Fay & Jamie Rudolph


**Denotes 50+ years of marriage*

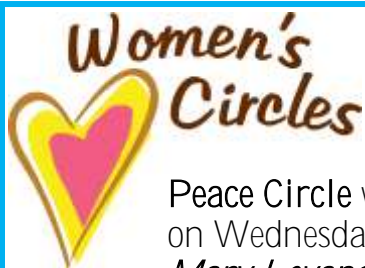
Happy Anniversary



We are not perfect and sadly, neither is our database. If you know of folks whose names are missing from the birthday or anniversary lists, please let us know. We really would like to include everyone. Thanks!

Don't see your name?





August
2025

Peace Circle will meet at Zion
on Wednesday, August 20th at 9am.
Mary Levander will be the leader.

Grace Circle will meet at 2pm on Wednesday,
August 20th at the home of Janet Atkinson.
Doris Warner will be the leader.



**Next
Meeting:
Sunday,
October 12th
at
10:30am**

2025 Flower Committee

August
Jerene Kruse

September
LaVonne Mills



Zion
Church
Council
Will Meet on
Tuesday,
August 19th at 6pm.



The Mission Endowment
Committee will meet on
Monday, July 28th at 5:30pm.



The September
Newsletter
Deadline
is Sunday,
August 17th



Communion Elements Available

Individually packaged communion elements
continue to be available for pick up in the
church narthex. Take as many as you need
for your household. This will let you take
communion with us on Sundays as you
watch Facebook live or Vyve Channel 21.
If it is easier, or you are more comfortable
taking communion in your seat, you may
also use these elements to take communion
on Sunday mornings.

If you have any questions, please talk to
Pastor Carolann or Amy Zaruba.



Altar
Guild

2025

August

Connie Nelson*
Laura Nelson
Gina Temme

September

Linda Spiegel*
Jenny & Josh Gompert
Jeremy & Kim Young



Parish Ed. Committee

Next
Meeting:
Monday,
August 4TH
At
4:30pm

✚ Christian Symbol ✚

Altar

This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.



Zion Lutheran Church Higher Education Scholarships



Lutheran Colleges Scholarship

This scholarship is available every year to a full-time student at a Lutheran College. Applications due by October 15th.

Sarah Jane Schroeder Scholarship

This scholarship is available to College Juniors or Seniors and may only be received once. Applications due by January 1st.

Catherine E. & V. Harvey Haas Scholarship

This scholarship is available to College Juniors or Seniors who are pursuing a teaching degree. Applications due by October 15th.

Harry Kruse Scholarship

This scholarship is available to College Seniors who have been involved in local or campus ministry. Applications due by October 15th.

Beckmann-Franke Seminary Scholarship

This scholarship is available to students enrolled in a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Applications are due by October 15th.

Please contact the church office
for application forms.



Thanks for Friends

(tune: Edelweiss)

Thanks for friends,
thanks for food.
Come, O Lord and sit with us.

May our talk grow with peace.
Send your love to surround us.

Friendship and peace
may they bloom and grow,
grow in love forever.

Thanks for friends,
thanks for food,
thanks for this time together.



Boone County

Food Pantry



1108 W. State Street
Albion, NE 68620

Open EVERY Thursday
2-4pm

Ongoing Needs:

Canned Soup	Crackers
Canned Fruit	Toilet Paper
Cereal	Bar Soap
Kleenex	Toothpaste
Hand Sanitizers	Paper Products
Miscellaneous	Personal Hygiene Products

Donations may be brought to the Pantry on
Thursdays between 2-4pm.

For more information, call Nancee Krohn (402) 741-1184 or Lynn Bygland (402) 920-3552



Worship Committee

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, August 5th
at 5:30pm



2025 Fellowship Coffee Serving Schedule

August: Men of Zion
September: Grace & Peace Circles
October: Worship Committee,
Bells & Choir
November: Faith & Fellowship
Committee
December: Women of Zion



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"I need to goeth to the bathroom."



Worship Song Leaders

AUGUST

3 Jacque & Tom Dickey
10 Kay Flanagan
17 ***Volunteer Needed!***
24 ***Volunteer Needed!***
31 ***Volunteer Needed!***



All students (preschool through college) are invited to bring their backpacks to worship, **Sunday, August 10th**. We will pray for God's blessing on all students as they learn and grow in the school year ahead. Participating students will receive a colorful clip keychain to attach to their backpack.

Jr. High Milestone: Locker Mirrors!

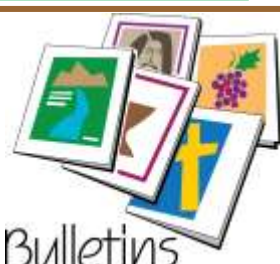
On Sunday, August 10th, all 5th-8th grade students will receive a magnetic mirror for their middle school locker.

These are given as a reminder that they are valuable in the sight of God and made in God's image.



Sunday Bulletins

Sunday bulletins are available in the narthex. They are in the tract rack by the Thursday before the upcoming Sunday. Feel free to stop by and pick one up.



Bulletins

Faith + SHARING =
EVANGELISM

**The Evangelism Committee will
meet on Monday,
September 8th at 7pm.
All are welcome!**

Mobile Food Pantry ~ Saturday, August 2nd

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Saturday, August 2nd, at 9:00 am at the Boone County Fairgrounds. This is set up as a drive-through only. All patrons will need to enter the fairgrounds from the 11th and Fairview entrance. Vehicles will be taken in order of arrival in a designated line. FYI: There are new forms to be completed. The first vehicle to arrive is asked to follow the road into the fairgrounds and stop and park directly in front of the cones that will be set out. All other vehicles entering that are there for the mobile pantry need to follow in line and wait until you have been asked to do otherwise.

If anyone is coming to volunteer their time, please park in the west parking lot next to the Casey Building. If you are willing and are able to volunteer, please arrive around 8:15 am.

If any volunteers or patrons have any symptoms of illness, please refrain from coming to the mobile pantry this month. Patrons may ask someone else to pick up for them; there are now Proxy Consent Forms for this purpose.

The Food Bank of the Heartland will provide pre-packaged boxes, along with some other produce and food products. Each patron will be required to take what is already packed in each box.

A specific number of vehicles at a time will be sent down to the distribution area. All people attending must remain in their vehicles unless asked to get out. All cars in the distribution area must remain parked until all of those vehicles are told to move. We continue to ask for your patience and cooperation as the volunteers are doing their best.

Everyone is reminded that there is always the possibility that the mobile pantry could be cancelled or postponed due to the current events. Coordinators will do their best to update the information in the newspaper or through the Boone County Nebraska Sheriff's Facebook page.





LUTHER LEAGUE

for all youth in grades 9-12.

Join us on

Wednesday Nights
beginning August 20th!
Dinner begins at 6pm.

Please mark your calendars and invite your friends! Everyone is welcome at any and all of our Luther League events!

Blessings,
Dorothy Grosch



All college students:

Please give your school address to the church office.

We'd like to keep in touch!

Luther League Meals
Want to help provide meals for Luther League meetings on Wednesday nights? Go to signup genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44ACAC28A1F58-luther1> to volunteer!



"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"

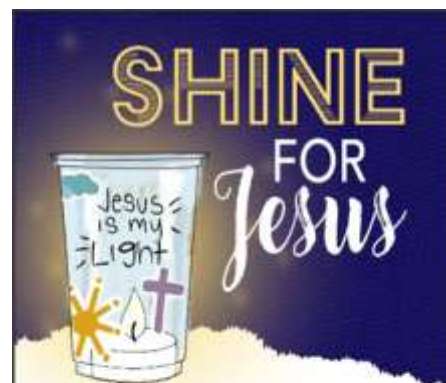


WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets?
Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines.
Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is number 32 in the Bible.
I am _____.
2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book is number 37.
I am _____.
3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book is number 28.
I am _____.
4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort.
It is book 23.
I am _____.
5. I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.
I am _____.
6. I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials.
My book is number 24.
I am _____.
7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. My book is number 30.
I am _____.
8. My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.
I am _____.

Prophets are _____.



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!



Bible Quiz

For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends.
Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.



**Puzzle Answers
are on page 15**



We are in need of Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes! If you are willing and able to serve God in this way, please contact Stacy Petersen (402-920-3425) or Sheena Krohn (402-741-9132).

Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this important role.



Lois Thewke

will be 90

on August 13th!

Please send a card as you are able:

PO Box 459

Newman Grove, NE

68758-0459



90 YEARS LOVED



AUGUST	3	Sarah Liss
	10	Tami Texley
	17	Tami Texley
	24	Tami Texley
	31	Tami Texley



All of Zion's Sign Ups
can be found online!

To volunteer, simply use one of the SignUpGenius links below:

Worship Assistants:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44ACAC28A1F58-worship>

Food Pantry Volunteer Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44ACAC28A1F58-54444846-food>

Confirmation Meals:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44ACAC28A1F58-meal>

Luther League Meals:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44ACAC28A1F58-luther1>

This is a very easy and convenient way to volunteer for the dates and ways you would like to help. If you need any assistance, please contact the church office.

Thanks!

PEOPLE SPOTS

Stacy Petersen



Stacy Lynn Busteed was born August 29, 1982, at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk, NE, to Terry and Pam Busteed. She welcomed home her younger brother Scott a few years later.

Stacy grew up in Madsion, NE, where she attended Trinity Lutheran School through the eighth grade. She then went on to attend Madison Public Schools graduating with the class of 2001. After graduation Stacy continued her education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, earning her bachelor's degree in secondary education and later a master's degree in reading education.

After earning her bachelor's in secondary education, Stacy started her first job in education teaching reading at Omaha Westside. In 2011, after moving to Albion, NE, she began teaching English for the Middle School Classes at Newman Grove Public Schools. After two years at Newman Grove Public Schools, Stacy started teaching English at Boone Central Middle School where she continues to teach today. Along with teaching Middle School English she also coaches the Boone Central cross country and track teams. Stacy has taken her passion for reading and running and turned them into her career.

Stacy has always had a passion for sports and running. Growing up in Madison, Stacy enjoyed playing soccer as well. It was on the soccer field that Stacy met the love of her life, Jon Petersen, although they did not officially start dating until high school. On July 22, 2006, Jon and Stacy married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison. They have been blessed with three wonderful children Brynn, Colin, and Avery. Stacy enjoys spending time with her family and attending their children's events. In her free time, she also enjoys playing games and watching movies with her family.

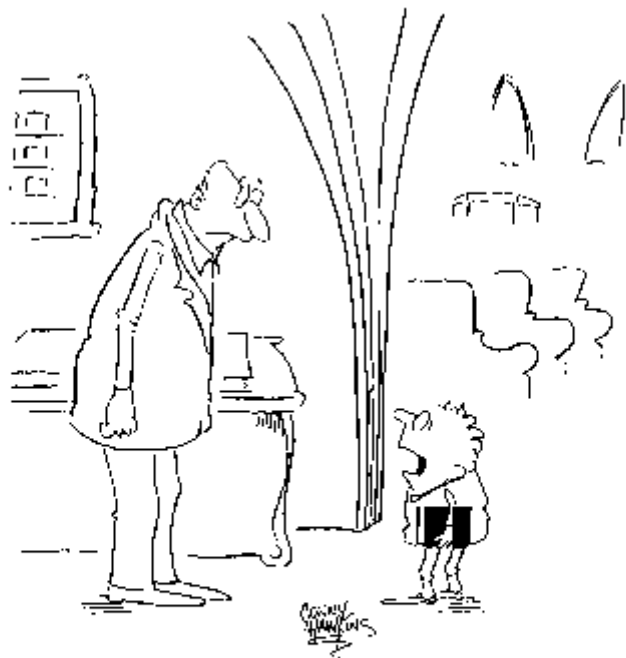
Stacy is a lifelong Lutheran. She was baptized into the Lutheran faith at Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, NE, on September 4, 1982. She was later confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church on May 4, 1997. In 2011, when the family moved to Albion, they joined Zion Lutheran Church. Since joining Zion, Stacy has continued to teach Sunday School, help with Vacation Bible School and serve as a confirmation mentor. Stacy also currently serves as the chair of the parish education committee, which she was previously a member of before becoming the chairperson. We are certainly blessed by Stacy's faithful service to God through the various ministries of Zion.

Written & submitted by
Vicar Keith Powell



**CROSS
COUNTRY**





"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."

Beer, Supper & Bible Study

6pm on Thursday,

August 21st

at the Gateway Terrace
Community Room



Everyone is invited to the Gateway Terrace Community Room (11th St) for a casual evening of faith, food, and fellowship.

Please Join us!



Mission Quilters

will meet at
1:30pm

on Fridays,
August 8th &
August 22nd.

All are welcome to join us!



**FLAT
SHEETS
NEEDED!**

Our quilters are in need of FLAT sheets—they need to be full size or larger and they can be any color you like. These flat sheets are used for the backs of the quilters' beautiful quilts.

For more information please speak with Marcia Seier 402-395-6163.



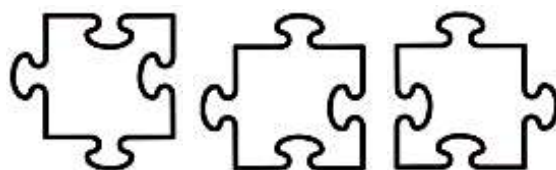
Monday, September 1st
The church office will be closed.

Puzzle Answers

Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7)

Amos; Ezekiel. Messengers

Answers: Jonah; Haggai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah;





"Look, I didn't say I could sing.
I just said I could 'carry a tune.'"

The Church Choir is happy to have **EVERYONE** who can carry a tune (in whatever way that you can) join us!

If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Tami Texley (402-741-2330).



	In person	Online
January	94	91
February	97	114
March	126	143
April	141	146
May	124	130
June	96	129

Year to Date:

113 In person
126 Online

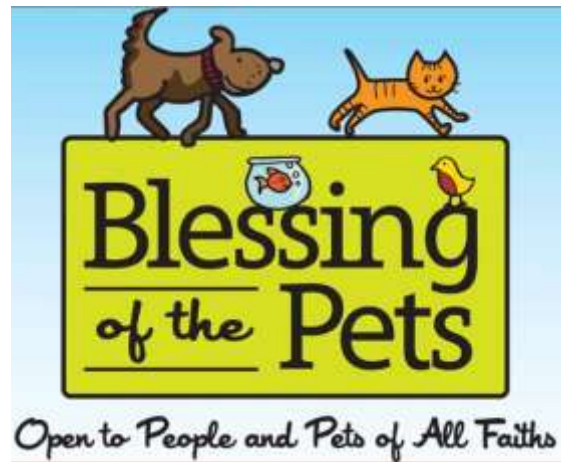


Worship on the Green & Pet Blessing

Sunday, August 10th at 9am

Bring a cup of coffee and a comfy lawn chair to praise God in the beauty of his **creation!** We will gather on Zion's south lawn and parking lot. Since we are outside, we are also encouraging folks to bring their pets and beloved animals to church this day for a blessing. Stuffed animals are also welcome!

FYI: If the weather is poor, we will move the service and the animals inside.



Vicar Keith will be on vacation Wednesday, August 6th through Tuesday, August 12th & Thursday, August 28th through Sunday, August 31st.

He will also be away at the Nebraska Synod Candidacy Retreat August 22nd-23rd.

Prolog week for Wartburg Seminary this semester will be September 1st through 5th.

Prayer Concerns this Month

Wolf Memorial Home Residents

*Jean Bittner Judy Harder
LaVonne Mills Muriel Young*

Good Samaritan Estates (Assisted Living)

*Bob & LaVonne Kruse
Donna Kruse Dorothy Young*

Genoa Assisted Living (Genoa)

Arletta Francis

Heritage of Bel-Air (Norfolk)

LaVonne Olnes

Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home

Harold & Lois Thewke

Our Homebound

Dale Sheldon

Out of State

Elva Bartels (Texas)

Joy Haas (Colorado)

In Our Sunday Prayers

*Gabe Fisher, Joy Haas, Bob Kruse,
Larry, Judy Merten, Linda Mueller,
Chris Nelson, Lorraine Nelson,
Alvah Ranslem, Sandy Rother, Mark Smith,
Pat Tobiason, Faith Tyson,
and the families of Mitzi Fisher,
Carolyn Gray, Christy Henrickson,
Russell Howser, Grace Perone*



Our Congregation & Community

*Synod Council & Synod Staff
Pre-school & Elementary
Jr. & Sr. High Students
College Students
Teachers & School Staff*

Other Concerns

Our Military

*All those affected by war, violence & hatred
All those affected by natural disasters*

Other prayer concerns are welcome



2pm on August 21st at Wolf Home
Volunteers & Prizes needed!

We will be hosting Bingo at Wolf Home on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We need at least 2 volunteers as well as prizes each month. We are looking for donations of Large Print books, coloring books for adults, beanie babies, nice costume jewelry (clip on earrings), etc. Donations are being collected in the marked box in the narthex.

For more information, please speak with
Pat Neidhardt (402-395-2802).



God calls us to SERVE



Prayer Chain & Prayer Concerns

If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain, please call Sharon Waters (402-741-2358) or the church office and they will start the chain. If you'd like to add someone to our Sunday prayers, please call the church office (402-395-2043).

***“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)***

Reusable Bags

\$5. each



\$8. each



**All money raised will benefit
the Boone County Food Pantry.
Bags are available at church.**

Coffee
and
CONVERSATION

August 7th
9:30am at
the Dotted Daisy



The Faith & Fellowship
Committee is inviting
everyone for Coffee & Conversation at the
Dotted Daisy on the first Thursday of each
month at 9:30am.

Please join us & invite friends!



**Zion's Family Fun Night
Sun., August 10th at 7pm**

**Please join us for a night of games.
free food & drinks,
an outside movie,
basket giveaways, & raffles.**

**See Roberta Seda or Kim Schaefer
for more information.**

CONFIRMATION



***Confirmation Classes
begin this month!***

**Wednesday, August 20th
Wednesday, August 27th
Wednesday, September 3rd
Wednesday, September 10th**

**Dinner is served at 5:30pm
Class begins at 6pm until 7:30pm**

**For more information,
please speak with Pastor Carolann.**

**Faith &
Fellowship**

**Committee
will
meet on**

**Sunday, July 27th
after church at 10:15am**

All are welcome to join us!



The Library of Celsus in Ephesus



Road in Ephesus



The Theatre of Ephesus



The Basilica of St. John



The House of the Virgin Mary



The Basilica of St. John
Baptismal Font

Donations Needed for Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Personal Care Kits

It is time to think about getting school kits and personal care kits together. If you would like to donate supplies or money, any and all would be appreciated! Our goals continue to be 50 school kits and 30 personal care kits. Below are the lists of items included in each kit:

SCHOOL KITS: (items still needed)

- 152 70 page spiral notebooks* (plain covers)
- 50 Black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)
- ~~5~~ Unsharpened #2 Pencils
- ~~1~~ Pencil Sharpener*
- ~~1~~ 30cm Ruler (May have inches as well)*
- ~~1~~ Pair of Blunt Scissors*
- ~~1~~ 2½" Eraser
- ~~1~~ Box of 16 or 24 Crayons



PERSONAL CARE KITS: (items still needed)

- 30 Lightweight Bath-size Towel*
- ~~1~~ Sturdy Comb*
- 30 Metal Nail Clipper
- 60 Bath-size Bars of Soap*
- ~~1~~ Adult-sized Toothbrush (original package)

*THERE IS A GREATER NEED FOR THE ITEMS IN BOLD.

Please buy plain items with no logos. You may drop any donations in the plastic tote near the office or simply mark your items for LWR Kits. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the office. Many thanks!!!!

Approximate Shipping Costs:

Quilt \$2.80

School Kit \$2.85

Personal Care Kit \$1.50



If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Sherburne
at 402-395-2051 or 402-741-0538.

Sunday, October 27
12:00pm



We are in need of silent auction items. Auction items will be on preview starting October 1st. Bidding will begin in person or online on October 12th. Items can be anything from a basketful of goodies, tickets to Husker games, to babysitting or lawncare services. We know that everyone has something of value to offer!

For more information, or to donate an auction item, please contact Nikki Heidemann (402-608-0546).



Cinnamon

Roll & Chili Cookoff

We are also in need of bakers & cooks for this event! Anyone and everyone is invited to enter the bakeoff/cookoff!

For more information, or to enter the cookoff, please contact Mary Kay Tisthammer (402-741-1256).

All proceeds will benefit the Elevator/Sprinkler System Fund!

SAVE THE DATE!

October 17—19, 2025
at Camp Carol Joy Holling
(7pm Fri—11am Sunday)



Cost: \$100 per camper
(includes lodging, meals & programming)

Activities may include:

- * Big Group Games
- * Ranchero
- * Boating
- * Challenge Course
- * Hiking
- * Creative Arts
- * Teambuilding
- * S'moregasbord Campfire

***This is worth 15 points
for all confirmation students!***

Please contact Vicar Keith for more information, or if your middle school student plans to attend.



**Zion Quilts Donated to
Carol Joy Holling Quilt Auction:**



Boo!
Made by
Zion's
Sew Happy
Mission
Quilters

**The Bold &
the Beautiful**

Made by
Arlene
Neidhardt



**Go Big Red -
Love Those
Huskers**

Made by
Pat
Neidhardt

**Autumn
Leaves**

Made by
Doris
Warner



**Pretty in
Purple**

Made by
Roberta
Seda



Zion Sunday Services
are broadcast LIVE on
Vyve Cable Channel 21
and repeated on
Wednesdays at
8am, 10:30am, 12pm,
4pm, 7pm, 8pm & 9pm
and Saturdays at
8am and 12pm.

You may also join us each Sunday morning at 9am
on Facebook Live!



You may worship with us live,
or watch the service by clicking the link
on our Facebook page
at www.facebook.com/zionalbion

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