



Zion Messenger

June 2025

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



A Baby's Hug

*¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked,
"Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
²He called a child, whom he put among them, ³and said,
"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like
children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
⁴Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest
in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever welcomes one such
child in my name welcomes me.
(Matthew 18:1-5)*

"We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat Erik in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly sitting and talking. Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, 'Hi.' He pounded his fat baby hands on the high chair tray. His eyes were crinkled in laughter and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin, as he wriggled and giggled with merriment.

I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man whose pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard and his nose was so varicose it looked like a road map.

We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled. His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists. 'Hi there, baby. Hi there, big boy. I see ya, buster,' the man said to Erik.

My husband and I exchanged looks of 'What do we do?' Erik continued to laugh and answer, 'Hi.' Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby. Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, 'Do ya patty cake? Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo.'

Nobody thought the old man was cute. We all thought that he was obviously drunk.

My husband and I were embarrassed. We ate in silence; all except for Erik, who was running through his repertoire for the admiring skid-row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments.

We finally got through the meal and headed for the door. My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat poised between me and the door. 'Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik,' I prayed. As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back trying to sidestep him and

avoid any air he might be breathing. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby's 'pick-me-up' position. Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man.

Suddenly a very old smelly man and a very young baby consummated their love and kinship. Erik in an act of total trust, love, and submission laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands full of grime, pain, and hard labor, cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back. No two beings have ever loved so deeply for so short a time.

I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms and his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm commanding voice, 'You take care of this baby.' Somehow I managed, 'I will,' from a throat that contained a stone.

He pried Erik from his chest, lovingly and longingly, as though he were in pain. I received my baby, and the man said, 'God bless you, ma'am. You've given me my Christmas gift.'

I said nothing more than a muttered thanks. With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car. My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly, and why I was saying, 'My God, my God, forgive me.'

I had just witnessed Christ's love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment; a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw a suit of clothes. I was a Christian who was blind, holding a child who was not. I felt it was God asking, 'Are you willing to share your son for a moment?' when He shared His for all eternity. How did God feel when he put his baby in our arms 2000 years ago?

The ragged old man had unwittingly reminded me, 'To enter the Kingdom of God, we must become as little children.'

Sometimes, it takes a child to remind us of what is really important. We must always remember who we are as children of God and that God calls us to love one another. We are all

Continued on page 5



Corner

Kindness

*"Kindness is more important than wisdom,
and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."
~ Theodore Isaac Rubin ~*

Practicing kindness at times can be a struggle. Kindness does not have to be a grand gesture. A simple smile to a stranger that you meet in the store, or a wave will do. Sometimes that smile may be the only bright spot of that person's day. We never truly understand what other people are going through. Maybe that person who seems "unfriendly" is going through a struggle and has a lot on their mind.

One thing I have really noticed lately, is how easy it seems to be to attack and belittle people on social media. And no, it's not just the "kids" doing this. The adults are a lot worse. God made each and every one of us different and unique. We are all allowed to have different opinions and beliefs because that's what makes us unique. Honestly, it is what makes the world a more interesting place. Can you imagine if everyone liked the same favorite color, had the same hair color. or liked the same sports team? Where is the fun in that? All of us (including me) need to practice "kindness," especially if we do not agree with someone's opinions or lifestyles or whatever! I encourage all of us to practice kindness, smile, agree to disagree, and move on.

I recently had a discussion with our granddaughter about this very topic. We all remember our own struggles with Jr High, or our kids' struggles. It's hard to be kind to those who are not "kind to you." Well, as an adult, I continue to struggle with this. There are some people who are just "easier to show kindness to than others." I wonder if that's how God feels about me most of the time.

I pray we all strive to show and spread more grace and kindness to others. May we do this even when others are being difficult to love.

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another
as God in Christ has forgiven you"
(Ephesians 4:32)*

In peace and with kindness,
Tammy Reigle
Council President



*From the
Vicar*



The Journey Continues: Athens

This month's city is Athens, which is the capital and largest city in Greece. According to Greek mythology, the city is named after Athena, the ancient Greek goddess of wisdom. The city is full of many ancient temples to different Greek gods, with the most famous being the Parthenon that is located at the Acropolis, the high point of the city.

At the base of the Acropolis is the Areopagus where Paul gave the speech recorded in Acts 17:16-33. The Areopagus is a prominent rock outcropping. The name Areopagus also referred to the Athenian governing council, later restricted to the Athenian judicial council or court that tried cases of murder, wounding, and religious matters. Because they convened in this location, this is what it is known as today.

According to Acts 17:16-33, Paul was in Athens waiting on Silas and Timothy to join him. Paul was distressed by the many idols in the city. He argued with the Jews in the synagogue, and in the marketplace. Every day he would argue with those who happened to be there, as well as with philosophers, Epicurean and Stoic, regarding the idols. Intrigued by Paul's preaching in the marketplace and the synagogue, he was brought to the Areopagus. In his speech at the Areopagus, Paul acknowledges Athenians' religiosity and points to an altar inscribed to an unknown god. Paul uses this as a starting point to proclaim that the one true God, the creator of all, does not live in temples or need human offerings. Paul explains that God wants all people to seek God and that God is not far from anyone. Paul calls on the people to repent because God has appointed a day of judgment and has given proof by raising Jesus from the dead.

Some people mocked the resurrection while others were curious and wanted to hear more. A few of the people believed in Paul's teachings and decided to follow Paul. Among the people who decided to follow Paul and his teachings was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, and a woman named Damaris. Located on the side of the Areopagus is Paul's complete speech from Acts 17.

While in Athens we also toured the Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum. We were given some free time to explore the shopping areas of the Monastiraki Square and the Plaka. On our final morning in Athens a group of us were able to attend the Eucharist service at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Athens was a wonderful city to visit, full of history and art all around.

Blessings,
Vicar Keith Powell

(Pictures can be found on page 17)



*Zion Congregational Council
Minutes from April 22, 2025*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:57pm by Tammy Reigle.

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

Equipping Time: Roberta Seda shared a message of compassion and empathy. 1 Corinthians 10:24, Seeking the Good of Others and Ephesians 4:32, Kindness and Compassion were the Bible verses she used.

Approve Minutes: Sara Rasmussen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2025. Roberta Seda seconded. Motion carried.

Report of Officers

President: Tammy Reigle – No report.

Vice President: Mary Kay Tisthammer – No report.

Treasurer: Nancy Ahlers. Mary Kay Tisthammer made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report. Jim Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor: Rev. Carolann Hopcke – The updated Kraft Grant application was mailed today. There are only two confirmands who still need to sign up for Confirmation Camp; they are Kallum Dorie & Kelby Rasmussen. The Mental Health First-Aid Training at IZ on April 5th was very good. The confirmation affirmation supper will be on Friday, May 2nd. Dorothy Tisthammer's funeral will also be on Friday, May 2nd.

Intern Pastor: Vicar Keith Powell – The semester will end on May 16th. He is almost finished with his service hours at the Mission Possible Store. The Lenten Bible study went well. He is looking for another Bible Study to lead this summer or fall.

High School Youth Coordinator: Dorothy Grosch – They egged yards on Saturday April 19th. The sunrise service & breakfast went well.

Committee Reports:

Faith and Fellowship: The committee talked about going to Omaha to the Joslyn Museum in June. Then they talked about going to a movie in Columbus and eating at a restaurant. They will decide soon.

Scholarship Committee: The committee is recommending the following Zion Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Clay Sandman, Madison Gompert, and Addyson Winter. They also recommend Nolan Kruse to receive the Randall & Donna Kruse Scholarship. Chris Nelson made a motion to approve the scholarship nominations. Josh Thayer seconded. The scholarships were approved, motion carried.

Parish Education:

Zion Alive: The attendance has waned. They will be meeting for special events, possibly quarterly, in the future.

VBS: VBS registration is available online, and a QR code has been created. Thanks to Vicar Keith, online payment is now through Vanco (the same online company we use for regular offering). These payments are deposited directly in the VBS checking account. This is going much better than last year.

Sunday School: The last day of Sunday School is April 27th. They will also be singing with the senior choir in worship that day.

Cont'd on page 5

First Communion: It went very well with 4 young men receiving on Maundy Thursday.

The Lego Bible-Reading Challenge: This will end soon. There will be two different winners.

Property & Maintenance:

Bell Tower: Josh Thayer talked with Tommy Heesacker who will do the Bell Tower repairs soon.

Parsonage Fence: The fence will be replaced soon.

New Vacuum: A new vacuum was purchased for \$150. It was recommended that if after using it for at least a month, and Jenny Gompert thinks it is working well, we will order 2 more. This will be done so that there will be a vacuum on each level of the church building.

Church & Parsonage Mowing: Bob Bruland will mow the parsonage and church. The cost will be \$60 per mow (\$30 for each property). He will submit a monthly bill each month and be paid accordingly.

Worship: The Easter Flowers were from St. Edward Floral and they were beautiful! We used flat palms this year, and they were well received. There was a nice crowd for the Good Friday Cross Walk; Wolf Home residents followed the trolley on their bus. The confirmands and graduates will be meeting soon with Pastor and Vicar to plan their special worship services.

Task Force Reports:

Handicap Accessibility Project:

The Leon and Lorna Krab Kraft Memorial Grant application was mailed today, April 22, 2025. We requested funds of up to \$30,000.

The cost of the sprinklers is approximately \$252,000. These can be done over a 3-year period. The sprinklers were NOT included in this grant so that we might apply for those in the future.

FYI: The property insurance might go up due to adding a sprinkler system.

Updated Quote with Schindler Elevators is \$157,500 for the elevator alone. The total estimated cost will be \$232,945, which includes a 10% contingency cost.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, at 6:00pm. **Chris Nelson** is responsible for the equipping time.

Adjournment: Roberta Seda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. Josh Thayer seconded. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Flanagan

Continued from page 1

valuable and loved by God. The clothes on our back, the car that we drive, and the home we live in do NOT define us at all – it's how we treat one another that identifies who we really are. Jesus said "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

Let us love one another as God loves us.

Pastor Carol

*For someone to love
is one of the greatest
things that we can do
in this world. It is
not a selfish act, but
a love that is
John 3:16*



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 *Janet Atkinson**
- 2 Susan Esch, Bonnie Wagner
- 3 Allie Stuhr
- 4 Weston Roberg, Kirk Sandman,
Asher Temme
- 5 Jordan Lindgren
- 6 Samantha Cleveland, Nancy Paulson,
Brody Pierson
- 7 Wrenley Frey, Peggy Nelson
- 8 Dylan Choat, Owen Roberg
- 9 Joni Karmann, Jessica Reestman,
Tim Woebbecke
- 10 Nicole Levander
- 11 Oaklee Nolan, Bennett Reinhart,
Harold Statz, Kristin Zoubek
- 12 Haley Borer, Ethan Naughtin,
Candice Schnoor
- 13 Pete Hudson
- 15 Colin Petersen, Bob Sandman
- 16 Lauren Gompert, Cade Moser,
*Marilee Niewohner**
- 17 Lizzie Esch
- 18 Kay Flanagan, *Mildred Koeppen**
- 19 Bristol Hardwick, Lisa Thayer
- 20 Scott Neidhardt, Mathew Salwei
- 22 Jon Porter
- 23 Jerry Lindgren
- 24 Eleanor Berger, Zeke Sandman
- 25 *Carol Anderson**, Cheryl Pilkington,
Marilyn Ransen
- 26 Avery Olnes
- 27 *Judy Johnson**, Lucas Nelson,
Kessa Rasmussen, Sydney Rother,
Kristen Weltruski
- 28 *Lynda Mangus**
- 29 Hannah Cleveland, Amy Moser,
Amanda Rasmussen, Lori Warner,
Matthew Winter
- 30 Kattie Cleveland, Connie Nelson,
Jon Petersen

**Denotes 80+ years young*

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jacque & Tom Dickey
John & Sheena Krohn
- 3 Bonnie & Mark Wagner
- 4 Hannah & Pat Cleveland
- 6 *Judy & Loren Johnson**
- 8 Becky & Jim Lindgren
- 13 Randy & Tara Leetch
- 16 Aaron & Penny Niemann
- 17 Darci & Jon Lindgren
- 18 Danielle & Mitch Koch
- 22 Ethan & Jenna Naughtin
Lynne & Mike Webster
Dennis & Melissa Weltruski
Arlyn & Theresa Wilke
- 23 Amanda & Scott Reinhart
- 24 Danielle & Greg Seier
- 25 Jessie & Taylor Sullivan
- 26 Casey & Stacey Slaymaker
- 27 Becky & Jim Olnes
*Darlene & Norman Reynoldson**
- 29 Janelle & Ryan Tisthammer
- 30 *LeRoy & Lynda Mangus**
Candice & Jared Schnoor
Jeremy & Kim Young

***Denotes 50+ years of marriage**

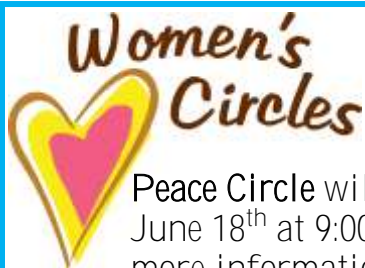


We are not perfect and
sadly, neither is our
database. If you know
of folks whose names
are missing from the
birthday or anniversary

Don't see
your name?



lists, please let us know. We really would
like to include everyone. Thanks!



June
2025

Peace Circle will meet on Wednesday,
June 18th at 9:00am at Zion. For
more information, please speak with
Mary Levander.

Grace Circle will meet at 2pm on Wednesday,
June 18th at Zion. For more information,
please speak with *Doris Warner*.

2025 Flower Committee

June

Jacque Dickey

July

Volunteers
Needed!



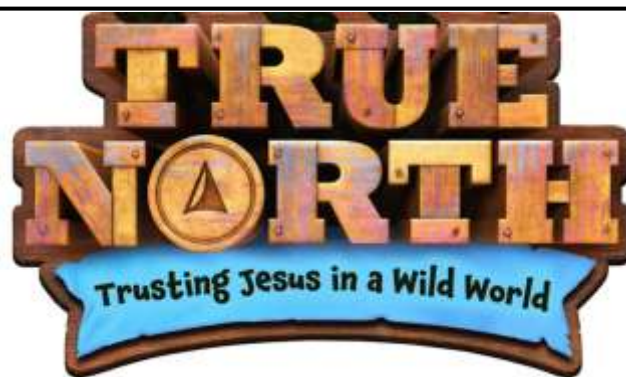
Pastor
Hopcke
will be
ordained
32 years on
June 27th!



Happy Anniversary Pastor!



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



Vacation Bible School 2025

VBS will be held from

June 9-13, 2025

9am — 12noon

Help is needed!

To volunteer, call
Amy Moser (402-430-2924)

NewsLetter DEADLine

**The deadline for the
July Messenger is
Sunday, June 22nd**



OUR FLAG

There are many flags
in many lands,
There are flags of every hue;
but there is no flag,
however grand,
like our own
Red, White, and Blue!

~ Mary Howliston ~

FLAG Day is June 14th!



2025 class of

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Class of 2025

Nolan John Kruse

School: Boone Central

Plans after Graduation:
College to study
Natural Gas and HVAC

Future Plans:
To be successful

If I could travel anywhere
it would be to Florida in the winter
because it will be warm

Advice to Younger Self:
Work hard and make good choices

Biggest Pet Peeve:
People who chew with their mouths open



Class of 2025

***Elizabeth (Lizzie)
Louise Esch***

School: Riverside

Plans after Graduation:
CCC for Nursing

Future Plans:
An Aesthetic Nurse

If I could travel anywhere
it would be to Bora Bora

Advice to Younger Self:
Don't worry so much about what people
think about you; it doesn't matter.

Biggest Pet Peeve:
People who chew with their mouths open



Class of 2025

Preston Dean Trollope

School: Boone Central

Plans after Graduation:
Attend Peru State &
bowl for the Bobcats!

Future Plans:
To be an Athletic Trainer

Advice to Younger Self:

Listen to my parents

One Wish: To win the PBA Tour



Class of 2025

Clay Gerald Sandman

School: Boone Central

Plans after Graduation:
UNO for a degree in
Aviation with a
concentration in
Professional Flight

Future Plans:
Pursue an Aviation Contract with the
Marine Corps, (F-35B concentration)

If I could travel anywhere
it would be to Japan or Australia

Advice to Younger Self:
Don't space out in math class

Biggest Pet Peeve:
Loud voices, particularly in the morning



Class of 2025

Dylan Daniel Staub

School: Boone Central

Plans after Graduation:
Study Diesel Mechanics

If I could travel anywhere
it would be to Germany

Advice to Younger Self:
Do not procrastinate

Biggest Pet Peeve:
People who chew with their mouths open





Class of 2025
Madison Jaymes Gompert

School: Boone Central

Plans after Graduation:
UNK for Nursing

If I could travel anywhere
it would be to Greece

Advice to Younger Self:

Don't be afraid to try new things!

Biggest Pet Peeve: Slow walkers



Class of 2025
Abbi Violet David

School: Boone Central

Plans after Graduation:
College classes online

Future Plans:

In 10 years I hope to be
married with 4 kids and
working with pediatrics

If I could travel anywhere
it would be to Sicily, Italy

Advice to Younger Self:

Learn to communicate in all situations,
even if it is tough

Biggest Pet Peeve:

People not being honest



Class of 2025
Addyson Marae Winter

School: Boone Central

Plans after Graduation:
South Dakota State

Future Plans:

Special Ed Teacher

If I could travel anywhere

it would be to Australia or Europe

Advice to Younger Self: Don't procrastinate!

Biggest Pet Peeve: When people are late

Summer Giving



As summer approaches we start to think about vacation and time away from our normal

routine. While you may be away this summer, please know that Zion Lutheran will be here awaiting your return. However, during this time, please remember to make your regular financial contributions to our church. Our bills do not take a vacation and we need your support, especially during the summer months.

We need to remember that God gives us the gift of summer to enjoy and that what we do with it is a way of giving gifts back to God. If you can't be at our church, please make an effort to attend church wherever you are; it's a great way to experience the love of God in a new way!

Have a wonderful and safe summer
and remember to Thank God
for His many Blessings to us.



Next
Meeting:
Tuesday,
July 1st
At
5:30pm

Faith + SHARING =
EVANGELISM

**The Evangelism Committee will
meet on Monday,
July 7th at 7:00pm.
All are welcome!**



FATHERS OF FAITH

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks.
Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 parents	3 faithfulness	1 you	



_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____;
_____.
_____.

Isaiah 38:19, NIV

IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express
love for your dad or another
special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



Bible Quiz

Who said to the prophet Nathan,
"I have sinned against the LORD?"

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king



Puzzle Answers on page 18



2025
June
Jacque & Tom Dickey*
Dave & Jolene Roberg

July
Judy & Loren Johnson*
Amy & Pat Zaruba

Altar Guild



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 use these elements to take communion on Sunday mornings.

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



**Next Meeting:
Sunday,
June 8th
at
10:15am**



Mission Quilters will meet on Friday, June 27th at 1:30pm.

All are welcome to join us!



Faith & Fellowship

Committee will meet at 10:15am on Sunday, June 1st. (after church)

All are welcome to join us!



Christ in Our Home

The July, August & September 2025 Christ in Our Home devotional, including large print, are available in the tract rack by the west door.



Zion Church Council
Will MEET on Tuesday, June 24th at 6pm.



Pentecost Sunday
June 8th
Join us for worship at 9:00am
Please wear RED!



The ***Roberg Family***
made a donation to Zion's
Memorial Scholarship Fund
in loving memory of
Donald C. Roberg



Memorial Gifts



The following
people made
donations to

**Zion's Memorial
Fund** in loving memory of
Barb Buckendahl

Rev. Carolann Hopcke (*Scholarship Fund*)

Robert Ladd

Jane Mundschenk (*Scholarship Fund*)

Connie & Rick Nelson



SignUpGenius®

All of Zion's SignUp sheets
can be found online!

All of Zion's signups are digital
through the SignUpGenius website.
Simply Google SignUpGenius—find a
signup. Enter office@zionalbion.com
in the creator search bar to find us.

There are signups for greeters, ushers,
acolytes, reader, communion assistants,
audio/video, and PowerPoint
volunteers! Signups for hosting Luther
League and confirmation class meals
are also available.

This is an 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!



The following people
made donations to
Zion's Memorial Fund
in loving memory of **Dorothy Tisthammer**

Janet Atkinson

Raelynn & Steve Bygland

Kristie & Steven Camp

Judy Harder (*Scholarship Fund*)

Rich & Nikki Heidemann

Rev Carolann Hopcke (*Scholarship Fund*)

Cynthia Kraus (*Elevator Fund*)

Donna Kruse (*Elevator Fund*)

Chuck & Julie Long

Barb Michael

Jane Mundschenk (*Scholarship Fund*)

Chris Nelson (*Elevator Fund*)

Connie & Rick Nelson

Nano Nore

Tom Norskov

Laurie & Stephen Nye

Vicar Keith Powell (*Scholarship Fund*)

Jane Ralston

Jerry & Jennifer Schmitz (*Elevator Fund*)

Doris Warner

*The family has requested that all undesignated gifts
be put in the elevator Fund.*



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
take one home.

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, June 3rd
at 5:30pm



Worship Song Leaders

JUNE

- | | |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Jacque & Tom Dickey |
| 8 | Kay Flanagan |
| 15 | <i>Volunteer Needed!</i> |
| 22 | <i>Volunteer Needed!</i> |
| 29 | <i>Volunteer Needed!</i> |

Mobile Food Pantry Saturday, June 7th



The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 9:00 am at the Boone County Fairgrounds. This will be 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. 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 but feel free to ask someone else to pick up for you.

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.

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.



Church Musicians

JUNE

- | | |
|----|-------------|
| 1 | Tami Texley |
| 8 | Tami Texley |
| 15 | Tami Texley |
| 22 | Jill Nore |
| 29 | Sarah Liss |





Carol Joy Holling Camp,
Conference & Retreat Center

Quilt Auction

37th Annual Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 26, 2025

9am - 5pm

Join in the 37th Annual Quilt Auction at Carol Joy Holling Camp on July 26th! The day promises good food, great fun, and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of the camp. The auction and lunch will be held rain or shine. Bring your friends and families!

Tentative Schedule

9:00am	Quilts on Display
9:30am	Live Auction Starts
11:30am — 1:30pm	Lunch Served
12:00pm — 2:00pm	Pool Open
1:30pm	Silent Auction Closes
2:30pm	Specialty Items Auction Starts
3:00pm	Silent Auction items available for pick up

Auction Information

Quilts in the past have auctioned for anywhere between \$25 and \$20,000. Lance Larsen, a professional auctioneer from Cordova, NE, is volunteering his time to auction the quilts. Select quilts will be available through the Silent Auction. Bidding will open for the Silent Auction on Friday, July 25th at 9:00am and close Saturday, July 26th at 1:30pm. Silent Auction items will be available for pick up after 3:00pm.

Live Auction bidding will start at 9:30am. The Live Auction quilts will be displayed with numbered cards indicating the order in which they will be auctioned. Bidders can approximate when their favorite quilts will be up for auction. The cards also include information about the quilt donor and the size, type, and design of the quilt.

Quilt Donations

Quilts can be delivered to Carol Joy Holling Camp between June 1st and July 21st. They should be placed in a plastic bag with a completed copy of the donation form inside.

Although this is an outdoor event, pets are not allowed.

First day of
SUMMER
June 20th!



*Ask and it shall be given
Seek and you will find
Knock and it shall
be opened to you*

✚ Christian Symbol ✚



RIVER

In the Bible, rivers (and other bodies of water) often represent deliverance, salvation, freedom and cleansing. The Jordan River is especially prominent: The Israelites crossed it to enter the Promised Land after God delivered them from slavery, and John baptized Jesus (and many other people) there. The image of crossing the Jordan River has long been a metaphor for death — crossing from earthly to heavenly life, from worldly struggles to the bliss of God's kingdom, from physical ailments to the wholeness of a resurrection body.

Beer, Supper & Bible Study

Thursday, July 17th

6pm at the Gateway

Terrace Community Room (11th St)

We will not be meeting in June
due to confirmation Camp.

Everyone is invited for a casual evening
of faith, food, and fellowship.

Please Join us!



FLAT SHEETS NEEDED!

Our quilters are in need of FLAT COTTON sheets — they need to be full size or larger and they can be any color you like. We CANNOT use microfiber sheets because they are not durable and they don't breathe as well as the cotton. These flat sheets are used for the backs of the quilters' beautiful quilts.

For more information please speak
with Marcia Seier 402-395-6163. or
Barb Michael (402) 395-6377



In person Online

January	94	91
February	97	114
March	126	143
April	141	146

Year to Date:

115 In person
124 Online



Table Grace:

T-H-A-N-K-Y-O-U!

(Tune: Mickey Mouse Club Song)

T-H-A-N-K-Y-O-U Jesus Christ.
Thank you God. Thank you God
for giving us this food for our bodies!
T-H-A-N-K-Y-O-U Jesus Christ!

We serve a
BIG GOD



✝ **Congratulations Confirmands!** ✝

Front Row: *Peyton Kathryn Seier, Brayden Landry Slaymaker, Bentley Stonewall Stuhr, Hailey James Salwei,*
Back Row: *Pastor Carolann Hopcke, Tinsley Rae Neidhardt, Brooklynn Ann Kelley, Evelyne Dawn Schaefer, Malaya Jewel Hanaway, Vicar Keth Powell*

✝ **May God continue to bless you and guide them in their faith journeys.** ✝



✝ **Congratulations Graduates!** ✝

Front Row: *Nolan Kruse, Lizzie Esch, Addyson Winter, Madison Gompert*
Back Row: *Preston Trollope, Clay Sandman, Dylan Staub*

✝ **May God bless them and their bright futures!** ✝

LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE
 BEFORE OTHERS
 THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR
GOOD WORKS
 AND GLORIFY YOUR
Father in Heaven
 -MATTHEW 5:16

(Continued from page 3)



The Areopagus



Paul's Speech at The Areopagus

Caryatids
also known as the "Sisters of Athena"

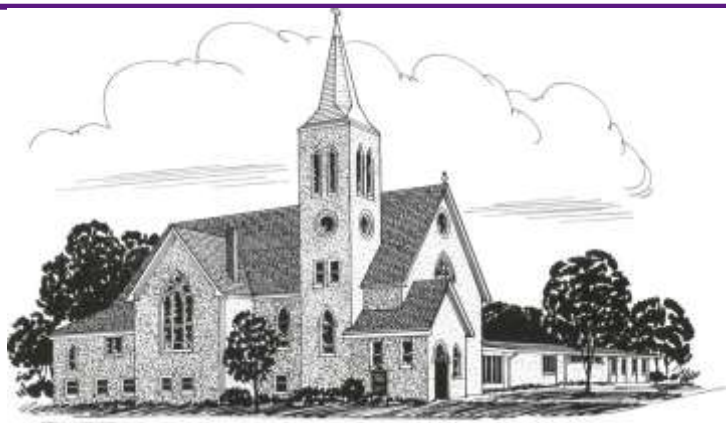


The Parthenon



**Some of
St. Paul's
journey...**





ZION LUTHERAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
in the amount of \$1,000.00 each
was faithfully awarded to

Madison Gompert

in loving memory of

Carter Ahlstedt, Steven Choat,

Carol Flanagan, Polly Hadan,

Gary Karabel, Ron Krohn,

Leon & Mary Nelson, Ruth Pribnow,

Bev Rieck, Ron Weltruski

Clay Sandman

in loving memory of

Greg Warner

Addyson Winter

in loving memory of

Paul Brugger, Lester Field,

Bob Hadan, Dr. Marlee Holmes,

Donna Kelley, Dennis Michael,

LaDonna Morris,

Leon & Mary Nelson,

Bud Ranslem, Virginia Storm

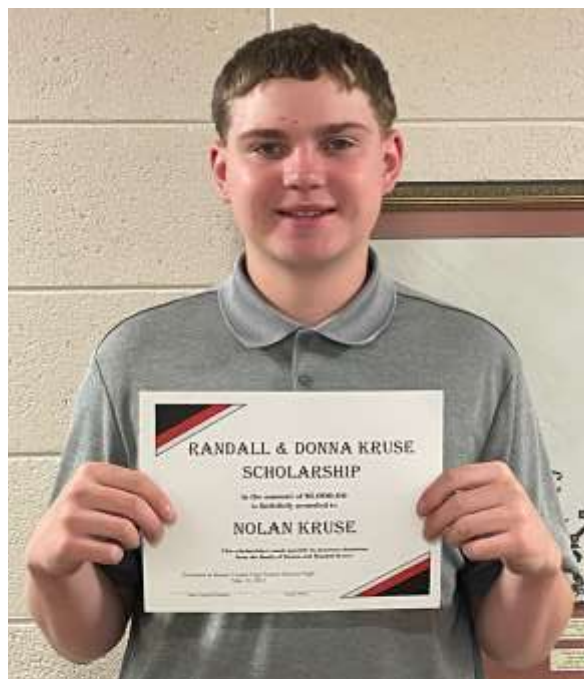


Randall I & Donna Kruse
SCHOLARSHIP

in the amount of \$1,000.00
was faithfully awarded to

Nolan Kruse

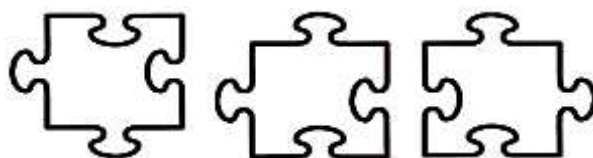
This scholarship is made possible
by generous donations
from the family and friends of
Donna and Randall Kruse.

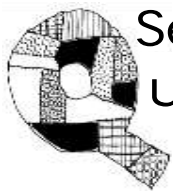


Puzzle Answers

Puzzle Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13)

Bible Quiz Answers: The living, the living — they
praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their
children about your faithfulness. (Isaiah 38:19, NIV)







Attention: 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

The Elkhorn Valley Cluster is doing Confirmation Camp together at the **Ranch Camp** the week of **June 15-20**. Campers sign up online. Families are responsible for the initial deposit and because Zion believes in the power of Camp, our church will pay for the balance of everyone's registration fee.

Camp is a requirement of Zion's Confirmation Program, so, please sign up soon! If you are unable to attend this specific week, please sign up for a different week this summer!

For more information, please speak with Pastor Carolann.



Thank you to everyone who remembered me on my 90th birthday. It was so thoughtful of you.

Blessings, Doris Warner

Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the kindness and yummy goodies that were brought to us.

It sure brightened our week!



The Gals at
Growth & Grace Counseling



**The 2025 Nebraska
Synod Assembly
May 31 - June 1, 2025**

Younes Conference Center, Kearney

The 2025 Nebraska Synod Assembly will gather this year under the theme of **Imagine! Imagine? Imagine...** Folks from across the synod will have opportunities for continued learning, fellowship, interaction with our Synod ministry partners, and more!

Voting members from congregations will vote on assembly business, vote on the budget, and consider resolutions. Our voting members are **Mary Staub, Pastor Carolann, and Vicar Keith.**

**Taylor
& Jesse
Sullivan**
6416 Kyla Dr.
Papillion, NE
68157-2196



Coffee and CONVERSATION *June 5th 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!



Prayer Concerns this Month

Wolf Memorial Home Residents

Jean Bittner 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

Judy Harder Dale Sheldon

Out of State

Elva Bartels (Texas)

Joy Haas (Colorado)

In Our Sunday Prayers

*Chad David, Autumn Davis,
Mary Pat Freeman, Wrenley Frey,
Joy Haas, Ruth Hagemann,
Emma Hellbusch, Michael Hohn,
Mark Smith, Pat Tobiason,
Faith Tyson, Diane Young,
Ethan, Kelsey & Kennedy Young,
Matt Zoucha,
and the families of
Candice Breed, Barb Buckendahl,
Padma Catell, Bernie Lindemann,
Greg Packard, and Christa Slater*



Our Congregation

*Albion Community VBS Coordinators,
Students, Crew Leaders,
Volunteers & Staff*

Other Concerns

Our Military

All those affected by war, violence & hatred

Those affected by natural disasters

Other prayer concerns are welcome



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 (402-395-2043) 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)



2pm on June 19th

at Wolf Home

Volunteers &

Prizes appreciated!

We will be hosting Bingo at Wolf Home on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We need at least 2 volunteers each month. We are always happy to have donations of prizes. The residents LOVE Beanie Babies, as well as snacks and candy! Donations are being collected in the marked box in the narthex.

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



2025 Fellowship Coffee Serving Schedule

June:

Volunteers Needed!

July:

Volunteers Needed!





Lego Bible Challenge

Don't forget
to turn in your

**Lenten Lego
Bible Challenge sheets!**
(Even if you didn't finish!)

EVERYONE
who participated
will receive a
SWEET TREAT
and be eligible to win the
GRAND PRIZE!



**"Then the caterpillar gets out
of quarantine and flies away
as a butterfly."**

We offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to **Arlene Neidhardt, & Nancy Gasper** (Arlene's sister)

who helped to sew and quilt the personalized quilts for our graduates. The graduates truly appreciated it and your workmanship was magnificent. **Thank you!**



SAVE the DATE: Sunday, June 22nd



Join us for some food & fun! Details to follow.

For more information, speak with Deb Borchers (308-991-3912).



Zion's Family Fun Night Sunday, August 10th at 7pm

We are looking for movie suggestions for our Family Fun Night in August. There is a sign-up sheet for suggestions or you can text your ideas to Pastor (267-374-7762) or email her at church (pca@zionalbion.org) Thanks!

We are also hoping to do giveaway baskets again this year. Please let us know if you, or your committee, will be able to sponsor a basket.

Mark your calendars & join us!

Handicap Accessibility Project



Elevator Update

Total Cost:\$232,945*

(Custom Elevator for caskets)

Elevator T-bill Account	\$169,243.64
April Income	\$105.00
April Expenses	\$0.00
April Interest	\$494.15
Total	\$170,464.46

*This does NOT include the Sprinkler system estimated @ \$252,000.

We did apply for a \$30,000 grant but have yet to hear anything.



Thanks for your support of this very important project!



\$40. for Lent Update

All money received was put in the Building Fund to be used for the Bell Tower repairs. Whatever is left over will be used for the elevator.

\$80.00	February
\$1,390.00	March
\$600.00	April
\$2,070.00	Total Received

Thanks for your financial support!

VBS T-Shirt Quilt Raffle

**Ticket
Donations:**
\$1 each or
6 for \$5

Drawing
will be
at the
VBS
Closing
program on



Friday, June 13th at noon

(You do NOT need to be present to win!)

Tickets are available at Zion,
Albion United Methodist & St. Michael's Churches



All proceeds benefit Albion Community VBS



**"Don't be afraid, Jeffy. It's just
God givin' us a little thunder
and enlightening."**

Zion Messenger is a monthly publication of
Zion Lutheran Church
319 S 5th St., Albion, NE 68620
Worship Services - Sunday 9:00am

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4pm

Friday Office Closed

Phone 402-395-2043

Pastoral Care Concerns after hours:
Pastor Carolann Hopcke, 267-374-7762

Email: office@zionalbion.org

Website: www.zionalbion.org

Zion's Staff

Pastor Carolann Hopcke, Senior Pastor

PCA@zionalbion.org

Vicar Keith Powell, Seminarian

vicarkeith@zionalbion.org

Office Administrators

Cynthia Kraus & Cheryl Sherburne

office@zionalbion.org

High School Youth Coordinator

Dorothy Grosch

youthcoordinator@zionalbion.org

Nancy Ahlers, Treasurer:

treasurer@zionalbion.org

*Worship
with us
from*
HOME

Zion Sunday Services
are broadcast LIVE on
Eagle 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