



Zion Messenger

March 2025

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



Money is the root of all evil.



That's not actually how it goes. The correct scripture quote is from 1st Timothy:

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in eagerness to be rich

some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."

(1 Tim. 5:10)

So, it's not money in and of itself that's evil, but the love of money.

Money is only evil when we put the love of money above or before the love of God or one another. The way in which we use our money speaks volumes about what it is we value in life. On what do you spend your money? Is it on yourself? Is it on your family? What about God? How much of your money do you give to God or **for God's purposes?**

The book of Hebrews says, "Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'" *(Hebrews 13:5-6)*

We say we believe in God and that God will provide what we need, but

do we really believe that? We say we love God, but how do we show that in the way we live our lives or in the ways in which we use all the resources that God has given us?

We know God loves us. He showed us the depth of that love through the life, death, and resurrection of his son, Jesus. As we enter the holy season of Lent, we are asked to journey once again with Jesus to the cross. With each approaching step, Jesus shows us his love for us. Jesus gave his very life for us. What and how much do we give to God?

A common Lenten practice has been to give something up for 40 days. What can you give up? Christ gave his life. Can you give up coffee, chocolate, eating out, or cigarettes? What about Facebook, cable, TV, or the internet? As Lutherans, we are encouraged to use Lent as a time of self-examination and reflection. Lent should be a time for deepening our faith. What is it that is keeping you from God? Is it work, sports, sleep, lack of commitment, too busy a schedule, or something else? Whatever it is, can you give it up for 40 days? Can you give it up for 7 Sundays? Jesus gave his very life. What can you give?

Journeying with you,



Corner

Waiting ... Patiently ...

"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet."

~ Aristotle ~

As I am writing this, we are “patiently/not so patiently” waiting for our new grandbaby to arrive, who is due on March 2nd. I pray daily that Jenn and the Baby will be healthy and happy. I have no doubt that Wade and Jenn will make amazing parents, and their baby will be well taken care of.

The gift of a child is the best gift of all. It doesn't matter if that child came into your life naturally, through marriage, adoption, foster care etc., once they are your child there is truly no greater love that can be felt.

So this brings me back to the love that God truly has for each and everyone of us. He literally gave his Child Jesus to us all, to suffer for us and die on the cross for us so that we can all be saved daily from our sins. WOW! What love! How truly patient God is — to watch me daily and forgive me daily for all my short fallings.

“Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him”

Psalms 37:7a

Waiting with you,

Tammy Reigle

Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalm 37:7



President's

*From the
Vicar*



Following the path of St. Paul...

In January I had the wonderful opportunity to travel overseas for the first time to Greece and Turkey. The purpose of the trip was to follow the Apostle Paul's path through Greece and Turkey, but to also immerse ourselves into a new culture. For the next few months I will be sharing photos and information about each of the sites I had the opportunity to visit. This way those who were unable to attend my presentation on February 23rd still have an opportunity to learn about my trip and see some of the photos. [Photos are on page 19]

The first place I will share about is the traditional baptismal place of Lydia. The story of Lydia's baptism is found in Acts 16: 9-15. The story of Lydia starts with Paul having a vision in the night of a man of Macedonia (modern day Europe) pleading for Paul to come to Macedonia to help them. Paul took the vision as a sign from God to go to Macedonia to preach the gospel to the people there. However, when Paul went to Macedonia the first person who Paul meets with is not a man, but a woman named Lydia. Lydia was from the city of Thyatira, which is in modern-day Turkey. She was a dealer in purple cloth, which was a luxury item in the ancient world. Purple dye was made from a species of murex snails found along the Mediterranean coast. The process of extracting this dye was intricate and labor-intensive, making it very expensive. These snails excrete a secretion that, when exposed to sunlight, turns a deep purple. A significant number of snails were required to make even a small amount of dye.

Paul meets Lydia on the Sabbath day by the riverside outside the city walls of Phillippi where he was speaking to a group of women whom he met. Lydia heard Paul speaking and she, along with members of her household, were baptized by Paul. She then asked Paul to come to her home to stay. Lydia is often seen as one of the first converts in Europe and as a symbol of early Christian leadership, especially as a woman. She is honored for her faith, her openness to new teachings, and her role in spreading Christianity in the region.

The site we visited is referred to as the "traditional" baptismal place of Lydia, as it is most likely not the site that Lydia was actually baptized. Scholars believe she was most likely not baptized at this site because it is located near an Ancient Roman cemetery and was baptized somewhere else along the river. Jewish worshipers would not have been worshiping near a cemetery, that's why they refer to the current site as the traditional baptismal place and not the official baptismal place.

While visiting this traditional site we were able to visit the inside of the church that was built in Lydia's honor. In the entrance of the church is a mosaic of Paul's journey on the floor. The church is painted with many beautiful biblical images throughout the building. Down by the river our tour group took part in a small service led by our faculty advisors. Our focus passage for the service was Acts 16:11-15, the story of Lydia. The visit to the traditional baptismal place of Lydia resonated with me as it showed that Paul's witnessing about God and Christ did not end with Lydia, but continued to spread from there throughout Macedonia and the rest of the world. We were also able to witness to our faith in God and Christ in the same place that Christianity gained Macedonian followers in Lydia and the members of her household.

Blessings,
Vicar Keith

*Zion Congregational Council
Minutes from January 14, 2025*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Pastor Carolann.

Present: Kay Flanagan, Pastor Carolann Hopcke, Chris Nelson, Sara Rasmussen, Tammy Reigle, Amber Salwei, Roberta Seda, Josh Thayer, Mary Kay Tisthammer

Absent: Vicar Keith Powell, Jim Meyer arrived at 6:55pm.

Equipping Time: Sara Rasmussen led us in a relaxation breathing exercise.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Sara Rasmussen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024, meeting. Amber Salwei seconded. Motion carried.

Report of Officers

President: Tammy Reigle - None

Vice President: Mary Kay Tisthammer – None

Treasurer: \$5000 was given to the Dankert account from the Dining Hall to gain interest. That money will be used in the future for the Dining Hall. Roberta Seda made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Josh Thayer seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor: Rev. Carolann Hopcke –Most of the reports for the annual meeting have been received. Council installation will be during worship on February 9th. We discussed current funeral fees and expenses. Roberta Seda made a motion that funeral fees would be as follows: a flat fee of \$300 for use of the building with a luncheon to follow; and a flat fee of \$150 with no luncheon. The expectation is that \$150 would be given to the sexton for cleaning before and after funerals, and \$150 would be given to the funeral fund to cover the cost of paper products and other funeral meal expenses. Tammy Reigle seconded. Motion carried.

Intern Pastor: Vicar Keith Powell – He is in Turkey and Greece and will return January 19th.

High School Youth Coordinator: Luther League's ski trip in South Dakota is set for March 13–16, 2025. They anticipate about 16 youth plus adults. The students did a great job with the Candlelight Service.

Standing Committee Reports

Evangelism: The light parade was a success. A Little Debbie Christmas Tree Farm was the theme. The free community movie at Gateway Theater this year was the original Home Alone. It was well attended and appreciated. They will meet again in April for May Day cookies.

Nominations: Tammy Reigle, Sara Rasmussen & Amanda Reinhart have agreed to serve on Church Council. Dave Woebbecke and Kathy Thorberg have agreed to serve on the Mission Endowment Committee. Trina Hellbusch, Patti Meyer & Katie Rugg have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Krista & Kailyn Choat are a possibility for our Synod Assembly voting members.

Parish Education Committee: The SS Christmas program went well. There will be no Sunday School on Feb. 2nd due to the annual meeting; childcare will be available for those who might need it. Toys for Tots went well. Pretzel Sunday will be on March 2nd. Vacation Bible School will be held June 9th–13th. They still need to figure out how to make the payment easier. Confirmation camp will be Ranch Camp this year, June 15th-20th. This is the week after Bible School.

Property Committee: The conference room upper cabinets fell down. The particle board gave way. We are looking for new cabinets. Some kitchen light bulbs need to be replaced. The old folding machine was moved to the basement; we no longer use it and will try to sell it or just get rid of it. Chris Levander repaired the parsonage garage doors. The bell tower needs to be fixed – water has been getting in for a long time. We did receive money from our old insurance company to be used for repairs. Fixing the water damage, as well as addressing

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the insulation issues, needs to be coordinated with the possible installation of a sprinkler system. A property/building sub-committee will meet on Tuesday, January 21st, at 5pm to discuss all the projects that need attention: Bell Tower, Elevator, Sprinkler System, Bathroom updates, and the Outdoor Sign.

Women of the ELCA: The 2024 ending balance is \$4,848.22

Worship Committee: Christmas Eve 11:00pm service had 35 people. We had a total of 400 people at all three services. The undecorating went quickly. The flower committee needs help in February and April. Mary Kay Tisthammer took February for the flower committee. Will check with St. Edward Floral and Jen Beierman for Easter flowers. Ash Wednesday is March 5th.

Task Force Reports

Handicap Accessibility Project:

Phase I is complete – The work is finished and fully funded.

Phase II – Upgrade the lift to an elevator. The worst-case scenario is \$500,000.

We currently have \$170,297.70 in the elevator T-bill account.

We will apply for grants when we know a more accurate cost.

Phase III – updating current main floor bathrooms & adding a fully handicap accessible bathroom.

We have \$25,625.00 in the building fund earmarked for bathrooms.

We are still awaiting plans from Jon Porter.

Old Business:

The Agenda for the Annual Meeting was approved. It was attached to the January Council Agenda.

New Business

The Council is responsible for the January Cookie Fellowship.

January 19 Roberta Seda & PCA

January 26 Mary Kay Tisthammer & Jim Meyer



Next Meeting: February 2nd after the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment – Tammy Reigle made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Amber Salwei seconded. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord’s prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Flanagan



	In person	Online
January	94	91
2025 Averages:	94 In person	91 Online



Snow Shoveling Volunteers Needed!

We need help to scoop or shovel all of the church and parsonage sidewalks! If you are able to help, just come by after a snow and start!

FYI Confirmation Students:
Each sidewalk is worth 5 points!

Thanks for your help!



MARCH



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kathy Thorberg
- 2 Bob Reigle
- 3 Ella Gompert
- 4 Huxlee McMillan-Dozler,
Tammy Reeder, Jacob Trollope
- 5 Richard Cleveland
- 6 **Ardy Choat***, John Krohn,
Amanda Reinhart, Brynna Trombley,
Ben Webster
- 7 Bryce Kennedy, Jeremy Young
- 8 Brian Tisthammer
- 9 Kendra Christiansen, Abbi David,
Caleb Krohn, Aaron Weltruski
- 10 Shay Briese, Jamie Rudolph
- 12 Dayton Choat, Kailyn Choat
- 14 Terry Ahlers, Connie Becker,
*Arletta Francis**, *LaVonne Olnes**,
Allen Thorberg
- 15 Halsey Dozler, *Judd Wagner**,
Tyson Webster
- 16 Mike Trollope
- 17 Katie Rugg
- 19 Heather Hudson, Emily Levander,
Audrey Tisthammer, Becky Trombley
- 20 Rachel Majerus, *Barbara Michael**,
Jase Salwei
- 24 Hannah Groth, Ty Groth,
*Loren Johnson**, Deb Kyncl
- 26 Jace Rasmussen
- 29 Beth Hauger, Lois Hoefler
- 30 Garrett Grosch, Collins Rasmussen
- 31 Keri Brugger, Mark Wagner

*Denotes 80+ years young



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Adam & Kelly Seier
- 10 Cheryl & Ralph Pilkington
- 12 Jenny & Josh Gompert
- 14 Corey & Cori Zoubek
- 16 Tom & Trudy Fick
- 20 Mitch & Nicole Hardwick
- 22 Matt & Tiffany Niewohner
- 24 Michelle & Ryan Neidhardt
- 25 Heather & Mark Hudson
Drew & Kim Schaefer

*Denotes 50+ years of marriage

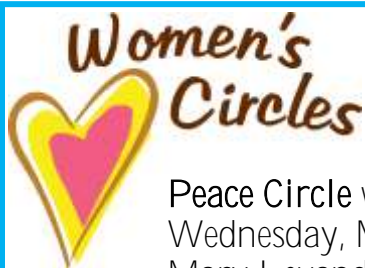


We are not perfect and sadly, neither is our database. If you know of folks whose names are missing from the birthday or anniversary lists, please let us know. We really would like to include everyone. Thanks!

Don't see your name?




Monday,
March 17th!



March 2025

Peace Circle will meet at Zion on Wednesday, March 19th at 9am. Mary Levander will be the leader.

Grace Circle will meet at 2pm on Wednesday, March 19th at Zion. Doris Warner will be the leader. For more information, please speak with Doris Warner.



Table
Grace

(Tune: Addams Family Theme)

Be present at our table Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May strengthened for thy service be.

Amen. (snap, snap)

Amen. (snap, snap)

Amen, Amen, Amen. (snap, snap)

2025 Flower Committee

March

Nicole Levander
No Flowers during Lent

April Tammy Reigle
Easter Flowers



Don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday, March 8th!



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 (402-35-2043) 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)



March 5th!

Worship with Ashes & Communion at 7pm



Welcome Spring
March 20th
2025!



Committee will meet at 10:15am

**on Sunday, April 6th.
(after church)**

All are welcome to join us!

PUZZLE



FROM WORD TO WORLD

Words are important! God spoke and created all things.
What does the psalmist declare about creation?

Directions: Using the word clues, unscramble the letters to complete Psalm 102:25, NIV.

A preposition	NI	--
An article	HTE	---
Genesis means this	NINBGEIGN	-----
A second-person pronoun	OUY	---
Past tense of <i>to lay</i>	IDAL	----
An article	HET	---
A plural noun meaning base	SODTAINFONU	-----
A preposition showing possession	FO	--
An article	TEH	---
A concrete noun meaning <i>world</i>	HRTEA	-----

Psalm 102:25, NIV

sweet soil



This snack's layers mimic properties of our planet's crust.

What you need:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup nut butter (divided)
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Silicone mini baking cups

What you do:

1. Combine the oats and ½ cup of the nut butter. Mix until oats stick together.
2. Place 2 teaspoons of oat mixture in each baking cup. Press with a spoon. Freeze for 10 minutes.
3. Spread remaining nut butter atop the cups. Freeze for 10 more minutes.
4. Microwave the chocolate chips 30 seconds. Stir and keep heating for 30-second intervals until melted.
5. Spread melted chocolate atop the cups. Freeze until chocolate is firm.
6. Remove from the molds and enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.



Bible Quiz

Complete this sentence which introduces a well-known Bible story:
“The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of _____.”

- A. flowers
- B. sheep
- C. rocks
- D. bones



Answers are on page 13



Friday, March 7, 2025



Luther League

LUTHER LEAGUE

for all in grades 9-12

Join us on

**Wednesday Nights during Lent
at 6:30pm.**

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

Blessings, Dorothy Grosch

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-luther> to volunteer! Thanks!



Luther League Schedule



MARCH

Wed., Feb. 26 6:30pm Plan Sunrise Worship

Wed., Mar. 5 5-7pm Soup Supper

Wed., Mar. 12 6:30pm LL Room Meeting

Wed., Mar. 19 6:30pm LL Room Meeting

Wed., Mar. 26 6:30pm LL Room Meeting

Wed., Apr. 2 6:30pm LL Room Meeting

Wed., Apr. 9 6:30pm LL Room Meeting

FUND RAISER



**Eat-in or Take-out Soup
Ash Wednesday, March 5th
5pm — 7pm**

On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, we will host a Soup Supper that you may eat-in at the church or take-out. The menu includes: *Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle, Chili and Cinnamon Rolls!* Soups will be available in bowl, pint & quart containers.

To place a take-out order, call the church at 402-395-2043, call or text Dorothy at 402-741-0624, or use the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board outside the offices. Please include your name, phone number, order and your preferred pick-up time. Pick up will be in the narthex, OR Zion's south parking lot and the youth will bring it out to your car. We are also willing to deliver to those unable to come to church.

Pre-orders are due by **Sunday, Feb. 23rd!**



Let Luther League Egg Your Yard Sat., April 19th!

(Deadline to Order is April 6th)

Luther League will hide filled Easter eggs in the yard of your choice. Eggs will be filled with candy, treats & toys.

Candy/Toys or Both	# Eggs	Cost	Total Due
	24 eggs	\$20	
	48 eggs	\$30	
	72 eggs	\$40	
	100 eggs	\$50	

Name of Purchaser: _____

Egg Recipient (if different): _____

Egg Address: _____

Where in yard: _____

Any Allergies? _____



Can You Tie A Knot?

Zion's Sew Happy Mission Quilters are always looking for people to help them quilt! You are welcome to join them on the 2nd & 4th Fridays to help tie & pin quilts. If you like to sew, they always need help to sew quilt blocks together. The blocks and strips are already cut and put together in a bag ready to be sewn together.

For more information, contact Barb Michael (402-395-6377) or any of the other quilters.



✚ Christian Symbol ✚



ANKH OR ANSATE CROSS

Originating in Egyptian hieroglyphics, this symbol represented life and regeneration. The shape and meaning made perfect sense to ancient Christians, who appropriated it as a sign of eternal life.



Easter Sunrise Service Easter Sunday, April 20th at 7am All are Welcome!

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



Mission Quilters
will meet on
Fridays,
March 14th & 28th
at 1:30pm.

All are welcome to join us!



Worship Committee

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, March 4th
at 5:30pm**

Mobile Food Pantry ~ Saturday, March 1st

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Saturday, March 1st at 9:00 am at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Due to the Covid-19 virus, this will again 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.

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. This is a big change as to how things are generally done so we 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.**






2025
 March:
 Amanda Reinhart*
 Roberta Seda
 April:
 Nancy & Terry Ahlers*
 Aaron & Amy Allgood
 Danielle & Tom Krohn

Altar Guild

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the April Messenger is Sunday, March 16th!



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.

Prayer Shawls



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team has been busy making prayer shawls. Please remember that all Prayer Shawls are FREE!

If you know of someone in need of prayer, simply take a prayer shawl and give it to that person.

It would be nice to know how many we give away, so we ask that you sign your name and the first name of the person receiving the shawl on the sheet in the narthex.

God Bless You!



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY


April 27th

Our youth will help to lead us in this delightful worship service at 9am on April 27th! Let's rejoice in Jesus!



Heavenly Humor

LUTHERAN GIVING



Have you considered leaving an estate gift to our congregation or to an ELCA ministry?

Lutheran Giving, formerly Lutheran Planned Giving Services (LPGS), provides confidential and no fee charitable gift planning services for anyone interested in leaving a legacy gift. To learn more about Lutheran Giving's gift planning services pick up a brochure from the narthex tract rack or visit lutherangiving.org online.



Church Musicians

MARCH

- 2 Tami Texley
- 5 Tami Texley
- 9 Tami Texley
- 16 Tami Texley
- 23 Tami Texley
- 30 Sarah Liss



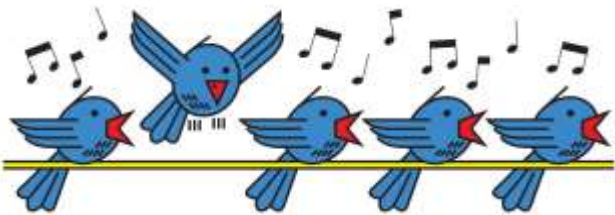
**Sunday, March 16th
5:30pm
Fellowship Hall**

All children in grades 2 through 5 are invited to join us for some food, fun and fellowship at Zion Alive!

Please check out the Facebook page for Zion Alive updates.

Please speak with Kim Young (402-843-8562) for more information.

Hope to see you on **March 16th!**



Worship Song Leaders

MARCH

- 2 Jacque & Tom Dickey
- 5 **Volunteer Needed!**
- 9 Kay Flanagan
- 16 **Volunteer Needed!**
- 23 **Volunteer Needed!**
- 30 Madison Gompert



First Communion Classes

First Holy Communion instruction for 5th graders will take place during Lent, the traditional time of instruction for the Church. An informational meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 9th** after worship in the conference room.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays after school. Classes will begin on **March 11th**.

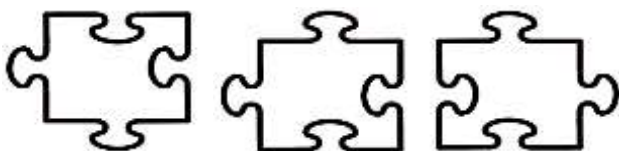
First Holy Communion for these students will be received on **Maundy Thursday, April 17th** during 7pm worship.

If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Carolann.

Puzzle Answers

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See Ezekiel 37:1, NIV)

Answer: In the beginning you laid the foundation of the earth. (Psalm 102:25, NIV)





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

All of Zion's signups are now 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 power point volunteers! Dorothy and Pastor also added signups for hosting Luther League and confirmation class meals.

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!



Zion Church Council Will MEET on Tuesday, March 18th at 6pm.

Sunday Bulletins



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



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



2025 Fellowship Coffee Serving Schedule

March: Evangelism Committee
April: Sew Happy Mission Quilters



The Evangelism Committee will meet on Thursday, April 24th at 6pm All are welcome!

CONFIRMATION



Classes:
Wednesdays,
March 12th, 19th & 26th

Due to Midweek Lenten Worship at 7pm:
Dinner will be at 5pm
Class will be from 5:30pm-6:30pm
For more information, please speak with Pastor Carolann.

Lenten Love Offering

\$40. for Lent

During the 40 days of Lent, let us remember all that Christ gave for each of us as we give up one small thing for him. And let whatever you give up benefit God's ministry at Zion.

Whatever you give as your Lenten Love Offering will benefit God's ministry at Zion Lutheran Church! It will be put in the Building Fund (It will be used to repair the Bell Tower, if not needed, it will benefit ADA projects.)

Please return your \$40 for Lent offering envelopes on or before Easter Sunday!

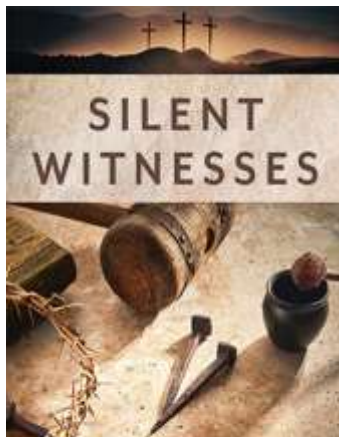
Easter Sunday is April 20th!

Silent Witnesses Midweek Lenten Worship Wednesdays at 7pm

The robe, the nails, the spear, the shroud, the stone — if these things could speak, what might they tell us? Silent Witnesses is a series of midweek services for Lent in which the chief speaker each week takes the role of one of the things associated with our Lord's suffering and death, describing and interpreting the events and their meaning from that object's point of view.

Wednesdays in Lent
Schedule:

- Mar. 12th The Robe
- Mar. 19th The Nail
- Mar. 26th The Spear
- Apr. 2nd The Shroud
- Apr. 9th The Stone



SAVIOR SERVANT FRIEND

Lent Theme: Savior, Servant, Friend

Wed., March 5th Ash Wednesday
7pm Worship: *Forgiver*

Sun., March 9th 1st Sunday in Lent
9am Worship: *Healer*

Sun., March 16th 2nd Sunday in Lent
9am Worship: *Listener*

Sun., March 23rd 3rd Sunday in Lent
9am Worship: *Encourager*

Sun., March 30th 4th Sunday in Lent
9am Worship: *Protector*

Sun., April 6th 5th Sunday in Lent
9am Worship: *Comforter*

Lent provides us with a perfect chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant, and Friend, Jesus. It is a time to marvel at the many blessings we received when he laid down his life for us on the cross and then rose victorious from the grave. Each service in this series dwells upon a different aspect of our greatest Friend and what each characteristic means to us as his followers and friends.



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JEFF
AND
THE
O'KEENAS

"Leprechauns are like Santa's elves, except they don't come out of the woods 'til St. Patrick's Day."



*Sponsored by Zion's Luther League
Ash Wednesday, March 5th
5-7pm*

*Menu: Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili,
and Cinnamon Rolls!*

Suggested Donations:

<i>Cup of Soup</i>	\$4.00 (8 oz.)	<i>Pint of Soup</i>	\$7.00 (16 oz.)
<i>Quart of Soup</i>	\$12.00 (32 oz.)	<i>Cinnamon Roll</i>	\$3.00 each

The Take-Out Order Deadline is Sunday, February 23rd.

Menu	# Cup	# Pint	# Quart	# Rolls	Amount Enclosed	Check # or Cash
Chicken Noodle						
Chili						
Potato Soup						

(Call or text Dorothy at 402-741-0624 with any questions.)

Name: _____

Phone number: _____



Special Council Meeting February 2, 2025

Tammy Reigle was elected President of the congregation council.
Mary Kay Tisthammer was elected Vice President of the council.
Kay Flanagan was elected Council Secretary.
Nancy Ahlers will remain Council Treasurer.
Connie Becker will remain Financial Secretary.



Council Meetings: February 18, 2025, March 18, 2025
The 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Committee Liaisons:

Jim Meyer: Worship	Josh Thayer: Property
Chris Nelson: Finance/Mission Endowment	Sara Rasmussen: Property
Tammy Reigle: Worship	Amanda Reinhart: Parish Education
Roberta Seda: Evangelism	Mary Kay Tisthammer: Faith & Fellowship

Respectfully Submitted, Kay Flanagan

PRETZELS SUNDAY

March 2



On the last Sunday before Lent, we will be sharing pretzels during worship as a reminder of the ancient tradition of folding our arms in prayer.

After worship, everyone is invited to make a Lenten Lutheran Rosary. Each bead will represent one of the days of Lent. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about this unique tradition.

There is no cost to make a rosary and all supplies will be provided.

Please join us on **Transfiguration Sunday, March 2nd!**

Coffee
and
CONVERSATION

March 6th
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!

Beer, Supper & Bible Study

6pm on Thursday,
March 20th

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Pastor Carolann (267-374-7762).

Please mark your calendars & join us!

Zion's Lenten Bible Challenge



Zion Lutheran Church is challenging **EVERYONE**

to use our

2025 Lenten Devotional

as a way to read the story of Jesus' journey to the cross. Each devotional has a scripture passage, a question, some thoughts, and a prayer.

To help keep track, we are inviting everyone to make a **Lenten Lutheran Rosary** after church on **March 2nd**.

Everyone who participates will be entered into the **Grand Prize Drawings**.

There will be separate prizes for adults and children.

For more information, please speak with Pastor, Vicar, or someone from the Parish Education Committee.

Blessed Lent to you!



The following people made donations to **Zion's Memorial Fund** in loving memory of **Gary Karabel:**

Cynthia Kraus (Scholarship Fund)



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

Cynthia Kraus (Scholarship Fund)



Dear Women of Zion Lutheran Church,
We recently received your church's gift of \$100 to Lutheran Family Services. The gift of hope will make a huge difference for people in need as we head into the new year. Your donation allows us to support individuals and families through our core umbrella of services: Children & Family, Behavioral Health, and Refugee & Immigration.

Thank you for believing in our mission. Your generosity means the world to our community, and you are helping us make a positive impact.

Together, we will change lives in 2025!

Best,
 Chris Tonniges
 President and CEO



To my Zion Lutheran Church Family,
 Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and calls when I was in the Albion & Omaha hospitals.
 Special thanks to Pastor and Vicar for being supportive to all my family members when I was in the Albion hospital and since returning to Albion.

Thank you again,
 Bob Kruse



Lutheran
 Disaster Response

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$80.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of **God's love.**

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines thorough you.

In Christ,
 The Rev. Daniel Rift
 Director, Giving, Service and Justice
 ELCA World Hunger and
 Lutheran Disaster Response



Pictures from Vicar's Trip...



Ancient Roman Cemetery with Lydia's Church in background.



The Holy Shrine of Saint Lydia of Thyatira



The Zygakti River

Floor in church entrance showing Paul's Journey. →



Altar in the church.

Ceiling in the center of the church. →





Zion Lutheran Memorial Scholarship

Zion has a scholarship to support a graduating senior from Boone Central High School. This scholarship is funded by contributions made in memory of loved ones. If you would like to make a donation to this scholarship, now is the time! The minimum scholarship will be \$1,000 per student. If we receive more than \$1,000, we may award more scholarships. Checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church marked Scholarship in the memo. Folks may also designate some of their loved ones' memorial funds for this scholarship as well.

A copy of the application is on the next page and can also be downloaded from our website (www.zionlutheran.org). A copy of the reference form is also accessible from the website.

The Scholarship committee will be responsible for reviewing all applications.

Deadline for submitting an application to Boone Central is March 14th!



MISSION ENDOWMENT

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

Easter Flowers

It is time to order flowers for Easter. This year we are offering the following varieties: (6" pots)



Easter Lily	\$18.00
Daisy Mums	\$16.00
Tulips	\$14.00
Gerber Daisy (4" pots)	\$9.00

The order deadline is **Sunday, March 2nd**. Please attach your payment to this form and place it in the offering plate or mail to:

Zion Lutheran Church
319 S. 5th Street
Albion, NE 68620

Name of Sponsor: _____

Phone Number: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ Easter Lilies
 _____ Spring Mums
 _____ Tulips
 _____ Gerber Daisy (4 " pot)

Amount enclosed \$ _____





Zion Lutheran Memorial Scholarship

Zion Lutheran Church in Albion has created a memorial scholarship fund to support a graduating senior from Boone Central High School. The money in this fund is in honor of numerous individuals that have died and the generous contributions their loved ones have made in their memory.

Each year, a \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a well-rounded individual that completes the application. The following criteria will be used to assist in selecting the recipient:

- Active member of Zion Lutheran Church, a Lutheran, or person of faith.
- Strength of the individual's character.
- Strong work ethic and in good academic standing.
- Enrolled in a 2 or 4 year technical school, college, or university.

The applicant is also required to submit **two recommendations**. Each recommender is asked to complete the Local Scholarship Recommendation Form AND write a letter of support to be submitted with this application.

Student's Name:

Address:

City, State & Zip:

Student's Personal Email:

Student's Phone Number:

Home Church:

Parent's Name:

Essay Questions:

Tell us about yourself keeping in mind the evaluation criteria listed above in your answer.

What are your plans for the future and why have you chosen this school and career path?

What does your faith mean to you? Please give specific examples of how your faith plays a role in your daily life.

How do you envision strengthening your faith in college?



Kim Young PEOPLE SPOTS

Kimberly Ann Snyder was born October 13, 1980, to Laura Snyder in Fort Scott, Kansas. She later welcomed her younger brother, Brian, to the family.

Kim grew up in the small town of Fulton, KS, where she attended school at Jayhawk -Linn in Mound City, KS. She graduated with the class of 1999. After graduation Kim went on to college at Friends University in Wichita, KS. After a few years at Friends University she decided to change her major to Animal Science, and then transferred to Kansas State University. Unfortunately, many of her credits did not transfer, so it was like she had to start college all over again. The good news is that while at Kansas State, Kim met a certain young man named Jeremy Young. Thanks to Kansas State University, a love story began! Kim graduated from KSU with her degree in Animal Sciences.

On June 30, 2007, Kim married the love of her life, Jeremy Young. They have two wonderful children, Chase and Ryleigh, who bring great joy and pride to their lives. In her free time, Kim certainly enjoys spending time with her family. She loves to travel with them and go camping at the lake. One of her favorite vacations was their family trip to Hawaii several years ago. Kim also enjoys watching movies and going to concerts when she has the time.

When Kim is not spending time with her family, you will most likely find her working alongside Jeremy at the Town and Country Veterinary Clinic or volunteering. Kim refers to herself as a professional volunteer. In addition to her job at the veterinary clinic, she is a volunteer EMT for the Elgin Volunteer Fire and Rescue. She also serves on the Elgin Library Board, Antelope County Extension Board, and volunteers with 4-H.

Kim grew up in the Christian faith attending the Methodist Church in Fulton, KS, alongside her grandmother. Since joining Zion Lutheran Church Albion, Kim has served on the Worship Committee, Parish Education Committee, and helped with Faith Weavers. Currently, Kim leads Zion Alive, our youth group for 2nd through 5th graders. She does an awesome job, and we are grateful for her leadership. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Kim for all the ways in which she has chosen to serve God at Zion. She is certainly a blessing to God and to us!

Written & submitted by
Vicar Keith Powell

Prayer Concerns this Month

Wolf Memorial Home Residents

LaVonne Mills Fran Obermire

Dorothy Tisthammer Muriel Young

Good Samaritan Estates (Assisted Living)

Barb Buckendahl Donna Kruse

Bob & LaVonne Kruse

Dorothy Young

Genoa Assisted Living (Genoa)

Arletta Francis

Arbor Care Center (Fullerton)

Ron Weltruski

Primrose Retirement Community (Grand Island)

Joy Haas

Heritage of Bel-Air (Norfolk)

LaVonne Olnes

Our Homebound

Judy Harder Dale Sheldon

In Our Sunday Prayers

*Rolan Bentjen, Barb Buckendahl, Ardy Choat,
George Christo, Ron Coakes, Mary Pat Freeman,*

Wrenley Frey, Joy Haas, Judy Harder,

Mary Levander, Brock Roberts, Vallie Roberts,

Marcia Seier, Mark Smith, Lois Thewke,

Pat Tobiason, Dennis Tyson, Faith Tyson,

Ron Weltruski, Xander Wright, Matt Zoucha

and the family of

Greg Warner



Our Congregation

Confirmation Class

Sunday School

Luther League

Zion Alive

All Teachers & Mentors

Other Concerns

Our Military

All those affected by war, violence & hatred

Those affected by natural disasters:

especially the California Fire Victims,

NC Hurricane Victims

Other prayer concerns are welcome



2pm on March 20th at Wolf Home
Volunteers & Prizes needed!

We host Bingo at Wolf Home on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We need at least 2 volunteers each month. We are also in need of prize Donations. Prizes can be Large Print puzzle books, coloring books for adults, beanie babies, candy, snacks, etc. Donations are being collected in the marked box in the narthex.

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



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.



MEET ZION'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL!



Tammy Reigle
Council President / Worship



Mary Kay Tisthammer
Council Vice President / Fellowship



Kay Flanagan
Council Secretary / Synod Liaison



Jim Meyer
Council Member / Worship



Chris Nelson
Council Member / Finance



Sara Rasmussen
Council Member / Property



Amanda Reinhart
Council Member / Parish Education



Roberta Seda
Council Member / Evangelism



Josh Thayer
Council Member / Property

Ardy Choat
will be 80
on March 6th!
Please send a card
as you are able:



Cheers
to
80
Years

3067 320th st
St Edward, NE 68660-5521



Next
Meeting:
Monday,
Feb. 24th
At
6:30pm



Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

I am grateful and blessed to have been selected as a recipient of the Sarah Jane Schroeder Scholarship. Your generosity and financial support has helped my educational and career goals.

I am currently a Junior in Landscape Systems at UNL. With 3 semesters left, I am nearing the end of college. Looking to the future, I know I want to have a job that is local, outside, and landscape or ag related.

Once again, thank you so much for your generosity that will be a big help in achieving the above goal.

Sincerely,
Calvin Webster



THANK YOU



**Friday,
March 7,
2025**

World Day
of Prayer



Newsletter
Folding Party

We will be putting the next newsletter together at 11am on Thursday, March 20th.

All are welcome
to join in on the folding fun!

For more information,
please speak with Cheryl Sherburne.

Zion continues to worship in person, but please do what makes you feel safe and comfortable. Feel free to social distance or wear a mask as desired.



Please DO NOT COME if your are not feeling well, or have flu like symptoms. We certainly want to see everyone, but we also need everyone to be safe.

Worship
with us
from
HOME

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.

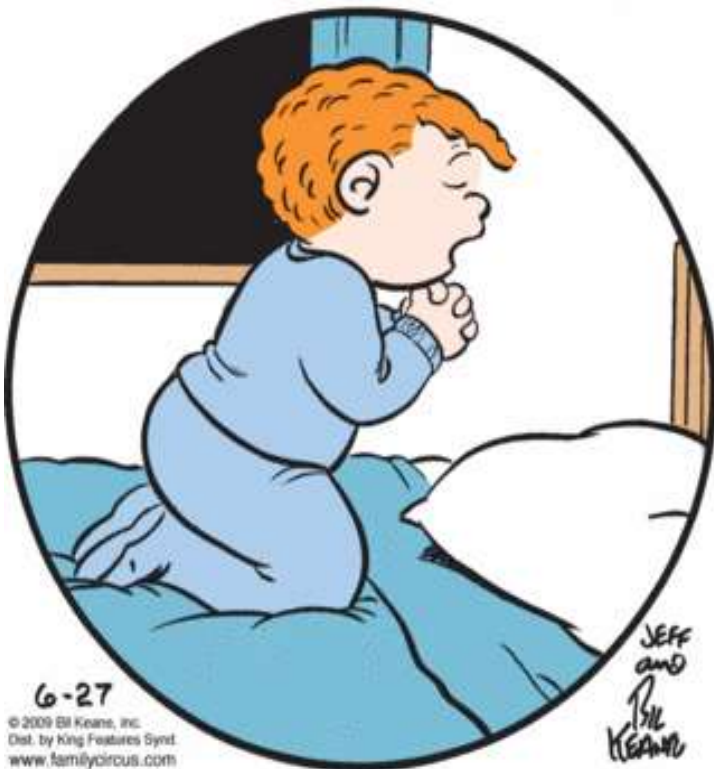
You may also join us each Sunday morning at 9am on Facebook Live!



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

God Bless You!

March



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“...forgive those who trespass against us. And leave us ninety-two temptations...”

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