



Zion Messenger

June 2026

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



Beloved Community

*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)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a vision of a **Beloved Community** that exhibits agape love. Agape love is another way to say the love of God. A Beloved Community focuses upon God’s love operating in the human heart and seeking to “preserve and create community.” Agape love calls Christians to not only love each other, but those who persecute or do evil against them as well. As Christians we are called to confront hate with love because agape love derives its essence from the cross of Christ, which brings redemptive power. This love does not accept injustice or evil as acceptable. Rather, it loves by way of justice, which ensures equity in access, participation, and flourishing for everyone.

The Rev. Patricia Davenport, a previous bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, once shared that her basic principle for ministry, mission, and life is founded on relationship. She said her relationship with God was reflected in her relationships with others and it was the foundation for building a **Beloved Community.**”

I have tried to build my own ministry in much the same way — building relationships with God’s beloved, who are my brothers and sisters in Christ. Reaching out to our community in the name of Jesus is crucial to the ministry we share. We are co-creators of the ministry God has called us to in this place. One of our many blessings is

the willingness of Zion’s faithful to simply show up and be present with and for one another. That’s what God’s agape love looks like!

The ministry we do in our community such as donating items to and hosting the Boone County Food Pantry, the stuffed bears & dogs we donate to the hospital for anxious patients of all ages, the May Day gifts we’ve given (Cookies, Gum Drop Flowers & M&M Butterflies), the Easter Bag outreach, Vacation Bible School, Sno Cones at the summer concerts, opening our building to the Scouts, 4-H & others, is what being members of God’s Beloved Community is all about!

We are all connected as the Body of Christ. When one rejoices, we all rejoice. When one suffers, we all suffer. If you have other ideas of how we can reach out and share God’s love in our community, please let me know. May we be known by how we share God’s love beyond our church walls!

Your Sister in Christ,





Corner

Summertime...

This is what the Lord says to me:

“I will remain quiet and will look on from my dwelling place,
like shimmering heat in the sunshine,
like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”

(Isaiah 18:4 NIV)

It is hard to believe that summer is already here. The kids are out of school and looking forward to Bible school, ball, family vacations, swimming pools, and time spent with friends. When our kids were younger, it always felt like June and July flew by faster than any other months.

Our youngest daughter, Bailey, is getting married on June 13th to Joseph Graden. He is originally from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and is a Captain in the Air Force currently stationed at Offutt Air Force Base. We are all anxiously awaiting this celebration. Joe fit into our crazy family right away, and we are excited to officially welcome him.

Cooper continues to make steady progress at Madonna. As of now, they are talking about discharging him to come home on June 4th. He still has hurdles ahead, but with his determination, lots of therapy, and continued prayers, I know he will keep amazing us.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and joyful summer.

Tammy Reigle
Council President





John 15:5

As summer arrives, many turn their attention outdoors. Gardens are planted, flowers bloom, lawns need mowing, and potted plants on the porch or patio require regular care. Healthy plants do not thrive by accident. They need sunlight, water, nourishment, and attention. Even a few neglected weeks during the heat of summer can leave a once-vibrant plant wilted and struggling.

Our faith is much the same.

Summer often brings a different rhythm to life. Vacations, family gatherings, ball games, travel, and community events quickly fill our calendars. These are joyful gifts, but busy schedules can also crowd out the practices that help our faith remain rooted and growing. Just as a plant cannot flourish without care, our spiritual lives also need regular tending.

Jesus uses this very image when He says, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.” (*John 15:5*) A branch separated from the vine cannot survive on its own; it depends completely on staying connected to its source of life. In the same way, we are nourished spiritually when we remain connected to Christ.

Prayer is like water for the soul. Worship and Scripture are the sunlight that help us grow towards God. Christian communities provide encouragement and nourishment when life feels dry or difficult. Even small moments of faithfulness help nourish us. Some examples of small moments of faithfulness are a morning prayer before the day begins, a quiet walk filled with gratitude, reading a bible story on the porch, or continuing to gather for worship even during busy summer weekends.

Gardeners also know that growth often happens slowly and quietly. We may not notice change day by day, but over time deep roots form, blossoms appear, and fruit grows. Faith works the same way. God shapes us gradually through ordinary, faithful habits. Over time, the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, and compassion; begin to grow within us and overflow into our daily interactions with others.

There is another truth gardeners understand well: seasons change. Some days bring sunshine and growth, while others bring storms, droughts, or weeds that need attention. Our spiritual lives experience seasons too. There are moments when faith feels vibrant and easy, and other times when we feel weary or distracted. Yet God remains faithful through every season, continuing to nurture and sustain us even when growth is not immediately visible.

So this summer, while you tend your flowers, gardens, and lawns, let them also serve as a gentle reminder to tend your faith. Make space for God amid the busyness. Stay rooted in Christ and trust that God continues to bring growth within you, season after season.

Blessings,
Vicar Keith Powell

*Zion Congregational Council
Minutes from April 21, 2026*

Call to Order: Roberta Seda called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Adam Briese, Kay Flanagan, Pastor Carolann Hopcke, Jim Meyer, Vicar Keith Powell, Sara Rasmussen, Amanda Reinhart, Roberta Seda, Brett Temme

Excused: Tammy Reigle, Brian Tisthammer

Equipping Time: Roberta Seda led equipping time offering a reflection from Max Lucado's book, Turn, Remembering Our Foundations. It was about remembering that we are always connected to God. From Deuteronomy 8, it's a call to remember God's faithfulness, provision, and discipline during the wilderness journey, warning against forgetting God due to pride or prosperity in the promised land.

Council Minutes: Brett Temme made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2026, seconded by Jim Meyer. Motion carried.

Reports of Officers:

President Tammy Reigle: No report.

Vice-President Roberta Seda: She is still working on grants with Nikki Heidemann.

Treasurer Nancy Ahlers: All general ADA donations will be kept in the general building fund marked ADA. Tiger Natural Gas Inc. sent 2 donation checks amounting to @ \$700 as a thank you & tithe from their company. Brett Temme made a motion to deposit these checks into the building fund, seconded by Jim Meyer. Motion carried. Adam Briese made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jim Meyer. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Senior Pastor Carolann Hopcke: The baptism of Birdie Rae Kruse was held during the week so the family could attend. Pastor has started premarital meetings with some of the couples getting married this summer. Pastor is taking the church secretaries, Cheryl Sherburne and Amy Moser to lunch on Wednesday, for Secretary's Day. There are 6 graduates and 6 confirmands this year. A special quilt was made for Cooper Seier. Pastor made the special blocks and Arlene Neidhardt and her sister, Nancy Gasper, did the sewing, quilting & binding of the finished quilt.

Intern Pastor Vicar Keith Powell: March and April have been busy. The semester ends May 15th and he needs to finish 4 more projects. Vicar will be on vacation July 22-30 & August 28-30. The Intern Committee will meet on April 27th at 6:00pm. They are not meeting in May due to busy schedules.

High School Youth Coordinator Dorothy Grosch: The Easter breakfast was not as well attended this year. Dorothy's last official day is May 31st. There will be a celebration for her during worship on June 14th. Coffee hour will also be in her honor that day with a cake and special treats. Parish Ed will also purchase plants/flowers for the altar for Dorothy that day. Dorothy has been the paid High School Youth Coordinator for 10 years, and a volunteer for some years before that. Pastor wants to meet with youth and parents to talk about the future of Luther League and possible hopes, dreams & expectations. There will be an end of year bonfire at Dorothy's house on May 20th to welcome the 8th graders & wish God's blessings to all the seniors.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: The Easter Outreach project was a great success with over 800 bags being filled and distributed in town. They have also made M & M butterflies and gumdrop flowers for the residents & staff of the Nursing home and Assisted Living. Preschool & 8th grade

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graduate lawn signs are ready to be picked up. Zion's annual Family Fun Night is set for Sunday, August 9th. Suggestions for the outdoor movie are welcome! They are putting together a "Flat Jesus" project for this summer.

Faith and Fellowship: The Meal & Museum trip to Kearney was cancelled due to lack of interest. They have planned an OWL's trip at the end of June to the Corn Krib in Belgrade.

Parish Education: First Communion went well. They have all been trained as acolytes and most of them are scheduled to serve within the next month. All six of the confirmands have completed their work, sermon notes & points in order to be confirmed on May 3rd. The Affirmation Supper will be held on Friday, May 1st. The requested menu is scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, hash browns, and cereal (Reese's Puffs, Cinnamon Toast Crunch). Students need to attend confirmation camp this summer. All but 2 are registered. April 26th is the last day of Sunday School.

Property & Maintenance: Kelly's Heating & Air Conditioning installed 3 new units at a cost of \$20,500. Ben Edwards (BKE Insulators) submitted an estimate for new insulation in the attic at a cost of \$16,349. The insulation has settled and should be replaced.

Worship Committee: All of the Lent and Easter services went well. Special thanks to Mikaela Roberg for making the delicious communion bread we enjoyed on Easter Sunday! Thanks also to the choir and bell choir for helping to make some of these services so uplifting and meaningful. There are five 5 weddings scheduled this year – one a month starting in June! We do need more wedding coordinators.

ADA Project: An estimate from Midwest Alarm Services in the amount of \$60,475 has been received. This is just for the alarm system that may be connected to the possible sprinkler system. Meininger Fire Protection gave a verbal estimate of \$500,000 for the sprinkler system and \$200,000 for the alarm system; Brett Temme asked for something in writing. Mahoney Sprinklers indicated that they were not interested in the job. We have yet to receive anything from Bullseye Sprinkler in Norfolk. FYI: Pastor was approached by Walsh & Associates about conducting a capital campaign; she has received information if and when we might be interested. We do not have enough information to take back to the congregation. Several options were discussed: Option A – continue with the entire elevator project. Option B – add a chair lift (\$18,000) and automatic door (\$8,000) to the north entrance. Option C - do nothing. Option D – change the timeline for these projects. We talked about going forward with the bathroom updates and adding the fellowship hall ramp before going forward with the elevator project. Again, currently, we don't have enough information on these projects to bring it to the congregation for their approval.

Old Business: There were three winners (\$90 total) for the lottery calendar in March.

New Business: none.

Sara Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amanda Reinhart. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th at 6pm. Jim Meyer has equipping time.

Respectful submitted,
Kathryn Flanagan





BIRTHDAYS

- 1 *Janet Atkinson**
- 2 Susan Esch, Bonnie Wagner
- 3 Allie Stuhr
- 4 Weston Roberg, Kirk Sandman,
Asher Temme
- 5 Jordan Lindgren
- 6 Austin Bode, Samantha Cleveland,
Nancy Paulson
- 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 Julie Long, 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**
Beth & Justin Temme
- 8 Becky & Jim Lindgren
- 10 Aaron & Amy Allgood
- 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

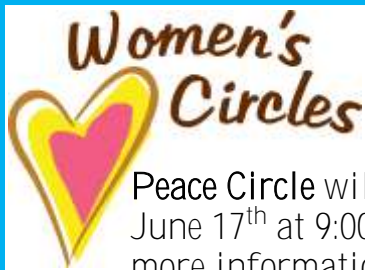
***Denotes 50+ years of marriage**



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

Don't see your name?





June
2026

Peace Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 17th at 9:00am at Zion. For more information, please speak with *Mary Levander*.

Grace Circle will meet at 2pm on Wednesday, June 17th at Assisted Living. For more information, please speak with *Doris Warner*.



Communion Elements Available

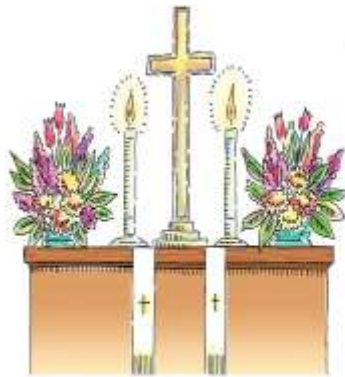
Individually packaged communion elements continue to be available for pick up in the church narthex. Take as many as you need for your household. This will let you take communion with us on Sundays as you watch Facebook live. If it is easier, or you are more comfortable taking communion in your seat,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

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

2026 Flower Committee

June
Jacque Dickey

July
Volunteers
Needed!



NewsLetter DEADLINE

**The deadline for the
July Messenger is
Sunday, June 21st**

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



Happy Anniversary Pastor!



The Mission Endowment
Committee will meet on
Monday, July 20th at 5:30pm.



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!

CLASS OF **2026**



Class of 2026
Maxwell Robert Grosch

Parents: Dorothy & Matt Grosch

Plans after Graduation:
 Attend Northeast for Automotive Technology

Favorite High School Memory: Senior Year as a

whole was a lot of fun — classes & sports

Class You Enjoyed the Most:

Any shop class

Advice to Underclassmen: Don't wait — these are fun years to make memories. But don't wait on school stuff either.

Pet Peeve: People not putting stuff away in the Grocery Store

Class of 2026
Vanessa Lynn Dorie



Parent: Kayla Bruland

Plans after Graduation:

Attend Southeast for Undergrad & then transfer to Bryan College of Health Sciences for Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Favorite High School Memory: Riding the van to Football Games

Class You Enjoyed the Most: Anatomy & Physiology

Advice to Underclassmen:

Be kind to everyone

Pet Peeve: Making me think of a pet peeve



Class of 2026
Rilen Allen Nelson

Parents: Amy & Ross Nelson

Plans after Graduation:
 Attend UNL for a degree in PGA Management and become a Head Pro at a Golf Course or Coach.

Favorite High School Memory: Van rides home from Golf Tournaments

Class You Enjoyed the Most: Calculus

Advice to Underclassmen: Take advantage of your easy classes Freshman and Sophomore years.

Pet Peeve: Being late



Class of 2026
Mishayla Ann Slaymaker

Parents: Casey & Stacey Slaymaker

Plans after Graduation:
 Attend Southeast and study Psychology

Favorite High School Memory: Not doing

anything at wrestling practice except talk

Class You Enjoyed the Most: Study Hall

Advice to Underclassmen: You can procrastinate ... if you are good at it.

Pet Peeve: People who try to talk to me when I am focused on school work





Class of 2026
Jace Daniel Rasmussen

Parents: Kurtis Rasmussen
 & Jana Knecht

Plans after Graduation:
 Attend UNL and get a
 Business Degree

Favorite High School

Memory: Basketball bus rides

Class You Enjoyed the Most: English 10

Advice to Underclassmen: Taking notes is
 overrated

Pet Peeve: People not using blinkers

Class of 2026
Abigail Marie Addison

Parents: Timothy Addison &
 Susan Staub

Plans after Graduation:
 Vet Tech

Favorite High School

Memory: Going to the Zoo
 freshman year

Advice to Younger Self:
 Work hard for all your dream to come true

A little known fact about me:
 I'm actually a really talkative person

Pet Peeve: People who chew with their
 mouth open



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:
Sunday,
June 28th
at
10:15am

Faith + SHARING =
EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Monday,
June 29th at 7:15pm.
 All are welcome!

PUZZLE

REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

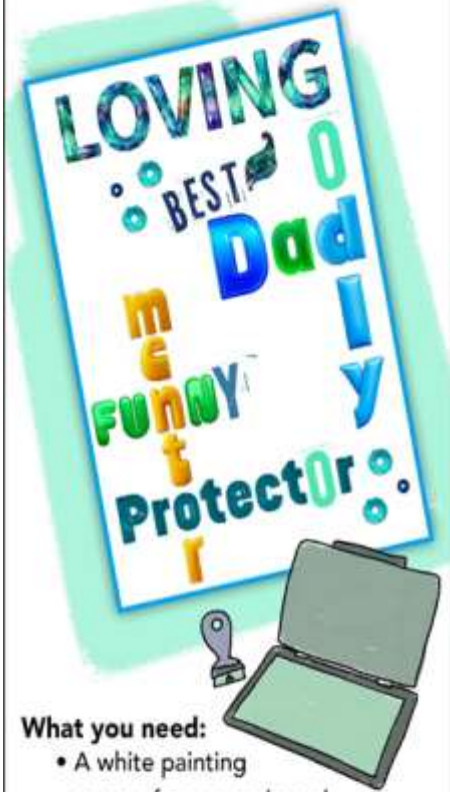
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1 John 3:1, NIV

WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

Puzzle Answers on page 18

Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshipping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.



2026
 June
 Jacque & Tom Dickey*
 Cola Heesacker
 Amy Nelson
 July
 Judy & Loren Johnson*
 Amy & Pat Zaruba

Altar Guild



HAPPY
Father's Day
 June 21st!



Christ in Our Home

The July, August & September 2026 Christ in Our Home devotional, including large print, are available in the tract rack by the west door.



Mission Quilters will meet on Friday, June 26th at 1:30pm.

All are welcome to join us!




Zion Church Council Will MEET on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6pm.

Faith & Fellowship Committee will meet at 10:15am on Sunday, June 21st. (after church)
 All are welcome to join us!



Worship Song Leaders
JUNE

7	Jacque & Tom Dickey
14	Kay Flanagan
21	<i>Volunteer Needed!</i>
28	<i>Volunteer Needed!</i>



Church Musicians
JUNE

7	Tami Texley
14	Sarah Liss
21	Tami Texley
28	Tami Texley



THANK YOU
Dorothy!
 June 14th

After 10 years as paid staff, and as a volunteer for years before that, Dorothy Grosch is stepping down as Zion's High School Youth Coordinator. We will be offering our thanks & blessings to Dorothy during worship on Sunday, June 14th. Parish Education Committee will also be hosting coffee fellowship after worship that day in honor of Dorothy.

Please join us on June 14th as we celebrate and give thanks to God for Dorothy's ministry among us.

God Bless You



Register Now!



June 8-12,
2026

All VBS participants are invited to sing during 9am worship at Zion on June 14th!



Register & Pay
online
by scanning
the QR code →



Mobile Food Pantry Saturday, June 6th

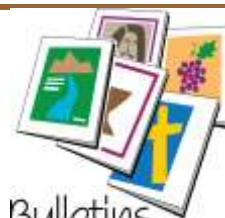


The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Saturday, June 6th at 9am at the Boone County Fairgrounds. This will be drive-through only. Everyone will enter the fairgrounds from the 11th and Fairview entrance. Vehicles will be taken in order of arrival in a designated line. The first vehicle to arrive is asked to park directly in front of the cones. Other vehicles will follow in line and wait until told to move.

Volunteers are asked to park in the west parking lot next to the Casey Building and to arrive at 8:15am.

The Food Bank of the Heartland provides the food items to be distributed. There is always the possibility that the mobile pantry could be cancelled or postponed. Coordinators will do their best to update information in the newspaper or through the Boone County Nebraska Sheriff's Facebook page.

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.



Worship Committee

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, June 2nd
at 5:00pm

*(We will be carpooling to
Beaver's Pub in St. Edward)*

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

2026 Fellowship Coffee Serving Schedule

June: **Volunteers Needed!**
July: **Volunteers Needed!**

Handicap Accessibility Project

Elevator Update

Total Cost: \$232,945*

(Custom Elevator for caskets)

Elevator T-bill Account	\$256,959.17
April Income	\$25.00
April Expenses	\$0.00
April Interest	\$693.31
Total	\$257,677.48**

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

** Does NOT include the \$30,000 grant!

Sprinkler Fund	\$1,795.00
April Income	\$0.00
Total	\$1,795.00

Bathroom Fund	\$37,488.00
April Donations	\$0.00
Total	\$37,488.00

Thanks for your support of these very important projects!



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! 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!

Intern Committee Meeting at 6pm on Monday, June 29th





Carol Joy Holling Camp,
Conference & Retreat Center

Quilt Auction

38th Annual Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 25, 2026

9am - 5pm

Join in the 38th Annual Quilt Auction at Carol Joy Holling Camp on July 25th! 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 24th. Quilts will be available for pick up after 3:00pm on Saturday, July 25th.

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 20th. 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 21st!



*Ask and it shall be given
seek and you will find
knock and it shall
be opened to you*

✚ Christian Symbol ✚



SAND DOLLAR

These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death. The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily, symbols often connected to Christmas & Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit.



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

	In person	Online
January	121	145
February	127	123
March	144	137
April	198	175

Year to Date:

148 In person
145 Online

Coffee
and

June 4th
9:30am at
the Dotted Daisy



CONVERSATION 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!



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: *Emily Ann Levander, Kelby Nikkol Rasmussen*

Back Row: *Pete Callahan Hudson, Kallum Jerome Dorie,
Ben William Webster, Alexander William Wright*

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

THANK YOU!
so much

*On behalf of the church and each confirmand, we offer our deepest thanks to **Judy Johnson**. Judy embroidered a special blanket for each confirmand that contained their full name, praying hands, confirmation date & verse. As you can imagine — they were beautiful and made with love.*

*Thank you Judy
for sharing your God-given talents
with our young people!*



Zion Lutheran Church Family,
Thank you for the blanket and
support on my confirmation day.

With love,
Kelby Rasmussen

**Thanks,
Everyone!**





✝ **Congratulations Graduates!** ✝

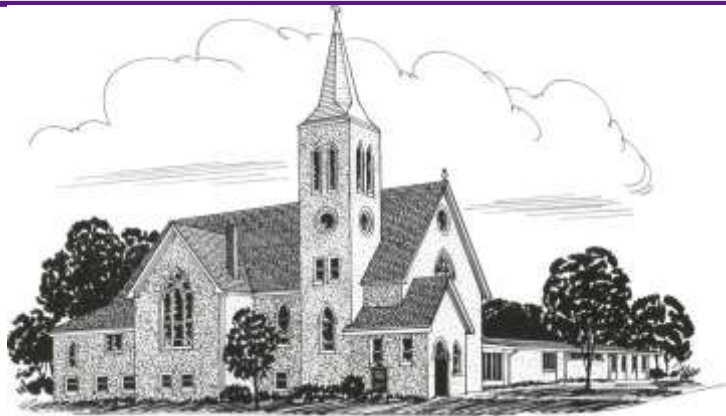
Front Row: *Riley Nelson, Jace Rasmussen, Max Grosch*

Back Row: *Mishayla Slaymaker, Nessa Dorie*

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

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!**





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

Cody Andreasen

*in loving memory of
Carol Flanagan,
Carolyn Gray,
Judy Harder,
Karen Hoppe,
Curt Morgan*



Brogan Benes

*in loving memory of
Donald C. Roberg,
Steven J. Scarlett,
Dorothy Tisthammer,
Janice Wauben,
Greg Warner
Muriel Young*

Grant Kuta

*in loving memory of
Leon & Mary Nelson,
Dorothy Olson,
Grace Perone,
Greg Packard,
A Ivah Ranslem*



Kaci Wies

*in loving memory of
Jean Bittner,
Barb Buckendahl,
Barb Cox, Dick Dozler,
Mitzi Fisher*



Randall I & Donna Kruse
SCHOLARSHIP
in the amount of \$1,000.00
was faithfully awarded to

Riley Nelson



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



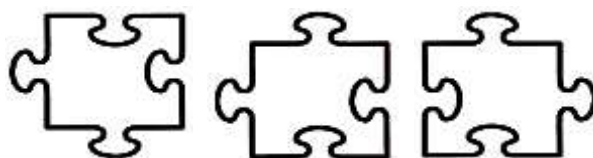
***Congratulations & God's Blessings
to those tying the knot soon!***

June 20th Payton Nelson & Todd Berger
(at Zion in Albion)

Puzzle Answers

Bible Quiz Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)

Puzzle Answer: What great love the Father has
lavished on us, that we should be called children
of God!



Sew Happy Mission





Attention:
6th, 7th & 8th Graders

The Elkhorn Valley Cluster is doing Confirmation Camp together at **Ranch Camp** the week of **June 14-19**. 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 the registration fee.

Camp is a requirement of Zion's Confirmation Program, so please sign up soon! For more information, please speak with Pastor Carolann.



**Zion's
Family Fun Night
Sunday,
August 9th
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!



For Everything There is a Season



**SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, June 28th**


Faith & Fellowship has planned a dinner date at the Corn Krib for the O.W.L.'s on Sunday, June 28th at noon. We plan to gather at Zion around 11:15am to carpool.

Please sign-up on the narthex bulletin board if you are able to join us.

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



**BROKEN
2026 Synod Assembly
OPEN**

 **Nebraska Synod ELCA**

Thanks to *Darren, Staci & Xander Wright, Vicar Keith & Pastor Carolann* for being Zion's Voting Members at the Nebraska Synod Assembly this year! They will be in Kearney for Synod Assembly May 29th through May 31st.

Prayer Concerns this Month

Wolf Memorial Home Residents

Bob & LaVonne Kruse

LaVonne Mills

Good Samaritan Estates (Assisted Living)

Cynthia Kraus Donna Kruse

Marilyn Ramm Dorothy Young

Cloverlodge Care Center (St. Edward)

Marianne Karmann

Genoa Assisted Living (Genoa)

Arletta Francis

Heritage of Bel-Air (Norfolk)

LaVonne Olnes

Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home

Harold & Lois Thewke

Faith Tyson

Out of State

Elva Bartels (Texas)

Joy Haas (Colorado)

In Our Sunday Prayers

Kristin Belgum, Rolan Bentjen, Mary Derby,

Ashleigh Henn, Owen Neesen, Joel Nore,

Marletta Patro, Cooper Seier, Bruce Smith,

Mark Smith, Marlys Smith, Brad Thayer,

Jerry Tisthammer, Mary Kay Tisthammer,

Teresa Tisthammer, Pat Tobiason,

and the family of

Beth Johnson



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 18th

at Wolf Home

Volunteers &

Prizes appreciated!

We host Bingo at the Wolf Nursing 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 Pastor Carolann (402-395-2043)



April Winners:

Emily Levander (\$40)

Roxanne Kardell (\$50)

Bill Becker (\$20)

Andy & Lyndsay Tisthammer (\$20)

Barb Tisthammer (\$20)

Casen Moser (\$20)

Congratulations!!

Beyond
grateful
to YOU!

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Harry Kruse Scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for your generosity and support.

This scholarship has helped me continue my education and ease the financial burden of college. Because of your support, I am able to graduate with minimal debt, which is something I am very thankful for.

After graduation, I will be starting an electrical apprenticeship in Omaha. I am excited to begin this next chapter and build a career in the electrical field.

I feel very blessed to be part of a church community that invests in its members. Your generosity means a great deal to me, and I truly appreciate your assistance.

Thank you again for your kindness and support. I hope to make you proud and give back in the future.

Sincerely,
Calvin Webster

VBS Help needed!
June 8-12, 2026
9am—noon

If you are able to help,
please scan the QR code
& register yourself as a volunteer!

A Volunteer Meeting is scheduled for
Sunday, June 7th
at 7pm



For more
information, contact
Amy Moser
402-430-2924



Wednesday,
June 3rd at 7pm

***Calling all Luther League
Youth & Parents!***

We will be meeting on June 3rd at 7pm for parents and youth to share their hopes, dreams & expectations for Luther League as we move forward with new leadership.

We need everyone's input!



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





I Believe

I believe God is the gardener of my soul
I believe for every drop of rain, prayer perceived —
a flower grows
I believe in Salvation by grace and that good works
honor the Gardener
I believe in fertile soil as foundation for seeds sown
I believe sunshine of laughter, rain of sorrow nurture
I believe the Gardener prunes, weeds, fertilizes
my soul
I believe the path of my soul's garden
is predetermined
I believe young sprouts enhance my being
I believe garden peace
will clear the clatter of my brain
Praise be to the Gardener of my soul for I Believe

~ Vivian Eucker ~

May 2026

Worship
with us
from
HOME

Zion's Sunday
Worship Services
are broadcast each
week on Facebook Live!
You may worship with us in
person, or watch the service
by clicking the link on our
Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionalbion



FLAT JESUS!

He's always
in our hearts,
and now he's
in our hands!



Simply color & cut
out the flat Jesus on
the insert in this
newsletter and take
him with you this summer!

Please take photos of all the places
you & Jesus explore
and send them with a little note
about where you've been
and what you've done together.

Send photos & notes to:
office@zionalbion.org

The Rev. Wendell Debner
is celebrating his



Pastor Debner served Zion from 1977 to 1981.
Cards may be sent to him in care of his daughter:
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1717 W. Farragut Ave.
Chicago, IL 60640-2011
Email messages may also be sent c/o:
amschu64@gmail.com

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Wine & Word

Due to
Confirmation
Camp,
there will be
NO Wine & Word
in June.



**We'll catch up
with everyone in July!**

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