



Zion Messenger

September 2026

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



The Old, Old Story...



**Come and hear,
all you who fear God,
and I will tell
what God has done for me.**
(Psalm 66:16)

As Rachel Held Evans wrote in her book, ***Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again***: *Jesus invites us into a story that is bigger than ourselves, bigger than our culture, bigger even than our imaginations, and yet we get to tell that story with the scandalous particularity of our particular moment and place in time. We are storytelling creatures because we are fashioned in the image of a storytelling God. May we never neglect the gift of that. May we never lose our love for telling the tale.*

I Love to Tell the Story was one of my grandmother's favorite hymns. We sang it at her funeral, not just because she loved it, but because she lived it. She lived her faith in a way that was evident. She loved unconditionally, she trusted in God and his love for her. She was forever scarred by a fire she barely survived at age 16, she lost a love in war, and experienced all the joys and sorrows that come from living a life. Yet, through it all she relied upon her faith in the God who sacrificed his life for her and loved her beyond measure.

My grandmother taught me to memorize the Lord's prayer, my parents brought me to Sunday School and weekly worship, and it was the community of faith at St. Luke's Lutheran Church who not only told

me the old, old story of God's love, but let me know that I was part of that story. They told me and showed me that God's story is MY story.

God's story of love and salvation is OUR story. We are invited to participate in God's story every time we gather for worship – every time we hear sacred stories from the pages of our history as God's people, every time we hear this sacred story told in song and prayer, every time we gather around bread and wine and hear those life-giving words of love, grace, sacrifice and forgiveness, every time we draw close to the waters of baptism and hear of God's cleansing water stories, and every time we are drawn into the proclamation of God's Holy Word.

As we begin a new school year, may we recommit ourselves to being more fully in God's story. May we never grow weary of participating in the old, old story of Jesus and his love! May we continue to hear God's story as OUR story, and share it as easily as we share our own stories. And may we continue to invite others into this story! God's story is one that has the power to transform hate into love, swords into plowshares and enemies into friends. It's a true story that we need now more than ever!

In the love of Jesus,



Corner

Thankful, Grateful, Blessed!

As I look around our church, I'm filled with deep gratitude for the many ways our members serve, grow, and live out their faith beyond Sunday worship. Our committees are not just organizational groups — they are living expressions of the body of Christ at work.

Scripture reminds us that “there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit” and that “to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:4,7) When I see our committees planning outreach events, caring for our building, nurturing our children and youth, supporting worship, or guiding our mission efforts, I see those gifts in action.

I am thankful for every person who gives their time, creativity, and heart. Whether you serve on a committee, volunteer for a project, or simply show up ready to help when asked, thank you! Our church is stronger because of all of you!

As we move through the coming months, I encourage each of us to continue finding ways to participate, support, and pray for the ministries that shape our shared life. Worship is our foundation, but service is our heartbeat. Thank you for being a church that lives its faith in so many meaningful ways.

With thanks for the
blessings of our church family,
Tammy Reigle

As promised,
here are a couple
of my favorite
wedding photos...





As summer gives way to fall, many families find their calendars filling up with practices, games, tournaments, and countless miles on the road. Sports provide opportunities to learn discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and good sportsmanship. They also bring families and communities together. Yet the busyness of the season can easily leave little time for worship, prayer, and God's Word.

Jesus reminds us of where our priorities should belong: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33, ESV)

Jesus is not telling us to ignore the responsibilities and joys of daily life. Rather, Jesus calls us to receive every part of life as a gift while keeping God at the center. Sports are a blessing, but they are never meant to replace the One who gives every good gift. Winning games or making the starting lineup can never give us the identity that Christ has already given us in Holy Baptism. We belong to God because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us.

As Martin Luther taught, God calls us to serve God through our everyday vocations. Parents, coaches, athletes, and even fans have opportunities to reflect Christ through patience, humility, honesty, encouragement, and respect. The way a person responds to victories, defeats, officials, teammates, and opponents often speaks louder than the final score.

Busy schedules can tempt a person to think that church attendance, bible study, and devotions can wait until the sports season is over. Yet it is precisely during these busiest times that we need the gifts God freely gives. In worship, God comes to us through God's Word and sacraments to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and renew our hope. God does not ask us to earn God's favor by balancing our schedules perfectly. Instead, God invites us to receive God's grace so that we may faithfully serve God wherever we are sent.

As you travel from one event to the next, remember that God is already with you. Begin the day with prayer. Read a few verses of scripture before leaving home. Thank God for the abilities God has given and ask God to help you honor God in both victory and defeat. When the season ends, trophies may gather dust and records will eventually be forgotten, but God's promises in Christ remain forever.

May this sports season be one in which we not only grow as athletes, parents, coaches, and fans, but also as disciples of Jesus Christ. As we seek first God's kingdom, we trust that God will guide us, provide for us, and remain with us in every season of life.



Blessings,
Vicar Keith Powell





SEPTEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Hayden Niewohner
- 9/2 Malaya Hanaway, Nolan Kruse, Joann Porter
- 9/3 Kollin Rasmussen
- 9/4 Brynn Levander, **Linda Thewke***, Jack Wolf
- 9/5 Danielle Krohn
- 9/6 Kurtis Rasmussen, Dave Roberg, Dave Woebbecke, **Steve Wright***
- 9/7 John Kennedy III
- 9/8 Mike Frey, Duane Rieck
- 9/9 Chris Esch
- 9/10 Ellie Statz
- 9/11 Aiden Olmes, Cody Rasmussen
- 9/12 Victoria Lindgren, Max Majerus, Casen Moser
- 9/14 Steve Groth
- 9/15 **George Christo***, Matt Grosch, Joel Meyer
- 9/16 Joey Neidhardt, **Marilyn Ramm***, Adler Schnoor, Axton Schnoor
- 9/17 Todd Berger
- 9/18 Mason Nelson, Pam Young
- 9/19 Matthew Kaumans, Palmer Leetch, Sydney Tisthammer
- 9/21 Steve Paulson
- 9/22 Jacob Meyer, Lynne Webster
- 9/23 Tom Krohn, Sandy Martin, Kylee Olmes
- 9/24 Amber Salwei
- 9/26 Colt Mangus, Xander Wright
- 9/27 Oaklyn Dozler
- 9/28 Hailey Salwei, Tom Stevenson, Beth Temme
- 9/29 Cassandra Lindgren



***Denotes 80+ years young**

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/2 Deanna & Kevin Kruse
- 9/4 Joe & Kay Flanagan
- 9/6 Mike & Nancy Jeratowski
- 9/7 Cola & Tommy Heesacker
- 9/10 Roxanne & Will Kardell
Louetta & John Kennedy, Jr.
Jerene & Kurt Kruse
- 9/11 Nancy & Terry Ahlers
Danielle & Thomas Krohn
- 9/14 Dorothy & Matt Grosch
- 9/15 Dallas & Krista Choat
- 9/17 Amber & Robert Coakes
- 9/18 Emi & Joe Brugger
Jerry & Victoria Lindgren
Don & Mary Thorberg*
- 9/21 Blake & Kylee Olmes
- 9/25 Jessica & Tyler Reestman
- 9/26 Sydney & Will Frey
- 9/28 Amy & Brian Moser
Mikaela & Zach Roberg



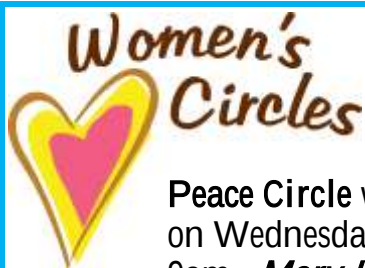
***Denotes 50 years**



Table Grace: God Sends His Blessings Down

(Tune: The Hokey Pokey)

God sends his blessings down,
we lift our praises up.
God sends his blessings down
and he spreads them all around.
We thank the Lord together,
'cause he's given us so much!
That's what it's all about!



September 2026

Peace Circle will meet at Zion on Wednesday, September 16th at 9am. *Mary Levander* will be the leader.

Grace Circle will meet at 2pm on Wednesday, September 16th. The meeting will take place at Assisted Living. For more information, please speak with **Doris Warner**.

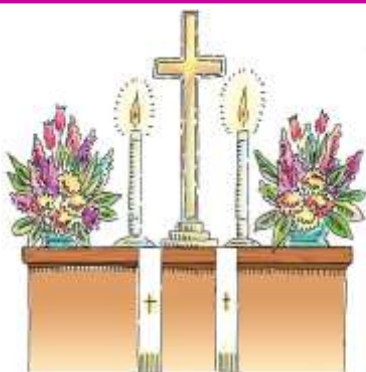


Zion Church Council
Will MEET ON
Tuesday,
September 8th at 6pm.

2026 Flower Committee

September
LaVonne Mills

October
Vicki Rother



The October Newsletter Deadline is Sunday, September 20th



**Next Meeting:
Sunday,
October 4th
at
10:30am**

Coffee and CONVERSATION

**September 3rd
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. We hope to see you on **September 3rd**!*

Please join us & invite friends!



Altar Guild

2026

September

Linda Spiegel*
Jenny & Josh Gompert

October

Mike & Nancy Jeratowski*
Vicki Rother
Sara Rasmussen





Lutheran World Relief School Kit and Personal Care Kit Donations

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we almost have enough to complete 50 school kits and 35 personal care kits.

The only items still needed are one subject spiral notebooks and rulers for the school kits. You may drop any donations in the plastic tote near the office.

An envelope is enclosed in this mailing for your monetary donations. These donations will be used for the shipping costs of our kits & quilts. Envelopes or any monetary donations may be put in the offering plate or can be dropped off in the church office.

Many thanks!!!!

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



**Sunday, September 13th
9am**

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the folks below who have agreed to serve as our Sunday School Teachers this year:

Pre-K	Danielle Koch & Teresa Tisthammer
K & Grade 1	Lauren Briesse & Tara Leetch
Grade 2	Cola Heesacker & Brooke Stuhr
Grades 3 & 4	Sheena Krohn & Mary Derby
Grades 5 & 6	Krista Choat & Brynn Petersen
Grades 7 & 8	Stacy Petersen
Music	Lisa Thayer & Whitney Paulson
Substitutes	Payton Berger Tana Dozler Nikki Heidemann Amy Moser Amanda Reinhart Lynne Webster



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,
September 8th
at 5:30pm



Worship Song Leaders

SEPTEMBER

6	Jacque & Tom Dickey
13	Kay Flanagan
20	Volunteer Needed!
27	Volunteer Needed!



Communion Elements Available

Individually packaged communion elements continue to be available on the table just inside the sanctuary. Take as many as you need for your household. This will let you take communion with us on Sundays as you watch Facebook live.

Also, if it is easier, or you are more comfortable taking communion in your seat, you may also use these elements to take communion on Sunday mornings.

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



Musicians

SEPTEMBER

6	Tami Texley
13	Tami Texley
20	Sarah Liss
27	Tami Texley

CONFIRMATION



Class Schedule:

Wed., Sept. 2nd

Wed., Sept. 9th

Wed., Sept. 16th

Wed., Sept. 30th

Dinner is served at 5:30pm

Class begins at 6pm until 7:30pm

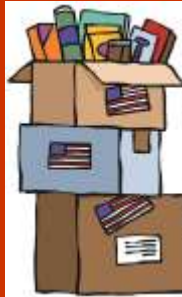
For more information,
please speak with Pastor Carolann.

✝ Christian Symbol ✝



Bread

One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or “bread from heaven,” to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life,” (*John 6:35*) pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord’s Supper, where it represents Christ’s body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God’s provision, Christ’s presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.



Care
Packages
for our
College
Students

**Would you like to
help fill
care packages
for our
College Students?**

We are sending care packages to all of our college students (**20+ students**). Below is the list of what we need, but feel free to add other items.

Possible Items:

Microwave Popcorn

Granola Bars

Candy Bars

Snack Bags

Colorful Post-it Notes

Black & Blue Pens

Mechanical Pencils

Highlighters

Mini Hand Sanitizers

Chapstick

Individual Kleenex Packages

Small Toys:

Slinky

Army Parachuters

Playdoh

Gift Cards (fast food, target, etc)

Fun socks

Other ideas?

All items are due by **Sunday, September 27th**. Items can be placed in the marked bin in the narthex. **Thanks for your help!!**

Faith + SHARING =
EVANGELISM

**The Evangelism Committee will
meet on Monday,
September 28th at 7:30pm.
All are welcome!**



LUTHER LEAGUE
for all youth in grades 9-12

Join us on
Wednesdays in September!
Dinner begins at 6pm.

This is a new year for Luther League! I will be taking on the role of Coordinator. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and getting back into your Wednesday routine! We have an exciting year ahead filled with fun activities, fellowship, and fundraisers. There's a lot to look forward to!

Parents and youth are invited to a meeting to talk about the year ahead and what we have planned for Luther League on **Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30pm**. A **Youth Gathering meeting will follow at 7:00pm with current 8th-12th grade students and parents.**

Save the dates, invite your friends, and join us each Wednesday! I'm looking forward to an awesome year together!

Blessings,
Vicar Keith

Luther League Schedule



AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

Wed., Sept. 2 6:30pm LL Room Meeting
Wed., Sept. 9 6:30pm LL Youth & Parents Mtg.
7:00pm Gathering Mtg w/ 8th Gr.
Wed., Sept. 16 6:30pm LL Room Meeting
Wed., Sept. 23 NO LL No School
Wed., Sept. 30 6:30pm LL Room Meeting

OCTOBER

Wed., Oct. 7 6:30pm LL Room Meeting
Wed., Oct. 14 6:30pm LL Room Meeting
Wed., Oct. 21 NO LL Vicar & Pastor Away
Wed., Oct. 28 6:30pm Trick or Treating
for the Food Pantry

NOVEMBER

Wed., Nov. 4 6:30pm LL Room Meeting
Wed., Nov. 11 6:30pm LL Room Meeting
Wed., Nov. 18 6:30pm LL Room Meeting
Wed., Nov. 25 NO LL Thanksgiving Break
Sun., Nov. 29 4:00pm Decorate Marilee's

DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 2 6:30pm Decorate Church &
Light Parade Float
Wed., Dec. 9 6:30pm Prepare for
Candlelight Service
Wed., Dec. 16 6:30pm Prepare for Cookies
& Candlelight
Sun., Dec. 20 10am Cookie Sale
Sun., Dec. 20 7pm Candlelight & Cookies
Wed., Dec. 23 & 30 NO LL Christmas Break



SignUpGenius®

Luther League Meals

Want to help provide meals for Luther League meetings on Wednesday nights?
To volunteer, go to signup genius at

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

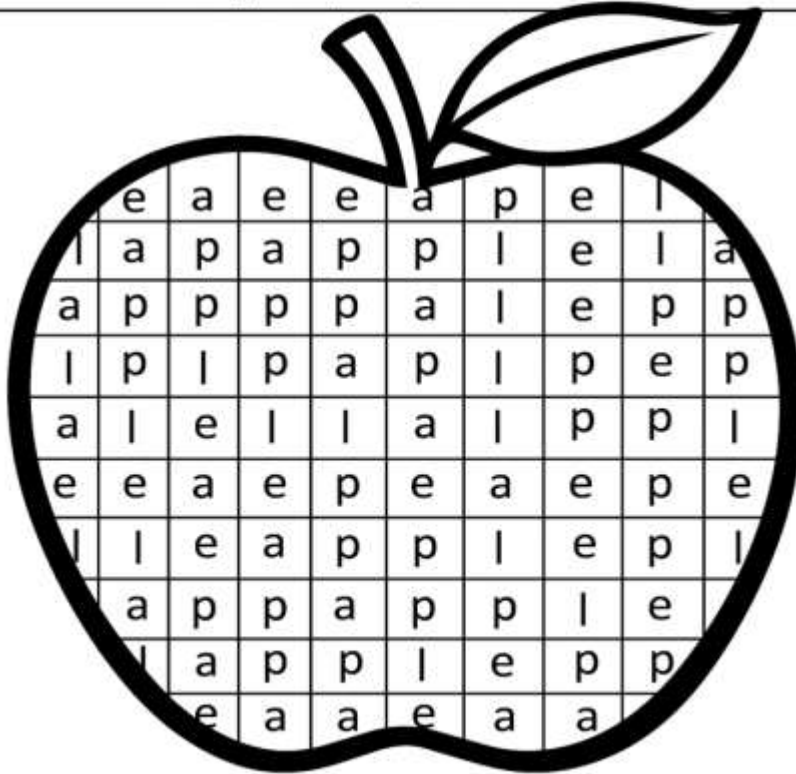
Thanks!



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?



- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter

**Puzzle Answers
are on page 17**



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"The best things in life are not things."

**National Grandparents Day
Sunday, September 13th**

Wine & Word

6pm on Thursday,
September 17th

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
and join us!**



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

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

Worship Assistants:

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

Food Pantry Volunteer Signup:

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

Confirmation Meals:

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

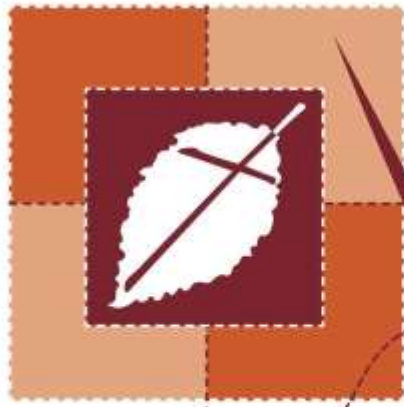
Luther League Meals:

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

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

Thanks!





Carol Joy Holling Camp,
Conference & Retreat Center

Quilt Auction

**Total Raised at the Auction: over \$121,000
from the 500 donated quilts!**

Zion's donated quilts raised **\$715** for Carol Joy Holling's Quilt auction this year!



#253

Sweet Mary Patchwork

\$120

Sew Happy Mission Quilters



#254

Convex Illusion Quilt

\$425

Arlene Neidhardt



#255

Sweetness Patch Work

\$170

Sew Happy Mission Quilters



The following people
made donations to

Zion's Memorial Fund
in loving memory of ***Elva Bartels***
Amy Bishop



The following
people made
donations to
Zion's Memorial
Fund in loving memory of
Pastor Clarence Baalson
Barb & Jerry Tisthammer



The following
people made a
donation to
Zion's Memorial Fund
in loving memory of
Joy Lou Haas
John & Lynelle Nore





2pm on September 17th at Wolf Home Volunteers & Prizes needed!

We will be hosting Bingo at Wolf Home on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We need volunteers as well as prizes each month. We are looking for donations of Large Print books, coloring books for adults, beanie babies, candy, cookies, chips, etc. Donations are being collected in the marked box in the narthex.

For more information, please speak with
Pastor Caraolann.



**Mission Quilters
will meet at
1:30 pm
on Fridays,
September 11th &
September 25th.**

All are welcome to join us!



**Intern
Committee
Meeting
6pm on
Monday,
September 28th**



2026 Fellowship Coffee Serving Schedule

September: Grace & Peace Circles

October: Worship Committee,
Bells & Choir

**Faith &
Fellowship**

**Committee
will
meet on**

**Sunday, October 11th
after church at 10:15am**

All are welcome to join us!



**Monday, September 7th
The church office
will be closed.**



John & Kathy Williams
5605 Ave K
Kearney, NE 68847-8512



	In person	Online
May	149	118
June	113	167
July	104	203
Year to Date:	137 In person	153 Online



Join us on Sunday,
September 13th at 10:15 am!

EVERYONE (parents too!) is invited to Rally Day on Sunday, September 13th after a very special worship service! The liturgy for Rally Day will be set to different children's songs!

At 10:15am parents will be able to register their children for Sunday School and students will meet their teachers, see their classrooms and participate in some fun **Fruit of the Spirit** activities. It plans to be a very fun event! We hope you will join us!!

For more information, please speak with
Stacy Petersen (402-920-3425)

Mobile Food Pantry ~ Saturday, September 5th

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on **Saturday, September 5th**, at 9:00 am at the Boone County Fairgrounds. This is set up as a drive-through only. All patrons will need to enter the fairgrounds from the 11th and Fairview entrance. Vehicles will be taken in order of arrival in a designated line. FYI: There are new forms to be completed. The first vehicle to arrive is asked to follow the road into the fairgrounds and stop and park directly in front of the cones that will be set out. All other vehicles entering that are there for the mobile pantry need to follow in line and wait until you have been asked to do otherwise.

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

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

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

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

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



**Let's keep in touch with
our College Students!**
Feel free to send a card, note
or token of love...



Gracin Connely (1st year)
2311 S Capital St., Apt. 10
Mitchell, SD 57301-4340

Vanessa Dorie (1st year)
(UNL)
8350 Cheney Ridge Rd, Apt 253
Lincoln, NE 68516-3823

Max Grosch (1st year)
(Northeast Community College)
Simon Hall
801 E Benjamin Ave.
PO Box 469
Norfolk, NE 68701-0469

Riley Nelson (1st year)
(UNL)
3455 Holdrege St
Lincoln, NE 68503-1418

Jace Rasmussen (1st Year)
(UNL)
3455 Holdrege St
Lincoln, NE 68503-1418

Mishayla Slaymaker (1st year)
(UNL)
120 College Park Circle, Apt. 25
Lincoln, NE 68505-3193

Lizzie Esch (2nd year)
(UNO)
4152 Burt St
Omaha, NE 68131-1758

Clay Sandman (2nd Year)
(UNO)
5066 Grover St. #5
Omaha, NE 68106-3859

Dylan Choat (3rd year)
(UNL)
7230 Dorchester Ct
Lincoln, NE 68521-5874

Audra Groth (3rd year)
(UNK)
611 W 25th - 2
Kearney, NE 68847-5517

Halle Hanaway (3rd year)
(Northeast Community College)
310 W Park St
Albion, NE 68620-1648

Hank Hudson (3rd year)
(UNK)
2005 14th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845-5517

We are still missing some addresses!

Please send your
school address to
office@zionalbion.org

College-Bound Blessing

I have held you close.

**Now as you fly into adulthood,
bound to open books and discover worlds,
I release you.**

**But not without one final prayer:
Prosper not only in your studies,
but prosper in knowing God more richly.**

**I will not be there
to catch you when you fall,
But God will catch you when I can't.
Depend on God and learn to trust Him.**

**You are not alone.
Knowing this,
my empty nest will not seem so lonely.
My heart will soar
as I watch you take wing.**





SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 4th

Faith & Fellowship has planned a dinner date at the Hungry Horse in Ericson for the O.W.L.'s on Sunday, October 4th at 5:30pm. We plan to gather at Zion around 4:00pm 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).



♪ J u s t a N o t e ♪ Attention Bell Players:

It's almost time to get those handbells ringing again! We will begin practices on **Wednesday, October 7th at 4:30pm.**

If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact **Jacque Dickey** at 402-741-1709.



First Choir Rehearsal Sunday, September 20th after worship

The choir will have their first rehearsal on September 20th after worship. We usually rehearse after worship on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month. The hope is that we will sing in October for the first time.

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

Handicap Accessibility Project



Elevator Update

Total Cost: \$232,945
(Custom Elevator for caskets)

Elevator T-bill Account	\$258,184.13
June/July Income	\$811.00
June/July Expenses	\$510.00
June/July Interest	\$1,424.71
Total	\$259,909.84
Sprinkler Fund	\$1,795.00
June/July Income	\$25.00
Total	\$1,820.00
Bathroom Fund	\$38,067.20
June/July Income	\$960.00
Total	\$39,027.20

*Thanks for your support
of this very important project!*



FLAT SHEETS NEEDED!

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

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



Prayer Concerns this Month

Wolf Memorial Home Residents

Bob & LaVonne Kruse

LaVonne Mills

Dorothy Young

Good Samaritan Estates (Assisted Living)

Cynthia Kraus

Donna Kruse

Barb Michael

Marilyn Ramm

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

In Our Sunday Prayers

Mick Andreasen, Dylan Beard,

Marilyn Boyette, Tracy Coakes,

Ashleigh Henn, Jacob Johnson, Angie Jones,

Chuck Long, Harlan Long, Randy Michael,

Owen Neesen, Mitchell Olson, Cooper Seier,

Mark Smith, Marlys Smith, Pat Tobiason,

Cathy Wright, Staci Wright,

and the families of

Rev. Patricia Davenport, Dennis Marcy,

Larry Noble, Evelyn Smoll



Our Congregation

Sunday School Students

Sunday School Teachers & Substitutes

Confirmation Students

Luther League Youth

Other Concerns

Our Military

Those affected by war, violence & hatred

Those affected by natural disasters

Farmers & their Families

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

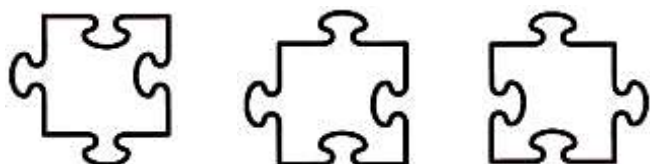
church office and they will start the chain.

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)***

Puzzle Answers

Bible Quiz Answer: D (John 21:17)





Presentation of Bibles

HOLY BIBLES

On Sunday, September 27th, Holy Bibles will be presented to our Third Graders:

*Oaklyn Lynae Dozler
Hazel Rose Henn
Anistyn Emery Koch
Palmer Sue Leetch
Brynn Lynn Levander
Emilyn Jovee Nelson
Mavis Kay Skillstad
Allie Grace Stuhr*

May they use God's Word as a guide and comfort throughout their lives!

(Please let us know if we missed anyone!)

Sunday Bulletins



Bulletins

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



Vicar's
on
Vacation

Vicar Keith will be away attending Prolog Week at Wartburg Seminary Aug. 31 — Sept. 4th.



Mentor Meeting

Sunday, September 27th at 10:15am

If you agreed to be a mentor for a student this year, please attend this meeting.



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

Kim Christo & Zac Zoucha
September 26th

Pastor Carolann will be on vacation from Thursday, September 10th through Wednesday, September 23rd.

VACATION
DATES



Ukelele Choir

Zion is starting a Ukelele Choir! No experience is needed; we will teach you to play.

All ages are welcome!

For more information, contact Tami Texley (402-741-2330)





PEOPLE SPOTS

Jacque Dickey

Jacque Marie Stahr was born on February 24, 1955, to Marvin and Maxine Stahr at York General Hospital in York, Nebraska. She was welcomed home to the family dairy farm east of

York by her older siblings, Jerry and Janie. Jacque loved growing up on the farm and helping her mom and dad with the chores.

Jacque started her love of learning at Willard Elementary School in York. She went on to attend high school at York High School graduating with the class of 1973. After high school, Jacque continued her education at Kearney State College, now University of Nebraska at Kearney, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Music. During her summer breaks in college, Jacque worked for the York Mill and Elevator and at York General Hospital in admissions, medical records, and insurance.

It was in high school that Jacque met Tom Dickey during Senior Choir. However, it was working together on the high school musical that the two truly connected. Although the two attended separate colleges, they did not let the distance stop their love for one another. On June 3, 1978, the two were married at Faith Lutheran Church in York. Together, they have been blessed with three wonderful daughters, Erin, Laura, and Leslie, and seven delightful grandchildren.

When the family moved to Albion, Nebraska, for Tom's first job teaching there was not a teaching position available for Jacque, so she worked at Dr. Sweet's medical clinic until a music teaching position came available at St. Michael's School. After a few years of teaching music at St. Michael's School, she started teaching elementary music at Albion Public Schools. Jacque taught music for 35 years between St. Michael's and Albion Public Schools.

Since retiring from teaching, Jacque has enjoyed having more time to spend with her children and grandchildren. Her love of sewing and baking, skills she first developed through 4-H as a child, has remained an important part of her life. She enjoys using these talents to bless others, including making aprons for her daughter's shop in Minnesota and for various craft shows. Jacque also loves quilting, from carefully cutting the squares to sewing them together. When she is not creating something, she enjoys walking, reading, and traveling.

Jacque is a lifelong Christian; she was baptized at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in York on March 12, 1955. She later confirmed her faith on June 8, 1969, at Faith Lutheran Church in York. In 1979 Jacque became a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Albion. As a member of Zion Lutheran Church she has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She also served on the Evangelism Committee, Parish Education Committee, Worship & Music Committee, Serving Group chairperson, and directed the children's Christmas Program. Jacque has also led the Junior and Senior Choirs and currently sings in the senior choir and hopes to join the Ukulele Choir when it begins. Jacque currently leads the Bell Choir, which she enjoys doing thanks to the great crew of ringers. She hopes to continue leading the bells as she follows in Ellen Norskov's footsteps. Jacque states "There are always so many new pieces of music to try and the bell choir skills always astonish her each time the bell choir plays."

We are honored and blessed by Jacque's membership and for all the ways in which she has chosen to serve God and Zion Lutheran Church.

Written and Submitted by Vicar Keith Powell



The Sacrament of **BAPTISM**

On Sunday, July 27th, we celebrated
the gift of God's grace as
Tyson Zander Coakes
is baptized in the name of
the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.



Tyson was born on
Friday, April 10, 2026
at 2:29pm.
He weighed 8lbs., 3oz.
and was 21" long.

Loving Parents:
Amber & Bob Coakes

Big Brothers:
Charlie & Levi Coakes

Godmothers:
Mikayla Jaras & Roxanne Kardell

Grandparents:
Zondee & Ron Coakes
Darlene & Buddy Warner

Great Grandparent:
Pauline Durre



May God continue to bless them all!



Concerts in the Park ~ July 2026
Donations to Benefit ADA Projects:
\$400!

Thanks to all the volunteers who
helped set up, store, make & clean up
our Snow Cone booth during the
Thursday Night concerts downtown:

Pr. Carolann Hopcke
Axton Koch
Danielle Koch
Stetson Koch
Eli Krohn
Emma Krohn
Nancee Krohn
(Krohn Cousins Brynn & Will)
Chuck Long
Julie Long
Jane Mundschenk
Skylar Porter
Tate Porter
Vicar Keith Powell
Amanda Reinhart
Bennett Reinhart
Elaine Reinhart
Lily Reinhart
(Reinhart Cousin Cade)
Brooke Stuhr (Kay Nicole Salon)
Xander Wright

We are so blessed by your
willingness to volunteer!



The Fundraising
Committee
will meet on
Sunday,
September 6th
at 10:15am.
All are welcome!

family fun night

**Thanks to all who participated
in the Family Fun Night
on August 9th!**

The Raffle Basket Winners were:

Puzzle Basket Amanda Reinhart
Donated by Worship & Music

Game Basket Tate Porter
Donated by Pastor Carolann

Snack Basket Anistyn Koch
Donated by the Parish Ed Committee

Gift Card Basket Skylar Porter
Donated by the Faith & Fellowship

Husker Tailgate Basket Tori Petsche
Donated by the Evangelism Committee

Lottery Ticket Basket Roberta Seda
Donated by the Church Council

Thanks to all the committees
that donated a basket &
to all those who made donations!
We raised \$840
for the Cooper Seier Family!



THANKFUL



Thank You

Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship. I truly appreciate your support as I begin my college journey this fall. Your kindness will help me work toward my future goals. Thank you for investing in my future!

*Sincerely
Cody Andreasen*

Big Thank You!

Thank you for
paying for camp.
It really gave me a
great adventure.
I learned a ton of
things there.

*Sincerely
Tate Porter*



Thank You!

Thank you, Zion Lutheran Church for covering the other costs for me to go to camp. I had a wonderful time and met a bunch of amazing people. Your generosity forever has a special place in my heart.

*Thanks you!
Skylar Porter*

Dear Friends,

As summer continues at Oaks Indian Mission, our campus is full of activity, laughter, and opportunities for the children and families we serve. From summer activities and outings to everyday moments of learning and growth, your support helps to make it all possible.

Thank you for continuing to stand with Oaks Indian Missin. Your generosity of \$97.50 provides care, stability, and opportunities that make a lasting difference throughout the year.

We are truly grateful for your continued support and prayers.

The children are having a wonderful summer break. Thank you for your lovely gifts.

*Blessings,
Dan Cooper
Executive Director*



ORICE BOWLS

Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$125 on July 17, 2026. You are making a huge impact in the lives of some really amazing children. We can only do what we do with great partners like you!

Thank you for partnering with us!

*Serving together,
Mia Canup
Hunger Fighter*

THANK YOU!

Fill Bowls. Fight Hunger.



Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$530.72, received on 7/28/26, to the Nebraska Farm Bureau Disaster Relief Fund.

Your support will help Nebraska farm and ranch families impacted by the devastating wildfires. Homes, fences, grazing land, and livelihoods have been affected, and the road ahead will require both time and steady support. Your gift helps ensure that we can stand alongside these families as they begin to recover and rebuild.

As we organize relief efforts, please know that 100% of your donation will be distributed directly to those in need. The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation will not charge any administrative fees. We are working closely with partners across the state to assess needs and direct support where it will make the greatest difference.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and for your commitment to Nebraska's farm and ranch families. Your gift reflects the strength of our communities and the care we have for one another in times like these.

If you have any questions, please contact us at foundationforag@nefb.org or (402) 421-4747.

With sincere appreciation,
Megahn Schafer
Executive Director



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Kennedy!

Avery Olnes, daughter of Amy & Jason Olnes, was married to Bryce Kennedy, son of John & Lou Kennedy, on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church.

May God bless them in their new life together as husband and wife!



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Benes!

Bailey Choat, daughter of Dallas & Krista Choat, was married to Braden Benes, son of Mark & Aliscia Benes, on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church with both Pastor Carolann & Father Matt Gutowski presiding.

May God bless them in their new life together as husband and wife!

2027 Six-Month Lottery Calendars (January to June) \$20 each or 3 for \$50



Zion is selling Lottery Calendars again! Winning numbers will be based on the Nebraska State Lottery 3-digit Evening Pick 3 (Straight as drawn).

Numbers from 000 to 999 may be purchased for \$20 each or 3 calendars for \$50. Prizes range from \$20 to \$150 depending on the day of the month.

They'll make great Christmas gifts!

For more information, please contact Mary Kay Tisthammer (402-741-1256) or the Church Office (402-395-2043)

All proceeds benefit ADA Bathroom Fund!



**Beyond
grateful
to YOU!**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for hosting the Family Fun Night. It was a wonderful event that we truly enjoyed, and Shelby definitely enjoyed herself!

We are especially grateful for your generosity in donating the raffle basket proceeds to our grandson, Cooper. Your kindness, prayers, and support mean more to us than words can express.

Thank you for your compassion and for surrounding our family with love and encouragement. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

With heartfelt gratitude!

Bob & Tammy Reigle



Bible Study?

We are thinking about offering a Bible Study using **The Chosen** series. Would you be interested? If we have enough people, we'll set a time to gather for this study. Please let Pastor know or sign up on the narthex bulletin board.



Angel Ornaments

Zion is offering Angel Ornaments in memory or honor of loved ones. Angels are available in Green, Red & Blue. The cost of an angel is \$10 with your loved ones name displayed on the heart. These ornaments will be hung on Zion's Christmas Tree in the sanctuary; you may take them home for your tree after the Christmas Eve services.

All proceeds benefit the Bathroom & Ramp ADA funds.

*For more information, please speak with
Nikki Heidemann, Mary Kay Tisthammer or Pastor.*

In HONOR of:

_____ Color: Blue / Green / Red
(Circle One)

_____ Color: Blue / Green / Red
(Circle One)

In MEMORY of:

_____ Color: Blue / Green / Red
(Circle One)

_____ Color: Blue / Green / Red
(Circle One)

Angels @ \$10. each x _____ = _____

TOTAL Due: \$ _____

Checks may be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church

Your Name: _____

Deadline to Order: Sunday, December 6th

Special thanks to Lois Hoefer for handmaking each angel



PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

October 25th!

The Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest! Pumpkin entries are due at church on October 25th with judging happening throughout the week. Results will be shared on Sunday, November 1st!

To enter, simply carve or decorate a pumpkin of your own choosing and bring it to church on October 25th! (Zion is NOT supplying pumpkins.) There are no age or membership requirements to enter! Prizes will be awarded based on the number of ticket votes received.

Voting will take place by tickets. Ticket donations: \$1 each or 7 for \$5. To vote, place your tickets in the box by the pumpkin you like the best!

Start thinking about your pumpkin entries! You may enter as many pumpkins as many times as you like!

For more information, please speak with Mary Kay Tisthammer.



Family Fun Night Movie Watching!



THERE ARE Youth Retreats FOR ALL AGES!

This fall, there are youth retreats for all ages at Camp Carol Joy Holling! Our youth retreats are a great way for your camper to build relationships, learn about themselves, and grow in their faith.



Family Campout
September 18-20, 2026
All Ages / Cost Varies

Fall Festival
October 3, 2026
All Ages / Cost Varies



Middle School Retreat
November 13-15, 2026
December 4-6, 2026
Grades 6-8 / Cost: \$110

Fall Kinnect
November 6-8, 2026
Age 5—Grade 4 w/Adult
Cost: \$175 per pair



Mother Daughter Retreat
November 21-22, 2026
Ages 10-13 / Cost: \$175 per pair



For questions or more information contact, Laura Stalder at
LStalder@NLOM.org or 402-944-2544



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



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