Pastor….…..….…......................................Rev. Jerry Gilbreath

Organist…..................................................Shirley Gronewold

Lector………………….………..………………..Elnora Lenners

Acolytes.......................................... Caleb Oltman, Madison Fikar

Greeters..…………….…… Dean & Andrea Siefkes, Lorene Wallman

Children’s Church…………………………………….

Breakfast Club………………………………..

Donut Holes…………..…………………….…….. Janice Parde

Past**or Jer’s** phone number – 402-404-0494

Janice Parde’s number – 402-520-2322

**Last Week’s Vital Statistics**

Attendance and Offerings

Church 220 $2,755.84 Sunday School 49 $48.00

Lent 118 $1,003.00

**This Week**

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

Adult Class, 9-9:15 am

Worship, 10 am

**Monday**

Blanket Sewing, 9 am

Men’s Choir, 7:00 pm

**Tuesday**

Blanket Sewing, 9 am

**Wednesday**

Grace Circle, 1:30 pm

5th Gr. Communion Class, 5:45-6:45 pm

7th & 8th Confirmation, 6-6:45 pm

**Saturday**

Quilting for Fun, 1:00 pm (parish hall basement)

**Next Sunday**

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

Adult Class, 9-9:15 am

Worship/Holy Communion, 10 am

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship! Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the unity room. We are so glad you are here!**

**HEAVENLY GROUNDS……**COFFEE’S BREWING BEFORE CHURCH TOO! If you get here early, (9:15) come on in and have a cup of coffee and enjoy fellowship before church! And, if you see visitors, welcome them in so we can spend time in fellowship with them as well.

**HANDICAP PARKING**-IN THE NEED FOR MORE HANDICAP PARKING FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, WE WILL BEGIN TO USE ALL SPACES FROM PARSONAGE TO NORTH DOORS OF CHURCH FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING OR USE WALKERS. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THOSE THAT TRULY NEED THE CLOSER PARKING.  THANK YOU!!    *~The Church Council*

**Church council makes CDs and DVDs of each service**.  If you would like a copy of a service (present or past), please let a council member know.

**Our Sympathies** to Alan & Bob Folkerts and families with the passing of their father, Edwin Folkerts. Funeral services were held Friday @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church. *May the Lord comfort them in this time of sorrow.*

**Thank You** - Council would like to thank Richard Bouc of Cortland for fixing our clock

which hangs over the balcony.  His business the "Clock Doctor" made some

minor adjustments FREE of charge,but  simply asked for a prayer for he & his family.  Bless him for this service!

**Grace Circle Members** – you may find your Quarterly Bible Study Magazine in your church mailbox.

**Quilting for Fun** - March 14th will meet at 1:00 pm in the parish hall basement. Come and learn the disappearing nine patch. No quilting experience needed. Come and have fun and learn. Will be taught by Sandi  Johnson and helper Karen Gilbreath. Bring your sewing machines if you have one other wise contact Sandi she has extras. Also cutting mats and rotary cutters.

**Fuller Field Lighting Pledge Drive –** The 5th Sunday Offering in March is going to the Park Board to be used as a lighting pledge. We estimate we would be around $18,000 short of the $50,000 we need to request the Thomas Sisters Grant for $50,000. If you would like to make a pledge contact Paul Jurgens at 402-314-5268 via phone or text. Thank You

**Easter Breakfast -**volunteers and food donation sign up clip boards can be found in the unity room.  The breakfast fellowship will immediately follow the Sunrise service. A free will offering to go to benefit Aaron Miller.  Aaron has been diagnosed with throat cancer is going thru treatments.

**Spring Gathering 2020**~Zion has been asked to help in providing the breakfast at the Woman gathering being held at Trinity Lutheran -Dewitt on Saturday 3/21

Anyone wishing to help by sharing a dozen of any type of sweet roll, cinnamon roll, muffin or coffee cake, a sign up clipboard can be found in the unity room.    Your donations need to be at Trinity by 8:00 am but can be left in the Zion Parish Hall Kitchen by 7:30 a.m that Saturday or arrangements could be made for pick up by contacting Marcia @ 223-8309  ~Thank you

**WE NEED YOU!**   **Council is  now in the process of formulating a team that**

**would decide what needs/wants there are for renovating the second floor of the Parish Hall.** The windows have already been ordered and will be installed later this spring. After receiving an estimated cost for the updates, council will then present to the congregation and the plan is to vote on at the 2020 semi-annual meeting.

Please give Janice, our church secretary a call to get your name on the team list or share your interest with any council person.

**Thanks in advance for serving your Zion church family!**

**WE NEED YOU!**

"For everything there is a season"...and for every season there are decorations to organize and put out.  **Council is looking for a team of  individuals interested in serving by organizing and putting up seasonal holiday decor in our sanctuary.**

Please give Janice, our church secretary a call to get your name on the team list or share your interest with any council person.

**March 31st DEADLINE to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars**

**Since 2011 Zion has received over $33,700**

In the last few years alone, $6,000 was donated to the replacing the Parsonage windows and over $11,000 was donated to the Parish Hall Renovation Project.

The bulletin insert will assist policy holders in completing this task OR contact a Zion team member, *OR stop by Country Cookin' Cafe on March 10th from 9-11* for a free cup of coffee along with added information.

 Your church team members are Elnora Lenners, Doreen Remmers, Denise Schlake-Ideus, Dorothy Trauernicht and Connie Thornburg.

Thanks to all Thrivent Choice Dollar Members.  Your contributions to your

Zion Church Family are greatly appreciated!

**Parrish Ed –** now has our own email account. We would like to create a Sunday School mailing list for announcements and reminders to help with the communication between all. Please email us at: [zionparrished20@gmail.com](mailto:zionparrished20@gmail.com) so we can include you with our list.

**Bible School** registration paper form will be located at the information center in the back of church or you can sign up online under the link on our facebook page. Bible School will be May 26-29th.

***ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH*** *ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP FOR THE SOUTHEAST SPRING GATHERING AT TRINITY /DEWITT ON MARCH 21ST - Look for more details in the newsletter. Registration Forms can be found at the Information Center in the Unity Room.  We will be collecting our in kind offerings for Mother to Mother and Dewitt Food Pantry - All are Welcome  to donate  items for either cause and those items  can be left in the baskets in the unity room.*

Items in need or suggested for

**Mother to Mother:** Disposable diapers, wipes, kids clothes size 0-8, Formula, baby food, Gift cards to restaurants, movies, haircuts etc.

**Dewitt Food Pantry:** Paper products, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, non perishable food like peanut butter, cereal, pancake mix,

**Silent Auction Items** – **Silent Auction will wrap up on Sunday, March 29 and winners will be announced during announcements.** Pr. Jer has gifted us with items to raise money for the upstairs parish hall renovation. Pastor’s acrylic painting of view of Zion Lutheran Church, 3 Noah’s Ark , and a hall tree. You can see these items in the fellowship hall and place your bids in the envelopes provided. *Thank you so much Pr. Jer for sharing your many talents with us!!!!*

**Zion Girls 8u Softball –** If interested please contact Linsey @ 402-239-6314 or Jess @ 402-806-7737.

**The Synod Nominating Committee** is looking for people willing to serve! This year the Homestead Cluster needs lay female(s) willing to serve on the Nominating Committee for a two-year term ending in 2022.

We also have to have male clergy candidates to fill Natalie Julin-McCleary's Synod Council seat. Her term expires this year. Ideally the Nominating Committee would like these names by March 15.

For details contact Nathan Metzger , email - [nametz@hotmail.com](mailto:nametz@hotmail.com) or

[office@nebraskasynod.org](mailto:office@nebraskasynod.org)

**Looking for a great way** to bring remembrance to a loved one or recognize someone on their special day? Consider sponsoring a bulletin for $75! Contact the church office if interested or for more details .

**We don't want to think about church cancellations** but council would like to let you know the different ways we will reach out if we have to cancel.

Church cancellation will be communicated through our **church facebook page, text (if in the text group), KWBE 1450 AM and Channel 10/11.**

Be sure to "like" our Zion Lutheran Church-Pickrell facebook page if you haven't already and if you're not already in the text group, let council know your cellular phone number and the phone company so we can get you added.

**Parkinson’s Support Group and Gold Crest Retirement Center** is sponsoring a Pitch Tournament Fund Raiser for Parkinson’s research on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 3-5 pm at Gold Crest. Reservations and a $5 entry fee per person will guarantee you a spot in the tournament. Reservations can be made by contacting Diane Nieveen @ Gold Crest, 402-099-7115 by Thursday, March 19th. snacks and prizes will be provided. The $5 donation will be donated for Parkinson’s research.

**Michael W. Smith –** will be preforming on Friday, March 27 at the Rococo Theatre in Lincoln. Groups of 10 or more get 10% off. EMAIL [GROUPS@AWAKENINGEVENTS.COM](mailto:GROUPS@AWAKENINGEVENTS.COM) For more information

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**Norden Club of Lincoln Foundation, Inc.,** we would like to inform you of the availability of a $1,000 scholarship or grant-in-aid to be awarded this year in 2020. The committee will select an applicant who wishes to pursue an educational experience or project pertaining to any of the five Scandinavian countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Application must be sent and postmarked by May 1st. Applicants can be of all ages, youth or adults. More information can be found @ the information center.

**Helping out in worship next Sunday:**

Lector – Amy Wallman

Acolytes – Alex Busboom,Hailey Parde

Greeters – Danelle Evers, Al & Sheryl Wiese

Special Music – Praise Team

Breakfast Club – Cindy Parde

Donut Holes – Mickey Larkins

**March Altar Guild:** Janet Harms, Dorothy Trauernicht, Rose Gronewold,Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed

**March Table Troop Volunteers:** **Gary & Brenda Gronewold (Leaders),** Dave & Carrye Meints, Kenny & Janet Schuster, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Steve & Peggy Johnson

**Snow Brigade week of March 9 Eric Parde Council, Steve Oltman Captain,**

Don Schuster, David Meints, Duane Jurgens, Larry Johnson, Greg Robinson, Jordan Busboom, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde

**Shut-Ins**

**Gold Crest** – *Emma Meints, Marie Schoen*

**Homestead House** – *Thees Busboom*, *Elsie Zimmerman, Mildred Meints*

**Clark Jeary** – *Leona Trauernicht*

**Whispering Winds Cottage** – *LaVern Parde*

**PEO Home –** *Angeline Johnson*

**Our Homes Assisted Living** – *Randy Oltman*

**Service**

*Everett Bloom*

*P.O. Box 348 Newport, News, VA 23607*