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

Janice Parde’s number – 402-520-2322

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

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

Acolytes……………………………….. Ella Archer, Hailey Parde

Reader…………………………………. Carrye Meints

Breakfast Club Breakfast………. Karla Robinson

Special Music……………………….. Kids of the Kingdom

**Vital Statistics**

Church 122 $3,319.75 Sunday School 57 $50.16

Lent Service

**This Week**

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

Seamless Bible Study, 9-9:45 am (Fellowship Hall) Lynette Dorn & Mary Lenners

Worship, 10 am

**Monday**

Blanket Sewing, 9 am

**Tuesday**

Blanket Sewing, 9 am

Seamless Bible Study 7-8 pm (Parish Hall) Marcia Busboom

**Wednesday**

5th Grade 1st Communion Class, 5:45-6:45 pm (church basement)

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

Lenten Service, 7 pm

**Thursday**

Ladies Aide

Seamless Bible Study 7-8 pm (Parish Hall) Doreen Remmers & Connie Thornburg

**Saturday**

**Spring Cleaning**

**Next Sunday**

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

Seamless Bible Study, 9-9:45 am (Fellowship Hall) Lynette Dorn & Mary Lenners

Worship/Holy Communion, 10 am

**The Bake and Take Small Ministry group,** 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall

**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!**

**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*

**Our Sympathies –** to Arnold Baehr and family with the passing of Delores Baehr, Friday morning. Funeral services are planned for Monday @ 1:30 pm at Zion. May the Lord envelop Arnold and his family with his love and peace as they mourn her passing.

**Thank You** to Kids of the Kingdom for the special music!

**Thank You –** Dear Zion Lutheran Members, What a wonderful surprise to receive 1,274 diapers! All I can say is **WOW!** Thanks again for remembering us with your generosity! Blessings! Diane Courtny – Mother to Mother Ministry.

**Blanket Sewing** – March 15th & 16th starting at 9 am. Come for a few hours or all day. Please bring a sack lunch.

**SNUGGLE TIME**:  Currently the Thrivent team is collecting fleece and pillows with good quality inserts till Easter.  The table for donations is located by the north door of the Fellowship Room.  Fleece pillows are being made to donate to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Agency in Beatrice.  They will be given to children upon entering the foster care system.  This Thrivent grant was written by Lois Thompson Lawrence, former member of Zion and will be ongoing through the end of March.  Thank you to all who have already dropped off donations.

**LIL BOTTOMS**:  The Lil Bottoms project has been completed.  A total of 1,274 diapers and two packages of baby wipes were delivered to Mother to Mother in Beatrice this past week.  Thanks to all who contributed to this project.  Quite a few DRY bottoms will be enjoyed because of your generosity.

 **The small group ministry - "Movie Night", will be planning quarterly events.  There will be movies and fun for all ages throughout the year!  Stay tuned for more details!**

**The Barn Quilt Small Group Ministry** met last Sunday and had a lot of fun.  We have room for a couple of more individuals to join us at the next meeting.  Let Denise Schlake-Ideus or Gayle Schuster know if you are interested.

**Easter Lilies –** if you would like to share your Easter Lily with us on Easter Sunday, sign-up sheets are in the hallways of the church. You may bring your own or you can call a florist to deliver.

**Zion’s 2021 Easter Sunrise Breakfast** will once again be a freewill offering with this year’s proceeds going to Brianna Podtburg, a first-grader at Freeman diagnosed with a rare type of bone cancer. She is the daughter of Brian & Jamie Podtburg.

**Outdoor Spring Cleaning** is scheduled for March 20th.  You may bring rakes, saws and trimmers!

**The Bake and Take Small Ministry group** will be meeting on Sunday, March 21st at 1:30 pm in the parish hall for our first out reach program.  We will be making casseroles and cookies that day to share with our talents with others.  If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Lynette Dorn.

***Do not forget to do good and to share with others.  Hebrews 13:16***

**The SE Nebraska WELCA Spring Gathering** that was to be held March 20, 2020 at Trinity in Dewitt  and postponed due to Covid-19 has been rescheduled for **SUNDAY JUNE 27TH** 3-6 pm. Same location with a different format than the past we are excited to share our "Creation and Praise" Program, Worship and Fellowship!! Look for more details late spring!!

Friendly Reminder...MARCH 31st deadline approaching!

Last chance for designating **2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Reach out for assistance from a Zion Thrivent Team Member

if needing any help

 **2020 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS DEADLINE IS March 31st!**

They can be directed towards Zion either online or by phone.

Specific details will be in next Sunday's bulletin.  If you have any questions, contact the church office or any Thrivent Team member from Zion for assistance.

**Parish Hall (Upstairs) Renovation Update**—A proposal was made at the January 17, 2021 Annual Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church regarding the completion of the Parish Hall renovation. The downstairs and Sunday School office projects have been completed. A TV has recently been hung above the piano in the lower level of the Parish Hall. This TV was purchased by Memorial Committee and can be used to show videos during Sunday School, Bible School, Funerals and other special occasions. The proposal presented was to renovate the upstairs which would include work on the ceilings, walls and repairing and refinishing the floor. It would also include and updated Veterans Memorial display. The cost for the project is estimated at $35,000. A total of $12,891.15 has already been secured for this project. Plans are to work on this in the Summer when Sunday School is not in session. A vote was taken at the Annual Meeting and the majority voted to proceed. Funds can be given in Special Offering envelopes, noted on checks in weekly offering or can be done online through the VANCO link on the Zion Website. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Thrivent Action Team** Members for 2021 include Elnora Lenners, Dorothy Trauernicht, Denise Schlake-Ideus, Mert Rademacher, Doreen Remmers, Connie Thornburg

Active Grants include ...

Lil Bottoms-providing diapers for Mother to Mother Ministry

   written by Bev Thompson Stokebrand, former Zion member

Snuggle Time- fleece pillow project going to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for children in foster care

   written by Lois Thompson Lawrence, former Zion member

Sunrise Service Breakfast Fundraiser for Brianna Podtburg, a first-grader at Freeman diagnosed with a rare type of bone cancer.

Mission Small Group Ministry-Willow Center

Barn Quilt Small Group Ministry-written by Denise Schlake-Ideus

     also supported by a $75 Walmart Grant

Gardening Small Group Ministry-written by Denise Schlake-Ideus

Women's Bible Study Small Group Ministry -written by Connie Thornburg

Got an idea for one?  Let one of the team members know and we will see what we might do!

**Stop the Bleed Workshops & Bible Study Yoga** are being supported in 2021 by an Immanuel Vision Foundation Grant.

**Small Group Ministries** have been activated!  Those signed up for the following groups have been contacted or will be sometime this month.

Movie Night           Mission Projects          Yoga Bible Study

Barn Quilts            Gardening                    Recycling

Healthy Eating      Crocheting                    Bake & Take

Book Club             Crafting                         Women's Bible Study

It's a great way to come together to pray-grow-share-learn-laugh!

If interested & did not sign up contact Connie Thornburg to get you connected.

More details on grants & small group ministries and workshops can be found in weekly bulletins.

**Good morning from the missions small group**. In March we will be collecting donations at church for the Willow Center in Beatrice. A list of needed donations is below. Each month we will be reaching out to assist a different organization . If you would like to join us in our efforts please contact either Jayde or I. Contact information is below.
Karla (402)228-6318 Jayde (402)806-1721
Pull ups in all sizes Kids clothing hangers Adult clothing hangers
Baby wipes Newborn diapers New toys for birthday bags ages 1-3
Cake mixes/frosting/candles for birthday bags
Paper goods

**Share Your Musical Talents** –To reserve the Sunday of your choice, visit with Pam Trauernicht: call 402-230-0123 or email pamtrauernicht@diodecom.net

**WE NEED YOU!** It's always a good time to remember those in the military! Please leave their name and address with Janice or give her a call at the office so they may be included.

**Helping out next Sunday**

**Acolytes –** Lily Wiese, Garrett Ideus

**Reader –** Sandy Meints

**Breakfast Club Breakfast –** Brenda Gronewold

**Special Music –**

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

**SNOW BRIGADE # 2 (week of March 15th – March 22nd )**Alan Folkerts\*Council, Gerald Ideus\*\*Captain, Todd Bohlmeyer, James Meints, Billy Harms, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold, Ken Newman, Alan Wiese, Paul Jurgens

**Shut-Ins**

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

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

**Clark Jeary** – *Leona Trauernicht*

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

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