**Pastor Jer’s** phone number – 402-404-0494

Janice Parde’s number – 402-520-2322

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

Organist………………………………..Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes……………………………….. Volunteers

Reader…………………………………. Jenny Busboom

Greeters……………………… Gary & Judy Carstens, Lorene Wallman

**Vital Statistics**

Church 95 $1,432.00

**This Week**

Worship/Holy Communion, 9 am

 *5th Sunday Offering – upstairs Parish Hall renovation*

**Monday**

**No Men’s Choir**

**Wednesday**

7th & 8th Confirmation Orientation, 6 pm

**Thursday**

Freeman Triangular with Fillmore Central & Wilber-Clatonia.

1st game is at 4:30 pm – Freeman vs FC

2nd game – W-C vs FC

3rd game – Freeman vs W-C

**Next Sunday**

Worship/Holy Communion, 9 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!**

**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*

**Thank you** to Jeff Wallman for the special music.

**Our Sympathies** to Karen Buhr, Kim Folkerts, Mark Buhr and families with the passing of their husband, father, grandfather, Leonard Buhr. Funeral services were held Thursday. Flowers under the hymn board are from the funeral and we thank the family for sharing them with us today. *We pray that the Lord will comfort them and give them peace in their time of sorrow.*

**United in marriage** Saturday were Nichelle Meyer and Cole Schuster.

*We pray that the Lord will bless their union.*

**TODAY’S August 5th Sunday offering** will be designated to the upstairs Parish Hall renovation.  The funds collected from this offering will be matched dollar to dollar by the Endowment Fund.  Thank you to all who have donated to the project to date.

**The upstairs Parish Hall renovation is nearing completion.**  Thanks to all who have made this happen:  Dean Siefkes, Gerald Ideus for removing and replacing ceiling tiles, Phillipi Electric for installing new lights, Nicholas Meints for drywall, Chad and Liz Buhr for framing the walls, Kim Duggan for painting.  Please if you see any of these people thank them for their great work on this project.  Thanks also to all individuals who have donated financially, thanks to Don and Gayle Schuster for donating the sweetcorn proceeds.  Thanks to Endowment for matching the 5th Sunday offering in August. Also, thanks to Jared and Cally Ideus as they will be working on a Veterans Memorial Display wall.  We will continue to accept donations for the completion of the project.

 Investing in this project is investing in the future of our children as this is where our weekly Sunday School is held.  This will also give the opportunity for Zion to host more events and provide overflow for the basement of the Parish Hall during these events!  We invite everyone to go over and take a look at the finished project on Rally Sunday!! THANKS AGAIN!

**Attention Zion Members**...if you have a Zion family member who “has” served or “is currently” serving in the military,  please contact Jerrod Ideus by email so they can be included on the soon to be renovated  “Wall of Honor” on the second floor of the Parish Hall!

jerod.w.ideus.mil@mail.mil

**Rally Sunday – Sunday, Sept. 12th.**

Sunday School begins @ 8:45 am

Bible Study, 8:45 am, Breakfast Club, 9 am**,**

**Worship/**Blessings of the backpacks**, 10 am**

**WELCA Circle Members** – you may pick up a copy of the Expressions Magazine, located at the Information Center Desk.

**With the beginning of the school year soon approaching** also brings us cold and flu season. Certain areas are also still dealing with COVID cases.  During this time masks will continue to be provided in both hallways of the church for those wanting to wear them.  Individual communion cups will also be provided on Communion Sundays.  We ask that if a person or family member is experiencing  a fever or any cold/flu symptoms that you Worship with us from home with the livestreamed service.

**Students that went to Summer Camp** please fill out and send the camp form found in the information center at Church to the Church office. Also attach a copy of the confirmation letter you received from the camp showing the price you paid.

The Willie and Anna Meints endowment fund reimburses each student 75% of camp cost after the early bird discount.

*Committee members*: Doreen Wallman, DeAnn Oltman, Steve Oltman

**Mission Small Group Ministry** Project of the Month NEEDS YOU!

Lutheran World School Kit needs include...

  -70 sheet spiral bound notebooks

  -blunt scissors

  -ball point pens (black or blue) ***no gel***

  -cash donations to purchase needed items

**Please bring before assembly date of September 12th**-Rally Sunday!

Thanks to all who have already donated to this project!

***Our goal is to assemble on Rally Sunday - Sept 12th so please bring before then!  Thank you!***

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY....**

**Matchless-The Life and Love of Jesus by Angie Smith**

8 week session beginning Sept 12 thru the week of Oct 31st

Offered Sunday at 8:45; Tuesday- 6:30pm or Wednesday-9:30 am

Contact Connie Thornburg, Marcia Busboom, Lynette Dorn, Mary Lenners or Doreen Remmers if interested.

Books available for purchase online or let one of us know by August 31st if you would like to be a part of a group order.  Approximate cost is $13 with group order.

Interested in co-leading a study?  Just let one of us know. We would love it!

*"God does not begin by asking our ability, only our availability"-N.Maxwell*

**GENTRY PANTRY:**

A Trivent Grant has been written and received for $250 which will be used to support the Gentry Pantry fund that was initiated by the PTO group of Freeman schools.  Kaylean Gentry, wife of Brandon and mother to 5 young children, was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident this past spring.  Three of the 5 children are elementary aged while the other two are younger so life is very challenging for Brandon both financially and emotionally at this time.

With school quickly approaching, school supplies and school clothing/shoes are needed for the children that are school aged.  During the first part of August, Marcella Rademacher is going with Kaylean's sister to take the 3rd grade girl shopping and Gary Kroese and his wife from the Pella Reform Church are taking the two boys shopping. If you would like to help with the Gentry Pantry project, there will be containers in both entrances and one in the fellowship hall throughout August.  You may also contact or mail any contributions to Marcella Rademacher (402-239-5953), 9247 So 96th Rd., Adams, NE 68301.As needs arise for the children, Brandon will be able to contact the pantry for assistance.   Thank you for keeping the Gentry family in your prayers

**Praise Be to God & Thanks to ALL Volunteers involved in the**

**"Corn Project"**

Almost $3,000 ($2991.00) dollars was raised!  Funds were designated to the Parish Hall renovation project currently in progress.

*Special thanks go to:*

   **Dennis Remmers** for providing organic fertilizer

   **Gary Wiese** for the use of his planter

   **G & G Golden Harvest** for donating sweet corn seed

  **Linda Blackwell** for organizing pickers & baggers

   **All volunteers** who picked, bagged, sold or delivered

  **All who purchased** this delicious product

*Community Recipients:*

    Community Food Pantry in Beatrice  (65+ dz)

    Food Pantry in Adams (35+dz)

    Mosaic

    Salvation Army (5 dz)

    Mother to Mother Ministry (4 dz)

    Zion's Bake & Take Ministry (6z)

One HUGE THANK YOU to Don & Gayle Schuster for once again organizing this project !  From planting to harvest -you make it happen & we feel blessed!

**The new recycling shed is up and running**. There are four 42 gallon black plastic trash containers with lids along the south wall for aluminum cans. The white shed behind the parsonage garage is not part of the recycling program so do not put your cans in it. Also, it might be advantageous to smash your aluminum cans so that each container can easily take more cans. Thank you! **Aluminum cans can be dropped off in the shed west of the church.**

**Recycling Ministry..."Reduce-Recycle-Reuse"**

Collecting Eyeglasses/Cases; Egg Cartons, Greeting Cards, Christmas Lights, Pop Tabs, Plastic Sacks, and Aluminum Cans!  Smaller items can be left at the Welcome Center in the back of church or in the new recycling shed located in the parking lot west of the church.  Aluminum cans may be left bagged in the shed or placed loose in any of the four 42 gallon black trash containers with lids found inside.

Sold recyclables are designated for the Mission Ministry Project of the Month!

This past month $40 from selling aluminum & egg cartons supported the Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project.

**Thanks to all our Zion recyclers!**

**Garden Small Group Ministry Invitation...**

Inviting all members who have extra produce to bring them on Sunday morning now till the end of the season to share with fellow members.

Donations were collected at the beginning of the season and totaled $64 which was in turn donated to the Beatrice Community Food Pantry.

Thanks to Denise Schlake Ideus for organizing & encouraging this project!

**Zion's Bake & Take Ministry**has provided 60+ meals to members of Zion and our surrounding community since it began this past spring. Thanks to all who have contributed meat, eggs, produce or their time & talents for this very rewarding ministry! If interested in joining this small group ministry contact Lynette Dorn.

**Bake & Take Small Group Ministry** will be serving the Warren's Community Dinner Table September 28th. The Warren's Table provides a free meal to the public each Tuesday evening from 5:30-6:30 at Christ Church Episcopal.  This feeding ministry is sponsored by the churches, Christian organizations and other benevolent organizations in the community.  More details coming soon.  Please consider helping prepare or serve this meal.

*"Do not forget* to*show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing."  Hebrews 13:2*

**Ever think WOW**, those outdoor planters in front of church are beautiful,wonder who is responsible?  Well wonder know longer!  The mystery "green thumber" is our very own Marcia Busboom!  Shout out a thanks next time you see her!

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just in fact as you are doing."  1 Thessalonians 5:11*

**Flowers, flowers, and more flowers!**  Zion has been blessed with beautiful flowers this past season, and more often then not they came from our very own Denise Schlake Ideus!  Take a moment to thank her for sharing God's gifts.

She has obviously taken Jesus words from Acts 20 to heart.  "*It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

**As discussed at the semi annual meeting** of Zion Lutheran Church,  Zion will be seeking a new bookkeeper/secretary.  Janice Parde and Lynette Dorn will be leaving these positions around the first of the year.  Hours for the position are anticipated to be approximately 20-24 hours a week (this may vary some weeks). We will be taking inquiries in September and hope to have a candidate by October to begin training this fall.  Inquiries can be made by contacting Linda Blackwell at 402-314-4567 or at lindatheye@yahoo.com. Job description is as follows:

Church secretary/Bookkeeper:  Computer knowledge preferred –will be using word and a bookkeeping program: Duties will include but not be limited to: monthly, quarterly and semi-annual financial reports, paying church bills, balancing multiple accounts, W-2’s and assisting with budget, preparing bulletins weekly, monthly church newsletters, preparing annual reports, funeral and special occasion bulletins, keep mailing list and membership list up to date, assigning acolytes and lectors,  updating the web page, keeping church office stocked with supplies varying from copy paper to communion cups. Assisting the Pastor when needed. Other duties as needed.

**LYO 2021-2022 thoughts & plans**

Thanks to all those in our congregation who offered ideas, suggestions, and even offered to help with our LYO. We received several suggestions, but one seems to be a GREAT idea. The Youth committee is asking each class to organize and host a quarterly activity. The class/group (confirmation class) can decide what, when, how, who, etc. This will spread the responsibility between the classes hopefully helping build our younger members and allow the older to be role models, cycling out to bigger and better things after graduation. See Sept. newsletter for further details.

**Opportunity for High School students**.....any students that  would be interested in learning and running our new Sound/Video system this summer please talk to a council member.  Great opportunity for you to be involved in the worship services at Zion!!

**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.

**Caleigh Behrens is serving in the Middle East with the Military Police.**

**Her address is:**

 **SPC Behrens Caleigh**

 **ASG – J 192 MP DET**

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*An encouraging letter from home would be most welcome!*

**Community Outdoor Concert –** featuring Kevin and Heidi Cheng @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 11th at 7pm. Free – no tickets required. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of piano-violin music under the stars.

**Aspire 2021 Tour – Beatrice, NE.** Aspire is a one-night women’s event with 3 ladies taking the stage. Join us for a night full of comedy, music & Bible teaching. Saturday, Sept. 25th, 6 pm @ Christ Community Church.

For tickets & more information visit website. AspireWomensEvents.com

**Helping out next Sunday**

Acolytes – Nevaeh Niles, Addison Kastanek

Reader – Kenny Reed

Greeters – Council

**August Altar Guild**: Dianna Andrew, Patti Behrens, Elnora Lenners, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus

**Sept. Altar Guild:** Christy Buhr, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenners

**August Table Troop Volunteers:** Duane Zulauf, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Jeff Busboom, Doug Parde, Steve Gronewold, Stan & Mary Lenners, AJ Wiese

**Sept. Table Troop Volunteers:** Linda & Robert Ideus, Les & Mert Rademacher, Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers.

**Shut-Ins**

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

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

**Clark Jeary** – *Leona Trauernicht*

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

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