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

Organist…..................................................Alnora Daubendiek Lector………………….………..………….………Judy Carstens

Acolytes.......................................... Crew Meints, Carly Meints

Greeters.……………Karen Gilbreath and Wes & Sandy Meints

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 231 $9,347.00 Sunday School

Christmas Eve 478 $2,939.00

Christmas Day 71 $1,215.00

**This Week**

**No Sunday School**

Worship/Holy Communion, 10 am

**Next Sunday**

Sunday School

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 place the information section of the card in the offering plate. 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.

**The family of LaVern Parde** are hosting an Open House and Card Shower in celebration of LaVern’s 90th Birthday. Open House will be on Dec. 29th from 2-4pm @ The American Legion in Beatrice. Cards may be sent to 628 N 33rd St. Beatrice.

**Flowers Under the Hymn Board** – are from the family of Lavern Parde in honor of his 90th Birthday.

**Thank you from the Community Food Pantry** in Beatrice for donations on the day of the Holiday Tour of Homes, plus a Thrivent grant:

To Zion Lutheran,

Thank you for all the food, turkeys, and hams you donated to the Community Food Pantry.  We truly appreciate your generosity.  We previously had no turkeys or hams.  We gave them all out for Christmas.

Karen Maines, Coordinator

**Thank you** to all who brought poinsettia plants! You may take yours home today for you to enjoy. A complete listing is in the January Newsletter.

**Today’s Offering** will go toward the Park Board.

**No Men’s Choir Monday**, but they will sing next Sunday (Jan. 5th)

**WELCA Year Books** are printed and in the entry ways of the church.

**Annual Reports and Treasurer’s Reports** are due *January 8th.* Thank you in advance, Janice

**STOP don’t throw away those greeting cards.**  LYO will once again be collecting greeting cards to donate to BSDC for craft projects.  Donation boxes can be found in the main hallways of church through the month of February.

**FREE ORNAMENTS**

Looking for a keepsake on your tree?  Zion 2009 commemorative ornaments are available and are located by the advent calendar at the Unity Room entrances.

**PARISH HALL RENOVATION UPDATE**... thanks for all contributions!   Current total needed is now around $1,546.37.

**Tree of Warmth**

The Sunday School will once again be collecting new winter weather items to be distributed to area agencies.  Please place mittens, gloves, scarves, and stocking hats on the tree located in the Fellowship Hall.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE...**

In the past we have asked members to make a financial commitment to Zion using a "pledge card".  However in recent years a low percentage (1%) of people actually complete and turn in.  Therefore it has been approved by council to no longer use this system.  Two options that allow us to assist you in tracking your giving are by offering envelopes or direct deposit. Please let council know if you would like to use either of these options and currently do not do so.

Time & Talent Sheets will be found in your January newsletter/bulletins to be updated for our 2020 church year.

**We are in need of volunteers to read the lessons on Sunday**. *If you can help out please contact the church office.*

**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.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

The Willie and Anna Meints scholarship applications are located in the North & South church hallways.  Students entering college can apply for the scholarship for up to 4 years.  **Applications must be received by January 15, 2020 following the start of the students first college year.**Applications received after the January 15, 2020 deadline will not be considered.  **NOTE:**Please make sure to read through the qualifications listed on the application, as the student must be an active communing member of Zion Lutheran Church & a printout of the student’s grades are needed upon completion of their 2019 Fall semester.

 Committee Members:  Doreen Wallman, Steve Oltman & DeAnn Oltman

**Membership Directory Update** – If you have had a change of address or phone number. Please contact Karen Gilbreath or the church office so we can get them corrected. A new directory will be available the coming new year.

**Helping out in worship next Sunday:**

Lector – Gerald Ideus

Acolytes – Caleb Oltman, Ella Archer

Greeters – Council

**December Altar Guild:** Sandy Meints, Marcella Rademacher, Susan Newman, Lorene Wallman

**January Altar Guild:** Christy Buhr, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenners, Karen Zimmerman

**December Table Troop Volunteers: Duane Zulauf (Leader),** Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Jeff Busboom, Steve Gronewold

**January Table Troop Volunteers**: **Linda Ideus (Leader),** Les Lieneman, Mert Rademacher, Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Leonard Buhr, Robert Ideus, Paul & Shellie Remmers

**Snow Brigade week of Dec 30 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,*

**Clark Jeary** – *Leona Trauernicht*

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

**PEO Home –** *Angeline Johnson*

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

**Service**

*Everett Bloom*

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