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

Janice Parde’s number – 402-520-2322

**This Week**

Worship, 9 am

**Thursday**

Ladies Aide

**Next Sunday**

Worship/Holy Communion/Semi-Annual Meeting, 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*

**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.

Today’s bulletin is given in loving memory of

**Vernon Meints**

who went to his heavenly home

4 years ago on July 11th

*Sponsored by Evelyn & Family*

**Our Sympathies** to the family of Kenneth Edward Ideus who passed away Thursday morning. *May the Lord be with them in their time of sorrow and pray the family feel the peace of the Holy Spirit’s comfort and rest.*

**Thank You** to Millie Garton for the special music!

**Thank You** – I wish to thank Zion church family for remembering me for the 4th of July flower bouquet. May God Bless You for all you do.

*Thanks again, Angeline Oltman*

**FYI –** I will be out of the office next Friday (July 17th) and will be working on Thursday instead. If you have anything you want in the bulletin for Sunday, July 19th, please have it in the office by Thursday morning, July 16th. Thank you, Janice

It's almost **"SWEET CORN"**time at Zion and **WE NEED YOU!**

Projected picking date is the week of **July 13th**. Lots of opportunity for helping either as a  picker, bagger, deliverer, or seller!  All ages welcome! All volunteers /donors are encouraged to bring an item to give to the community food pantry to donate.

Call **Don Schuster at 402-806-3880**or email [**jddons@gmail.com**](mailto:jddons@gmail.com)  **OR**

call **Connie Thornburg at 402-673-3605** or **email**[**cjtburg@gmail.com**](mailto:cjtburg@gmail.com)to place an order or to volunteer. Cost is $5.00/dozen. Limited delivery will be available if needed.

I am happy to correct - the past two years over **$8,500** has been generated (not $7,000+) towards projects at Zion and numerous bags of corn have been donated to the Community Food Bank in Beatrice and People's City Mission in Lincoln. This year funds will be going to Zion’s sound/video system account.

Your support for this yearly project is very much appreciated! A BIG THANK YOU to Don & Gayle Schuster!

Three **Thrivent Grants**are currently in progress at Zion:

**Doreen Remmers** is in the progress of sending care packages to our military youth that are noted in the bulletin.

**Judy Carstens** has written one for Lutheran World Relief- Personal Care Kits.

**Don Schuster**has written one for the Sweet Corn Project to help cover needed supplies and donate items to the food pantry.

If you have an idea for a possible project, please contact one of  Zion's Thrivent Team Members for assistance.

**Personal Care Kits –** When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often leave little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. They arrive in a refugee camp or other place of safety scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat, with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel as reminders to someone’s care and concern for them in their plight.

**INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING** (*for any Zion member wishing to contribute).*

* One light or medium weight bath-size towel

(approximately 52x27) dark color recommended

* Two bath size bars (4.5 oz) of soap, any brand in original wrapping
* One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
* One sturdy comb, remove packaging
* One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business size envelope, NO plastic bags or wrap.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

*Thank You to Judy Carstens for writing a $250 Thrivent Action Grant.*

**Next Sunday Semi-Annual Meeting –** July 19, 2020 after worship.

Agenda items include: **Old Business** –

Property & Management update on church projects

Parish hall renovation (upstairs) update.

**New Business** – Sanctuary sound system options/estimates

Parsonage Basement repairs

Livestream continuation

Stained glass window inspection update

**Share Your Musical Talents** – As Covid – 19 guidelines suggest congregations and choirs NOT sing during church services, please consider sharing your talents with us (vocal and/or instrumental). To reserve the Sunday of your choice, visit with Pam Trauernicht: call 402-230-0123 or email

[pamtrauernicht@diodecom.net](mailto:pamtrauernicht@diodecom.net)

**WE NEED YOU!**

It's always a good time to remember those in the military but with *July 4th*approaching, we would love you to take the time to write those who currently are serving far from home.

We will be mailing care packages to them this summer as well using a *Thrivent* *Grant*.

written by Doreen Remmers.

If we have missed anyone please give Janice a call at the office so they may be included.  Current known addresses  listed below:

**Everett Bloom**  *(parents- Deric & Ivy Bloom)*

**PO Box 348**

**Newport News, VA  23607**

**PFC  Hartig, Collin***(parents Jerod & Cally Ideus)*

**4th PLT, D CO 3-60th INF REG**

**5500 Marion Ave**

**Fort Jackson, SC 29207**

**Trainee Zulauf, Parker** *(grandparents Duane & Marsha Zulauf)*

**4th PLT, C CO 2-39 INF REGT**

**10400 Hampton PKWY**

**Fort Jackson, SC  29207**

**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 .

**Fisher Post #367 Annual Chicken BBQ –** Sunday, July 12th from 11 am to 1 pm at the American Legion Hall in Virginia, NE. Dine in or Drive thru. Free-will donation. Suggested donation of $10 for adults & $4 for kids greatly appreciated to help defray cost of each meal. Serving ½ chicken, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw. Prepared by Van’s BBQ **.**

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

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

**Shut-Ins**

**Gold Crest** – *Emma Meints, Marie Schoen, Geneva Parde, (Shirley Gronewold for rehab)*

**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*