

# GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

These  
serving  
hands can be  
found  
throughout  
Lincoln, all  
designed  
differently,  
just as all of  
us serve with  
our hands  
differently.



**SERVING HANDS**  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CAMPUS LIFE

PATRON:

**Willmar Electric Service**

TITLE:

**Supported by Grace**

ARTIST:

**Kate Wilcox**



# ZION'S WORK at HOME

Zion members continue to volunteer their time and their hands to do God's work for their home church whether it be in our buildings or.....



**Hours of painting by many**



**Leonard Buhr's  
cabinet making for  
Sunday School classes**



**Sweetcorn/Parish  
Hall Fund Raising**



**Organizing the kitchen**

# ZION'S WORK at HOME

..for our programs, or at Fuller Field. Many thanks to all those who volunteered for these projects and many more that are not featured.



**Pillows for VBS**



**Covered area for concessions**



**Netting covering the playground**



# ZION'S WORK away from home

But Zion's members continue to fill needs outside of the walls of the church building. Many thanks for all the hours and commitment to not only the projects shown here, but for the many others that have been completed but not shown.

## Preparing meals for Warren's Table



## Blankets



## School Kits



# GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Today, we wanted to allow time to share the work that is needing to be done in north central Nebraska. It will require many skilled and willing hands.



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PATRON:

**Terri Elliot and  
Friends of Campus Life**

TITLE:

**You Are the Potter**

ARTIST:

**Lynn Wilson**

# Floods of Boyd County

## Villages of Spencer, Bristow, Lynch

This sign sits in front of Our Saviour's Church in Spencer, NE, which is one of the two churches previously served by Pastor Jer.



“I live with them, and walk among them, and I will be their God and they will be my people.”

# Churches previously served by Pastor Jer



**Trinity Lutheran in Bristow**



**Our Saviors Lutheran-Spencer**

# Pastor Glen – Trinity Lutheran

Four churches in the flooded area came together in 2019 to form a disaster relief team which could coordinate efforts.



Two members from each church were chosen to be on that committee.



Around the village  
of Lynch about 18  
sections of road  
(including bridges)  
were damaged by  
the flood



There has been  
just under  
two million  
dollars worth of  
damages to the  
lift stations and  
sewer systems.

“It has made it a struggle to get some relief without residents to occupy the now empty and damaged homes.”

Mindy McBride



Three weeks ago, American Lutheran-Filley gave \$2500 to the local lumber yard so that residents could come to get dry wall without charge.



Anything  
below 5 feet  
had to be  
removed.

Fire Chief, Jim McBride stated  
that the villages are slowly  
starting to get people back, but  
losing people is always a big  
concern with something as  
devastating as this.



Electrical wiring needs to  
be replaced in most of  
the flooded homes.

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This is a Facebook quote from a son of one of the residents in the flooded area. He is referring to FEMA funds which are greatly appreciated and needed, but also come with difficulties to navigate through:

“It's really hard to have a plan when the state is telling us how we are going to spend our own money when rebuilding the house. Had the inspector tell me that the electrical is suppose to be completely done before he comes back, my Dad can't afford the whole house done at once. Room by room was my Dad's plan, but now the state is making him spend more than what he has.”

Shawn Holmberg

The one who blesses others is abundantly  
blessed; those who help others are helped”

Proverbs 11: 25

Reply from Eva Toelle (to the prior Facebook quote):

This man needs help. There has got to be some blessed  
person in Nebraska to help this man out.

Are the members of Zion  
being called on to be the  
**“blessed people in Nebraska”**  
that will help this man and others go from  
**“being displaced” TO “going HOME”?**

# Flood Relief

Following are just a few images from the 2019 floods in northeast Nebraska.



The flood began on March 13th, 2019.  
Many of these photo's were taken after the  
water started to recede.





**LYNCH RESIDENTS BEGIN FLOOD CLEANUP**











## Facebook Post from Mindy McBride – Sept 5th (a member of the Disaster Relief Team)

- Every single day I continue to be thankful for everyone who has shown up for our community, and especially my family specifically. I continue to be in awe of my tribe and the wonderful people that I have met because of their presence through our pain and their rallying around us and our people.
- Nearly six months in and still displaced, my tribe has made sure I've never felt forgotten. That's great love, and those blessings are not lost on me. ❤️ ❤️

➡➡➡➡ THOSE OF US <<<<<<<<<  
WHO ARE WARM and DRY and  
SAFE and WELL-FED MUST  
SHOW UP for THOSE WHO ARE  
COLD and WET and ENDANGERED  
and HUNGRY. THAT'S A RULE  
OF LIFE. EVERY ETHICAL and  
RELIGIOUS and SPIRITUAL  
TRADITION in the WORLD  
AGREES on THAT RULE.

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- ELIZABETH GILBERT  
[THECOMPASSIONCOLLECTIVE.ORG](http://THECOMPASSIONCOLLECTIVE.ORG)

May our hands be folded in prayer for all those affected by the floods from the 2019 Spring rains, but also from the hurricane on the east coast.



**If you would like to donate for northeast Nebraska area flood relief, please contact a council person.**