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

Janice Parde’s number – 402-520-2322

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

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

Acolytes……………………………….. Morgan Behrens, Dawson Smith

Reader…………………………………. Doreen Remmers

Breakfast Club Breakfast ……Marcia Busboom

**Vital Statistics**

Church 138 $1,626.00 Sunday School 47 $36.00

**This Week**

**Confirmation**

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

**CPR/AED Instruction -**1 pm (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday**

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

**Thursday**

**Ladies Aide**

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

**Next Sunday**

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**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*

Today’s bulletins are given by the family of

Emma Meints

in celebration of her **96th Birthday**

April 27, 1925

**Thank You –** to the Church Council and Congregation for the monetary gift I received for Administrative Professionals’ Day!! Janice

**Thank You** – to the 4 women that helped with the Spring Cleaning of the church. Kristen

**Thank You –** to the “Take & Bake” group for the meal! Ernest & Marilyn Zimmerman

**Today we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism** for five of our Zion youth through the rite of Confirmation. It is our prayer that they will continue to follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior all through life. May God bless them in every way so they will be a blessing to the world! The Confirmation Class of 2021…(see insert). Congratulations and may God’s grace and love be with them always!

**Confirmation Class Faith Projects** are on display, in the hallway of the Fellowship Hall.

**Zion’s Graduates -** I am needing information from all High School and College graduates. Please list the school graduating from and future plans. College graduates please include your degree. Can email this information to

[jpzionlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:jpzionlutheran@yahoo.com) no later than **April 25th.** Thank you in advance, Janice

**FREE CPR/AED Instruction**

Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday April 25th at 1 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Coordinated w/ BCH

8 current openings

$50 cost per person is paid for by an Immanuel Vision Foundation Grant !

Do NOT need to be a church member to participate

Spread the Word - Save a Life❗️

If interested call Connie Thornburg

**With perseverance** of several Zoom Classes, masks, social distancing,   and the always changing seating arrangements the 7th graders finished up their classroom study last Wednesday! We are assured they know All  God's creation is Good, 40 is a favorite number in the bible and that we are all

equipped with the Holy Spirit ! Its been a fun group and we are excited to watch them continue  their faith journey.

We will meet again Wednesday, May 5th @ 6:00 pm (weather permitting) to walk road side ditches. We are calling it Trash and Tacos. We Continue to be blest by teaching our Zion youth ~Cindy and Marcia

**Parish Hall Items:**There are several items in the upstairs of the Parish Hall that we are wanting to get rid of, many of these things are from the renovation of the Sunday School office.  Items include : metal file cabinets, wooden shelves, old Bible School tins, etc.  These items are located in the upstairs of the Parish Hall.  Please feel free to take a look and see if anyone has a use for these items.  They are free for the taking or if you wish for a small donation to the upstairs Parish Hall renovation that would be much appreciated too!   We would like this stuff gone by May 22nd so we can begin to prepare for Bible School.  Any items left will either be donated or disposed of.  If you have any questions, please contact any a Council or Parish Education member.

**Bible School** - Many volunteers are needed to run VBS, so if you are an adult or student in six grade or older please consider volunteering!

Volunteer handouts are going around Church, if you are unable to help us out with Bible school during the week you can volunteer to bring cookies for snacks!

**Youth Committees** are looking for sponsors for LYO and JYO as they resume activities. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talents to our youth. No age requirements or experience needed. Text or call Brenda Gronewold at 402-520-0397 if you are interested, we will find a spot for you.

**Quilts & Quilting**

**You are invited to enjoy an evening with quilts hosted by Zion’s WELCA.**

Area churches have been invited as well, so bring a friend.  Susan Hottovy of Forest Acres Custom Quilting is the quest presenter.  Zion Ladies Aide will share their hand quilting and there will be a display of quilts from members and friends of Zion.

**Wednesday May 12 @ 7 p.m. Zion Parish Hall.**  Refreshments will be served.  For planning purposes, please RSVP by May 6 to Karen Gilbreath 402-661-9362.

**Do You Have a Quilt to Display?**There is a rich history of quilting in Zion and among many of our ancestors.  Much of the quilting was practical bed coverings made from scraps of leftover cloth or recycled clothes and meant to be used.  Most were hand quilted, but thicker quilts were tied.  More recent quilting has also included smaller items and items from new material and could be machine quilted.

   Whether your quilt item (baby quilt, bed size, pillow, wall hanging, runner, etc.) is new or old add it to the display.   If your quilt is not in the best shape, that is OK for display.   We will need the quilt to be delivered to the Parish Hall between May 8 and May 12 and picked up between May 12 and May 16.  There is a quilt info sheet to complete for each item, that is in the back of the church and in the Parish Hall.  It requests information (if known):  Quilt top made by & date; Quilt pattern; Quilted/Tied by (hand or machine) & date; Current caretaker of quilted item.  For planning purposes, please RSVP by May 6 to Karen Gilbreath 402-661-9362.

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**A Thrivent Action Team Grant has been written (by Dorothy Trauernicht)  for CASA.**  The project is for collecting art supplies for children when they have visits or celebrations with their parents or volunteers.  CASA is an organization that advocates for abused and neglected children.  We will be collecting items in the Fellowship Hall until the 23rd of May.  Items needed are:  "Create your own art kits" for kids (bird houses, window art), stencils and colored pencils, markers (smelly and bold markers), construction paper, sidewalk chalk, kids paint/paint brushes.

**Missions Small Group Ministry for April’s** project of the month is the **Hope Crisis Center.** This month at church we are collecting items and donations for the Hope Crisis Center which is a local organization that empowers victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Donation Wish List**

Monetary Donations Pillows Phone Cards

Blankets Trash Bags Diapers/Pull-Ups

Paper Plates Deodorant Gas Cards

Kleenex Toothpaste Shampoo/Conditioner

Plastic Silverware Gift Cards Toilet Tissue

Paper Towels Sports Bras Women’s Underwear

Women’s Socks Flip Flops Kid’s Underwear

Kid’s socks

Items will be collected thru the month of April in the same location as past projects in the fellowship hall. A Thrivent Grant written by Linda Blackwell will also support this project.

**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 ladies of American Lutheran, Filley –** would like to cordially invite you to a “Victorian Tea and luncheon on May 22nd at 11 a.m. Be sure to wear a hat when you join us to enjoy fellowship, entertainment and music. Please RSVP to Carol Frerichs – 402-223-7919 by May 9th. We look forward to you joining us.

**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!!

**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 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.

**Share Your Musical Talents** –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! 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 –** Dalton Sullivan, Abbie Hoffman

**Reader –** Judy Carstens

**April Altar Guild:** Annette Wiese, Rhonda Fossler, Linda Ideus, DeAnn Oltman, Karen Gilbreath

**May Altar Guild:** Carrye Meints, Denise Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Judy Carstens

**April Table Troop Volunteers**: Duane Zulauf, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Jeff Busboom, Doug parde, Steve Gronewold, Stan Lenners, Mary Lenners, Al Wiese

**May Table Troop volunteers:** Linda & Robert Ideus, Les & Mert Rademacher, Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Leonard Buhr, Paul & Shellie Remmers

**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*