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

Janice Parde’s number – 402-520-2322

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

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

Acolytes……………………………….. Abbie Hoffman, Morgan Behrens

Reader…………………………………. Amy Wallman

Greeters……………………… Mark & Christy Buhr, Alan & Sheryl Wiese

**Vital Statistics**

Church 104 $5,542.00

**This Week**

Worship, 9 am

Men’s Choir sing

**Tuesday**

Newsletter Deadline

**Thursday**

Ladies Aide

**Friday**

Wedding Rehearsal, 6pm

**Saturday**

Meyer/Schuster Wedding, 4pm

**Next Sunday**

Worship/Holy Communion, 9 am

 *5th Sunday Offering – upstairs Parish Hall renovation*

 **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 the Men’s Choir for the special music.

**Thanks so much to Karen** for the AMAZING cinnamon rolls last Sunday. They were enjoyed by all!  Thank you for sharing your baking talents with us!

**Thank You** very much for your donation of corn through the 2021 Beatrice Garden Produce Rescue. It is a rare occurrence that the individuals here receive fresh sweet corn. Blessings to you all! – Joyce Wenzbauer, Dietary Manager, Mosaic.

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

**"Corn Project"**

Almost $3,000 ($2,956) 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 (Gary &

 Brenda Gronewold)

  **Linda Blackwell** for organizing pickers & baggers

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

  **All who purchased** this delicious produce

*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!

**Things are moving right** along in the Parish Hall.  Painting is wrapping up, ceiling tiles and lights are being installed.  Hoping to have everything ready for the start of Sunday School in September.  **Thanks to all who are putting their time into this project!!**

**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 the to project to date.

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

**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

**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

**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!**

**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.

**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**

 **APO AE 09315**

*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 – Volunteers

Reader – Jenny Busboom

Greeters – Gary & Judy Carstens, Lorene Wallman

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

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

**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*