

**From the Pastor’s** **Cup…**

Dear Church Family,

Our 2022 Lenten season begins at 7 pm on March 2nd with Ash Wednesday. On this night the Imposition of Ashes will mark the penitential mood of this season and later, we will partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We will have the ELCA World Hunger 2022 Study **A Way in the Wilderness** devotional and calendar available on the Welcome Center in the Unity Room for our church family. Next to the Welcome Center will be 245 **YOUR NAIL** Lenten meditation gifts for the church family will be available on a wooden display tree. These words are printed on each card:

*Some people tie a string around their finger to remind them of something.*

*This 2022 Lenten Season we hope the “gimmick” of a* ***NAIL*** *will serve the purpose for you, a frequent reminder to mediate daily on the crucifixion of Christ and its meaning for you. Jesus was born one day, but he really came to die, tying Christmas Eve and Good Friday forever together.*

*The* ***NAIL*** *is a symbol of His* ***NAIL*** *pierced hands, the blood he shed for you and me.*

*A crimson bow tied round the* ***NAIL*** *as his blood flowed so free, to save each person from their sins and redeeming us for all eternity.*

*The raffia represents the straw of his manger on Christmas Eve reminding us of his lowly birth.*

*I know it was his love for me that held him to the tree, but when I see this simple* ***NAIL*** *I know he died for me.*

To build on this, Lenten Sundays’ theme will be **HIS NAIL** and Lenten Wednesdays’ theme will be **OUR NAIL,** and hopefully the Sundays and Wednesdays will complement each other.

God bless, Pr. Jer

**What’s So Amazing about Grace? by Philip Yancey, is a a ten part DVD series on God’s GRACE. It will be starting Sunday, January 2nd at the 9 am at Coffee & Fellowship. It is a follow up to Philip Yancey’s Vanishing Grace shown last November and December, which was well received.**

**Sunday, March 6, 2022** – Dispensing Grace: *How Can We Do It?* **Sunday, March 13, 2022** – Counterforce: *Grace Set Loose in the World*

**THEN ON Sunday, March 20, 2022** – 5 part DVD series **ISRAEL’S MISSION: Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World** by Rav Vander Laan that we may experience the Bible in historical context. We begin each Sunday morning with prayer concerns from the group. A brief introduction of the DVD session is approximately 15 minutes long. This will be followed by a group discussion on the DVD and the topic presented. All are invited! Sincerely Pr. Jer

**8th Grade Confirmation Schedule for March 2022** *Reminder to pick ASAP your Bible verse and My Faith Project for Confirmation Sunday on April 24, 2021. My Faith Project is explained at the end of this booklet.*

**3/2/2022 6-6:45 p.m. – Saved by Grace** (simultaneously saint and sinner) – Ash Wednesday  **Bible Text: Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:17; Acts 6:8; 7:54-60 Lesson Focus: No matter what I do, God is always ready to love and forgive me. Big Question: Am I good enough? Key Words: SALVATION, GRACE, FAITH, WORKS, WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Ideus family**

**3/9/2022 6-6:45 p.m. – Sharing Your Faith** 1st Wednesday in Lent **Bible Text: Acts 16:11-15; John 3:1-17; Matthew 28:16-19 Lesson Focus: Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations. Big Question: I’m just a kid, so how can I help others follow Jesus? Key Words: EVANGELISM, GOSPEL, THE GREAT COMMISSION**

**Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Kastanek family**

**3/16/2022 6-6:45 p.m. – Stewardship of Creation** 2nd Wednesday in Lent **Bible Text: Genesis 1:28-31; 3:17-20; Psalm 148; Romans 8:18-25; Revelation 5:11-14; 22:1-5 Lesson Focus: We are called to help take care of God’s creation. Big Question: With all the problems facing the environment, what can one person really do? Key Words: CREATION, STEWARDSHIP, PRAISE**

* **Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Lovitt family**

**3/23/2021 6-6:45 p.m. – Stewardship of Money** 3rd Wednesday in Lent **Bible Text: Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 11:37-42; 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Lesson Focus: Christians give in obedience and in gratitude. Big Question: How do Christians use money? Key Words: STEWARDSHIP, LAW, GOSPEL, FIRST FRUITS, TITHES**

**Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Niles family**

**3/30/2022 – 6-6:45 p.m. – Lutheran Worship Practices** 4th Wednesday in Lent **Bible Text: Exodus 8:1; Colossians 3:15-17; 2 Samuel 6:14-15 Lesson Focus: In worship God calls us, restores us to wholeness, and sends us out to serve others and the world. Big Question: Why do we have to go to worship every week? Key Words: WORSHIP, PRACTICE, BENEDICTION, OFFERING**

**Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Smith family**

**8th GRADE CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS IN FEBURARY 2022** *Reminder to pick ASAP your Bible verse and My Faith Project for Confirmation Sunday on April 24, 2022. My Faith Project is explained at the end of this booklet.*

**2/2/2022 6-7 p.m. – Temptation, Trial and Deliverance** (The Lord’s Prayer) Video Clip by The Skit Guys – Dennis **Bible Text: Luke 4:1-15; Exodus 15:1-18; Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 Lesson Focus: God promises to save us from evil and temptation and to hear our prayers always. Big Question: God will really save me from all evil? Key Words: DISCIPLINE, DELIVERANCE, REDEMPTION, AMEN, GLORY, POWER Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Smith family**

**2/9/2022 6-7 p.m. – Connecting with God thru Prayer** Video Clip by The Skit Guys – World vs. Christian Prayer **Bible Text: Psalm 23; 51; 150; Luke 11:1-13 Lesson Focus: When we pray, no matter how we pray, we open a connection with God. Big Question: How do I know God is listening? Key Words: INTERCESSION, CONFESSION, BLESSING, SUPPLICATION Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Sullivan family**

**2/16/2022 6-7 p.m. – Serving Others thru Vocation** Video Clip by The Skit Guys – Rich Young Ruler **Bible Text: Colossians 3:12-17 Lesson Focus: God calls us to mercy and serve others in all we do. Big Question: I don’t know what I want to do when I’m an adult, so how can I have a vocation now? Key Words: VOCATION, AVOCATION, CALL Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Behrens family**

**2/23/2022 6-7 p.m. – Theology of the Cross/Theology of Glory**  Video Clip by The Skit Guys – Sheep & Goats **Bible Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-13 Lesson Focus: God overturns human expectations. Big Question: What’s so great about the cross? Key Words: THEOLOGY, THEOLOGY OF GLORY, THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS, EGOTISM GRACE Snack & drink plus staying the hour: Binder family**

**COUNCIL MEETING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 9, 2022**

Special meeting was called to order by - President Gary Wiese

**Members present:** Krisit Dorn, Alan Folkerts, Brenda Gronewold, VeAnn Jurgens, Neal Meints, Cindy Parde, Paul.Remmers, & Pam Trauernicht.

**Old business:**

Reviewed council members to the following committees for the year.

2022 Council Reps for Church Committees/Task Force

Property and Management – Alan Folkerts and Paul Remmers

Parish Ed – VeAnn Jurgens

Park Board – Neil Meints

Memorial – Cindy Parde

~Memorial rep acts Benevolence account treasurer

Endowment – Kristi Dorn

Willie and Anna Meints Funds –Brenda Gronewold

Publicity – Neal Meints

Youth – Brenda Gronewold

Worship – Pam Trauernicht

Hospitality/Stewardship – VeAnn Jurgens

Cindy Parde was appointed Benevolence treasurer and will need to be added to that account at the bank to carry out the financial decision of the council for that fund.

**New business:**

Riley Frerichs has accepted the position for bookkeeper at Zion Lutheran Church, Pickrell. As bookkeeper, Riley will maintain Zion Lutheran’s general fund checking account, saving account and Certificates of Deposits.

Motion was made and seconded to take necessary actions to add Riley Frerichs as an approved individual who can carry out the financial decisions made by the Zion Lutheran Church council. This would include financial matters impacting Zion’s General Fund checking account, savings account and Certificates of Deposits at our current financial institution.

Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Gronewold, Secretary

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**Members absent:** Paul Remmers

**Pastor Jer shared:** Regroup & Reflect

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from the 1/05/2022 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from the special meeting 1/30/2022 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept meeting agenda for 2/09/2022 meeting.

**Upcoming Weddings:**

* 05/07/2022 - Caylee Lueders & Connor Mason
* 06/11/2022 - Jayde Carstens & Jared Marsh
* 06/18/2022 - Dillon Buss & Cari Lineweber
* 07/09/2022 - Nicole Busboom & Nathan Bartels
* 07/16/2022 - Blake Lenners & Marisa Pitre (Omaha) taking weekend off to do wedding

**Upcoming Baptisms:**

* 2/13/2022 Eloise Ann Blecha daughter of Tim & Angie Blecha
* 4/2/2022 (Saturday Garin & Neely (Remmers) Leehy
* 4/10/22 Finn O’Brien Sturek son of Kelly & Brittany Sturek

**January mileage:**  362 miles

**Celebrating God’s Work in Progress – Old Business**

* **Well Update** – would like to start soon. Need to drill and take samples in to see quality of water supply before deciding the location.
* **Storage Shed/Garage** – Look at a committee to discuss. Potential members: Todd Bohlmeyer, Dean Siefkes, Blake Meints, Gerald Ideus
* **New office Chair –** Ask Britan if she would like to
* **Review of Committee duties -** Round tablemeet with committees and church employees to update duties and responsibilities. Meetings will begin mid-March and continue through next months.
* **Parrish Hall Bathrooms –** Look at ordering supplies soon to have on hand with remodeling starting after VBS. Vanities, sink, new flooring, refinish partitions, etc.
* **Time and Talent Sheets –** Look at multiple methods to distribute around Rally Sunday. Link through text or email, or Face Book, paper survey. Update small group ministry, look at during future meeting.

**Discerning God’s Will – New Business**

* **Congregational / Council Goals for 2022**
  + Research and install new well for campus
  + Update Parish Hall bathroom.
* **Information for new Members -** Looking into welcome items for new members. Will check to see if there is there a Thrivent Grant.
* **Spring Cleaning Date** –
  + Outdoors cleaning -- March 26, 2022
  + Indoor Cleaning – March 26, 2022
  + Serve as a confirmation project for confirmation youth.
* **Youth Committee –** Looking for ideas to keep youth involved.
* **Hwy 77 Church Sign Contract –**Entered a 10-year lease agreement with Diamond T for the sign along Hwy 77 & East Elm Rd for $1.00. This will need to be filed with the state.
* **5th Sunday offerings /Benevolence giving for 2022 –**
  + **Benevolence 2022**
    - **Matt Talbot** $500
    - **Warren’s Table** $500
    - **Day One Ministries** $500
    - **Navigators**  $750
    - **CASA** $500
    - **Community Food Pantry** $750
    - **Blue Valley Behavioral Health (Beatrice)** $500
    - **TeamMates (Beatrice)** $500
    - **TeamMates (Filley)** $500
* 5th Sunday Offering
  + - **January –** LYO Convention
    - **May –** TBD
    - **July–** TBD
    - **October -** TBD
* Special Services
  + - **Sunrise Easter (add to breakfast offering?)** TBD
    - **Candlelight** TBD
    - **Christmas Eve** TBD
    - **Christmas Day** TBD

**Ministry Team Report as of 1/05/2022**

* Financial-General Fund-Balance on hand 1/01/2022 $92,985.77
* Income- $24,042.25 Expenses- $15,892.91
* Balance on hand- 1/31/2022-- $101,135.11
* Sinking Fund - $139,099.86
* Seminary Fund - $30,759.57
* Thrivent Mutual Funds - $2,819.15
* Open Savings - $26,426.83
* Memorial Balance - $10,728.98

Motion was made to approve the Financial and Ministry Team reports.

Next council meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Devotions – 7:00

Committees – 7:05

Council – 7:30

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Worship Committee**: Did not meet.

**Youth Committee**: Did not meet.

**Park Board**: Did not meet.

**Property & Management**: Alan Folkerts (Council Rep) Greg Robinson, Chris Mason, Doug Parde, new member: Jordan Busboom.

**New Business:** Proposal from Weathercraft to install 4 heat tape and repair 22X12 flat area on parsonage Cost; $11,784

**Officers**: Jordan Busboom- treasurer, Mike Busboom-President

**Memorial Committee**: Cindy Parde, Terry Oltman, Jason Wallman, Kevin Trauernicht

Treasurer’s Reported a balance of $10,778.98

**Endowment Committee**: Kelly Lenners, Stanley Lenners, Steve Gronewold, Denise Schlake

Treasurer reported a balance of $155,730.62

**Old Business:** Tuck Pointing- $10,000 to 20,000

Stained Glass Window repairs

**New Business:** Election of Officers:Secretary Stanley, Treasurer Kelley, President Denise

**Hospitality Task Force**: Did not meet.

**Publicity**: Did not meet**.**

**Willie and Anna Meints Youth Endowment Fund.**

**Committee members**: Doreen Wallman, Steve Oltman, DeAnn Oltman, Terry Gronewold (Council representative) Balance as of  **Dec.28, 2021 – $373,367.22.** Preston Meints (Edward D. Jones @ Friend, NE.)

**Grace Circle Minutes for Feb. 2022**

Grace Circle met on Feb. 9, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Lorene Wallman opened with a devotional reading and prayer. She also led bible study “Announcing the Reign of God” session one titled “The Kingdom of God: Beautiful Feet” by Allan Powele. There are four session and we opened with session one. Session two will be completed independently at home. Our March meeting wil be session three led by Elnora Lenners. Offering was given in the amount of $45 of which $15 will go to our Circle Treasury and $30 to the General Treasury.

Chairperson Elnora Lenners called for roll call with 8 members present. The Treasury balance is $20. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Chairperson Elnora Lenners read a Thank you from Pastor Jer & Karen for three Christmas gifts & invites to share pizza & fellowship with Grace Circle. Growth/Action chairperson Betty Daubendick collects recycle. Thank Betty and Grace Circle, with help w/collecting cans to help her with her project. Betty brough valentine’s cards for us to sign and send to our shut-ins. She read some interesting articles from our 1985/86 Zion Newsletter that we all enjoyed. Chairperson Elnora reported that the WELCA Southeast Conference Spring Gathering to be hosted by Zion had been canceled. Zion will host the gathering in 2023. Judy also reported that the January General meeting will still be after some Sunday morning worship. It was cancelled due to covid. Watch the Church Bulletin for the date.

Meeting Adjourned Sec. Lorene Wallman.

**The postponed WELCA January General meeting will be held Sunday, March 6th right after the church service in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Spring Fling Luncheon & Style Show: Saturday, April 9, 2022** Please RSVP by March 27, 2022 **EMAIL:** [alcfilley@hotmail.com](mailto:alcfilley@hotmail.com) **PHONE**: Pat Jobman- (402)-239-2476 Carol Frerichs- (402)-223-7919

**5TH GRADERS!** Lent is near so our 1st Communion Instruction Classes will begin on March 16th.  before our Lenten Services.  We have 5 lessons to complete so that will take us through April 13th.  On Maundy Thursday, the 14th, you will celebrate your 1st Communion. Parents, I would appreciate if you would text or email me a phone # and email address for a contact. Looking forward to meeting you 5th Graders! **Phone: 402-239-5538 Email:** [**jcarstens121@gmail.com**](mailto:jcarstens121@gmail.com)

**LWR BLANKET SEWING** All are welcome to come and help assemble blankets for Lutheran World Relief. NO experience needed! If you know how to use a stick pin and enjoy a day or part of a day of fellowship you are welcome. March 14,15,28,29 from 9-3 come for a few hours or spend the day bring your own lunch if you plan to spend the day contact Denise Ideus:(402)806-2236 or Karen Gilbreth: (402)661-9362 with any questions!

**Country Club 4-H Members** would like to extend an invitation to any Clover Kids (ages 5-7) or anyone interested in joining 4-H (ages 8-18) to attend our next 4-H meeting where we will be making a stamped book project.  Join us March 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.  We ask that adults attend with their Clover Kid.  Please RSVP to Marcia Busboom (402-223-8309), Rhonda Dorn (402-520-1320) or Connie Thornburg (402-673-3605) by March 6 so we have enough craft supplies.

**Pastoral Acts…**

Baptisms:

* 2/13/2022 Eloise Ann Blecha daughter of Tim and Angie Blecha

Funerals:

* 2/14/2022 Willard Waltke, age 91
* 2/19/2022 Emma Meints, age 96
* 2/26/2022 Terry Ideus, age 67

**WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE**

**March 6, 2022**

Acolytes – Navaeh Niles, London Meints

Reader – Jenny Busboom

Breakfast Club Food – Marcia Busboom

Special Music – Men’s Choir

**March 13, 2022**

Acolytes – Dawson Smith, Kameron Riha

Reader –

Breakfast Club Food – Sign up

Special Music – Kids of the Kingdom

**March 20, 2022**

Acolytes – Dalton Sullivan, Gage Smith

Reader –

Breakfast Club Food – Karla Holland

Special Music – Quartet

**March 27, 2022**

Acolytes – Morgan Behrens, Braxton Trauernicht

Reader –

Breakfast Club Food-Sign up

Special Music- Amigos

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

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

**March 7th Snow Brigade #1** – Gary Wiese \*Council, Andy Schoen\*Captain, Les Lieneman-Tractor, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Matt Meints, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese, Jason Lovitt, Chris Fossler

**March 14th Snow Brigade #3 –** Neal Meints \*Council, Greg Robinson\*Captain, David Meints – Tractor, Duane Jurgens – Tractor, Larry Johnson, Jordan Busboom, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Steve Oltman, Donny Schuster

**March 21st Snow Brigade #4** – Alan Folkerts \*Council, Kenny Newman\*Captain, Alan Wiese, James Meints-Tractor, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeyer, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold, AJ Wiese

**March 28th Snow Brigade #5** – Brenda Gronewold \* Council, James Lenners \* Captain, Gary Gronewold -Tractor, Stan Lenners – Tractor, Billy Harms, Mark Buhr, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus, Justin Hippen

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Hudson Schlake     Aiden Schlake  2 Alexis Holland | 12 Joshua Gronewold   Janelle Ideus   Nick Meints   Neil Smith   Steve Zulauf | 18 Ellianna Buss      Misty Oltman  19 Ryleigh Deaton    Brenda Gronewold | 24 Eddie Dorn       Scott Adams  25 Reece Gronewold |
| 4 Mallory Sekutera  5 Ranae Mason | 13 Weylan Gronewold  14 Lois Buhr      Jessica Ideus | 20 Kole Jurgens       Austin Karlin      Joshua Nelson      Annette Wiese | 26 Wyatt Ewurs        Sandy Meints  27 Laurie Lenners       Jeff Wiese    McKenzie Behrendt |
| 6 Todd Carsten     Kylee Schoen  8 Andy Lane     Jennifer Mahler     Sadie Meyer | 15 Hudson Fikar      Rylee Glynn      Taylor Glynn      Gage Smith | 21 Becky Boyer   Easton Rademacher  Marcella Rademacher  Karla Riha | 28 Kyson Kolm  29 Paul Busboom        Jenna Fehringer       Britan Meints |
| 11 Courtney Daubendick    Alaina Huls    Randy Oltman    Rhondalin Wells | 16 Dana Buhr       Nora Jurgens      Gilbert Wolken  17 Catie Reed      Patty Schoen | 22 Jeff Busboom       Carter Niles  23 Ivy Bloom       Amber Lovitt | 31 Nathen Archer        Rachel Deaton       Hunter Grone      Conner Jensen      Caylee Lueders |
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