

October 2024

Zion Lutheran Church  
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Newsletter

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### **Good Speaking**

*... Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. James 4:11b*

Back when I was in the parish, one of the easiest lines for confirmands to memorize came from the eighth commandment. Nobody seemed to have a problem remembering the line, "and put the best construction on everything."

That's what James was talking about many centuries ago. He wanted us to know one of our jobs as Christians was to refrain from gossip.

That's what James said, but the creators of *Unvarnished* think they have a different job.

While you may not have heard of *Unvarnished*, you probably will. *Unvarnished* is a Web site which allows people to say something about somebody else -- make that say anything about anybody else.

If you don't like your boss, you can talk about him on *Unvarnished*.

If you think you've been treated poorly by your doctor or dentist or pastor, you can say what you want about him or her on *Unvarnished*.

It gets worse. *Unvarnished* lets you say what you want to say anonymously. Nobody can trace your words to you. And I'm still not done. You can say what you want and there's no way what you've said can be removed from the site.

*Unvarnished* let's every sinner throw the first stone at somebody else; it lets anybody -- everybody -- become the arresting officer, prosecutor, judge, and jury on someone else's reputation. True, you can compliment somebody on *Unvarnished*, but most people don't write compliments, do they?

Most of the time folks would rather dish out the gossip; most of the time they prefer to hear bad, rather than good.

You know that's frightening to me. When Jesus walked the earth -- even though He was perfect -- people told all kinds of lies about Him. They said the Savior was connected with the devil, that He was an insurrectionist, a blasphemer, a liar.

Christians know Jesus was none of those things. He was the Son of God sent on the mission of giving Himself as the ransom for our sinful souls. His work, completed on Calvary's cross and proven at the empty tomb, is God's plan which gives us forgiveness and an eternity in heaven.

In thanks to the Lord who gave Himself for us, let us try to follow James' request and refrain from speaking evil about others.

**THE PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, although we are sinners in thought, word, and deed, You still loved us enough to enter the world and give Your life to save mine. Now may I, forgiven by Your great sacrifice, speak well of others. May my words and my life be an unvarnished witness to what You have done on the cross and at the empty tomb. In Your Name. Amen.

*From Lutheran Hour Ministries – April 10, 2010 by Pastor Ken Klaus*





# PARISH RECORDS

## DEATHS

**Bernard “Butch” Miller** died on September 2, and his funeral service was held September 7, 2024.

**Sherman Bryant** died on September 15 and his memorial service was held September 28, 2024.

**Ruby Friedrichsen** died on September 30 and her funeral service was held October 8, 2024.



## THY STRONG WORD

Tune in Monday through Saturday, 6:25 a.m. KDSN (104.9 FM). These 3-4 minute devotions are sponsored by the local LCMS congregations.

### October 01-05

Pastor Merle Mahnken - Immanuel, Schleswig

### October 7-12

Pastor Chad Trunkhill - Our Savior L.C., Denison and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Dow City

### October 14-19

Pastor Richard Merrill - Parishes of Charter Oak

### October 21-26

Pastor Nathan Peitsch - St. Paul, Ute

### October 28-November 2

Pastor Ted Torreson - Christ Lutheran, Denison

# God is Love

### OCTOBER 6

### OCTOBER 13

### OCTOBER 20

### OCTOBER 27

#### ELDERS

Dick Neumann  
Larry Berner

Dana Boeck

Larry Berner  
Brian Kempfert

Jason Arn  
Jeff Arn

#### USHERS

Gosch Family

Dana Boeck Family

Bryce Meeves  
Dianne Miller  
Chris Blum  
Arlene Rogers

Dick Neumann  
Bud Borchherding  
Jeff Arn  
Jason Arn

#### GREETERS

Sharon Gosch

Sheryl Berner  
Annie Hikins

Bryce Meeves  
Denise Meeves  
Brooke Meeves

#### ACOLYTES

Wrenna Henningsen  
Brayden Miller  
Thane Guthrie

#### PROJECTOR

Thane Guthrie  
Wrenna Henningsen  
Carol Fink

# OCTOBER, 2024

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                                   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|-----|-----|
|  |   | 1                                     | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5   |
| * KK & Conf. at Our Savior LC<br>4-5:30 King's Kids: PS-3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. & 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> gr.<br>5:30 - 6:00 Meal<br>6:00 - 7:30 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation<br>6:30 - 8:00 -Senior High CONNECT |   |                                       | 8:00 Ladies' Zoom Bible Class  | 6:30 Ladies Bible Class @ Family Table<br><br>1:30 Ladies' Aid |     |     |
|  | 6   | 7                                     | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11  |
|  | 9:00 Worship Service with Communion<br><br>10:15 Bible Class & Sunday School                | 12:30 Card Writing<br><br>1:00 Sewing | 8:00 Ladies' Zoom Bible Class<br>10:00 Altar Guild<br><br>Harvest Dinner 4:30 to 7:00 pm<br><br>* KK & Conf. | 6:30 Ladies Bible Class @ Family Table                         |     |     |
|  | 13  | 14                                    | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18  |
|  | 9:00 Worship<br><br>10:15 Bible Class & Sunday School<br><br>1:00 Quarterly Voters' Meeting | 1:00 Sewing                           | 8:00 Ladies' Zoom Bible Class<br><br>* KK & Conf.  | 6:30 Ladies Bible Class @ Family Table                         |     |     |
|  | 20  | 21                                    | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25  |
|  | 9:00 Worship Service with Communion<br><br>10:15 Bible Class & Sunday School                | 1:00 Sewing                           | 8:00 Ladies' Zoom Bible Class<br><br>* KK & Conf.  | 6:30 Ladies Bible Class @ Family Table                         |     |     |
|  | 27  | 28                                    | 29   | 30   | 31  |     |
|  | 9:00 Worship<br><br>10:15 Bible Class & Sunday School                                       | 1:00 Sewing                           |  |  |     |     |





# October

**Oct. 1**

Carolyn Coe  
Chris Eller  
Charles Hardekopf  
Alex Tech  
Jack Vazquez  
Ryan & Theresa Anderson  
Amy & Robert Jepsen  
Annette & Glen Malone  
Dale & Maureen Neumann

**Oct. 2**

Nick Stover

**Oct. 3**

Kane Eyer  
Lucy Frazier  
Garry Hottendorf  
Daniel Kaiser  
Derek Martin  
Leah Vogt  
Halie Winey

**Oct. 4**

Carolyn Bryant  
Andy Butler  
Chase Haase  
Lana Henningson  
Butch Huebner  
Dale Keim  
Rick Klink

**Oct. 5**

Denny Fineran  
Autumn Koch  
Jaylinn Koch

**Oct. 6**

Brylin Cherryholmes  
Easton Emery  
Erica & Brian Gabel  
Hannah Kuehnhold  
Jeffery Naberhaus

**Oct. 7**

Owen Hartwig  
David Miller, Sr.  
Jan Wegman  
Maddex Winey  
Tricia & John Davis  
Nate & Kayla Winey

**Oct. 8**

Carla Wessel  
Keith & Susan Siefken

**Oct. 9**

Dan Comstock  
LaRee Husinga  
Billy Schneller  
Jackson Webb  
Karmbry Webb

**Oct. 10**

Chelcea Miller  
Barbara Siemer  
Mandy & Sheldon Hartwig  
Dave & Cris Hidding

**Oct. 11**

Rob Ehlers  
Cindy Hindrickson  
Rhonda Siefken  
Heather Stevens  
Zachary Wight  
Steven/Tammy Langholdt  
Jessica & I Brandon Raymie

**Oct. 12**

Robert Boell  
Dale Hinrickson  
Aliyea Krajicek

**Oct. 13**

Mickey Bernholtz  
Stephanie Henningsen  
Donna Preul  
Dean & Steph Henningsen  
Larry Listamann  
Brittany & Brett Oakes

**Oct. 14**

Debbie/Zachary Thompson

**Oct. 15**

Addison Miller  
Christian Stevens  
Allison Tiefenthaler  
Lloyd & Karen Book  
Dane & Jennifer Dammen  
Janeen & Dana Lobaugh

**Oct. 16****Oct. 17**

Morgan Kahl  
JD Parr  
Kaitlyn Pieper  
Byron & Rhonda Goslar  
Trevor/Zoraida Martinez

**Oct. 18**

Caelynn Bowley  
Janice Nemitz  
Cassie & Chris Ball  
Howie/Linda Henningsen  
Dale & Cindy Hinrickson

**Oct. 19**

Terry Blunk  
Darcy Boettger  
Roger Boettger  
Marla Maack-Henley  
Brandi O'Mearer  
Geraldine Schurke  
Roger & Shari Bailey

**Oct. 20**

Roger Beam  
Scott Jepsen  
Shannon Schwenn  
Madison Struck

**Oct. 21.**

Michelle Schulte  
Sandra Stender  
Tara Trieweiler  
Doug & Rhonda Wessel

**Oct. 22**

Colten Franck  
Layne Preul  
Adyn Zenk  
Lexus & Jered Head

**Oct. 23**

Megan Jensen  
Jacob Schroeder  
Harold Thede

**Oct. 24**

Mike Ahart  
Susan Devereux  
Emma Malone  
Kassidy Pieper

**Oct. 25**

Elizabeth Christensen  
Joel Jepsen  
Briggs Miller  
Cal Miller  
Maxine Winey  
Connie & Terry Crawford  
Missy & Chris McClure

**Oct. 26**

Virgie Henningsen  
Lois Hicks  
Dan Lutz  
Donna Miller

**Oct. 27**

Willis Frazier  
Renee Grill  
Tyler Harm  
Caitlin Namanny

**Oct. 28**

Jonathan Boger  
Linda Henningsen  
Amber Koch  
Landyn Watson  
Carson Wight  
Jeff & Timbra Thies

**Oct. 29**

Tristan Jurgensen  
Mike & Janelle Brungardt  
Dustin & Jessica Haase  
Glenn & Diane Schiltz

**Oct. 30**

Orville Bohlmann  
Connie Crawford  
Matthew Lapel  
Chad Preul  
John Schneller

**Oct. 31**

Rachel Beardsley  
Jared Bruck  
Jessica Haase  
Jett Webb



*If we missed your birthday or anniversary,  
please contact the church office.  
Thank you!*



# IN LOVING Memory

In loving memory of Lois Greder a gift of \$625 was given to Zion Altar Guild and a gift of \$30 was given to Zion and \$20 towards Bibles by family and friends.

In loving memory of Bernard "Butch" Miller the total amount of \$3,195 was given to Zion Renovation Fund by family and friends.

Donations to the Renovation Fund from tables made by David Quandt totaled \$555. Donations were as follows: Herb Quandt, \$450; Debbera Clark \$50; Terry Crawford \$50; and Sharon Gosch \$15. Thank you David for donating this tables and giving the proceeds to Zion.



Zion Ladies' Aid will be hosting a Harvest Dinner drive through at The Stables on Oct. 9 from 4:30-7:00pm. Will be needing cookies and volunteers to help with this fund raiser. Sign up sheets are in the church narthex to volunteer.



## Quilts - Quilts - Quilts

The Zion Sewing Group have been busy making quilts. Pictured above are a few they have made and are on display in the east church narthex area. If you would like to purchase one you may contact one of the ladies on Sunday morning or stop by the office on Mondays at 1:00 and you will be able to view them and talk to the ladies to make your purchase. *Thank you!*

## Election ballot preparation 2024

Any Zion member can run for elected office for any position that is up for election this year. You can only hold one elected position at a time. Committees and non-elected positions don't count for that rule. Elections are for two year terms starting the following January 1.

Positions include executive director, assistant executive director, treasurer.

The Boards are elders, trustees, education, evangelism with active members. The board of stewardship and youth are currently vacant. But youth board decisions are being handled through board of education and/or parish planning meetings. Parish planning is the heads of all boards and leadership etc.

Appointed positions include endowment, cemetery, financial committee.

Prayerfully consider serving in any way at Zion to better serve God and our congregation here in Denison. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Matt Gosch

## Voter's Meeting

Zion's regular quarterly business voters meeting will be held on October 13, 2024 at 1 o'clock pm in the church basement. Please make plans to attend. There will be regular business and the 2024 elections for the next years term. Most doors will be open.

## Voter's Information Packet

The voter's information packet will be available in the church narthex and in the office for the October 12, 2024,



# Zion Lutheran Church -Elections Ballot for Boards 2025

## Executive Director

Matt Gosch

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## Assistant Executive Director

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Treasurer

**Remaining to serve in 2025: Brian Kempfert, Larry Berner**

## Board of Elders

Remaining to serve in 2025: Brian Kempfert, Larry Berner

Dana Boeck

Dick Neumann

Jeff Arn

Jason Arn

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## Board of Trustees

Remaining to serve in 2025: Noah Lamaak, Josh Brown, Travis Fink, Clint Winey

Ed Fink

Kevin Fink

Bob Scherff

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## Board of Evangelism

Remaining to serve in 2025: Larry Boeck, Annette Boeck, Renee Miller

Jen Seuntjens

## Board of Education

Remaining to serve in 2025: Liz Kempfert, Kathy Miller

Tammy Broderson

Staci Neumann

Gretchen Gosch

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## Board of Youth

Remaining to serve in 2025:

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## Board of Stewardship

Remaining to serve in 2025:

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**Appointed Financial Committee:** Carol Fink, Rhonda Wessel, Rhonda Wessel-Goslar, Larry Boeck, Lori Brockman

**Appointed Endowment Committee:** Carol Fink, Rick Franck, Dawn Boettger, Curt Stender, Jeremy Schroeder, Bud Borcharding

**Cemetery Board:** Carol Fink, Chuck Etleman, Butch Huebner

## Thrivent Action Team Program

Zion Zoom Bible Class & Friends have received a \$250.00 Thrivent Action card to use for their cards and postage. This group meets once a month to send Get Well cards, Birthday Cards, Sympathy cards, etc. to Zion Lutheran Church members and others. Thank you to the person who did this and to Thrivent.

Action cards are for \$250.00. They can be applied for at the Thrivent Office and used for church projects such as the Fair Booth, Harvest Dinner, Sunday School, and so on.

Have you ever applied for one????? If you have any questions, ask the Thrivent Office uptown if you would qualify. It is simple to do and greatly appreciated from whatever service project you would choose.



## A Message from President Matt Gosch

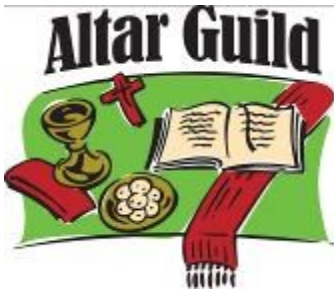
Joint Rally day was a beautiful, joyful day!

Praise the Lord for the wonderful multi-church rally day event held here this past Sunday, September 8, 2024 in the Zion parking lot. This is to mark the beginning of Christian education of Sunday school, confirmation and Wednesday night events like King's kids. The four local Lutheran churches worked together to have the service, praise band team, bouncy houses and a grilling picnic.

More importantly was the fellowship and joint worship led by Pastor Trunkhill including Pastor Torrison's inspiring sermon. Pastor spoke of the importance of teaching our kids about Jesus and this effort is not just one church - it's "us". The Lutheran church working together for a common goal. Also we were reminded it only takes one generation to stop the connection of our kids being taught the importance of Jesus Christ and making it top priority to come to church for our kids and our future. If today's congregation doesn't continue this there won't be a congregation in the next generation. Thank you to all who attended and all those from Zion, Our Savior, Bethlehem, Christ Lutheran Churches who organized and helped out. All these churches only held this joint service at this time and location to celebrate together.

Matt Gosch





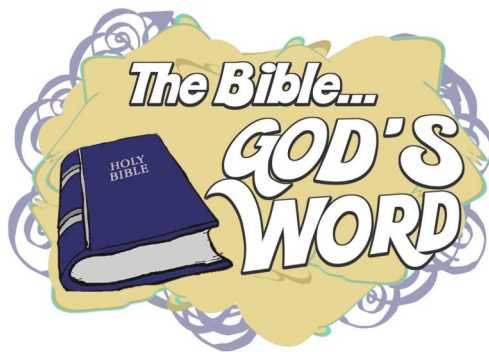
Altar Guild is in need of help. The job of Altar Guild is to prepare the altar for communion. They also change parament colors for the different seasons, take care of candles and various holiday decorations. It would be great to have more members in our work schedule rotation.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact Phyliss Segebart or one of the Altar ladies you see helping after worship services. We would love to have more members and helpers, so please prayerfully consider being part of this much needed group.

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## Zion's Vacancy Pastor

Pastor Chad Trunkhill of Our Savior Lutheran Church/Bethlehem Lutheran Church is serving as Zion's vacancy pastor. Please call Pastor Trunkhill if a need for pastoral care arises at ..  
Zion office 712-263-2235 or  
Pastor's cell phone 712-571-9249.



## † † † Bible Studies † † †

Sunday Mornings, 10:15am  
Church Dining Hall

Wednesdays, 8:00am  
Zoom Bible Study for Women

Thursdays, 6:30am  
Women's Bible Study at Family Table Restaurant

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## Ladies' Aid

All ladies are invited to join Zion Ladies' Aid. They meet once a month: Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Church Dining Hall. They are very busy doing mission projects including area outreach and they are always busy financing improvements at Zion to benefit not only our Zion members, but friends and guest using our facilities. If you would like more information, contact the church office (712-263-2235) and Bobbie will connect you with a Ladies' Aid member so you can find out more information.



# Confirmation

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## King's Kids

Confirmation Classes and King's Kids will team up again this year with the Denison Lutheran Churches: Zion, Christ, and Our Savior Lutheran Churches. The first time of gathering is **Wednesday, September 4** for an informational meeting. All parents and confirmation students will gather in the sanctuary at Our Savior Lutheran Church this evening. The first Confirmation / King's Kids will begin on Wednesday, September 11. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Gretchen Gosch at (712) 269-1370.

This is a mid-week (Wednesday) Lutheran education program for preschool through high school age students. All midweek activities will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church facilities. Reminder Confirmation Classes are mandatory for Zion's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Here is the schedule for Wednesday evenings:

**4:00 - 5:30**

**5:30 - 6:00**

**6:00 - 7:30**

**6:30 - 8:00**

**King's Kids: Preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Meal (cost: free)**

**7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation**

**Senior High CONNECT**

## STUDENT Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor and/or mentor a student this year, we have that opportunity this year. Cost of confirmation per student from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade is \$60 (includes books, papers, and supplies). Check out the (east area) bulleting board for more information.

## Attention Students

Families of 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students please email a head-shot photo (individuals) of your student in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to [liz.kempfert@ziondenison.org](mailto:liz.kempfert@ziondenison.org).

They will be recognized on the bulletin board (east church entry) so Zion congregation can pray for them and be reminded of the student we are supporting in their faith journey.



## Take a photo