

September 2024

Zion Lutheran Church  
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ZION LUTHERAN  
Tell. Teach. Involve.

Newsletter

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## Sure of Our Salvation

God wants us to be sure of our salvation. A person in spiritual struggle, driven by doubt and despair, said to a pastor, "I just can't come to the assurance of my salvation." The wise pastor asked: "Whom are you doubting?"

We can be as sure as the unbreakable promises of God. He has promised the gift of an eternal life to all who put their trust for salvation in Christ. We can bank on the promises of God without taking a chance. We cannot be sure of our eternal life because we feel it, because we want it, and certainly not because we deserve it. We can be sure of eternal life only because God promised it to all who confess their sin and in faith accept the cleansing through the sacrifice of the Savior.

In baptism every Christian is anointed of the Holy Spirit, who brings us into the holy Christian church to enjoy the salvation which Christ purchased on the cross. By faith we are clothed in Christ's righteousness, and if we abide in Him, we shall never be ashamed before Him at His coming at the end of time. We abide in Him when we remain clothed in His righteousness and walk in His love. Christ will in the Day of Judgment honor the righteousness which He Himself has given.



*O dear Lord, help me to abide in faith and love  
that I may never be ashamed. Amen.*





# PARISH RECORDS

## BAPTISM

**Hadley Mae Clark** daughter of Molly Casperson was baptized on August 18, 2024.

## MARRIAGE

**Zachary Lamaak** and **Dezaray Tracy** were united in marriage on August 16, 2024.

## DEATH

**Lois Greder** died on August 24 and her funeral service was held on August 30, 2024.

## TRANSFERS

**Rev. William Wrede** transferred to Bethany Lutheran Church, Vacaville, California.

**Brian and Carol Boeck** transferred to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Denison, Iowa

## 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.

### September 2-7

Pastor Richard Merrill

### September 9-14

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

### September 16-21

Pastor Ted Torreson

### September 23-28

Pastor Chad Trunkhill

### September 20-October 5

Pastor Merle Mahnken

God is Love

### SEPTEMBER 1

### SEPTEMBER 8

### SEPTEMBER 15

### SEPTEMBER 22

### SEPTEMBER 29

#### ELDERS

Dick Neumann

Larry Berner

#### USHERS

Ed Fink

Ed Fink

Dick Neumann  
Bud Borcharding  
Jeff Arn  
Jason Arn  
Ed Fink

Ed Fink

#### GREETERS

Chris Blum

Marilyn Nemitz

Chris Blum

Sheryl Berner

Janelle Johnson

Annie Hikins

#### ACOLYTES

#### PROJECTOR

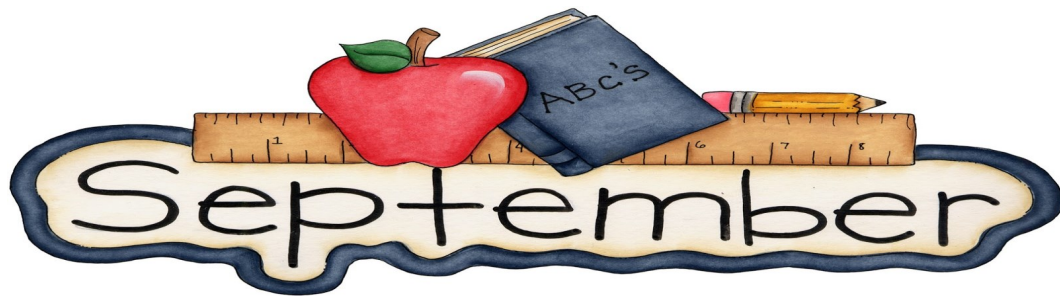
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Outdoor Worship / Rally Day



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship with communion 10:15 Bible Class	2 	3	4 8:00 Ladies' Zoom Bible Class  6-Info. Mtg.: 4-8 graders & parents @ Our Sav. LC	5 6:30 Ladies Bible Class @ Family Table  1:30 Ladies' Aid	6	7
8 10:30 Worship Service & Rally Day 11:30 Potluck Dinner / Games	9 12:30 Card Writing  1:00 Sewing	10	11 8:00 Ladies' Zoom Bible Class  10:00 Altar Guild  * KK & Conf.	12 6:30 Ladies Bible Class @ Family Table	13	14
15 9:00 Worship with communion 10:15 Bible Class & Sunday School	16 1:00 Sewing	17	18 8:00 Ladies' Zoom Bible Class  * KK & Conf.	19 6:30 Ladies Bible Class @ Family Table	20	21
22 9:00 Worship  10:15 Bible Class & Sunday School	23 1:00 Sewing	24	25 8:00 Ladies' Zoom Bible Class  * KK & Conf.	26 6:30 Ladies Bible Class @ Family Table	27	28
29 9:00 Worship with communion 10:15 Bible Class & Sunday School	30 1:00 Sewing	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>* KK &amp; Conf. at Our Savior LC            4:00 - 5:30 King's Kids: PS - 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> gr.            5:30 - 6:00 Meal            6:00 - 7:30 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation            6:30 - 8:00 -Senior High CONNECT</p> </div>				

# SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

## SEPTEMBER 1

Omaha Biliew  
Rick Denker  
Aspen Krajicek  
Tammie Naberhaus  
Wayne & Kathy Frazier  
Larry & Julie Thompson

## SEPTEMBER 2

Leigha Brungardt  
Payton Emery  
Quillen Guthrie  
Jamie Petersen  
Brad Schau  
Michael & Melissa Frazier  
Ryan & Kelly Sonnichsen

## SEPTEMBER 3

Jeff Arn  
Doug Dorhout  
Jake Fink  
Nessa Hedstrom  
Howie Henningsen  
Tammy Kropf  
Cindy Mengwasser  
Richard/MarJean Petersen

## SEPTEMBER 4

Sheryl Berner  
Madison Kemp  
Cory Klink  
Sioux Parr  
Jessica Raymie  
Charles & Shelia Beam  
Curt & Brenda Jensen

## SEPTEMBER 5

Ryan Boeck  
Robin Bral  
Zena Davis  
Stephenie Schumann  
Alan Wertz  
Erik Wight  
Russell & Karlen Watson

## SEPTEMBER 6

Troy Baker  
Erin Comstock  
Ron Jahn  
Kelsie Meier  
Karla Moeller  
Susan Siefken  
Brityn Winey

## SEPTEMBER 7

Levi Blunk  
Lane Deiber  
Kingston Neumann  
Carol Reis  
Diana Wiges

## SEPTEMBER 8

Anthony Fischer  
Hilda Frank  
Rita Quandt  
Dominic Trailer  
Gary & Kathy Kahl

## SEPTEMBER 9

Brenda Bissen  
Guthrie Gabel  
Diane Goslar  
Aaron Huebner  
Tracy Ipsen  
Aaron Schurke  
Kassidy Welsh  
Jerry & Lori Meyer  
Malisa & Brent Smith

## SEPTEMBER 10

Amanda Auffert  
John Bernholtz  
Bonnie Brodersen  
Monica Vazquez  
Charles & Julie Brown

## SEPTEMBER 11

Jerry Bryan  
Shane Cooper  
Bryce Fink  
Jace Hartwig  
River Schiltz  
Delaine/Dorothy Listamann

## SEPTEMBER 12

Sara Hansen  
Lisa Meyer  
Brittany Williams

## SEPTEMBER 13

Eric Book  
Trevor Ransom  
Justin Thede

## SEPTEMBER 14

Devon Haase  
Treyton Krajecek  
Denise Meeves

## SEPTEMBER 15

Zoey Melton  
Ellie Volkmann  
Trent & Jodi Baker  
Cody & Ashley Boger

## SEPTEMBER 16

Lana Christensen  
Sharen Kleckner  
Mike McMullen  
Roxane Sanders  
Brandyn Schraeder  
Charles & Cathy Hardekopf

## SEPTEMBER 17

Dawn Kuehnhold  
Matthew Schulte  
Randy & Cindy Goslar

## SEPTEMBER 18

Kati Dorale  
Lyle Freese  
David Gosch  
Gary Greder  
Kinsey Krajicek  
Arya Malone  
Cari Mesenbrink  
Butch Miller  
Tiffany Naberhaus  
Darrian Schneller  
Charles & Pam Lackman

## SEPTEMBER 19

Frieda Adams  
Diane Boettger  
Dan Mathies  
Ron Oden  
Rick Petersen  
Keelie Reed  
Rodney Wertz  
Dave & Shelly Haase

## SEPTEMBER 20

Samantha Greder  
Dan Strissel  
Lane Volkmann  
Larry & Sheryl Berner  
Blake & Julie Deiber  
Michelle & Larry Herrig

## SEPTEMBER 21

Barry Jurgensen  
Gracelynn Miller

## SEPTEMBER 22

Thane Guthrie  
Randy Klink  
Cheryl Ransom  
BreeAnna Whitnack  
Marjorie Wilken  
Joel & Janelle Johnson

## SEPTEMBER 23

Jordan Auen  
Robin Barondeau  
John Hansen  
Bryce Meeves  
Bob & Kellie Boettger  
Dick & Judy Jepsen  
Brooke & Jordan Thies  
Rodney & Sue Wertz

## SEPTEMBER 24

Mary Boger  
Mike Brungardt  
Peggy Kepford  
Adam Schwenn  
Brooke Thies  
Amanda & Kyle Auffert

## SEPTEMBER 25

Mike Bunde  
Justin Reetz

## SEPTEMBER 26

Sue Johnston  
Harrison Kahl  
Brian Plagge

## SEPTEMBER 27

Barb Block  
Dustin Haase  
Nathan Klink  
Danielle Lobaugh  
Stephanie Malone  
Marvin & Deb Schneller

## SEPTEMBER 28

Shane Jurgensen  
Bekah Rose

## SEPTEMBER 29

Camden Deiber  
Brinkley Johnson  
Haley & Colton Thoreson

## SEPTEMBER 30

Jean Arn  
Brilee Bruck  
James Peterson  
Alma Poggensee  
Kayla Schulte  
Kelly Wertz  
Bailey & Jacob Landgraf

# IN LOVING Memory

In loving memory of Dennis Fineran a gift was given to the Restoration/Renovation Fund.

In loving memory of Dean Danielsen a gift was given to Zion Lutheran Church.



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!*



## Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for all of God's people who have helped us since the fire. Thank you so much for heeding God's call to be those people. I (Nancy) continue to enjoy my grandchildren in Virginia. Scott and his wife Hope take good care of me. I'm helping with homeschooling and it's a great blessing to me. The guys in Illinois continue to haul grain and work on things so the rebuild can start sometime. It's wonderful to see God's hands at work. May Jesus be with each of you.

- In Christ's Love, Dave, Nancy, Mark, & James Sewing

Thank you for all your prayers during Kristin's cancer journey and after her passing. We will forever remember your kindness.

- The Family of Kristin Leigh Webb

Thank you to Zion Congregation. We at Unity Ridge Lutheran School would like to thank you for your donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

-From the Teachers, Students, and Staff  
- God's Blessings

Dear Members,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$500. We are in the process of putting up a new Pro-life sign between Charter Oak and Denison. This will very much help with this project. We just got through with our annual Pro-Life Rally. We had wonderful program and super speakers. We received many positive comments. The pro-life movement, saving unborn babies, is a huge challenge. Your donations will keep us up to this challenge. We have to stay strong and not give up. God's babies can't continue to be sacrificed for the most part, selfish excuses. We feel for the babies lost and the mothers who forever will have a void in their lives.

- For Life, Noel Johnson  
President of Crawford County for Life

Thank you for your ministry of encouragement. My prayer is that God's grace and every blessing lift up the lonely, the new person seeking His love is welcomed, and His lost sheep return to be welcomed and celebrated.

-Peace, Pastor Wrede

Thank you for the necklace and card. I have been wearing the necklace quite often and really like it. So I thank you for thinking of me.

-Sincerely, Bently

Thank you for the cross necklace you gave to me for confirmation. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

-Caleb Denker

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the gift of a \$10 gift card as well as a Bluetooth speaker. I really appreciate it!

-Sincerely, Morgan Winey

Dear Zion Members,

Thank you for thinking of me at graduation time. I appreciate the recognition, gifts, and prayers. I will be attending Iowa State University this fall.

-Thank you, Easton Emery

Thank you to the Zion congregation for remembering me at Confirmation time. I appreciate the gift and reception and all the support! Thank you!

-Payton Emery

Just wanted to tell you how great your food is at the Crawford County Fair. I think we had 5 sloppy joes in all and 3 pieces of pie. Thanks for your teamwork and smiles.

-Sherri & Jim Fremel

Dear Members of Zion,

Thank you for your donation to Iowa District West Disaster Relief. It has been a difficult spring and summer, and your gift will help allow us to keep reaching out with God's love and hope in a very real way.

-Julie IOWAY at IDW

Sending a little note with a huge thank you for all the cards, gifts, and well wishes! I plan on attending Des Moines Area Community College and study geological science.

-John Quincy Mahrt

Dear Members of Zion,

Thank you so very much for the card, gift, and prayers as you recognized the Zion high school graduates this past May. I will be attending college at Iowa State University this fall. I truly appreciate your thoughts, gifts, and kindness.

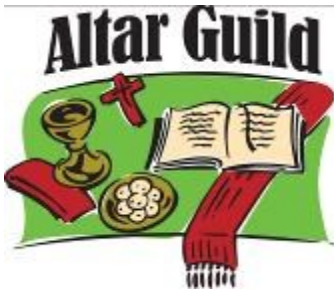
-Ty Fink

Dear Co-workers for the Lord Jesus at Zion Lutheran Church; What an ABSOLUTE JOY to have friends like you! Christian friends are such a HUGE, HUGE blessing in this journey we call life. Thank you for sending your gift of love (to the Sharp missions)

-Gary Thies

(EXCERPTS FROM THANK YOU LETTER  
FROM GARY AT MISSION CENTRAL)

thank you



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.

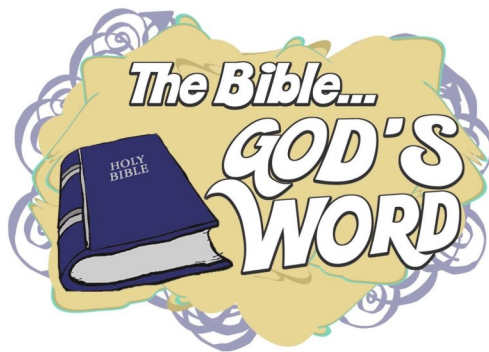
If you think you might be able to help, please contact Phyliss Segebart or one of the Altar ladies you see helping after worship services. We would love to have more members and helpers, so please prayerfully consider being part of this much needed group.

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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





# Sunday, September 8, 10:30am Lutheran Community Worship / Rally Day

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE at Zion's north parking lot area  
– bring blankets, lawn, chairs**

**POTLUCK LUNCH following service – bring a side to share.  
Provided: Hotdogs, hamburgers, buns water & table service  
Games and fellowship following lunch**

**Note: there will not be a 9am service at Zion, so come to the outdoor worship.  
There will be assistance for those needing help with chairs, walking to area, etc.**

Sunday School classes at Zion begin September 15, 2024. You Are Invited! Three-year-old through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration for new students will be in the Zion Parish Hall (gym) from 10:00 to 10:30 with Gretchen Gosch and Ashley Brown.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class are held each Sunday at 10:15 a.m.



More landscaping on the west side of church was done last month. Thank you to all those that helped and donated to this project. It looks great!





Picture clockwise: Zion's front stained glass window above altar being dismantled for renovation; part of stained glass removed; transportation for glass windows; and front chancel area with all of stained glass removed. Pictured below are the tubs holding all the stained glass pieces after they have been removed into individual pieces and have soaked for two weeks. They will be continuing with the cleaning process for the next few weeks.

