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VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am
Sunday School at 9 am

Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
1/2	106	53 devices
1/9	97	56 devices
1/16	114	31 devices
1/23	111	37 devices

Virtual worship was available on Zoom and YouTube.

Sunday School Average Attendance

January: Adult (18+) = 11
 Youth = 17 (downstairs SS & Confirmation)



With snow, ice, &/or other inclement weather... Should questions arise concerning if Worship/Sunday School will be held on a given Sunday, cancellations will be announced on WFIE, Facebook, and the church's website.



Life After Loss - Bereavement Support Group - New Groups Forming



Finding our way after the sudden or expected death of a loved one can shift our directions, perspectives, thoughts, feelings, and emotions in so many ways.

With an emphasis on thoughtful sharing, caring, and looking forward, Zion church would like to offer an opportunity for you to be a part of new support groups.

If interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff.



Congratulations to Benjamin Lingafelter on his victory in this year's Zion Lippe Fantasy Football League Playoffs! Benjamin is the league's perennial winner, this year defeating his wife Ashley in the championship game. Congrats also go to Brian Crase, the regular season winner and number one seed going into the playoffs. If anyone is interested in joining the league next season, please contact Hans at h.f.p.schmitz@gmail.com



FEBRUARY

In order to share in the joys and celebrations of our lives as a congregation we publish a monthly list of birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends of Zion. Numbers in () represent year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Eleanor McRae
- 2 Kelley Esche
- 3 Paul Ziegler
- 6 Patrick Schroeder, Dalton Berry
- 7 Audrey Becker
- 8 Curt Muntzer, Gary Voegel
Jackson Madden
- 9 Ronald Schroeder
- 12 Landon Will
- 13 Brandon Reese
- 14 Leon Austin
- 15 Donna Reineke, Sherry Wuertz,
Calvin Crase, Raelynn Swope
- 17 Pam Martin
- 18 Will Hargett
- 19 Adam Schroeder, Carl Barchet
- 21 Sarah Will, Pam Ford
- 22 Stephanie Duncan, David Reese,
Rev. Ken Scherry, Sarah Taylor
- 23 Regina Arguello
- 25 Darlene Roedel, Grace Cullman,
Levi Patterson
- 26 Cory Lingafelter
- 27 Mackenzie Schmidt, Kathy Duncan
- 28 Chellsie Parker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 24 Donald & LeeAnn Hoenert (1963)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or not correct, please call the office at 985-2437 so we may update our records. Thanks for your help!

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Sunbeams Senior Citizen Dinners

The Sunbeams are looking forward to continuing our Senior Citizen meal program for the 2022 year.

Our February 24th dinner will be a drive-thru, 11 to 11:30 am at the church parking lot.

Other dates planned for 2022 are:

May 12	August 11
October 27	December 15

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With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Charles Elkins. Charlie passed away January 22, 2022 at the age of 84. Funeral services and burial were held January 27 at Zion Lippe. We cherish many good memories of Charlie.

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Women's Fellowship

The Women of Zion will meet February 10 at 6:30 pm.

Be thinking of a cleaning tip you can share with others. Please bring an item or two for the shut-ins and we will be making Valentine bags for them.

Nancy de-Claiss-Walford will give devotions, and a light refreshment will be served at the end of the meeting. Also, be thinking of a restaurant you would like to eat at for our Ladies Night Out meeting in March.

Nancy Lewis, WOZ President

Greetings to each of you taking the time to read through this month's edition of the church newsletter. I seem to remember an old saying about the weather in Indiana which goes something like, "If you don't like the weather so much... give it a few hours."

Well, I personally hope the weather changes soon to being a bit warmer. Don't you? And it will soon enough. Having grown up in Nebraska there were many changes in the weather also, however it is much, much colder there. Recently I checked the temperature in my hometown of Norfolk, NE and it was -8!!!! That was without any sort of wind chill.

Having lived in various places throughout my lifetime I have found that each state has had its own beauty and its own weather issues. In Minnesota it can snow and snow and snow and nothing ever gets canceled. Just beautiful snow everywhere and the next day all the streets are clean, the atmosphere is cleansed and everything moves along just like normal. In Iowa... a little like Nebraska the wind can blow and blow and blow and it can still be so hot it's almost unbearable to be outside. The incredible thing is that seasons do change no matter where you live. Seasons change in our lives as well.

There is this wonderful old song by Crystal Lewis called, "Seasons Change," that I can't help but think of as I think of the places that I have lived. In this song, each verse starts with the same question, "Are you going through a dry spell?" The verses then change by the response of the singer, "Yes, I've been there before," "Yes, I've been there a time or two," and "I was there a while ago."

And when we think of seasons and our faith, these words from the book of Ecclesiastes frequently come to my mind... maybe they do for you as well... *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."* **Ecclesiastes 3. 1-8**

We've seen a lot of change in the last couple of years. COVID-19 and a slew of other experiences has changed many things. Very soon... in a few short weeks our seasons will begin to change again as we start to see signs of the upcoming spring season. The question for us seems to be, "Do we know that this is just a season in the church?" and "Will we surrender our wills for God's will?" I'm just wondering as I wander and I'm blessed to wander with each of you.

Blessings, *Pastor Jeff*

Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights
01/11/22

Attendance: Laura Droege, Michelle Heneisen, Brian Crase, Dan Hoffman, Bob Klenck, Laverne Deal, Jeff Long, Nancy Lewis.

12/31/21 YTD Regular Offering: \$183,480.67
12/31/21 YTD General Fund Income: \$200,886.76
12/31/21 YTD General Fund Expenses: \$172,410.66
Differences: (+)\$28,476.10

***Note YTD \$15,810 of Payroll was paid from PPP Fund instead of General Fund*

Jim Droege, Marvin Redman, Ruth Redman, Hans Schmitz, and Al Schmitz have decided to not have the Partners In Food Appreciation Dinner due to rising Covid cases. The council agrees with them to host it at a later date.

Michelle Heneisen has purchased another box of 100 communion packets, due to rising Covid cases the council agrees she should buy also a box of 500 packets.

Sunday school started January 9 downstairs for the little ones, there were nine children and Rachel Hast was the teacher, Nancy Lewis sat in and it went fine. This coming Sunday January 16 Pastor Jeff is going to meet with the teachers downstairs to go over the new material, Rachel is going to teach the rest of the month, at the meeting it will be decided which teachers will take which months.

There is another spot on the gutters causing problems, they will be checked out soon.

The slate on the steeple will be checked out due to some pieces falling off, it will then be decided if it needs repairs or complete replacement.

The water heater in the parsonage has been replaced after the old one failed.

For the 2022 year, the council agrees to accept bids for the custodian positions.

It has been decided that the offering plate will be left by the door for now.

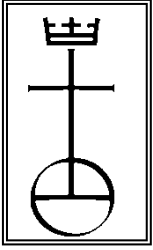
The council has agreed that after the 16th, 23rd, and 30th of January that there will be no more Zoom check ins on Sunday morning.

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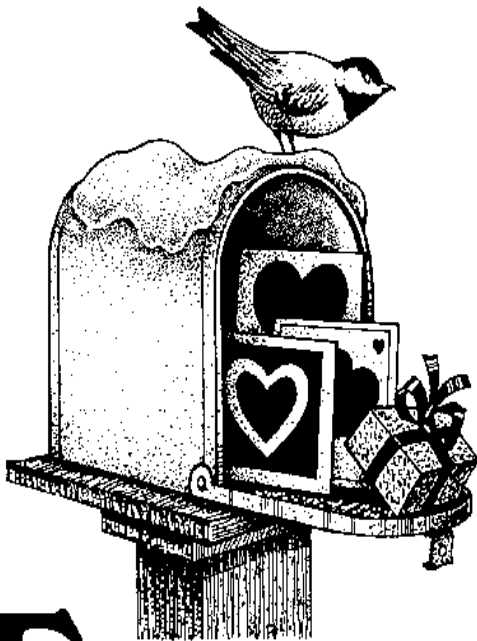


*A big Thank You to our Church Pictorial Directory Committee – Kelley Esche, Carol Embrey, Rosie Bogard and Irma Donner – for all their hard work on this project! We appreciate all the phone calls, texts, meetings and gathering of pictures they did to put together a very nice directory. Thanks also to Lvonne & Tim Bennett of Bennett Photography for their help and expertise!*

*If you haven't received a directory yet and would like one, see one of the Committee members after church or contact the church office.*



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# FEBRUARY



The Zion Youth group would like to invite everyone to another Sunday afternoon Bingo event on **Sunday, February 20th** beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Sunday School Hall of the Church. The youth will serve popcorn & drinks and lead this wonderful social activity for anyone that might be interested in joining us. If you have any questions you can talk with Katy Lang or Julie Klenck.