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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.)
6/1	132	70 devices
6/8	135	47 devices
6/15	149	56 devices
6/22	111	46 devices

Sunday School Average Attendance

June: Adult = 14

Youth (6-12th grade) = 3

Children = not meeting in Summer

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED and RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING ON YOUTUBE !

You can always join us for Sunday worship wherever you might be. To easily view the live worship service simply go to our church webpage... www.zionlippe.org... and click on the "Watch Live" tab and you will be able to view the worship service when it goes live. For later viewing of recorded services, go to YouTube and search for Zion Lippe.



Greeter Schedule for upcoming Sundays:

July 6 – Melanie Mann
July 13 – Gary & Ashley Lashley
July 20 – Ben & Ashley Lingafelter
July 27 – Justin & Nikaya Long

August 3 – Nancy Lewis
August 10 – Missy Ludwig
August 17 – Chris & Beth McCutchan
August 24 – Keith & Connie McCutchan
August 31 – Phil & April McCutchan

We will have magnetic name tags available for our greeters, and hand-shaking is optional. If possible, please try to be here about 9:30 am or so. If you know ahead of time that you can't greet the Sunday you are scheduled, you can let Rosie Bogard know – but if something comes up and you can't make it don't fret!



**July Collection Item for God's Storehouse Food Pantry
is Spaghetti O's With Meatballs**



JULY

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 the year they married.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 2 Gary and Donna Hartig (1965)
- 5 Carl & Kathy Barchet (1969)
- 6 Bob & Linda Reutter (1968)
Joe & Rhianon (Barnhart) Anderson (2013)
- 7 Jeff & Kris Long (1989)
- 14 Cameron & Shelbi (Hollen) Brown (2018)
- 16 Roger and Darlene Roedel (1983)
- 20 John and Darlene (Muehlenbein) Breiner (1957)
- 22 John & Rita Schmitt (1989)
Michael & Carly (Schmitz) Patterson (2005)
- 27 Chris & Joy Wolsiefer (2021)
- 28 Martin and Suzie (Nicholson) Schroeder (1984)
- 30 Ryan & Miranda (Johnson) Daugherty (2022)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 3 Sharon Herrenbruck, Raelynn Hast,
Stephanie Warner
- 4 Michael Klenck
- 5 Susan Schroeder, Kelli Mohr
Elizabeth Green-Adams
- 6 Dwayne Mahrenholz, John Breiner Sr.
Maxen Anderson
- 8 Jay O'Risky
- 9 Stacey Hyslop, Jack Wolsiefer
- 11 Grant Cullman
- 13 Eugene Esche . Keith Frank
- 14 Julie Klenck, Olivia Green
- 15 Robert Klenck, Dwight Esche,
Shelby Sauve
- 16 Staci Voegel, Tamara Starnes,
Charles Blake Elkins
- 17 Joli Willett
- 19 Samantha McCutchan, Charlotte Green,
Thomas Ewers, Jr
- 20 Connie McCutchan, Lucas Bullington

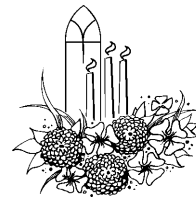
- 22 Nicholas Schroeder, Larry Droege,
Tim Hoenert, Silas Primus
- 23 Delwin Parker, Bob Cummings
- 24 James Klenck
- 25 Roger Klenck, Maggie McCutchan.
Mildred Montgomery, Joy Wolsiefer
- 27 Hope Schmidt
- 30 Hans Schmitz, Kim Bredemeier
- 31 Darrel Smith

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June 29 – July 1
5:30 to 8 pm for Pre-K thru 6th grade.
Contact Lauren Kern for questions or to help.

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With Sympathy

We wish to extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Larry Lewis. Larry passed away June 12, 2025 at the age of 79. Funeral services and burial were held June 16 at Zion.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Bill Green. Bill passed away June 13, 2025 at the age of 79. Funeral services were held June 17 at Pierre Funeral Home, with entombment at Memorial Park Cemetery.

We cherish good memories of Larry and Bill.



I hope this finds you all doing well! I hope each of you has been able to enjoy the nice weather we are having as we move into the month of July. Remember to hydrate and to use sunscreen! It has been a great beginning to the summer here at Zion Church... we had a wonderful Father's Day celebration, Pentecost Sunday, dedication of our Solar Panels, Vacation Bible School, as well as an outpouring of support to the families of Larry Lewis and Bill Green. What an amazing testament to our church's desire to serve the Lord and our community.



As you read this, I will either be preparing for my last Sunday with you before a little vacation time or will already be in Nebraska. I love to go back to Nebraska when I have time to see friends and family. To ride my bike around Wehrspann Lake which is near my brother's home, have dinner at a local restaurant or two, and "chillax" a bit. Feeling relaxed and like you "back home" can be a powerful feeling. It can be soothing to the heart and soul.

Churches can be like that also. Churches are wonderful places. They are so much more than buildings. They are also more than pastors, more than certain leaders, and more than certain ministries even. Churches, especially Zion Church, are places where God's coming kingdom is imperfectly exhibited to the world. I say imperfectly because that is who we are, even as followers of Jesus Christ we are not perfect. However, the church at its very best always looks like a home and a family.

John 14 reminds us that in God's house there are many rooms, it is one of the great descriptions of heaven. Heaven is a home, a place where God's family resides together for eternity. But until we reach eternity, I am thankful for churches that seek to embody that Spirit in the "here and now" to the best of their ability. It is a home that crosses geographical boundaries, that cannot be tied to any one place or any one person. It is a home where any one of us can celebrate life and give glory to God. It is a home where the gifts of all are welcomed. It is a home where we gather to celebrate, where we gather to grieve, where we gather to recognize the extra-ordinary things, God does amid ordinary days with ordinary people like us.

I hope that you have a special place to visit. I hope you get to go there this summer, but I am so glad we have our church home to enjoy together also.

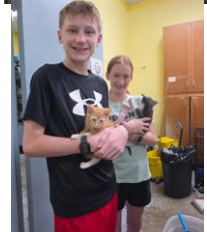
Blessings to each of you!! **PJ**

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday, June 21st, our youth spent their morning volunteering at New Life Rescue in Mt. Vernon. While there they learned about the new building that will be dedicated soon. They helped clean and care for all the dogs and cats that are housed at the shelter. **There are so many ways that you can help at the shelter also and our Youth would invite you to learn more about how you can help out.**

Please visit:

<https://www.newliferescues.org/>



Memorial Funds of Dennis Garness and Connie Eldridge were used in June 2025 to purchase new laptop computer for media in the Sanctuary. We thank the families and donors for this gift.

If you would like to fill a box for Operation Christmas Child, please pick up a box in the library area in the upstairs Sunday School. Instructions are included in the box. Contact Ashley Lashley for questions or to help in other ways with OCC.



QPR Crisis Response Presentation

All of us have encountered emotional pain and likely have been with others as they are dealing with their own emotional pain and depending on someone's profession or particular chapter of life, there might be elevated rates of depression, substance use, and suicide. Having strategies for working with others in a crisis can save lives.

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer. With simple, practical, and proven steps, QPR training is the most widely taught suicide prevention gatekeeper training in the world.

Zion church would like to invite you to consider inviting Pastor Jeff, a certified QPR presenter, to a group meeting, gathering or to share with other groups that you know who might benefit from such a presentation. The training is at no cost and would last between 45 minutes to 1 hour.

The presentation is designed to enable participants to become more comfortable and confident in broaching the sensitive subject of suicide, receive support resources, and have the opportunity to practice and discuss skills learned.

During these gatherings participants will learn:

- **The three steps of QPR;**
- **How to identify basic myths and facts about suicide;**
- **How to recognize warning signs;**
- **How to ask the question;**
- **About offering hope;**
- **To practice asking someone about this topic, using examples that could take place in any setting;**
- **About recent research on trends and recent studies.**

If you would like to schedule an event, please contact Pastor Jeff personally or contact the church office for more information. Let's all keep working together to meet people where they are both physically and emotionally.

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Pastor Jeff will be on vacation June 30th - July 6th. The church office will be open during regular office hours. If there is some sort of emergency please call the church office or Rev. J.D. Rose at St. Paul's United Church of Christ or Pastor Al Schmitz at Salem Heusler church. Steve and Nancy will be leading worship services on July 6th.

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Council Meeting Highlights - Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 6pm

Present: Bob, Nancy, Roger, Andrea, Tim, Lauren, Pat

Absent: Adam, Pastor Jeff, Stacy

Property – Roger

a. Council accepted a bid of \$55,200 from Chapman Construction to replace parsonage roof, the roof on the Sunday School Hall, but not the roof on the new kitchen addition because it had no damage. Replace vinyl siding on west end of Sunday School Hall and aluminum fascia on west end of Sunday School Hall roof. Replace roof on block garage and replace the aluminum siding on three side of shed attached to church. The only extra could be if we have some bad decking that needs replaced.

b. The adjuster has agreed to pay \$24,413.49 to repair the damage that was done to steeple. We are getting three different quotes to replace with slate, copper or zinc metal. All quotes will be with new decking.

c. Have quote of \$11,350.00 to repaint all the trim and louvers on steeple, plus repaint the aluminum siding and gutters above the north entrance. I have not heard back from adjuster yet.

*Patrick motioned to approve quote and move forward with project, Andrea seconded

d. The annual elevator inspection has been done but there is a roller that needs to be repaired, cost \$1,900. The elevator is safe to use per Murphy Elevator. Working with Murphy on roller replacement.

e. New LED steeple lights have been installed. Thanks to Tom Paul for the help.

Education – Lauren

a. VBS June 29 – July 1st, sign-ups now open for children & volunteers

b. Gathering curriculum options for the next children's Sunday School year- will host a meeting to review options with those interested in teaching later in summer

c. **ZNC Advisory Meeting** update for council:

1. Search continues for Lead Nursery Teacher

2. Open spots remain in both Pre-K and Nursery classes

Recreation – Adam

Otters' Date: Friday, August 15th, 35th Anniversary – ticket will come with a gift

Pastor – Jeff

Small group possibility beginning in the fall

Thank you everyone who contributed to the solar project and its completion.

Mental Health

1. **Active Minds Youth Conference** - 4 church members are registered to attend with the grant covering expenses: Ashley Lingafelter, Molly McCutchan, Chris Wolsiefer, and Ryan Englebright

2. **Family Movie Night** will be Sunday August 3rd-- Showing "Inside Out" with popcorn and cotton candy, discussion, tips and emotions journals for kids to be distributed. Focus of event is help give kids and their adults language to share emotions.

3. **Audio visual technology upgrades** in upstairs Sunday School hall stage area are beginning

New Business – No Council Meeting in July

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting date: August 17th