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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.) |
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| 8/31 | 111 | 63 devices |
| 9/7 | 140 | 55 devices |
| 9/14 | 181 | 62 devices |
| 9/21 | 129 | 54 devices |

Sunday School Average Attendance

September: Adult = 17

Children = 6

Youth (grade 6-12) = 2

Confirmation = 12

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:

Oct 5 – John Moye

Oct 12 – Delwin & Patti Parker

Oct 19 – John & Miranda Pieszcalski

Oct 26 – Katie Primus

Nov 2 – Marvin & Ruth Redman

Nov 9 – Jerry & Pam Redman

Nov 16 – Diana Redman & Tina Spears

Nov 23 – Mike & Stacy Wagner

Nov 30 – Ben & Ashley Lingafelter

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!





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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 married.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Ryan Steinhart, Robert Hast
- 2 John Spears
- 3 Mary Ann Fuelling
- 5 Bryan Lingafelter, Julie Peterson,
Chase Byerly, Eliza Long
- 6 David Strupp
- 7 Mary Beth Reese, MaggiLynn Droege
- 9 Carol Embrey, Deborah Muntzer
- 10 Doris Smith
- 12 Laverne Deal
- 13 Katelynn Heneisen
- 14 Ron Willett, Steve deClaisse-Walford
- 16 Jennifer Heim, Jeff Droege, Tyler Roedel,
Steve Fuelling
- 17 Baylee Crase, Warren Hildebrand
- 18 Mary Jane Schroeder, Hannah Lang,
Martha Schroeder, Beckett Lingafelter
- 20 Channa Crase, Emily Schmitt
- 23 Amber Barrow, Steve Lodwick
- 24 Bob Reutter
- 25 Robin Crowe
- 26 Ashley Lashley
- 27 Lily Elless, Anderson Voelker
- 28 Carlie VanVoorst, Evelyn Dye

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1 Vince and Tammy Frazier (1983)
- 5 Jacob and Chellsie Parker (2019)
- 10 Mike and Debbie Schorr (1992)
- 12 Robert and Julie (Howard) Klenck (1996)
- 14 Larry and Jan (Blaylock) Droege (1978)
- 15 J.J. and Kelli Mohr (2016)
- 17 Gary and Ashley (Rhodes) Lashley (2015)
- 21 Austin & Breanna (Johnson) Phelps (2017)
- 22 Travis and Amanda Reese (2016)
- 25 Ron and Sandy (Schroeder) Willett (1975)
- 26 Lucas & Katelyn (Esche) Heidenreich
(2019)
- 27 Tyler and Becky Schroeder (2018)
- 28 Nathan & Makenzie (Stewart) Perry (2017)

- 30 Nick & Kendra (Schorr) Gries (2021)
- 31 Hans and Cindy (Madden) Schmitz (2015)

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!

October UCC Special Offering “Neighbors In Need”

See ucc.org/nin for more info
Special offering envelopes are available at
foyer bulletin board

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Senior Citizens Dinner Thursday, October 16 11 am

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With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Aletha Meeks. Aletha passed away August 31, 2025 at the age of 91. Funeral services & burial were held September 3 at Zion.

We cherish good memories of Aletha.

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Jett Wayne Steinhart, son of Jacob & Kendra Steinhart, was baptized at Zion on September 14, 2025.



Dear Friends, October is one of my favorite months of the year. Maybe it is the favorite month of some of you reading this reflection for the October newsletter. The air turns crisp, the trees paint the horizon in gold and crimson, and creation itself seems to remind us of the beauty

of change. Autumn shows us that letting go can be a kind of grace—that endings can also be beginnings.

As the seasons shift, I'm reminded of the words from Ecclesiastes 3: *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."* Just as the trees release their leaves, we too are invited to release what no longer gives life, trusting that God will bring new growth in God's time.

This month offers us many opportunities to practice gratitude. We see it in the harvest, in the fellowship of community gatherings, and in the small, ordinary blessings of each day. I encourage you to pause and notice where God is at work in your life. Where are you being called to let go? Where is God sowing something new?

As a church, October is also a time of gathering together—whether in worship, fellowship meals, outreach, or preparing for the busy season of Advent just around the corner. Let us embrace this season with thankful hearts, trusting that the same God who brings the harvest will continue to guide and sustain us.

May you feel the peace of Christ in the cool mornings, the joy of the Spirit in the laughter of friends, and the steady love of God in every season.

Blessings on the journey friends... **PJ**



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On **Sunday, October 26th at 4 P.M.** We invite you to be a part of another wonderful Trunk-or-Treat experience in the Zion Church parking lot! Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to decorate a trunk, donate candy to be distributed, help set up and tear down or even help serve, you are invited.

Church membership is not a requirement. 😊 We would love to see you on the evening of October 26th. If you would like to sign up to decorate a trunk, please let Julie Klenck, Chris Wolsiefer, or Pastor Jeff a text message, email, or use the sign up sheet in the church foyer. This has been such a great event for our church and community. We hope you will come and join us.

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Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith, serve God, and contribute meaningfully to our worship services? We invite you to consider becoming an acolyte. The word *acolyte* means "helper" or "attendant," and our acolytes play a vital role in creating a beautiful and sacred worship space.

What do acolytes do?

- * Assist the pastor at times during special worship services.
- * Bring the light of Christ into our service and carry it out into the world at the end of worship.

Who can serve? This ministry is open to all who feel called to serve, including children, youth and adults.

How to get involved... To learn more or to sign up for our upcoming training session, please talk with Nancy DeClausse Walford (Worship Chair) or Pastor Jeff and we will begin creating a schedule. We look forward to serving with you!

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### "Revving It Up For God's Storehouse"



*We will celebrate Harvest Home during the month of October and collect nonperishable food items, paper products, etc. for God's Storehouse Food Pantry.*

*Please bring your items to the church starting anytime next week, or on one of the Sundays in October. If possible, place your items on the front pews in the sanctuary, or leave them inside the north foyer double doors if you are unable to enter the building.*

*We will decorate on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 9 am, anyone that would like to help is welcome!*

*Then later in October, when it comes time to deliver the items to God's Storehouse, we hope that everyone with a Motorcycle, ATV, Side by Side etc can follow the team there!*

*Remember we will be "REVVING, REVING, REVVVING IT UP" for God's Store House.*

*Any questions, please contact Irma Donner.*



It is with care and compassion that we announce the formation of a new bereavement support group. Grief is a uniquely personal experience, but sharing your story with others who understand can provide a sense of comfort and community during a difficult time. This group will provide a safe and welcoming space for individuals to connect, share their experiences, and find support from one another. Together, we will explore practical coping strategies and navigate the complex emotions that come with loss.

- Who: This group is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one.
- When: Speak with Pastor Jeff
- Where: Zion Lippe UCC

**What to Expect:**

- A confidential and non-judgmental environment.
- A place to share your story and hear from others.
- Helpful resources and coping tools.

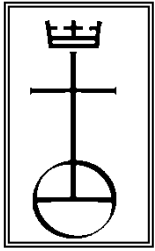
We understand that taking this step can be challenging. Please know that we are here to walk alongside you on your journey toward healing.

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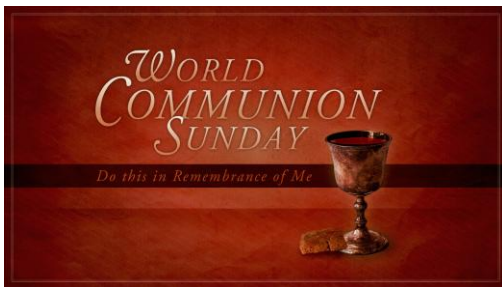
Come support our Youth Group and pick out the perfect pumpkin for fall! Our Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser will run through October or until the pumpkins are all gone on the front church lawn. If you would prefer to pick your own pumpkin, our youth will be happy to accompany you to the pumpkin patch near the softball diamond and solar panels.

We will have pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, perfect for decorating, carving, or baking. Proceeds will go toward supporting youth mission trips, camps, and service projects. Bring your family, invite your friends, and enjoy the spirit of the season while supporting our youth!



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On October 5th, we will join Christians all around the globe in celebrating **World Communion Sunday**. Across many denominations, languages, and cultures, followers of Christ will gather at the Lord's Table, reminding us that we are one body in Christ. As we share in Communion, we celebrate the unity we have in Jesus, even in the midst of our diversity. You are invited

to bring your heart of gratitude and join in this special day of worship, fellowship, and remembrance.

Come and be part of this worldwide witness of faith, hope, and love! We hope you, and a guest or two, can join us on **Sunday, October 5th** for world communion Sunday.