**WANTED:  PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO SING & RING!**

The 2015 NE District Convention will begin with the celebration Opening Service on Friday, June 12, 1:30pm at the Younes Center in Kearney NE.  We are looking for singers and handbell ringers to join us in the Zion/Holy Cross combined handbell choir and mass vocal choir for this worship service.  Handbell rehearsals will be at Holy Cross, Kearney on Thursday, May 21, May 28 and June 4 at **6:00pm**. Rehearsals for the mass choir will be at Holy Cross on the same Thursdays at **7:00pm**.  Please call the Holy Cross church office (308-237-2944) by Monday, May 18 with your name and contact information so we can have the music ready by our 1st rehearsals.  Thank you for your prayerful consideration.  We look forward to singing & ringing with you!

**Summer Office Hours**

During the summer months, the office will be open Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Victoria Crow will work in the office Monday through Thursday and Shirley will be in on Fridays. Summer hours will begin this Thursday, May 14.

**Thank You**

Thank you to Masie Dulitz and Abigail DeLoach for assisting in worship last Sunday with a duet.

**Men’s Softball**

Our Zion Men’s Softball season has started. Games are played on Tuesday’s at Harvey Park. We will try to include their games times in the church calendar for any who wish to go and cheer them on.

**VBS**

There are registration forms for VBS available in the Narthex. Please pick some up and invite your grandchildren, neighbors, co-workers children etc. Our bible school will be June 21-25. There will be classes for 4 year olds through completed 6th grade.

**Stewardship Note**

**1 John 5:3** “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord: for the love of God is that we keep His commandments.

**Announcements – May 10, 2015**

****Please remember...to silence your cell phone upon entering the sanctuary.

**Hearing Loop** Zion’s sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil mode.

We have 2 headsets and receivers that persons without hearing aids can use. Ask an usher for assistance.

**Mother’s Day Pie Sale**

Our Mary Martha LWML ladies have delicious homemade pies available for sale after the service today. Thank you for your support of our LWML mission projects.

**Ileene Wenzlick Funeral**

Funeral Service for Ileene Wenzlick is Monday, May 11 at 11:00 am at Zion. Visitation will be today, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home.

**Graduate Reception**

Next Sunday, May 17, during the bible study hour, the Youth Board will host a reception for our high school graduate Holly Smith in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to come and congratulate Holly.

**Mary Martha**

Mary Martha will meet this Monday, May 11 at 7:00. We will have a Mother’s Day program. Please note that we will meet in the workroom this month.

**Stewardship**

Envelopes have been placed in your mailbox to continue our focus on the Debt Reduction. To God be the Glory!

**Mr. Jagels Moving Schedule - Can You Help?**

On new 2nd grade teacher, Mr. Jagels and his family are tentatively planning to arrive in Kearney on June 9th. It would be a great help if we could get some of our members to assist with unpacking their trailer. If you can help please speak with Tony Splittgerber.

**Saturday Worship**

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will also be no Saturday services during the month of May.

2015 FOCUS ON MISSION EVENT

In a world growing ever more secular and even hostile toward

Christianity, it’s important to remember that Lutheran Missions are currently engaging at historic levels! Please consider joining fellow Christians from throughout the state of Nebraska as we discuss such vital mission topics as:

**Rev. Christopher Gerdes**: *A Mission Model of Word and Sacraments*

**Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe**: *Cornhuskers in Latvia: An American Mission Model for Europe*

**Rev. Craig Niemeier**: *A Mission Model in the Face of Islam (Nigeria)*

**Rev. James DeLoach**: *Missions to Main Street*

This event will be held at **Faith Lutheran Church** in York, Nebraska on **May 16** from **9:00-noon**.

Snacks and drinks will be provided, and admission is free of charge. Faith is located at 1214 N. Ohio Ave., York, NE 68467.

For more information, you may call Faith’s office (402-362-3000) or email Pastor Trampe at pastortrampe@gmail.com. You may also contact Pastor Loren Cooper, the event MC, at 402-

725-3320 or zionlcms5054@hamilton.net. See you there!

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VBS!

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**AGES FOUR THROUGH COMPLETED GRADE SIX**

**JUNE 21-25, 6-8 PM**

VBS is in the planning stages! Mark your calendars for June 21-25 from 6-8. Please consider donating your time and talents to help the week run smoothly. **Volunteers are needed for registration, snacks, teaching and assisting, music and crafts.**

The Higher Things "Te Deum" 2015 VBS focuses on the true worship of God in receiving His gifts and in coming to Him in prayer. The "Te Deum" is the ancient hymn of the Christian church, "We praise You, O God!" The Higher Things VBS strengthens our children in the faith of Christ that we confess in the Te Deum and teaches them to call upon that True God for all our needs of body and soul.

**If you are willing to help, or if you have any questions, please contact Nathan or Liz Gaunt at 308-293-5689 or** **ekgaunt@gmail.com****.**

**Eighth Grade Graduation**

The congregation is invited to the graduation of our two eighth grade students this Monday, May 11 at 7:00. There will be a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

**School Dismissal**

We will complete our 84th Academic year this Wednesday, May 13. Please join us for closing chapel at 10:30.

**Volleyball Coach**

We are in need of a person to serve as volleyball coach for our Zion team next fall. If anyone is interested please speak with Mr. Splittgerber.