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Snacks: Ellen Koopman, Linda Nuttelman,

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**Volleyball & Basketball Camp**

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Girls Basketball – August 1-3 9:00-11:00am

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**Since this is a club team, all Zion member 5th-8th grade students are invited as well as the children who attend Zion Lutheran School. Zion members can pick up a registration form from the office or speak with Mr Splittgerber if you have questions.**

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**Announcements – July 24, 2016**

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**Voters Meeting**

The July Voter’s meeting is today, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Higher Things**

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**Pastor DeLoach at Higher Things this Week**

Pastor DeLoach will accompany our youth to the Higher Things Conference in Colorado this week. In his absence, please contact Pastor Gaunt at 308-455-0552

**Card Shower**

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Lillian Johnson, 125 E. 23rd St. #18, Kearney, NE 68847

**Colorado Peaches**

We have received word that we will have delicious Colorado Peaches available on Saturday, August 13 and Saturday, August 27. We plan to have them a third weekend also but we do not have that date yet.



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