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FEBRUARY SOWER

UPDATE FROM PASTOR DELOACH

A letter from Pastor DeLoach on his health and recovery is attached. Please take time to read through it and continue to pray for him and his family.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ash Wednesday is **March 5th**. This will start our weekly Lenten services. A meal will be served before each service.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joni Brooks	2/2
Austyn Plummer	2/2
Miriam Gaunt	2/5
Janel Lange	2/5
Philip Kreutzer	2/7
Darcy Willers	2/8
Pauline Jacobson	2/9
Randall Ahrens	2/10
Tanner Oertwig	2/10
Heath Schake	2/10
David Banner	2/17
Joyce Hartman	2/19
Flynn Baker	2/20
Eric Riveland	2/20
Jarren Blattner	2/21
Madison Vetter	2/21
William Herron	2/22
Chuck Zehendner	2/22
Asher Splittgerber	2/24
Teresa Leising	2/25
Emily Baker	2/27
Margene Stevens	2/27
Ree Ronning	2/29*

MARY MARTHA

Mary Martha will meet February 10 at 7:00pm. This will be our circle meeting. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Sarah Hoehner will be leading devotions and serving. Carol Kreutzer will be leading the topic.



We will be hosting the South District Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, February 1st.

RADIO BROADCAST

Date	Radio
2-2	Kathi & Bill Hoffman - thanks for prayers during Bill's heart surgery & recovery
2-9	
2-16	
2-23	Fiddelke's, in memory of mothers' b-days

Please help Zion spread the Gospel! Consider sponsoring (or going in with another family) one of our radio broadcasts. The cost is \$162.

FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider signing up for altar flowers to beautify the sanctuary during the worship services. All dates are available and we are able to enjoy them during the service times.

Date	Flowers
2-2	
2-9	
2-16	
2-23	

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

James & Tiffany Davis	2/21
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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 7:00pm.

MISSIONS

The first quarter (January-March) missions will support Lutherans for Life. If you are lead to donate to the missions please use the special marked envelopes located in the narthex. Please make sure that the missions are clearly marked and placed in the offering plate.

OUR MEMBERS RESIDING IN CARE FACILITIES

Broadwell Senior Living - 617 22 nd Ave	Betty Mustard
Central NE Veterans' Home - 4510 E. 56 th St.	Ivan Bombeck
	Alton Schmitt
Mother Hull-125 East 23 rd	Evelyn Heiden
	Norraine Rockwell
Mt. Carmel - 412 West 18th	Vaughn Albrecht
Prairie View Gardens - 1705 Prairie View Pl	Gretchen Trampe
Homestead - 4205 6 th Ave	Pat Flodine

School News

- † **Kearney Area Storytelling Festival:** We will be visited by a professional storyteller on Friday, February 7th at 10:15am.
- † **No School:** There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, February 20 & 21 for Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- † **Book Fair:** The Book Fair is approaching fast! We would love to have as much help from parents as possible. There are a couple ways to help:
 1. Lutheran Schools Week Mar 3-7.
 2. NEW LOCATION: The Fellowship Hall.
 3. The book fair will be open before and after school every day that week.
 4. We need Parent volunteers to help cashier throughout the week. When you sign up, you will get a \$5 coupon, for each time slot, to use at the fair toward books.

If you would like to volunteer and/or have questions, call or text Julie Baker (308-293-2557).

† **PEACE Auction:** All Zion Lutheran School families should have received our P.E.A.C.E. Auction and Dinner donation letter in the mail. We ask for your support on this important fundraiser. A lot of help is required to have a successful auction. Below is a current list of ways you can volunteer:

- Collect auction items from businesses that have items to be picked up
- Call businesses to request donations
- Talk to your place of business and to see if they are able to donate to the auction. Close to 500 area businesses have also received the donation letter but personal connections usually help in receiving donations.
- Bundle and assemble silent auction baskets
- Donate to the class baskets. Refer to the purple paper attached to the recent Crusader.
- Attend the auction! It will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, March 15th at 5:30pm. You can also partake in the online silent auction March 11th-15th at PEACE2025.ggo.bid.

If you are interested in helping out with the auction in any way, please stop by the office or email zionkearney@hotmail.com. Thank you.

† **Scrip Cards** - Scrip cards are still available during this time. Visit the office during normal hours to purchase your gift cards.

An Update from Pastor DeLoach

Dear Saints at Zion,

I continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience (Colossians 1:9-11).

Endurance and patience: God has been teaching me both as my leg wound and hip continue to heal. Much has happened since I last updated you. I have researched and implemented a protein rich diet, while taking several supplements that assist with healing, lessen inflammation around my wound and my joints, and assist with weight loss. I have lost over sixty pounds since July 2024 or about half the weight I need to lose to qualify for hip replacement surgery in Kearney.

In late November I had surgery to implant two stents--one in my right iliac vein and another in my left iliac vein, which had completely collapsed. That procedure restored good blood flow to my legs and is helping my wound to heal. In early December I had more x-rays and an MRI of my back and hip. These confirmed the osteoarthritic damage that has resulted in the pain in my hip and muscle spasms around that joint.

In late December I traveled to the Kansas Regeneration Medical Center (KRMC) where I had my own stem cells harvested and injected into my hips, knees, shoulders, and near my wound. I also had a Platelet Rich Fibrin (PRF) patch fashioned from my own blood and pressed to cover my wound surface. The PRF procedure has increased substantially the healing of my wound, which I pray will soon heal completely. It normally takes several weeks to several months to experience significant benefits from the stem cell injections. But with an eighty-five percent success rate, I am very hopeful the shots will help my damaged joints heal naturally.

What is my outlook going forward? I am authorized to receive disability benefits through February 22, 2025. Lord willing, I pray that my wound will be fully closed, and my hip will be sufficiently healed to allow me to return to my regular duties at that time. That is the best scenario.

Next week I will consult with an orthopedic surgeon in Lincoln to see if I am a candidate for arthroscopic surgery to repair my hip or for an anterior (muscle sparing) hip replacement. Both of those procedures require far less recovery time compared to traditional posterior hip replacement. If I qualify, then my return date depends on how soon I can schedule surgery and how soon I can recover.

If I do not qualify for arthroscopic or anterior hip replacement surgery, then I will need to lose about another sixty pounds over the next six months. Then I will be able to schedule a traditional posterior hip replacement surgery, should I still need it. The typical recovery time from this surgery is about six weeks.

I thank God for Pastor Gaunt's willingness to serve Zion in my absence so that I can heal adequately. Special thanks to all of you who helped celebrate my Sixtieth Birthday in December. It was an encouraging day in the middle of my recovery. I am thankful for Carol, my beloved wife, for her constant care and support. I give thanks for the encouragement I have received from Abigail, Zachariah, Kayli, and all of you that have remembered me in your prayers. May God strengthen you in endurance and patience through His long-suffering Son and by His Spirit, who gives comfort and hope.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor DeLoach

2025 FEBRUARY

Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Saturday 01
						LWML Neb. South District Board of Directors Meeting
02 9:00a Divine Service 10:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 10:30a Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 12:30p Financial Peace 5:00p Divine Service	03	04 1:30p Sleeping Mats	05 8:30a Chapel 7:00p Adult Choir	06	07 10:15a Kearney Area Storytelling Festival	08
09 9:00a Divine Service 10:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 10:30a Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 12:30p Financial Peace 1:00p DeLaet Family 5:00p Divine Service	10 7:00p Mary Martha	11 11:00a Pastors' Circuit Meeting 1:30p Sleeping Mats 7:00p Board of Elders 7:00p Board of Trustees 7:00p Board of Ed.	12 8:30a Chapel 7:00p Adult Choir	13 7:00p Men's Bible Study	14 St. Valentine's Day 	15
16 9:00a Divine Service 10:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 10:30a Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 12:30p Financial Peace 5:00p Divine Service	17	18 1:30p Sleeping Mats 7:00p Church Council	19 8:30a Chapel 7:00p Adult Choir	20 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences	21 No School Office Open	22 7:00p Trivia Night
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Zion Service Calendar

Time of Service	Acolyte	Elder	Usher Captain	Engineer	Announcer	Altar Guild
Sunday, February 2 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Brynne Fisher	Eric Rosenthal	Ed DeLaet	Jamie Marquardt	Lonna Gronewoller	Carolyn Westman Robin Baker
Sunday, February 9 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Luke Barefoot	Ken Hockemeier	Steve Junge	Jared Nuttelman	Carol Kreutzer	Carolyn Westman Robin Baker
Sunday, February 18 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Noah Randolph	Nathan Gaunt	Mike Wilkens	Eric Rosenthal	Brooke Fisher	Carolyn Westman Robin Baker
Sunday, February 23 9:00 Divine Service	Grace Burger	Keith Nuttelman	Andy Wollberg	Zach DeLoach	Lonna Gronewoller	Carolyn Westman Robin Baker