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**Zion Lutheran Church & School**

**2421 Avenue C**

**Kearney, NE 68847**

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***308-234-3410***

***September 2017***

**Door Offering for Missions**

Until we can establish a regular line item in our annual budget to support various mission projects throughout the year, the Church Council has approved the Board of Elders' motion to collect an above and beyond door offering for missions every other month on the 2nd Sunday of the month.  Separate “Mission Sunday” envelopes will be printed and made available on “Mission Sundays.” One can then place ones mission offering in the provided plate or basket as one is leaving the worship service.  Our members are asked to support our missions in addition to their regular offering.  The following months and mission projects have been selected thus far:

September 10, 2017: Church Worker Training

November 12, 2017: Issue Etc.

January 14, 2018: Lutherans for Life

March 11, 2018: Shauen and Krista Trump

May 13 2018: Currently Undesignated

July 8, 2018: Roger and Amy James

As noted above, this month’s mission dollars will support those who are attending school to become a full-time church worker (ordained or commissioned). This year, Matthias Wollberg is our only church work student, currently enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary – Ft. Wayne, Indiana.  Therefore, he will receive the full amount of the offering.  When we do not have a congregational member in training, then we will apply our offering to support Concordia University in Seward, NE, and/or one of our seminaries.

God’s blessings,

Pr. James DeLoach

**New Adult Instruction Class**

A new adult instruction class will start again next week.  If you are interested in becoming a member at Zion, or are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, please plan to attend.  You will receive a free "Luther's Small Catechism" as a lifelong tool for learning. **"Here We Stand...Together"** is the theme Pastor Gaunt will follow for this class.  It will be offered in the Fellowship Hall, at 7:00 pm beginning September 7, 2017.

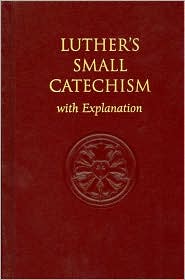
If you are interested in attending this class but Thursday’s will not work for you, please contact the Church office. 308-234-3410

If you plan to attend please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board wall.

ZYG

Senior High Youth mark your calendar for September 24, at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch the movie “To Save a Life” with discussion, led by Pastor Gaunt. This is for Sr. High youth only and their friends. We will talk about real life challenges and the hard choices students are confronting these days. More information will follow.

**Midweek Class**

Midweek classes will begin Wednesday, September 6. Classes will go from 5:45 to 7:00 pm. This class is for all Zion public school youth, who are in the 4th grade or older. Students need to bring a 3 ring binder (one inch or more), their Bible, and their catechism. First year students will receive a catechism.

A class schedule and assignment sheet will be distributed at the first class. Call Pr. DeLoach (308-627-5260) with any questions.

**Special Music**

**DO YOU LIKE TO SING???**Consider joining choir and praise our Lord in worship!  Practices will begin Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the balcony.  No formal music training is required, only an enjoyment of singing and the ability to breathe.😊 We sing about once a month with additional opportunities during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Questions?  Ask Carol DeLoach – 627-2279.

**Handbells** will begin September 13.

**Handchimes** will begin September 20 at 5:00pm directed by Kim Wilkens

**Attention All Women**

At the October 9th Mary Martha Meeting Brienne Splittgerber will the leading a SHARPS training class (Sexual Harassment and Rape Protection).  This training is open to all girls and women in our congregation, ages 13 and up.  Please contact Brooke Fisher [(308-440-2347](tel:(308)%20440-2347)) **by September 3rd** to get signed up for this class as we need an accurate count of how many will be attending.

**New Picture Directory**

We are in the planning stage of making a new picture directory for our Church. Photos will be taken the 4th week of October. More details will be coming soon.

**Zion Receiving a New Organ Console**

At the July voters meeting Pastor DeLoach reported that this year is the 50th anniversary of our organ. Due to its age it has become harder to find replacement parts. Also it is beginning to require more maintenance, which is becoming quite expensive. So he recommended that we begin discussing how we might replace our organ.

In early August one of our members came forward with an anonymous gift in the amount of $50,000. That very week Gerald Oehring, a highly recommended organ installation specialist, just happened to be in town on another job. Our organists along with Pastors and a representative from the Elders and Trustees, met with Mr. Oehring that Wednesday. On Friday two of our organists and our pastors tested various organ consoles in Mr. Oehring’s studio in Lincoln. Within one week of the donation our Church Council approved the purchase of a RODGERS organ console for $53,500.

Money remaining from Jim Wilkens memorials was directed to cover the remaining cost. Since that time another donation has been received to purchase a set of antiphonal speakers to replace those in the front of the church.

Thanks be to God for His generosity and the saints through whom He has provided!

Colorado Peaches

Thank you to all who purchased peaches from our various organizations this year. A special thank you to Ken Hockemeier and his family for the coordinating the sale again this year.

**Anniversary Celebration**

The Elders reported that we will celebrate Pastor DeLoach’s 25 years in the Holy Ministry on October 22. The celebration will include an evening meal and program. Please “Save the Date” and make plans to join us. More details will follow.

**LWML**

Concordia

Concordia will meet Thursday, Sept 7 at 2:00 in the workroom.

Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha circles will meet Monday, September 11th at 7:00 at the following places

Peace Circle (Shirley’s) will at Shirley Oertwig’s home -12470 Riverdale Rd.

Love Circle (Liz’s) will meet at Carol DeLoach’s home -3510 14th Ave.

**Second Convention Report**

Ladies and young women- are you saving your mites for collection Sunday in September?

Did you know mite boxes were originally called “uniform collection devices”.

All mites that are collected by each guild are turned in to their local district. The district keeps 75% which is used for their mission grants and the other 25% is sent on to the national level to use for their mission projects. The nationl mission goal that was adopted for the next two years is $105,000.00 At national convention there was a parade of flags representing the 71 different countries that have received mission grants since LWML began.

**THANK YOU!**

Rev. Theodore and Marian Allwardt, Carol's parents, thank all who helped them move into their home here in Kearney and also all who have made them feel welcome into their new church home, Zion. They are thankful that the Lord has guided them to live here among you.

**Thank You**

Thank you to Pr. DeLoach and Pr. Gaunt for their visits after my recent surgery. Thank you also to Zion members for all of the cards, phone calls and visits. You are a blessing to me.

Evelyn Heiden

Senior Citizens

Our Senior Citizens will meet Monday,September 18 at noon for their monthly potluck dinner. **All are welcome!**

**September Radio Broadcast & Flowers**

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|  | **Radio** | ***Flowers*** |
| **Sept. 3** |  |  |
| **Sept. 10** |  | **Helmbrecht** |
| **Sept. 17** |  |  |
| **Sept. 24** | **Peterson** |  |
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**September Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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School News

2017-2018 Staff

Rev. James DeLoach Pastor

Rev. Doug Gaunt Pastor

Anthony Splittgerber Principal

Anthony Splittgerber 6th, 7th & 8th grade

Lisa Splittgerber 6th, 7th & 8th grade

Darcy Willers 4th & 5th grade

Phil Vogel 3rd grade

Brett Jagels 2nd grade

Christina Long 1st grade

Amy Woodman Kindergarten

Carol DeLoach Early Childhood

Nancy Halva Early Childhood

Grace Watson Early Childhood

Elaine Arehart Music

Carolyn Wilkens Aide

Lyn Hoffman Aide

Caroline Sikes Aide

Liz Gaunt Aide

Fran Junge Aide

Jana Flessner Aide

Taylor Haight Aide

Deb Hild Food Service

Amie Nabity Food Service

Ed DeLaet Custodian

Ann Hinners Custodian

Shirley Oertwig Admin. Asst.

Jessica Blattner Admin. Asst.

* We are pleased to have 179 children enrolled in our school this year.
* On Monday Aug. 28 the K-6th grade classes will attend the Nebraska State Fair.
* Our volleyball team has been working hard to prepare for the season. The first match is August 31 at 4:30. They will play Kearney Catholic at home.
* Our students and staff enjoyed the total solar eclipse. What an awesome sight.
* We recently received a check from Amazon smile. Please consider choosing Zion Lutheran when purchasing items through Amazon.

**Zion Lutheran Golf Tournament**

**7th Annual 2 Person Scramble**

**Sunday, September 10TH**

Zion Lutheran is hosting its Annual 2 Person Golf Scramble. The golf tournament will take place at the Elks Country Golf. Cost is $75 per team (two divisions: 2 adults or 1 adult/1child) which includes 18 holes of golf and dinner. Prizes will be awarded to the top team in each division. Door prizes and flag prizes will also be awarded.

If interested in participating or sponsoring a hole for $50, please contact Zion Lutheran School at 2421 Ave. C. For more information please contact Zion Lutheran at 308-234-3410 or email [zionkearney@hotmail.com](mailto:zionkearney@hotmail.com). Join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Good golf skills not required! ☺

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| **Time of Service** | **Acolyte** | **Elder** | **Usher Captain** | **Engineer** | **Announcer** | **Altar Guild** | **Book Nook** |
| **Sunday, September 3** | Sophia Strong | Nathan Gaunt | Fred Flessner | Peter Kreutzer | Carol Kreutzer | Elaine Stuehm | Jana Flessner |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |  |  | Keith Nuttelman |  |  | Liz Gaunt |  |
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| **Sunday, September 10** | Bailey Bates | Jeff Halvorsen | Marc Hoffman | Rich Kreutzer | Lavonne Peterson | Elaine Stuehm | Carolyn Wilkens |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |  |  | Steve Junge |  |  | Liz Gaunt |  |
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| **Sunday, September 17** | Elizabeth Lange | Dan Oertwig | Roger Riekenberg | Jared Nuttelman | Brooke Fisher | Elaine Stuehm | Pauline Jacobson |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |  |  | Robert Glanzer |  |  | Liz Gaunt |  |
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| **Sunday, September 24** | Isaiah Gaunt | Ken Hockemeier | Dan Oertwig | Shawn Starkey | Lonna Gronewoller | Elaine Stuehm | Lavonne Peterson |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |  |  |  |  |  | Liz Gaunt |  |
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