



Zion
Lutheran
Church

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September Sower 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be starting for 3yr old's- PreK, K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6-8th and High School on September 8th. Please meet in gym after church to meet your new class. We are still in need of a teacher for the 3-year-old class, so please contact the office or Adam Herrera @ 308-708-1576 if you can help.

MARY MARTHA

Mary Martha Circle Meeting will be September 8th at 7 p.m. at Cindy Luhn's home. 807 15th Ave. Margaret Smith has Devotions. Carol Gaunt has Topic and Cindy will be serving. Please let Ellen know if you need a ride.

MUSIC NOTES

Adult choir - will begin Wednesday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the balcony. If you cannot commit for an entire year, feel free to join us through Christmas. Choir takes a break in January and then resumes through Easter. No particular music skills are required other than a love of singing! New members are always welcome! If you have questions please call/text/email Carol DeLoach at carol.deloach@gmail.com, 308-627-2279.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's bible study group will meet Thursday, September 18th at 7:00 pm. All men, college age and older are encouraged to attend.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church council will meet this month on Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm.

SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Date	Flowers
09/07	Don & Shirley Helmbrecht - Anniversary
09/14	
09/21	
09/28	

SEPTEMBER RADIO BROADCAST

Date	Radio
09/07	
09/14	
09/21	
09/28	

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

MISSION OFFERING

All mission offering from July-September will help Rev. Jonathan Clausing and his family, who are serving in Tanzania. To access more information about the Clausing family and their mission, go to:
<https://www.lcms.org/clausing>
<https://missioncentral.us/category/africa/jonathan-and-anita-clausing/>

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Donald & Shirley Helmbrecht	9/11
Herb & Linda Johnson	9/16
Todd & Chelsea Junge	9/30

ZION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Zion Lutheran is hosting its Annual 2 Person Golf Tournament. The golf tournament will take place at Elks Country Golf on September 21st at 1pm. Cost is \$75 per team (two divisions: 2 adults or 1 adult/1 child) 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 pick up a form at the office. Registrations and sponsorships are to be turned in preferably by September 15th. Anyone interested in helping with the organization of the tournament, please contact Chelsea Junge at chelcook91@gmail.com or the school office (308-234-3410). Join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Good golf skills are not required! ☺



OUR MEMBERS RESIDING IN CARE FACILITIES

Broadwell Senior Living - 617 22 nd Ave	Betty Mustard
	Pauline Jacobson
Brookstone Gardens - 2615 W 11 th St	Evelyn Wuehler
Central NE Veterans' Home - 4510 E. 56 th St.	Ivan Bombeck
Homestead - 4205 6 th Ave	Pat Flodine
Mother Hull-125 East 23 rd	Evelyn Heiden
	Norrine Rockwell
Mt. Carmel - 412 West 18th	Vaughn Albrecht
St. Luke Good Samaritan - 2201 E 32 nd St	Gary Albers

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

Tom Peterson	9/1
Carol Kreutzer	9/2
Andrew Wollberg	9/3
Jeffrey Strong	9/3
Abigail Lange	9/4
Jesse Florang	9/6
Gabriel Bates	9/7
Steve Junge	9/7
Harvest Wilkens	9/8
Kollins Geis	9/9
Hudson Schake	9/10
Shawn Starkey	9/10
Mark Dissmeyer	9/11
Margaret Hansen	9/11
Colton Zehendner	9/12
Amy Tonniges	9/14
Kristen Peterson	9/15
Grace Burger	9/15
Jordan Hockemeier	9/16
Masie Dulitz	9/17
Trevor Hoehner	9/19
Madisen Skaggs	9/20
Beth Rosenthal	9/22
Allyson Christner	9/26
Jill Bates	9/28
Tommy France	9/28

SCHOOL NEWS

The Theme for our school year is “Sing to the Lord a New Song”, with Hymn 817 Earth and All Stars being our theme hymn.

- ✝ No school September 1st in observance of Labor Day.
- ✝ Parent Teacher Conferences will be September 18th-19th. There will be no school.
- ✝ There will be no school on Friday, September 26th for a teacher in-service in Grand Island.

2025-2026 Staff

Rev. James DeLoach	Pastor
Rev. Doug Gaunt	Pastor
Anthony Splittgerber	Principal, 7 th & 8 th Grade
Jamie Marquardt	Kindergarten Teacher & Vice Principal
Lisa Splittgerber	7 th & 8 th Grade
Zachariah DeLoach	6 th Grade
Darcy Willers	5 th Grade
Kristen Peterson	4 th Grade
Christina Long	3 rd Grade
Joy Barefoot	2 nd Grade
Elizabeth Gaunt	1 st Grade
Lyn Hoffman	Kindergarten Aide
Megan Benton	Kind. Student Teacher
Mandy Hinrichs	Early Childhood
Cindy Geu	Early Childhood
Nancy Halva	Early Childhood
Sarah Filbert	ECE Aide
Amy Hodgson	ECE Aide
Taylor Kroll	ECE Aide
Chelsea Herrera	ECE Aide
Cheryl Scarborough	ECE Aide
Ayleigh Porter	SPED Aide
Katherine Shinn	Music
Deb Hild	Food Service
Nancy Lierman	Food Service
Deane Nielson	Custodian
Holly Reid	Admin Assistant

REPORT: One Third of Gen Z Was Never Born

Posted on Wednesday, August 27, 2025

by Sarah Katherine Sisk

If America lost one-third of an entire generation to war, disease, suicide, or gun violence, it would be treated as the greatest tragedy in our nation's history. But according to a new report, abortion has claimed the lives of that many would-be Gen Zers – and hardly anyone in the political or media establishment has taken note.

As the *National Catholic Register* [reported](#) earlier this month, data from the Guttmacher Institute, the CDC, the United Nations, and the World Health Organization show that some 850–900 million babies were aborted globally between 1997 and 2012, the years generally accepted as the range for Gen-Z.

In the United States alone, more than 63 million children have been aborted since *Roe v. Wade* legalized the procedure in 1973. That includes 24.5 million millennials and 26 million members of Gen Z, nearly a third of both generations. Pro-life commentator Catherine Hadro calls these missing brothers, sisters, classmates, spouses, and friends the “unseen wound” of abortion: a generational trauma that has left holes in families, communities, and the nation's future....Polling also shows that Gen Z, immersed in pro-abortion messaging from Hollywood and the education system, is more likely to support abortion than older generations. Many in the pro-life community attribute their activism to their faith. As religiosity has declined in the United States, so too has the belief that unborn babies are entitled to the same protections as babies who have already been born.

However, there are some positive developments that preserve hope for a future where more Americans value life and motherhood. Advances in ultrasound technology have made the humanity of the unborn harder to ignore, challenging the “clump of cells” narrative...

...Moreover, activists say that when younger Americans become pro-life, they bring their characteristic energy and activism to the cause. For millennials and Gen Zers, abortion is not an abstract political issue....The loss of a third of a generation is a catastrophe of almost unimaginable scale. America can secure its future only by rebuilding a culture of life – one where mothers are supported, fathers step up, and every child is given a chance to be born.

Sarah Katherine Sisk is a Hillsdale College alumna and a master's student in economics at George Mason University. You can follow her on X @SKSisk76.

High School Students! Save the Date!

The 2026 HIGHER THINGS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE is scheduled for July 14-17, 2026, at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. Registration opens on October 1, 2025, when more information will be provided. The theme will be *Dying Church Rising Hope* as described below:

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:11)

The Church is dying. It's a constant refrain sung by both a culture departed from virtue and those who whisper "remember when" to each other amidst crumbling spires, dwindling numbers, and struggling institutions. It's hard not to feel alone. Frustrated at the hypocrisy. Scared of the future. It's a trick of the devil.

Satan paints a picture of an ideal church. Full to capacity. Free from the sinners who actually need what's offered there, doing terrible things while pointing fingers elsewhere to hide their dark deeds. Leading a culture that counts us as wise and follows along. In short, a church that needs no cross.

You'll catch sight of it when you realize that every whispered "remember when" is about attendance, culture, and the trappings of power and safety instead of the day the faithful were scattered, the crowds yelled "crucify", and the sun was darkened as the Christ cried out *it is finished*. Remember when Jesus saved you?

Christ builds His church at the gates of hell, and hell will not prevail against it, even if hell is really hot. We focus more on the gates than the God of Jacob, who is our fortress. Repent. Rejoice. Rest. Be still. Know who your God is. Know that the church is marked by being near to Jesus, not far from your fears.

Then realize that some of this stuff is supposed to die. Pride should die. Idolatry should die. Lust for power should die. Every trapping of a theology of glory should die. And so should you, united with Christ in your baptism. "*For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*" Good. So also you must consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Look around. The word is preached faithfully. The sacraments are administered rightly. This is how it's supposed to be.

Dying church.... Rising hope!

2025

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Labor Day Office Closed	1:30pm Sleeping Mats	8:30 Chapel 5:00p Midweek			
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 5:00pm Divine Service	4:00p Zion Volleyball 7:00pm Mary Martha	1:30pm Sleeping Mats 7:00pm Bd of Elder 7:00pm Bd of Trustees 7:00pm Bd of Education	8:30 Chapel 5:00p Midweek 7:00 Adult Choir			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	01	02	03	04
9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 5:00pm Divine Service						

Zion Service Calendar

Time of Service	Acolyte	Elder	Usher Captain	Engineer	Announcer	Altar Guild
Sunday, September 7 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Harper Florang	Nathan Gaunt	Ed DeLaet	Jamie Marquardt	Brooke Fisher	Carol Gaunt Liz Gaunt
Sunday, September 14 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Eleanor Davis	Keith Nuttelman	Steve Junge	Jared Nuttelman	Lonna Gronewoller	Carol Gaunt Liz Gaunt
Sunday, September 21 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Amelia Halvorsen	Dan Oertwig	Andy Wollberg	Eric Rosenthal	Carol Kreutzer	Carol Gaunt Liz Gaunt
Sunday, September 28 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Brynne Fisher	Eric Rosenthal	Mike Wilkens	Matt Hodgson	Brooke Fisher	Carol Gaunt Liz Gaunt