

Zion News



Long Awaited Dream

This is an exciting time for our church and definitely a time to rejoice. We are blessed to have the opportunity to educate the children of Pierce and the surrounding area in the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you to the many people who have made this happen for our school! The Lord has certainly blessed us! The construction of the new Zion Lutheran School has begun! The original church foundation was excavated and removed to ensure a solid foundation for the new building. It has since been filled in with dirt and packed down. A fence has gone up around the construction site to ensure the safety of all. The large trees to the south have been removed prior to the dirt work to make room for the building. The necessary electrical work has been done for the project to get started. Things are changing daily so come take a look! We are getting ready for a new school year starting August 16th. We will have an opening chapel that morning at 8:10am. Please join us. We would love to have you there!

Mrs. Jennifer Snodgrass, Principal

Dear Members of Zion,

The month of August is now upon us and very soon school will be starting. Looking back it seems like the summer of 2023 is passing quickly. Through these warm summer months, there have been many changes around our Church building. The biggest change so far has been the new Church roof. Many people don't realize it but the old church roof was original equipment. This means that the roof was sixty-two years old and had to be replaced before it failed. There have been many nice compliments from both Zion Members and members of the community. With God's blessing, this new steel roof will likely last even longer than the old roof.

As I am sure many of you have noticed, the playground south of the gym is now gone and a construction fence is in place. Workers have been busy preparing the site for the new Zion Lutheran School. This included removing the foundation for the old Zion Lutheran Church which was left in place when the old church building was removed back in 1964. New dirt was brought in and compacted to make sure that the new Zion School will have a strong foundation.

A strong roof and a solid foundation are needed for any building to last and to serve the purpose for which it was designed. It is the same with our lives. Our Gracious God watches over us and protects us. Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to His Word and promise shelters us in his love, grace, and forgiveness every day. He is the solid foundation on which we build and live our lives as God's people. In the coming months, we will see many more changes as our New School Building begins to take shape. But there is one thing that never changes, and that is God's love for you in the Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Bruce

Where God's people gather...to worship, grow, care and share.

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PAX Worship
8:00am

Traditional Worship
10:00am

Monday Vespers
7:00pm

Rev. Gordon W. Bruce
Senior Pastor

Vicar Wesley Johnson

Mr. Derek Jareske
Director of Christian Ed

Ms. Amy Weber
Church Secretary

Mrs. Jennifer Snodgrass
Principal

Mrs. Stacy Johnson
Academic Coordinator

Mrs. April Anson
School Secretary

**Prayer
List . . .**



Nate Bolling Dawn Tucker
Sara Wachter Shane Dozy
Bonnie Uher Jessie Divers
Dawn Flinn Amy Clausen
Jolene Buss
Rayleen Wiesman

Family of Anne Weber
Steve & Pat Schwartz
50th anniversary

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Baptisms

6/18/23	Brixley Wilhelmina Marks
7/1/23	Kinley Reese Turk
7/1/23	Shannon Turk
7/3/23	Caybri Lea Monroe
7/3/23	Porter Vincent Botsco
7/3/23	Serenity Allarena-Evette Montroe
7/3/23	Talon Joseph Balaski

Confirmation

7/1/23	Shannon Turk
7/23/23	Amanda Wolff

Funerals

5/17/23	Harold Strelow
6/30/23	Norene Maas
7/6/23	William Hintz
7/29/23	Anne Weber

Affirmation of Faith

5/11/23	Alice Mittelsdorf
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Transferred In

5/2/23	Derek Jareske
7/17/23	Darin Suckstorf
7/17/23	Stephanie Suckstorf
7/17/23	Madison Suckstorf
7/17/23	Kennedy Suckstorf
7/17/23	Grace Suckstorf
7/17/23	Tyson Suckstorf

Vicar Brockman's Farewell

Greetings and God's Peace,

Vicar Brockman here writing my last newsletter for you all before Vicar Johnson comes in. It has been a privilege to come here and serve for a year and there were all kinds of things that happened throughout the year that were all great learning opportunities. In Proverbs we see the encouragement that God offers us through a select couple of verses.

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths."

While the year had its growing pains the most important thing that I learned from the experience is that we must trust in the Lord with all our heart and not lean in my own understanding. This is encouraging because things don't always make sense when they happen but if you are searching eagerly for solutions and God's work within them often you will find it.

We can then trust that God will provide because he promises to provide for us. Along the same lines, Matthew 7:7 says "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." These words coupled with the Proverbs quote puts into perspective what a learning experience it is when we lean on God but also when we seek help.

As this is my last Newsletter for you all thanks very much for all the support this year! It has truly been a blessing. The faculty, administration, teachers, boards have been extremely supportive and understanding. Thanks to everyone again. May God's peace be with you all!



DCE Message

“And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’” (Matthew 9:10-11)

Jesus knew the value of sharing a meal with someone, and as Jesus always does, he serves as the perfect example and teacher for us to look toward, with the help of the Holy Spirit, for instruction. Have you ever noticed that conversations become a little easier when you are having that conversation while sharing a meal. Walls come down, and the topics start to flow freely. Something difficult to discuss becomes a little more palatable, pun intended, when you have food to enjoy while talking. There’s a reason why cooperate executives take clients and employees out to lunch or dinner to discuss important matters of business. Even if you are about to get fired, at least you got a free meal out of it, right? I digress.

Here’s my point. Just as Jesus used meal times as an opportunity to grow and walk with this disciples, we too can use a shared meal to connect and walk with our Christian brothers and sisters. As Christians, we are called to stand shoulder to shoulder with other members of the family of God and support our fellow Christians when they struggle. I think we can all think of someone who could use a little support right now. I think we can all think of someone we haven’t seen in church for a while. In fact, just as a little exercise, close your eyes and image someone you used to see every week, but now you haven’t seen in church in a while. Who came to mind? Do you think you could reach out to that person and invite them to a meal? Do you think you could encourage them and walk with them with no ulterior motives? Do you think you could be available if, as the Holy Spirit works in their situation, they express interest in discussing matters of faith? I think so.

Now, I wouldn’t be fair if I didn’t speak a bit of the Law in this situation. Just as I’m sure you imagined someone in your mind, do you think maybe you came to the mind of someone else who is reading this message? Weeks get busy, especially in the summer months, and it can get hard to make worship a priority. If you feel convicted at this point, just know that I’m not aiming to target anyone in particular. Instead, I’m simply trying to show that everyone is in need of encouragement, and we could all use a little bit of support.

With that in mind, make a plan to share a meal with someone you haven’t connected with in a while. They don’t have to be your best friend, but they could very well be the person that you have been missing from your pew lately. If this is the case, be loving and remind them how much you’ve missed seeing them. That said, just don’t be surprised if they do the same back to you.

DCE, Derek Jareske

NEW STAFF AT ZION SCHOOL

2nd Grade Teacher



I'm Elizabeth Harris. I'm a 2019 graduate of Pierce Jr./Sr. Highschool. During highschool I found my love for teaching by cadet teaching the kindergarten class at Zion with Mrs. Test. In college, I was assigned to

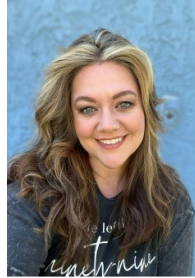
Zion Lutheran School to complete practicum hours with the kindergarten class again. During both of these semesters working at Zion Lutheran School, I found myself loving the atmosphere of school. To help prepare myself for the teaching environment I've worked in multiple childcare settings including daycare and social services throughout the last four years. I graduated from Wayne State College in 2023 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. I couldn't be more excited to take on a teaching role in the very school that sparked my love for teaching.

Para-Educator



Carol Lutz is a new paraeducator at Zion Lutheran School for the 2023-2024 school year. She is married to Rich and they have two children. Their favorite thing to do is spend time with their three granddaughters.

Para-Educator



Shellea (Shelly) Olsufka is a new Para for Zion Lutheran School. She has worked in different school districts in Nebraska for the last 10 years. She most recently was a Behavior Specialist in Ogallala Public Schools grades K-8. She was also the K-5 Art teacher in Ogallala. She has also been a preschool teacher. Shellea is pursuing her Elementary Education degree and currently holds her Associates of Elementary Education. Shellea grew up in Columbus and is a Immanuel Lutheran School alumni. She is married to Robert Olsufka and has 9 year twins Jocelynn and Chael. Jocelynn will be attending Zion in the 4th grade this year. Chael lives in Dodge and attends St. Wenceslaus Catholic School. Shellea often attended Zion with her aunt Kathy and uncle Randy Bretschneider as a child while spending several summers here in her youth. Shellea was nominated for Paraeducator of the Year for the state of Nebraska in the 2021-2022 school year. She loves gardening and growing food for her family, raising her chickens, and drinking coffee. "I love my students and enjoy seeing kiddos outside of school and hearing, 'HI, Mrs.O!!!!' shouted from the aisle over in the grocery stores or restaurants. I'm so excited to join the Zion family and bring my experience to the Pierce community. I am so happy to be in a school where I can share God's word and help building that relationship." Shellea said.

August 2023

This month, we honor sainted former Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Ken Klaus with several messages of the past. Enjoy!!



August 6

"Who is Jesus?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: [Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus](#)

August 13

"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: [Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus](#)

August 20

"The Latest Polls"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: [Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus](#)

August 27

"Raising the Praise"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them. (1 Peter 1:3)

Zion's LLL---Mission Connection

concluded its 2022-2023 season hosting the Zone 11 rally in late April and concluded its season with its May 11th meeting. At that time it was decided to begin the new season with its first meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 2:00 P.M. in the meeting room. Our plans are to meet on the **second Thursday at 2:00 p.m.** of each of the following months; **September, November, January, March, and May.** We will continue our financial support of the programs of the Nebraska District LLL. The major support is to provide educational scholarships for those who are planning to become pastors, teachers, DCE's, etc. The major portion of our time together will be to focus on a Bible study.

COME AND JOIN US FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH ALONG WITH SOCIALIZING!

Concordia University, Nebraska Launches "Be Known," a New Brand Campaign

Concordia University, Nebraska is launching a new, integrated undergraduate marketing campaign called "Be Known" to emphasize the university's commitment to offering excellent academics within a Christ-centered, Lutheran community. The campaign launched nationwide on Tuesday, July 18.

The new campaign receives its inspiration from Galatians 4:9a and 1 Cor. 8:3, "But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God..." and "But if anyone loves God, he is known by God." "With the 'Be Known' campaign, we want to showcase the three most important facets of Concordia," said Emily Witt, associate vice president of marketing and communications. "Here, you can be known by God through Jesus Christ, be known by your community on campus and be known for making a Christ-like impact on the church and world."

The campaign will run across digital, print, broadcast and mobile channels. As with previous Concordia Nebraska campaigns, the "Be Known" branding highlights life on campus, from academics to student activities to athletics to worship opportunities. "At Concordia, we want our students to be able to say 'yes' to four questions," said Dr. Bernard Bull, President. "Have I found my people? Do I feel valued and sought after by someone I respect? Can Concordia Nebraska help me accomplish or discover goals for my future? Has Concordia removed financial barriers that would keep me from attending, flourishing and graduating? This new campaign will, prayerfully, help prospective students to see that the answer to these questions is 'yes' for them." Examples of the "Be Known" brand campaign can be found at cune.edu/here.

AnswersVBS KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM



During the week of June 5th through June 9th, Zion Lutheran Church and the students of this community went back to a time of knights, princesses, and castles as we embarked on a journey through our Vacation Bible School for this year, Keepers of the Kingdom by Answers in Genesis. Throughout this week, our over 45 volunteers and roster of 130 registered students learned from several accounts from the Bible that taught us about the full armor of God and how God protects His people from the schemes of the devil. Looking through the posted pictures on the Zion Lutheran Church Facebook page and website, parents and guardians can see some of our amazing stations from VBS this year, including crafts, story, games, snacks, and music. The students seemed to have an amazing time, and the volunteers really enjoyed being able to provide this opportunity for this congregation. Going forward, we hope to be able to continue to offer great opportunities for the children and youth of this community. Jesus is our King!

Thank you to everyone who donated to and/or volunteered with Vacation Bible School this year. For example, even before VBS began, our volunteers spent a lot of extra time creating the castles and decorations that everyone got to enjoy on Monday through Friday, and during the week, our amazing team of group and station leaders did their best to offer a great experience for all of the students who participated this year. We, sincerely, could not provide a wonderful opportunity like this if it were not for the support and encouragement of this congregation. The students had a great time, and although it is a big undertaking, it is always well worth the effort by everyone involved. As always, we had a wonderful team of group and station leaders that worked hard to make this VBS come to life. We also appreciate all of the parents who were willing to bring their children every morning, so that we could provide this wonderful opportunity to learn about these accounts from the Bible throughout the week. Finally a big thank you to all of the students who came to VBS and helped make this week truly great! Thank you!





May the sure hope that comes from the knowledge of the forgiveness won by Jesus Christ's glorious death and resurrection comfort and preserve you.

At the time of writing this message, school is quickly coming upon the horizon, I'm sure much to the dismay of all of the students in this community. It's hard to believe that another summer is coming to an end, and that another school year is about to begin. We, here in the Zion Lutheran Church youth group planning department, sure have had a lot of fun organizing a variety of great events and trips for our youth students throughout these last few summer months. That being said, this next school year has plenty of opportunities to hold even more trips and activities over the next several months. Before I get into that, though, let me offer a few reminders and recap a few things that have happened lately.

First, if any students would like a church worker from this church to try to attend an upcoming activity, make sure to let us know when these events will be taking place. As the new school year quickly gets started here in the next few weeks, and sports and clubs resume for the year, a few reminders would be very helpful for the people who love to show our support at games and shows. Speaking of activities, we hope you will add our upcoming events and planned activities to your calendar for this next school year. We would love to see you at everything planned for the next few months, and we hope that you would like to share the fun by bringing a friend as well!

Speaking of events, we have several planned to take place here in the near future. First will be our regular monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade students planned to take place every month, usually the second or third Sunday of the month, from 5PM to 7PM at Zion Lutheran Church, likely in the church fellowship hall/gym. Second will be an additional planned youth activity for 7th through 12th grade students to take place each month either here at Zion or at another destination, depending on the activity. These events have differing schedules and time frames depending on what we are doing, and where we will be going. Third, we will likely be planning to hold a variety of fundraisers throughout the year, depending on the month, and we would love to have your help.

As you might have noticed, at this point, the previous paragraph is a little vague. That, of course, is because these ZionNews messages will only be coming out once a quarter as opposed to once a month. With that in mind, it is a little bit harder to pin down several months worth of opportunities, especially if plans have to change in light of unforeseen circumstances. With that in mind, I would highly encourage everyone to regularly review our weekly church bulletin of announcements, our church Facebook page, and our church website for the most up to date information on a week by week basis.

Although we did not hold any type of fundraising effort in the month of May or June, we did hold a bake sale in the church narthex following both church services on Sunday, July 9th. This event was a huge success, and the amount raised will really work to help cover the expenses associated with youth trips and activities. Of course, these fundraisers are only able to thrive due to the generosity of the members of this congregation, and so we humbly thank everyone for giving to support the youth of this church and our youth program initiatives.

With that in mind, our two auxiliary youth events for the last two months have been a bowling trip to King's Lanes in Norfolk in June, specifically on June 28th, and a trip to the Wild Water West water park in Sioux Falls, SD on July 19th. Both events were a lot of fun for everyone involved, and just thinking about the water park trip, 20 participants got to experience a unique opportunity for Christian fellowship and growth. This water park trip was the last youth event that will be held with our current Vicar, Vicar Brockman at the time of this writing, so we had to make sure to send him off right.

On top of the fundraisers and auxiliary events. We also held our usual Fusion Youth Group meetings in both June, on June 11th, and July, on July 9th, for our 7th through 12th grade students. Both meetings went very well, and the students had a great time playing games, sharing a meal, and learning more about God's Word through short devotionals and studies. There really is a lot going on here at Zion, and we would love for all of the youth of this congregation to be a part of all of these exciting experiences. If this sounds interesting, more information can be found on our church website under "Educational Ministries" and "Youth Ministries."

Finally, if any confirmed youth would be interested in serving as an usher during this next year, please speak to Mr. Jareske in the near future, so we can get your name on our list of ushers. We are hoping to provide a training for new ushers in the next several months.

Mr. J

Faith Weavers

With school fast approaching, it is once again time to start thinking about joining us for another year of Faith Weaver Friends at Zion Lutheran Church. Faith Weavers will begin on September 6th, 2023, and it will take place every Wednesday evening from 5:15PM -6:45PM as long as school is in session, or otherwise announced. If your child is between Kindergarten and 6th grade, please consider having them join us for another year of faith building, fun, and fellowship! Parents can register on our church website under "Educational Ministries."

In addition, if any students in 7th grade and above and/or adults would like to help with FaithWeavers this year by serving in some capacity, week to week, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313) as soon as possible. Also, if you would be interested in donating to support the FaithWeavers program again this year, besides monetary donations, included in our weekly church announcements, Facebook page, and website will be a list of some requested items beginning in the very near future. As always, your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated!

For those already intending to help with Faith Weavers, please make sure to let Mr. Jareske know, and plan to continue to check our church website, Facebook page, and weekly announcements for new updates and plans.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will likely resume beginning in the first few weeks of September. As this is still about a month away, and we are still working to organize classes for this year, please continue to check the church announcements, Facebook page, and website for updates each week. With that being said, classes for youth and adults held by Mr. Jareske and Vicar will continue during the summer months unless otherwise announced.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Bible Study opportunity lead by Mr. J is once again available and all are welcome! Consider joining Mr. J on Wednesday nights, at approximately 5:30PM during the summer months, for a study that seeks to explore many of the major accounts from the Bible. Once Faith Weavers resumes at the beginning of September, the meeting time for this study will then move back to 7:00PM. We will typically meet in the church fellowship hall, but if another meeting is set to take place on that evening, we will meet in the gym and move accordingly. Also, if Mr. J plans to be out of town on a particular week, this study will **not** take place, and he will make sure to provide advanced notice.

Youth Sunday School

Calling all 7th through 12 graders! Mr. J will be continuing his Sunday School class for youth over the next semester during the regular Sunday School time (9:00AM to 9:45AM) on Sunday mornings, and he would love for you to join the group. As we head into high school, college, and beyond, it can get harder to find our place, navigate our direction, and see how the Bible fits into the equation. During this class, we will look at discussing these very ideas through the lens of apologetics. This class is continuing currently, and we typically meet in either the church gym or Vicar's office.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes for public school 7th and 8th grade students will be once again taking place on Wednesday afternoons beginning after Labor Day here at Zion Lutheran Church. As in previous years, the 7th grade students will be learning from our new Vicar in the 7th/8th grade Zion Lutheran School classroom, and the 8th grade students will be learning from Pastor Bruce in the 5th/6th grade classroom. For more information, please contact the church office.

CUNE College Trip

If any high school age students, especially juniors and seniors, would be interested in possibly taking a group college visit to Concordia University Nebraska (CUNE) in Seward during this next year, please speak to Mr. Jareske in the near future to receive information about visit costs and waivers. CUNE is one of the universities in the LCMS university system, and they have a variety of programs of study, including several opportunities for those considering church work.

Worship at the NE State Fair

The Nebraska District LLL is again making plans to share a message of hope and salvation found only in Jesus Christ through our State Fair Booth. Your help in this venture would be greatly appreciated. Come join us as we give witness and provide Christian resources to fair-goers. Also plan to attend the Lutheran State Fair Worship service, September 3rd at 10:30 AM on the AGI Family Fun Zone Stage. Guest preacher will be Nebraska District President Rev. Richard Snow.

Have an item for ZION NEWS?

Organizations or individuals having items for future issues of "ZION NEWS" are encouraged to submit them at any time. Items can be emailed to the church office or left in the church office.

LWML Agape Circle

July 12, 2023

Zion's LWML Agape Circle met on Wednesday, July 12 at the church. Sylvia Furstenuau gave the devotion "What Is Your Password." Nancy Kahny and Marj Weber told of a early church memory. Vicar Brockman led the bible study "Be Assured."

President Lynette Koehler called the meeting to order with 12 members and 1 guest present. The secretary report was read and approved. The treasures report was read and approved.

Lynette Koehler gave a report on her time at the national convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The next national convention will be in Omaha, NE at the CHI Convention Center on June 26-29, 2025

District Convention will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on June 28 and 28, 2024, The Norfolk Zone will be hosting the event.

August will be our joint meeting with the Katherine Circle. The Katherine Circlet will bring the desserts and Agape Circle will bring salads, The meal will start at 6 p.m..

August is the month Agape Circle cleans the church kitchen. We will clean on Monday, August 7th at 8 a.m.

The LWML Ne North Distrat will be on August 26. Registration will be from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Bible study leader will be Pastor Josh Mork and guest speaker will be Faith Doerr. Registration deadline is August 7.

The meeting closed with the taking mites, the LWML Pledges and prayers. The August meeting will be the joint supper starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9.

Respectfully Submit,
Holly Koehler, Secretary

7/12/2023
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Statement of Income & Expense for Fiscal 2023

As of June
Level of Detail: Major, Responsibility: All
Fund: 01 - General

	<u>Actual 2023</u>	<u>Actual 2022</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Income				
Major: Envelopes	436,285.75	508,052.97	-71,767.22	-14.13%
Major: All Other Income	114,887.04	210,355.57	-95,468.53	-45.38%
Major: Investment Income	292,475.66	150,944.08	141,531.58	93.76%
Major: Capital Improvement Fund	3,224.27	980.00	2,244.27	229.01%
Total Income	846,872.72	870,332.62	-23,459.90	-2.70%
Expense				
Major: Operating Expense	107,234.55	83,366.22	23,868.33	28.63%
Major: Program Expense	11,329.85	14,259.67	-2,929.82	-20.55%
Major: Salary/Worker Benefits	713,354.42	647,781.13	65,573.29	10.12%
Total Expense	831,918.82	745,407.02	86,511.80	11.61%
Income Less Expense	14,953.90	124,925.60	-109,971.70	-88.03%

7/12/2023
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
4th Qt. July 2022-June 2023
Jul 1, 2022 through Jun 30, 2023

Minor Group	Balance As Of Jul 1, 2022	Balance As Of Jun 30, 2023	Current Year Change	Percent Change
Fund 01 - General				
Assets				
Church Checking Acct.	13,672.76	806.07	-12,866.69	-94.10%
MWB Payroll Acct.	200.35	200.35	0.00	0.00%
Roof Repairs Account	115,928.31	113,770.33	-2,157.98	-1.86%
Steward Account	1,702.19	5,653.96	3,951.77	232.16%
Total Assets	131,503.61	120,430.71	-11,072.90	-8.42%
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	2,364.27	2,567.81	203.54	8.61%
Midwest Operating Note	34,416.87	8,186.53	-26,230.34	-76.21%
Total Liabilities	36,781.14	10,754.34	-26,026.80	-70.76%
Equity				
Group 00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Fund Balance				
Totals for Fund Balance	94,722.47	109,676.37	14,953.90	15.79%
Total Fund Balance/Equity	94,722.47	109,676.37	14,953.90	15.79%
Total Liability and Fund Balance	131,503.61	120,430.71	-11,072.90	-8.42%

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTER'S MEETING
JULY 20, 2023

Chairman Tom Weinrich called the meeting to order.

Vicar Brockman opened with prayer.

Roll call was taken. Derek Jareske would like to become a voting member. Jerald Wachter made a motion to accept Derek as a Voting Member. Brady Bretschneider seconded. Motion carried.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Mike Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Doug Cromwell seconded. Motion carried.

Greg Warneke presented his report. Submitted as written. The current operating debt is \$7700.00. Greg moved to accept his report. Gerry Krueger seconded. Motion carried.

Greg Warneke had a printed report on the Capital Campaign summarizing income and expenses to date. He moved to accept this report. Rick Sirek seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Baumann was unable to be at the Voter's meeting but submitted his written report. Voters reviewed the report and there were no questions. Brady Bretschneider made a motion to use the Erwin Kolterman Farm Trust to pay the new Vicar's salary for the year Vicar Johnson serves. Doug Cromwell seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Sirek went over the Statistical Report. Submitted as written. Rick moved to accept his report. Mike Krueger seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Sirek reported on the Elders. There is currently an adult confirmation class being held. The Elders are looking to go over and revise the Church Constitution in the next 6 months. Jennifer Snodgrass needs to be called to be Zion's School Principal. Vicar Brockman's farewell sermon will be July 30th and 31st. He will head out on August 1st. Vicar Johnson will be installed August 6th at the 8 and 10AM services. The church roof project is finished. Rick moved to accept his report. Randy Snodgrass seconded. Motion carried.

Brady Bretschneider gave the Trustee report. The church roof project is completed. The fascia had to be replaced, which added an additional \$5000. The parsonage sewer was fixed today. The trim around the carport will be fixed. The windows in the parsonage and carport needed to be wrapped, this has been paid for just needs to be completed. Pat Beltz will see to it that it is done. With construction of the new school beginning, they had to dig out the old walls of the original church, in order to set the foundation for the new school being built. Brady made a motion to accept his report. Ruth Weinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Brandon Hamilton gave the Education Report. Submitted as written. Brandon noted the expenses for the new ceiling tiles that need to be replaced because of the requirements to meet code by the State of Nebraska, will be covered by the BPE. They are planning on volunteers to replace the tiles once they come in. Brandon moved to accept his report. Brady Bretschneider seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Bruce gave his report. Submitted as written. Pastor moved to accept his report. Ken Peekenschneider seconded. Motion carried.

Vicar Brockman gave his final report to the Voters. Submitted as written. Vicar moved to accept his report. Jerald Wachter seconded. Motion carried.

Jennifer Snodgrass gave the School Report. Submitted as written. She moved to accept her report. Gerry Krueger seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J gave the DCE report. Submitted as written. Mr. J moved to accept his report. Jennifer Snodgrass seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business. Chris Krueger brought up paying back the money borrowed from the endowment fund to retire the operating debt to meet school loan requirements. After much discussion, it was decided to revisit how to payback the loan after the cottage meetings that Pastor, Andy White, and Brandon Hamilton are setting up with the school families first and then eventually, the congregation.

Arlan Warneke made a motion to move ahead with the Board of Education's recommendation to extend a call to Jennifer Snodgrass to become our Zion Lutheran School Principal. Rick Sirek seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Sirek made a motion to adjourn. Brady Bretschneider seconded. Motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Krueger, Secretary

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION FUND/ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2023 THRU MARCH 31, 2023 ENDOWMENT REPORT

ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT INCOME - GENERAL	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>REMITTANCES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
BALANCE FORWARD			\$3,996.13
ENDOWMENT MIDWEST BANK CD #0699 (1)	\$113.42		\$4,109.55
ENDOWMENT THRIVENT FS/HARLEY BOVEE (2)	\$169.83		\$4,279.38
ENDOWMENT LPL FINANCIAL INCOME (4)	\$10,404.00		\$14,683.38
ENDOWMENT NATIONAL FINANCIAL INCOME (5)	\$13,018.96		\$27,702.34
FAUDEL,KOLTERMAN,REED FOUNDATION LCMS (3)			
HARLEY & HENRIETA BOVEE GRANT	\$1,578.84		\$29,281.18
INCOME TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL ACCOUNT		\$22,298.27	\$6,982.91

****RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS****

RESTRICTED - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>
LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 303362-5	\$3,715.00	2.250%	9/18/2027
LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 304207-1	\$12,300.00	2.750%	10/4/2025
MIDWEST BANK CD #100560	\$26,000.00	4.170%	4/10/2024
ROYAL ALLIANCE FINANCIAL	\$371,424.30		
TOTAL RESTRICTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$413,439.30		

RESTRICTED - SCHOLARSHIP	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>
MIDWEST BANK CD #100893	\$7,300.00	1.390%	3/30/2025
ROYAL ALLIANCE FINANCIAL	\$70,535.77		
TOTAL RESTRICTED - SCHOLARSHIP	\$77,835.77		

RESTRICTED - CHURCH GENERAL	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>
MIDWEST BANK CD #100699 (1)	\$60,000.00	4.280%	12/6/2023
THRIVENT FINANCIAL SERVICE/HARLEY BOVEE (2)	\$22,464.83	3.000%	PERPETUAL
FAUDEL,KOLTERMAN,REED FOUNDATION LCMS (3)	\$135,967.13		PERPETUAL
LPL FINANCIAL SERVICE (4)	\$1,258,254.16		
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICE (5)	\$1,234,791.47		
ERWIN KOLTERMAN FARM TRUST	\$18,500.00		
TRANSFER TO DEBT DRIVE PER VOTERS	-\$200,000.00		
TOTAL RESTRICTED - CHURCH GENERAL	\$2,529,977.59		

Michael J. Baumann
Mission and Endowment Treasurer

****As specified by donors, endowment principal is restricted and only the investment income may be used according to endowment policy.****

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION FUND/ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

APRIL 1, 2023 THRU JUNE 30, 2023

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION FUND	RECEIPTS	REMITTANCES	BALANCE
BALANCE FORWARD			\$4,769.00
2ND QUARTER	\$8,491.00		\$13,260.00
NEBRASKA DISTRICT LCMS		\$10,620.00	\$2,640.00
SCHOLARSHIP FUND - BALANCE			\$9,423.88
ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT INCOME	\$667.00		\$10,090.88
ENDOWMENT MIDWEST BANK CD #0893	\$25.58		\$10,116.46
SOUND SYSTEM FUND PHASE 1 BALANCE			\$9,435.99
SOUND SYSTEM FUND PHASE 2 BALANCE			\$676.27
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY FUND - BALANCE			\$1,775.40
EASTER BREAKFAST - BALANCE			\$1,577.30
HYVEE EAST SUPPLIES		\$848.19	\$729.11
FREE WILL DONATIONS	\$864.00		\$1,593.11
MIDWEST BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT INTEREST			\$25.06
2ND QUARTER INTEREST	\$32.06		\$57.12
MEMORIAL FUND - BALANCE			\$4,076.33
NORENE MAAS	\$20.00		\$4,096.33
ARDITH WARNEKE	\$5,000.00		\$9,096.33
PIERCE TELEPHONE-CHURCH COMPUTER		\$1,182.42	\$7,913.91
BENEVOLENCE FUND - BALANCE			\$3,090.96
CHOIR FUND - BALANCE			\$869.30
ORGAN FUND - BALANCE			\$14,571.00
2ND QUARTER	\$300.00		\$14,871.00
PAX MUSIC FUND - BALANCE			\$1,176.24
VICAR FUND - BALANCE			\$6,550.00
2ND QUARTER ENVELOPES	\$1,815.00	-	\$8,365.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL ACCOUNT		\$6,255.00	\$2,110.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND - BALANCE			\$10,799.79
ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT INCOME	\$4,051.98		\$14,851.77
ENDOWMENT MIDWEST BANK CD #0560	\$216.45		\$15,068.22
LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND #625&071	\$104.01		\$15,172.23
FURNACE LOAN PAYMENTS		\$979.62	\$14,192.61
JOHNSONS-REPAIR KITCHEN TOILET		\$265.38	\$13,927.23
JOHNSONS-HVAC PLANNED SERVICE		\$1,105.00	\$12,822.23
JOHNSONS-REPAIR A/C CONTACTER		\$230.47	\$12,591.76



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