

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

ZION IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION OF LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION FOR CHRIST (LCMC)

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## FEBRUARY NEWS!

Please see the great message from Pastor Scott Strachan in this newsletter.



This will be an exciting month of new beginnings. The tentative timeline for Pastor Strachan and his family is moving by mid-February. Please keep Pastor and his family in your prayers as they begin the process of moving to Iowa.

The Call Committee is in charge of preparations for Pastor Strachan and his family's arrival. If you are interested in helping...contact Sam Gutknecht or a member of the call committee.



## ZION CONNECTIONS

If you have questions in the upcoming months, please contact the following:

**Pulpit Supply** - Bill Gutknecht  
319-404-5081

**Sunday School** - Cindy Appleton  
319-231-3857

**Music** - Lyle Wulf / 319-988-4536

**Newsletter**

**Interim** - Jane Miller  
319-231-4205

**Church**

**Secretary** - Marilu Degener  
& Karen Wulf

**Call**

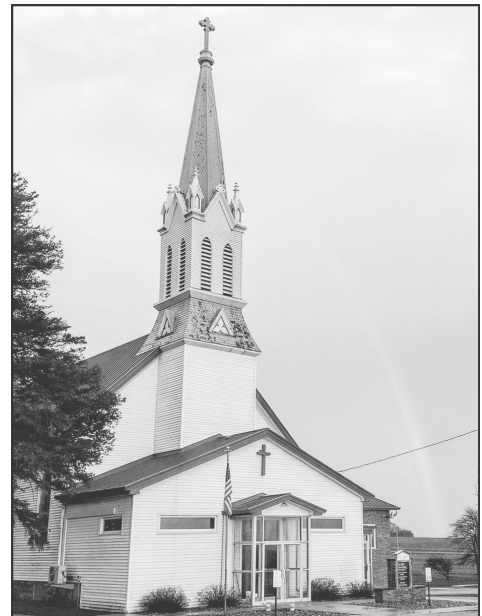
**Committee** - Sammy Gutknecht  
563-528-9450

**Parsonage** - Marian Grover  
319-231-7459

**Facebook** - Jenn Brandhorst  
641-799-4321

**Bulletins, Website, Newsletter**

Cindy Paige - 319-429-1548  
egiap@aol.com



## UPCOMING DATES:

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** - February 14 / 6:30 PM

**PASTOR SCOTT & FAMILY ARRIVE** - February 15, 16

**LENTEN SERVICE** - February 21 & 28, March 6, 13, 20 at  
6:30 PM

**ANNUAL MEETING** - March 10

**PALM SUNDAY** - March 24

**EASTER** - March 31

**YOGA CLASS** No Yoga class in February.  
We will start up again in March.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you choose to participate in directing your Thrivent Choice dollars, you will need to do so by 3/31/24.

Here are the steps:

Go to: <https://myservice.thrivent.com>

Then you will log in with your  
username & password.

"Click Your Needs" at the top.

"Give Back"

"Thrivent Choice"

"Direct Choice Dollars"

May need to search for the church & address:

Zion Lutheran Church, 5831 Grundy Rd., Hudson, IA 50643.

## FOOD BANK

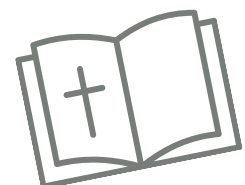
Lyle Wulf will be delivering the food bank donations on the last Sunday of the month. Please remember to contribute to this giving opportunity. There is a grocery cart in the narthex.

## COFFEE BAR AND PRE-SERVICE PRAYERS

Join us in our coffee bar in the fellowship hall for those who want coffee before and during church. And also a prayer group gathering at 8:30 for 15 minutes of sharing and prayers. Please join Lori in the pastor's office for pre-service prayers, sharing, and fellowship before Sunday worship time.



WHEN YOU  
GET WHAT  
YOU WANT  
THAT'S GOD'S  
DIRECTION.  
WHEN YOU  
DON'T GET  
WHAT YOU  
WANT  
THAT'S GOD'S  
PROTECTION.



# NEW BEGININGS SAME MISSION

## *Together in Christ*

My family and I are humbled and excited to join with Zion and her people as the body of Christ, serving one another and the people of our community. I want to start by thanking the congregation for the overwhelming hospitality we received when we visited in December. As I shared with the call committee every one of us left Iowa feeling like we left our home. I can't wait to be among you all proclaiming the Gospel and serving alongside you. It is very exciting that our time together begins as the church builds excitement for Easter, what a perfect time of year to launch into the next season of life at Zion!

## *What to Expect*

Once we are established at Zion, please do not fret that I am going to be implementing huge sweeping changes. This is certainly not my intention or desire. As I communicated to the call committee, my goal for the next several months is to observe, learn, and integrate into the life and culture of Zion. I cannot begin to imagine changes that I would make at a congregation and its worship life, until we have spent some time together. So rest assured, I do not plan to add a smoke machine or disco lights to the sanctuary (ever really), but my goal over the next several months is to get to know you! I certainly have ideas and I am sure you do too! Ideas that we can discuss and try, but please know, we are partners in the Gospel mission so we are on this journey together and as such anything we do in that mission will be together with your input. Most importantly it will be considered with prayer and by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## *What's Next?*

In an effort to grow and learn about the rich history of Zion, I will need your help! My request is to learn about you all. So, let's go grab a cup of coffee or let me know when I can come by for a visit in your home. If your grandkid or child has a ball game or recital, let me know! I would love to come visit with you, cheer on your kid, and minister to your family as we serve together. Below is my contact information, please save it and feel invited to get in contact with me.

**CONTACT:  
PASTOR SCOTT  
STRACHAN**



[sstrachan.zion@outlook.com](mailto:sstrachan.zion@outlook.com)



505.249.0096 (cell)

## WORSHIP LEADERS

- 4 Molly Volding
- 11 John Neil
- 18 Rudy Pithan
- 25 Scott Strachan

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Marj Simpson
- 9 Martha Watson
- 9 Zander Young
- 10 Ben Sorensen
- 14 Chris Brandhorst
- 23 Ben Volding
- 25 Casey Bonwell
- 26 Marvin Miller
- 26 John Neil
- 27 Jodi Sorensen



## FEBRUARY REFRESHMENTS

- 4 Justin & Holly Petersen
- 11 Sorensen
- 18 Potluck
- 25 Gerald & Janet Brandhorst

## MARCH REFRESHMENTS

- 3 TBA
- 10 Langley Jensen
- 17 Potluck
- 24 Geislars
- 31 TBA

## FEBRUARY USHERS / ACOLYTES

- 4 Gerald & Janet Brandhorst / Hayden
- 11 Langley Jensen / Aubrey 14-Rorie
- 18 Confirmation Class / Kane 21-Madeline
- 25 Rod & Marilu Degener / Claire 28-Anna

## MARCH USHERS / ACOLYTES

- 3 TBA / Ames 6-Hayden
- 10 Langley Jensen / Aubrey 13-Rorie
- 17 Confirmation Class / Kane 20-Madeline
- 24 Ed & Gayle Juhl / Claire 27-Anna
- 31 John & Teri Neil / Ames

## ZION SNOW REMOVAL

February 1 -15	Andy Appleton Jared Gutknecht	319-239-0340 319-404-8856
February 16 – 28	Chris McCulley Tyler Whitehead	319-239-2518 515-480-4282
March 1 -15	Ben Volding Elwin Lee	319-415-0043 319-988-4219
March 16- 31	Andy Appleton Darryl Koch	319-239-0340 319-243-5559
April	Kyle Degener Ed Juhl	319-939-4327 319-215-2585



## PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER

Each month, we will publish a list of people who have requested prayers.

Please remember them in your regular prayer time:

We pray for:

**Dan Bern, Joanne Nicklaus, Tyler & Fidei Whitehead,  
The Beattie Family, Sharon Dufel, Dianne Bascom, Eunice Neil.**

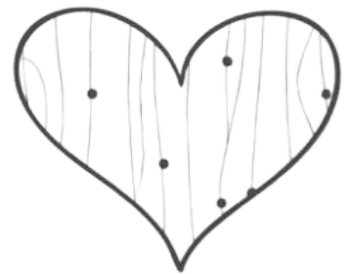
Please let us know if wish to add someone to our Prayer list.

# Love

IS PATIENT AND KIND.

LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL OR PROUD.

CORINTHIANS 13:4



## Council Meeting Minutes from December 10th, 2023

**ATTENDEES:** Ed Juhl, Jenn Brandhorst, Bill Gutknecht, Stacy Lee, Teri Neil and John Neil

Ed called the meeting to order at 10:43 AM

Ed opened the meeting by prayer.

- The agenda was reviewed and finalized. Jenn made a motion to approve the agenda. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Recording Secretary (Jenn): reviewed minutes from November meeting
  - Financial Reports (John, Teri): report through 11/30/2023-
  - Description 11/30/2023: \$40,605.42
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|--------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Total Income             | 4,866.86   |            |             |
| Total Expenses           |            | 7,719.03   |             |
| <hr/>                    |            |            |             |
| Totals as of 10/14/2023: | \$4,866.86 | \$7,719.03 | \$36,839.15 |
- Worship & Parish Life Committee (Bill): no report
  - Education Committee (Marian): Currently working on the Christmas program
  - Finance Committee (Ed): Nothing new to report
  - Building & Grounds Committee (Ed): need to change bulb above the doves in entryway
  - Missions (Stacy): have been busy finding missions to donate to

### C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Call Committee Report- made a plan for Pastor Scott to come visit our church the first of December
2. Ministerial coverage during December
3. Organ tuning- the company called and has pushed our date to the beginning of 2024, piano has been tuned
4. Steeple planning committee- going to ask for plans and possible budget needed to repair
5. Copy machine service agreement

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ministerial coverage during January- please contact Bill if you are interested in speaking or have a suggestion for a guest speaker
2. Internet Connections- Fiber optic will be connected the week of Dec. 12th in the church and the parsonage. John made a motion to pay for the installation/hook up of the internet. Stacy seconded. Approved, motion carried.
3. Non-member funerals at Zion- Had a request from Tim Boettger to hold a non-member funeral at Zion. Bill made a motion to allow us to host, Stacy seconded. Approved, motion carried.
4. Call process going forward- There will be a congregational vote.
5. Budget meeting- will be January 21st after the council meeting.

### E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

1. next meeting is January 21st, 2024

### F. ADJOURNMENT:

- Jenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Teri seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Brandhorst, Recording Secretary

Please send offerings to Zion Lutheran Church, 5831 Grundy Rd, Hudson, IA 50643

# FEBRUARY 2024

Church and Parsonage phone: 319-988-4534

**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

**1 2 3**

**4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming

**11 12 13 14 15 16 17**

9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming

Ash Wednesday

**18 19 20 21 22 23 24**

9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming  
Potluck Gathering

Lenten  
Service  
6:30

**25 26 27 28 29**

9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming

Lenten  
Service  
6:30

Colors:  
Green - Feb. 4  
White - Feb. 11  
Purple - Feb. 14, 18, 25