

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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“FIRST, I THANK MY GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST  
FOR ALL OF YOU, BECAUSE YOUR FAITH IS  
PROCLAIMED IN ALL THE WORLD” - ROMANS 8:1

## - With Gratitude -

Each month in my pastor’s newsletter article I will plan to share a theological thought, an update on our life together, or some encouragement. This month though as we are in the season of Lent and on our journey toward Holy Week, I can’t help to be filled with gratitude.

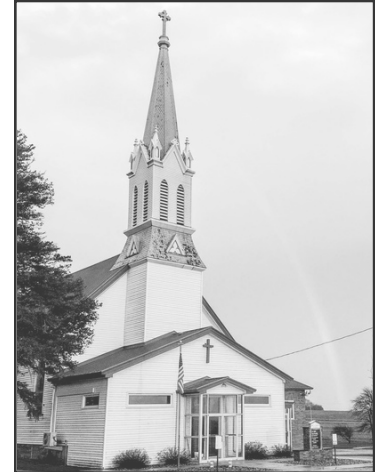
Gratitude to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for what he has done on the cross on behalf of us all. I cannot wait to celebrate Easter alongside you all and to welcome any visitors who may come during Holy Week. Further, I am grateful that God has seen it in His will to bring Zion Lutheran and the Strachan family together to work in the Gospel mission together!

Next, I would like to share our humble gratitude to you all. Wow, our congregation has gone above and beyond to welcome my family. I am so grateful to you all for all you have done. From texts and messages while we were preparing to come to Iowa, to the welcome packages, and groceries (including amazing ice cream) that were waiting here for our arrival, the wonderful cards and the baskets you prepared for us, and the beautiful parsonage that I know you all put so much love into.

There is no sufficient way to thank you all to cover all the countless details you all covered to help us feel welcome and at home within Zion, but thank you anyway. We feel the love sincerely and feel very much at home here. So, THANK YOU!

May God bless you today and always!

*In Christ, Pastor Scott*



## UPCOMING DATES:

Order **EASTER LILIES** by March 3 if you wish to - in honor or in memory of someone - Order form is within this newsletter.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3** - During worship, our local Boy Scouts will be ushering, & then serving a meal & holding a cake auction as well. Please plan to attend.

**LENTEN SERVICE** - March 6, 13, 20 at 6:30 PM

Join us for a meal served at 5:30 before service, main meal will be provided, bring a dish to share if able.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - March 10 following worship

**PALM SUNDAY** - March 24

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - March 28 at 6:30

**GOOD FRIDAY** - March 29 at 6:30

**EASTER** - March 31 - Breakfast at 8 am

Easter Service at 9 am

**YOGA CLASS** We will start up again in March.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning at 7:00.

## 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:

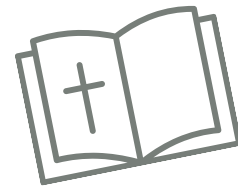
Zion Lutheran Church, 5831 Grundy Rd., Hudson, IA 50643

## 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.



HE IS NOT HERE  
HE HAS RISEN,  
JUST AS HE SAID.

- MATTHEW

28:5-6



## 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:

**Mike Soska**

**Judy Shirley**

**Dan Bern**

**Joanne Nicklaus**

**Tyler & Fidei Whitehead**

**The Beattie Family**

**Sharon Dufel**

**Dianne Bascom**

**Eunice Neil**

**Carol Weaver**

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

## MARCH USHERS / ACOLYTES

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

## APRIL USHERS / ACOLYTES

- 7 Lyle & Garry / Hayden
- 14 Ed & Gayle Juhl / Aubrey
- 21 Confirmation Class / Rorie
- 28 Whiteheads / Kane

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Ed & Gayle Juhl
- 30 Greg & Tammy Bergman

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Whitney Laube
- 8 Angie Johnson
- 10 Rorie Volding
- 11 Jaxsen Weitzell
- 12 Luke Kilgore
- 13 Bill Gutknecht
- 13 Ryan Johnson
- 16 Doug Wulf
- 17 Connor Simpson
- 20 Austin Appleton
- 20 Darryl Koch
- 21 Allan McCulley
- 26 Dayne Watson
- 28 Karen Wulf
- 31 Jace Brandhorst
- 31 Sawyer Petersen

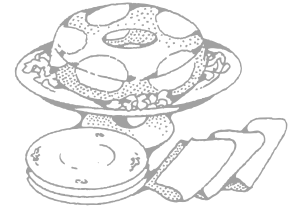


## MARCH REFRESHMENTS

- 3 Boy Scouts
- 10 Langley Jensen
- 17 Potluck
- 24 Maddie & Bryce
- 31 John & Teri Breakfast

## APRIL REFRESHMENTS

- 7 Degeners
- 14 John & Teri
- 21 Potluck
- 28 Brett & Sam



## ZION SNOW REMOVAL OF SIDEWALKS SCHEDULE

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



## ZION CONNECTIONS

- Pastor** Scott Strachan - 505-249-0096
- 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, Newsletter**

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

## Council Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2024

**ATTENDEES:** Ed Juhl, Jenn Brandhorst, Marian Grover, Stacy Lee, Marilu Degener, Teri Neil and John Neil

Ed called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

Marian opened the meeting by prayer.

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

### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Recording Secretary (Jenn): reviewed minutes from December meeting
- Financial Reports (John, Teri): report through 01/20/2024-
- Description 1/20/2024: \$38,205.15

Total Income 8,651.00

Total Expenses 12,475.37

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Totals as of 10/14/2023: \$8,651.00 \$12,475.37 \$-3,824.37

- Worship & Parish Life Committee (Bill): no report
- Education Committee (Marian): things are going well
- Finance Committee (Ed): Nothing new to report
- Building & Grounds Committee (Ed): Thank you to Roni for getting the garage ready for the new pastor. Thank you to Marilu for watching the house. We need to remember that more of the stained glass windows need to be reglazed.
- Missions (Stacy): enjoyed being involved in the giving and are waiting on the 2024 budget to get started for this year.

### C. OLD BUSINESS:

#### 1. Call Committee Report-

- Welcoming plans for Pastor Scott Strachan- Marian made a motion for the call committee to organize helping Pastor Scott by gathering supplies and being there for anything else they may need. John 2nd motion passed
- Stacy made a motion for the call committee to spend up to \$2,500 to help with moving costs and welcoming. Marian 2nd. Motion passed

#### 2. Nonmember Funeral- will have a few members here to help. Funeral will be January 24th

#### 3. Steeple planning committee- will need to decide on materials to fix steeple, around the bells will be repaired.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1. Ministerial coverage during February

#### 2. Internet Connections- waiting on the bill

#### 3. Re-labeling the mail boxes-

#### 4. Budget meeting- John made a motion to approve the proposed budget

#### 5. Thrivent Dollars- Please remember to designate your Thrivent Dollars to Zion Lutheran Church this February

### E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

1. next meeting is February 18th, 2024

### F. ADJOURNMENT:

- Stacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marian seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Brandhorst, Recording Secretary

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

# MARCH 2024

Church and Parsonage phone: 319-988-4534

**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

Colors:

- March 3, 10, 17 - Purple
- March 24 - Palm Sunday - Scarlet / Purple
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday - Scarlet / Purple
- March 29 - Good Friday - Black or None
- March 31 - Easter - White

**3 4**  
9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming

**5 6**  
5:30 Supper  
6:30 Lenten Service

**7 8 9**

**10 11**  
9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming  
10:00 a.m. - Annual Meeting

**12 13**  
5:30 Supper  
6:30 Lenten Service

**14 15 16**

**17 18**  
9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming  
Potluck Gathering

**19 20**  
5:30 Supper  
6:30 Lenten Service

**21 22 23**

**24 25**  
PALM SUNDAY  
9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming

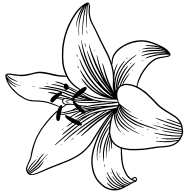
**26 27**

**28 29**  
Maundy Thursday  
6:30 Service  
Good Friday  
6:30 Service

**30**

**31**  
EASTER  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Worship and  
Facebook Live Streaming

## EASTER LILY SIGN-UP SHEET



Bancroft's will provide Easter lilies for \$14.00. Please sign up on this form if you want to contribute by March 3rd. The Lilies will be picked up and displayed for Easter. Please return this form plus payment in the collection plate or in Marian Grover's church box by March 3rd. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated to or in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

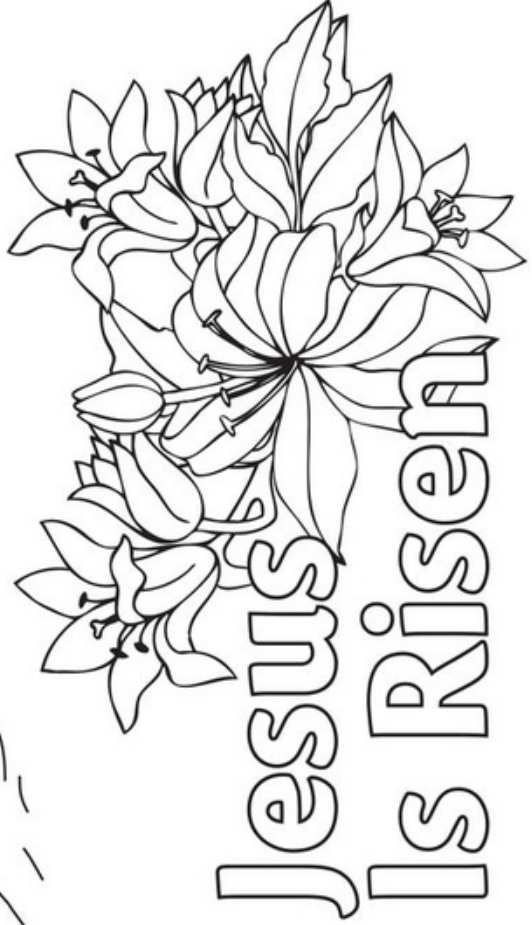
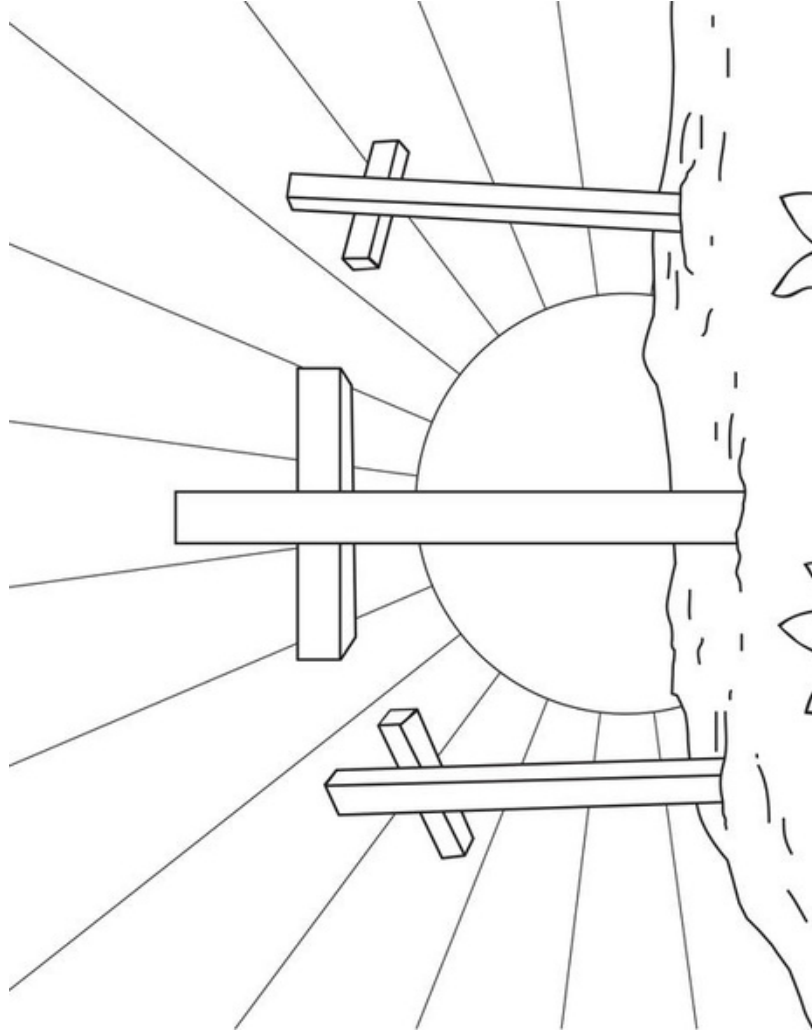
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(You may use the reverse side if more room is needed.)

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make a check payable to Zion Lutheran Church.  
Note that the check is for Lilies.



**\* \* \* BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES \* \* \***

*(WE ARE UPDATING OUR LIST - If we missed listing your Birthday or Anniversary, let us know so we can add you.)*

**January Birthdays**

4 Jenna Parr  
7 Judy Shirley  
11 Lori Gutknecht  
12 Stacy Lee  
12 Jamie Miller  
12 Tyler Whitehead  
14 Josh Shirley  
17 Hayden Gutknecht  
21 Cody Heckenlaible  
24 Bob Petersen  
30 Madeline Brandhorst

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**February Birthdays**

4 Pastor Scott Strachan  
5 Marj Simpson  
9 Martha Watson  
9 Zander Young  
10 Ben Sorensen  
14 Chris Brandhorst  
18 Abbey Strachan  
23 Ben Volding  
25 Casey Bonwell  
26 Marvin Miller  
26 John Neil  
27 Jodi Sorensen

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**March Anniversaries**

9 Ed & Gayle Juhl  
30 Greg & Tammy Bergman

**March Birthdays**

6 Whitney Laube  
8 Angie Johnson  
10 Rorie Volding  
11 Jaxsen Weitzell  
12 Luke Kilgore  
13 Bill Gutknecht  
13 Ryan Johnson  
16 Doug Wulf  
17 Connor Simpson  
20 Austin Appleton  
20 Darryl Koch  
21 Allan McCulley  
26 Dayne Watson  
28 Karen Wulf

31 Jace Brandhorst  
31 Sawyer Petersen

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**April Anniversaries**

6 Bruce & Dianne Bascom  
14 Jim & Marion Grover  
19 Doug & Karen Wulf

**April Birthdays**

3 Andy Appleton  
3 Julie Sorensen  
4 Dianne Bascom  
4 Lacey Degener  
4 Tammy Bern  
5 Joanne Nicklaus  
5 June Volding  
11 Nick VanHemert  
12 Cindy Appleton  
12 Ben Woomer  
17 Bryce Geisler  
19 Jamisen Weitzell  
26 Danielle Bascom  
26 Ryan Ohrt  
26. Marian Grover  
28 Kevin Simpson

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**May Anniversaries**

19 Elwin & Stacy Lee  
30 Dan & Jane Miller

**May Birthdays**

1 Dan Bergman  
1 Russ Pedersen  
3 Evelyn Andorf  
4 Gabi Petry  
7 Lucas Gutknecht  
8 Nathan Hunt  
10 Jennifer Brandhorst  
10 Sue Gibson  
11 Cindy Paige  
15 Hope Heckenlaible  
18 Bridget McCulley  
20 Gayle Juhl  
23 Brad Dufel  
23 Amber Laube  
23 Sammy Ohrt

25 Jennifer Weitzell  
26 Greg Bergman  
28 Marissa Woomer  
28 MacKenna Brandhorst  
30 Craig Dufel  
30 Mallory Laube  
31 Holly Appleton

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**June Anniversaries**

4 Darryl & Sandy Koch  
6 Chris & Barb McCulley  
6 Chris & Jennifer Brandhorst  
14 Rodney & Marilu Degener  
15 Phil & Monica Laube  
18 Irv & Jennifer Laube  
26 Tyler & Fidei Whitehead  
29 Ben & Marissa Woomer  
30 Brett & Sammy Gutknecht

**June Birthdays**

1 Miles Bern  
3 Jaimes Strachan  
4 Donna Dufel  
4 Maddie Geisler  
9 Holley Bergman  
12 Dresden Wulf  
13 Jessi Sorensen  
15 Edward Juhl  
19 Bob Johnson  
19 Claire Wulf  
20 Eleanor Wettengel  
21 Kane Gutknecht  
21 Harris Jorgensen  
21 Monica Laube  
23 Brad Ohrt  
23 Roni Heckenlaible  
26 Marilu Degener  
27 Pamela Degener  
30 Ronnie Degener  
30 Tony Young

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**July Anniversaries**

7 Russ & Sandy Pedersen  
8 Justin & Holly Petersen  
21 Dan & Tammy Bern  
28 Bob & Shirley Petersen



### **July Birthdays**

7 Dylan Garbes  
9 Justin Petersen  
10 Sylvia Woomer  
21 Tammy Bergman  
21 Jake Weitzell  
23 Mitch Juhl  
25 Lyle Wulf  
25 Dan Bern

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### **August Anniversaries**

3 John & Teri Neil  
6 Bryce & Maddie Geisler  
12 Bill & Lori Gutknecht

### **August Birthdays**

1 Lynn Ohrt  
3 Miranda Johnson  
6 Elaine Brandhorst  
6 Garry Dufel  
6 Sam Kilgore  
7 Tanner Laube  
8 Sharon Dufel  
10 Molly Volding  
12 Aksl Degener  
14 Kari Finley  
16 Pat Gutknecht  
17 Kyle Degener  
18 Chelsea Miller  
21 Shirley Petersen  
22 Rodney Degener  
22 Zachary Young  
24 Sandy Pedersen

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### **September Anniversaries**

1 Cody & Hope Heckenlaible  
9 Bob & Angie Johnson  
9 Sloan & Jenna Beninga  
19 Mike & Connie Twente  
21 Brad & Cassie Dufel  
23 Derek & Dresden Wulf  
27 Craig & Janet Dufel

### **September Birthdays**

4 Connie Twente  
5 Deb Brandhorst  
5 Tyler Laube  
18 Dan Miller  
22 Brynlee VanHemert  
25 Aislee Degener  
24 Katie Robinson  
28 Janet Brandhorst  
28 Jared Gutknecht  
24 Taylor Bern  
30 Aubrey Wulf

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### **October Anniversaries**

6 Pastor Scott & Christy  
Strachan  
7 Joel & Jenna Parr  
19 Kyle & Lacey Degener  
23 Paul & Janine Knapp  
29 Andy & Cindy Appleton

### **October Birthdays**

1 Bruce Bascom  
3 Kelly Paige  
4 Betty Bergman  
4 Elwin Lee  
7 Cindy Young  
7 James Petersen  
8 Carson Laube  
9 Spencer Simpson  
9 Fidei Whitehead  
10 Derek Wulf  
13 Holly Petersen  
13 Carol Weaver  
14. Chris McCulley  
20 Langley Jensen  
20 Max Brandhorst  
24 Irv Laube  
24 Holley VanHemert  
25 Jim Grover  
25 Jane Miller

### **November Anniversaries**

1 Tony & Cindy Young  
11 Nick & Holley VanHemert  
19 Harlan & Deb Brandhorst

### **November Birthdays**

4 Harper Mae Dufel  
8 Anna VanHemert  
11 Joel Parr  
13 Ames Degener  
15 Jackson Woomer  
24 Janine Knapp  
25 Sammy Gutknecht  
26 Christy Strachan  
28 Allison Bergman

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### **December Anniversaries**

19 Garry & Sharon Dufel  
21 Gerald & Janet Brandhorst  
21 Ben & Molly Volding  
27 Jake & Jenni Weitzell

### **December Birthdays**

2 Mike Twente  
4 Kate Parr  
4 Max Parr  
8 Jennifer Laube  
9 Laila Strachan  
13 Jenna Beninga  
13 Paul Knapp  
14 Roselyn Garbes  
14 Teri Neil  
17 Harlan Brandhorst  
19 Gerald Brandhorst  
21 Barb McCulley  
22 Sandy Koch  
24 Brett Gutknecht  
24 Phil Laube  
27 Jessica Lee