

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fall Soup Supper

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

HARDWICK COMMUNITY HALL

5:00 P.M. TILL SOUP IS GONE



SERVING HOMEMADE SOUPS

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BEAN & HAM**

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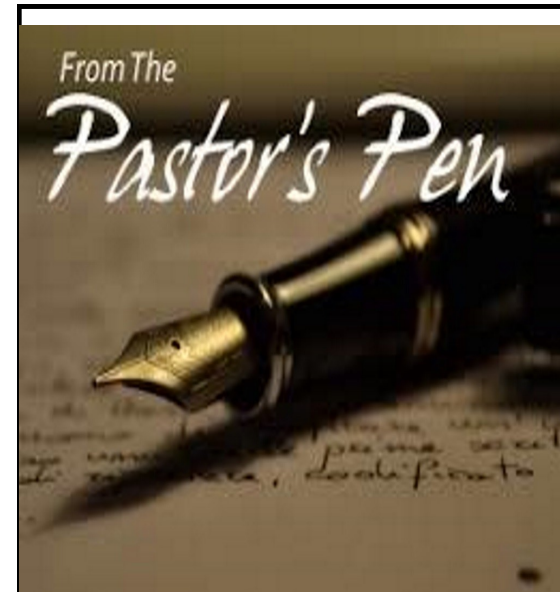
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OFFICE DEADLINES:
Sunday Bulletin:
9:00 am on Thursday
OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
Thursday, Sept. 23



NEWSLETTER *SEPTEMBER 2025*



God and humanity. It shows that God uses angels to carry out His will and act as messengers between heaven and earth.

The angels of God accompany the believers and protect them in all their ways, and represent them in their difficulties and tribulations, bringing God's help and protection down from heaven in return. Jacob may have sensed that he was alone and perhaps even forsaken, but God reveals to him that he is not alone. At the top of the ladder stood the almighty God, whose promises never fail.

As I watch, with much anticipation, the rafters ascending to the highest points of the church addition, I am reminded of the account of Jacob's ladder found in Genesis 28.12.

Jacob dreams of a ladder set up on earth, its top reaching to heaven, with angels ascending descending on it. God then speaks to Jacob, confirming His covenant promises of land and descendants.

To set the stage we step back to see Jacob had fled from his brother Esau's anger and was journeying to his relatives in Haran. Jacob stops for the night and uses a stone from the place as his pillow.

While sleeping, he had the vision of the ladder, which was followed by God speaking to him directly, reaffirming the promises made to Abraham and Isaac. The ladder symbolizes the ongoing relationship and communication between

This is a wonderful revelation of God, together with a confirmation of the Messianic promise given through the mouth of Isaac. It was in one of his first speeches that Jesus referred to this vision of Jacob. John 1.51 In the person of Jesus Christ heaven and earth, God and man, are united in a singular and most marvelous manner, and through Christ, the incarnate Son of God, we enter into communion with God.

In the New Testament, Jesus is identified as the ultimate "ladder," the true connection between God and humanity.

As we patiently drive by the church progress, look up, see any "Ladders?" You might even find a "stone" or two.

In His Service, Pastor Ed Hint: The ladders look over the side.




The Lorenzen triplets (Lily, Hudson and Stella) receiving their baptism banners made by Brenda Hulstein and Joyce Hansen presenting the quilts made by the Zion Quilters. *Lily, Hudson and Stella, we welcome you as a child of Christ.*

Blue Mound Lutheran Church
Fall Festival Worship Service
Sunday, September 21, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Noel Herr
A catered meal will follow the service.
All are welcome to attend!



The Lord 
is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
Psalm 27:1

PIPESTONE ZONE LWML FALL RALLY

Saturday, October 11th 9:30am - \$5
(registration & coffee begin at 9:00am)

Guest Speaker - Dr. Patricia Peters

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne, MN

RSVP by October 6th to Carol Weber - 507-283-2997 or dcweber@iw.net

Gifts From The Heart...Little Lambs Preschool

ZION LWML MINUTES

September 3, 2025

President Bronwyn Wenzel called our meeting to order. She then led us in devotions from the Lutheran Hour. We met at the Rock County Community Library as the re-modeling of the church was still going on. There were seven ladies present. We said the LWML pledge.

The Secretary's report from May 8th was read and approved with vote. Joyce Hansen gave us the Treasurer's report. Currently we have \$471.42 in checking and \$1,892.58 in savings. The report was approved.

Six large quilts and four lap robes were delivered to the Furniture Mission in Sioux Falls. Linda Wenzel and Bronwyn Wenzel offered to take quilts to the New Life Treatment Center in Woodstock. Dolly Remme also has a sack of lap quilts to go to the Mary Jane Brown Home.

Bronwyn Wenzel, Linda Wenzel and Mary Lynn Borchardt told us about their trip to Omaha for the National LWML Convention and the wonderful people they met.

There was no old business.

We talked about the plans for the soup supper which will be October 5th. We will be serving bean and ham, chicken noodle, cheesy broccoli, and cheeseburger soups.

October 12th we will have an appreciation day for Pastor Borchardt. He will have been at Zion a year on September 21st. We will offer to furnish cake for the dinner after the worship service.

October 11th will be the Zone Fall Rally at St. John's, Luverne. The speaker will be Dr. Patricia Peters.

Our next meeting will be Thursday October 9th at 6:30 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolly Remme, Secretary

6) ; Floral Cooler ; Changing Tables (2); Commercial Refrigerator; Commercial Range; Shade for the meeting room

Board of Family Missionary – report given by Anna Haas:

Zion had a float in the Jasper parade on July 19. Thanks to Tony Roos for pulling the float, Rachel Borchardt for singing with her guitar. There were 19 people on the float or walking the street. Bracelets and cards were given out explaining worship times.

Had a meeting on July 9 to discuss curriculum and staffing needs for 2026.

Set Rally Day at Trinity Jasper on Sunday, September 7.

Theme for 2026: Rooted and Resilient:

A catered meal will follow the service by the Gathering Table in Jasper. They are getting Anna some prices and ideas on what to serve.

Wednesday night classes – looking at possibly once a month Bible Study or Youth Study. Will be meeting on Monday to discuss this.

Discussed staffing needs for Sunday School.

Looks to be about 31 in Sunday School this year.

Christmas Program is set for Sunday, December 21 during Worship Service.

Amie Reker is willing to do a Bible Study once a month with the kids.

There is going to be a fellowship /Sign-up sheet for a light snack prior to Sunday School. If you are interested in providing a light snack please sign up or talk to Anna Haas. The light snack will be available from 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Board of Evangelism Report – Report by Robert Remme in Ashley Carlson’s absence:

Board of Evangelism teamed up with the board of family ministry to have a float in the Jasper parade on July 19th.

We created postcards and attached bracelets that were handed out to invite the area people to church/Sunday school starting on Sunday September 7th. Rally Sunday.

We are still looking at doing something in the month of August just working on details!

Old Business

Lorna Bryan gave Anna Haas the photos of the church construction to make a book for Dave Gerhke Trust.

New Business

Marylynn Borchardt has volunteered to play the piano for Sunday School.

Anna Haas did mention that Leona Hoek would be willing to play for Sunday School but not all the time. She also mentioned that she would be willing to fill in as organist (when we are back at Zion) when Jason needs a break.

Talked about Sign-up sheets for mentoring – open this up to anyone from Zion and Jasper.

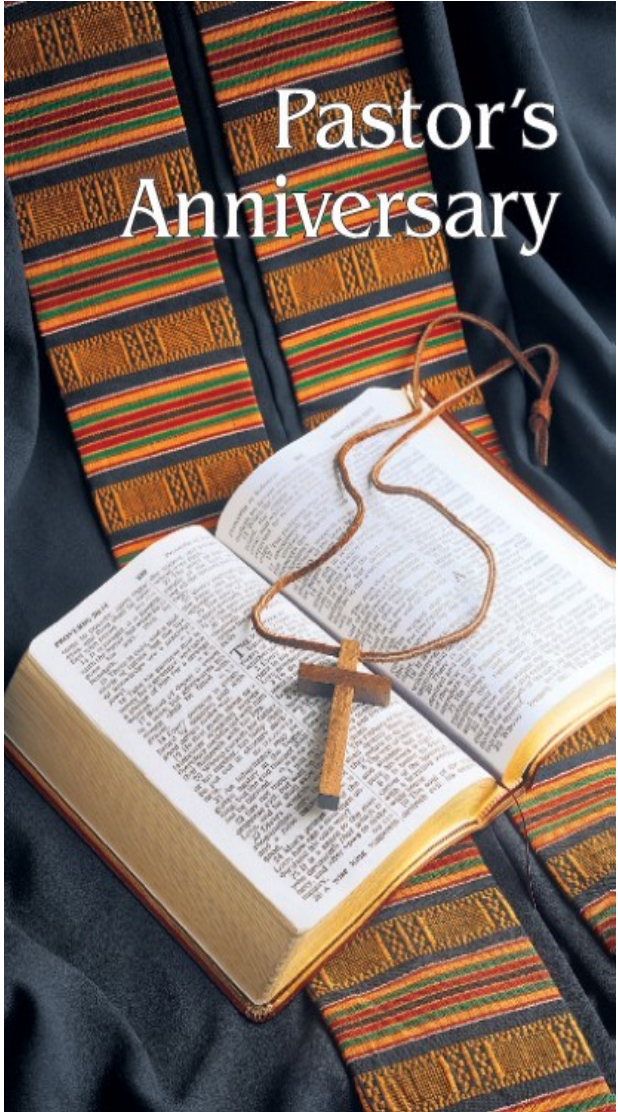
With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alon Hemme and seconded by Anna Haas to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on: Tuesday, September 2 @ Zion Elders at 6:15 p.m. and Council at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert Remme

Congregational Secretary



**PASTOR’S FIRST PASTORAL
ANNIVERSARY HERE AT ZION.
SEPTEMBER 21st.**

Happy 1st Pastoral Anniversary Pastor Ed! Your love for God and the congregation is truly an inspiration. You lead with a servant's heart and a genuine love for all. Thank you for creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and loved.

In Mark 10:45, Jesus reminds us that **"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."**

Pastor Ed, your selfless service is a beautiful reflection of Christ's love. Thank you for all that you do. We are eternally grateful to God that He has placed us under your pastoral care.

Wishing you a blessed pastor 1st anniversary!

We celebrate not just our Pastor, but also his wonderful wife. Your guidance is a blessing to us all. Happy anniversary also to you!

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

MENTORING. Mentoring sign-up sheet is available in the front entry! We are in need of 22 volunteers! See Ashley Carlson for more details.

LWML MEETING will be held at 6:30 p.m.at the Rock County Community Library on Thursday, October 9th

LWML SUNDAY on October 5th. Cookies will be served after the Worship Service.

ELDERS AND COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, October 7 Elders at 6:15 p.m. and Council will meet at 7:30 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS:



If you wish to donate flowers: Sign your name on the flower chart in the narthex indicating the date you would like the flowers placed on the altar and how you would like it listed in the bulletin (to beautify the church, birthday, anniversary, in memory of, etc). **Cost of Flowers ~ \$35.00.** Place your money in an envelope marked **“Zion Altar Flowers”** and place it in the offering plate. Flowers will be ordered for you and placed on the altar. *Thank you.*

UPDATED PHOTOS OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT



Steps going up to the narthex



Steps going down to the basement

The Elders started to review the compensation package for Pastor for next year.

Sunday, August 24; after worship, Trinity-Jasper is having another brunch after church.

Lloyd Hemme asked all committees to have their budget for 2026 submitted to him for the budget meeting.

Board of Trustees Report – Report by Alon Hemme

Have a contract for LP from Modern Gas (Popkes) for next year. Price is \$1.259 for 4500 gallons. Alon Hemme needs to contact them as they are asking for the payment in advance this year which would be about \$5,665.00.

The trustees will be meeting with ladies of the congregation to review the kitchen layout on Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m.

There was general discussion on the Cleveringa Construction billing and other matters:

Alon Hemme has asked Derek Sandbulte(Cleveringa Construction) and requested more itemized statements, especially with hours and materials.

The second installment of \$125,000 is not broken down. They are talking to the contractor to make sure it is broken down. Alon Hemme has reached out to Huck at Tinklenberg Lumber to get a list of materials at the end of the project that were itemized and purchased there.

Alon Hemme also informed us that Derek never gave our Tax Id Exempt number to Tinklenberg Lumber and possibly other businesses. We were charged Sales Tax on the items. Huck said they will clarify this at the end of the year and make right with us. Not sure how many other businesses and items we were charged on. Alon is looking into this.

Alon Hemme asked for 4 tax exempt forms from Don Bryan to give to our construction crew.

Alon Hemme asked and was given approval to take 6 of the pews from the sanctuary to shorten.

The corner stone is finished – need to determine what to put in it.

Hoist way on hold - Waiting for block layers to finish.

Project appears to be about 3 weeks behind schedule – October 1 deadline is tentative.

Discussion on the sanctuary seating.

148 pew capacity

5 handicap spots for wheel chair, walker

Room for 30 chairs on the outside isle. In the back there is now room for 7 to 8 chairs Max capacity in narthex is 170

Meeting room in narthex will have monitor for overflow crowd and have extra seating up to a max capacity for the church of 250.

Alon Hemme said he increased the spacing of the pews in the sanctuary. It will be 36 inches now compared to 34 inches.

Discussion held on parking lot – will discuss more next month.

Garage update: Tony Roos will pour concrete last week of August first week of September.

Siding of church May not be completed or done until next year

Alon Hemme made a possible memorial list of items for the church if you would like to give towards the project. These are items we could use but not included in the overall project expenses.

MEMORIAL LIST:

Officiate Chair ; Bench for under window in narthex ; Wood Choir Chairs: 4 – 6; Pew seat pads (26 – 9') and (6 – **ry**

Church/Parsonage

Electric – Church	\$ 102.00
Electric – Parsonage	\$ 148.00
Telephone – Church	\$ 20.77
Wireless Internet	\$ 49.95
Misc. (non budgeted items)	\$ 2,428.68
Voter Approved Projects:	\$125,830.00

Total Restricted Savings 07/31/25)

\$ 255,830.78

Designated Memorials	\$ 16,727.98
Handicap Accessibility (Former Prop. Improv.)	\$ 150,017.95
Maintenance Fund (Property)	\$ 30,011.17
Missions Fund	\$ 150.00
Medical Fund	\$ 861.04

Current Fund (Checking)

\$ 53,990.55

Interest

\$ 4,072.09

Jessen Endowment Savings Account	\$ 2,334.17
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Jessen Endowment Trust	\$ 95,538.71
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Property Improvement – LCEF	\$ 143,062.11
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June 30 Checkbook balance

\$ 13,731.98

Lorna Bryan gave a copy of the financial for the month end. Some of the highlights: Don Bryan fixed the budget columns on worksheet for Medical Expense Reimbursement and Workers Benefit plan. \$500 was the bill for getting the safety box open Handicap Fund: \$67,000 of the 126,658.22 is from Trust. Still waiting on the money from last year from Trust. **A motion was made by Lloyd Hemme and seconded Anna Haas to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.**

Board of Elder's Report reported by Lloyd Hemme:

Set the Fall Schedule (At Trinity-Jasper until construction finished)

Rally Day: Sunday, September 7

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Study
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Mentoring Program
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

On Rally Sunday, there will be a meal following the service.

October 26 is Reformation Sunday and tentatively Confirmation Sunday for 5 confirmands. This may be delayed until we are back at Zion.

Kyle Hemme made a motion to approve a gift by the Council of \$300. Alon Hemme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

October 5 is LWML Sunday with Cookies served after worship.



Elevator wall



Did you hear what I heard? From Pastor Ed

Zion is blessed with a wonderful staff extension! What do I mean? Our Board of Family Ministry (Board of Education and Board of Youth) is where it all begins. These folks have been working hard, not as hard as Ashley- Sunday School Superintendent- in helping set up Sunday school and Bible class. Second, it is the members-YOU- that is asking questions, making statements which reflect "ownership." Did you know that every single teacher for this coming year attended the Sunday school meeting? That is awesome! As Pastor I couldn't be more proud to serve such a servant heart church.

Third, I will attempt to answer some statements:

1. Adult Bible class will be held in the church basement. Refreshments will be served to enhance fellowship and let's face it, attendance. There is also a bathroom available in the basement.
2. Sunday school is running class time approximately 45 minutes instead of an hour. (9.15-10:00) The reason being is additional travel time, allowing parents to stay and attend Bible class. (Parents with children not in Sunday school are welcome to join me in Bible class.) The number one reason is that the specific lesson will run for two weeks which provides an additional "digging deep" into the Bible account. Note: It was exciting to hear the teachers wanting deeper study into God's Word and not simply "entertaining time."
3. High school age: Several ideas are being discussed. It's great to hear the desire to be in Bible study and at the same time help with Sunday school.
4. What about Wednesday nights? The plan is to resume when Zion's campus is available for use. In the meantime the Board of Family Ministry is looking into activities away from church. Example: Corn Maze.
5. Catechism: An orientation for the incoming class will be in October. The requirement of having memory work completed before attending has been adjusted to working on memory work in class. Parents and mentors may still work on memory work if so desired. In Sunday school class an emphasis will be encouraged to memorize the Books of the Bible.

Keep your questions and ideas coming! I love that there is an environment of safety to participate, share ideas, and that we are intentional in what we do in passing on the blessing to the present, and future generations.

In His Service

Pastor Ed

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes August 5, 2025

Attendance: George Lass, Robert Remme, Lorna Bryan, Patti Pierson, Anna Haas, Alon Hemme, Lloyd Hemme, and Kyle Hemme.. **Voting Elders:** Lloyd Hemme & Kyle Hemme

The Church Council Meeting for August 5, 2025 was called to order by Chairman George Lass at 7:40 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper, MN. Chairman George Lass opened with a word of prayer in Pastor Borchardt's absence.

Secretary's Report – reported by Robert Remme

The minutes for the July 1, 2025 Council Meeting were reviewed by the Church Council. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. **A motion was made by Kyle Hemme to approve the July 1, 2025 Council minutes as printed. Alon Hemme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Pastor's Report –

Due to Pastor being on vacation, there was no report. It was noted that Pastor is Gone Sunday August 10 and 17. Rev. Evan Schiller will be filling in.

Month End Report for July 31, 2025

Treasurer's Report – reported by Lorna Bryan in Don's absence:

Total Receipts for the month:	\$131,356.78
Current Fund:	\$ 4,696.78
Sunday School:	\$ -----
Coins for Christ:	\$ -----
Restricted Fund:	\$ -----
General Fund Interest:	\$ 1.78
Misc. Transfers and Deposits	\$ 126,658.22
 Total Expenses for the month:	 \$144,131.81
Pastor's Salary:	\$ 4,466.50
Pastor's Mileage:	\$ 290.00
Ongoing Education	\$ 133.59
Worker's Benefit Plans	\$ 2,301.98
Medical Expense Reimbursement	\$ 632.99
Office Staff Salary:	\$ 382.33
FICA:	\$ 3,958.38
Church/Office Supplies/Altar Flowers	\$ 376.94
Copier Supplies/Maintenance	\$ 425.06
Evangelism	\$ 100.00
Church Insurance Packages Maint.	\$ 2,485.63

September 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY SAM & JOYCE HANSEN'S ANNIVERSARY	2 6:15 P.M. ELDERS MEETING 7:30 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING	3 6:30 P.M. LWML MEETING ROCK COUNTY COMMUNITY LIBRARY	4 3:30 P.M. WORSHIP ON CABLE TV	5 3:30 P.M. WORSHIP ON CABLE TV	6
7 RALLY SUNDAY 9:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M. ADULT BIBLE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP/ COMMUNION TRINITY JOHN CRONBERG'S BIRTHDAY LAURIE GANGESTAD'S BIRTHDAY MASON WENZEL'S	8 1:00 P.M. QUILTING HARDWICK COMMUNITY HALL	9 JESSE ANING'S BIRTHDAY	10 RITE OF CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:15 P.M.	11 3:30 P.M. WORSHIP ON CABLE TV	12 MARYLYNN BORCHARDT'S BIRTHDAY 3:30 P.M. WORSHIP ON CABLE TV	13 ZONE BOARD MEETING AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MARSHALL. AT 9:15 PM PASTOR GIVING THE OPENING AND CLOSING DEVOTION
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