



TWO CHURCHES ONE MISSION

2022



For unto us
a Child
is born...

the Lord be with you

Zion and Trinity,

My children have always loved trains, from the mighty moving engines to the varied freight cars being towed along – flat cars, auto carries, tank cars, box cars, hopper cars, gondolas, and more! They have watched them pass, mesmerized by the surprising variety and the thought of a mile of metal in motion. It's truly remarkable.

I have often imagined our congregations as a train composed of many and diverse cars. As the pastor of Zion and partner in ministry with Pastor Johnson and Deaconess Tiffany, we have the privilege of seeing many of the cars pass – certainly not all! – but probably more than most people see. And it is impressive! The ministry is varied and diverse, lively and vibrant. And it is and remains a privilege and a joy to do ministry in Jesus' name with you! Further, I find great joy in sharing our partnership story with people far and wide.

It is our hope that the pages of this yearbook will give you a panoramic view of the extraordinary train that is Zion and Trinity and allow you better to appreciate the mission and ministry that you are making possible through your participation, your prayers, and your generosity. Thank you, Zion and Trinity!

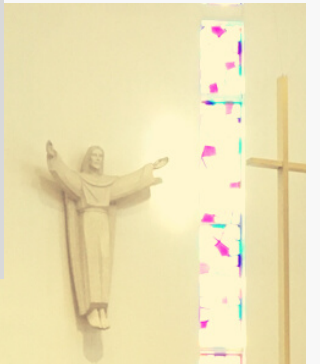
Pastor Jonathan Conner



Zion & Trinity strive to teach and to proclaim Christ. We believe that our lives can only be whole when we worship Him alone. That's why the Divine Service on Saturdays (Trinity-Manilla) and Sundays (Zion-Manning) is so pivotal to our lives. Christ meets us in Holy Baptism and Holy Communion in the Divine Service. We hear God! We're even served by God!



"Zion preaches the 'True Word' of God."
 — Dorothy Knudson



DIVINE WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Passing down the faith to our children is a significant and important task. As parents and church leaders at Zion & Trinity, we take this mission very seriously. The lessons and truth we share in Sunday School can last all the way to our children's death beds. Maybe that's morbid, but think about it. What other skill or lesson can you share with your child has the ability to encourage or equip your child to walk through life and death with confidence like Jesus can? The same Man who came back to life after He died.



Zion matters to me because: Life has so many uncertainties. The message that we hear consistently from Zion is always that Jesus loves me. Whether our issue is health, wealth, or loneliness, the gospel message reminds me that I am whole in Jesus and I am accepted because God does not see my sinful self, but rather sees what Christ has done for me.

+Warren Puck+



WELCOME
ABOARD

New Families & Members

Ben, Ashley, Briar, Brogan Lorenzen (Z); Jim Karsten (Z); Brett, Kasie, Jack, Ella, Will Sanford (Z); John, Sarah, Karsyn, Layton, Paisley Lorenzen (Z); Steve & Nancy Kremin (T), Beth Mundt (Z); Mike Hull (Z); Dean Hoffmann (Z); Kenny & Stephanie Steckelberg and Carson, Chloe, and Hallie (T); Mike Segebart (T); Lindsey, Neil, Zoey, Zadey, Zenley Schumann (T); Genevieve Baker (Z)

8th Grade Confirmation

Emily Albertsen (Z), Aubrey Alexander (Z), Taylor Beckendorf (Z), Claire Behrens (Z), Josiah Conner (Z), Lauren Greving (Z), Kaleal Hass (Z), Adalyn Stribe (Z), Logan Vonnahme (Z), Carson Wuebke (T), Jackson Wuebke (T), Jakub Workman (T)





MILES WEITL
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JESSE & KATIE



OWEN GRABILL
1.31.21
ISAAC & COURTNEY



JENTRY WIIG
1.31.21
JARRED & BRANDI

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST



CAMDEN MUSFELDT
3.20.21
CHASSITY & JOEL



MILA IRLBECK
3.20.21
CHASSITY & JONATHAN



CHASE GASKILL
2.7.21
COREY & JENNIFER



CHLOE, CARSON, HALLIE STECKELBERG
6.13.21
KENNY & STEPHANIE





KYLER POTTHOFF
8.7.21
LUKE & TAYLOR

BECKETT LORENZEN
8.15.21
BEN & ASHLEY



HENRY KIENAST
8.21.21
JASON & AMBER



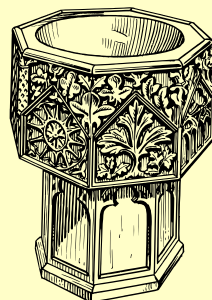
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HOPPENS
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THEA OLSON
10.30.21

NELS & STEPHANY OLSON



BEAU
11.6.21
BLAKE &
JASMINE



PASSING DOWN THE FAITH AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



- 153 STUDENTS
- 38 VISITING STUDENTS
- 41 STUDENTS FROM COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONS
- 50+ VOLUNTEERS

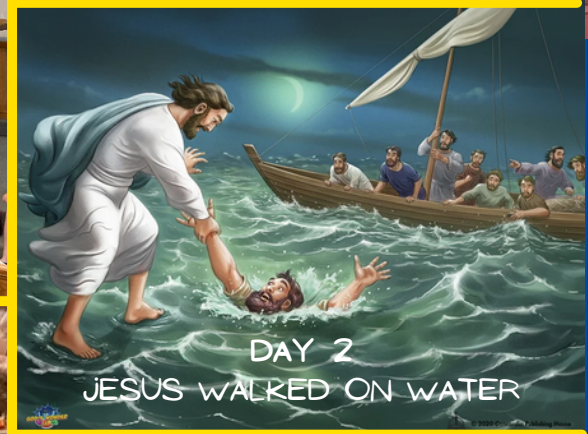
God's Wonder Lab
JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE

Zion's VBS





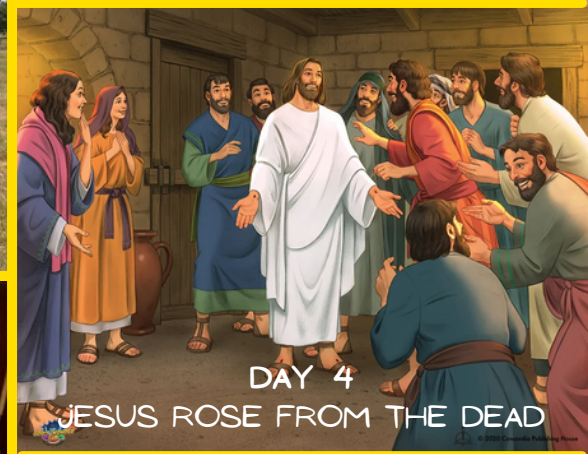
DAY 1
JESUS TURNED WATER INTO WINE



DAY 2
JESUS WALKED ON WATER



DAY 3
JESUS HEALED MANY



DAY 4
JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD



DAY 5
JESUS TRANSFORMED PAUL



TRINITY MATTERS TO ME BECAUSE...

When Pastor Johnson asked me to answer this question, I can easily say it is a wonderful place to worship.

The church building is beautiful outside and inside. Most important, it is God's House. Inside this building, we glorify God with praise and thanksgiving. We hear the Word of God and the Good News of Jesus proclaimed at every church service. That matters to me. Our faith is strengthened by what we hear. "So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ" Romans 10:17.

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**Our faith is
strengthened by
what we hear**



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To worship at Trinity gives me much joy and peace. That matters. Pastor Johnson has an awesome Bible study. That matters to me.



Fellowship is an important part of Trinity. Members of Trinity enjoy gathering together and working together. That matters to me. "The fellowship of believers is a joyous thing."

It is also great that we can fellowship with the members of Zion and work together. I'm grateful we can partner with Zion and the doors of Trinity can remain open. That matters to me.

Trinity is blessed to have Pastor Johnson and Deaconess Tiffany. He keeps things going at Trinity. He is a very hard worker and she is too. Pastor Johnson is out and about in the community, making himself and Trinity known. Shaking the bushes, so to speak, to find people who want to hear about Jesus. That matters to me.

We have had numerous baptisms this year. That matters to me. Lives matter!

Sunday school attendance has increased and VBS is important. That matters to me.

We became members of Trinity in 1973 when we transferred from Zion, Arcadia. The kind and friendly people of Trinity welcomed us with open arms.

I cannot fail to mention the kindness and compassion the members of Trinity extended when Tom became ill and at the time of his death. The members of Trinity again offered their support and compassion when my granddaughter-in-law, Kylie, passed away. Pastors Johnson and Riggert were right there to comfort me and pray with me.

I'm very thankful I was raised by Christian parents whose strong Christian values were instilled in me. Sunday school and church attendance were important then and still are important.

All these things
I have written
matter to me
because I care
about my
salvation and
the salvation of
other others.



PRAISE BE TO GOD FOREVER,
LEEANN MUSFELDT



Zion, Trinity, the Manning Catholic parish along with other community partners hosted special teen & parent equipping nights focused on the topics of identity in Christ, phone safety, & normalizing the awkwardness of teen growth

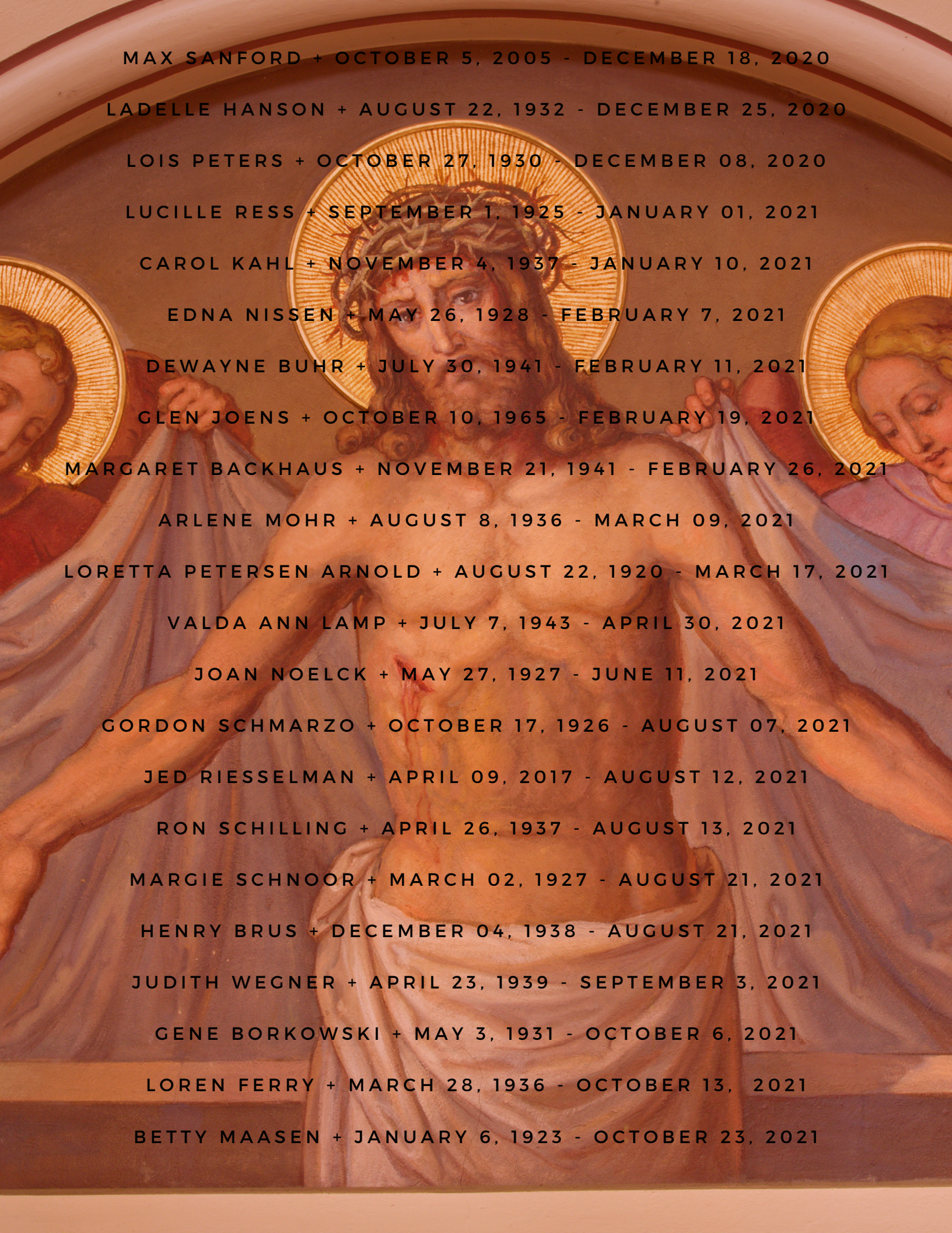




REVELATION 5:12

**“WORTHY IS THE
LAMB WHO WAS
SLAIN, TO RECEIVE
POWER AND
WEALTH AND
WISDOM AND
MIGHT AND HONOR
AND GLORY AND
BLESSING!”**

St. John, Apostle
of Jesus



MAX SANFORD + OCTOBER 5, 2005 - DECEMBER 18, 2020

LADELLE HANSON + AUGUST 22, 1932 - DECEMBER 25, 2020

LOIS PETERS + OCTOBER 27, 1930 - DECEMBER 08, 2020

LUCILLE RESS + SEPTEMBER 1, 1925 - JANUARY 01, 2021

CAROL KAHL + NOVEMBER 4, 1937 - JANUARY 10, 2021

EDNA NISSEN + MAY 26, 1928 - FEBRUARY 7, 2021

DEWAYNE BUHR + JULY 30, 1941 - FEBRUARY 11, 2021

GLEN JOENS + OCTOBER 10, 1965 - FEBRUARY 19, 2021

MARGARET BACKHAUS + NOVEMBER 21, 1941 - FEBRUARY 26, 2021

ARLENE MOHR + AUGUST 8, 1936 - MARCH 09, 2021

LORETTA PETERSEN ARNOLD + AUGUST 22, 1920 - MARCH 17, 2021

VALDA ANN LAMP + JULY 7, 1943 - APRIL 30, 2021

JOAN NOELCK + MAY 27, 1927 - JUNE 11, 2021

GORDON SCHMARZO + OCTOBER 17, 1926 - AUGUST 07, 2021

JED RIESSELMAN + APRIL 09, 2017 - AUGUST 12, 2021

RON SCHILLING + APRIL 26, 1937 - AUGUST 13, 2021

MARGIE SCHNOOR + MARCH 02, 1927 - AUGUST 21, 2021

HENRY BRUS + DECEMBER 04, 1938 - AUGUST 21, 2021

JUDITH WEGNER + APRIL 23, 1939 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

GENE BORKOWSKI + MAY 3, 1931 - OCTOBER 6, 2021

LOREN FERRY + MARCH 28, 1936 - OCTOBER 13, 2021

BETTY MAASEN + JANUARY 6, 1923 - OCTOBER 23, 2021



during Holy Week



in worship



in Manning



in high school



on a Sunday

“ SERVICE GROUPS AT OUR CONGREGATIONS

- ZION FRIENDSHIP CLUB
- L.E.R.T. (LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM)
- PRISCILLA GUILD
- ZION LWML
- ZION DEACONS
- C-3 & THE MANNING FOOD PANTRY
- TRINITY WEAVERS
- ZION ALTAR GUILD
- ZION & TRINITY TECH TEAMS
- TRINITY & ZION ELDERS
- CHURCH COUNCILS & TRUSTEES

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for our college kids



in the basement



in winter



after a tornado



in Lake City



for families around the world



for our teachers



during VBS



in the cafeteria



with smiles



with rice



with kids



in the Fall

invest in Zion's family of faith



You make ministry happen at Zion. We are appreciative for your radical generosity! You have funded basic ministry needs. You've also supported missions like LFS, Trinity-Manilla, Camp Okoboji, our missionaries, VBS, and much more. We thank you!

ZION LEGACY GIVING

As we envision the future here in Manning, we'd ask you to partner with us by imagining ministry 50 years down the road. We're asking you to consider being a forever-giver - that is, someone who propels the ministry forward even though you may have been called to be with Jesus.



You can become a forever-giver by giving to:

- Zion's Special Projects Endowment**
- Zion's Legacy Endowment**
- Zion's Preschool Endowment**

These accounts regenerate interest every year, while the principal remains untouched. So your dollars keep on working, even when you're away.

As you consider investing in Zion's future, think about your kids, your grandkids, the great grandchildren you will never meet. Your forever-gift is a lasting investment which will equip your family in the one true faith

Contact Drew Puck or an Endowment Member for more info.



Zion is for all ages



Lutheran Family Service

For Nothing is Impossible with God

Mental Health & Marriage Counseling

Unplanned Pregnancy Support

Adoption Services - Domestic Infant, Down Syndrome, Embryo & International

Youth & Community Outreach

Congregational & Church Worker Services

Elderly Outreach & Caregiver Support

Life Advocacy - Beginning & End of Life



Lutheran Family Service is a not-for-profit Christian ministry and Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod providing services and local mission outreach to thousands in need each year.





Zion & Trinity invest a great deal of time, energy, and presence into our youth. We believe it is our sacred calling to pass down the faith to our kids. This happens in Jr. Confirmation, the Iowa District West Jr. Youth Gathering, Family Discipling events, Sunday School, and Divine Worship.

*"I AM REMINDED OF YOUR SINCERE FAITH, A FAITH THAT DWELT FIRST IN YOUR GRANDMOTHER LOIS AND YOUR MOTHER EUNICE AND NOW, I AM SURE, DWELLS IN YOU AS WELL....BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO DWELLS WITHIN US, GUARD THE GOOD DEPOSIT ENTRUSTED TO YOU."
2 TIMOTHY 1:5, 14*





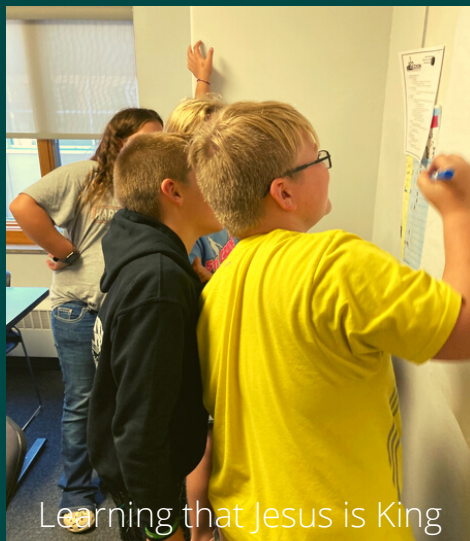
Fun night at Trinity



Questioning the Confirmands



Picture night for confirmands



Learning that Jesus is King



Song Time



FROM WOMB TO TOMB

What's It Mean to Be a Member at Trinity & Zion?

We hope to see progression from our kids as they move through school. They learn the alphabet then algebra then ag science. It would be disheartening to see no sort of progression after years of schooling.

Same goes for membership and participation in your local congregation. We hope to see progression: an increase in knowledge, acts of faith, as well as participation in leadership and service. Here's a map of what we'd hope to see in terms of progression along with opportunities we provide at our congregations for your individual and family growth.



In worship, hearing God's promises even while **in the womb** (baby John the Baptist leapt in his mom's womb in the presence of the unborn Jesus)



Birth

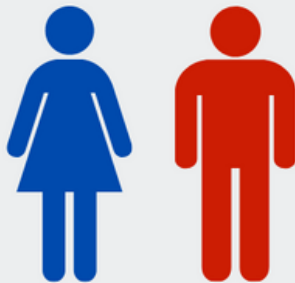
Experience the Sacrament of Holy Baptism



PK-4th Grade

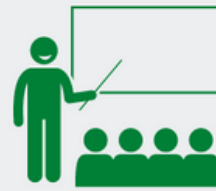
Gain a basic understanding of all the Bible stories from CPH's *The Story Bible*

Accomplished by Weekly Worship, VBS, Sunday School, Parenting Seminars on how to pass down the Faith, Family Devotions, Bible Gifting



Adulting (Freshman-30yr old)

Serves on 1 board, attend a weekly study (e.g. Sunday School/YG), complete Financial Peace University



5-8th Grade Jr. Confirmation

Comprehend Old & New Testaments & Basic Christian Doctrine from Luther's Small Catechism & Basic Apologetics

Potential Milestones: College/Post High School Education, Marriage, Children, Home-ownership, Career



GOD'S NEW CITY & CIVILIZATION MOVES DOWN TO US (NEW HEAVENS, NEW EARTH)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

Revelation 21:1-3

WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS

Tomb

A time during which your soul is secure with Christ while your body "sleeps." Jesus promises to those connected to Him in places like baptism that they will rise from the dead just like He rose on Easter. He will resurrect you.



Potential Milestones:

Disease, Adjusting to Special Care Facility, Firmer Relationship to God, Renewed Sense of Purpose, Significant Spiritual Warfare, Caregiving

Age of Passing Down (60-100+)

Mentoring young/new Christians, weekly worship, complete Grief Share, establish legacy giving, share Christian hopes/desires for family

Maturing (31-59)

Serves on 1 board, dedicate 'X' amount of hours to the community, read the *Bible* from cover-to-cover, read *Luther's Large Catechism*, complete Built on the Rock course, participates in weekly worship



Potential Milestones:

Empty-nester, Caring for Parents, Disease & Loss, Planning for Retirement, Sense of Purpose, Becoming Grandparent



TRIZION YG

It's said that it takes 5 meaningful adult relationships to help 1 kid remain faithful in Church. We are doing our best to improve that ratio at our congregations. Weekly opportunities are provided for high schoolers to learn and follow Christ on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings on top of other service opportunities throughout the year.

As of 2020, we also increased our focus on college kids as well - sending care packages monthly to TriZion students. We also visit Ames to take college students out to dinner.



OUR MISSION

is to ensure you have the financial resources and related solutions available to fulfill your call for God's glory **now and in the future.**

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Rev. Craig Michaelson

Faith Community Lutheran Church
Las Vegas, Nev.

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Art Joens and his family celebrated his 96th birthday at Trinity in May.

IKM-Manning's High School choir & band visited both Manning & Manilla's nursing homes - which included Zion & Trinity kids. Students cheered up residents quarantined to their rooms with Christmas music.



High School Grads from Zion & Trinity (2020-2021): Drew Doyel (Z), Sierra Ferry (T), Kamaya Jacobsen (Z), Caitlin Lahr (T), Chloe Otto (Z), Haven Reese (Z), Jordan Weller (Z).



Trinity celebrated past weddings at our "I Do" event on May 1. Ladies brought in bridal dresses, pictures, bills, shoes, and newspaper articles from family weddings. It was a good reminder of how God does significant things by bringing two people together to be faithful to one another.

"it seemed good to me...to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus"



Preaching Luke

The quotation above comes from the Gospel of Luke; a dynamic biography which details the life of Jesus. At Trinity, we will dig deeper into this account in order to gain real eyewitness truth concerning Jesus. I like to say that it's more irrational to deny Christ than it is to take Him seriously -- Luke's biography will reveal why that's the case. In any case, I think we live in a world where everyone asserts that they possess the truth, but we're all left with whiplash wondering if what they possess truly is *THE* truth. Luke will help us sort that all out.

Bible Study Opportunities

Research indicates that healthy congregations must have a strong base (20%) of the members digging into the Bible; in other words, we need to know our Bibles. If we don't, we'll be ill equipped to deal with internal conflict when it arrives (and it will show up). As we move into a new year, I'd encourage you to reengage in Bible study. We have Bible study on Saturdays before worship. We will also meet at the Manilla Library starting Wednesday, January 12 @ 9:30am.

Partnership

We're continually thankful for our ongoing partnership with Zion-Manning as we continue to share resources. If you're not aware, Zion provides X-amount of ministry dollars to offset Trinity's budget. Trinity provides an alternative worship time and professional ministerial staff (i.e. confirmation teachers, youth group support, VBS administration, college student care, etc.). If you can't make Saturday worship at Trinity, you're encouraged to join Zion-Manning at 9am on Sunday morning.

Pastor Johnson

2021 Sermon Focus
The Psalms

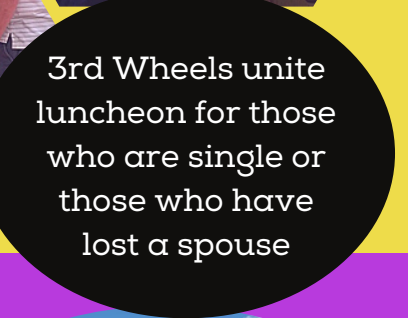
2022 Sermon Focus
Stable People: Luke's
Biography

Most moving ministry moments in 2021 at Trinity

- Christ engaging kids in Sunday School (year 2 that we've offered this to our community)
- Meals from Heartland Event (families working together)
- People returning to in-person worship after 2020
- People investing in Trinity's long term ministry

Funniest ministry moment at Trinity

- I asked the Sunday Schoolers if they knew what it meant that Martin Luther became a monk. Someone gasped, "He became a monkey?!"



Trinity continued its outdoor summer Saturday series

3rd Wheels unite luncheon for those who are single or those who have lost a spouse

KINDERFEST

After a yearlong hiatus due to COVID, Kinderfest returned! Zion's Cookie Walk gave out a lot of cookies!

The Manning Rec Center added new slides and a splash pad!



Pics courtesy of Jean Stadlander & Sierra Ferry

Grief Share

This year, 7 participants learned more about themselves and how they can respond to grief as they face personal loss.



"It was very helpful to visit with other people week by week that were going through the same thing as I was"

+Dennis Backhaust+

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How GRIEF SHARE is helping me travel through my grief: After the death of my loved one I was confused and in a fog in my everyday life. I did not know how to pray for this new normal or what to pray for. This program being offered at Trinity is helping me navigate through my grieving process by discovering my symptoms and how to start treating them. I now know I must travel through my grief and not around it if I want to find JOY again. By this method I will not become stuck in long term grief. I also learned that my loved one was not essential, only Jesus is, to my recovery. I am finding peace again through the Bible and Gods word. Without Grief Share I would not be healing in a positive way but instead be wondering in a confused fog of long term grief. This program is for anyone who is still suffering grief symptoms and looking for a way back to everyday JOY.

+Cheral Buhr+

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"[I learned] not to blame yourself and beat yourself up for things you did or didn't do... Death is inevitable and [I learned] to find peace in the Lord."

+Bob Merriman+

"Because we were all on even ground [having lost someone] we were all facing the same problems, and we could support each other."

+Ron Frahn+

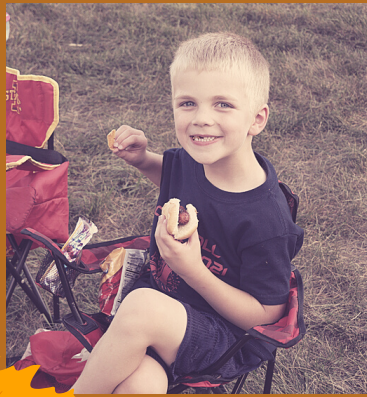
"I had no idea what it was to lose someone who I shared most of my life with (50 years). It was like a part of me passed away with my spouse - it helped to know I wasn't the only one who had these feelings."

+Sandi Gruhn+



ZION'S HAYRIDE

Zion's Board of Education works hard to encourage strong families. One of the ways they accomplish that is by hosting an annual family hayride through Manning. We had 80 in attendance.



Trinity Lutheran Matters to Me Because...

"Well, Trinity was involved in my life for so many years, and then the antithesis occurred...I became involved in Trinity's matters, up to and including the present.

I was baptized in this church; went to Sunday School at Trinity (got every attendance award possible); was confirmed here; taught Sunday School here; and I attended church off and on till 1988.



Our pastor at that time was Pastor Geitz. As I walked in one Sunday morning, he said, "Hi, Nyle. Good to see you! Oh, say, did you know you're on a list here?"

I replied, "What list?"

He said, "The dink list. People on the dink list show up maybe once a month for church."

That little back and forth hit me. The Holy Spirit took over and I've missed church seldom since.

Then I became involved in Trinity's matters. Have been an usher, elder, delivered a sermon manuscript when Pastor Noble was sick, and now I'm chairman.

It's a wonderful place to be a member. Our church building is first class. And you can tell the Lord has blessed us...blessed us richly! Pastor Johnson has been a blessing as well as the people I go to church with!"

+Nyle Gruhn+

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LEAVING

A Legacy for Future Generations



LOOK AT THESE FACES...THEY'RE COUNTING ON YOU

The next few generations of Christians will face a lot. Your pastors will face increased pressure to be unfaithful in passing down God's truth.

That's the bad news, but there is good news. You can equip future generations to change their communities through service and through the continued administration of God's Word and Sacraments. You can do that by helping Trinity build up its **Leaving a Legacy for Future Generations Endowment**. You can make gifts of property, equipment, money, stocks, crops, etc. God has given you the resources to help future Christians. The question is, will you listen to His call?

Trinity's Current Forever-Givers

- Arlo Clausen Memorial -
- Glenn Ehlers Memorial -
- Garry Gruhn -
- Priscilla Guild -
- Jeremy & Abby Workman-Ertz -
- Pastor Andrew & Deaconess Tiffany -
- Christensens -
- Virginia Mundt Memorial-
- Tom Musfeldt Memorial-
- Gene & Sue Mahnke-
- Dawn Lorenzen-
- Loretta Arnold Memorial-
- Greg & Barb Swanson-
- Margie Schnoor Memorial-
- Raymond & Helen Scholdt Memorial-



OUR LONG TERM GOAL FOR TRINITY'S ENDOWMENT

Phase 1 - basic ministry needs covered for perpetuity

(\$3,000,000 (principal) x 4% = \$120,000 that's regenerated annually)

Phase 2 - radical generosity (quarterly giving meetings)

(\$7,000,000 (principal) x 4% = \$280,000 that's regenerated annually)

*OK, let's pretend Trinity reached its \$10,000,000 endowment goal.
How would Trinity use the money it raises for radical generosity?*

Trinity could...

- Fund Trinity/Zion college students to attend Concordia Lutheran colleges (full ride)
- Support community missions (e.g. Crossroads, Zion-Denison/Zion-Manning Lutheran schools)
- Support special projects for IKM-M school district (e.g. playground equipment)
- Support local businesses and organizations (Little Hawks Daycare, Manilla FD, business development)
- Support community friends when life hits hard (e.g. cancer bill support, fire damage support, funeral bill support)
- Your idea here
- Financial Peace University teaching expansion (get our community out of debt)
- Manilla/Irwin/Manning Main street development
- Establish music training for young musicians
- Purchase and refurbish homes for aging community members
- Develop comprehensive wellness program for local farmers (financial wellness, health wellness, spiritual wellness, psychological wellness)
- Regional mission support (e.g. Lutheran Family Service)
- LERT expansion
- Emergency utility bill assistance (remember last winter?)



We want to extend a special thank you to Bridget Gore & Janice Nemitz for their years of above-and-beyond service in Zion's Preschool. You passed down the basics to our kids, but there's nothing basic about what you did for our kids!



Exert from August newsletter from new Director:

"Hi my name is Michele Acklin and I am honored to become a part of the long tradition Zion Lutheran Preschool has offered to hundreds of children....

I grew up on a farm in Coon Rapids.... I have three wonderful children of whom I am very proud: Sheri & Ben Danner of Templeton, Joe & Liz Stitz of Coon Rapids, and Amanda & Michael Crouse of Red Oak. I am beyond blessed to have six grandchildren, the joy of my life!

My childcare and preschool experience started in 1985 and has continued through the years: Group Child Development, Registered and Licensed Centers in Halbur, Carroll, Forest City, Goldfield, Belmont and Coon Rapids. You may heard of Taylor Made Academy or M Squared Academy - Where learning and fun go hand in hand was our motto.

Revisit the August church newsletter for the whole article...

LWML



December Priscilla Guild guest lunch



Wednesday meeting day



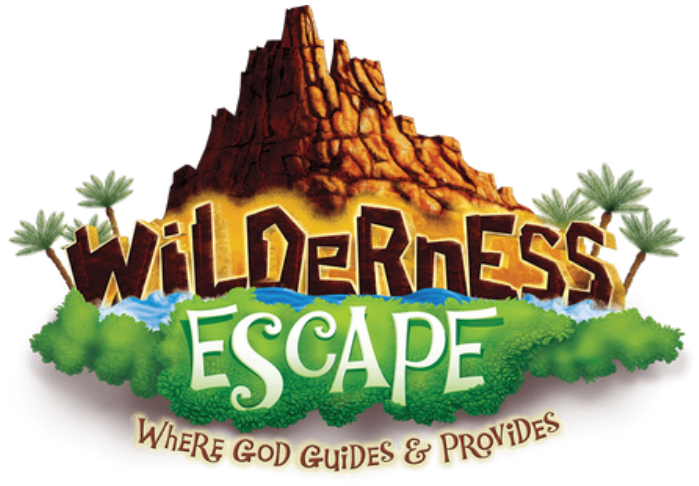
LWML Ladies serving at Zion's VBS

Zion & Trinity's LWML groups meet throughout the year to serve their congregations and the District. The national LWML organization raises millions for mission projects throughout the world. But the national effort hinges on the local chapters and their hard work. You won't find harder working groups than at Zion and Trinity.



The Priscilla Guild typically meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm

Zion LWML typically meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm



TRINITY'S VBS+S





Nearly 40 kids were registered for Trinity's VBS+5 (vacation Bible school + service). 70 adult volunteers helped pack 20,000 meals at our Meals from the Heartland servant event! We finished the week off with a family fun night on Friday.



kids

**NATALIE AT
TRINTY'S
CHRISTMAS
EVE
KIDS
PROGRAM**



**ZION ENCOURAGES & TEACHES
GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF
OTHERS AT AN EARLY AGE**



**ZION'S ANNUAL FAMILY GAME DAY
IS ALWAYS A BLAST. FAMILIES
MATTER AT OUR CHURCHES!**





tacos at Trinity



Questioning Night Celebration



Treats for Hospital Staff



Packing College Care Packets



Delivering meals to elderly Manning residents



VBS Crafts



Easter Morning Egg Hunt



Learning about the Crucifixion



Confirmation Snack Time

Adults

Zion matters to me because...

You can feel the warmth and serenity from God's word being taught in Its truth and purity. God has His Followers in this topsy-turvy world to tell of Jesus and His love and Zion shares this Firm Foundation.
-Darlene Asmus-

"WE STRIVE TO EQUIP THE SAINTS AT OUR CONGREGATIONS" - PASTOR JOHNSON

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



LENTEN DINNER @ TRINITY



ZION & TRINITY DON'T FORGET THEIR RESIDENT CARE MEMBERS



PREPPING EASTER BASKETS



LERT PLANTING TREES IN MANNING



STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES CONVERSATION



WHAT DID WE STUDY IN BIBLE CLASS
THIS LAST YEAR?

*King
David*

what

2 WORLD WARS TAUGHT THE
CHURCH

PSALMS

ECCLESIASTES

**THE
CHOSEN**

*Luther's
95 Theses*



ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ORIENTATION



EVENTS & MEETINGS

At Zion & Trinity, we meet for all kinds of stuff. Business, learning, serving, and sometimes just for fun. But we meet in order to experience and further the Kingdom of God among our families and in our communities.

"THE CHOSEN" VIEWING PARTY



BOOK CLUB



LERT TRAINING WITH ELLIE MENZ



FAMILY DISCIPLING NIGHT





MEMORIAL DAY MEAL & REMEMBRANCE



Zion's Memorial Day meal was back in swing this year. This meal benefits Zion's VBS program. Thank you to Pastor Riggert, Diane, and all the volunteers who made this event happen!

RAISED \$1750
33 VOLUNTEERS
200 IN ATTENDANCE
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OUR MISSIONARIES



Rev. Stephen and Maggie Oliver serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Asia region, based in Taiwan. As a theological educator, Stephen teaches the New Testament at China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan.



Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry serve on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) throughout Asia and are based in Chiayi, Taiwan. As the Asia Regional Director, Charles is responsible for LCMS work, personnel and relationships in 20 countries. He unites local church leaders and LCMS resources to strengthen partner churches through theological education, translation and mercy projects.

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke serves the Lord...in the Czech Republic. She develops and implements communication strategies to support the evangelism and outreach efforts of this church body. She presents timely information about the ECAVvČR and the LCMS mission work being done in the Czech Republic through print, video, web and social media. Cindy also teaches English in non-traditional settings and leads Bible studies for unchurched and new members.



**Zion's Missionary
Door Offerings
\$6,000+**

**Zion & Trinity
Ladies tied 80 quilts
quilts for Orphan
Grain Train**

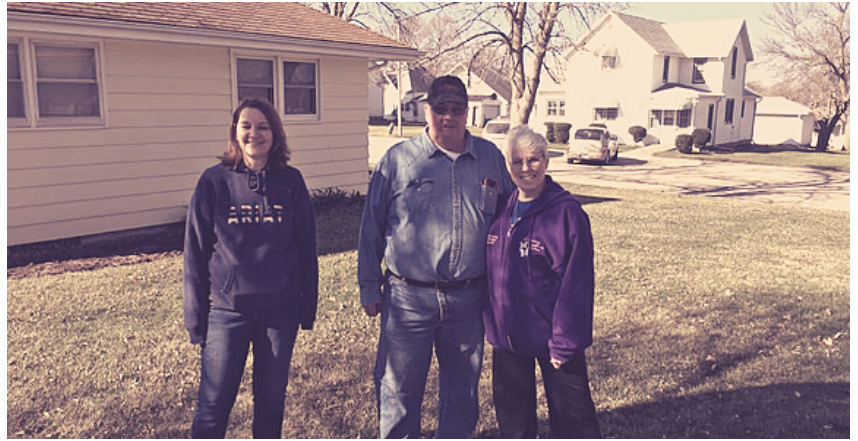


Installation of Amigo en Cristo's new pastor - Pastor Pedro Lopez - in June



HOW CAN I SERVE?

For a handful of historical reasons, congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are made up of members and called workers serving **TOGETHER**. It's not from-on-high orders coming down to congregations. Congregations call pastors; the people establish congregations -- which means everyone has a responsibility within the congregation to serve, or at least that's what our ancestors thought. And there are plenty of opportunities in which you can serve at both Zion & Trinity.



LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) →

Our TriZion LERT members prepare to respond for local, regional, and national emergencies. Plus, they serve in ways that better our communities.

VBS Support

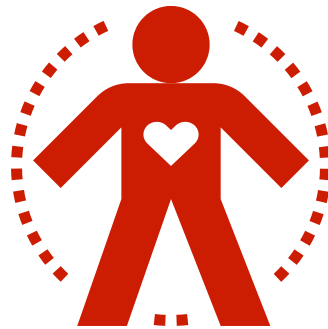
If you like crafts, singing, or handing out snacks - there's a place for you at Vacation Bible School!



counters



In order to be financially accountable, both Zion & Trinity have counters collect and count offerings following worship. This ensures that our offerings are managed well. Could you stick around and count?



Sunday School

Zion & Trinity are always looking for volunteers to support our vibrant Sunday School programs. You can teach, sub, be a helper, project slides.

Altar Guild

Trinity & Zion take care of their worship spaces. Serving on the altar guild is a way you can contribute to the worship service by taking care of linens and candles. You get to help make the congregation aware of church seasons by changing paraments.



← Ushers

Ushers care for Sanctuaries, welcome congregants & visitors, and help make the service flow well.



Newsletter Mailers

If you appreciate your monthly Zion/Trinity newsletter, then you need to appreciate these awesome volunteers who put them together! Consider joining them as they stuff newsletters once a month at Zion.

- Wyatt & Rob Bandow for snow removal + basement construction at Trinity
- Zion's Praise Team for practicing and leading the Congregation in Christ-focused worship - thanks Tom & Susie!
- Drew, Lori, and Jason Ferry & Nate Vetter installing flooring in Trinity's basement Sunday School room
- Friendship Club packing snacks for MRHC staff
- Zion's Choir & Brass players
- Trinity's generosity towards Matt & Maureen Johnson
- Zion's Sunday School leaders
- Sylvia Bandow - Trinity's own painting-machine :)
- Zion & Trinity organists like Carolyn, Susan, Timothy, & Carllys
- Dara Jorgensen's Thrivent teams which placed new baby changing stations in Trinity's bathrooms
- Zion's Board of Ed providing cake, ice cream, & gifts for Confirmands
- To those who participated in Trinity's "I Do" Wedding event
- Memorial Day Volunteers who helped prepare & serve the meal at Zion
- Rebecca C. for leading book club at Zion
- For supporting our congregations' missionaries
- Deb K. for providing meals for our youth to deliver to elderly Manning residents back in May
- Sue M.'s Thrivent Team which provided bunk beds for Trinity's emergency prep space along with Bob G. for donating a bed
- Zion's Altar Guild & Trinity's Weavers for maintaining the worship spaces
- New rose bushes from the Lueths at Trinity



- Zion Cookie Walk attendants at Kinderfest
- Zion's VBS volunteers
- 3rd Wheels serving one another with food and friendship
- Jen Morris, Pastor Conner, & Shelly Greving for organizing family events to equip teens
- Marty, Scott, Mike, and Jerry moving equipment for Trinity's outdoor services
- Wyatt, Sylvia, Miranda, and Tiffany for helping toss t-shirts in the Manilla 4th of July parade
- Grief Share participants
- Nikki Saunder's bacon donation for our teacher appreciation meal
- Bricy's Thrivent Team dedicated to Cancer Care
- Kiley Vetter's Fellowship Hall betterment team that purchased new high chairs
- Spies' Thrivent Teams dedicated to Trinity's VBS+S
- LERT team that went to Lake City for clean-up
- To Haleigh, Camden, Tyler, Shelby, Claire, Camden, Brennen, Karlee, Sam, Deaconess, Dan for helping with our special appreciation breakfast for IKM-M teachers & staff
- Ladies at Trinity & Zion who served at funerals

- Trinity's VBS+S volunteers
- Those who helped pack 20,000 meals at our Meals from the Heartland event in August
- Kienast's Thrivent Team funded Confirmation Family night
- Gruhn Thrivent Team funded Fall Family night at Zion
- Zion Sunday School teachers and support crew
- Everyone who volunteered and supported the Staleys dinner at Trinity
- Zion & Trinity custodians
- Confirmation parents bringing snacks for our weekly program
- Kyle A. & Trustees for installing security glass in Zion Sunday School doors
- Zion ushers sending out Grief books
- Bible study participants
- Cookers and volunteers at the Zion Preschool breakfast
- Janet, Kari, & Zion Preschool Board members as they identified new staff for the school
- Newsletter folders and mailers
- Thrivent Team allowed us to visit and treat college kids with dinner

- Sanfords for inspiring generosity in our communities in honor of Max
- Zion Safety team for developing policies to keep our families safe
- Our administrative assistants, Shannon & Mel
- Pam & Miranda for taking pictures at VBS
- Robbie V. for making and installing special signs for Trinity's basement
- Zion's LWML Human Care Committee for organizing & creating quilts for Orphan Grain Train
- Janet Brus for her insightful articles in our combined monthly newsletter
- Amy Hull as she provides Christian counseling through LFS at Zion-Manning
- Jeff & Jean for leading Financial Peace University at Zion
- All Thrivent Team organizers who helped provide monthly care packages to our college students
- Bobby, Wendy, Ben, & Robin for serving as chaperones to District Middle School Gathering

***THERE ARE SO MANY
MORE TO THANK!***

FUNDRAISERS

STALEYS DINNER FOR LWML & ALTAR GUILD

This was the first time we partnered with Staley's. The Weavers and Priscilla Guild joined forces this year (in lieu of the Salad Luncheon and Chicken and Biscuit dinners). We served 450 meals!



ZION PRESCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This was the highest yielding pancake breakfast ever! Thank you for your generosity. After expenses, a little over \$6,500 was raised for the preschool. 465 plates served up, and 345 attended worship.



THIS & THAT

@ TRINITY & ZION



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- 1 Easter Breakfast at Zion
- 2 Summer Worship at Historic-Trinity. Pastor Roehrig preached in June. Our series was *Habakkuk at Historic-Trinity*.
- 3 Valentine's Day Dinner & Trivia
- 4 Below the Altar Cross view at Zion
- 5 Iowa District West Jr. Youth Gathering in Des Moines





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