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# Worship Times

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00AM with Holy Communion  
Service Broadcast at 10:30AM  
on KNAF 910AM

Video of Service available on  
Zion's YouTube channel @ 9AM  
[www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube)

10:15AM Sunday School

## Zion Lutheran Church May 2026

### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
8am—3pm

Pastor Jonathan Mollenkopf  
jdmollenk@yahoo.com  
979-525-1515 cell  
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Pastor Office Hours:  
Mon 10-11:30 & 1:30-4  
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Thurs 1-3, Fri Off

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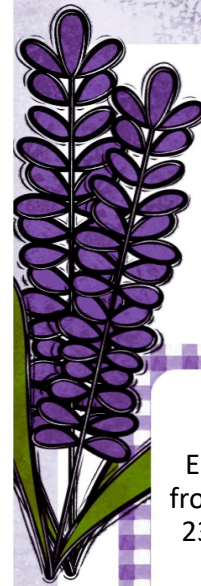
### Council Members

President, Robert Menking  
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Vice President, Dawn Bourgeois  
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Marlin Hartmann  
830-456-0693 (Property)  
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# MAY Newsletter



### HS Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 3

Ellie Grace Bailey will graduate from Reagan High School on May 23, 2026. She will be attending UT in the Rio Grand Valley (UTRGV) and will compete on their swim team. She is the daughter of Michael & Laura Bailey and granddaughter of Greg & Donna Oehler.

### June 14 is Confirmation AND Family Sunday!

Brynlee Minshew is completing confirmation instruction, and is ready to affirm her baptism in worship on Sunday, June 14. This will be a big day for her and for Zion. Plan to worship with us as we all grow in faith in Christ together.



When families of children met on the second Sunday of April, we discussed making second Sundays a "Family Sunday" with a mixture of Bible lesson, service projects, and fellowship after worship. We will not do much in May since the second Sunday is Mother's Day. "Family Sunday" activities are open for anyone raising kids and for all young adults. Be looking in the June Chimes for more specifics.

### Kids Night at Zion Friday, May 22 5:30-8:00pm Fellowship Hall

Kids of all ages are invited to come hang out at Zion (and parents get FREE babysitting)! Pr. Jonathan and other volunteer/s will coordinate the activities. There will be dinner, games, and maybe arts/crafts or even a movie.

### National Day of Prayer is May 7 at Markt Platz.

GCMA is sponsoring a brief prayer time for our nation to start the day at 6:45am.



# Grace in the details...

I look for humor in the mundane, chaos within the form and grace in the overlooked detail. The goal is to put on paper what I see in the moment in order to make something new. – Darden Smith

Darden Smith is an Austin-based singer-songwriter, and I got to hear him perform with the Essence Choir at Luckenbach. It was a moving concert. Would you believe that was my first time at Luckenbach?! It took a talented local women's choir to get me there. Our very own Rhonda Behrends is one of the singers.

Darden is so right – look for grace in the details of life. The new life of the resurrection includes power over death, sin, and the devil, but it also includes all the ways that the Lord creates new life in our world. Sometimes new life surprises you with the sight of a small flower in a crevice, or a butterfly landing on your shoulder, or a call/text from a person you haven't heard from in a while, or a smile from a stranger, or even while enjoying your preferred beverage and relaxing at the end of the day...

I also enjoyed going to Ambleside's Spring "Flourish" concert recently! Some friends have kids there, and it was an honor to be invited. I love hearing young people make music, and they had a nice, varied selection of songs. One of the delights was hearing the school song which has music written by Mark Hierholzer. I cannot tell you how many times I have told people in the community that I am at Zion, and they say, "we loved going there to hear Mark!"

Enjoy all of the small (and big) ways Christ brings you new life!

grace and peace in Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan

# Songs of Zion

Duncan Holmes on piano, June 14 @ 4pm

Zion's council has made it a goal to offer quarterly music events. "Songs of Zion" is a way to share God's gift of music with the community.

- \* For the Spring, we had the Webster Brothers in February.
- \* For the Summer, Duncan Holmes will give a concert in the Sanctuary. He is a local pianist who happens to be blind. Pr. Jonathan will play organ with him for some hymns.
- \* For the Fall, "The Phantom Meets the Saints" will be organ and singers utilizing music from *Phantom of the Opera* and hymns.

## April Statistics

### Attendance: 9:00

April 5	69
+ 61 YouTube views	
April 12	62
+ 45 YouTube views	
April 19	53
+ 49 YouTube views	
April 26	78
+ 27 YouTube views	

### Weekly Offerings:

(includes regular, loose, property & special offerings)

April 5	\$ 7,385.45
April 12	\$ 3,857.00
April 19	\$ 686.00
April 26	\$ 5,535.00
1 time gift	\$ 10,550.00
Tithe.ly	\$ 1,050.00
Total	\$ 29,063.45

Thank You

FOR

**GIVING**  
...  
GENEROUSLY

### Gen Fund Rev & Exp for MAR:

Gen Fund Revenue Total	\$20,968.55
Gen Fund Expense Total	\$33,763.39

### 2026 Year-to-Date thru MAR:

Revenue/Expense	\$ 5,115.77
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## Thank You Notes

The Needs Council is deeply grateful for your generous donation of \$2,130 in support of their Helping Our Neighbors in Need. It will be doubled through the Dian Graves Owen Foundation.

Thank you for opening a CD with our Happy Bank Family. We will continue to strive to keep you happy.  
~Patsy Becker

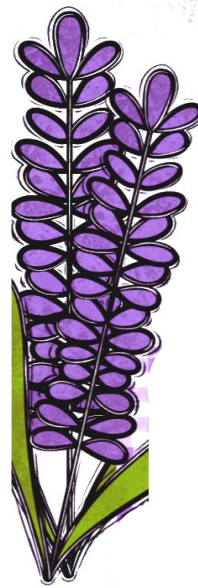
There are no words but THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Brian's memorial service so special. The support from Zion members was (and is) so helpful! Thank you so much to all those who sent cards, provided food, and all the workers who helped with the reception.

~The O'Neal Family  
Jim, Emma Jane, Nerissa, Doug, Briana & Kayla

The Easter egg hunt was a HUGE success! There were 18 children who came to hunt. They listened to Pastor's devotion and actively participated. Because of the blessing of rain the hunt was in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Emily Beyer, Paul Hannemann, Arthur Haun, Judy McGookey, Janice Menking, Jill, Brynlee and Bonnie Minshew, Audrey Mayer, Perry and Cris Strackbein, and Pastor Jonathan for all their help getting the hunt together!

~Janalee Hannemann

Zion gratefully thanks HEB for the generous donation we received in order to purchase flowers to decorate our crosses.



## A Stewardship Minute

(A Fishwrapper Story) The body of every organization consists of four kinds of bones:

- The wishbones who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work.
- The jawbones who do all the talking but very little else.
- The knucklebones who knock everything that anyone else tries to do.
- The backbones who get under the load and do all the work.

God put work into our life; He expects us to put life into our work by doing all things as best we can and in a manner that honors Him. It is through our faith that we learn how and what we must do. God's part we cannot do; our part, God will not do.

The most difficult translation of the Bible is that which must be translated into Christlike living. It doesn't take much of a person to be a Christian, but it takes every bit of that person.

It takes staying in touch with God daily to maintain that relationship upon which our time, talents and treasures are best put to use according to His will.

In His service, David Hartmann, Stewardship Committee Chair



### HAPPY

# Mother's DAY

*She is clothed with strength & dignity and laughs with out fear of the future.*

~Proverbs 31:25



# Pastoral Acts

Emma Stotz passed away on March 28, 2026 at the age of 100. Her funeral service was held on April 17, 2026 in Zion Lutheran Church officiated by Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery. She was the oldest member of Zion.



Brian O'Neal passed away on April 2, 2026 at the age of 62. His memorial service was held on April 24, 2026 in Zion Lutheran Church officiated by Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf. He is buried in Der Stadt Friedhof. He was the son of Jim and Emma Jane O'Neal, brother of Nerissa and Doug Reitenga, and uncle of Briana and Kayla Reitenga.



Jodi Kasper and Jason Grove were united in marriage April 25, 2026 on the Beyer property officiated by Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf. She is the daughter of Dwayne and Karen Beyer and the mother of Kolette Kasper.



Otto Langford Smith and Johannes Frederick Smith were baptized in Zion Lutheran Church on April 26, 2026. They are the sons of Matthew and Terra Smith and the great-grandsons of Julia Weden. Their sponsors are Shelby Johnson and Amanda Jasso.

# MAY

*Special Concern*— Golden Hub offers meals, activities, classes, and events for seniors in Gillespie County.

## Lion Care Bags

The April bags included:  
Large print Word Search  
Kleenex  
Notepad & A pen  
Interdental Pics  
Cheez-Its  
Easter Candy

- KNOPP ASSISTED**  
ELAINE THOMAS
- KNOPP HEALTHCARE**  
BOB RIGGLE
- KNOPP RETIREMENT**  
JULIA WEDEN #A4
- VILLAGES**  
ANN ARMENTROUT #2029  
MARY HEIDTKE #2016  
KATHY RAINS #1027  
ALMA SOBEY #2013  
RUTH SARNECKI #112

In Senior Living

## Our Homebound

- CAROLYN CRENWELGE**  
510 Valley Dr, Kerrville
- VERNELL HELM**  
1125 S Adams Apt#402
- LARRY & DARLENE HENKE** 906 Henrietta
- MARJIE MCADAMS**  
PO Box 443
- BETTY MOELLENDORF**  
610 N Elk
- HELGA SOLBRIG**  
1803 Hwy 290 W
- GLENN & AGGIE THOMPSON**  
116 Frederick
- DWIGHT WIRICH**  
40 Robin Lane

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
is June 1—5 from 8-11:30AM  
For youth who have completed grades K-5th

