

# THE ZION HERALD

## May 2026

*"Happy are those whose strength is in God, in whose heart are the highways to Zion." Psalm 84:5*

### May Readings

May 3

*5th Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
- 1 Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

May 10

*6th Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

May 17

*7th Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 1:6-14
- Psalm 68:1-10,32-35
- 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

May 24

*Day of Pentecost*

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:24-34,35b
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
- John 20:19-23

May 31

*The Holy Trinity*

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Psalm 8
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Matthew 28:16-20



Be sure to mark your calendars for a couple of important community and church events coming up this summer!

The **Blackford 4-H Fair and Hometown Days** will take place **June 20-27**. We are excited to share that the carnival is returning to the fair this year and Zion was blessed to be able to contribute financially to make this possible and support this effort for our community. It is always a wonderful week filled with exhibits, activities, food, and fun for all ages. Hope to see you there supporting our local youth and young members of Zion!

Also, please plan to attend Zion's **Semi-Annual Meeting** on **Sunday, July 26**. This will be an important time for updates and discussion on several issues as we look ahead together for what the future of Zion holds.

### May Birthdays

Teresa Banter .....	5-1
Nolan Willmann .....	5-4
Dick Smith .....	5-5
Dorothy Hale .....	5-14
Zackary Monce .....	5-14
Carolyn Smith .....	5-18
Michelle Habegger .....	5-20
Chris Walker .....	5-22

## Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes March 17, 2026

Scott Clamme and Neil Stroble were absent. President Mark Prout opened the meeting. Paige Walker moved to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Matt Clamme seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor James Hilleson sent some suggestions for preparing for a visiting pastor, including having water and hand sanitizer available, specifying which door to enter, asking parishioners to give their names when greeting the pastor after church.

There were no committee reports. The only council report was the treasurer's report as of February 28:

Deacon's Fund Checking	\$661.58
Deacon's Fund Savings	\$5.00
General Fund, Mission Invest.	\$7,142.38
Thrivent Invested	\$89,315.70
General Fund Checking	\$25,482.61
VIA Membership	\$18,940.93
Memorial Fund Checking	\$10,889.44
Memorial Fund Money Market	\$20,142.59
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Savings	\$2,345.41
ZLCW Kitchen Funds Checking	\$150.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$175,075.64

Matt commented that the contributions for the first 3 months of the year were down. The council reports were approved.

Clara Willmann will represent Zion at the IK Synod assembly in June via the internet. Lenten offerings, including Easter Sunday, will be given to Grace Village. There will be no Easter breakfast. Sandy Langdon will contact the Presbyterian Church and Grace Methodist Church to see if they are having either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services. Mark will contact the synod office to see if the Bishop will give permission for a lay leader to offer communion on Easter Sunday. There has been some interest from someone in purchasing the parsonage. An appraisal of the parsonage will be conducted before any decision will be made.

The meeting closed with all praying the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting will be April 21 with Matt Clamme giving devotions.

Respectively submitted,  
*Sandy Langdon*

# May 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Worship & Communion 10:30am 3	4	5	6	7	1 8	2 9
Worship 10:30am  10	11	Piecemakers in Fellowship Hall 9:00am 12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10:30am 17	18	Council Meeting in Library 7:00pm 19	20	21	22	23
Worship 10:30am 24	 25	Piecemakers in Fellowship Hall 9:00am 26	27	28	29	30
Worship 10:30am 31						



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Worship at 10:30am

### 2026 Council Members

President & Elder	Mark Prout
Vice President & Elder	Paige Walker
Secretary	Sandy Langdon
Treasurer	Matt Clamme
Deacon	Scott Clamme
Trustee	Neil Stroble

### May Sunday Servants

#### Greeters

May 3 - Cindy Knotte & Peggy Willmann  
May 10 - Max & Sandy Langdon  
May 17 - Edi Tarter & Joyce Willmann  
May 24 - Gene & Aneta Gardner  
May 31 - Mark Prout & Joyce Willmann

#### Lector

May 3 - Cindy Knotte  
May 10 - Sandy Langdon  
May 17 - Michelle Walker  
May 24 - Paige Walker  
May 31 - Mark Prout

#### Lay Leader

May 3 - Pastor James Hilleson  
May 10 - Neil Stroble & Matt Clamme  
May 17 - Michelle Walker  
May 24 - Linda Walker  
May 31 - Mark Prout