



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH "TIDINGS" IS NOON ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH WERNLE YOUTH AND FAMILY TREATMENT CENTER

A family focused, child centered agency providing opportunities for the growth and development of troubled children and their families – individually, interpersonally and socially – through caring programs and healing relationships which are reflective of God’s love revealed in Jesus Christ.

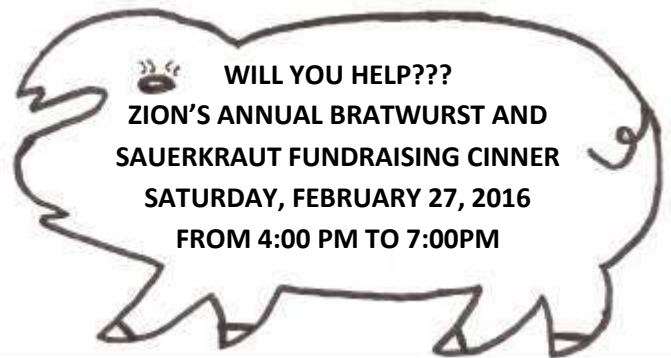
For Zion’s February outreach we will be collecting **NEW TOWELS AND WASHCLOTHS**. These items will be donated to the boy and girl residents at Wernle Youth and Family treatment center in Richmond Indiana. During the month of February there will be a container on the table in the Narthex where you may place these towels and washcloths. Thank you for your support.

HELP NEEDED AT THE CLOTHESLINE

THE CLOTHESLINE provides new and nearly new clothing and linens to the community at very reasonable prices and free of charge in emergency circumstances. All profits are returned to over 40 non-profit organizations of Miami County and to the 7 participating churches of which Zion is one.

Every 2nd and 5th Monday morning of the month Women of Zion are committed to help sort and arrange clothing donations at the Clothesline here in Tipp City. More help is needed on these Monday mornings. If you would be willing to help, call Miriam Comer at 667-3389

or just show up at the side entrance to the Clothesline (on Walnut St.) which is located at the corner of 2nd Street and Walnut around 8:30 or 9:00 AM.



We need the support and participation of everyone in the congregation to make this a success. We need folks to make pies, set up, prepare food, serve, clean up, etc. It is going to take us all working together to make this happen so, please, look for the volunteer sign up sheet by the Walnut Street entrance and indicate what you will be willing to do. Then of course, plan to attend and enjoy a menu of:

**BRAT OR HOT DOG,
GREEN BEANS OR SAUERKRAUT,
HOMEMADE CHUNKY APPLESAUCE, MASHED
POTATOES, ROLLS, HOMEMADE PIE, BEVERAGE
ADULT- \$8.00 CHILDREN UNDER 10 - \$5.00
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE FROM 9:00 AM TO NOON
WEEKDAYS
CARRYOUT AVAILABLE WITH TICKET**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE PASTOR



FEBRUARY 2016

My message at worship on January 30-31 about God's call to Jeremiah to lead his people stressed the importance of his upbringing and his background. Jeremiah was a descendant of one of the chief priests for King David and he was from the small tribe of Benjamin. I highlighted that it took the whole small tribe of Benjamin to rise up their new leader Jeremiah.

We have a small tribe called Zion and we are called by God to invest in our young children and youth to rise up leaders for Jesus. We engage in this leadership process by getting involved with our youth not just with the ones of our age. We can do this by listening to our youth attentively and asking questions like "How can our Tribe at Zion help you feel important in ministry?" Or ask them what the Tribe of Zion can do to improve our ministry and mission?" Another suggestion would be to go to one of their youth events at school or outside activities. The tribe that shows they care about each other grows together.

The small Tribe of Benjamin had a major influence in the call of Jeremiah to be a prophet. The Tribe of Benjamin created an environment that was conducive for Jeremiah to learn and grow in his faith. It took the whole town or tribe to create this climate for leadership in the youth. I pray tha the Tribe of Zion is learning, growing and enhancing an environment for our youth to become leaders from the Tribe of Zion.



One way Zion responded to Pastor Glawe's question "How can our Tribe of Zion help youth feel important in ministry" was surely the recent "Musical Gifts of Zion" concert in which Zion youth were encouraged to share their musical talents. A proud day in Zion's history.

Grace Place

Sunday School and Confirmation classes resumed on Jan. 10th.

Prek-8th will continue with Kingdom Quest bible experiences and in addition will be decorating Valentines for the residences at Randall House.

9th - 12th gr will continue the bible study activity rotation with the 2nd Sunday of the month Coffeeshop Devotions now taking place in their classroom.

Youth Night in January 5th - 12th grade enjoyed a movie night showing of "Grace Unplugged" about a teenager that decides to leave home to pursue a singing career with many roads and decisions ahead hoping to keep God first or will she compromise her faith life for the spotlight?

YOUTH NIGHT 5th - 12th grade

Feb. 27th - Community Service by helping with the Brat Supper. Many youth are needed for this important community event held at the church.

Winter Youth Retreat 9th - 12th grade

Eight youth and two adults had a wonderful time attending the Winter Youth Retreat held at Capital University through their Campus Ministries Jan. 29th and 30th. The theme for the weekend was "**Enough for All**". God has enough Grace, Love and Forgiveness for all and through Him we can help others by making our own sacrifices to serve other's needs. We enjoyed awesome games, bible study, small groups and worship along with speakers from Trinity Seminary, Capital and Global Mission. We also were blessed with a beautiful day to take a tour of the campus.

Looking ahead.....

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt coming in March.

In Christ,
Jackie Glawe

BELOW – Zion Youth enjoying the Winter Youth Retreat at Capital University – be sure to check the Christian Education Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall hallway for more pictures of this event.



**4-H GROUP PAINTS
ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM**

This 4-H group meets at Zion and on January 30 they took on the job of painting 1st – 4th Sunday School Room as a community service project. Special thanks to this hard working group – GREAT JOB! THANK YOU!



CARING CARD BOX

Looking for the “Caring Card Box” that used to be on the black cabinet near the Walnut Street entrance? It has been relocated to the Sanctuary level on the bookcase just outside the nursery. Feel free to take any of these homemade cards to use to send to friends.

LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE!

Eleven gals and 2 guys did just that on January 19. Zion’s church kitchen now shines and is ready for the many events coming up this spring! Big thanks to all who helped and to the folks who prayed for us too!
Zion Kitchen Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

February

- 3 David Gabel
- 7 Steve Reeves
- 9 Cathy Miller
- 12 Marlene Thau
- 15 Ina Crenshaw, Lucky Vonderheide
- 18 Becky Holderman
- 20 Megan Grube
- 22 Sharon Byrd, James Sebastian
Sam Werts
- 25 Barbra Kruse, Kayly Fetters
- 26 Katie Sonnanstine
- 28 Boots Elliott, Olin Shutt

March (thru March 8)

- 2 Paul Grube, Scott Heil
- 4 Ava Coppock, A. J. Holderman
- 7 Patsy Furrow, Jen Kauffmann



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Tracey Riepenhoff, Katie Sonnanstine, Boots Elliott, Gloria Ritchie (Pat Cowan’s sister), **Nancy Cook, Pat** (friend of Mary Sue Helke)

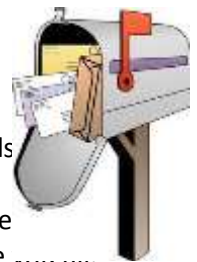


Family and friends of those who have entered the Church Triumphant: **Dorothy Bertha “Dottie” Gillette**

Home bound residents specially thought of this month: **John Cruse, Maxine Suerdieck,**
Youths of the month: **Lydia Reedstrom, Lisa Sebastian,**
Send your Spirit, O God, to open our ears and our hearts to your voice. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FROM THE ZION MAILBOX.....

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,
I’ve opened and read 50 get well cards sent by your members. It was so heart-warming and up-lifting. Every card made me smile and say God is good and so are you...



Got results on my broken fibula today. It’s healing well. I wear a boot all the time. I do therapy twice a day to strengthen my back and legs. Don’t know how long I’ll be here at Northridge Health Care center.

Thanks for all your love and prayers. How great for Jeff and Jackie to be your new leaders. I’m also very proud of them. Blest to be a blessing to others!

All my love, Lois Glawe, Pastor Jeff’s mom

(Zion mailbox cont'd)

Thanks to everyone who participated in the "Musical Gifts of Zion" program. The musicians were fantastic--wow, what a blessing! We heard so many wonderful comments! Also thanks to everyone who helped with the great desserts (wonderful comments again, we sort of expect that of our wonderful bakers) and everyone who helped with the setup, cleanup and in the kitchen. And a special thanks to everyone who came and supported the program.

**Maggie Powder, Terri Darrah,
Debbie Turner, Jackie Glawe**

Dear Zion family:

Thank you for all the work and effort that went into "The Musical Gifts of Zion Concert"! Special thanks to Terri, Jackie, Maggie, and Deb for all their efforts in coordinating the event. It was a treat to accompany Mike (The Lord's Prayer), Terri/Jackie/Bill (Blessings), Lisa (You are My All in All), and Linda (Amazing Grace). What fun at the end to have everyone join on This Little Light of Mine! I enjoyed hearing Chad Slyman sing his pieces and am already thinking ahead to how we can use him for a solo Christmas Eve! Bill and Tim - the variety of pieces you played with your guitars (and voice) - were incredible. Dan Fogelberg's Run for the Roses is a particular favorite of mine. Thanks also for the opportunity of allowing our children to perform. It continues to amaze me how many musical gifts we truly have at Zion! I really appreciate everyone who made monetary donations towards the organ fund.

Lori Sebastian

Thanks to everyone's prayers, our daughter Tracey's surgery went well. She is still in hospital and has a lot of healing to do but we are very thankful. God bless our friends at Zion.

Bob & Wanda Lenehan

Dear Zion Members,

We sincerely thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers at the passing of our son, Greg. We are thankful for the thirty-four years of friendships and memories we shared with you at Zion.

May God richly bless all of you,

In Christian love, Doug & Miriam Stull

Dear Zion members,

Thank you so much for the cheer plate at Christmas time. We have many blessings here at Zion. Boots Elliott, Debbie Turner, Jill Greer, and the Byrds and ALL who helped put together and deliver the cheer plates are just a few of the MANY angels here at Zion.

In Christian love, The Sauls Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for donating books for the patients at Dayton Children's Hospital. This gift will brighten the spirits of children who are sick and staying in our care.

Kindest regards, Dayton Children's Hospital

WOMEN OF ZION

WOZ met on January 10. A request from Pastor Bonny Kinnunen of the Oesterlin Services for Youth Home in Springfield, Ohio was received. It was decided to make Oesterlin an outreach of WOZ and it will be the Mission of the Month for May 2016.

The Adopt a Family Giving Tree was enthusiastically supported as always and every requested item was donated and given to the two families adopted this year.

The annual day to make Zion's turkey noodle soup will be February 11 and it will be served at the community "Art for the Heart" event in the fellowship hall on Feb. 13.

Discussed landscaping around the memorial brick area that Gavin Reedstrom has created on the grassy area next to the 4th street end of the parking lot. This will be a spring project. Suggestions are welcome.

Outreach schedule for Missions of the Month scheduled to date:

February – **Wernle Family Treatment Center**

March – **4 Paws for Ability**

April – **Miami County Health Department's Baby Bucks Store.**

May – **Oesterlin Services for Youth**

June – **Lutheran World Relief Health care kits.**

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 5:00 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL – No report

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - January 19

In attendance were Melinda Schall, Jennifer Kauffmann and Jackie Glawe. Absent were Heidi Coppock and Susan Pytell.

We reviewed that Preschool through 8th grade continues to follow the Kingdom Quest curriculum. Jackie asked for new ideas for the high school class for the second Sunday of the month due to the Grounds for Pleasure Coffee shop has changed their open time on Sundays to 11:00am. We discussed that last Sunday Terri provided a Hot Chocolate Bar and the youth continued to use the Coffee shop devotional “Ignite Your Faith” and that seemed to work well. Jackie said going to Sam & Ethel’s was suggested however time may not allow. Melinda suggested going to Frisches since they have the breakfast bar. We will continue to take ideas and discuss them further in the future.

Youth Night for Dec. was Project Believe. We had 8 youth and 4 adults attend. Jackie will look into if they need help on the other holidays. Youth night in Jan. was changed from Jan. 15th to Jan. 22nd and will be showing the Movie “Grace Unplugged”. Information about the movie was sent out to parents of 5th-12th graders. Jackie will be reviewing the following Christian based movies for future use for youth nights and/or high school class study. “Woodlawn”, “McFarland USA” and “Captive”.

Youth night for Feb. will be community service of helping with the Brat Supper. We discussed whether making a set date for Youth night each month would work better, however we agreed to keep it going on different dates each month and see how it goes. We started collection for Souper Bowl of Caring for Project Believe and the Needy Basket through Feb. 7th.

Confirmation class with Pastor Glawe continues with 5 youth and 5 adult sponsors. Jackie reported that the following youth and adults will be attending the Winter Youth Retreat for Jan 29th and 30th at Capital University through their Chapel Ministries: Nathan Schall, Julia Helke, Meghan Kauffmann, Becca Helke, Kate Pytel, Rachel Sebastian, Melanie Schall, Elijah Freitag, Melinda Schall and Jackie Glawe. The two adults will pay their registration and the 8 youth

registration came out of the Youth Fund. We discussed using Bible Bucks in Sunday School to help encourage youth to bring a friend to Sunday School. They would receive a prize with so many bible bucks. We receive 4 free tickets to Newport Aquarium through the Operation Christmas Child program. We discussed using those at the Quarter Auction or as a prize in Sunday School. We agreed that we will have the Bob Evans fundraiser every 2 to 3 months. We are looking into other fundraisers for the Youth Fund such as a Quarter Auction in October, sell 2017 Calendars from Dayspring, and check into a fundraiser through Chipotle. Melinda suggested we have Sunday School children make and pass out Valentines at Spring Meade. We agreed this would be a good service project for the children to be involved in again. The meeting was ended with a closing prayer.

Submitted by: Jackie Glawe

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING – January 19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Byrd, Miriam Comer, Boots Elliott, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Debbie Turner, Tom Wesbecher

Debbie Keppel presented our new Zion Note Cards to use for welcoming visitors; many thanks to Cinda for these beautiful cards, which contain not only information about Zion, but also have a meaningful message of welcome to our services.

Many thanks as always to Boots Elliott for all the faithful communications such as Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, “Keeping you in our Prayers”. Boots shared notes she has received in thanks on behalf of our committee.

Family Bunco Night is Saturday, February 6th 6:00 – 8:00 Wayne Kauffmann has posted the sign-up sheet. Debbie T is meeting with Christine this week to finalize “Valentine Bunco” theme. Prizes will be “Little Debbies”

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

* Committee Bulletin Board: Jill and Kathy have started; looks very good!

* Email List: No progress in launching trial run: Chuck Powder has helped Deb K. to “make groups” for a trial run.

* Elderly Communications Mission: Pastor takes altar flowers when appropriate

* Reminder: when plans are made for building use, Phil Elliott needs to be informed for heating issues.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2016 AT 5:00pm

WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Jan 6

In attendance were Marianne Barnhart, Pastor Glawe, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Lil Nichols, and Lori Sebastian.

Pastor began our meeting in prayer. We reviewed Christmas Eve services. Music, choir anthem all went well. The sanctuary was really brightened by the Chrismon tree, poinsettias, and manger scene. One note for next year was to monitor attendance since this year the 7:30PM service (over 150 people) was much better attended than the 10PM service (approx.. 64 people).

During Epiphany, we will move the opening hymn immediately after the sharing of the peace and add the Gloria back in. We will also add the Lord, Now You Let Your Servant go in Peace as the Post Communion Canticle. During Lent, we will switch to Setting 3 and return to the chanted Lord, Have Mercy.

We discussed Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. Marianne will take care of ashes, palms, and lilies. We also decided to offer two Ash Wednesday services – 11AM and 7PM. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 10th and Easter Sunday is March 27th.

We talked about additional microphones and speakers that someone is willing to donate to the church. Bill suggested we put a couple unidirectional microphones on our “wish list” to help amplify the choir. Bill continues to map out new repertoire for the choir. January he will focus on hymns. Lori stated we will try to have bells or chimes for special music towards the end of Epiphany if schedules permit.

The approximate total in the organ fund is around \$4,000. The January concert will add to that fund. We hope to continue to raise money to put towards the purchase of a new organ, as the existing organ is becoming more difficult to service / find parts for.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6th at 4PM.

OUTREACH-SEE WOMEN OF ZION ARTICLE

PROPERTY - January 4

Members present: Garry Yunker, Jeff Mitchell, Bob Keppel, Dennis Copeland, Hank Barthel, Brent Reedstrom Absent: John Greer

Garry Yunker has taken down wall decorations, patched walls and prepared the 1-4 grade Sunday school room for painting by the 4-H group.

Hank Barthel reported that he contacted General Preservation Corporation regarding the questionable clause in their proposal to restore the west and south brick walls on the original building. He has not heard back from them.

Dennis Copeland has been busy working on faulty light fixtures, re-gluing all the chairs in the conference room, reprogramming the console in the audio-visual area and lots of other odd jobs. **Thanks for all you do Dennis.**

Phil Elliott continues to program the thermostats weekly and flush the drains even though he can no longer attend the meetings. **Thanks, Phil**

Brent Reedstrom reported that son Gavin's Eagle Scout project, the restoring and re-locating of the memorial bricks, has been completed. It took 114 people hours at a cost of \$264.05 which was supplied by a generous donor. Great job, Gavin. We're all proud of you and your accomplishments!!

Thanks to Bob Keppel we now have a wooden stand that is perfect for displaying the “Zion Lutheran Church Through the years” scrapbook in the narthex. He has also hung Bill Posey's paintings of Zion's four church buildings through the years in the Narthex.

The contract to spray the spruce tree on the Walnut Street lawn was approved and given to the treasurer for payment.

The two light bulbs in the audio-visual room projector have burned out. **A BIG THANK YOU to Jeff Pytel** who removed the bulbs, researched the best price and installed the new bulbs.

The following chores were completed: elevator check, baptismal font cleaned, eaves heat tape plugged in, Poinsettia plant stands and Christmas trees returned to 3rd floor storage.

Next meeting Monday, Feb. 1 at 7:00 PM