



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

MARCH 2016

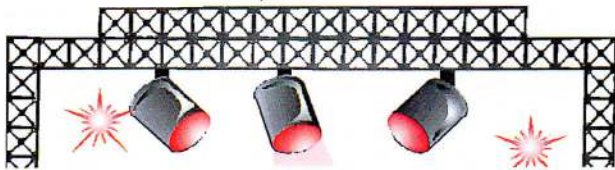
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL "TIDINGS" IS NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH

4 Paws for Ability

Joe needs our help. He has autism and ADHD and that makes life very difficult for him sometimes. It can even make the world he lives in dangerous. Our mission here at Zion is to help raise money to get Joe a service dog. Please see the article on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. There is a donation jar and flyer in the back of the church.

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE ZION WEBSITE LATELY?
CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.ZIONLUTHERANTIPPCITY.ORG



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

As we came back from a well-deserved break after Christmas, the choir has had a lot of fun with anthems like "Shepherd Me, O God" which featured piano and guitar as well as the more challenging Mary McDonald's "Lead Me On!". Well into the Lenten season, March anthems include a beautiful solo by Lisa Sebastian singing "At the Cross", a fun and fast piece titled "Lift up Your Head", another challenging classical piece by Bach for Palm Sunday and several pieces for Easter. We continue to rehearse on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and warm up briefly on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. There is ALWAYS an extra seat available in the choir for those who love to sing! Bill Jones

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO March Birthdays:

- 2 Paul Grube
- 4 Ava Coppock, A.J. Holderman
- 7 Patsy Furrow, Jen Kauffmann
- 12 Lisa Reeves
- 14 Susan Smith
- 15 Lois Kauffmann
- 17 Jean Birtle, Bob Lenehan
- 19 Hannah Kessler
- 20 Anna Johnson, Karen Smeal
- 21 Billie Fischer
- 25 Heidi Coppock
- 26 Rich Tollefson
- 27 Mary Jean King, Kelly Smith
- 28 Bob Keppel, Lori Sebastian
- 29 Nikki Franz
- 30 Mary Rogers
- 31 Christine Copeland, Debbie Fetters

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 John Sebastian
- 3 Katie Kessler
- 5 Sharon Knick, Pat Posey
- 9 Ramona Watkins

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Ruth White, Marvin Ditmer (Friend of Phil and Boots Elliott) and Shirley Rawlins.

Family and friends of those who have entered the Church Triumphant: Maxene Suerdieck passed away Feb. 27. Please keep The Frames, Burns and Suerdieck families in your prayers.

Home bound residents specially thought of this month:

Mary Jean King, Pat Posey

Youth of the month: Elijah Freitag



Gracious God, help me face life's struggles with the love of Christ, who strengthens me. Amen.



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I encourage and invite all voting members to attend the congregational meeting on March 13th after the 10:00am worship. We will be voting on whether Zion Lutheran will or will not be entering into a partnership with Tipp City Enrichment Program to house the program at our church.

The Tipp City Enrichment program provides quality care for children of families residing in Tipp City and Monroe Township. I hope to see you there. Please see attached letter that was sent out early in February to all people participating in the life of Zion Lutheran.



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Walnut Street, Tipp City, OH 45371

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February 4, 2016

Dear Fellow Members of Zion Lutheran Church:

There have been new developments in the opportunity with the Tipp City Enrichment Program (TCEP). Melissa has informed us that the school board has extended the time limit for her to decide if she wants to rent modular units from them or pursue another location. The new deadline is March 16, 2016. This gives us much more time to do our due diligence, discuss things as a Church Council, a congregation, and as individuals.

Now that we have time for thorough discussion, I propose the following plan to continue our investigation of this opportunity, and all the pros and cons. I would like to call a series of meetings between now and the end of February, to meet as a congregation, with all those who are interested (which is hopefully all of us), and have a combination of updates, questions, comments, and general discussions. These will not be formal congregational meetings; there will be not motions or votes taken. My suggestion is we have four of these get together and use the time to educate ourselves as thoroughly as possible about this opportunity and come to a decision which is the best for us and our Church. Following are the meeting dates being proposed:

Sunday, February 14th, Following Worship
Saturday, February 20th, Following Worship
Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:00 PM
Sunday, February 28th, Following Worship

All meetings will be held in the Sanctuary. Melissa Price, the Director of TCEP, will be present for at least the first three meetings.

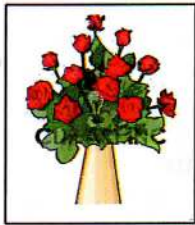
Following these meetings, we will hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 13th, following Worship service, in the Sanctuary. In this meeting, there will be discussion followed by a formal vote on how to proceed with this opportunity potential between TCEP and Zion Lutheran Church. Prior to calling our congregational meeting to order, Melissa Price will be available to answer any last minute questions or to address any last minute concerns. She will then leave so that we can call our meeting to order and proceed with the voting process.

This is an important milestone for us, and I'm certain that we, as a congregation, will reach the proper decision. Please plan to attend as many of these meetings as possible. As always, I suggest we pray and ask God's guidance through this process. Remember, we are all part of this Church, and as such, we can all say "this is our Church". Therefore, I hope for good participation in this process to bring us to the proper decision. Thank you.

Mike Merlo
President, Church Council

**A FOND HELLO FROM
BETTY AND ODELL RICHARDSON**

Betty and Odell Richardson send good wishes to all their friends at Zion and to let you they think of you often. They have moved to a new address in Dublin and would love to hear from you. Their new address is: 6480 Post Road, Apt. 221, Dublin, OH 43016
Phone number: 614-389-2777.



*Memorial Gifts Given
In Loving Memory of...
Betty Sauls from
Tom & Babs Wesbecher*

BIBLE STUDY

A new Sunday afternoon Bible Study will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6. We will watch the movie "War Room". We will meet at 4:00 p.m. on 3/13 and 3/20. There will be a break for Easter on 3/27 and we will resume on 4/3, 4/10, and 4/17. Any questions, please contact Pam Sauls.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – February 9

Members of the property team and church council met with Tipp City Players to go over guidelines for using the fellowship hall. TCP assured us that the upcoming performance of March 11-13 and March 18-19 and any future performance that their stage would not be anything like the last performance that took up most of the fellowship hall. They said in the future their stage will only come out a few feet from our stage platform. We also received their updated insurance policy which covers them for damages they may cause. We also went over the days they could practice and set up the stage. We were glad we had the meeting and assured Tipp City Players we were happy to have them.

Council discussed the recent letter that went out to the congregation listing the dates of informative meetings that will take place with the Tipp City Enrichment Program. Council encourages all to attend as many meetings as possible. We will use the list of questions the property team assembled as our starting point for the meetings.

Council approved the transfer of Faith Krum into Zion Lutheran Membership. Council approved all the financials for the month of December 2015 and approved the year end financials for December 2015. There are ten copies of these reports on the table right outside the sanctuary for anyone interested. If you have any questions about these reports or any financial questions please bring them to council at the next council meeting on March 7. Please do not call Sue Rambeau directly. Sue has graciously accepted the treasurer job even though she has a full time job as a CPA. Thank You for respecting her time at work.

WOMEN OF ZION - Next Meeting is Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. Please note the time change. We will be making ornaments for the "Baby Bucks" giving shower tree which will go up in April.

FROM THE ZION MAILBOX.....

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$25 to Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Trinity Lutheran Seminary forms leaders for Christ's church at work in the world. In this day and age, no mission could be more important and your gift will aid us in living into this vital call.



Thank you for investing in our mission.

Rick Barger '89, President

Dear friends of Zion Lutheran,

Thank you so much for all the well wishes I received while recovering from shoulder replacement surgery. I appreciated the prayers, cards, phone calls and chili. Neal and I both want to thank Pastor Glawe for his visit, prayers and communion. I am doing great and will return to work on Feb. 22. I feel like a bird let out of a cage. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and caring. Love, Katie Sonnanstine

Hi Linda and Zion Lutheran Church Members,

Thank you so much for allowing us to opportunity of using your Community room as the venue for our Fine Arts Show. It is a comfortable, accessible room – easy to find – good parking – great accessible kitchen – well maintained. Your support of our event is so appreciated. Ruth Safreed

Thank you Zion for your generous donations to Project Believe and the Needy Basket through Souper Bowl of Caring. Your donations added up to \$357.00 in cash/checks and \$82.66 in change for a total of \$439.66. \$289.66 will go to Project Believe and \$150.00 will be sent to the Needy Basket. Jackie Glawe

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING- Feb. 9

Boots Elliott: Among the numerous personal notes Boots completed since the last meeting: Welcome, Thinking of You, Cheer, Get Well, Other Letters. Boots received letters from members and other folks, as well as from some of the people who have received notes or cards from Boots on behalf of our committee.
PASTOR: UPDATES ON RECENT CARDS WE'VE SENT/RECENT RETURNING VISITORS:
Ginger and Dale Schaffer: Ginger will join Zion
Carolyn Oaks: re-connected member
Connie Layman
Nancy Clark
Jane Warner and Wayne Warner have been attending regularly
Springmeade visitors are growing in number.

WELCOMING: BUNCO NIGHT WRAP-UP

32 attendees had a great time and enjoyed great food! We discussed having another Game Night on April 16th with either Bunco or other games; the benefits of Bunco include that everyone moves around, playing with different people. Make it a Soup Night? Provide Nursery for little ones?

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- * Job Fair for Committee Recruitment is tabled at this time; we are thankful for current committee participation.
- * Elderly Communications: Pastor actively visits current shut-ins, numbering approximately 12 people, taking altar flowers where appropriate, and providing communion. People are very appreciative also of Zion's Monthly Caldwell House ministry.
- * Deb Keppel's year as chairperson is over. Someone needs to step forward to set the agenda and run the monthly meetings.
- * Brainstorm: Pastor commented that we are very good at welcoming new people to Zion. We appreciate that Pastor is actively involved with processing the Attendance Register Sheets prior to our monthly meetings. This enables our committee members to volunteer to send a Zion Welcome Card to first time visitors, as well as following up as best we can, with returning visitors.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2016 AT 5:00 PM



Sunday school Preschool - 8th grade have been experiencing God's love through the Kingdom Quest material.

Preschool - K experienced how Jesus calls us to be "Fishers of Men".

1st - 4th gr had the high school class teach them how Jesus came to the world to be a "light" in the darkness and how we are called to shine Jesus light in the world.

5th - 8th grade shared in a game of "Jenga" and built up the church by adding the people and the talents/gifts they use for example: organist, communion helpers, grounds team, secretary, ushers, etc. They then removed these people and realized the people are what makes the church, not the building.

6th - 7th - continued with Confirmation class with Pastor

9th - 12th grade - Finished up the "Me I Want to Be" video series. They have also enjoyed teaching and leading the 1st-4th gr class on the 4th Sundays.

March 6th, March 13, and March 20th

5th & 8th & 9th - 12th grade classes with watch the movie "Woodlawn".

6th & 7th gr will continue in Confirmation class with Pastor

March YOUTH NIGHT 5th - 12th grade

No youth night for March due to Holy week and spring breaks.

Need many helpers for the Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt on March 26th. Helpers needed by 8:15am.

April YOUTH NIGHT 5th - 12th grade

April 1st, 7:45pm - attend movie "God's Not Dead 2" at Cinemark Theatre-Piqua - more information to be announced.

Bob Evans Fundraiser - March 9th-14th for the Youth Fund for Gatherings

March 26th - Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt - see attached flyer

Looking ahead.... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE



27th - 30th

5:30pm-dinner, 6pm-8pm-program

"Fishers Of Men"



Zachary Johnson, Olivia Phillips and Alex Garvic

Please note: Until further notice please send articles and information for the April Newsletter to: office@zionlutherantippcity.org by Friday, March 25, 2016. There is a box in the work room of the church labeled Newsletter. Items can also be dropped off there.



Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 26th

9:00 am Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Zion Lutheran Church
14 W. Walnut St. Tipp City Ohio







Easter Egg Hunt for Ages:
Preschool—5th grade.
Separate search area
for Preschoolers.

Bring your friends!
Questions? Call 667-3110

Free Will Donation
accepted for
Zion Youth Fund



March 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>Tipp City Players will have a performance on: 3/11, 3/12, 3/13 matinee. 3/18, 3/19 in the Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, 3/13. Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour. 3/13 Last day to order Easter Lilies.</p> | <p>1 FH 6—9 p.m. R.A.D. Tipp City Police 8:00 p.m. AA</p> | <p>2 7:30 a.m. Finance Team 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> | 3 | 4 | <p>5 5:00 Worship DREAM Spaghetti Dinner Fund-Raiser 5:30</p> |
| <p>6 9:00 S.S. & Confirmation 10:00 Worship 3:30 Bible Study "War Room" movie</p> | <p>7 10:00 a.m. Mission Quilts 7:00 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m. Property</p> | <p>8 5:00 p.m. Communication & Welcoming 8:00 p.m. AA</p> | <p>9 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> | 10 | <p>11 FH 7:00 p.m. Tipp City Players present "The Mousetrap"</p> | <p>12 FH 7:00 p.m. Tipp City Players present "The Mousetrap" 5:00 p.m. Worship</p> |
| <p>13 9:00 S.S. & Confirmation 10:00 Worship <i>Congregational Mtg.</i> T.C.Players matinee 4:00 Bible Study 7:00 WOZ Mtg.</p> | <p>14 Pastor @ Bishop Conference all day 10:00 a.m. Mission Quilts</p> | 15 | 16 | 17 | <p>18 FH 7:00 p.m. Tipp City Players present "The Mousetrap"</p> | <p>19 FH 7:00 p.m. Tipp City Players present "The Mousetrap" 5:00 p.m. Worship</p> |
| <p>20  9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship</p> | <p>21 10:00 a.m. Mission Quilts</p> | 22 | 23 | <p>24  7:00 p.m. Worship</p> | <p>25  7:00 p.m. Worship</p> | <p>26 9:00 Pancake Breakfast 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 5:00 Worship & Communion</p> |
| <p>27  9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship</p> | <p>28 10:00 a.m. Mission Quilts</p> | 29 | 30 | 31 | <p>LOOKING AHEAD 4/16 Bunco Night 6-8 p.m. 4/30 Spring Work Day 9:00—2:00</p> | |