



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER "TIDINGS" IS: **Thursday, November 16th**



From the
Pastor's Desk

The month of October we commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation during our worship services. I incorporated three main points of the Reformation and we all received a coin and inserts with these three themes **scripture alone, grace alone and faith alone**. During these Reformation worship services we sang hymns written by Martin Luther.

The culture and society in the 1500's and still today we are taught that we need to win approval by others in order to advance in the world. The Reformation brought forth that God is different than the world we live in. Martin Luther and the reformers called the church back to the truth, to the Bible, God's inspired and authoritative word that proclaims it is not our approval rating that saves us but it is by the grace of God we are saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus. All we need is belief and faith in Jesus no approval rating necessary in order to advance onward when our earthly life ends. We are saved by **scripture, grace and faith alone** and nothing else.



The following items were collected for Lutheran World Relief and loaded into a semi truck on October 6th: **61 School Kits, 17 Health Care Kits and 215 Quilts** . . . *Thanks to everyone for their continued support of this worthwhile project.* Kathy Groth

Adopt a Family



AND GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Missions of the Month

Toward the end of November, a Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s), and return them to the tree by the designated date. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children. Watch the bulletins in November for more information.

The Good Samaritan Fund assists individuals with utility bill help, rental assistance, gas, an emergency hotel stay, prescriptions etc. No cash is given to the individual. We help in the form of a check to the a utility or rental company. A gas card, only good for fuel, is given when needed by an individual. For a hotel stay we work out an agreement with the person in charge. For food assistance we refer them to the Food Pantry. We do keep a list of individuals and their request in order to control repetitive requests.



Poinsettia order forms will begin appearing in the bulletins and in the back of the church on Nov. 18 & 19. All orders must be turned in no later than Monday, Dec. 4.



& Congregational Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017

Time: Following the 10:00 worship service

Place: Fellowship Hall

Please bring a covered dish and your own table service. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall so we are sure to have plenty of turkey! **Let's give thanks together.**



WHEN: Saturday, November 18

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Zion's Fellowship Hall

In addition to board games and card games for adults, there will be a variety of games for kids in your family. Pizza will be ordered and we ask that each family/individual bring a snack, dessert or drink to share. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway so we'll know how much pizza to order.



Women of Zion

WHEN: Thursday, December 7

WHERE: Zion's Fellowship Hall

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Women are asked to bring a pair or package of boys' or girls' socks ages 5 yrs. - 18 yrs. to donate to Shoes for the Shoeless. Menu choices and cost will be available by early November. Watch for more information in the bulletins and on the sign-up board.



November Birthdays

- 4 Betty Jackson, Jeffrey Slyman
- 7 Mike Merlo, Crystal Kister
- 11 Herb Johnson
- 12 Dick Turner, Alex Garvic
- 16 Chalmer Mader
- 20 Gladys Johnson
- 21 Marissa Kessler, Thomas Knick
- 22 Betty VanHorn
- 25 Dennis Copeland, John Greer, Alyssa Holderman
- 28 Melanie Schall



CHEER PLATES

Preparing and delivering Cheer Plates to our shut-ins is an annual Christmas tradition at Zion. Debbie Turner has requested that baked goods (cake, cookies, brownies, fudge, etc.), fruit and other Christmas treats for the plates be dropped off at the church on Sunday, Dec. 10th and Monday, Dec. 11th. **Assembly and delivery will take place on Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 a.m.** Please mark your calendars and join us to prepare and deliver the plates.



Home bound residents specially thought of: **Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb**

Johnson, Mary Jean King, John Kruse, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish, Ahdele Young.

Please keep the following in your prayers for healing: Fred Aller, Sue Coon, Ann Whitmer, and Laura Roeth.

Those fighting cancer: *Susan Smith and George Hudson.*

Those we recently received information on: *Neal Sonnanstine* who has 3-6 months, Hospice has been called in.

Darryl Bendickson who is recovering from a stroke at Upper Valley.

Dick Turner who is going out for dialysis now.

Marina Snipes who is on life support.

Herb Johnson who has CIDP. Herb's leg strength continues to weaken, there is no cure.

The family of Mary Ann Gross, who passed away at the age of 67 on Monday, Oct. 16 at Vancrest of New Carlisle. A graveside service was held on Friday, Oct. 27th at the Casstown Cemetery.



Sisters of the Skillet,

Thanks to all of you who helped prepare that fabulous lunch for my family after Mom's funeral. I know what goes into getting that ready – I really appreciate it. Mom would have loved it!

John & Jill Greer

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your generosity to Wittenberg University. Please know that your gift from Southern Ohio synod, of \$25.00 to Scholarship for Ohio Lutherans is greatly valued by the students, faculty and staff. Your contribution is very much linked to the young men and women who have chosen to study here to learn, to grow and to be successful in their educational pursuits and in the world beyond this campus. Thank you again. Sincerely, Staci J. Maine, Gift Processor

Needy Baskets would like to thank the Zion

congregation for their continued support with monthly food donations. Your support of our local Food Pantry is greatly appreciated.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are 2 dates still available on the 2017 Altar flower calendar. They are **December 24 & 31**. The 2018 calendar will be posted in early December. When you sign up you can add what you would like in the bulletin and if you have a color preference for the flowers. We continue to order from Tipp Florist and the cost is \$40.00 for both vases.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS- October 10

1. Approved financials for August.
2. Approved September minutes.
3. Council reviewed budget for 2018 and submitted to congregation for approval at annual meeting on November 12.
4. Council will send annual meeting letter to all members along with budget before the annual meeting.
5. Pastor will be on vacation Saturday November 4. Kristen Zimmann will lead Saturday worship. Pastor will lead Sunday worship November 5. Pastor will be on vacation November 6-9. Kristan Zimmann will be available for pastoral emergencies November 6-9. Pastor will also be on vacation November 21-22 for Thanksgiving.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: October, 2017

The water heater in the Fellowship Hall building was replaced by H&S Plumbing. Because the original water heater was installed in a corner with the furnace installed right next to it, a tank heater of equal capacity could not be installed. A tankless hot water heater was the only option to fit in the space.

Since General Preservation has ignored our phone calls, the committee decided to rescind the contract for the brick restoration on the old building. This work was to be done in the fall of 2016 and then when that didn't proceed, General Preservation promised Zion would be the first job completed in the

spring of 2017. By mid-summer, when Bob Keppel was unable to contact the company, a letter was sent to rescind the contract. At that time, General Preservations stated they would be able to start on Zion's work by mid to late August. As of October 2, the work has not been started. Committee members will contact two possible companies for quotes.

A boxwood and ornamental tree on the Walnut St. beds will be replaced by Bob Keppel this month.

The committee completed the elevator check, replaced bulbs, and took out the air conditioner in the nursery.

The next meeting is Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

MUSIC & WORSHIP: October 4, 2017

Attending were: Marianne Barnhart, Terri Darrah, Pastor Glawe, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, and Lori Sebastian. Pastor Glawe began the meeting in prayer.

Lori reported worship services are running smoothly. She has selected hymns through early January 2018, and service music through the end of the church year. Pastor and Lori coordinated some special Luther hymns to use during the October services, so we will be transported back in time! Lori stated she will be doing a different arrangement on A Mighty Fortress each Sunday in October. Further, Linda Holt will be providing trumpet on Reformation Sunday. Thank you Linda! On October 29, 2017, we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

Worship and Music determined we would hold an organ blessing/dedication on Sunday, November 19th. Lastly, the liturgy will rotate in Advent, and Ruth White has volunteered to establish families to aid with the advent candle lighting.

Terri gave updates for the choir. She has picked music through the end of November, and scheduled off Sunday, Oct. 15th and Sunday Nov. 26th. Also no rehearsals on November 22nd due to Thanksgiving. We have a couple challenging pieces upcoming – one even summarizes the entire book of Exodus!

Chime or Bell Choir may occur later in the fall or for early Christmas Service. If interested, please talk directly with Lori, so we can get a group together.

Altar and Other Information . . . Pastor Glawe trained the new acolytes (current confirmation class). Deb Keppel mentioned some of the brass altar ware needs refurbished, so she will be following up with the

appropriate people to handle. Communion will continue to rotate.

Many commented on the beautiful quilts lining the sanctuary this past weekend. Thank you for your efforts quilters and for sharing them with our congregation!

Pastor Glawe mentioned his upcoming plans for worship themes. He plans to do 3 Reformation sermons (themed by Scripture alone, grace alone, and faith alone). He has medallions ordered and some inserts to help commemorate the anniversary of the 500th Reformation. We also discussed how successful his summer series on Luther had been and mentioned a movie a couple members recently had watched. Pastor also reminded us Consecration Sunday is Sunday, October 8th and we will have 2 baptisms on Sunday, October 22nd. Pastor also mentioned the congregational meeting/Thanksgiving dinner would be November 12th. Even though Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, there will be no 10AM Christmas Eve service this year. Instead, Christmas Eve services will be at 5PM and 7:30PM to better accommodate our usual traditions. Choir will sing at the later service.

Good news on the organ front: the new (used) Allen organ was successfully installed and the technician gave one lesson (one remains). Further the new organ has a 2 year maintenance agreement, should something unexpected occur. The even better news: the (old) Baldwin left Zion on Tuesday, October 3rd and was purchased by a Michigan church. Special thanks to Bill Jones, Chuck Powder, and James Sebastian who helped facilitate that move!

Our next worship and music committee meeting will be *Wednesday, November 15th at 1PM.*

WOMEN OF ZION: October 8, 2017

Devotions by Kathy Groth in Miriam Comer's absence. Daily Praying for my pastor. It's Pastor Appreciation Month.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance as of 10/8/17: \$11, 609.36

Deb made motion, Jackie seconded to give Alice Replogle more money for quilt batting. Approved.

215 quilts, 61 school kits, 17 health kits were shipped at a cost of \$614.50. Sue will write a check for this cost.

Sue was given a bill from Foodtown for the funeral Sept. 28th. Sue will pay this.

Correspondence: A thank you from Katie Sonnanstine for the dinner given to them.

Old Business:

1. Total Garage Sales: \$2,445.50
We will consider printing the flyers in house which will be a considerable savings.
2. School Kits – 61 kits were donated. Thanks to everyone for helping.
3. Blessing of the quilts. The Church looked beautiful with all the quilts displayed. We should contact the local paper to publicize this.
4. Sign up sheet for dinners for Susan Smith – doing 2 meals a week – Tues. & Thurs.

New Business:

1. We have \$2,459.50 from the sale to distribute. Suggestions are:
 - a. \$1,000 for youth gathering in Houston. Jackie will determine how much is needed.
 - b. Hurricane relief for Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rockport Texas, \$500.
 - c. \$100 for Needy Baskets in Ramona Watkins name.
 - d. Eagles Wings - \$250
 - e. \$250, pillow case fabric
 - f. \$100, project believe
 - g. \$100, shoes for the shoeless

Discussion held regarding using Thrivent money for various projects. ***Sue stressed the need for receipts for purchases.***

2. December 1st is Tree Lighting & Concert. Cookies will be needed.
3. Cheer plates will be assembled 12/2.
4. Kitchen cleaning day is 10/26 at 10 am.
5. Samaritan Fund & Dec./Adopt a Family, Jan./Souper bowl of caring to benefit with God's Grace. Feb./Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center, March/Jeremiah's Letter, April/Oesterlen Services in Springfield, May & June/leave open for now.
6. Women's Retreat – Jackie & Pam will check into this.
7. Barb Kruse announced Sue Curtis will be portraying Katie Luther at West Milton.
8. Jill shared that she would like to start a pew

fund in Ramona's honor.

9. Jackie shared that the Sunday School kids have been collecting money for Hurricane victims. WOZ will match their collection of \$32.
Next meeting: November 12 at 5:00 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING - Oct. 10, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Byrd, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Debbie Turner, Tom Wesbecher

- Pastor opened with a prayer
- The committee welcomed our guest, Cheryl Argo, from Lifetouch. Cheryl presented the following photo directory options:

- A. CLASSIC TRADITIONAL 8 1/2 X 11
 1. Not Updateable – commonly used to commemorate a special church anniversary or occasion.
 2. Pastor's Page
 3. Candid Pictures
 4. Individual Pictures
 5. Takes 3 months to print
- B. COMMUNITY CONNECT
 1. Updateable; new people can be added.
 2. No Pastor's Page
 3. No Activity Pages
 4. X-CEL File; Names and addresses; begins with church staff, proceeds with families/individuals
 5. Vertical Format: 12 pictures per page.
Horizontal Format: 8 pictures per page.
 7. Takes 6 weeks to print
- C. MOBILE DIRECTORY
 1. Password secure Website – phone and email.
 2. Free Option; we can update on our own with or without picture
 1. D. THE "COMMUNITY CONNECT" Jill will contact Troy Show Choir about entertaining during WOZ Christmas dinner.
 2. Jackie will gather items to send to college students. \$200 has been approved for this.
 3. Mission of the month:

Oct./Operation Christmas Child, Nov./ Good OPTION WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE. KATHY GROTH SPOKE HIGHLY OF THE QUALITY OF 2 PAST EXPERIENCES SHE AND GARY HAVE HAD WITH THIS COMPANY. PENDING COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, WE WILL PROCEED TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS NECESSARY TO BEGIN. SCHEDULING THE PHOTOGRAPHING OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, IN THE SPRING OF 2018

WELCOMING:

1. Family Game Night Saturday November 18. Pizza and snacks. Sharon will post sign-up sheet by October 27th.

John and Jill Greer will pick up the pizza. Debbie T will bring salad.

2. We discussed Haas Signs Mock-ups of the Welcoming Signs to be installed on the Walnut Street Door. Deb will take our opinions and ideas back to Haas and ask for additional samples.

3. Pastor showed a sample of an idea for a COLORFUL INVITATION TO ZION; to be discussed next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING – October 11

The following were in attendance: Susan Pytel, Melinda Schall and Jackie Glawe

We opened the meeting with prayer.

Jackie shared that following regarding the Sunday School classes.

We have been averaging about 18 youth/children.

Sometimes more something less per Sunday.

Prek-1st grade is learning about "The Lord's Prayer".

2nd – 5th grade have been working on Books of the Bible/the Old Testament. Getting familiar with and memorizing the order and scripture as well experiencing an individual story of each book.

6th – 7th grade continue Confirmation with Pastor. They have been rotating service as the acolyte in the Sunday Worship services.

8th – 12th grade have completed the September "Getting Ready" material on Community and have begun material on The Reformation and what it means to reform.

There will be a Family Game Night Nov 18th 6pm-8pm and Jackie will have games available for as young as Prek. The Communications team is hosting the evening with games also for adults and teens.

Jackie shared that she is looking into have a Movie Night for the younger children and their families sometime in January. If you have any suggestions for movies let her know. (this gives families the opportunity to go to the movies, enjoy snacks etc. because it is so expensive, plus a great night to come together.)

Jackie shared the following Youth Group Events coming up:

Oct 16th- With Gods Grace Food Pantry.

Oct 26th – Quarter Auction Fundraiser.

Nov 18th- Family Night for all ages.

Nov 20th – With Gods Grace Food Pantry

Dec 2nd – Serve beverages & food during Holiday for Homes.

Dec 14th- Project Believe

Dec 18th- With Gods Grace Food Pantry

Dec 29th- Movie Night, "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone".

Jen Garvic sent an email for me to share that she has received one shipment of the Flower Bulbs but is waiting for the other. After figuring amounts she thinks we made over \$200.00 and will also have the opportunity to sell some extra bulbs that we have as well as having some in the Quarter Auction.

Other fundraising ideas we discussed were Bodega gift wrapping in the community for donations, Holiday of Homes, Schwanns food, SmileAmazon.com, Flipgive, Calendars 2018, and Christmas Cards.

We ended the meeting with The Lords Prayer. 6:50pm.

Submitted by Jackie Glawe

WHAT'S HAPPENING in Zion's Fellowship Hall

- Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets from 5-8 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 2 is Dream's Quarter Auction to raise funds for adoptable dogs (vet care, spay & neutering, fostering etc.)
- Saturday, Nov. 4 – Historical Society event.
- Advocare will meet Nov. 6 and Nov. 18.
- Family Game Night is Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m.
- **Thrivent's "Give Where You Live"** event is on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 7-8 p.m.
- R.A.D. (Rape Awareness Defense) will have classes on Monday, Nov. 13 & 14 and 20 & 21 from 6-9 p.m.

The fellowship hall is a busy place this time of year and throughout the year. We are already booking dates for 2018. Be sure and call the church office (667-3110) to check on availability of the fellowship hall if you need it for a special event.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Newsletter Deadline for the December Tidings is **Thursday, November 16, 2017 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All items must be in that morning by 9:00 a.m.**

Bulletin Announcements:

Please have any information for the weekly bulletins in by **Wednesday morning**.

Committee Reports:

When submitting committee reports for the Tidings, ***please give only the highlights from the meeting***. A full copy of the minutes will be kept in the office but we only need the key points that were discussed for the newsletter.

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Prek - 1st graders have been learning about "The Lord's Prayer" and even made cell phones to call God. (I wish we could all do that!)

2nd - 5th graders have been getting more familiar with the books of the bible as they are currently working on the Old Testament through games, scripture reading and memorization.

6th - 7th graders completed acolyte training and continue their studies in Confirmation with Pastor and their individual mentors.

8th - 12th graders completed the September "Getting Ready" material on Community and have started "Reformation and what it means to Reform".

Dec 10th - Sunday School children's Christmas Program during 10:00am Worship Service.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

A Big Thank you to the youth and adults who came out to "With God's Grace Mobile Food Pantry" on Oct 16th and helped unload the truck and distribute food to those in need. They really appreciated our help as one of their regular groups that usually help didn't make it that day.

Oct 26th - As I write this the Quarter Auction has not taken place yet, but as you read this it will have already taken place. So I am hoping we had a great, successful, fun night!!

Nov 19th - Christmas Wrapping at Bodega Wine & Specialty Shop/community donations will go to the Youth Gathering Fund.

Dec 2nd - Holiday of Homes refreshments - 12noon - 4:30pm - youth will serve Chili and refreshments for donations.

Dec 14th- Project Believe- 6pm - Held at Broadway Elementary Gym. Pick out and wrap presents to be sent to mentally challenged youth.

Dec 20th - With God's Grace mobile food pantry, 5:15pm - 7:30pm, Vandalia Village Apts.

Dec 29th - Movie night in the fellowship hall - "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone".

God's peace,
Jackie Glawe

MANY THANKS!!!

Big THANK YOU goes out to all those who donated a basket/gift to the Quarter Auction and everyone that came out and supported the Youth!! We had a great night!

Big THANK YOU to supporting the Pink Flamingo Flocking! They are still flying around out there! WATCH OUT!

Big THANK YOU to everyone that purchased Flower Bulbs, they are in and you will be receiving your bulbs soon!

God's Peace,
The Christian Education Ministry Team
Melinda Schall, Jennifer Kauffmann, Heidi Coppock,
Susan Pytel, Jen Garvic and Jackie Glawe

FOR SALE

- *2018 God's Creation Wall Calendars* are still available for purchase of \$7.00. See a Zion youth or Jackie or they are also available at the Main St. entrance area.
- *Beautiful Christian Christmas Cards* available for purchase \$3.00 per box. Proceeds to go to the Youth Gathering Fund. Most boxes have 18 cards. See a Zion youth or Jackie or they are also available at the Main St. entrance area.

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