

# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY "TIDINGS" on Tuesday, December 19.**

## MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

### Adopt a Family



A Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, is 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 **December 3**. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children.

**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 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.



### 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 off at the church on December 10 & 11.

**Assembly and delivery will take place on Tuesday,**



**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Please mark your calendars and joins us to prepare and delivery the plates.



**Red Poinsettia plants can be ordered now through Dec. 3.** They are \$7.00 per plant. Order forms are available in the back of the church as well as in the church office.

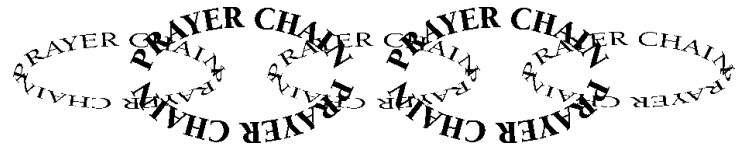


As you get older the little aches and pains start to accumulate. There is pain and then there is PAIN! I experienced the most painful episode inside my body last weekend and it was caused by a tiny little stone called the kidney stone. I pray if you have never had one you don't ever get one. I started experiencing pain Friday afternoon and the intense pain finally left me when I passed the kidney stone Sunday afternoon.

This kidney stone came at the worst time since I had a viewing on Friday the funeral on Saturday to lead then Saturday worship followed by Sunday worship and then the annual meeting. I was not able to lead anything because of the severe pain I was in and your pastor was in need.

Thanks Gary Groth for presiding at the funeral and leading Sunday worship. Thanks Kristen Zimmann for leading Saturday worship. Gary and Kristen were called by me at the last minute and they gladly served. Thanks to my wonderful wife who made many phone calls to people to make sure everything was taken care of. Thanks to church council who lead the annual meeting. Thanks for all the prayers and well wishes! Many times I get to take care of you but this time you took care of your pastor. Thanks Zion Lutheran church!

- 19 Noah Garvic
- 21 Alice Replogle
- 26 Stewart King
- 29 Jennifer Johnson



**Home bound residents specially thought of:** Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Mary Jean King, John Kruse, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish.

**Pray for healing and recovery ...** Fred Aller, Pat Battiston, Darryl Bendickson, Boots Elliott, Pastor Glawe, Laura Roeth, Derek Roseman, Roger Schall, Marina Snipes, Angelia Stum, Dick Turner, Russ VanHorn, Ann Whitmer.

Those dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatment: *Pat Battiston, George Hudson, Susan Smith*

Hospice has been called in for Neil Sonnanstine. Please keep Neil and Katie in your prayers during a difficult time.

**Those who have lost a loved one:** *Pat Hinde* whose husband Vince passed away on Oct. 22 in Florida. Pat was very active in Zion before moving south.

*Felicia Young* whose mother Ahdele (Peggy) Young passed away in Troy on Nov. 5. Peggy was a published author and a 58 year member of Zion. Services were held on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at Zion.



Dear Friends,



The 2018 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write you name under "presented by". You may also write a message to go in the bulletin (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of . . . anniversary, birthday, graduation, special event etc.) on the chart. Flower color as well as flower preference may also be requested. Altar flowers are ordered from Tipp Florist and are \$40.00 for two vases. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (designate "altar flowers").

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



- 1 Jacob Pytel
- 2 Susan Pytel
- 3 Maggie Powder
- 5 Carol Phillips
- 8 Lisa Phillips
- 9 Carla Frame
- 10 Ginger Schaefer
- 13 Jean Turner
- 15 Lieselotte Myers, Mark Sauls
- 17 Shirley Rawlins

Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund! Your donation ensures that LWR Quilts and kits get into the hands of people who need the most. Last spring a shipment of Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Baby items traveled to Peru. LWR staff and our partner, CARITAS, distributed the items to men, women and children across the country. Mountain dwelling families especially benefitted from the quilts as winter temperatures began to set in.

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve together, please accept our appreciation for your gift and all that it will do.

*Warm Regards,  
Daniel Speckhard, President and CEO*

Dear Women of Zion & The Christian Ed Team,  
Thank you all so much for my care package! I was super surprised when I saw it! It's been really chilly up here, so I'm already drinking the hot chocolate ... it's really yummy! I love everything in the box! Especially the fuzzy, pink socks and the cute, little monster! My roommate and I named him Fred. We had no idea he lit up until we squeezed hi. The candy will be gone in a flash too! Our neighbors love looking through our candy and I bet they'll love it. I also love the little devotion book. I can't wait to use it. God has brought me down a wonderful path up here in Bowling Green. I love everything about this place. I can't wait to come back and see all of you though! Thank you so much for everything!

*Lots of Love, Meghan*

Women of Zion at Zion Lutheran Church,  
Needy Basket of southern Miami county wishes to thank you for touching the lives of those in need through a generous donation in memory of Ramona Watkins.

Jim Sommer, Chairman

Dear Sisters in Christ,  
Thank you. Oh, thank you for your thoughtfulness, your prayers, and your generosity for the sake of Holy Cross. You cannot know how much comfort, strength, and support you have brought to us. We are temporarily in a new location, in the midst of

downtown Rockport. A very generous family has given us free use of the building for as long as we need it. We are discovering that may be as long as five months. Your most gracious response to our need is, believe me, so greatly appreciated. As we give heartfelt thanks, we ask your continued prayers. God bless you.

*With love, Pastor Haynes*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rockport, Texas

Dear women of Zion and the Christian Education Team,

Thank you very much for the care package. I really appreciate it and will be sure to use the items in the package. It is really nice to feel supported by my church even when I am away from home.

*Sincerely, Daniel Frame*

We would like to thank our dear friends at Zion Lutheran for their expressions of sympathy, cards, and warm hugs during our days of bereavement for our mother Peggy Young's passing.

We would also like to thank Ruth Ann and her kitchen crew for the cart of goodies during the visitation, as well as Bob & Deb for coming in to open and close the church on Saturday for the funeral. Also, thanks to Linda & Lori for planning the bulletin in Pastor's absence.

Lastly, we want to express our appreciation to Pastor Glawe for his visits to the nursing home and for writing the wonderfully apt remarks for Peggy's service. And to Pastor Gary Groth for stepping in to deliver them.

God bless you all.

*The children of Peggy Young; Felicia & Lee Young*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING**

#### **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

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

Pastor opened with a prayer.

#### **WELCOMING**

- Family Game Night Saturday November 18, 6:00 – 8:00 pm - 22 people have signed up – Jill and John will order and pick up pizza; Debbie T will bring salad - Bob and Deb will set up long tables - Jackie will have games and activities for children. Next time include Bunco?

- Walnut Street Entrance Sign: Discussion on sign for Exit Door to Parking Lot: Use same color combination as on Incoming Door from Parking Lot. Deb K reported Haas Signs would charge approximately \$125.

- Colorful Invitation to Zion: Jill Greer and Sue Rambeau worked up an idea on 4 x 5 Card Stock. Sue Rambeau has a friend who works for Western Ohio Graphics who could help with the printing. Front of the card: "You're Invited to Worship With Us" - Details of Services Schedules. Back of the card: Red and Blue Augsburg Catalog Rose Sticker. Hand-written details of upcoming events. All of us would be encouraged to offer an Invitation to people we meet outside of church. Make 200 cards initially

#### **PHOTO DIRECTORY:**

PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEDULED DATES IN THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

- \* Saturday April 28 10:00 to 7:00
- \* Sunday April 29 11:30 to 6:30
- \* Monday April 30 2:00 to 9:00
- \* Tuesday May 1 2:00 to 9:00

**NEXT MEETING:** Tues., Dec. 12 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2016**

**In attendance:** Terri Darrah, Pastor Glawe, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, and Lori Sebastian.

We discussed Reformation service and themes. Thanks to all their work coordinating around the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> year of the Reformation. We planned advent and Christmas services. Ruth White has asked readers for the advent candle lighting. Also, Ruth White is retiring from our committee. Thanks Ruth for your many years of service!

**Christmas Eve** is on Sunday – we will have 2 services: 5PM and 7:30, no Sunday AM service. Choir will sing at the late service, chime choir at early service. Children's Christmas program will be

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We will dedicate the new organ on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. In other issues - the only outstanding altar issue was checking on refinishing the brass ware. Next worship and music meeting will be January 3, 2018 – 1PM.

#### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

A boxwood was planted in the parking lot bed to replace one that died. A dwarf ornamental died this summer and will be replaced in the spring. Snow removal contract has been awarded to Evergreen. Basement railing repair was completed. Jeff Meyer Restoration has submitted a proposal for the tuck pointing and brick sealing.

We will be replacing the sanctuary pews with solid oak pews from St. Paul Lutheran in downtown Dayton. St. Paul will be closing after the end of the year. The committee is recommending that the vinyl tile flooring be replaced at this time with no-wax vinyl sheet flooring.

Cracks in the parking lot will be patched this fall. Black top brush sealing and striping will be completed in the spring.

Discussion was held on making our building more secure, especially during the week when Linda Short is in the building by herself. Security during service times was also discussed. We are in the process of securing quotes on access control security systems.

**The next meeting:** Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00

#### **WOMEN OF ZION \ MEETING HIGHLIGHTS from November 12, 2017**

1. Garage Sale proceeds went to Holy Cross Lutheran in Texas, Needy Basket, Eagles Wings, Shoes 4 the Shoeless, Project Believe, pillowcase material, Youth Gathering and Quilters.
2. Kitchen Clean Up day was 10/26
3. 57 Boxes were donated to Operation Christmas Child. WOZ will cover shipping costs.

4. Care packages were sent to college students.
5. WOZ will continue to provide dinner to the Smith family twice a week.
6. Dec. 1 Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting. WOZ will provide cookies.
7. WOZ Christmas dinner is Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on poster. Socks will be collected for Shoes 4 the Shoeless.

There was discussion on Cheer Plates, Adopt a Family, Women's Retreat, Missions of the month for 2018 and WOZ helping with the pew replacement project. More information to follow.

**Next Meeting:** Jan.4, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

## HOLIDAY OF HOMES

December 2, 2017

Tipp City Community

If you plan to attend the Holiday of Homes in Tipp City why not stop by and warm up by getting a delicious bowl of chili or hotdog and chips! Also available will be yummy desserts and hot and cold beverages! All for a suggested donation that will benefit the Youth Group for the youth gathering.

12noon - 5:00pm - in the fellowship Hall of Zion Lutheran Church, 14 W. Walnut St, Tipp City.

## GRACE PLACE NEWS

### Preschool - 1st grade

Jen Garvic has been leading the children each Sunday through each section of "The Lord's Prayer" adjusted to this age group. The children have enjoyed making cell phones to remember they can always call on God, paper prayer bracelets, boards that erase our sins to remind us how Jesus erases our sins and lots of fun games! In December the children will finish out the lesson and experience God sending his only son Jesus for us.

### 2nd - 5th grade

Jackie Glawe has been leading this group with getting students more familiar with the books of the bible. They currently have been focusing on the Old Testament with scripture, games, crafts and a song. In December the children will continue with the Old Testament and then work into the New Testament.

### 6th - 7th grade

Pastor Glawe continues to lead the 6 youth through the lessons in Confirmation along with their sponsors.

### 8th - 12th grade

Terri Darrah has been leading the youth with the "Getting Ready" material received from the ELCA Youth Gathering committee. In the past several months they have focused on being in Community with others through Christ, the Reformation and what it means to be reformed, and this past month on the Homelessness, changing our views of the Homeless and understanding the different aspects of Homelessness. In December the focus will be on Compassion and what it means to have compassion.

### Adult Sunday School

James Sebastian has been leading an enlightening discussion on the book and movie clips of "90 Minutes in Heaven".



The Quarter Auction was an awesome success! We made \$832.75 for the youth gathering fund!! Thank you Thank You Thank you to all who helped support the Quarter Auction fundraiser by donating items, money, spreading the word and those who came out! I know we had several big winners from the congregation as well as lots of laughs and fun!

The youth group has been busy flocking for months now with the pink feathered friends still flying about from yard to yard. Thank you for your

continued support of this fundraiser...we hope you have had some chuckles so far.

The following are still available for purchase to support the youth group:

- Beautiful scripture based Wall Calendars \$7.00 each
- Inspiring scripture based Christmas Cards \$3.00 per box
- Various extra Flower Bulbs - check with Jackie Glawe or Jen Garvic for types and prices.

**Youth Events for December**

Dec 2nd - Holiday of Homes refreshments - 12noon - 4:30pm - youth will serve Chili, hotdogs, chips, desserts and hot and cold beverages during the Holiday of Homes in Tipp City by suggested donation.

Dec 10th – Children’s Impromptu Christmas program during 10:00am worship service.

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 at 6:30pm - "**The Resurrection of Gavin Stone**". This movie is PG, and has a run time of 1h, 31mins and is considered Comedy, Drama, family. "A washed-up former child star, forced to do community service at a local mega church, pretends to be a Christian to land the part of Jesus in their annual Passion Play, only to discover that the most important role of his life is far from Hollywood.

(p.s. any adults interested in joining us for the movie are invited!)

**YOUTH GATHERING 2018  
HOUSTON, TX**

The following youth and adults are registered to attend the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, June 27th - July 1st, 2018.

Becca Helke, Kate Pytel, Rachel Sebastian, Lisa Sebastian, Melanie Schall, Elijah Freitag, Alex Kauffmann, Zach Kauffmann, Jacob Smith, Ginger

Freitag, Jackie Glawe, Jen Kauffmann, Susan Pytel, Melinda Schall.

We look forward to being part of this spiritual growth experience for not only the youth attending but the adults as well.

The gathering will consist of workshops, interactive service learning, worship services, amazing speakers, Christian bands, Southern Ohio Synod meet, greet and worship, devotions within our group and personal devotions, hands on service work in the community of Houston, group bonding and so much more!

Thank you to the congregation for the continued support of helping this group to attend the gathering in 2018.

God's Peace,  
Jackie Glawe



On December 10th during the 10:00am Sunday worship service the children of Zion will present: **THE AMAZING STORY OF CHRISTMAS**

I hope you will bring your children and families to the telling of the wonderful and amazing story of Christmas as we experience an impromptu pageant where the children and the congregation will help bring the birth of Jesus to life.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

*Please have articles in to the church office by Tuesday, December 19 for the January Tidings.*



