

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE MAY "TIDINGS" IS Friday, April 20.



Oesterlen Services for Youth

Located in Springfield, Ohio, Oesterlen Services for Youth helps emotionally, behaviorally and psychologically troubled youth and their families. During April we will be collecting items for Oesterlen. Please consider donating one or more of the following:

Art Supplies: construction paper, sketch pads, drawing paper, craft kits, colored pencils, permanent & non-permanent markers, journals/diaries (from dollar store)

Games/Toys: Deck of playing cards

Sports Items: basketball, football, playground ball, volleyball, ball pump

Bath towels and Wash cloths

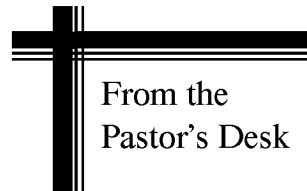
Toiletries: comb, brush, stick deodorant 2.6 or larger (*boys like Axe brand; girls like Dove brand*)

Clothing: boxer shorts (sizes Youth Large to Adult XL), sweatpants (sizes small - X large, although size Medium is most often needed)

School Supplies: pens, #2 pencils without metal tops; lined notebook paper, pocket folders, single subject lined notebooks (without spiral wire binding), glue sticks, small 2018 pocket calendars

Life Skills Programming – Gardening, Wood Shop, and the Farm: flower/vegetable seeds, *Gift Cards for Lowe's, Home Depot, Rural King, or Tractor Supply Company*, wood working tools, wood and supplies

Gift Cards: \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 amounts for Walmart, Meijer, McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King or Donato's Pizza.



From the
Pastor's Desk

April 2018

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Happy Easter the tomb is empty and this is no April fool's joke. He is alive! Without the resurrection we would have no faith. However Easter Sunday happened and we live by faith. Our faith sustains us and keeps us going in a sinful, hurting and broken world.

As followers of Jesus we put our faith in something much bigger than humanity. The world tries to limit what God can do. Humanity tries to reason all things out in life. God cannot and will not be contained or defined in human terms. Our faith exclaims and proclaims that God is much bigger than humanity. We do not put our faith in humanity.

We put our faith in Jesus. Our faith in Jesus is how we live in the world. The Easter story defines us as followers of the risen Jesus. Go and tell the story! He is risen! He is risen indeed!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 John Sebastian
- 3 Katie Kessler
- 5 Sharon Knick
- 14 Gary Groth, Alex & Zach Kauffmann,
Roger Kister, Lisa Sebastian
- 17 Bob Kuhls
- 18 John LeGros, Trapper Phillips
- 23 Randy Turner, Henry Rizzotte
- 24 Alyxandria Grube, Logan Phillips
- 26 Scot Coppock, Tyler Feters,
Debbie Keppel
- 28 Judy Bailey



Please pray for the following individuals who have lost a loved one:

Jean Turner, Anna Marie & Kevin Stover & family;

Richard Turner passed away Sunday, March 10;

A service will be held at a later date.

Betty VanHorn and family. **Russ VanHorn** passed away Monday, March 12. A service was held here at Zion on Wed., March 21.

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

Recovery, Healing and Comfort for: Pat Battiston, Robert Battson, Joyce Dudley, Wayne Fronczak, Joyce Knick, Angela Stum, Piper Watkins, Kathryn Waymire

Prayer requests that have come in recently:

- Dustin and Patsy Warren.
- Carol Phillips who is experiencing some serious health issues and needs our prayers.



Pastor Jeff,

Thank you again, for allowing me to visit Zion on Sunday, Feb. 18. Your congregation was so kind and generous. I look forward to continuing to work with Zion.

Peace, Pastor Cliff Nunn

Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center

Thanks for the tremendous amount of work over a period of time and for the physical work setting up everything for our Women's Retreat in March. Kristen and Joyce – how blessed we are to have you in our midst, all of you help to make Zion a special place to worship. Thanks,

All of us who experienced the retreat

Greetings Zion Lutheran Church,

Once again, we have completed another successful year for the Christmas in the Village Home Tour. It was a transition year as Heather Bailey worked with me to turn over the leadership of this important community event. We are appreciative of her 7 years of service and I am excited about beginning my tenure.

Thank you for your contribution to this years event. We wish you the best. Enclosed please find a \$200.00 check.

Sincerely, Catresa Bouelle, Village Captain

Brat/Kraut Dinner

Menu: Brat or Hot Dog,

Green Beans & Sauerkraut,

Applesauce, Mashed Potatoes,

Dinner Roll, Dessert, Beverage

WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 2018

HOURS: 4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Zion Lutheran Church

14 West Walnut Street, Tipp City

(Handicap Accessible)

Adult: \$8.00 Children under 10: \$5.00

Carryout available with ticket

****PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT****

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE / March 5, 2018

- The new sanctuary floor was installed in February. It was necessary to put a new subfloor down which resulted in an additional cost. All of the old pews have been removed.
- On Friday, March 9th, a crew will meet at St. Paul's to bring a few of the new pews back to Zion for installation on Saturday, the 10th.
- A second estimate for parking lot and exterior building lighting was received.

Saturday, April 28th will be Zion's Yard Clean-up Day at the cemetery and church property. May 5th will be the rain date.

Monthly work list was completed.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.



Zion's "**outdoor beautify your church day**" will be held on **Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. – noon**. The rain date will be Saturday, May 5. If you have them, please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, brooms, etc. A sign-up sheet is posted on the wall at the main entrance of the church. Sign-up posters are also available for those who can help with the **Zion lawn mowing** and the **Cemetery lawn mowing**. A trailer is available in the Zion garage for transporting equipment to the cemetery. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Keppel at 689-3892. See Linda in the church office or Bob for the garage key.

WORSHIP & MUSIC / March 7, 2018

Attending were: Terri Darrah, Pastor Glawe, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, and Lori Sebastian.

Pastor began the meeting in prayer.

We discussed the upcoming Lenten Reflective service. We will have assorted pickup foods, time to visit, and then reflect on some Biblical readings

and sing a few hymns. {Note afterwards:

Approximately 20 people attended and we even had a spouse of a Weight Watchers attendee join us!} Thanks to all who were involved in seeing this service through!

We discussed worship services, liturgies, and musical pieces. We walked through Palm Sunday (palms are on order!), Maundy Thursday (stripping of the altar), and Good Friday. Easter Sunday, we will have a variety of spring potted flowers. Pastor confirmed we would have continuous communion Easter Sunday.

Choir continues making a joyful sound! Terri Darrah asked for input on the remainder of the season, and we decided that the choir will rehearse and sing through Sunday, May 20th. May 20th will be Choir Sunday. Choir robes are in the process of being washed. Thank you Linda Holt for all your efforts in getting our robes ready for Holy Week! Terri will select music for the remainder of the season!

We also discussed people and groups to fill the special music spot during the summer months, and came up with several ideas external to the congregation. If you or a family member or friend is interested in providing special music this summer, please contact Lori Sebastian @ musicalsebastian@hotmail.com or 937.667.4893.

Altar is running smoothly. Carla Frame found a reasonable solution to refurbishing the brass vases, so those should be completed in the near future! And will be a nice addition to our new pews and flooring in the sanctuary. Thanks to all who are involved in those efforts and the time they have spent!

Pastor asked the committee's input on having a lay person available to lead service when/if he was gone – particularly unexpectedly. The committee felt having a person or people cross trained to handle the various worship duties was worth pursuing. Lori met with the organ technician to remedy a power supply issue and to receive additional instruction on the Allen organ.

Next meeting date is Wed., May 2nd at 1 PM.

WOMEN OF ZION HIGHLIGHTS / March 11, 2018

Old Business:

1. Discussion about the Women's Retreat held March 10. 34 women attended. The retreat was very well planned. We all really enjoyed Kristen's and Olive's presentations. Everyone had a very good, meaningful time.
2. Pillowcase project is the mission of the month for March. There are 3 more Sundays to donate to this. Kathy Groth and Donna Slyman will shop for fabric.

New Business:

1. Grace works has asked if we would help again this year for a luncheon to be held on Tuesday, April 17. Maggie asked for donations of 4 desserts and people to help serve.
2. Nine new Chrismon ornaments will need to be made this year. Kathy & Deb K. will check out new designs and order beads. \$200.00 has been allotted for this. We will make the ornaments this summer.
3. Deb K. will check with Jackie about college care packages. \$150.00 has been set aside for this. We also received a donation from a member of Zion.
4. A Lenten meditation will be held on March 14 in the blue carpet area. Snacks will be provided.
5. The Brat Supper is April 14. A sign up sheet will be going up soon.
6. It was decided to give \$1000.00 to the Sanctuary fund. This money can be used to cover the cost of shortening the pew pads or donating to the sanctuary fund.
7. After discussion it was decided to have the Women of Zion meetings at 5:00 p.m. Sept. – April and at 7:00 p.m. from May through August.

Next meeting will be April 8 at 5:00 p.m. All women are welcome!

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / March 13, 2018

1. Approved February 2018 council minutes.

2. Approved financials for January 2018.
3. Installment of new flooring in sanctuary has been completed.
4. Installing of the new pews in sanctuary has begun.
5. Church council agreed on Sunday, August 26 for the church picnic. Pam Sauls will reserve the Tipp City roundhouse for the picnic.
6. Council approved the addition of new members Jan and Fred Aller and Rusty and Jessica Rizzotte into the Zion church family.
7. Pastor will be on vacation April 3-5.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING / Tues., March 13

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

PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

WELCOMING:

1. BUNCO Family Game Night on Saturday February 17th was very much enjoyed by 14 attendees. People enjoyed that the game of Bunco allows everyone to move around and play with other people, as the game progresses. We tentatively set another Bunco Date, April 21.

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

1. The beautiful sign-up poster is up; with our thanks to Sharon Byrd!
2. Bulletin Inserts - March 3rd and 4th; and upcoming, March 17th and 18th
3. Linda Short mailed letter on March 5, to shut-ins concerning pictures taken off-site; so far, a couple of responses received in the office, requesting someone to make visits and take pictures. Debbie T will take care of getting these pictures taken.
4. Scheduling phone calls to those who have not signed up will start mid-April
5. Reminder cards will be placed in mailboxes two weeks before scheduled photo session date, then mailed to those who have not picked up the card from their mailboxes.
6. Volunteers are needed to greet families at photo sessions. Each family's photo session will be one hour. We hope to schedule volunteers for 3 hour shifts if possible.

7. Peggy will compile a Sign-Up Sheet for our next meeting, so that our committee members can volunteer their shifts.

8. Lifetouch Sessions are scheduled for:

- * Saturday, April 28 10:00am – 4:50 pm
- * Sunday April 29 12:00pm – 6:50 pm
- * Monday April 30 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- * Tuesday May 1 2:00 pm - 8:50 pm

9. Someone will need to lock up the building at end of each session; Bob and Deb Keppel can make sure that happens.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY APRIL 10 AT 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY / March 5, 2018
@ 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Heidi Coppock, Jen Garvic, Susan Pytel, Jackie Glawe

The meeting began with a prayer.

Jackie and Jen G. shared that Prek finished up “The Lord’s Prayer” lessons and began lessons on Lent and the Lenten Season. 1st - 5th grade working through stories of the Old & New Testament for the Lenten Season.

Jackie shared the 1st - 5th graders really enjoyed putting on a short skit for the Prek class, which Jen said the Prek class really liked. We will do this again in the future.

Jackie shared that Pastor said last day of Confirmation for this SS yr will be March 18th. This same group will resume Confirmation class beginning again in the fall. Lilo Myers will lead the 5th - 8th grade Sunday School class beginning April 8th.

Jackie shared HS class finished lessons on “Relationships” and started “Justice”.

Average SS children/youth attendance has been 21 the past several months. We discussed Palm Sunday will be the week of all the area schools Spring Break so Jackie will check with other parents of older youth to see if we should have SS on Palm Sunday if most will be out of town. Jackie will let us know. No SS on Easter.

Jackie and Susan shared that they enjoyed attending the Capital University Youth Retreat with 12 youth and it was a great experience where the youth bonded in faith and God’s word.

We reviewed the following upcoming events where help is needed from the youth and parents:
Mar 31st - Pancake Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt,

Apr 14th - Brat Supper, Apr 16th - Historical Society Dinner.

Jackie made the group aware of several Christian concerts in town and said she would email information out to parents.

We discussed a movie night for the younger children and Jen G. suggested the movie “The Star” (which is about the Nativity) and should be coming out on DVD soon. We will look at some dates for this. We also discussed LOMO camps again. Jackie said she posted a brochure about upcoming camps for parents to see and she will also check again into a camp day or overnight for 2nd - 5th graders.

We discussed VBS and tentatively set a date for VBS of June 11th - 14th which was placed on the church calendar. Jackie will confirm with Cyndi Grube if that week will work for her to lead the food ideas and prep.

Jackie shared the following fundraisers for the Youth Gathering are still going and what some of them have made so far: SmileAmazon.com, Flipgive.com \$101.00, GoFundMe \$1,255.00, Flamingo Flocking over \$1,000.00,

We discussed we have some Flower Bulbs left over from the sale and Jen G. suggested we donate for the church to have them planted outside church, Heidi seconded that idea. So Jen G. will store them so they will be good for planting when the time comes and we will also check with Deb K. on this.

Misc: We talked about asking the Communications team if the congregation could get some sort of Name Tags to wear since we have been getting more new people and we feel that would be helpful for us all to get to know each other. Meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:00pm. Minutes submitted by Jackie Glawe

****GRACE PLACE NEWS****

Prek class has been enjoying learning about loving our neighbor and who our neighbor is in God’s eyes.

1st - 5th grade class have also been learning about loving our neighbor and they have also presented several short skits for the Prek class.

6th - 8th grade just completed the first half of their Confirmation sessions with Pastor and will begin again in the fall of 2018 with the second half. Regular class will be available for the 6th - 8th graders in the Sunday School area upstairs until May.

9th - 12th grade class have been experiencing interactive lessons about "Justice" and how God wants us to treat others. The class will begin lessons on "Advocacy" in April.

Adult Class has been experience "Walking Dusty" lesson each Sunday.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

April 14th - Brat Supper - 6th - 12th grade youth needed to help with table service.

April 16th - Historical Society Dinner - 6th - 12th grade youth needed to help with table service.

Other events to be announced

Thank you for helping support the Youth at the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt!

Happy Easter! He is Risen!

Youth Gathering Fundraisers

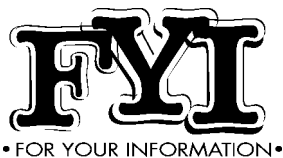
Schwans Food Truck Delivery (contact Jackie Glawe or Melinda Schall with questions)

SmileAmazon.com (instead making purchases through just Amazon.com change over to SmileAmazon.com free and they will give us a small percentage from the amount you spend on your purchase-no charge to you)

Flipgive.com - purchase items online through any of the retailers listed on their site and we will receive a percentage of the sale - no charge to you.

Flamingo Flocking will be underway again soon!

Jackie Glawe



WOMEN OF ZION . . . The WOZ meeting in April will start at 5:00 p.m. It was decided at our last meeting to hold the May through August meetings at 7:00 p.m. The September through April meetings will be at 5:00 p.m.

Did you know? If you are taking distributions from a taxable IRA and contribute to Zion, you can make your donations to church tax free by directing your IRA trustee to send a check directly to the church from your account! If you are "better" than 70½, this will even count toward your annual required minimum distribution (RMD). This is a great way to get the biggest bang for your buck and save on taxes. Ask your financial advisor or accountant about Qualified Charitable Distributions. Please note that only IRAs are currently eligible. Other retirement plans such as 401(k)s must first be rolled into an IRA to make direct contributions tax-free.



Zion is in need of someone to take charge of the audio/video equipment in the church. Right now there are a handful of people who know how some or most of it works, but we'd like to have someone (or a few people) in charge of managing it, able to show others how to use it, and to update the instructions in the fellowship hall balcony. Please contact Melinda Schall if you can help in this area.

CHECK REQUESTS

Please follow the procedure below when requesting a check for payment of a bill or reimbursement to an individual. No bill or reimbursement will be paid unless a **REQUEST FOR CHECK** form is filled out. These forms are available in the work room on top of the mailboxes. Please fill out the form and attach a receipt to it. Place the form in Sue Rambeau's (Treasurer) box in the work room. Bills and requests are picked up on a regular basis. Thank you.

