

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE "TIDINGS" ON Monday, May 21.



Jeremiah's Letter is a non-profit established to serve those in need, bringing God's people together in service to aid the less fortunate. Jeremiah's Letter shares clothing, hygiene products, bedding, towels Bibles, and household items, as well as providing or facilitating other spiritual and bodily needs.

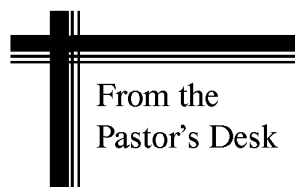
And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you . . . Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.

Jeremiah 29

This organization is located on Xenia Ave. having recently moved from St. Paul's Lutheran with the assistance of volunteers, operates as a resource for families and individuals in crisis or moving out of homelessness. Jeremiah's Letter shares clothing, hygiene, and household goods. They help get birth certificates that are essential for securing housing and jobs and registering children for school. They also provide a site for contact with other service agencies .

You can help. This month we will be collecting new and used household items for Jeremiah's Letter such as--Blankets, pillows, sheets, bath towels, sleeping bags, silverware, pots and

pans, dishes, plastic cups, cleaning supplies including dish soap and sponges. Cash donations will also be accepted.



From the
Pastor's Desk

In the Lutheran church we have two sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion. In Baptism we are sealed with the sign of the cross forever and assured of God's forgiveness as he cleanses us from sin through his death and resurrection. Baptism is a onetime event that signifies we are a child of God forever. Baptism is about God and what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

Holy Communion is the second sacrament and I take my communion kit whenever I visit homebound people or people in the hospital. I usually have a visit with the person or family and near the conclusion of our visit with each other I administer the blessing of partaking in communion, Christ's body and blood given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Faith and Hope show up through the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is an honor for me to share Holy Communion near the conclusion of my visit.

During my time as a pastor Faith and Hope really come forward when one of God's children is nearing the end of their time on earth. It is during this transition that I have witnessed over and over again God's children upon my arrival immediately requesting the blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. In these last moments on earth this child of God is firmly holding onto their Faith and

Hope of a new life through Jesus Christ. They don't wait to the end of my visit they want Holy Communion right now which gives them Faith and Hope. We are people of Faith and Hope and that has been shown to me most dramatically in the final celebration on earth of Holy Communion with all of God's children. We are assured of things to come. Thank you children of God for showing me the way!
Pastor Glawe



May Birthdays

- 2 Dale Schaefer
- 4 Laurie Helke
- 5 Joyce Johnson
- 6 Faith Krum
- 7 Dianne LeGros
- 8 Elijah Johnson, Ruth White
- 13 Kate Pytel
- 16 Irene Miller, John Trey
- 19 Pastor Jeff Glawe
- 23 Matt Sauls
- 26 Nathan Schall
- 27 Susan Coon
- 28 Zachery Johnson
- 30 Ruth Stollmer
- 31 Pat Cowan



Home bound residents specially thought of:
Belia Parrish, Nancy & Darryl Bendickson, Freda Ferguson, Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb & Joyce Johnson, Mary Jean King, Bob Kuhls, and Barb Stafford.

Sheffield Hyde passed away at Upper Valley Hosp. intensive care unit on Wednesday, April 18. Please

keep Sheff's family and Freda Ferguson in your prayers. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Pray for healing & comfort: *Laura Roeth* who is recovering from a serious bout of the flu, *Joyce Johnson* who had shoulder surgery and *Angela Stum, Brian Grube* who was in a serious car accident.

Improved health for Carol Phillips.

Prayers for: Dusty & Patsy Warren, Joyce Dudley, Piper Watkins, and Robert Battson.

CALLING ALL TECHNICAL WIZARDS: Zion is in need of one (or more) people willing to be "in charge" of our audio/video equipment. This would involve making sure things are in operating condition, updating instructions for outside groups, and showing others how to use things. If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact Melinda Schall.



On behalf of my mother, Jean, and my sister, Robin, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the cares, flowers, and calls we received during my Dad's last few weeks and recent passing. Special thanks to Pastor Jeff for his visits and for bringing Dad what would be his last communion. My sister and I were blessed to hold Dad's hand, and make the sign of the cross on his forehead, and send him off to His Lord – a very peaceful transition. (after of course, we told him we'd take care of Mom!).

*In Christian love, The family of Richard Turner
 Jean & Robin Turner and AnnaMarie & Kevin Stover*

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,
 Thank you for your generous gift of **123 quilts** for Lutheran World Relief's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world. Quilts and school kits provide important necessities to Georgia, Angola, Thailand, Pakistan, Mali and Burkina Faso.

*In Christ, Melanie W. Gibbons
 Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager*

A Thank you for our support was received from *Dayton Children's Hospital, Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center, and Wittenberg / Scholarship for Ohio Lutherans*. Zion's donations were gratefully accepted to further their support and loyalty toward youth and families.

Dear Zion Family,

Thank you so very much for all your prayers! The power of prayers is amazing! God's healing power is even more amazing! Thank you also for the many, many touches and jugs in person. You may never understand how VERY much that has meant to me. God's blessings to all of you. *Thank you, Carol Phillips*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE / Monday, April 2

With the exception of a few finishing touches, the pew installation is complete. Many thanks to the "Pew Wranglers" who spent many hours moving and installing the pews. Thank you, Jack Byrd, Dennis Copeland, Tim Garvic, John Greer, Wayne Kauffmann, Bob Keppel, Jeff Mitchell, Mike Phillips, Chuck Powder, Brent Reedstrom, Matt Sauls, John and James Sebastian, Katie Sonnanstine, Steve Tritle, Matt Witwer, and Garry Yunker!

Property Committee will recommend to council a company to retrofit the parking lot and exterior lighting with LED lights.

The annual spring yard work day at the Lutheran Cemetery and church site is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th with a rain date set for the following Saturday, May 5. Anyone who can spare a couple of hours on the 28th is invited to bring yard tools. We'll meet at 8:00 a.m.

The monthly work list was completed.

The next meeting is Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The following dates are available to mow the **Church Lawn:** June 30-July 14, Aug. 25-Sept. 8, Sept. 22-Oct. 6, Oct. 6 – 20, Oct. 20 – Nov. 3.

Cemetery: April 21 – May 5, June 30 – July 14, Aug. 25 – Sept. 8, Sept. 8 – 22, Sept. 22 – Oct. 6, Oct. 6 – 20, Oct. 20 – Nov. 3.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to mow the church & cemetery lawns.

WOMEN OF ZION / April 8, 2018

Old Business:

1. The pillowcase project was the mission of the month for March. \$82.00 was donated. It was decided that WOZ would match that amount, for the total of \$164.00 Kathy Groth, Donna Slyman and Deb Turner will shop for fabric.
2. The Lenten meditation on March 14 was fairly well attended and very meaningful.
3. Ruth White thanked everyone who helped prepare meals for the Smith family as Susan was going through treatment. Praise God – she is cancer free!

New Business:

1. The Brat Supper is Saturday, April 14. There are still openings for people to help. Deb Turner will help Karen Smeal sell tickets at the door. The youth will help with clearing tables. This is an all-church event.
2. Graceworks luncheon will be April 17. Desserts will be sent, along with Jackie, Maggie and Miriam to help serve.
3. College care packages will be sent soon. Seven or eight packages are usually sent.
4. There will be an opportunity to help with a Shoes 4 The Shoeless event the end of April. Workers are needed to unload the truck, be runners to get the shoes, and help size shoes for the children. A truck will be at Demmitt Elementary School in Vandalia on April 25 from 8:30 – 11:30 and at Washington Primary School in Piqua on April 27 from 9:00 – noon.
5. Ruth White reported that the service at Randall Residence today was well attended, both the Zion members (15) and the residents. There will be a service at Randall the third Sunday of the month, hopefully communion will be provided as well.



6. It was decided to sponsor a campership (up to \$300) to LOMO this year. This is a very worthwhile project.
7. The mission for the month of April is Oesterlen Services for Youth. Items needed will be listed in the bulletin.

The next WOZ meeting will be May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

All women are welcome!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The council meeting was changed from April 10 to April 24.

COMMUNICATIONS / WELCOMING- April 10, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Miriam Comer, Sharon Byrd, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Chuck Powder, Debbie Turner

ZION WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS: CHUCK POWDER

1. Chuck will create Labels for the Greeters to use for Lifestyle Photo Sessions Sign-Ins
2. Our Website is 8 years old. The Tools are weak/broken, and require "work-arounds"
3. Research: What can we do to modernize
4. Goal: people from Zion to help with content – recruit High School Youth to form a team to improve content
5. The Email system is weak and unfriendly; we need a better system.
6. Domain Name: Who owns ours? Who is the "Master"? Payment made last August, 2017 Spend \$70.00 to \$90.00 for Tools to Design? Payment must be made to prevent being turned off.
7. Chuck will "Lay Out Ideas" in preparation for our June 12th Meeting
 - a. Better Calendar
 - b. Better Email
 - c. Scrollable Videos
 - d. "Council Page" with Calendar
 - e. "Youth Page" with Calendar
 - f. Make it more fun to use - Better Videos

WELCOMING:

1. BUNCO NIGHT: Saturday April 21st 6:00 to 8:00. Sharon will do Sign Up Sheet – Kathy will pick up pizza.

2. 72 mugs received for Welcome Station; cost \$330.54. Slightly different shape; same color. Thanks, Wayne.

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

1. As of 4-9-18, 57 families/individuals have scheduled their Photo Sessions.
2. Calling team will begin calling the remaining 53 families this week.
3. Sign-up this evening for Host Duties. Two hour shifts available,. It will not be necessary to post a sign-up sheet.
4. We will use the Welcome Card Photo of the front of the church (Main Street) for the Directory Cover.
5. Five Shut-Ins have requested to use old directory photos or have submitted a photo. We can submit up to 10 free. More than 10 will cost us \$10 per photo submitted.
6. Photo Directories and Picture Packages will be send to the church.
7. Photo Session reminder cards will be put in Zion Mailboxes. Those cards not picked up will be sent in the mail.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 8 AT 5:00 PM

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING

We will meet on May 2 at 1:00 PM



We had our first Sunday service at 1 pm on April 8th. We were informed by the residents at Randall the **3rd Sunday of the month** work better for them, same time. 15 residents were present. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the service, plus they liked the idea of Holy Communion. Thanks to everyone who took part in this ministry. They really enjoyed the familiar hymns. Anyone interested in helping out is welcome. Mike Werts

Herb and Joyce Johnson have recently moved to Story Point in Troy. Below is their new address and phone number.

Ph: 552-9716

Story Point
1840 Towne Park Dr., Room 23
Troy, OH 45373

Linda Schmitz Brandon informed Mike Werts that George Schmitz passed away on April 5. George was an active member here at Zion until he moved to Bethany in Beavercreek. He was on several committees at Zion.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

*Please have articles in to the church office
by **Monday, May 21** for the June Tidings.*

****GRACE PLACE NEWS****

Prek has been experiencing Jesus ministry, the Cross and Resurrection through stories, crafts and games.

1st - 4th grade presented another short skit for the younger class about The Good Samaritan.

Confirmation- Pastor Glawe's confirmation class has concluded for this school year and will begin again Sept 2018.

5th - 8th graders are back to class with Lilo Myers leading them in the "Jesus Now" series of Kingdom Quest.

9th - 12th grade has just completed lessons on "Advocacy" learning how Jesus had to migrate to another city and they will begin lessons on "Purpose".

Last Day of Sunday School is May 20th.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth have been busy these months with helping and serving with the Pancake Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Brat Supper and the Historical Society Dinner.

We have two youth who will be graduating from High School this year.

Megan Grube - Troy High School

Becca Helke - Vandalia-Butler High School

57 Days until 9 youth and 5 adults attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX!!

BLAST OFF TO BOOKS

The ELCA Youth Gathering has recognized the need to lift up literacy in Houston.

The Gathering will be collecting books for students in Pre-K through 6th grade.

The partners at the Houston Independent School District identified the a list of specific books for Gathering participants to bring to Houston.

If you are interested in purchasing and sending a book(s) with the youth and sponsors traveling to the Youth Gathering from Zion please pick up the specific book list located on the table in the entrance area and purchase and return the book(s) to Jackie Glawe or any Youth traveling to the gathering.

Please return the books by May 27th.

Thank you in advance for helping with literacy in Houston!

VBS IS COMING THIS SUMMER!!!

Preschool - 5th grade

June 11th - 14th

5:30pm - dinner

6:00pm - 8:00pm VBS

Come join in the fun and learn about
God's purpose for his creation!

****Lots of helpers will be needed!**

Let Jackie Glawe know if you are interested
in helping with this wonderful children's ministry!

HATS OFF TO THE YOUTH . . .

Several of our church members attended
the Tippecanoe Historical Society Banquet and
yearly meeting held at Zion in April.

We were so proud of our youth group and
how kind and helpful they were to all of our
members during the serving time and the clean up
too.

Hats off to the outstanding youth group at
Zion (and our great Pastor's wife Jackie who led
them).

*All of Zion's Tippecanoe Historical
Society Members*