



# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE **March Tidings is Monday, February 18.**

## Mission of the Month for February

### Shoes 4 the Shoeless

*You can make a difference!!*

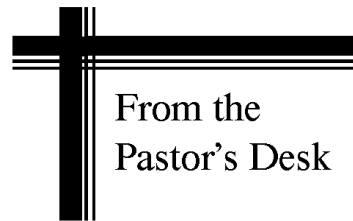
*The Women of Zion will be collecting donations for [shoes4theshoeless](http://shoes4theshoeless) an organization that provides gym shoes for needy children in Montgomery, Miami and surrounding counties.*

*You may make a donation of cash or a check made out to Women of Zion or a donation of a new pair of gym shoes any size a 5yr – 18yr old would wear. Most needed tends to be sizes 1-5 youth.*



*For more information about this organization:*

[www.shoes4theshoeless.org](http://www.shoes4theshoeless.org)



## From the Pastor's Desk

Some of you may know I like to read. I am one of those readers who can read two or three books in a short amount of time. I am a **Binge Reader** where I immerse myself for a short time then take long breaks and start up again.

In my morning time with God I have been recently reading books about **Our Soul**. There are many references about **Our Soul** in the Bible. The book of Psalm has many of these. Questions abound about what is the Soul? Some Christian thought is that the body dies, but the soul goes to heaven. I do not claim to know the answer on that question, but I do believe the soul does exist and it is formed into our identity.

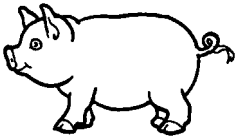
I have finished reading a book titled *Dark Nights of the Soul* written by Thomas Moore. For me this book has enriched my faith and trust in God. There are so many ideas and quotes and insights I could share with you from this book, but I will leave with you only a few.

Moore states "A true dark night of the soul is not a surface challenge but a development that takes you away from the joy of your ordinary life. An external event or an internal event that strikes you at the core of your existence. This is not just a feeling but a rupture in your very being, and it may take a long while to get through to the other end of

it." Moore believes a true Dark Night of the Soul offers no ordinary way out of it except perhaps to rely on your pure faith and resources beyond human capabilities.

Dark Nights of the Soul are not to be solved, but to be enriched by them. These Dark Nights of the Soul leave a lasting effect on who you are and hopefully alters your state of the soul in a good way. Moore concludes that these Dark Nights of the Soul, nobody asks for them or desires them or brags about them, but they can mold us, form us and leave our soul stronger once we come out of the Dark Nights of the Soul because we end up with a different state of the soul than when we initially entered that Dark Nights of the Soul. This book may not be for everybody but it was definitely for me! Amen!

Save  
the  
Date



**Zion's annual Bratwurst and Sauerkraut Fundraising Dinner will be: Saturday, February 16 from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.** We need the support and participation of everyone in the congregation to make this a success. A sign up sheet will be posted where you can indicate how and where you would like to help.



**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 19  
**WHERE:** Tipp City American Legion Hall  
**TIME:** Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Auction begins at 7:00 p.m.  
This event is to benefit the youth at Zion.

PAIDLES  
UP!



I am hoping to have the Zion bell choir reactivate in February. It would be 3 rehearsals - Tuesdays at 7pm-8pm. Prefer 7th grade and above (but willing to adjust if we have a good music reader). **Reading music is *not* a requirement, since we mark the music, but it helps!**

**The rehearsals would be:**

**Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 12th, and 19th**

**Performance would be Sunday, Feb. 24th.**

We would need at least 8 people ringing to make this work. And can probably take up to 15 (the more ringers the more octaves we can utilize!) Please let me know by Feb. 1st if you are interested (and who from your family would be available), so that I can get music planned and marked.

Lori Sebastian



**WOMEN OF ZION  
VALENTINE VIDEO NIGHT**

**WHEN: Sunday, February 10**

**TIME: 5:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Fellowship Hall**

All women of Zion and their guests are invited to enjoy Fellowship together as we watch a comedy video, visit with old friends and meet new ones. Bring a valentine card and, if you wish, bring a snack to share.

**Women of Zion Day Retreat  
"The Freedom of Forgiveness"**

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Zion's Fellowship Hall**

**\*Additional information about the retreat will be available on the sign up sheet\***

\*Please register in advance on sign up sheet posted. \*

\*\*No charge for this day retreat\*\*

\*\*Sandwiches and beverages will be provided. If you want to bring a salad or dessert to share that would be lovely, but not required to attend.\*\*

*All women of Zion and their guests are invited to attend this wonderful day retreat!*

## SOUP MAKING . . .

Come join us in Zion's great kitchen on **Tuesday, February 5** for the traditional making of our famous turkey noodle soup. Bring your favorite kitchen knife and be ready to slice and chop!!! We will gather at 9:30 am and we always finish about 11:30.

Then, we will enjoy a bowl of soup together. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway.

P.S. This soup is the anchor menu item for our lunch stand at the art and craft show which is held in the Fellowship Hall on Feb. 9 at 9:00 a.m.



## FEBRUARY:

- 7 Steve Reeves
- 9 Cathy Miller
- 12 Marlene Thau
- 15 Ina Crenshaw, Lucky Vonderheide
- 17 Chloe Donnan
- 20 Megan Grube
- 22 Sharon Byrd, James Sebastian
- 24 Jessica Rizzotte, Matt Witwer
- 25 Kayly Fetters, Barbra Kruse
- 26 Katie Sonnanstine
- 28 Olin Shutt



## **Pray for healing and recovery**

Linda Brewer, Collin Coffi, Sue Cook, Pam Garvic, Mary Sue Helke, Roger & Cris Kister, Jan Lehman, Chae Manning, Joel & Kathy Miller, Katy Vander Molen, Theresa Watson.

## *Home bound residents specially thought of:*

Jean Birtle, Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb & Joyce Johnson, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish.

*Thank You!*  
**THANK YOU!**

Dear Friends of Zion,

Thank you for thinking of me with the cheer plate of cookies and candy. The whole family enjoyed them. What a nice surprise! *Betty VanHorn*

Zion,

Thank you for the Cheer Plate. It reminded me of working on the many visits with home-bound members. Also, my good friend Boots.

*Sincerely, Sue Cook*

My personal thanks to all the folks who helped with making tree ornaments for the Hospice Christmas trees. We had lots of participation and a good time, with good food too! This was a truly worthwhile and appreciated project. I received a note from Beth Shrake of Hospice of Miami County, addressed to Zion Lutheran Crafters – It says, “Ladies, thank you for sharing your creativity with us. The Christmas tree ornaments were LOVELY . . . just what our trees needed! Thank you for thinking of us and our project.”

*Zion Lutheran Crafters* – has a nice ring to it, doesn't it? Maybe we can do this again in November! *Lillian Nichols*

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your generous gift of 34 Mission  
Quilts. These gifts of your hearts and hands are  
Beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to  
people all around the world.

*In Christ, Melanie Gibbons,  
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager  
Lutheran World Relief*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Project Believe, I want to thank you  
for your in-kind contribution of Christmas gifts to  
help us make magic happen in the lives of the  
children we support. The young recipients of your  
gift are living for extended periods of time in group  
homes and residential treatment centers with little  
outside support and very few personal belongings.  
With your gifts they are reminded that they are not  
alone and have not been forgotten.

*Sincerely, Tammie Rafferty, Executive Director*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – January 7, 2019**

Plaster repair will begin the week of January 7<sup>th</sup> and will  
be completed the following week. Painting of the  
sanctuary will begin the week of the 21<sup>st</sup>. The sanctuary  
speaker issue was addressed by adjusting the rear  
speaker volume. During New Year's Eve windstorm,  
there was some damage to the metal caps on the  
sanctuary roof. We are getting estimates on repair or  
replacement. The monthly work list was completed.

**The next meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2019 at  
7:00 p.m.**

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC – January 9, 2019**

Attending were: Terri Darrah, Pastor Glawe, Susie  
Gray, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Lil  
Nichols, and Lori Sebastian.

We reviewed advent and Christmas  
services. We are appreciative of the readers and  
the many families who participated in the Advent  
readings, the special musicians and soloists, and  
those who helped get our sanctuary prepared.

We reviewed liturgical settings which we  
change quarterly: currently Setting 1 (Advent,

Christmas, Epiphany), Setting 3 – Lent/Easter,  
Setting 10 – Pentecost (Summer), and Setting 4 –  
Pentecost (Fall). The Setting 3 liturgy, we use a  
cantor. In addition to 3 congregation members  
who can chant the Kyrie, both Susie Gray and  
Kervyn Mach volunteered to assist. We also will  
explore and learn Setting 2 in the next year or two.  
We continue to learn new hymns selected about  
every other week (usually at sermon hymn). The  
choir will help as we introduce the new music to  
the congregation.

Terri reports that vocal choir is running  
smoothly. The Christmas choir party will be held  
tonight! She has selected a variety of pieces  
(including a new piece recommended by Marianne  
Barnhart) for our first month back. The choir will  
be off February 10<sup>th</sup>. Linda Holt offered to provide  
special music that Sunday.

Deb reported altar is going smoothly. We  
discussed communion practices and mentioned  
needing additional people to help pour wine. Deb  
will research whether we can return to pre-pouring  
the individual cups the first Sunday of the month.  
Lil suggested that Christmas Eve, general lighting  
be dimmed to contribute to the candlelight service.  
With the new lighting, this is an easy to handle, and  
Deb noted it! During Silent Night (Christmas Eve  
service), the narthex lights were turned off late  
service to reduce brightness. Additional battery  
operated candles will be ordered, as we were near  
capacity at early Christmas Eve service.

The kids performed chime Christmas Eve  
service. Lori will explore Bell Choir during February  
(likely rehearsals will be on Tuesdays), but she will  
check availability, with an anticipated performance  
date of Feb. 24.

For upcoming special services, on March 6,  
we will have 2 Ash Wednesday services: 11AM and  
7PM. We will also offer a Lenten midweek  
devotion service on Weds., March 27 at 6PM. Light  
snacks will be served at the devotion.

Pastor talked about incorporating newer  
members into the greeter, usher, and reader  
schedule. We have a couple names to add to those  
rosters. We also will be running additional large  
print bulletins to accommodate congregation  
needs.

**Worship and Music Committee will meet next on  
Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019 at 1PM**

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – January 8, 2019**

1. Approved December council minutes.
2. Approved November financials.
3. Council approved into membership May Fischvogt , Debbie and Dale Rudisill transferring from First Lutheran in Troy, Ohio.
4. Roof suffered wind damage on metal capping Bob Keppel will get estimate on damage.
5. Took picture of new church council to be posted on bulletin board.
6. Ash Wednesday services on March 6<sup>th</sup> will be at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

## **COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING – January 8, 2019**

PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

ZION WEBSITE [www.ziontippcity.org](http://www.ziontippcity.org) IS UP AND RUNNING

Deb K will work with Jackie to organize Youth Photos

### **WELCOMING**

1. Selling Pens – We have been selling pens for \$1.00 each; we discussed setting up a table, to help Kathy organize.
2. Name Tags – Deb K will order another 2 dozen.
3. Zion Membership Profiles – Pastor reported 10-15 new people have recently completed their information.
4. Bunco Night – Saturday, February 2 at 6:00 pm. Sharon will do sign-up sheet, Greers will pick up pizzas.
5. "You're Invited" cards have been corrected with new email address labels. Thanks, Chuck!!

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY FEB. 12, 2019 AT 5:00 pm**

# **GRACE PLACE NEWS**

**Preschool - Kindergarten** - Jesus' ministry through stories, crafts, games and music with leader Jen Garvic.

**1st - 4th grade** - Jesus' ministry through stories, crafts, games and music with leader Jackie Glawe.

**Confirmation class** - The start of the church with Pastor Glawe.

**9th - 12th grade** - study of Psalm 139 with leader Terri Darrah.

**Adult Class** - Presiding Bishop Eaton's Four Emphases Bible Study: We are Church. We are Lutheran. We are Church Together. We are Church for the Sake of the World.

\*Children/youth and adults are invited to attend any Sunday, 9:00 am.

Contact Jackie Glawe at 937-478-3318 call, text or email [christianed@ziontippcity.org](mailto:christianed@ziontippcity.org) with any questions.

### **Youth Group Events**

Zion youth group had a great time working together to complete the Escape Room - Runaway Train over Christmas break. Afterwards we went to dinner and then back to church for discussion and games. It was attended by 1 adult and 9 youth.

**Feb 1st & 2nd** - (7th - 12th gr) Capital University Winter Youth Retreat

**Feb 16th** - (5th - 12th gr) help bus tables at Brat Supper.

**Mar 16th** - (5th-12th gr) for King & Country concert at Hobart Arena (tickets have been purchased, however if your youth still wants to go and didn't let me know to get them a ticket let me know.)

**April 20th** - Easter Breakfast fundraiser and Egg Hunt (need 5th-12th graders and some parents to help).

Any questions contact Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director, 937-667-3110*



Here are some future dates you may want to add to your calendar:

- **Ash Wednesday:** On March 6<sup>th</sup> there will be two worship services. They will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Easter** is April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have a service at 8:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m.