



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

March 2019

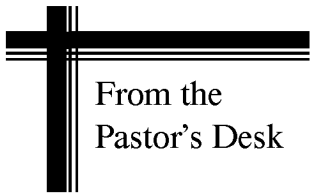
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE **April Tidings is Friday, March 22.**



From the Pastor's Desk

This year at Zion Lutheran we will have six of our youth getting confirmed on Sunday, May 12th. The last thing we experience in confirmation is the Reformation of the 1500's. We discuss the birth of the Lutheran Church and the events that took place that led to the denominational history of the church. We explore what makes Lutherans unique in the Christian world and the core values that formed our identity as Lutherans.

Our world and society is changing in an instant with the motto we have a new and improved anything and everything. Humanity believes in itself and with a continued emphasis on knowledge and education we can solve the problems of today. But in this exhaustive search for more knowledge we believe we become experts leading to more polarization between you and me because I know better than you. Many times this causes us to pick sides and battle it out with our neighbor. And what can take place is a judgmental world and society.

The Lutheran Church for over 500 years has preached grace instead of judgment. Our faith is based on the mystery of God. The mystery is we all are saved not by our knowledge and advancement and being right, but by the grace and love of God exemplified through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We all are in need of forgiveness daily! Our call as followers of Jesus is to take a deep breath in

our daily life and inhale the grace, love and forgiveness that God supplies to us on a daily basis. And then let out a big exhale and give grace, love and forgiveness to others.

May we all embrace this mystery of our faith as our calling card to live in the world with our fellow neighbors. God's mystery and awesome wonder is beyond all human knowledge. May we live in the mystery of grace instead of judgment. Grace is the soul of the Lutheran faith. Amen!



EAGLE'S WINGS

Eagles Wings Stable has been offering equine assisted activities and therapies since 2006 on Washington Rd., north of Troy. They have served over 500 children and adults with a variety of disabilities in Miami County.

March 10 is Daylight Savings. Set clocks ahead 3/9!



Women of Zion Day Retreat
"The Freedom of Forgiveness"

Matthew 18:21-22
 Saturday, March 9, 2019
 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Zion's Fellowship Hall

*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!



AND



When: Saturday, April 20th

Time: 9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (Toddlers – 5th grade)

Youth helpers needed 6th – 12th grade (and parents)

Let Jackie know if you are available to help.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Paul Grube
- 4 Ava Coppock
- 6 Matthew Hannah
- 7 Patsy Furrow, Jen Kauffmann
- 12 Lisa Reeves
- 14 Janice Mach, Susan Smith

- 15 Lois Kauffmann, Lynnette McKibbin, Nicholas McKibbin
- 17 Jean Birtle, Bob Lenehan
- 19 Hannah Kessler
- 20 Anna Johnson, Karen Smeal
- 21 Billie Fischer
- 23 Dale Rudisill
- 24 Michael Hannah (father), Kervyn Mach, Henry Rizzotte
- 25 Heidi Coppock
- 27 Kelly Smith
- 28 Bob Keppel, Lori Sebastian
- 30 Mary Rogers
- 31 Christine Copeland, Debbie Fetters

Reminder: Daylight Savings time begins on **Sunday, March 10.** Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday evening.



Pray for healing and recovery

Amy, Linda Brewer, Collin Coffi, Sue Cook, Tom Euson, Pam Garvic, Bruce Goodwin, Herb & Joyce Johnson, Mary Sue Helke, Roger & Cris Kister, Jan Lehman, Chae Manning, Joel & Kathy Miller, Susan Pytel, Don Schneider, Katie Stephan, Steve, Katy Vander Molen, Patsy Warren, Theresa Watson.

Pray for the following families who have lost a family member:

The family of Ralph Sager who passed 2/4/19.
 The family of Frank Birtle who passed 2/1/19.



Please update your directory with the following changes . . .

- Roger & Cris Kister
 19 Aster
 Tipp City, OH 45371



Thank you to everyone who:

- Helped to assemble and deliver 32 cheer Plates
- Made and donated all the wonderful baked goods, candy, fruit and nuts

Debbie Turner

Lutheran World Relief would like to thank the Quilters for the 52 Mission Quilts that were donated. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

Melanie Gibbons

Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

Samaritan's Purse is thanking Zion for the gift of \$500.00 which was received on 2/14/2019. Our teams are responding to the deadly Ebola outbreak that has surfaced in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Your support equips us to go to the difficult places, meeting practical needs and sharing hope of the Gospel.

Sincerely, Franklin Graham

2019 COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE / February 4th

Metal capping on the roof is being replaced by Rich's Roofing. The plaster work and painting of the sanctuary have been completed. We received an estimate from S & G Painting for painting the Fellowship Hall. We are working on a temporary repair on the kitchen roof leak. A permanent repair will be accomplished in the spring.. The monthly work list was completed. The next meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF ZION / February 10th @5:00 p.m.

1. Soup making took place on Feb. 7th.

2. An Art Affair was held in Zion's fellowship hall on Feb. 9th. Sisters of the Skillet provided turkey noodle soup, bbq pork sandwiches, hot dogs, coffee cake and cookies available for purchase. There was a lot of participation by Zion members.
3. A sweeper will be purchased by WOZ for the kitchen/fellowship hall.
4. The kitchen floor, basement floor and Sunday School rooms floor will be professionally cleaned.
5. The annual Brat Supper will be held Feb. 16. A sign up sheet has been posted for people to sign up to help. Donna Slyman is overseeing this.
6. A Women's Retreat has been scheduled for March 9 from 9 am-3:30 pm, in Zion's fellowship hall. A sign up sheet will be posted. The theme is "Freedom of Forgiveness."
7. There will be a Lenten meditation on Wednesday, March 27, at 6:00 p.m.
8. The Missions of the Month have been set for the year:
Jan.: Souper Bowl of Caring
Feb.: Shoes 4 the Shoeless
March: Eagle's Wings
April: Wernle Youth & Family Center
May: Jeremiah's Letter
June: Christmas in July/Liberty Commons
July: Socks for Seniors
Aug.: ELCA School Kits
Sept.: ELCA Health Kits
Oct.: Operation Christmas Child
Nov.: Adopt-a-Family
Dec.: Good Samaritan Fund

The Women of Zion meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. **ALL Women of the Church are invited to attend.**

Our next meeting is March 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Please note: Meeting times will change in April to 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / February 12th

1. Approved January council minutes
2. Approved December 2018 financials.

3. Received into membership Tim Rambeau, Jayne and Chuck Drake, Chuck and Erma Swanson from First Lutheran Troy, Ohio.
4. We will welcome and affirm eleven new members on Sunday February 24th at worship.
5. Ash Wednesday services March 6th are at 11:00am and 7:00pm.
6. Pastor will be at a Bishop theological conference all day March 11th in Columbus.
7. Council discussed how to get the most updated information on members in order to notify them of cancellations at the church.
8. Church worship and picnic at Tipp City Roundhouse will be Sunday August 25th.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING / February 12th

PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

ZION WEBSITE www.ziontippcity.com

Chuck received input for the Website about the Brat Supper and Women of Zion Retreat.

We are still working to fine tune the website.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS/VISITORS

Kervyn Mach volunteered to help update our latest church directory, so new members can be included.

WELCOMING

1. Zion Pen Sales – Kathy Groth will stand in back of church, whenever possible, following worship, to sell the ink pens.
2. BUNCO NIGHT FEB 2: 14 people attended. Next Bunco night may be in May. Maybe some other event could be promoted such as "Blessing of the Animals" "Blessing of the Farmers". Any Suggestions? Invite the Community?
3. On Sunday, February 24th, 11 new members of Zion will be affirmed.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 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

Study of The Lord's Prayer and The Apostle's Creed with Pastor Glawe.

9th – 12th grade

"Real Life Downloaded" with leader Terri Darrah.

Adult Class

Presiding Bishop Easton's Four Ephesus 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. ***

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

- **March 16th (5th-12th graders)**
"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 8th (5th – 12th graders)**
Service Project: help bus tables for the Historical Society.
- **April 20th (5th – 12th graders + some parents to help)**
Easter Breakfast fundraiser and Egg Hunt. *This is a service project and fundraiser.*

Upcoming...

May 12th is Confirmation Sunday

The following youth will confirm their faith on May 12th: Allison Cartwright, Ethan Freitag, Alyx Grube, Elijah Johnson, Julie Sebastian and Katelin Smith.

May 19th

Last day of Sunday School.

EASTER EGG CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of Easter egg candy needed for the Zion ***Easter Egg hunt April 20th***. Please have donations in by April 12th.

We have a child at Zion who has a severe allergy to peanuts. So if possible please check labels to make sure the product is peanut free and made in a plant that is peanut free.

Anything from Hershey's brand is made in peanut free plants unless it's a product that actually has peanuts or peanut butter in it.

Here is a helpful list of peanut free candy made in peanut free plants:

All Hershey products - unless the candy actually contains peanuts or peanut butter or is in a bag with them.

Wonka: Runts, Sweetarts, Sprees, Hubba Bubba gum.

Wrigleys: Life Saver Gummies, Skittles, Starburst Nerds, Ring Pops, Airheads, Tootsie Rolls, Bottlecaps, Fun Dip, Gobstoppers, Twizzlers, Sour patch kids, Plain Hersheys kisses, Jolly Ranchers, Mike and Ike.

The following are peanut free **however** need small version or they don't fit in Easter Eggs: Smarties, Dum Dum lollipops.

Also, if you would prefer to donate trinkets like small crosses or faith based items those are great too!

Thank you in advance for considering making a donation to the Zion Easter Egg Hunt!

Blessings, Jackie Glawe