



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER "TIDINGS" IS: Monday, November 18th.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Probably all of us have heard the refrain HOME SWEET HOME! I still use this phrase after being away from home for several days and as we pull in the driveway, I say many times HOME SWEET HOME! It does feel good to be back home after being away for a while.

Home can have a much broader definition in our soul. Home of the soul can reside in the passions you have in life, or your desires in life, home for the soul may come when you are at ease because you know at that exact moment your soul is HOME SWEET HOME!

My soul is at home when I am in nature surrounded by a lake, trees and mountains adding a fishing pole in hand is icing on the cake. Jackie and I were homesick for the abundance of green trees while we lived in Nebraska. I am glad to report I am homesick no more. I am at home every morning as I read and sit in solitude and reflect on God's presence with me. I am home here at Zion Lutheran with you serving Christ through serving others. I have a passion for teaching and am always at home with you during Bible studies.

Being home with your soul is so important today. There are so many activities to keep us busy daily accompanied by all the stress in our lives that can

take us away from the feeling of being HOME SWEET HOME. I challenge all of us to find time for your soul care. Your soul care might come through art, nature, music, poetry, reading, spending time alone with God. All of us are unique. Where do your passions and desires lie? Where do you feel at ease? There is a good chance when you answer these questions you will find your soul there. Not only will you find your soul in these answers but you will have arrived at HOME SWEET HOME. Home is when your soul is alive and well, may we all find our home!

Adopt a Family



MISSION OF THE MONTH

In November, a Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear 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 the designated date. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children. Watch the bulletins in November for more information.



Poinsettia order forms will begin appearing in the bulletins and in the back of the church in mid-November. **All orders must be turned in no later than Monday, Dec. 8th.** You

will have a choice of Red, White or Pink. The cost is \$7.00 per plant.

continue to order from Tipp Florist and the cost is \$40.00 for both vases.



& Annual Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 3, 2019

Time: Following the 10:00 worship service

Place: Fellowship Hall

Please bring a covered dish and your own table service. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall so we are sure to have plenty of turkey! **Let's give thanks together.**



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT PARTY

When: Tuesday, November 12

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Women of Zion - and men who like to do creative handcrafts too - join with Lilian Nichols' polymer clay friends in making small ornaments for Hospice Christmas trees. There are 200 trees given out and they all need ornaments. There are lots of little jobs to do - you don't have to use polymer clay! There are ribbons to tie, hooks to make up, who knows what - bring your ideas and items to make up ornaments. This will be fun, with pot luck lunch. Bring a dish to share. Time is from 10:30 until at least 2:30. Come when you can, stay as long or as short a time as your schedule will allow. For further information contact Lilian Nichols at 937-510-3905



Women of Zion

WHEN: Thursday, December 5

WHERE: Zion's Fellowship Hall

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Menu choices and cost will be available by early November. Watch for more information in the bulletins and on the sign-up board.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2020 calendar is posted. When you sign up please add what you would like in the bulletin and if you have a color preference for the flowers. We



November Birthdays

- 4 Betty Jackson, Jeffrey Slyman
- 7 Mike Merlo, Cris Kister
- 11 Herb Johnson
- 12 Alex Garvic
- 15 Sharon Myers
- 16 Chalmer Mader
- 19 Doug Jacobs, Denise Jacobs
- 20 Gladys Johnson
- 21 Marissa Kessler, Thomas Knick
- 22 Betty VanHorn
- 25 Dennis Copeland, John Greer
Mark KcKibbin
- 28 Melanie Schall



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

Prayers for comfort and healing: Joyce Dudley, Hazel Furlong, Megan Grube, Delores Harris, Bill Hacker, Katie Kessler, Judy Mader, Lil Nichols, Trapper Phillips, Tom Replogle, Mary Rogers, Wayne Slack, Katie Stephan, Felicia Young

Recent Requests: Jim Butler, Dolly Butler, James Murphy

Those undergoing tests & treatment: Hannah Borton, Colin Coffi, Cameron Cousine, Lotte Sue Joyce, Julie Helman, Jeff Henricks, Holly Smith, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr.

Caring Thoughts & Prayers for: Linda

Andriacco, Megan Bosse, Pam Garvin, Beth Hart, Lorraine Henn, Joel & Kathy Miller, Ronnda Pagans step-grand daughter and son, Karl Phillips.



A special thank you to all who helped with packing or donated items to the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief We gave 66 kits. A great way of serving Christ through serving others.

Donna Slyman

Thanks for all the caring and sharing from Zion! 36 Quilts were given to Dayton tornado victims. A Thrivent Action Team shopped for and delivered \$250.00 worth of childrens' clothes to Miami County Womens' Shelter in Troy. Lutheran World Relief collection results: **140** Quilts, **67** School Kits, and **66** Health Kits. *Kathy Groth*

Dear Ladies of Zion, Thank you for all you do for us! All the students and horses thank you!!! May God bless you all. *Eagles' Wings Stable*

Dear Women of Zion:
Thank you very much for your generous donation to assist those in Union Township who had damage due to the recent tornado. Your caring support is deeply appreciated.
Blessings, Lis Trittschuh,
Milton Union Council of Churches

KITCHEN CLEANING – Oct. 7, 2019

Thanks to the following for making our kitchen, as well as the hallway coffee area and adult Sunday School room sink area shine. This is due to the efforts of the following: *Robin Wark, Peg McCoy, Donna Slyman, Linda Sumner, Ruth White, Maureen Holley, Jayne Drake, Judy Bailey, Miriam Comer, Sharon Knick, Sue VonAschen and Garry Yunker.*

***** Garage Sale Wrap-Up *****

The Women of Zion wish to thank all who helped with our annual Mum Festival Garage Sale. Thank you for your donations – there were lots and lots of treasures! Thank you for the hours you volunteered to haul the treasures into the Fellowship Hall, to set up the tables and put all of the donations onto them, to price each and every item, to wait on customers, to help them carry their purchases out to their cars and at the end of the sale, to box up the leftovers and deliver them to other non-profits.

Women of Zion sent a check for \$3,042.25 to the West Milton Council of Churches who will use this money to help the victims of the Memorial Day tornado disaster in Miami County.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS- October 8, 2019

1. Approved September council minutes.
2. Approved August financials.
3. Council approved a purchasing policy outline that all ministries will follow in regards to their budgeted amounts in 2020.
4. Council agreed to send the budget for review and approval by the congregation at the annual meeting on Sunday November 3.
5. Carol Phillips, Kervyn Mach and Jeff Slyman will attend the Thrive campaign training at St. John's in Vandalia on Saturday November 2 and report back to church council.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY – October 1, 2019

In attendance: Heidi Coppock, Jackie Glawe, Jen Kauffmann, Melinda Schall and Susan Smith

The meeting was began in prayer.

Sunday School, approx 20 children/youth each Sunday including confirmation.

We also reviewed Adult Sunday School has approx. 20-25 adults. They will finish up with "Love Does" series and begin "Everybody Always" both by Bob Goff.

We reviewed SS leaders are Jen Garvic, Chris Frame, Terri Darrah, James Sebastian and herself as well as the following who help when needed, Katie Sonnestine, Kristen Witwer, Dennis Copeland, Brad Kennedy and Brent Reedstrom.

Family and Faith Life - we discussed several ideas for families with young children and if there is enough interest.

Youth Group - We discussed various activities such as bowling, meeting at a youth's house, etc. TBA.

Dec 12th we will help pick out gifts and wrap them for mentally challenged youth with Project Believe.

We will attend Capital University Winter Youth Retreat in 2020, just waiting for the dates to be released.

Youth Gathering - the next Youth Gathering is in Minneapolis, MN June 29-July 3, 2021. We reviewed there are 13 youth from Zion that are eligible to attend. A brief meeting is scheduled for Oct 20th after service to see who is interested in attending and discuss costs and fundraisers. There is approx. \$3,000 in YG Fund currently.

Calendar Sale - 2020 Calendars are still available at \$7.00 each. The cost of the calendars has now been met through sales so the rest of the sales would be the profit to the youth gathering fund.

College Students - Jackie shared that she and Pastor took Zion youth 2019 HS graduates to dinner right before they left for college and wish to continue this process each year. The group agreed this was a good way to help the students stay connected with Zion, their faith and each other. Jackie also attended a Christian concert in Mason, Oh with three of the college students with free tickets she had won. Women of Zion agreed to

help sponsor care packages to all the Zion youth currently attending college.

Misc. - Children's Christmas Program/Youth Sunday will be Dec 8th.

Discussion on purchasing more Spark Bibles when needed to give to the children as they start Sunday School and Youth Study Bibles when children start 5th grade. The current bibles given in 5th grade are the Lutheran Study Bible which are quite bulky and heavy. We decided to look into other less heavy versions that would be specifically for youth.

Jackie shared that Pastor is looking into children ready for First Communion instruction to take place sometime in the spring of 2020. Jackie will contact the age appropriate children's parents regarding the class.

Next Meeting - will be Dec 3rd, 6:30pm.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT - October 7, 2019

The state boiler inspector found a leak in the sanctuary boiler. Detmer and Sons checked out the boiler and found that it does not leak when it is in the heating mode. In the heating mode it seals the heat chamber where the inspector was seeing the leak.

The committee received a quote from Detmer and Sons for a service agreement for HVAC systems and boiler.

Zion received approval for removal of two curb lawn trees on Walnut St. Two young trees will be planted in their place.

The monthly work list was completed

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WOMEN OF ZION: Sunday, October 13, 2019

Members present: 11

1. Garage Sale profit of \$3,042.25 was donated to West Milton Council of Churches for tornado relief. This was our best sale ever!
2. 10 people helped kitchen cleaning day.
3. Miriam reported on Clothesline numbers: Sales: \$68,766, Donation: \$47,690 Expenses: \$18,482. Profits are split between 6 churches. The Clothesline is in need of a person to clean up on Weds. mornings, 2-3 hrs./wk.- \$20/wk. Contact Miriam Comer if interested.
4. The Groth's, Linda Sumner and the Stollmer's delivered 130 quilts, 67 school kits, 66 health kits to Good Shepherd Lutheran in Dayton. We have collected at least \$538 for shipping costs.
5. Christmas gathering and dinner will be Thurs., Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m. Sam & Ethel's will cater the event. Troy Tones will provide entertainment. Hats, mittens, and gloves will be collected for children in need.
6. Cheer plates will be assembled and delivered on Tues., Dec. 10 headed up by Debbie Turner.
7. Sunday, Nov. 3 is the congregational meeting and Thanksgiving dinner headed up by Donna Slyman.
8. Community tree lighting & concert will be Friday, Dec. 6.
9. Jackie reported that 13 youth will receive college care packages. Donation can be made (gift cards).
10. \$250.00 donation made to Eagle's Wings.

Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Peggy McCoy, Chuck Powder, Debbie Turner

PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

PHOTO DIRECTORY

1. Linda Short is ready to run the next batch of Photo Directories. Currently, Linda has run 40 Directories.

As October through December is a new quarter, we can continue run more copies.

2. We will dedicate all "color printing" to the additional Directories needed.

3. We will prioritize the distribution of Directories, to our newer members, who do not yet have a Directory.

ZION WEBSITE

1. The old website no longer exists.

2. Chuck suggests we run the counter to determine the number of people contained.

WELCOMING

1. Our committee will host the Reception for 19 new members on Sunday, November 17th. We will finalize all the details at our November meeting.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, Nov.12 @ 5:00 pm



Beautiful **2020 Wall Calendars** are still available to purchase for \$7.00! All proceeds will go to the Youth Group fund. Each month has an NIV bible verse and God's Creation scene. Get yours today!! They make great gifts too!

Next meeting: November 10th @ 5:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend.

MUSIC & WORSHIP: Wednesday, October 23
Our next meeting date will be Wed., Jan. 8, 2020 at 1PM.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING – October 8, 2019
MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEASE NOTE:

The Newsletter Deadline for the December Tidings is **Monday, November 18, 2019. All items must be in that morning by 9:00 a.m.**

Bulletin Announcements:

Please have any information for the weekly bulletins in by **Tuesday morning.**

FLOWER CHART: The 2020 flower chart will be posted in mid-November. Please choose a date, write the message you wish to have in the bulletin, and flower / color preference. Thank you.



The first Sunday of every

month we collect non-perishable food items for Tipp City's Needy Basket. Food can be deposited in the green bin across from the elevator. We also collect money for Zion's Good Samaritan Fund to help those in need in Tipp City with rent assistance, a gas card or utility bill help. The collection container is located in the back of the church on the table.

GRACE PLACE NEWS

PreK Jen Garvic has been leading the class through stories of the Old Testament and most Recently learned about how God helped shut the mouths of the Lions when Daniel was in the Lions den.

1st – 4th grade Led by Jackie Glawe and Kristen Witwer have been learning the books of the bible and general bible use as well as reviewing the stories from the Old Testament that we learned in VBS.

5th – 8th grade led by Chris Frame have been experiencing lessons from the Grapple Study and Who is the Boss of me?

9th – 12th grade led by Terri Darrah have been studying the book: The Prayer of Jabez for teens".

Adult class led by James Sebastian have just finished the study of "Love Does" and have just Started with "Everybody Always" both by Bob Golf. Anyone can join this class at anytime.

December 8th will be the Youth Sunday and Children's Christmas program. Please mark your calendars to come to worship and to come out and support the children and youth that morning.

YOUTH GROUP (6TH – 12TH GRADE)

- ❖ **Nov.** Youth night to be announced (no date set yet)
- ❖ **Dec. 12th** Project Believe wrap up Party - We will meet at church at 5:40 p.m. and then go to Broadway Elementary in Tipp City to help at Project Believe where we will select Christmas gifts for mentally challenged youth and wrap and package the gifts. This is a wonderful service project that we can do together as hands and feet of Jesus.

Coming in 2020 . . . Winter youth overnight retreat at Capital University in January or February. Capital sets the date which they have not released for 2020 as of yet.

YOUTH GATHERING NEWS

Jackie had a meeting with youth interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering June 29th – July 3rd, 2021 which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Youth that will be starting 9th grade in the fall of 2021 through graduating seniors of 2021 are eligible to attend. If you and/or youth were unable to attend the meeting but would still like information, please let me know and I will forward the information to you.

We will be working on fundraisers from now until 2021 to help defray the costs of this event. These fundraisers also help to create lasting relationships between the youth and adults as we work together for the common good of our church and our faith journeys so we encourage that all youth of Zion get involved in the fundraisers and the service project opportunities. God's peace, Jackie

ZION'S COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have over 13 youth from Zion currently enrolled in Colleges and some of those are away from home. We love to send little reminders that Zion thinks about them and cares about them with like gifts several time throughout their school season. If you are interested in helping with this you can drop off donations of gift cards to such place as Subway, Taco Bell, Walmart, BP or Speedway gas, etc of \$5.00 - \$10.00. These can be dropped off in the box located outside the sanctuary labeled Zion College Students.

Support our youth group with your purchases from Amazon.

Simply set Zion as your selected charity and eligible purchases you make from Amazon while using the URL smile.amazon.com (instead of just www.amazon.com) will generate donations to our youth group equal to .5% of the purchase price. When you go into change your charity, search for “zion evangelical lutheran church tipp city” otherwise you will find pages of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church choices in other cities to sort through. Also, the Android version of the Amazon shopping app can now be setup to use Amazon Smile. For those of us who use the iphone Amazon shopping app, I suggest you put the items you want to purchase in your shopping cart. Then use the browser on your iphone or computer to go to smile.amazon.com and complete the purchase. It’s one extra step that can quickly help raise money for our youth from items you were going to purchase anyway.

Please see the following FAQ from Amazon for more details.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to

make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile: smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Thanks, Melinda Schall

LOOKING AHEAD

December 24th:

Christmas Eve services will be held at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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articles in to the
church office
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