



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY "TIDINGS" on Wednesday, December 18.



Our faith is based on a mystery for sure! Why would God die? We state our beliefs by sharing these words, God died on the cross for our sin because he loved us. We can repeat these words or something similar and move forward in our faith, but hold on a minute people.

Let us really reflect on this principle of our faith. Our whole foundation of our faith is based on Jesus redeeming us through his terrible suffering on a cross. The motto is Redemption through Suffering. This Christian formula is drastically obsolete to the world's formula on how we live. The world informs us to avoid suffering if possible or do everything in your power to get rid of the suffering as soon as possible.

Yet Jesus proclaims that by enduring the suffering we will gain our souls. Pain and suffering were not intended by God to be avoided or have quick fixes. Many times it can take years before we find any healing. And hopefully there comes a point in time in your pain and grief when you finally lived and experienced the Christian foundation Redemption through Suffering. We have renewed hope and life after enduring the pain. We have to have suffering, grief and pain before the resurrection. That is the bare facts of our faith. No way around it there is suffering and pain before the resurrection!

MISSION OF THE MONTH The Good Samaritan Fund

This fund assists individuals with utility bill help, rental assistance, gas, an emergency hotel stay, etc. No cash is given to the individual. We help in the form of a check to the utility or rental company. A gas card, only good for fuel, is given when needed by an individual. For a hotel stay we work out an agreement with the person in charge. For food assistance we refer them to the Food Pantry. We do keep a list of individuals and their request in order to control repetitive requests.



Red, White, or Pink Poinsettia plants can be ordered now through Dec. 9th. They are \$7.00 per plant. Order forms are available in the back of the church as well as in the church office.



CHEER PLATES

Preparing and delivering Cheer Plates to our shut-ins and employees is an annual Christmas tradition at Zion. Debbie Turner has requested that baked goods (cake, cookies, brownies, fudge, etc.), fruit and off at the church on December 10 & 11.

Assembly and delivery will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 10:00 a.m. Please mark your

calendars and joins us to prepare and delivery the plates. There is a sign-up sheet for donations.



The 2020 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write you name under "presented by". You may also write a message to go in the bulletin (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of . . . anniversary, birthday, graduation, special event etc.) on the chart. Flower color as well as flower preference may also be requested. Altar flowers are ordered from Tipp Florist and are \$40.00 for two vases. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (designate "altar flowers").



Prayer Shawls are tangible symbols of God's love. They may be given to individuals who are grieving, who have had surgery, or who have a serious illness. They may also be given to individuals who are celebrating a happy occasion such as the birth of a baby, wedding or graduation.

Do you know someone who would appreciate having a Prayer Shawl or baby blanket? If so, contact Debbie Rudisill or the church office. Since we have just started the Prayer Shawl Ministry, a shawl may not be available immediately. But we will deliver a shawl as soon as we can.

The Prayer Shawl group will meet sometime in January. Watch the bulletin for the time.



Help Wanted . . . The Altar Care committee is looking for individuals who may be interested in assisting with set up and clean up of communion. No experience necessary, and the obligation is usually 2 months per year. Time commitment on Sunday morning is approximately 15-20 minutes before and after the service. If you are interested, please contact Carla Frame. Call or text cell phone at 937-369-7532.



Well, the weather did not cooperate on Tuesday, but we did pretty well anyway! Here is the run-down of our efforts:

For the tree which will be auctioned off, there were 44 polymer clay ornaments adorning it. Annette is taking charge of getting that tree over to Randall Residence, and probably will be stringing a polymer bead garland for it. We need to get a picture! Lynn Shirk of TCAAC had a fiberoptic tree with a pretty base which she donated to the cause.

We had 131 polymer ornaments for Hospice. Good job on these - many were very spectacular! Add the baubles, jewelry ornaments, small bought ornaments and little balls, and the total ornaments came up to 388.

Some ornaments are still "under construction" - and if they are in the church by Wednesday night (choir practice Nov 20) I will take them all up to the Hospice office in Troy on Thursday. They need all the ornaments by close of office on Friday, Nov 22 Hours 8-5.

If stragglers are ready after I leave, please take them to the Hospice office at the corner of Wayne and Summit, 550 is the address. It is right across where the old Stouder Hospital was. Phone is 335-5191

It was suggested that we have a couple of informal get-togethers to make ornaments during the year. That would be fun!

All This tree activity makes me want to get MY tree out now....

Thanks for braving the weather and for all of your efforts!

Lil Nichols

Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season . . . Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas and Holidays in the future? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

DATE: Dec 15, 2019

TIME: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

WHERE: Zion Lutheran Church, 1st floor (adult education room)

GriefShare leader- Jackie Glawe

To Register for this 2 hour session or questions contact – Jackie Glawe at 937-478-3318 or fill out a registration form located on the information table by the Walnut St. entrance area. ***Open to the community***

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



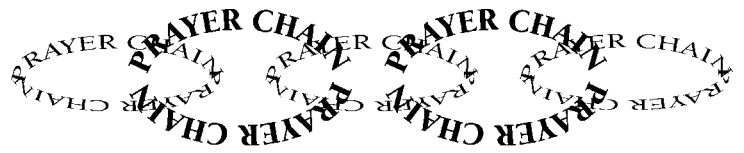
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| 3 | Maggie Powder |
| 5 | Carol Phillips |
| 8 | Lisa Phillips |
| 9 | Carla Frame |
| 10 | Ginger Schaefer |
| 13 | Jean Turner |
| 15 | Lieselotte Myers, Mark Sauls |
| 17 | Shirley Rawlins |
| 19 | Noah Garvic |
| 21 | Alice Replogle |
| 26 | Stewart King |
| 27 | Sue Von Aschen |
| 29 | Jennifer Johnson |
| 31 | Kim Galli, Rusty Rizzotte |



If you check "Other" on your offering envelope box, please indicate where you wish your offering to go, such as ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, Southern Ohio Synod, etc. This will help when posting contributions in to the computer. Also, if you are paying for altar flowers please designate "altar flowers" on the memo line of your check or on the "other" box of your offering envelope. It is \$40.00 for both vases. Only those individuals with an assigned offering box number will receive a giving statement with the breakdown of their offering.

2020 offering envelopes will be out in mid December for members to pick up. They will be alphabetical and in some cases assigned new numbers. Please do not use the 2020 envelopes until January 4th & 5th. Also, please check to make sure you have picked up the correct box of envelopes.

If you are not a member, but attend regularly, and would like a box of envelopes, please let the office know and we will put a box in your mailbox. THANK YOU.



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

Pray for: Fred & Jan Aller, Randy Bailey, Brad Bailey, Donna Bair & family, Bob Bilbay, Hannah Borton, Dolly Butler, Billie Fisher, Delores Harris, Stewart King, Roger & Cris Kister, Paul Knutson, Bob Lenehan, Janice Mach, James Murphy, Larry & Lil Nichols, Carl Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Tom Replogle, Laura Roeth, Mary Rogers, Frieda Schmidt, Kim Schmidt, Barb Stafford, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Irene Watson, Lauren Wear, C.J. Wilson.

Those who have lost loved ones:

- The family of Joyce Dudley – Jen Kauffmann's mother

- The family of Gene Biser
- The family of Larry Grube

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship & Music – Weds., October 23, 2020

• In attendance were Terri Darrah, Pastor Glawe, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, and Lori Sebastian. Pastor started the meeting in prayer. We reviewed upcoming services. Pastor said on All Saints Day we would have a sharing time for memories, chimes during the prayers, and the congregational meeting and dinner. Lori will work on getting advent readers for the candle lighting at the advent services. Christmas Eve will have 2 services – 5pm and 7:30pm. We plan for the kids to play chimes at early services and the choir will sing two anthems at the later service. For liturgy, we will continue setting 4 until advent and then move to setting 1 for the advent/Christmas/epiphany seasons.

Terri reported all is going well with choir. Pieces are chosen through November. We ordered 3 additional pieces through JW Pepper. We have a great group of people again and are trying a wide variety of music! We will be off the following Sundays: Sunday, Nov. 10th and Sunday, Dec. 8th (kids' Christmas program). We will not have rehearsal Weds., Nov. 27th (Thanksgiving week) nor over Christmas break. Choir Party will likely be scheduled the first Wednesday we are back after break: January 8th.

Deb talked about altar concerns. A chalice ordered is more challenging to distribute continuous communion. If we find something more similar to our original chalice, we may order that in the future. Pastor and Carla discussed seasonal changes for the paraments previously and Deb will coordinate the Christmas nativity and other (tree) decorations. There was also mention of what we would do long term for the seasonal banners; that will be researched. Deb also mentioned that she would like to find another pianist for some of the Saturday evening services, as she picked up a 2nd Saturday earlier this summer. This would be a commitment of one Saturday a month. If you are interested, please see Lori or Pastor.

Lori talked about the bell choir. We will have a bell ensemble – Sunday, November 10th. We will have

4 ringers and Susie Gray will be accompanying on piano. We will likely have chimes or bells early Christmas Eve. We ordered 3 additional volumes 4-6 ringer bell music – appropriate for a smaller ensemble and/or a summer group. With the vocal choir and bell choir music ordered, that depletes our music budget for 2019. We found many new pieces at the Augsburg Summer Music Clinic.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting: Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Every first Monday except for Labor day.

WOMEN OF ZION MEETING - November 10, 2019

10 members were present

- \$250 was given to LOMO in support of the Lutheran camps in Ohio. We may ask a Speaker from LOMO to do a temple talk about camperships next year.
- Decorating for Christmas will be on Monday, Nov. 25 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Dinner at Dos Lunas afterward.
- \$100 was given to Kathy Groth to purchase pillows for the Abuse Shelter.
- 53 Operation Christmas Child boxes have been donated and blessed.
- Jackie reported on *Grief Share*, a ministry for those grieving and mourning loss. There are a couple of different programs; she will take it to Council as well. WOZ will host a 2 Hour session on surviving the holidays.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas gathering on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Next Business Meeting: Jan. 12, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – November 12, 2019

1. Approved September financials.
2. 2020 budget approved at annual meeting November. Congregation voted in new council members. The council agreed to continue with morning worship immediately followed by Turkey meal and annual meeting.
3. We have received a generous gift of a keyboard for worship purposes.

4. Council discussed the Thrive campaign for the synod. Tabled for latter discussion.

5. Council approved the purchase of resources for 13 class titled Grief Share to be shared with the church and the surrounding community. These 13 sessions will be led by Christian Education Director Jackie Glawe.

<<<*The Youth still have some beautiful 2020 Wall Calendar's available for just \$7.00*>>>

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Prek - 4th grade - have been learning stories throughout the books of the Old Testament.

5th - 8th grade - studied various ways God has put authority figures in their lives.

Confirmation - Pastor Glawe and the students have been discussing the plagues and working into the Exodus from Egypt and the Israelite's in the wilderness including the Ten Commandments.

High School - have been studying The Prayer of Jabez teen edition and will be completing this by the end of Dec. Starting in January the high school class with start "Love Does" study which will include video clips and discussion.

December 8th - The children and Youth of Zion will present "**12 Symbols of Christmas**" during the 10:00 am worship service in place of Pastor's sermon.

Adult class - have been viewing video clips of "Everybody Always" by Bob Goeff with discussion.



Youth Group - Dec 12th - (5th - 12th graders and parents) are invited to help with Project Believe. At Project Believe we will pick out and wrap gifts for youth with mental/physical disabilities who live in the foster care system.

Meet: at the church at 5:35 pm or inside at Broadway Elementary at 5:50 pm

Who: bring yourself and a friend (parents are welcome to come too)

Bring: nothing needed just your helping hand

Contact: Jackie with questions 937-478-3318

God's peace, Jackie Glawe

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles in to the church office by Wednesday, December 18 for the January 2020 Tidings.



Dear Women of Zion,

A note to say thanks for being difference makers.

Chris, one of our riders, have been dealing with Multiple Sclerosis for 31 years. She told me that therapeutic riding is the only physical therapy that has ever worked. You all are difference makers – you make a difference to us and we make a difference to our riders. Thanks for being part of our team!

Gary Kuziinsky – Board Member
Eagles' Wings Stable, Inc.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund! Your donation Ensures that LWR Quilts and Kits get into the hands of a person who needs it. With your help, we have delivered Quilts and Kits to families in Mozambique whose communities were utterly ravaged by Cyclone Idai. For refugee families, your gift means so much.

Warm regards, David Speckhard
President & CEO

Ladies,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation of clothing protectors, foley covers, and aromatherapy pads. The colors are lovely! Thank you for sharing your skills in creating them. We appreciate your kindness.

Beth Shrake, Hospice of Miami County

Dear Women of Zion,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 to the Women of ELCA and the flagship of its publishing ministry, *Gather*. Your gift means that *Gather* and Women of the ELCA can reach out to connect even more women and girls of faith. Thank you for your

support.

With gratitude, Linda Post Bushkofsky
Executive Director



NEW DIGITAL PIANO!

Musical note of thanks to Laurie & Chuck Miller (friends of Kervyn & Janice Mach) for their generous gift of a like new digital piano to our Church sanctuary. The couple donated the piano, previously a seldom used retirement present, on the condition “it get played regularly”. On Sunday, December 1, we will be recognizing the Millers with a token of our appreciation for their thoughtful gift: *“Fruit of the Spirit”* print

*Anyone travelling over the holidays ... have safe travels.
Remember the true meaning of Christmas and enjoy
this time of year with family and friends . . .*



