



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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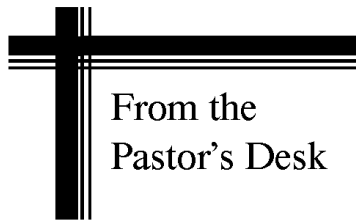
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE March "TIDINGS" IS February 21, 2020.

2020 MISSION OF THE MONTH

LOMO

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio

Jenny Frank from LOMO will be at Zion on Sunday, February 2 to give a temple talk to the congregation. Jenny will share LOMO's mission and vision of bringing people together to experience Christ through natural settings and programs. We will be collecting monetary donations during the month of February to benefit this Lutheran organization.



From the Pastor's Desk

On the weekend of January 18-19 I gave a message about thankfulness and resiliency. The scripture we used to talk about thankfulness and resiliency was 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. When we engage these scripture passages we find the name of Jesus nine times in nine verses. The author the apostle Paul shares and highlights that are faith is called to begin in thankfulness in all we do. Paul challenges us to begin each day in thankfulness to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To summarize our faith is all about Jesus!

However we know it is not always easy to be thankful when we are surrounded by the storms of our life. The storms of life come in all shapes and sizes and all storms of life have a different duration period. Some storms have a shorter time period while others stay with us for a long time.

Humanity and our culture and society many times don't know what to do with storms! Many people will use catch phrases when encountering people in the middle of a storm." You gotta be strong", is one that is used often by others. I am not sure what that really means but I don't think it means lifting five hundred pounds over my head with one hand.

God's inspired word informs us that Jesus shows up in the storms of life much more often than when we are strong. God comes to us when we are weak and vulnerable more often than when we are strong and invincible and lifting five hundred pounds with one hand over our head.

The second part of the scripture from Corinthians is about the concept of resiliency in our life. I believe resiliency is found in community with each other. We are called by Jesus not to battle the storms of life alone. Resiliency is about battling the storms of life and in our weakness and vulnerability Jesus meets us there. Most of the time during the storms of our life we are weak and vulnerable. We are challenged to hold on to fellowship with Jesus and each other during the chaos of life.

The storms of life vary for each of us and we gather the wisdom from the Bible that highlights that Jesus meets us in the storms of life and most of the time we will be weak before we gather strength.

This process is called resiliency which means managing the storms the best we can in our life. Resiliency brings hope back into our life and with it we regain thankfulness. May we embrace and find ways to be resilient in the storms of life but don't do it alone. Jesus and the community of God's people help us to regain our thankfulness. Amen!



**WOMEN OF ZION VALENTINE VIDEO NIGHT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
at 5:00 P.M.**

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 one valentine card and, if you wish, bring a snack to share.



Will you help at Zion's annual Bratwurst and Sauerkraut Fundraising Dinner?

When: Saturday, February 29th

Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

We need the support and participation of everyone in the congregation to make this a success. We need set up, prepare food, serve, clean up, etc. A Sign-up sheet will be posted where you can indicate where you would like to help.



FEBRUARY:

- 7 Steve Reeves
- 9 Cathy Miller
- 11 Jayne Drake
- 12 Marlene Thau
- 14 Jessica Weprin

- 15 Ina Crenshaw, Lucky Vonderheide
- 17 Chloe Donnan, Chuck Drake
- 18 Jerry Hereford
- 20 Megan Grube
- 22 Sharon Byrd, James Sebastian
- 24 Jessica Rissotte, Matt Witwer
- 25 Kayly Fetters, Barbra Kruse
- 26 Katie Sonnanstine
- 28 Olin Shutt



Pray for healing, comfort and recovery:

Fred & Jan Aller, Lorette Aller, Brad Bailey, Randy Bailey, Bob Bilbay, Billie Fischer, Cyndi Grube, Adele Hanna, Delores Harris, Roger & Kris Kister, Paul Knutson, Larry & Lil Nichols, Carolyn Oaks, Susan O'Neil, Trapper Phillips, Kate Pytel, Tom Replogle, Freida Schmidt, Kim Schmidt, Brian Sebold, Barb Stafford, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Mason Turben, Irene Watson, Lauren Wear, Sophia, Yarwick,

Pray for those who have lost a loved one:

The family of Stewart King

Pray for those members who are home bound:

Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Bob Kuhls and Belia Parrish.

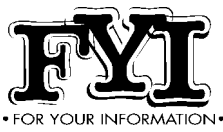


Dear Zion Family,

Thank you for all of your prayers and Cards. It is never easy to lose a sibling, especially one as nice as Bill.

He was a Godly and good man. He sincerely appreciated your prayers while he was sick. And so do I.

You are all a blessing in my life! Much love and appreciation. Pam Sauls



ADDRESS CHANGES

Please make a note of these changes in your church directory.

Patty Apple

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Dayton, OH 45459

Terri Darrah

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Tipp City, OH 45371

Grief Share, a special 13 week help seminar and support group for people experiencing grief and loss, will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning January 26th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM here at Zion in the adult education room.

Grief Share features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include “Is this Normal?”, “The Challenges of Grief”, “Grief and Your Relationships”, “Why?”, and “Guilt and Anger”.

For more information or to register contact Jackie Glawe, 937-478-3318, (Grief Share ministry Facilitator). “You may also register online at griefshare.org (type in find location zip code 45371 to find Zion’s listing). A \$15.00 suggested donation for the workbook, scholarships are available.



You can and if you’re brave enough to start ... You are here today with the POWER to shape your day with creativity!

I want to inspire individuals of their strength in creating something special. It’s about coming together and empowering one another to try something new and to have fun. With love and passion for one another, we can create different things while bringing smiles in all we do – big or small.

From painting rocks to basket weaving . . . we will have something every month. You can come all year or only when you are interested in something.

Days, times and activities will be posted. Hope to see you there! Yes, men are welcome too!

March 6, 2020 / 1-2:30 p.m. Informational Meeting
(We will meet in the Adult Sunday School room)

Contact: Elizabeth Hereford / 524-6543
if you have any questions

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – January 6, 2020

2 trees in the tree lawn on Walnut St. were taken down by the city.

The stumps will be removed and new trees will be planted this spring by the city.

The floor of the pulpit was inspected and found to have a weak spot. This will be fixed soon.

LED bulbs will be tried in place of some of our fluorescent fixtures. Ballasts will not need to be used with LED bulbs and the bulbs should last much longer.

The monthly work list was completed.

The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Wed., January 15, 2020

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

We reviewed Advent and Christmas services. We will continue the advent readings / candle lighting – especially involving the kids and families. Christmas Eve was evenly split attendance and the 5PM and 7:30PM times seem to be the best strategy for our current church population. Lori will be ordering an additional 50 battery operated candles sometime in 2020. On behalf of Zion, Deb Keppel was thanked for picking up an extra Saturday service for 2019, and Susie Gray for filling in various places this past year. Both were presented Michael Podesta calligraphy books.

3 pianos need to be donated. Property is working on that. If anyone is interested in an older upright piano, please see Bob Keppel or Lori Sebastian. We discussed renewing our CCLI License. Because we aren't currently recording services or projecting copyrighted words on screens, we are discontinuing this service. We are keeping the 1517 Media (Lutheran copyright license). We discussed a potential candidate for Saturday accompanist. We will provide a modest honorarium, and the candidate will likely begin in February or March. Norm Willoughy diagnosed the organ problem; a processor went bad. He hopes to replace that this month.

For liturgy and hymns, we continue Setting 1 for Epiphany and will switch the offertory canticle to Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ. Lent/Easter – we will sing Setting 3 and also bring the Kyrie back. Lori has selected hymns through May and in January and February have some new hymns for the congregation to try (Filipino, Chinese, and Japanese) We are also going to explore a new liturgy this summer from ELW – to help break Pentecost up a bit. Lori also plans to feature a composer monthly for 2020.

Vocal Choir reported things are going smoothly. We are looking for some more men/members, particularly tenors. Terri thanked the choir for special music at Stewart's funeral. We will be featuring some new music to continue (Cornerstone, The Lamb) in upcoming months. Terri suggested choir Sundays off would be: Jan. 26, Feb. 26, Mar TBD, and Apr. 19. Choir celebrated a post-Christmas party on January 8th. Terri also talked about a possibility of having a community choir sing selections from the Messiah possibly in November and December. She will continue to research.

Deb Keppel reported about altar. She mentioned they will need to order more oil sometime this year. We also talked about finding ways to update some of the banners, particularly the Pentecost banners.

Lori stated Bell Choir would plan to ring Sunday, Feb. 23rd and Chime Choir – Sunday, April 19, providing we have enough interested people.

We discussed upcoming Special Services. Ash Weds. will be Feb. 26 at 11am and 7pm. Pastor has ordered the ashes. Choir will sing at 7pm. We also set a Lenten devotional service for March 25. Terri and Deb will coordinate food for this 6pm service. Linda Holt arranged for Adena Brass to come in and play for us on Palm Sunday – April 5th (they have a special organ/brass piece composed for the occasion)! Pastor has also ordered palms for Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday & Good Friday will be at 7pm April 9th and 10th. Choir will sing Maundy Thursday.

Pastor updated us with several items. January 26th we will celebrate with the Groths for a 50th anniversary celebration after the service (their family is hosting a reception). February 2nd new members will be installed. Pastor also expressed appreciation for the closing Spiritual hymn from Sunday.

Our next meeting date will be Weds. March 11, 2020 – 1:00 pm

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – January 14, 2020

1. Council approved November financials and December minutes.
2. Council will ask two more people to be signers for checks.
3. Council members chose which ministry team they will be connected to as liaison. They will report ministry team highlights during council meetings.
4. Council discussed ways to get updated contact information on all members so we can devise an effective system to contact members during closings, funerals, etc... with the member choosing their preferred method of contact phone, e-mail, text, etc. The form to be filled out will be put in all members church mailbox.
5. New council members Jan Aller, Jason Weprin, Brad Kennedy, and Julie Sebastian will be installed during Sunday worship February 2.

Next Meeting: Tues., Feb. 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING – January 14, 2020

Members Present: Sharon Byrd, Miriam Comer, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Peggy McCoy, Chuck Powder, Debbie Turner

Pastor opened with a prayer

PHOTO DIRECTORY

1. The next batch of directories has been run and they are ready to be cut and hole punched. Please check with Linda in the office if you can help with this. We are printing 20 directories per month.

CALLING DIRECTORY:

1. Chuck opened with thoughts regarding organizing a system for communication to the congregation. We discussed:
 - Snow/Weather emergencies
 - Death Notifications
2. Further Discussions included the following:
 - Updated Contact Listings
 - Updated Email Systems
 - Updated Communication Chains: Automated Telephone Systems can be expensive.
 - Texts can be misleading in some systems.
3. Chuck will present the Calling System topic to council. He has drafted a form by which the congregation could indicate their preferences for emergency communications.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020/5 pm

WOMEN OF ZION – January 12, 2020

- ❖ Lil Nichols reported that over 300 ornaments were made for Hospice.
- ❖ Cheer Plates were prepared and delivered.
- ❖ Thank you to all who participated in the Adopt-A-Family.
- ❖ College care packages will go out in February.
- ❖ Debbie Rudisill said more stitchers are needed for the prayer shawl ministry. 5 shawls have been delivered so far.
- ❖ Brat Supper will be Feb. 29th.
- ❖ Women's Retreat will be March 14th.

- ❖ Approved shelving request for the Quilters.
- ❖ Missions for the Month for 2020 were set.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 9th at 5:00 p.m.



COMPOSERS 2020 by Lori Sebastian

As a parent and musician, I am constantly planning. For the kids, scheduling activities and meals seem to take a good deal of time. For music, there are so many options! Piano, organ, instrumentalists, chimes or bells, vocalists, choir. Then, finding tunes and melodies appropriate for each church season. Thankfully, Augsburg Fortress has a wonderful music planning book (Sundays and Seasons) that helps pastors, musicians, and other staff that gives many helpful suggestions. As I was recently filing much of my Nov. and Dec. music, I thought this year (2020), it might be well to feature several composers/arrangers that I play frequently – 1 each month and play at least one piece each service that month by the composer. So for 2020, here is the list I have chosen:

January: Philip Keveren – piano

February: Victor Labenske - piano

March: Timothy Albrecht - organ

April: Robert Hobby - organ

May: Anne Krentz Organ - piano

June: Dale Wood - organ

July: Joseph Martin – piano (and choral)

August: Michael Hassell – jazz piano

September: Sherri Hansen - piano

October: Paul Manz - organ

November: Michael Burkhardt - organ

December: Wayne Wold – organ

Half are published mostly by Augsburg Fortress. Many of the composers are Lutheran or have Lutheran roots. Most of the others have extensive church music writing background. 3 of these composers are deceased. Many of these composers teach music (and are on faculty at colleges) or work as composers and are in the music publishing industry. Most (maybe all) serve part time as a music director in their parishes.

Adult Sunday School

On February 2, Adult Sunday School will begin a six-week session on **The Parables of Jesus**. These video/discussion lessons will include:

The Coming of the Kingdom – Weeds, Mustard Seed, Yeast (Matthew 13)

The Grace of the Kingdom – Two Debtors (Luke 7)

The God of the Kingdom – The Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

The Demand of the Kingdom – Treasure and Pearls (Matthew 13)

The Mission of the Kingdom - The Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22)

The Fulfillment of the Kingdom – Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25)

Join us at 9:00 every Sunday morning in the Adult Sunday School Room. There are chairs for man

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DEADLINE

For March is: Friday, Feb. 21

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Pre-K are learning about Jesus ministry while on earth.

1st-4th grade are experiencing Jesus ministry and where in the bible these stories are written.

5th grade are focusing on navigating the bible and the amazing stories God has for us in the Old and New Testaments.

Confirmation class – Pastor Glawe

8th grade has joined with the 9th – 12th grade class to experience the bible study from the book and video clips of “Love Does” by Bob Goff.

9th – 12th grade – Bible and book study of “Love Does” by Bob Goff



Pastor, Jackie and three youth had an enjoyable evening of worship and laughter while attending the Christian band concert of Echelon at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in West Chester in January.

COMING UP:

February 22nd – Winter Jam Christian Concert – with over 6 different bands and various speakers at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus, OH. \$15.00 per Person. **RSVP to Jackie by February 16th.**

March 19th – Newsboys United Concert with special guest Mandisa. \$20.00 per person. **RSVP to Jackie by February 16th also.**

Youth Game Night . . . to be announced.

Peace,
Jackie

