



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

APRIL 2020

Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church 14 West Walnut St., Tipp City, Ohio 45371

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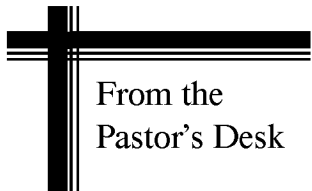
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE May Tidings is Monday, April 20th



Chris Parker from WERNLE will reschedule his visit to Zion once things settle down with the virus.

During this uncharted territory we see God’s Kingdom coming to earth. God’s Kingdom comes to us through all the people and businesses who are making surgical masks, helping with making parts or equipment including ventilators in order to save human lives. God’s Kingdom comes to us when we are in right relationship with others and sacrifice for the common good of our neighbor.



From the
Pastor’s Desk

Our lives can change rapidly! We are in the midst of uncharted territory due to the pandemic of the Coronavirus. Many of us our hunkered down at home only going out into the world to get our necessities. Our pastime may consist of watching Governor Dewine and Doctor Amy Acton give us the most updated information on the outbreak of the Coronavirus in Ohio as they share with us that every day the positive tests continue to rise.

As most of us stay inside to save lives many are on the front line battling this terrible virus. First responders and medical teams assemble around sick patients trying to save one human life. Doctors and nurses working around the clock showing us how precious human life is to them. Many people are risking their own life to save others. I am so thankful for all my neighbors the ones who are risking their own health and life for the good of others. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for all those on the front line and pray for their safe keeping. What a sacrifice they are making to bring God’s Kingdom here to us this day. Amen!

We are learning this virus attacks all ages no one is immune from getting this life threatening illness. Common emotions for all us is sadness and fear as we watch the results of what the Coronavirus is doing to all of us on numerous levels. We are all praying this pandemic will end sooner than later. We have battened the hatches at home! Have mercy on us Lord!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Debbie Rudisill, Daniel Weprin
- 2 John Sebastian

- 3 Katie Kessler, Dan Holt, Kristy McKibbin
- 5 Sharon Knick
- 14 Gary Groth, Alex Kauffmann,
Zach Kauffmann
- 17 Paul Knutson, Bob Kuhls
- 18 John LeGros, Trapper Phillips
- 23 Randy Turner, Henry Rizzotte
- 24 Alyx Grube, Logan Phillips, Linda Sumner
- 26 Scot Coppock, Tyler Fetters, Deb Keppel
- 28 Judy Bailey

During this difficult time, if any of our elderly members need help with shopping, or other essentials, please call the church office at 1 937-667-3110.

Please Note: In our attempt to keep the prayer chain up to date, we would appreciate being contacted with any updated information on the individuals listed on the prayer chain. If you would like an individual taken off or added please e-mail prayers@ziontippcity.org or call the church office at 1 937 667-3110.

Please make the following address change in your PHOTO DIRECTORY:

Trapper & Mirriah Phillips
 2435 Rugged Hill Rd.
 Casstown, OH 45312
 Phone: Trapper, 1(937) 418-3550
 Mirriah, 1(937) 405-6687

AV EQUIPMENT

Zion needs an individual to help manage the Audio Visual Equipment installed in the church. If you are interested in helping the property team manage the AV equipment, please contact: Chuck Powder (chuck.powder@gmail.com) or James Sebastian (jamessebastian@hotmail.com)



Sign-up posters will also be available for those who can help with the **Zion lawn mowing** and the **Cemetery lawn mowing**. A trailer is available in the Zion garage for transporting equipment to the cemetery. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Keppel at 689-3892. See Linda in the church office or Bob for the garage key.



PLEASE KEEP THOSE NEEDING COMFORT AND HEALING IN YOUR PRAYERS (NAMES IN BOLD PRINT ADDED THIS WEEK):

Please say a special prayer for our STNAS, CNAS, nurses and doctors. May God watch over and protect these caretakers of the covid-19 patients and their families. We have nurses in our congregation. (submitted by Tim Rambeau)

Fred and Jan Allen, Norm Barnhart, Brad Bailey, Bob Bilbay, Ina Crenshaw, Charlie Dixon, **Jenna Flint** (daughter of Tim and Sue Rambeau, who is caring for covid-19 patients at MVH.) Hazel Furlong, Judy Haines, Roger and Chris Kister, Paul Knutson, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carolyn Oaks, Trapper Phillips, Tom Replogle, Kim Schmidt, Barb Stafford, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Leah Tatum, Mason Turben (grandson of Pat Cowan), Kyle Watkins, Irene Watson, Sophia Yarwick

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: The family of Dale Whitmer, The family of Ann Zimmerman, The family of Mary Sue Helke, The family of Linda Slade

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOME BOUND; ESPECIALLY THOUGHT OF ARE: Patsy Furrow, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Bob Kuhls, Bellia Parrish.

GRIEFSHARE UPDATE

GriefShare is for those who have lost a loved one and are dealing with the emotions and changes that come with that grief. Now that we are experiencing such challenging times in our world it is even more important to be able to work through our grief.

Due to the COVID-19 we are currently watching the GriefShare videos in our individual homes and then having a discussion in a conference call each Sunday. (except Easter)

2:00 pm – watch session video in your own home.

3:00 pm – call into conference call to join in or just listen in on the discussion.

If you are not currently a participant but you would like to attend contact Jackie Glawe at 1(937) 478-3318 to get access to the GriefShare material and conference call information.



There are many books available at Zion to borrow during this “stay at home” time. There are two separate bookshelves, one across for Pastor’s office and one across from the adult education room. These books are available for you to borrow. The office is open 8:30 am – noon. (after 12 noon call ahead to see if Pastor is in the office- you can still come in to grab a book.) We recently added more books for you to enjoy.



THANK YOU to Maggie & Chuck Powder for the ray of sunshine (daffodils) they brought in to the office on a dreary and rainy day last week. The flowers were very much appreciated.

Linda

Zion,

I would like to thank Zion church for all the prayers and food. Our prayers are being answered. God Is Good. Still under Hospice Care and Hope to get back to church soon. Thanks again.

Carolyn Oaks and family

Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers and cards that have been sent my way. I sincerely Appreciate it. Billie Fischer

Dear Ms. White:

On behalf of the Veterans, families, and staff of the Dayton VA Medical Center, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your support. Thank you for your donation of wheelchair bags, bed rail covers, decorated bags, and Valentine cards. We appreciate your kind gesture and generosity. Donations whether monetary or in-kind enhances the care our Veterans have earned through their sacrifice. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Ryan Pleasants, Chief, Voluntary Services

Dear Women of Zion,

Thank you for your gift of \$185 to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio. Your steadfast giving allows us to share the love of Christ for all generations with youth and families through LOMO camps and ministries.

Sincerely, In Christ,

Penny Christensen, Executive Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE / March 2, 2020

The mowers have been serviced and are ready for spring and summer. A sign-up sheet has been posted for volunteers to mow the church lawn and/or the cemetery lawn on S. Hyatt St. The stained glass window on Main St. needs to be restored. After the stained glass window fund balance has been determined, a restoration drive

may be implemented. The committee is suggesting council purchase six 8 ft. tables for use throughout the church. The ceiling tiles were replaced in the kitchen and the kitchen retractable outlet was repaired. The upstairs restroom urinal was repaired. The monthly work list was completed.

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

WOMEN OF ZION HIGHLIGHTS / March , 2020

- February Mission of the Month was LOMO. \$185 was collected.
- Care packages were sent to 13 college-age kids from Zion. Jackie has received lots of thank you notes from the kids.
- \$1,392 was deposited from the Brat Supper. 154 meals were served - \$191.67 in bills were turned in.
- 24 people registered for the Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 14th.
- Empowering Arts & Crafts will meet the first Friday of every Month at 1:00 p.m. beginning April 1.
- Mission of the month for April is Wernle Youth and Family Center. Kathy Groth will provide a list of needed items. An Easter Tree with egg ornaments will be set up. People can take an ornament, purchase the requested item and return it to Zion.
- It was decided to give \$200 to the youth Program for their trip to Minneapolis in 2021 for the youth gathering. We appreciate the help the youth gave at the brat supper.

We will be meeting April 5 at 5:00 p.m. because of Easter on April 12th.

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WORSHIP & MUSIC / March 11 ,2020

Attending were: Pastor Glawe, Susie Gray, Linda Holt, Lil Nichols, and Lori Sebastian.

We reviewed Epiphany and Lent services. Having 2 Ash Wednesday services worked well - due to poor

weather conditions, we had more at early than normal. Special thanks to Susie Gray, Bill Jones, and Lisa Sebastian for being cantor. We have tried several new hymns. Lori continues to write an article about sacred music composers/arrangers each month.

We have another Saturday Accompanist Allison Cartwright who is approved by council. She will begin in March (the 2nd Saturday). Welcome Allison! Norm Willoughy replaced 3 parts and the surge protector on the organ, so it is working appropriately.

Terri Darrah sent in a report for Vocal Choir. Choir music is picked through Easter. Choir will have off March 29, April 5 (Adena Brass is coming in Palm Sunday), and April 26. Choir Sunday will be Sunday May 17th. **We are still in need of tenors for our choir.** Mike Wertz – if you are reading this, you and your voice are dearly missed.

For altar and other information, Deb Keppel sent a report that they are working on Pentecost Banners (money in a Memorial Fund to purchase). Lil Nichols also plans to repaint the existing Pentecost banners and work on 2 additional creation banners. Pastor stated the palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday. Deb also said that the altar committee will handle stripping the altar Maundy Thursday and facilitate the spring bulbs for Easter – congregation can order through Linda Short. For Confirmation/Mothers' Day, Donna Slyman will organize a reception for the confirmands; Lori will order the Confirmation corsages and Mothers' Day flowers.

Lori provided updates about bells and chimes. Bell Choir played Sunday, Feb. 23 with Susie Gray accompanying. We had 6 ringers. Chime choir will play Sunday, April 26. This will be open to 1st graders through adults.

Our upcoming services are as follows

- A. March 25 – Devotional Service – 6pm – snacks/finger foods at 5:30pm
- B. April 5 - Palm Sunday – (10am) Special Music - Adena Brass coming in!
- C. April 9 - Maundy Thursday – 7pm
- D. April 10 - Good Friday – 7pm

- E. April 12 - Easter - 8am and 10am
- F. May 10 – Confirmation & Mothers’ Day - 10am

Our next planned meeting date will be **Weds. April 29, 2020 – 1PM.**

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / March 10, 2020
NEXT MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2020 AT 7 PM

1. Approved January financials.
2. Approved February council minutes.
3. Agreed to send \$75 to Tipp City improvement foundation.
4. Worship will be conducted by Live Streaming until at least May 10 because of the Coronavirus.
5. All events and activities at the church have been postponed at least through May 10. A letter from council went out to all Zion church family. Confirmation service on May 10 and the first communion classes have been postponed to a future date to be determined.
6. All members of the Zion church family are encouraged to stay connected during these anxious times. One way to stay connected is through our website ziontippcity.org. Worship services, devotions, and updated information will be found there.

COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING –

March 10, 2020

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

Photo Directory: Many thanks to Kathy and Gary Groth and Bob Keppel for helping put together more photo directories. We will have one more printing this month. This should finish the members distribution and give us a few extra. Ina Crenshaw and Deb will handle this.

Calling System:

1. Chuck has received 70-80 responses indicating preference for phone call, or texts, or emails.
2. Kathy will prepare a list of those responsible to phone 3 or 4 people. The last caller will report back to Pastor.
3. We should have 7 or 8 people responsible for calling; in case some are unavailable.
4. Reasons for calling include weather issues unexpected community health issues and funeral notifications.
5. We are hoping to get the list to Committee before next week.
6. Perhaps we could recruit a few non-committee members to help with phone calling.

AV EQUIPMENT SUPERVISOR POSITION

1. Chuck has posted the position in the bulletins and Tidings.

WELCOMING

1. Blessing of the Pets scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
2. Deb will contact Dream Organization for possible participation again.
3. Bottled water and pet treats will be provided.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2020 AT 5 PM

****GRACE PLACE NEWS**** AKA
****GRACE PLACE AT HOME****

During this uncertain time in all of our lives it is even more important to stay connected to our faith and God's promises. Thankfully for technology I have been able to stay connected to many of our Sunday School youth and College youth as well.

Below are some of the ways we have been staying connected while we cannot attend church in the church building:

Prek - 5th grade - Jackie and some of the children met online through a free meeting program called Zoom on Sunday March 29th at 9:00 am. The children went on a Scavenger Hunt for Jesus in their

own homes as Jackie held up items for them to find.

1. Hand soap or sanitizer = cleans our hands just like Jesus cleans our sins away.
2. Something we NEED to live = food, etc. - God provides for him. We can pray for our needs.
3. Flashlight = it lights up the darkness. Jesus lights up our darkness, especially in this scary uncertain time. We can call on Jesus in the dark. Do you see the helpers in the world and around us right now? There are LOTS of them shining the light in the dark.
4. Their baby photo or any photo of themselves = God created us. He knows what we are going through and he hasn't left us. He loves us, and wants good for us.

1st Communion Classes are postponed to a later date.

Confirmation 6th-8th gr – Pastor will contact parents and students about writing their papers for Confirmation Sunday which will be at a date to be determined.

8th - 12th graders - Jackie and Terri D. have been meeting together with the students through a daily devotional in the "Holy Bible" app on our phones and discussing the devotional/scripture. The devotional we are currently working through is "What Do You Do, When You Don't Know What To Do".

Zion College Youth - We just completed the daily devotional "Experiencing God in College", and have just started "Christ >Corona". (Christ is greater than the Corona)

If your youth is not involved in one of these activities and you would like them to be please call, text or email me and let me know.

God's peace,
Jackie Glawe
Christian Education Director



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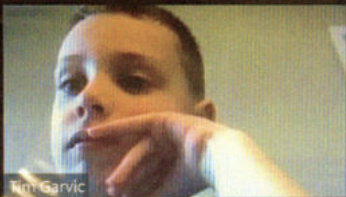


Due to the Covid-19 virus the Breakfast & Egg Hunt has been postponed until further notice, however we are working on still offering something for the children by way of technology or some other surprise. **Stay tuned**

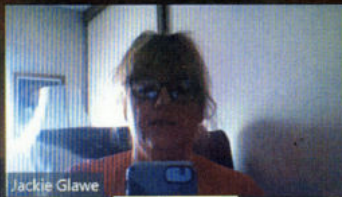
UNTIL MAY 10TH

We will continue to live stream the Sunday worship services as well as Maundy Thursday, April 9 and Good Friday, April 10.

The Tidings Newsletter will be available on line. If you want a copy, please call the church office and one can be made for you to pick up or mail.



Tim Garvic



Jackie Glawe



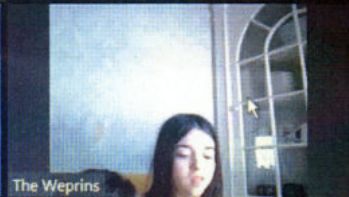
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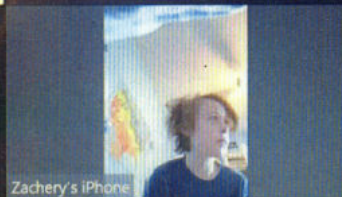
Jen



Bryce



The Weprins



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