



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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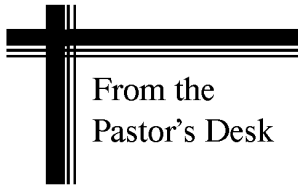
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE "TIDINGS" ON Thursday, May 21.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Well May is upon us! Flower and vegetable gardens abounding. The sound of mowers and the smell of freshly cut grass is in our souls. Can't wait to put away the winter clothes and slip on shorts and a tee shirt, can I get an Amen!

Something else is upon us and it is called the Coronavirus. I wish I could put it away with my winter clothes. I wish it was that easy. The upcoming decisions on how we proceed with our lives in this present reality are difficult choices our leaders will have to make.

Do we extend the stay at home order in Ohio? Do we start letting the majority of people return to work? What side are you in favor of? Most people who have lost their job probably support the decision to get people back to work which is totally understandable. Those who have lost loved ones to the horrible Coronavirus are probably in favor of extending the stay at home order, totally understandable.

I would not want to be a leader at this time making these tough choices and decisions with so many people involved in one way or another. Zion Church Council and I know how it feels when you try to make decisions that affect 250 active members of the Zion Church family. The Church Council and I try to make decisions based on the common good that will benefit the majority of God's people. But Church Council and I also know some people will

not agree with the decision since there are 250 people affected by the decision. The Church council and the pastor do have some sleepless nights.

There are 329 million people living in the United States, almost all have been affected by the Coronavirus in one way or another with some being affected much more dramatically. There are almost 12 million people living in Ohio. And I am pretty sure the decisions our leaders will be making are not taken lightly by them. Many sleepless nights will be upon them.

May 1st is a big decision day in Ohio, pray for our leaders. I believe we all are praying for wisdom upon our leaders, praying and hoping that the economy rebounds soon and the sickness and death toll of the Coronavirus dwindles. But there are no guarantees, it may get worse before it gets better. The only guarantee we do have is from our Lord and Savior, "I will be with you till the end of the age". God with us! May Jesus bless us with peace and understanding for one another as we journey with 329 million people. All of us are God's children. Amen!



RELAY FOR LIFE

(American Cancer Society)

Due to COVID-19, Miami County's Relay for Life has been postponed. However, cancer has not been postponed or cancelled. American Cancer Society remains committed to the needs of cancer

patients. Zion's Relay for Life team (Holy Walkamolies For the Cure) also remains committed to doing what we can to raise money for ACS. As we are able, we will have additional fundraisers. Watch future Tidings and bulletins for information about these.

Hope Lodge facilities normally provide free lodging for cancer patients and caregivers who have to travel to receive the best cancer treatments. In 2019, they provided 500,000 nights of lodging to more than 29,000 patients and caregivers. However, on March 27, 2020, ACS suspended operations at these facilities because they could no longer ensure the health and safety of the cancer patients. ACS is now using the facilities to provide free lodging for health care workers on the front lines of the coronavirus fight. They provide the workers a place to rest between long shifts or a place to stay if they choose not to go home and risk exposing their families to the virus.

If you would like to help our team, you can send your donation to the church. Checks can be payable to Women of Zion or American Cancer Society. You can also donate online. Go to www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty and click on Donate. When asked who you want to support, select "Team" then "Holy Walkamolies For the Cure." We appreciate your support.



May Birthdays

- 2 Dale Schaefer
- 4 Laurie Helke
- 5 Joyce Johnson
- 6 Faith Krum
- 7 Dianne LeGros
- 8 Elijah Johnson, Ruth White
- 13 Kate Pytel
- 16 Irene Miller
- 17 Michael Hannah (son), Kristen Witwer

- 19 Pastor Jeff Glawe, Maureen Holley
- 23 Matt Sauls
- 24 Cynthia Moore
- 25 Stephanie Weprin
- 26 Nathan Schall
- 27 Jan Aller, Susan Coon
- 28 Zachery Johnson
- 30 Ruth Stollmer, Bob Bilbay
- 31 Pat Cowan



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 congregatiion. (submitted by Tim Rambeau)

Fred and Jan Aller, **Mike Bair (brother-in-law of Debbie Rudisill)**, Norm Barnhart, Brad Bailey, Bob Bilbay, Ina Crenshaw, Charlie Dixon, Jenna Flint (daughter of Tim and Sue Rambau, who is caring for Covid-19 patients at MVH).

Sally, Cavener, Ina Crenshaw, Hazel Furlong, Lois Glawe, **Bruce Goodwin, father of Melinda Schall, whose cancer numbers have increased significantly**, Judy Haines, Roger and Cris Kister, Paul Knutson, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carolyn Oaks, Trapper Phillips, Tom Replogle, Laura Roeth, Kim Schmidt, Brian Sebold, Barb Stafford, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Leah Tatum, Mason Turben (grandson of Pat Cowan), Russell Turner, Kyle Watkins, Irene Watson, Jason Weprin, Sophia Yarwick.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

The family of Dale Whitmer; the family of Ann Zimmerman.

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

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.

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Christian Education Meeting Minutes - April 7th

- Prek-5th- Jackie and the children have completed a bible lesson for the past 3 Sundays, including Easter, on Zoom meeting together. Average attendance has been 12.
- 6th – 7th and several 8th graders have completed this years Confirmation classes. The youth who will be confirmed this year will be working on their individual statements of faith. Pastor will be contacting these students.
- 8th-12th grade – Some of the youth have been completing a daily devotional and discussion with Jackie and Terri everyday through the Holy Bible App.
- Adult class currently suspended at this time during COVID-19 pandemic.

Family and Faith Life

- **Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt** – Postponed (we discussed that once we are able to return to the church building this would be a wonderful celebration thing to have for the children date to be announced.
 - We decided against delivering eggs to the children's yards due to the stay at home order.
 - Melinda sent me an idea about a Window Easter Egg Hunt. We

decided on the Window Easter Egg Hunt. Jackie will contact congregation members who live in town (Tipp City) if they would be willing to put up a drawing/picture of Easter Eggs or faith based decorations in their windows and on doors for parents to take a drive and do a drive by hunt anytime between April 11th - April 18th. They are to send Jackie photos of the ones they find for prizes.

- The team discussed ideas for how the Youth Group stay connected and do something fun. Ideas such as:
 - Zoom Youth Group night an older version of the finding Jesus in our homes Scavenger Hunt. (still searching the internet for other ideas. Looking for a faith based game where instead of yelling out their answers they would write them on paper and hold them up on the screen. (sort of like Jeopardy). Or some type of combination game/faith lesson. Jackie looking into ideas.
- Flamingo Flocking is on hold until further notice as well as other fundraisers due to the Covid-19.

College Students – Jackie and 6 Zion youth currently attending College have been completing daily devotionals and discussion through the Holy Bible App together.

Misc. and Comments:

- VBS – ROCKY RAILWAY - Jun 8th – Jun 11th (date will probably need to change depending on the Covid-19 Pandemic time frame).
- Looking into graduation gifts for the seniors. Senior recognition TBA once stay at home order is lifted.

1. Approved February financials.
2. Approved March council minutes.
3. This council meeting was done by a virtual meeting.
4. Council discussed and agreed that it would be a good decision to continue live streaming even when in person worship has started up once again. Council also believed it would be a good idea to look around and purchase more updated video technology and equipment for live streaming worship.
5. Council approved the expense of the One License for worship that keeps us in guidelines for copyrights and live streaming. Also approved the cost of one Pentecost banner.
6. Council is very happy that the majority of the congregation is staying connected through the church website. The amount of visits daily to the website shows us people are staying connected.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

We have now been under “social distancing” for close to one month. Our suspension of in person Worship Services and all other Church Activities is still in effect through Monday May 11th. These policies will be reassessed as new guidelines are delivered by the State of Ohio and the Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

- VBS was originally scheduled for the second week in June, however due to the Covid-19 we are looking at other options or other possible dates depending on the social distance order for Ohio. STAY TUNED . . .

God's Peace,
Jackie Glawe
Christian Education Director

