



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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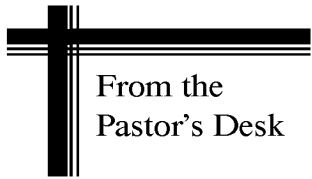
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER "TIDINGS" IS Monday, September 23

The church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.



From the
Pastor's Desk

I just recently shared at worship we probably all have experienced COVID-19 fatigue at some point and a good night sleep can help us battle this fatigue that we all have encountered during this pandemic. It is so easy for all us to get involved in a non-healthy way. There are so many options to embrace at this time in a non-healthy way.

The Bible shares with us that the world offers many options and opportunities to have our heart hardened. When our hearts start to harden unhealthy behaviors immediately follow in how we interact with God, our neighbors, and the world. There are many references to hardening of the heart in the Bible.

However, there are over 900 references about the heart in scripture. I will share two of these:
Ephesians 3:17- "and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love". I invite all of us to carry this scripture verse in our hearts. We need all the spiritual help to remain in our faith which is rooted and grounded in love.

The other scripture passage is from **Philippians 4:7- "and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds**

in Christ Jesus". This is a troubling time in so many ways and we have to be vigilant in guarding our hearts. If we fail to guard our hearts the peace of Jesus leaves us and our hearts harden and it gets ugly.

I challenge us all to write these scriptures in your hearts and carry them with you daily. Pastor is giving a homework assignment to memorize one or the other and for the over achievers go ahead and memorize both. May we all soften our hearts through the inspired word of God, and all God's people said, AMEN!

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Lutheran World Relief Health Kits



LWR Kits

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT:

- ❖ ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ❖ TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ❖ ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- ❖ ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ❖ ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Two ways to help with kit: **1** - You may purchase the items listed, put them **unassembled** in a bag and place in collecting box in narthex **2** - Donate money that a group of shoppers may use to purchase the items listed.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Give Donna a call if you have any questions @ 902-1038.



Saturday worship is going back to celebrating communion on the 4th Saturday of the month starting in September.

The Sunday worship communion schedule is September 20. Starting in October it will be celebrated on the **first** and **third** Sundays of the month.

- 2 Jeff Mitchell
- 4 Lil Nichols
- 7 Tim Garvic
- 9 Alicia Weprin
- 10 Fred Aller, Ethan Freitag, Jessica Lopez
- 11 Chuck Swanson
- 15 Mark Helke, Debbie Turner
- 18 Linda Short
- 19 Terri Darrah, Kathy Groth
- 26 Bryce Clum



(Highlighted names are recent additions)



WOW! Our Zion sewers are busy with their wonderful outreach despite the pandemic, 16 Walker bags, 13 clothing protectors, and 24 wheelchair bags were delivered to the VA Hospital in Dayton. 35 themed children's pillowcases to the abuse shelter in Troy.

Good Job girls – "Serving Christ through serving others".

SPECIAL REQUEST . . . We are in need of clothing protectors at the Spring Meade Care Facility.

Material is available.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

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

- **Those dealing with the Covid-19: Alyssa Spencer, Gale Glawe, Leah Tatum, Dan Van Kannel & family.**
- Watch over the healthcare workers and caretakers working with the Covid-19 patients.
- **Garry Yunker's son Keith and daughter in law Heather** were in a serious car accident In Piqua. Keith & Heather have been released from hospital. Please pray for Garry and his family.

Please keep those needing comfort and healing in your prayers: Fred & Jan Aller, Norm Barnhart, Diane Barnes, Laura Barnes, Ina Crenshaw, Bruce Goodwin, **Maureen Holley**, Roger & Cris Kister,

Mark Klare, Paul Knudson, Betsy Mason, Phillip Nemeth, Larry & Lil Nichols, Carolyn Oaks, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Tom Replogle, Laura Roeth, Brian Sebold, **Linda Shutt**, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Kyle Watkins, Irene Watson, Jason Weprin.

Mason Turbin, Pat Cowan's grandson, is cancer free. Pat thanks all of those who prayed for Mason.

Highlighted names are new to list as of 8/21/2020.

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

By Lori Sebastian

For August, the composer of the month is Michael Hassell. Michael received his undergraduate degree from Berklee College of Music and his graduate degree from Boston University. Both degrees were in music composition. He served various congregations (Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Anglican, United Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian Science, and United Church of Christ) throughout the years in the capacity of organist / music director. He began utilizing his musical talents at the age of 12.

He taught music theory at Berklee College and created the Berklee College Choir. He also performed at various venues in the eastern United States. He called Virginia home for many years. He was skilled enough to perform as pianist and vocalist! Michael was pianist and arranger for a regional big band "Sound of Swing". He composed nearly 300 sacred choral and instrumental pieces during his lifetime.

Michael also established Euterpean Productions, which was a regional theater group that operated a dinner theater. He was also involved in a classical radio station as broadcast host of a weekly program. Michael Hassell passed away in the summer of 2019 and is survived by his wife of 30 years Mary Ellen and stepson Scott Drumheller.

The pieces that were played at Zion in August by Hassell that are a jazz piano style: Kum

ba yah (August 2), How Great Thou Art (August 9), Morning Has Broken / Shall We Gather by the River (August 16), What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (August 23), and Blessed Assurance (August 30).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY – August 3, 2020

An electrician fixed the power outage issue in the old building. A battery powered sprayer has been purchased to sanitize the chairs and restrooms before and after in person worship services. A new lock was put on the garage replacing the original lock. An air conditioning unit was installed for the quilters on the upper floor. The monthly work list was completed. **The next meeting will be Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m.**

COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING – Aug. 2020

We continue to learn and fine tune the live streaming of the worship services. Many thanks go out to James, Lisa and Julie Sebastian for their hard work in getting our services out to the community. And thanks to Pastor, Jackie Glawe and Chuck Powder for the weekly devotionals.

We discussed the possibility of having a sign board or banner out on the front lawn of the church to inform the community of our in person and online worship service options.

We hope to continue the calling system with those members who may not be attending the in person services.

Blessing of the Pets will be Saturday, August 15 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the front lawn of the church, weather permitting. Pastor Glawe will be offering a blessing and a prayer for each pet and owner. Water will be provided for owners and pets.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – No Meeting in August

WOMEN OF ZION – August 9, 2020

Clothesline: More help is needed to work at the

Clothesline. Request has been put in bulletins and tidings.

Socks for Seniors: 139 pairs of socks were delivered to Troy Care by Linda Holt. This was the July Mission of the Month.

School Kits: School supplies are being collected now. There is a table with back packs and a list of supplies needed by the entrance. This is the August Mission of the Month.

Health Kits: These will be collected in September. more information to follow.

Prayer Shawls: Hopefully, stitchers are still working on these at home. People are needed to deliver the shawls. Contact Debbie Rudisill if you can help with this.

Relay for Life: The event will still take place September 12 but right now, location is unknown. Debbie Rudisill will let us know.

Winter Gathering: The annual winter gathering Christmas dinner for Women of Zion has been cancelled for this year due to the Covid-19 virus. Discussion was held regarding doing something to replace this – possibly a Secret Santa activity. More discussion at our next meeting.

Altar Guild: More people are needed to help with this. Contact Carla Frame if you can help.

Pillow Cases: Kathy Groth reported that the Family Abuse Shelter is in need of pillows. It was decided to give her \$100 to purchase pillows.

Next Meeting: September 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

All women are urged to attend.

WORSHIP & MUSIC – August 12, 2020

Attending were: Carla Frame, Pastor Glawe, Susie Gray, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, and Lori Sebastian. We discussed the current worship in Fellowship Hall. Members expressed it was going well and felt we were doing a good job of having a safe environment for our parishioners. We have a roster of 6-7 readers who will continue to rotate on Sunday. For people unable to attend in person services, we continue to offer remote worship. Services are videoed Sunday at 10am. People can subscribe to YouTube / Zion Lutheran Church (Tipp City, OH) to watch live or watch service later. We continue to have several members who regularly

watch the service virtually. Vocal choir, bell choir, and chime choir continue to be on hold – until the threat from COVID-19 passes.

We talked about altar concerns. Tipp Florist has closed permanently, so at this time we will use artificial flower arrangements. Deb Keppel was going to check on whether she could find some seasonally appropriate floral arrangements. Carla Frame suggested we go back to a smaller subset of services where communion was offered to aid with the limited number of people who are able to serve on altar committee during the pandemic. It was determined Communion would be offered at 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and 4th Saturdays of the month starting in October. We will also begin offering Communion for those who wish to receive it from their vehicle the 4th Saturday of the month, beginning in September. *Thanks were given to the cleaning team who disinfect services following worship.*

We talked about thoughts for fall and liturgy. The consensus of the committee was Setting 2 is becoming more familiar and we will continue singing it this fall. We will also work to get the melody line and words incorporated into the PowerPoint, so it is easier to follow for those who want to see the music. Deb Keppel stated Lucky Vonderheide is stepping down from doing the 5th Saturday services, and Deb will be filling in on those Saturdays. *Thank you Lucky for your many years of service to Zion.*

Pastor gave his updates – he will be out of town August 19-23 and again September 1-14 for vacation. Kristen Zimmann and Kervyn Mach will be substituting for Pastor. Felicia Young and Wayne Fronczak will celebrate their upcoming wedding Saturday, Sept. 19 @ 2pm with a rehearsal Thursday, Sept. 17 @3pm. We plan to hold that service in the sanctuary.

Our next meeting will be Weds. November 4 @ 1PM.

CHRISTIAN ED MINISTRY VIRTUAL MEETING

In attendance were Heidi Coppock, Jackie Glawe, Melinda Schall, Susan Smith and Jason Weprin.

Discussion took place about:

- Sunday School beginning in the fall and “in-person” vs. “virtual/zoom”. It was decided to contact the various past teachers for their interest in teaching this year and their feelings on in-person vs. virtual.
- It was suggested that if we have it online/virtual, have it every other Sunday or rotate the various age groups Sept.-Dec. and then re-evaluate.
- Additional suggestions were made to have some outdoor activities where they get to see each but still staying socially distanced. Some of those ideas were: outdoor movie, bonfire, Meadowview Pumpkin Patch, Jumpy’s laser tag.
- **First day of Sunday School will be Sept. 20th.**
- Jackie suggested a Rally Day activity involving Easter eggs with candy and faith based trinkets to be hidden on the lawn for the youth, PreK-5th grade who are currently listed on our Sunday School Roster as a fun activity for the start-up of Sunday School. Children will still be at their individual homes.
- Pastor is working with the confirmation youth to set up a Confirmation Sunday in October that will work for the youth being confirmed.
- Pastor is looking into and will discuss options for Adult Sunday School with James Sebastian. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.



The Women of Zion have started using an App together with a Daily Devotional. The Daily Devotional is completed on your own time each day and then you have a chance to read group comments and also share your comments if you wish. It is just another way during these difficult times where we can stay connected to God and each other.

Participants would need to have daily access to a smartphone, ipad or computer to use the Holy Bible app to participate.

If you are interested in participating please contact Jackie Glawe at 937-478-3318 or leave a message in the church office.

THANK YOU

Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the ways that your congregation is sharing God’s love during these difficult times. We Hold you in prayer as you use your gifts for God’s glory.

In Christ,

Synod Stewardship Team

Michael Knutson, son of Paul & Jill Knutson, has graduated from the University of Indianapolis. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance in 3 years. He graduated from Penn High School in 2017.

While at UIndy he went on a mission trip with the Appalachian Service Project and served as a resident assistant for the Housing Department for 3 years. He was inducted into Delta Mu Delta business honor Society.

Michael will be pursuing a Masters of Art in Financial Economics at Bowling Green State University this fall.

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Sept 20th - First day of "Virtual" Sunday School Prek - 12th grade

Currently, we plan to start the 2020/2021 children's Sunday School on Sept 20, 2020 by Virtual classes through Zoom meeting. We are also still working on the schedule and may temporarily have a different schedule than in the past. Jackie will contact parents through email with the final details as we get closer to the date.

In this strange and different time in our world it is so important to continue our faith journey in learning about God's love, mercy, grace and forgiveness. We hope to find ways to help your child/youth stay connected to God and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

If you are interested in leading any Sunday School Virtual classes Prek - K, 1st - 4th grade, 5th - 8th grade or 9th - 12th grade, please contact Jackie Glawe. We always have a need for teachers and subs. (material provided).

Adult Sunday Schools classes To Be Announced Later.

Youth Group - Jackie and youth from Zions youth group enjoyed their first "Virtual Escape Room" on Aug 8th. They had a fun time in bonding and working together to solve the many puzzles and mysteries to escape the Mystery Mansion and made it out in just enough time with just 1 minute and 39 seconds left to go!

More youth group nights to be announced.

God's peace,
Jackie Glawe



Please have all information to be included in the October tidings in by Monday, September 23.

