



# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

November 2020

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**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER "TIDINGS" IS: 9:00 a.m. / Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.**



From the  
Pastor's Desk

The last words from the gospel of Matthew from Jesus to us are "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus proclaims with these words he is with us in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope and pray we all know that Jesus walks with us during these challenging times.

There are so many different challenges we are facing as the church as we navigate how to be the church during this unforeseen lengthy period of isolation from one another. Zion Lutheran church is a very social and hospitable church. And these strengths are limited in scope because of COVID-19.

Many of us are staying home bound except for going out for essentials in our lives. The leadership of Zion Lutheran church knows the importance of relationships and staying connected to one another during these unsettling times. Zion Lutheran knows the importance of reaching out to others and letting families know we are thinking and praying for them. Many of us are feeling lonely and depressed. We need to hear encouraging words from one another to bring us hope in a hurting world.

Here is the good news, we all need some good news! Zion Lutheran church has organized a team

of 19 servants of Jesus to send and write personal notes in greeting cards to our church families and send through the mail. We all need a light in the world at this time and hopefully these greeting cards and personal notes will connect us as a church family. Thanks greeting card team!

My pastoral care workload has increased dramatically during COVID-19. I have spent a great deal of my time as your pastor checking in on people and families as best as I can. I need help in reaching out to our families during this time. Church council has agreed and Zion Lutheran is blessed to have Pastor Dale Schaefer available to assist me during the pandemic.

Dale and his wife Ginger have been members at Zion Lutheran since March of 2016. Ginger is an active member of the choir and participates with the Woman of Zion ministry. Dale is a retired pastor, but pastors never really retire. Dale just finished a four year interim position at Covenant Lutheran Church in St. Paris.

Pastor Dale Schaefer will be assisting me in connecting with all our church families making phone calls, visits and distributing communion to those who are in need of the Sacrament. Dale will be a Pastoral Care/ Outreach Pastor during the pandemic and will be paid hourly for his ministry. Pastor Dale and Pastor Jeff will be working as a team to hopefully keep us all connected as a church family and bring hope to us all. My prayer is after the pandemic is over we all know we mattered as part of the church family of Zion Lutheran Church.

**Dale will begin officially on November 30.** Zion Lutheran church will be sending a letter in the mail to all our families introducing Pastor Dale Schaefer in this position. Zion Lutheran will also be texting, e-mailing and posting this information on our website along with the information in our worship bulletins. I will also be introducing Dale during our worship services and Dale will lead some of our worship services so we all can get to know Dale personally. Zion will also put a fact sheet about Pastor Dale Schaefer in all our individual mailboxes at the church.

We are truly blessed to have Pastor Dale Schaefer in our church family. I encourage us all to reach out and say thanks to Pastor Dale Schaefer for "Serving Christ through Serving others", during our time of need. All God's people said.... Amen!



**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

In **November**, a Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s), and return them to the tree by the designated date. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children. Watch the bulletins in November for more information.

**OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH REMINDER**  
**All boxes or monetary gifts need to be at Zion by November 8, 2020.**

Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.)

If you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping. Any questions contact Jackie Glawe, 937-478-3318 or christianed@zionlutherantippcity.org



*November Birthdays*

- 4 Betty Jackson, Jeffrey Slyman
- 7 Cris Kister
- 11 Herb Johnson
- 12 Alex Garvic
- 16 *Chalmer Mader will be 80*
- 19 Doug Jacobs, Denise Jacobs
- 20 Gladys Johnson
- 21 Marissa Kessler, Thomas Knick
- 22 Betty VanHorn
- 25 Dennis Copeland, John Greer  
Mark McKibbin
- 28 Melanie Schall



Poinsettia order forms will begin appearing this month in the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> bulletins and on the table at the entrance of the fellowship hall. **All orders must be turned in no later than Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.** You will have a choice of Red, White, Pink or Marble. The cost is \$7.00 per plant.



**Do you want to be a Secret Sister?**

The Women of Zion will not be holding their annual Christmas dinner this year. But we won't let covid stop our fun! To be a Secret Sister this is what you need to do:

- E-mail Linda Holt if you want to participate: [ljhbrass@frontier.com](mailto:ljhbrass@frontier.com) or [ljhbrass1@gmail.com](mailto:ljhbrass1@gmail.com).
- You will be matched with another woman who is participating and you and she will become Secret Sisters.
- Beginning on **Sunday November 15 and through Sunday December 6**, put a small gift in her mailbox at church. Of course, don't reveal your identity! Gifts should be inexpensive inspirational items (bookmarks, pens, notecards, etc.), candy, Christmas ornaments or anything that you think your Secret Sister might enjoy.
- Put the item in her mailbox at church. You can drop it off through the week during office hours or at worship services on Saturday or Sunday.
- On **Sunday December 13**, the Women of Zion will hold a "reveal party". (Social distancing and masks, please!) You will exchange a larger gift (\$10.00 or less). Details for this will come later.

We hope you will join us to continue and encourage connections with our sisters! For more information, contact Linda Holt – 947-2093.



#### CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT PARTY

**When:** Tuesday, November 10

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Women of Zion - and men who like to do creative handcrafts too - join with Lilian Nichols' polymer clay friends in making small ornaments for Hospice Christmas trees. There are 200 trees given out and they all need ornaments. There are lots of little jobs to do - you don't have to use polymer clay! There are ribbons to tie, hooks to make up, who knows what - bring your ideas and items to make up ornaments. This will be fun, **bring your own lunch**. Time is from 10:30 until at least 2:30. Come when you can, stay as long or as short a time as

your schedule will allow. For further information contact Lilian Nichols at 937-510-3905.



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

**Pray for those who have lost loved ones:** The Kister family. Roger Kister passed away Thursday, October 22 at the SpringMeade Health Center. A Graveside service was held.

**Prayers for comfort and healing:** Fred & Jan Aller; Patty Apple; Norm Barnhart; Laura Barnes; Gloria Bilbay; David Bopp; Andrew & Savatky; Jerry Corbett; Ina Crenshaw; Sue Cook; Sue Coon; Ruth Garcia; Dawn Greenwalt; Joby Haines; Jerry Hereford; Maureen Holley; Dave & Sandy Kothman; Philip Nemeth; Larry & Lil Nicholes; Carolyn Oaks; Trapper Phillips; Roger Pusey; Tom Replogle; Laura Roeth; Mary Rogers; Pam Sauls; Brian Sebold; Linda Shutt; Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr.; Leah Tatum; Debbie Turner; Kyle Watkins; Jason Weprin.



Dear Linda & Zion Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for opening your doors on Oct. 8 for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative.  
We look forward to working together again! We appreciate all your help and support with hosting this community outreach event.  
Sincerely, Jenifer Seboek, Life Line Screening

Dear Zion Family,  
Even in these uncertain times, there is one thing I can always count on, the love that The Glawes and Zions congregation pours out. Words can't express how much I appreciate the cards, food and love. Mostly, all the prayers that surrounded me and my family during my recent hospital visit. Your prayers put Gods shield around us. For that we will forever be grateful.

Love & prayers, Pam Sauls



Matt and Kristen Witwer welcomed their first child, Bennett John Witwer, on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Please update your Photo Directory with the following address change:

**Tom & Babs Wesbecher** Ph: 1 (937) 339-2451  
1 Rosebud Court  
Tipp City, OH 45371

**May Fischvogt** Ph: 1 (937) 308-2520 cell  
85 Floral Acres  
Tipp City, OH 45371

### **NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Bob Keppel: [keppelbob@gmail.com](mailto:keppelbob@gmail.com)

Deb Keppel: [DebKeppel@gmail.com](mailto:DebKeppel@gmail.com)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT - October 5, 2020**

Estimates for repairing the rose stain glass window (on the south side of the sanctuary building) will be

obtained as soon as possible. The monthly work list items were completed.

**The next meeting is Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

### **WOMEN OF ZION: Sunday, October 11, 2020**

Members present: 10

- We will continue to collect donations to pay for shipping costs for the quilts, school kits, and health kits through the month of Oct.
- Operation Christmas Child – Jackie has purchased the boxes that can be taken, filled, and returned to church. There are brochures on the table in the hall outside the fellowship hall explaining the process.
- November Mission of the Month is *Adopt A Family*. Deb K. will check with Community Services about getting 2 families. A Giving Tree will be set up in the fellowship hall.
- The Hospice Ornament making event is Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 2:30. Bring your own lunch. Lil Nichols has reserved the adult Sunday School room.
- Ladies can still sign up with Linda Holt for the Secret Sister activity that begins on Nov. 15.
- It is unclear at this time if we will be able to prepare and deliver Cheer Plates this year.
- Jackie said there are 12 youth this year to receive College Care Packages.
- Another Thrivent project is going on. 50 clothing protectors for Hospice and the VA will be needed by the end of the year. Another example of Zion's outreach.
- People are still needed to help sort at the Clothesline, the second & fifth Monday morning of the month. Contact Pam Sauls or Miriam Comer if you can help.

**Next meeting will be Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

### **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - October 13, 2020**

1. Council approved August financials.

2. Council approved September council minutes.

3. Council agreed on budget for 2021 to be submitted and discussed at annual meeting.

4. Council discussed various options on how to conduct this years annual meeting.

5. Council members Carol Phillips, Jan Aller and Brent Reedstrom are the departing council members and will be replaced in 2021. Thanks Carol, Jan, and Brent for your service to Zion Church.

6. Pastor shared with council that his Pastoral care duties have dramatically increased because of COVID-19. Pastor has spent much of his time checking in on many families that have remained home bound during the pandemic. Council discussed several options in helping Pastor with his increased demands in the Pastoral Care/ Outreach area of ministry because of the pandemic. Council agreed Pastor needs help and will look for viable help for Pastor to assist in the Pastoral Care/ Outreach of Zion Lutheran because of COVID-19.



Beautiful **2021 Wall Calendars** are still available to purchase for \$7.00! All proceeds will go to the Youth Group fund. Each month has an NIV bible verse and God's Creation scene. Get yours today!! They make great gifts too!

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**2021 Estimate of Giving** cards are next to the offering plate in the back of the fellowship hall. Make sure when you fill one out that you specify by week, month or year. Also, please include your name. Thank you!

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**The Newsletter Deadline** for the December Tidings is **Friday, November 20, 2020**. **All items must be in that morning by 9:00 a.m.**

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**Bulletin Announcements:**

Please have any information for the weekly bulletins in by **Tuesday morning**.

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**FLOWER CHART:** We now have a florist in downtown Tipp City. We are able to resume altar flowers in December. **Following are the individuals that signed up in December:**

<b>December 6</b>	<b>Pat Cowan</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Mary Rogers</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Dean &amp; Lilo Myers</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Jeff &amp; Jaque Mitchell</b>
<b>December 27</b>	<b>Earl &amp; Cindy Moore</b>

A 2021 Flower Chart will be posted on the wall in December for individuals to sign up. The 2 vases will be \$40.00 total unless special flowers are requested. Please put your name and what you would like in the bulletin. It will read: "The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by \_\_\_\_\_ in memory, in honor of, in celebration of, etc. You can request seasonal colors or whatever you would like.



- The **first Sunday of every month** we collect non-perishable food items for Tipp City's Needy Basket. Food can be deposited in the green bin placed at the 14 W. Walnut entrance.
- We also collect money for Zion's Good Samaritan Fund to help those in need in Tipp City with rent assistance, a gas card or utility bill help. The collection container is located in the back of the church on the table. This is the season when requests do increase and the fund can be depleted faster than other times of the year. Thank you for your contributions to these funds.

