



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

January, 2021

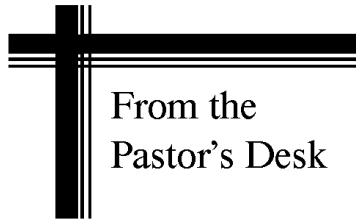
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE February "TIDINGS" ON Wednesday, January 20, 2021.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Good news we just celebrated the birth of our Savior! I hope and pray your family is healthy and hope has arrived among us as two vaccines have been approved to battle COVID-19. It will take a while for us to get back to normal.

What does it mean to get back to normal? I guess we use this word so often to give us a sense of business as usual or living a new normal. My experiences in life inform me that there is nothing normal in my life. Jackie and I are in the 3% of parents who have lost children and that percentage is less than 1% of parents who have lost their only child or all of their children.

As followers of Jesus we are called not to be normal. We are called and sent to be evolving as we grow in our faith walk. A little secret the original followers of Jesus lives were never confined to the term of normal. They lived each day daily. The only thing in their life that had some sense of routine was that they shared the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but each day brought new challenges and joys.

The year of 2020 has had many challenges for us daily. My hope and prayer for all of us is that we have all been changed in some way to enhance our Mission Statement of "Serving Christ Through Serving Others."

From the Pastor, I can never call my life normal except that my daily routine includes sharing the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And all God's people said Amen!



January's Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month during January will be Jeremiah's Letter. We will be collecting donations for the Super Bowl of Caring to be used for supplies for their program. We will also collect new or gently used household items. They are especially in need of twin sheet sets, pots, pans, and cooking utensils. A bowl for your offerings and a box for the household items will be in the hall during the month.

Jeremiah's Letter is a faith based agency that assists people in need through several programs. The agency has also been a special blessing to Zion. While volunteering at Jeremiah's Letter when they were located at St. Paul's, we mentioned that our old pews needed to be repaired. St. Paul's had just announced that they were preparing to disband, and we were given their pews for our sanctuary.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Melissa Garvic
- 3 Covert Holley
- 7 Cyndi Grube
- 9 Joe Delaplane
- 10 Dave Cook, Laurie Reedstrom,
Tom Wesbecher
- 11 Linda Shutt
- 12 Babs Wesbecher
- 17 Erin Brooks, Mason Lopez
- 19 Cole Coppock
- 21 Bob Stollmer
- 22 Norm Barnhart
- 24 Tim Rambeau
- 27 Anna Marie Stover
- 28 Miriam Comer, Larry Nichols
- 29 Greg Fetters, Susie Gray



Dear Mrs. Turner and the Prayer Shawl Ministry Group,

Thank you so very much for the prayer shawl for Bennett! It is so beautiful and lovely! We very much appreciate the time and thought which went into its creation. We also thank for including Bennett in your prayers – he is now a healthy and growing 8 week old!

Wishing you all a blessed and Merry Christmas. Take care and stay well.

Thank you again,
The Witwer Family
Kristen, Matt & Bennett

Thank You!
THANK YOU!



Please keep those needing comfort & healing in your prayers. Following is a current list of those on the prayer chain from Pastor.

Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Larry & Lil Nichols, Fred & Jan Aller, Trapper Phillips, Carol Phillips, Jerry Corbett, Marianne & Norm Barnhart, Jason Weprin, Laura Roeth, Brian Sebold, Julia Helke, Dave & Sandy Kothman, Ina Crenshaw, Sue & Mike Melody, Leah Tatum, Debbie Turner, Andrew & Savetka Brazie, Ruth Garcia, John Cavanaugh, Sue Coon, Gary Herman, Pat Cowan, Terri Darrah, Bob Helm, Don Williams, Tom Bowman, Randy Coomer, Andrea Cooke, Gloria Bilbay, Joyce & Kristen Zimmann, Dan, Melinda & Nathan Schall, Jesse Smith, Dawn Greenwalt, Kim Schmidt, Dennis Copeland, Duane Eggers, Tim Garvic, Georgia Miller, Evelyn Fronczak.

The family of Daniel Wolski
The family of Brooke Groves
The family of Diane Jones

Sewing Ladies:

Thank you for making and donating clench pillows for our patients. They certainly will come in handy! Thank you again for your generosity.

Beth Shrake
Hospice of Miami County

Thank you to the Women of Zion for the gift cards. What a nice surprise for all of us. The calligraphy on the envelopes was beautifully done. We are looking forward to using the card. Thanks for thinking of us this Holiday Season.

The Zion Staff

Thank you to all of those who helped set up and decorate during the holidays. We would also like to thank those on the sanitizing team who have kept the church environment safe for services.

You are all appreciated by Zion staff and church members.

E-MAIL UPDATE

Wayne Fronczak has a new e-mail address. Please make the change in your directory and the prayer chain.

WBFRONCZAK@yahoo.com

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 8, 2020

1. Approved October financials.
2. Approved November council minutes.
3. Pastor Dale Schaefer started in his Pastoral role as a Pastoral Care/Outreach ministry on November 30 helping Pastor Glawe making contacts with people to help assure connection to Zion Lutheran Church during this pandemic of COVID-19.
4. Congregational meeting will be conducted in various forms because of the pandemic with final voting results tabulated on the budget and new council members on Sunday December 13.
5. An insert about Christmas Eve services is being filled out by members to ensure equal distribution of those attending the services at 5pm and 7:30 pm on Christmas Eve because of social distancing limitations because of the pandemic.
6. Pastor will be on vacation December 28-31.



There are still dates available on the 2020 Flower Chart. If you have a special date in mind and would like to provide altar flowers, please sign up on the chart hanging on the wall in the hallway leading up to the Fellowship Hall or you can call the church office at 667-3110 if you have a date in mind. *The 2 vases are still \$40.00.*

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you were not able to pick up your envelopes by Jan. 3rd then you will find them in your mailbox.



The February Newsletter
Deadline is: **Friday, January 17, 2021.**

