



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE March "TIDINGS" IS February 19, 2021.



We all probably need some quiet time with God! I know I do! I look forward to sharing the Good News of Jesus twice a week with you as I share devotionals. My devotionals are posted on the Zion website ziontippcity.org and on Zion's Facebook page. Maybe you could start your day with watching one of my devotionals. Past devotionals are also posted on the website.

One of my recent devotionals was titled TRUTH. I believe we all live by certain truths in our life. As your pastor my truths come from the Bible. I highlighted three truths I live by daily that come directly from Jesus.

The first truth is the world is broken. Humanity and the world are invaded daily by sin and evil. We learn from the Bible as soon as Jesus begins his ministry to the world, he encounters that brokenness. First encounter is a man invaded by evil, second encounter Peter's mother in-law has a fever and then he engages in a crowd that have multiple illnesses. Jesus shares with us the world is broken by sin and evil.

Second truth I live by is that Jesus is with us in the brokenness of the world. These three encounters mentioned earlier has Jesus healing among the messiness of the world. It is important to note in the last episode Jesus does not heal everyone who is broken.

The third truth I live by is Jesus is still healing today among the brokenness and the messy world we live in daily. Jesus is using us to heal others. A great example of this today is medical personnel all those assembled around the ICU beds battling for you in trying to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. Medical staff are PRICELESS! They are God's gift and blessing to us during this time of brokenness. Can I get an AMEN! These are three of the truths I live by that Jesus passed to us directly from his ministry and the Bible.

My message for worship services the weekend of January 23-24 also incorporated the theme of healing in the brokenness. May we all be called in one way or another to add some healing in the messiness of humanity and the world. This is not my plea, it comes directly from Jesus and the Bible! And all God's people said, AMEN!



FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center

We are collecting gift cards for the center to use as rewards for Wernle young people. Specifically we need \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, and Jimmy John's and \$25 gift cards to Walmart. If you do not want to pick up the cards but would like to participate, there will be a container labeled for Wernle where you can put your monetary donation.



An Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For those who are unable to attend, the service will be live streamed.



A Special Lenten Devotional Service will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wed., March 10 at 7:00 p.m.



FEBRUARY:

- 7 Steve Reeves
- 9 Cathy Miller
- 11 Jayne Drake
- 12 Marlene Thau
- 14 Jessica Weprin
- 15 Ina Crenshaw, Lucky Vonderheide
- 17 Chloe Donnan, Chuck Drake
- 18 Jerry Hereford
- 20 Megan Grube
- 22 Sharon Byrd, James Sebastian
- 24 Jessica Rissotte, Matt Witwer
- 25 Kayly Feters, Barbra Kruse
- 26 Katie Sonnanstine
- 28 Olin Shutt



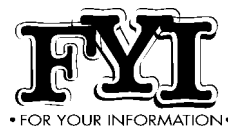
Pray for healing, comfort and recovery:

Raymond Michael Stollmer Jr., Fred & Jan Aller, Carol Phillips, Jerry Corbett, Marianne & Norm Barnhart, Laura Roeth, Brian Sebold, Dave & Sandy Kothman, Sue & Mike Melody, Leah Tatum, Debbie Turner, John Cavanaugh, Sue Coon, Gary Herman, Don Williams, Tom Bowman, Joyce & Kristen Zimmann, Dawn Greenwalt, Troy Greenwalt, Kim Schmidt, Dennis Copeland, Duane Eggers, Georgia Miller, Maureen Holly, Malachi Preston, Tia Douglas, Terry Rinker, Diana Haines, Judy & Chalmer Mader. All those with Covid-19 including Faith Krum.

Family of Evelyn Fronczak, Waynes mother, who passed away.

Family of Adele Foster, Sue Rambeau's mother passed away.

Family of Ginny Teske.



We are collecting 46 oz. cans to put the altar flowers in after worship. The new florist does not use foam in the arrangements. We think the flowers will sit better in the cans when transferred from the vases. The cans can be dropped off in the church office or work room. Thank you.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you need assistance during the week going to a doctor's appointment or various appointments, Donna Slyman has agreed to help out members by transporting them to their appointments. Please call Donna Slyman on her **cell phone: 1 937-902-1038** to see if she can help you. **Please note:** *Donna is not available on Wednesdays.*

SPECIAL REQUEST

We would like to ask the congregation for 46 oz. juice cans. Our new florist does not use foam in the arrangements. We feel the flowers would fit better in the cans. **We no longer need coffee containers.** They can be dropped off in the work room or Linda's office.

Thank you

Dear Zion Lutheran Sewing Women,

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, bibs and wheelchair bags.

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. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Ryan Pleasants
Chief, Voluntary Services

Zion Lutheran Church,
Christine and I feel blessed with our church family. We are very thankful for the gift we received from the Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for your prayers, letters and phone calls.

God's blessing,
Dennis & Christine Copeland

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, Worship and Music Committee met. Attending were: Pastor Glawe, Susie Gray, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, and Lori Sebastian.

Several thank you's were expressed for Christmas and winter services - those who decorated / prepared the altar, our sanitizing team, those who provided special music, our Communion preparers, and our readers and acolytes. Praise was also given individually to people who had gone over and beyond the last few months.

We had several discussion topics. We will hold one Ash Wednesday – on February 17 at 7pm service. For those unable to attend, we will also live stream (YouTube). We also established a devotional service for Weds. March 10th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. We also discussed future Saturday

musicians. Finally, we reviewed the new hymn supplement from Augsburg Fortress (All Creation Sings). We will initially be purchasing 25 copies, enough for the choir.

Vocal Choir, Bell Choir, and Chime Choir continue to be on hold. We will revisit special music around Easter time. We continue to aim for a shorter (45 minute) service until we are through the pandemic.

For altar information, Deb Keppel reported the Communion schedule is working well - 1st and 3rd Sundays, and 4th Saturday. Worship and Music committee determined we would also offer Communion January 31 due to Pastor being on vacation in early February. For 2021, there is an altar flower sign up. We also reviewed what we will need for Lent: Pastor has the ashes and will order the palms; Deb will figure out spring bulbs and flowers for Easter and open that to the congregation for purchase.

For the liturgy, we are changing the offertory canticle for Epiphany to Nunc Dimittis. Then we will switch to liturgical setting 3 during Lent and Easter season.

Our next meeting date will be Weds., March 3, 2021 – 1PM

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – January 4, 2021

The committee heard a report from Hinkle and Van Dine about Fellowship Hall and bell tower roof issues. A quote for the repair around the bell tower was sent to church council. Further study will be completed on the Fellowship Hall roof issues. The monthly work list was completed. The next meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – January 12, 2021

1. Council approved November financials.
2. Council approved December minutes.
3. Council agreed to send \$2,400 dollars, a 2020 budgeted item to Southern Ohio Synod for benevolence.

4. There will be one service at 7pm for Ash Wednesday on February 17.

5. Installation of Chuck Drake, Susie Gray, Denise Jacobs and Kristy McKibbin new council members will be at worship on Sunday January 17.

6. Chuck Powder and Susie Gray will be added as signers for the churches 5/3 bank account. A separate account will be opened at Monroe Federal for the Good Samaritan fund.

7. Pastor and Jackie will be at Continuing Education from February 1-15. Kervyn Mach will lead worship services and also be the Pastoral Care person during this time.

Next Meeting: Tues., Feb. 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING met on **Tuesday, January 12** to discuss how we have been keeping in touch with our Zion members and how we can continue and improve our efforts. The Zion website not only contains information about our congregation, but also allows visitors to the site to view Sunday services, Pastor's weekly devotionals, and it provides online giving opportunities. A group of 19 Zion members continues to send out greeting cards to members who haven't been able to worship in person. The Zion mailboxes have been re-alphabetized. Members are urged to look carefully for their box.

WOMEN OF ZION – January 10, 2021

Members present: 11

- ❖ Operation Christmas Child: 83 boxes were collected and sent.
- ❖ Hospice Ornament making: Lots of ornaments were prepared, packed and given to Hospice.
- ❖ Cheer Plates: Debbie Turner reported that in lieu of goodie plates being prepared and sent, 55 gift cards were sent to staff and shut-ins.
- ❖ Adopt-a-family: All ornaments were taken from the giving tree. Items purchased and returned to Zion for distribution to the family.
- ❖ Jeremiah's Letter: This will be the January Mission of the month beneficiary of the

Souper Bowl of Caring. Maggie Powder purchased household items with Thrivent Action team money and delivered them to Jeremiah's Letter. There was discussion about preparing a noon time meal for them in February.

- ❖ Unfortunately due to Covid concerns, there will not be a Brat Supper or Women's Retreat scheduled at this time.
- ❖ We are tentatively planning a Zion Garage Sale to coincide with the Community Garage Sale on May 1st. We will have to see if this will be possible due to Covid. More discussion later.
- ❖ Prayer Shawls: Debbie Rudisill reported that, in the year and a half since this program began, 5 men's shawls, 8 women's shawls and 5 baby blankets have been distributed. There will be a blessing of newly donated shawls on Feb. 27 & 28. There is yarn available at the church for those who knit and crochet.
- ❖ Relay for Life: It is unknown at this time how this event will be handled. There will be more discussion at future meetings, but
- ❖ Missions of the Month for 2021:

January	Souper Bowl of Caring
February	Wernle
March	Oesterlin
April	Baby Bucks Store
May	open
June	Liberty Commons –Christmas in July
July	Shoes 4 The Shoeless and Socks for Seniors
August	ELCA School Kits
September	ELCA Health Kits
October	Operation Christmas Child
November	Adopt-a-Family & Project Believe
December	Good Samaritan Fund



Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 14th at 5:00 p.m. All women of Zion and their guests are invited to enjoy fellowship together (at a safe distance!) as we watch a comedy video, visit with old friends and meet new ones. Bring one

valentine card signed by you and if you wish bring a snack for yourself or you may bring a snack to share that can be individually wrapped or bagged. Beverages will be provided.



Do you know someone who needs to be wrapped in prayer and God's Love? Prayer shawls may be delivered to individuals who are grieving, who are having surgery, or who have a serious illness or injury. We also deliver baby blankets to newborn babies. Recipients do not need to be a member of Zion. If you would like to have a prayer shawl delivered to someone, contact Debbie Rudisill or the church office.

Since July 2019 our ministry team has delivered 13 shawls and 5 baby blankets. Each shawl or baby blanket is created with love and prayers. Thank you to those who have created (knitted, crocheted, or sewn) or donated shawls and baby blankets: May Fischvogt, Jackie Glawe, Debbie Rudisill, Pam Sauls, Donna Slyman, Debbie Turner and Ruth White. You are serving Christ through serving others.

If you would be interested in going a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team, contact Debbie Rudisill at 1 937-335-0230 or rudisillde@aol.com for more information.

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Thank you to all the parents, youth and children who did such a wonderful job getting the parts recorded and sent to me for the Children/Youth Christmas Program.

It was so nice to get to watch the program during worship services on the big movie type screen in the fellowship hall. The "Hope" and "Joy" that showed through the youth and children as they brought us the story of Jesus was incredibly uplifting and inspiring to say the least!

If you have not had a chance to watch the program you can go to the church website at: <https://ziontippcity.org> / then scroll down and click on "The Birth of Jesus Christmas 2020". It's just about 4 minutes long. If you would like to see the short movie type trailer clip, click on "[The Birth of Jesus Trailer Christmas 2020](#)".

Prek – 12th grade:

We continue to only meet virtually at this time until further notice due to Covid, however the children have engaged in several crafts and stories and will have an opportunity to work on a service project at home coming up in February.

Youth Group 7th – 12th

This group continues to meet every other Wednesday via Zoom with lessons, games and activities.

If you have or know of a Prek – 12th grader that I am not currently in contact with and would like to be involved in the virtual/at home activities please let me know.

God's peace and grace.

Jackie Glawe

Christian Education Director