



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

APRIL 2021

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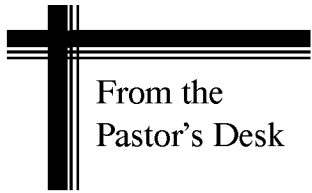
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE May Tidings is Wednesday, April 21ST



From the
Pastor's Desk

We just recently moved our clocks ahead one hour as we sprang forward. Spring is coming! Yes and an Amen is in order! We have all been bottled up for over a year now with the pandemic of COVID-19. We all are ready to return to some freedom and put a little giddy up in our step, the pastor is included in the giddy up.

However patience is a virtue and patience is a word of wisdom we all need to share with each other during these next few months as we prepare to return to more of a routine in our daily lives. Zion Lutheran has done an awesome job during the pandemic by adhering to all the safety measures in order to limit the exposure to the virus and I want to thank everyone for being a team during these trying times.

Zion worship will hopefully be returning to the sanctuary in the not too distant future. Zion's church council will be monitoring the health situation and will make the determination of when to return to a trot not a giddy up. There will be a plan that will include all the preparation that is needed before a trot happens. There will still be health and safety parameters in place even when we return to the sanctuary.

It has been a trying year for sure and remember patience is a word of wisdom and a virtue for all of us to hear as we start getting a little trot in our step.



OF THE MONTH:



SOCKS FOR SENIORS

Since 2002, Socks for Seniors hosts an annual sock drive throughout the United States. Community organizations across America are becoming involved by collecting adult socks to be distributed to senior centers and nursing facilities. Many of the residents have no funds to purchase needed items and socks are one of those most needed items. What kind of socks should you collect? The funnier, funkier styles you can find - holiday themed, bright colors, animals, patterned. One recipient of socks replied, "We're just old, not dead and we still have a sense of humor!" Also needed are traditional tube socks. **Please avoid socks that have individual toes.** Last year when the socks collected by Zion were dropped off at Troy Care and Rehabilitation Center, the receptionist was astonished. "Nobody brings us socks – we need them so badly!" There will be a laundry basket and display in the lobby

inside Zion's Walnut Street entrance. If you cannot shop for socks, feel free to leave a donation and the shopping will be done for you. Socks should be placed in the laundry basket and monetary donations should be given to Linda in the office. **Socks and monetary donations will be collected until April 30. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Holt.**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Debbie Rudisill, Daniel Weprin
- 2 John Sebastian
- 3 Katie Kessler, Dan Holt, Kristy McKibbin
- 5 Sharon Knick
- 14 Gary Groth, Alex Kauffmann,
Zach Kauffmann, Lisa Sebastian
- 17 Paul Knutson
- 18 John LeGros, Trapper Phillips
- 23 Randy Turner, Henry Rizzotte
- 24 Alyx Grube, Logan Phillips, Linda Sumner
- 26 Scot Coppock, Tyler Fetters, Deb Keppel
- 28 Judy Bailey



PLEASE KEEP THOSE NEEDING COMFORT AND HEALING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOME BOUND; ESPECIALLY THOUGHT OF ARE: Patsy Furrow, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Belia Parrish.

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones: **Bob Kuhls** passed away Thursday, March 4. Please pray for his daughter, Vickie Blakey, and her family.

Joyce Johnson passed away Friday, March 5. Joyce is the wife of Herb Johnson. Please pray for Herb.

Also needing prayers: Katie Sonnanstine, Kervyn Mach's Brother Tom and friend Fred Rhoades, Gwen Herman, Emma Maderas, Sue Schmidt, Gloria Bilbay, Nancy Dennis, Marvin & Becky Ely (Terri Werts parents), Jacque Mitchell, Joe Delaplane, Steven Staie, Brian Sebold, Kim Schmidt, Terry Rinker, Fred & Jan Aller, Marianne & Norm Barnhart, Tom Bowman, John Cavanaugh, Jerry Corbett, Sue Cook, Duane Eggers, Troy Greenwalt, Dawn Greenwalt, Diane Haines; Gary Herman, Maureen Holly, Ann Witmer (sister of Kim Jones), David & Sandy Kothman, Sue and Mike Melody, Georgia Miller, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Laura Roeth, Kim Schmidt, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Debbie Turner, Don Williams.

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.

Please Note: In our attempt to keep the prayer chain up to date, we would appreciate being contacted with any updated information on the individuals listed on the prayer chain. If you would like an individual taken off or added please e-mail prayers@ziontippcity.org or call the church office at 1 937 667-3110. Thank you

Please make the following address change in your PHOTO DIRECTORY:

New address:
Gloria Bilbay, Versailles Rehab Health
 200 Marker Drive, #29
 Versailles, OH 45380
 Cell phone: 1 (937) 269-7096

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Address:

- **Tom & Alice Replogle**, 909 Howard Lane, Vandalia, OH 45377. Same phone number.
- **Mike & Nancy Clark**, 118 Southview Dr., Hoover, Alabama 35244

Phone Number Change:

- **Mary Rogers** only uses her cell phone number 1 (937) 409-3544 now. Her home phone has been disconnected.

New e-mail address:

- **Debbie Weprin**:
deb.weprin0628@gmail.com



Sign-up posters will also be available for those who can help with the **Zion lawn mowing** and the **Cemetery lawn mowing**. A trailer is available in the Zion garage for transporting equipment to the cemetery. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Keppel at 689-3892. See Linda in the church office or Bob for the garage key.

★ Thank You! ★
★ THANK YOU! ★

*Dear Zion Family,
Thank you for the many prayers during and following my recent heart surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Jeff for the visits and prayers! What a special group we have! I am blessed to be a part of it. Prayers work!*

Sue Coon

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The next meeting is **Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING – Weds. March 3, 2021

Attending were: Carla Frame, Pastor Glawe, Susie Gray, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, and Lori Sebastian.

Pastor began the meeting in prayer. Gratitude was expressed to Deb and Bob Keppel for handling the banners and paraments. Thanks also to the altar committee for handling communion and to the sanitizing team for the cleaning.

We mentioned several upcoming service dates. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be celebrated April 1st and 2nd at 7pm. There will be an Easter Vigil service Saturday, April 3rd at 5pm; Easter Sunday we will have 2 in person services at 8am and 10am. All Holy Week services will be live streamed. The live streams are receiving between 15 and 40 views weekly

We discussed the upcoming devotional service (Weds., March 10th). Pastor will have a discussion topic and we will sing a few hymns. We also got some good news for Saturday musicians. Joyce Zimmann will be returning in April. Thanks to Allison Cartwright for picking up an extra Saturday the last few months. We also will order 25 hymn supplements and the organist edition of *All Creation Sings*.

Vocal Choir, Bell Choir, and Chime Choir are still on hold. We will have one special music number Easter Sunday. We plan (whenever we can return to the sanctuary) to have a celebration service and include our local talented church member musicians.

Altar is running smoothly. Always Blooming continues to provide very lovely flower arrangements. Communion schedule will continue the 1st and 3rd Sundays and 4th Saturday of the month. Thanks to the Allers for donating a case of elderberry wine for Communion. Palms are ordered for Palm Sunday, and an insert will be in

the bulletin the next 2 weeks for Easter flowers. We also plan to order carnations for Mother's Day. The committee will look to any guidance the Synod provides on Communion practices as we move towards more in person worship.

We will be in liturgy Setting 3 during Lent and throughout Easter. We will likely switch back to Setting 2 for summer and consider Setting 10 this fall.

Pastor updated that he was publicizing our Blood Drive. Looking ahead, Pastor is planning for Confirmation on Sunday, June 6 at 10am. He also mentioned Daylight Savings Time is upcoming.

Our next worship and music meeting is

Wednesday, May 5 at 1pm.

WOMEN OF ZION HIGHLIGHTS / March, 2021

Members present: 16 (2 honorary WOZ members
Rick Bailey & Gary Groth)

Devotions: by Jill Greet "Peace Be Still"

Correspondence: Ty from Wernle, Wittenberg and a letter from Charmagne Fogt, Boot's sister, with a donation of \$50 in honor of Boot's February birthday.

- Rachel Tune of Oesterlen spoke to us about the center. WOZ primarily supports the Life Skills Center.
- February's Mission of the Month: \$475 in donations & gift cards were taken to Wernle by Kathy & Gary Groth.
- Community Garage Sale tentatively set for May 1st. Someone needs to be in charge. No more donations!
- Debbie Rudisill reported that a blessed prayer shawl will be delivered to Herb Johnson by Ruth White.
- Relay for Life will be June 19th from 6 pm – 11 pm. at Troy Eagles Campground. Debbie Rudisill has not met with her team yet. Details to follow.
- More people needed to help with a "coloring club". Ruth said cards are colored and put on trays for people at Springmeade.

If you can help, contact Ruth White.

- Jackie is accepting donations of candy for the Easter egg hunt. These must be in by March 30. The hunt is for toddlers to 5th grade.
- Jackie will do care packages for college students. Deb K. made a motion to give Jackie \$250 toward this approved motion.
- April Mission: Socks for Seniors
- May Mission: Eagles Wings

The next meeting will be April 11th at 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / March 9, 2021

1. Approved January financials.
2. Approved February minutes.
3. There will be a devotional worship service for Lent on Wed., March 10th @ 7 p.m.
4. The American Red Cross will have a blood drive at Zion from 1-7 p.m. on Tues., March 16th.
5. There will be an insert in the bulletins for the weekends of March 20-21 and 27-28 to be filled out by each family to indicate which service they will be attending on Easter weekend. This will help us to make adjustments if necessary so we have an equal distribution of worshipers at each service for Easter weekend.
6. A separate checking account will be set up for the Good Samaritan fund at Monroe Federal.
7. Pastor and Jackie will be out of town from April 8-11. Pastor Schaefer will lead worship services that weekend and will be available for Pastoral emergencies.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY MINUTES / March 8, 2021

Meeting was held over Zoom. In attendance were: Heidi Coppock, Jackie Glawe, Pam Sauls, Melinda Schall, Susan Smith and Jason Weprin. Meeting began with prayer by Jackie Glawe. Discussion over the following:

- Sunday School for children and adults will stay suspended with a plan to start back in person in the fall.
- Sunday School children Prek-5th grade completed a Valentines Day service project

for Spring Meade. Ruth With came up with this activity, Jackie Glawe dropped off the materials to the children, Ruth delivered the Valentines to Spring Meade.

- Jackie mailed a March calendar with prayer activities to Prek-5th graders.
- Working on adding some Sunday School at home activities for 5th-6th graders.
- 7th-12th graders have continued to meet through Zoom with Jackie every other Wednesday evening. In the month of March one of their Zoom nights included listening to Pastor's mid-week Lenten message and then completing the activity.
- Easter Egg Hunt is planned for April 3rd, 10:00 am - meet outside-masks requested by all attendees. No pancake breakfast again this year due to covid. 6th -12th graders will be asked to help with this activity for the younger children.
- Youth Gathering has been postponed by the ELCA until July 24th - July 28th, 2022. It will still take place in Minneapolis, MN. We discussed fundraising options.
- Jackie is looking into the possibility of having VBS to take place outside. Someone suggested a tent rental and if so where it could be placed. We discussed the dates of July 19th - 22nd. We will make a decision on this by May to get announcements out. Meeting ended with prayer by Pam Sauls. Minutes by Jackie Glawe

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2021 AT 7 PM



Musical Notes by Lori Sebastian

With St. Patrick's Day in March, I pulled out some Celtic music books. I am not a Western European scholar, so when I considered what Celtic music referenced, I thought primarily Irish music. However, upon further research, I learned historically Celts occupied a good bit of Western Europe. Modern day when we think of Celts, it refers to 6 specific regions: Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and 3 other areas: Cornwall (a ceremonial

county in England), Brittany (a western peninsula in France), and the Isle of Man (which is in the Irish Sea).

The two pieces I am playing for service - Sunday, March 14 - are Celtic. The prelude is an Irish tune: Slane (*Be Thou My Vision* – ELW 793 or *Lord of All Hopefulness* – ELW 765). The postlude is a Scottish tune: Candler. Initially, Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote text “Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon” that was set to this specified Scottish tune. Later the text *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*, written by Charles Wesley, was set to the Candler tune. Wesley's poem titled Wrestling Jacob contains 14 stanzas that are 6 lines each. It describes Jacob wrestling with an angel at Peniel, in which he receives his new name: Israel. For those interested in the full text, check this link: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/UMH/387> While the Celtic hymn tune Candler does not appear in our Lutheran hymnals, I wondered how many Irish, Scottish and Welsh tunes or lyrics are in our hymnal? More than I expected! Due to time and space, I decided to focus primarily on the Scottish and Welsh lyrics and tunes.

The first Welsh hymn tune I discovered was CWM Rhondda – named for the Rhondda Valley in Wales. It was a tune written by Welsh composer John Hughes in 1907. We know it by the words: *God of Grace, and God of Glory* (ELW 705), but it also appears with 2 other texts in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). Another Welsh traditional hymn tune is Ar Hyd Nos (*All Through the Night*). It appears in Evangelical Lutheran Worship 3 times with various texts although one common text includes *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* - ELW 543. Another Welsh hymn tune is Llangloffan (*Bless Now, O God, the Journey* – ELW 326 or *O God of Every Nation* – ELW 713). One of my personal favorites would be the Welsh tune: The Ash Grove (*Sent Forth by God's Blessings* – ELW 547 or *Let All Things Now Living* – ELW 881). An extremely common Welsh ballad is St. Denio (*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* – ELW 834), with lyrics written by Scottish minister Walter Chalmers Smith. This transitions us nicely into our Scottish hymn tunes and texts.

The Lord's My Shepherd (based on the 23rd Psalm) first appeared in the Scottish Psalter in 1650 with text attributed to English Puritan Francis Rous. There are two Scottish tunes to which it is sung: Crimond by

Jessie Seymour Irvine and Brother James Air by James Leith Macbeth Bain. As ELW 778, *The Lord's My Shepherd* is set to the tune Brother James Air. Written by Scottish minister John Bell, a more contemporary Scottish text appears in ELW 798 *Will You Come and Follow Me?* That text (The Summons) also has a traditional Scottish tune: Kelvingrove. Did you know that the popular Scottish hymn tune Bunesan – often recalled by the text *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556) was first a Christmas carol titled *Child in the Manger?* In addition, Scottish tune Dundee appears in our hymnal twice (ELW 758 – *You Are the Way* or ELW 863 - *My God How Wonderful Thou Art.*) One other familiar hymn text to Dundee is *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*. Given we are in the Lenten season, perhaps some would be surprised to learn that Scottish born Anglican Henry Francis Lyte penned *Abide with Me* – ELW 629; Lyte also penned *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* – ELW 865.

Although Lutheran hymnody draws many hymns from German, English (British), and American roots, it was well to learn we have 2-3 dozen Celtic hymns in our hymnal. Several months ago, I played a piece by Sherri Hansen titled “In Christ there is No East or West”, and she featured several musical styles to illustrate: Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, and American. It would be interesting for a composer to write another version of this tune incorporating Celtic, Eastern European, Asian, and African tunes.