

# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY "TIDINGS" on Wednesday, December 17th.



The Advent season is here! Advent is a time of preparation for us all as we await our Savior's birth. Advent is also a time for new beginnings in our lives. God is always calling us to new things. New beginnings are opportunities to grow in our faith with God and each other. Many times with new things we have a closure before the new beginning can happen.

This is my last newsletter article as your pastor. It is the closure of one thing and an opportunity for a new adventure for Zion Lutheran Church. Closure may be hard for some of us and grief is part of the process to a new adventure. Jackie and I have been blessed abundantly by our partnership here with you over the last seven years. This closure for Jackie and I will be difficult because we love you so much. Jackie and I have been praying for this transition at Zion Lutheran. We both know the new interim pastor and the called pastor will be blessed by your presence and ministry.

We invite and encourage you all to attend one of the celebrations of our ministry together after worship on Saturday December 18 or Sunday December 19 in the fellowship hall. My last day in the church office will be December 23.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH The Good Samaritan Fund

This fund assists individuals with utility bill help, rental assistance, gas, an emergency hotel stay, etc. No cash is given to the individual. We help in the form of a check to the utility or rental company. A gas card, only good for fuel, is given when needed by an individual. For a hotel stay we work out an agreement with the person in charge. For food assistance we refer them to the Food Pantry. We do keep a list of individuals and their request in order to control repetitive requests.



Please pick up your poinsettia plant by January 1 & 2.



The 2021 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write you name under "presented by". You may also write a message to go in the bulletin (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of . . . anniversary, birthday, graduation, special event etc.) on the chart. Flower color as well as flower preference may also be requested. Altar flowers are ordered from the new florist in downtown Tipp City, *Always Blooming*, on Main Street. The cost will still be \$40.00 for two vases. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (designate "altar flowers").

# Christmas Concert



Established in 1992

[www.ovbbb.org](http://www.ovbbb.org)

Friday December 10, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

14 West Walnut St.

Tipp City, Ohio

Admission is free. Free will offerings appreciated.

Donations over \$250.00

will be given to Zion Lutheran Church.

Come enjoy an evening of Christmas, hymn, classical and contemporary selections.

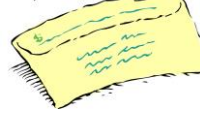
To hear a sampling of OVBBB's music, go to Ohio Valley British Brass Band – YouTube

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



- 2 Susan Pytel
- 3 Maggie Powder
- 5 Carol Phillips
- 8 Lisa Phillips
- 9 Carla Frame
- 10 Ginger Schaefer
- 13 Jean Turner
- 15 Lieselotte Myers, Mark Sauls
- 17 Shirley Rawlins
- 19 Noah Garvic
- 21 Alice Replogle
- 27 Sue Von Aschen
- 29 Jennifer Johnson
- 31 Kim Galli, Rusty Rizzotte

## Offering Envelopes



If you check "Other" on your offering envelope box, please indicate where you wish your offering to go, such as ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, Southern Ohio Synod, etc. This will help when posting contributions in to the computer. Also, if you are paying for altar flowers please designate "altar flowers" on the memo line of your check or on the "other" box of your offering envelope. It is \$40.00 for both vases. Only those individuals with an assigned offering box number will receive a giving statement with the breakdown of their offering.

**2022 offering envelopes** will be out in mid-December for members to pick up. They will be alphabetical and in some cases assigned new numbers. **Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until January 1st & 2nd.** Also, please check to make sure you have picked up the correct box of envelopes.

If you are not a member, but attend regularly, and would like a box of envelopes, please let the office know and we will put a box in your mailbox. THANK YOU.



### Pray for our homebound members of Zion:

Patsy Furrow, Herb Johnson and Belia Parrish.

### Please pray for the following individuals:

Jerry Corbett, Fred & Jan Aller, Kim Schmidt, Georgia Miller, Andy and Ann Stroh, Joe Delaplaine, Gary Coleman, Tom Mach, Ron Hacker, Dorothy Sommer, Jaque Mitchell, Dan Ruble, Sue VonAschen, Andrea Cooke, Ainsley Staie, Pat Lockard, Joan Williams, Wayne Fronczak, Linda Brown, Betty Jackson, Jessica & Matt Dorn, Katie Sonnanstine.



## CHOIR NOTES

We've got a great lineup for you this month!

The choir is singing several new songs, all purchased from the local Dayton company call Lorenz Publishing. They speak of hope as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Titles are:

- ✚ Prepare for the Coming of the Lord!
- ✚ Bring Us Hope, and Come, Expected Jesus, Come

We've also got some great, get in the mood, anthems for Christmas Eve that you are sure to enjoy.

Everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join the choir. We rehearse on Wednesday night, from 7 PM to 8 PM. Happy Advent and Christmas everyone!

Bill Jones

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – November 18, 2021

1. Council approved September financials.
2. Council approved October meeting minutes.
3. Approved the final draft of the proposed budget for 2022. It will be mailed to voting members and voted on at the annual meeting.
4. There will be going-away receptions for Pastor Jeff and Jackie after services on December 18 and 19.
5. Jessica Dorn will be the new Christian Education director.
6. The recent power outage disclosed that 20 or more of the emergency lights (we have about 50) need new batteries.

### WORSHIP & MUSIC – Weds. Nov. 10, 2021

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Worship and Music Committee met. In attendance were: Pastor Glawe, Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, and Lori Sebastian. We discussed upcoming dates. Advent will begin November 27 and 28. Pastor and Jackie Glawe's "last weekend" will be December 18 and 19. Women of Zion will be hosting a farewell reception following both services. Worship Christmas Eve will be Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and 7:30pm – with Communion at both services.

During Advent, we will be asking families to help with the lighting of the Advent candles. Ohio Valley British Brass Band will be giving a concert December 10; Linda Holt will check with custodial staff on set up and tear down. We are still finalizing Christmas Eve music – with intent for bells to ring at the 5pm service and vocal choir to sing at the 7:30pm service.

Bill and Susie gave several updates for the choir. Music has been selected for the remainder of 2021. Lori expressed much gratitude for their planning! The choir party will likely be Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, following rehearsal. Once the choir sings Christmas Eve, rehearsals will resume Weds. January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lori thanked the bell ringers for their recent playing. It was a welcome return after nearly a 2-year hiatus. Lori also thanked Pastor Glawe for his 7 years of service and leadership as this was his last worship and music meeting.

We discussed altar concerns. We will have Communion December 5 (Sunday), December 11 (Saturday), December 19 (Sunday), and Christmas Eve both services. Deb Keppel will take care of setting up the advent wreath. Kathy Groth will handle decorating the Christmas tree.

During Advent we will change to Setting 1 for the liturgy; the final Composer of the Month column (Wayne Wold) will appear in the December newsletter.

Pastor updated us: the "lights out" service with acapella singing worked well, the congregational meeting is upcoming, he is beginning his last Sunday School class at Zion, Women of Zion hosting a Christmas party Dec. 2, tree lighting on Dec. 3 (6-8pm), and he welcomed Jessica Dorn as Sunday School Director.

Our next meeting date is Weds., January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT** - Next meeting Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm.

### **WOMEN OF ZION MEETING** – Sun., Nov. 14, 2021

#### **Old Business:**

- Debbie Rudisill reported on prayer shawls. 6 shawls & 5 baby blankets were blessed.
- Operation Christmas Child. 48 boxes were collected. There will be a few more after The youth go shopping.
- Hospice Ornament Making Project. Over 600 ornaments were made.

#### **New Business:**

- Garage Sale profits – of the \$4,272.45 collected, \$2,400 has been disbursed. This leaves \$1,346.10 to be distributed. We will discuss in the new year.
- Adopt a Family – One family with 2 adults and 3 children has been selected for us to give gifts. The giving tree is up – ornaments have been taken and will be returned.
- Women of Zion Christmas dinner will be Dec. 2 at 6:00 p.m.
- Cheer Plates – Need to talk to Deb Turner about this.
- College care packages – Need to talk to Jackie about the number of kids to receive them.
- Missions of the month for 2022 will be discussed in January.
- Ruth presented information on a program The VA is doing. Snacks are given to the Veterans in the bags that Ruth's coloring

club prepares for the VA. A motion was made to give \$300 to the VA Snack Shack, payable to the American Legion Auxillary.

- Kathy reported that cashiers are needed for the Clothesline on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2-4 pm. Judy Bailey may volunteer and Ginger Schaefer will be the back-up.

*Our next meeting will be January 9, 2022 at 5:00.*

### **COMMUNICATIONS** – Tues., Nov. 9 2021

There will be **NO** Communications/Welcoming meeting in December. Our next meeting date will be Tuesday, January 11 at 5:00 pm. At that meeting we will hopefully plan an evening get together (Bunco?) sometime in the winter months.

### **COMPOSER OF THE MONTH** by Lori Sebastian

December's composer of the month is Wayne Wold. At 16 years old, Wold began his church music career. He has served congregations in Minnesota, Ohio, and Maryland. He received his bachelors of music degree from Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota), masters of sacred music degree from Wittenberg University and his doctor of musical arts from Shenandoah University, where he currently (as of 2000) is on faculty.

Wold has written and published over 400 pieces including works for organ, choral, and organ with instruments. He spent most of his career (1990-2020) at Hood College in Maryland. He also served 17 years as director of chapel music at Camp David. He has performed on organ and harpsichord across the United States and Europe; he has also been clinician or presented at various organizations including the American Guild of Organists, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and Choristers Guild.

Wold has also written hymns. He has received several awards – two recent ones are noteworthy: winner of the ELCA hymn writing contest for 2018

and winner of the ALCM hymn writing contest for 2019. The 2018 hymn God's Work, Our Hands (sung to the tune Earth and All Stars) is shown below:

### God's Work, Our Hands

God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.

Refrain: Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.

<Refrain.>

God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.

<Refrain.>

God is at work in and around us: seedlings are  
sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and  
honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.

<Refrain.>

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Permission is granted to reproduce this composition for local, non-sale use in synods, congregations and other ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The pieces I will play in December by Wayne Wold include:

December 5 - Prelude: Trio on People, Look East

December 12 - Postlude: Angels We Have Heard on High

December 19 - Prelude: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

December 26 - Prelude: Once in Royal David's City



On December 4 & 5 Pastor Glawe will baptize the following children:

**12/4/21** James Timothy Garvic - born 10/8/21  
Sponsors Steve & Sandy Fisher  
Parents Timothy & Jennifer Garvic  
Big brothers: Alex & Noah

**12/5/21** Teagan Sue Sauls – born 9/9/21  
Sponsors Jordan & Kate Stum  
Parents Camden & Hilary Sauls

Please keep these families in your prayers.

## GRACE PLACE NEWS



I am Jessica Dorn, the new Christian Education Director. Since I was a small child, serving others and education has been my passion. I graduated from Tippecanoe High School in 2003 and Bowling Green State University in 2007 with a Bachelors' degree from the college of education in human development and family studies. After graduation, I spent the next 6 years working in the social service field before becoming a stay at home mom. My husband Matt and I were married in 2008, and had our daughters, Madison and Charlotte, a few years later. Our dog, Burrito, is the newest member of our family. Our family enjoys swimming, playing board games, watching movies, and supporting

each other at sporting events. We are excited to be a part of Zion, and we are appreciative of how welcoming everyone has been. We are looking forward to getting to know everyone and forming lasting bonds within the church.



2022 Wall Calendars are still available. Sturdy calendars with NIV Bible verses and scenery are \$7.00 each. All proceeds go to the Zion Youth Gathering Fund.

## ELCA YOUTH GATHERING NEWS

July 24th - July 28th, 2022

# boundless: God beyond measure (Ephesians 3:18)

The following youth will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering 2022 in Minneapolis, MN (postponed from 2021).

Allison Cartwright, Anna Johnson, Elijah Johnson and Julie Sebastian.

Adult leaders attending will be Jen Johnson and Kate Pytel.

As they prepare for this faith journey experience you will hear about several fundraisers to help raise the rest of the funds needed for transportation and lodging.

One such fundraiser you could include in Christmas Shopping this year will be **FIVE BELOW**. It's a great little store located at 8242 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, Oh. Everything there is \$5.00 or below! It's a great store to find gifts and stocking stuffers!

Just pickup the FLYER that will be located on the credenza by the Walnut St. entrance and go shop at FIVE BELOW in Huber Heights on **DEC 5th - DEC 11th and present the flyer to the cashier when checking out** and Zion Youth Gathering Fund will receive 10% of your purchase.



**WHEN:** Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am during worship

**WHO:** Sunday School Children & Youth

**TITLE:** "Jesus' birth as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke"

Zion children and youth Sunday School classes will present Jesus' birth story through a "Shadow Puppet" story.



The youth group enjoyed Marion's Pizza and shopping for Operation Christmas Child box gifts on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> together. Thank you to everyone who completed Operation Christmas Child boxes and also donated monetary gifts to help with boxes and shipping. 52 boxes were delivered to the drop off site.

**Last but not least**, we welcome **Jessica Dorn** as the new Christian Education Director at Zion. See her bio located in this issue of the newsletter.

Blessings, Jackie

## Dear Zion Church Family,

It has been a complete blessing for me to get to serve in the position of Christian Education Director at Zion for the past 7 years. I felt it a privilege to get to work with the children and youth of Zion and I am so thankful to have gotten to be a part of their faith journey as well as them being part of mine.

As Pastor and I transition onto a new chapter of our lives in 2022, I hope to finish working on the book I am writing about Loss of a child as well as some poetry. I am also looking forward to working in some type of capacity with Jeff's family on a Non-profit organization to help others in memory of our daughter Jordan.

I would just like to share the tremendous gratitude I have that is overflowing in my heart for all of our family here at Zion. I have so enjoyed getting to know and grow in our faith together through worship, praise, singing, bible study, serving, Sunday school, VBS, youth events and just getting to talk, laugh and hug while gathering. My life has been forever touched and blessed by the people of Zion.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity and experience.

In Christ, Jackie Glawe

## UPDATE ON HOSPICE ORNAMENT MAKING DAY....

By Lil Nichols

A good productive time and fine fellowship occurred at Zion on November 10, as members of our church pitched in with Lilian Nichols and the other polymer clay artists to produce small ornaments for Hospice Christmas trees. There were several knitters who turned in 8 bags of hearts. There are over 600 ornaments! Thanks to the 'stringers' who added strings to any ornaments lacking them: Ruth White, Donna Slyman, and Kathy Groth. And thanks to all who donated knitted hearts and other ornaments for this annual project, now in the third year. Over 200 trees are given out each year, and if each tree has even 10 ornaments, that is a lot of ornaments!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Thursday, Dec. 2  | Women of Zion Christmas Dinner & Program 6-8 pm                                   |
| Friday, Dec. 3    | Community Tree Lighting on the front lawn of the church/ 6-8 pm                   |
| Sunday, Dec. 5    | Tipp Community Band Concert 3:00 pm @ the Tipp Center, 855 N. 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. |
| Monday, Dec. 6    | Property Committee 6 pm   |
| Friday, Dec. 10   | Brass Band Concert 7:30 pm  |
| Sunday, Dec. 12   | S.S. Christmas Program during 10:00 worship                                       |
| Tuesday, Dec. 14  | Church Council 7 pm   |
| Saturday, Dec. 18 | Pastor's last weekend to lead Worship. 5 pm / FH 6:00 pm Reception                |
| Sunday, Dec. 19   | Reception/Farewell 11-12:00 FH  |
| Thursday, Dec. 23 | Pastor's last day in the office   |

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*Please have articles in to the church office by Tuesday, December 21 for the*

*January 2022 Tidings.*

*Thank you!*



