

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE March "TIDINGS" IS February 18, 2022.

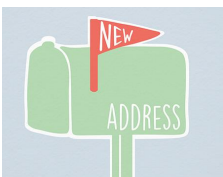


As I write this morning, the lure of sandy beaches, warm temperatures, and the waves gently touching the beach beckons my thoughts. As you read this, hopefully Ginger and I will be enjoying the sandy beaches a few places along the east coast of Florida, and thanks for the opportunity to be away for a while.

I am honored and excited to begin a new adventure as Interim Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church on March 1, 2022. Since Ash Wednesday is March 2nd, we will be able to continue our faith journey together as we move toward that most important event, death and resurrection of the Savior of the world.

I look forward to serving with you as we deepen our commitment to Jesus Christ and continue to serve our church family and community of Tipp City and beyond.

God Bless you! Pastor Dale, Interim Pastor



Effective January 11th through the winter months:

Jeff & Jackie Glawe - 5014 Coopers Hawk Place – Zephyrhills, Florida 33541

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit Needy Baskets

The February Mission of the Month will benefit Needy Basket of Tipp City. Needy Basket provides food for individuals who find it difficult to obtain enough food to feed their families. You will find a large bowl on the table in the lounge area or being held by one of Zion's youth at the close of each service. Please consider putting your spare change or a few bills or a check made payable to **Women of Zion** in the bowl. Women of Zion will match whatever is collected up to \$300.



Beginning February 6, there will be a 6-part series titled "The Miracles of Jesus." Miracles included are: A Bleeding Woman, Water to Wine, Feeding the 5,000/Walking on Water, A Canaanite Woman, The Cursing of the Fig Tree, and Ten Lepers.

During Lent, the lessons will be based on the series "24 Hours that Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton.

Join us in the adult Sunday School room at 9:00 am for some great fellowship and discussions!



VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

When: Saturday, February 12 and Sunday, February 13 before and after worship.

The youth will have quarts of soup (chicken noodle, clam chowder, chili and vegetable), bread and sweet treats available. This sale benefits the costs of the youth gathering in Minneapolis. Women of Zion will match funds raised, up to \$300.



An Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 PM. 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 23 at 6:00 p.m.



FEBRUARY:

- 9 Cathy Miller
- 11 Jayne Drake
- 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 Fetters, Barbra Kruse
- 26 Katie Sonnanstine
- 28 Olin Shutt



Pray for healing, comfort and recovery:

Fred & Jan Aller, Laura Barnes, Linda Brown, Gary Coleman, Joe Delaplane, Garvic Family, Lois Glawe, Ron Hacker, Gail Hotchkin, Betty Jackson, Sean Lambert, Pat Locked, Jeff Mach, Judy Mader, Georgia Miller, Jaque Mitchell, Bart Replogle, Dan Ruble, Kim Schmidt, Dorothy Sommer, Katie Sonnanstine, Ainsley Staie, Jean Turner Andy & Ann Stroh, Sue Von Aschen, Alex Weaver, Joan Williams.

Thank you

The family of E. Irene Miller and Bill Miller thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you too for all the good food and taking care of us at this time of need.

Please accept this donation in appreciation for the use of your facilities for our Compassionate Friends Memorial Service on December 12th.

Sincerely,
Barbara Lawrence, Treasurer

Zion Lutheran Coloring Club:

Thank you so very much for the 32 Christmas tray cards and the 45 flower tray cards. Thank you for sharing your creativity.

Beth Shrake
Hospice of Miami County

Thank You's were received from the following for donations received from Women of Zion:

Pink Ribbon Girls, Wernle, Cove Spring Church Music Fund, Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits, Lutheran World Relief, Family Abuse Shelter in Troy, and the Dayton VA Medical Center Snack Shack.

MUSICIANS CORNER – February 2022

by Lori Sebastian

In January, the choir and Sunday worshipers (or online worshipers!) learned 4 new hymns from Evangelical Lutheran Worship or ELW. (And yes, they were new to the organist too!) For consistency and to learn them better, we will repeat each one during February. Here is a summary of each new hymn.

- ELW 861 - *When Long Before Time (The Song and the Singer)* – this hymn was composed by George Black and Peter W. A. Davison for the 1981 Royal Canadian Organist's Conference in Ontario (source: YouTube – Robert Morehead). Several Scripture verses are referenced in the hymn: Genesis 1-3, Job 38:7, Psalm 40, Psalm 96:1, Matthew 1:23, John 1:1-18, John 8:12, Ephesians 1:3-14, and Revelation 4 (hymnary.org). The tune, arranged by Black was originally found in the Oxford Book of Carols.
- ELW 531 – *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* – This extremely energetic and syncopated piece was written and composed by Graham Kendrick. Born in 1950, Kendrick is a Christian singer, songwriter, and worship leader. Living in Northamptonshire, England, Kendrick has 2 additional compositions included in ELW: a congregation favorite ELW 671 – *Shine, Jesus Shine*, and a Communion piece – ELW 483 – *Here is Bread*.
- ELW 519 – *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* was written by American Roman Catholic priest, teacher, playwright, and author Willard Jabusch (1930-2018) in the late 1960s. It is set to a Hasidic (Jewish) melody – YISRAEL V'ORAITA. The text "Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word. Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you." talks about the coming of the Good News.
- ELW 827 – *Arise, My Soul Arise* by Johan Kahl should not be confused with a similar title by Charles Wesley. Kahl was born in Sweden in 1721 and worked as a chamber clerk. He was a pietist and poet; in his brief 25-year-old life (unexpectedly drowned on a boat voyage), he wrote 50 hymns which survive in *Songs of Zion*. Several of Kahl's hymns appear in the hymnbook of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. In ELW, Kahl's text is set to the Finnish folk tune NYT YLOS SIELUNI.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – January 3, 2022

Hinkle and Van Dine returned to inspect a possible leak in the Sunday School gathering room. The committee will continue to monitor. The front door lock has not yet been installed as the one sent is not one that will work with that door. The company is researching a possible solution. We continue to wait for estimates for the HVAC repair/installation. The committee is gathering estimates for replacing the emergency and exit lights.

The monthly work list was completed.

The next meeting is Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – January 11, 2022

by Susie Gray

Current Council Members: Chuck Powder, Chuck Drake, Brad Kennedy, Susie Gray, Kervyn Mach, Jason Weprin, Deb Weprin, Bob Keppel, Denise Jacobs.

1. Elected Kervyn Mach president, Denise Jacobs vice president, and Susie Gray as secretary.
2. Approved meeting minutes and financials from December.
3. Reviewed Pastor Schaefer's proposed contract.
4. Reviewed plans for snow emergencies.
5. Activated the Long-Term Planning Committee.
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WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE - January 12, 2022
at 1 pm.

Attending were: Carla Frame, Susie Gray, Doug Jacobs, Bill Jones, Kervyn Mach, Lilian Nichols, and Lori Sebastian.

Seasonally, we are in Epiphany. Lent begins March 2 (Ash Wednesday) with Holy Week / Palm Sunday being April 10 and Easter on April 17. Ashes and palms have been ordered for upcoming services. We will also hold a Lenten Devotional service on Wednesday, March 23 at 6pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

We thanked the following individuals: Linda Holt for work in hosting OVBBB, our altar team (especially the Greers, Groths, and Keppels) for handling the Christmas décor, and the musicians who added a special touch Christmas Eve.

Bill Jones gave the vocal choir updates. He and Susie Gray have upcoming music scheduled through the end of February. The choir will be off Sunday, February 6. Bill is accompanying with guitar for some of the pieces, including some new pieces out of the hymn supplement All Creation Sings. Bell and chime choir will plan to resume after Easter

Carla Frame gave the altar report. We will continue the communion schedule on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and 4th Saturdays. We will not have Communion Sunday February 20th. We would like to add acolytes (grades 3-6) with appropriate training and supervision (Bob Keppel). Carla will work with the Keppels on a schedule. We will continue incorporating youth into the reader schedule.

We discussed our worship and music budget. Lori will be attending the ALCM (Association of Lutheran Church Musicians) Conference (virtual

cost is \$225). We also discussed remote worship and live streaming. There are some concerns from various people with the current speaker system and sound quality. (Not just with the live streaming but those attending in person worship.) It was suggested that once the mortgage is paid off, that the church consider putting some funds towards upgrading the sanctuary sound system.

Kervyn planned to follow up. The live stream attendance is modest, but we did have a significant uptick for Christmas Eve services. Kervyn Mach gave council updates on Pastor Dale Schaefer as our interim pastor. Doug Jacobs also expressed his thoughts on our hymnody during the service and was given a copy of All Creation Sings.

Our next meeting date will be Wednesday, March 9th at 6 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING – January 11, 2022

Jessica Dorn, Zion's Christian Ed director, met with the committee to present a few ideas she had for involving our Zion youth and in reaching out to the Tipp City community.

A monthly family/community night (movie, game night, etc.), inviting home school kids to meet in our upstairs Sunday School area, a VBS hour at the Tipp City Park during the summer months were some of the ideas that Jessica discussed with us. We heartily encouraged her to pursue these ideas and to let this committee know how we can help.

BUNCO night will be discussed at our Feb. 8th meeting. Chuck Powder, our council liaison, suggested we wait until March or April due to the uncertainties of Covid.

A discussion was held about moving the Welcome Center to the area at the bottom of the steps from the current spot by the elevator. We will discuss and explore this suggestion in the near future.

The following dates for the Welcome Center are open. Please let me know if you can fill any of these dates.

Saturdays – Jan. 15, 22 and Feb. 5
 Sundays – Jan. 30 and Feb. 6

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 5:00 pm.

WOMEN OF ZION – January 9, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Members present: 8

❖ Missions of the Month for 2022:

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| January | A Little Kindness |
| February | Souper Bowl of Caring |
| March | Eagles Wings |
| April | Kentucky Tornado Relief |
| May | Socks for Seniors |
| June | Liberty Commons –Christmas in July |
| July | LWR Health Kits |
| August | LWR School Kits |
| September | Family Abuse Shelter |
| October | Operation Christmas Child |
| November | Adopt-a-Family |
| December | Good Samaritan Fund |

New Business:

1. There is \$1,046.10 left from the Garage sale to be spent.
2. Youth Gathering – 5 kids will be attending the gathering in July. Lori Sebastian asked if we could help with funding. We could possibly have a bake sale with the youth working. Deb will check with Lori and Jessica Dorn about this.
3. Debbie Rudisill reported that 8 women's, 4 men's and 4 baby blankets were given out this past year. There is a need for more to be made and blessed.
4. The WOZ February meeting (Feb. 13th) will be Valentine Video Night. We will watch a funny video, bring a card and snack to share.
5. Deb K. will talk to Donna Slyman about the Brat Supper.
6. Deb K. will talk with Pastor Dale and Kristen Zimmann about having a Women's Retreat.

Denise Jacobs reported on a WELCA group that would like to use our church for a Spring Gathering. Denise reported that at the last one 32 women from 12 churches attended. Zion would provide coffee. They would provide a brunch. This would be on April 9 from 8:30 – 12:00. The theme will be *The Joy of the Lord is My Strength*. Denise will take this to Council.

7. Ruth reported on having a "Care Committee", someone who will know if

someone needs a meal. Needs a card, is in the hospital, etc. Kathy suggested this might be a project for the Welcoming / Communications Committee.

WOMEN OF ZION:



Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 13th 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.

Mum Festival Garage Sale Profit Recipients

This fall, the Women of Zion identified several agencies and causes to send monies that were realized from the Mum Festival Garage Sale. \$4272.45 was the total from the sale! So far, the following have received \$300 each:

Zion's Good Samaritan Fund
Tipp Monroe Community Services Eyeglass Fund
Montana Wildfire Fund
Project Believe
Miami Bucks (tricycles for adults)
Pink Ribbon Girls
Lutheran World Relief
VA Hospital Snack Shack
Zion Youth Gathering Fund

In addition, \$556.35 was sent to Lutheran World Relief to pay for the shipping of the school and health kits and the many quilts made by Zion Quilters.

As we look ahead to the Missions of the Month for 2022, the Women of Zion plan to match donations and we hope to send funds to the Relief efforts in tornado ravaged Kentucky.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Updates for February 2022

Grace Place News

The Children will be learning about Jesus being the calm in the storm, asking Jesus for help, that they matter to Jesus, and Jesus hears our prayers. The Grace Place bulletin board has the memory verses that we will be trying to remember.

The Youth will be working on understanding the Spiritual Gifts that have been given to us by God and how we can use those to serve others and our church. There are a lot of ways to assist the Youth and Children of Zion! Some of the ways include: Teaching, assisting the teacher, substitute teaching/assisting, organizing the storage room, preparations for Sunday school. If you are interested in serving in any way please speak to or email Jessica Dorn at christianed@ziontippcity.org. A list of items needed for the next month are located on the board, please consider donating an item.

The Grace Place Bulletin Board has a lot of information to keep the church updated on the happenings going on upstairs. There is an area on the board that has pictures from the past. Please check this board weekly to see if you recognize anyone in the pictures. If you do, please take the picture and give it to the person. These pictures will change weekly as the pictures on the board start to be taken.

If your child/youth attends Sunday School and you have not filled out a registration paper please let Jessica know. The registration papers help to keep children safe and helps us in case of an emergency.

Youth Gathering 2022 Updates

We will be having a Youth Gathering meeting on February 6 at 11am right after church in the Adult Sunday School room. If you or your child is going to the Youth Gathering please make sure you come to the meeting so you do not miss out on important information.

The Youth going to the Youth Gathering will be having a bake sale the weekend before Valentine's day after

both services in order to raise money for the Youth Gathering. The Women of Zion will be matching the bake sales of up to \$300! Please help us to reach our goal.

There will be a Charity Auction at the American Legion Post 586 in Tipp City on March 15 from 7-9pm. Basket donations are needed along with people to come and support. Please check the Grace Place Bulletin Board to sign up to help.

The Youth still have an estimated \$2000 to be raised for the trip and we have many more fundraisers planned.

Deadline for the March Tidings is:
Friday, February 18th