



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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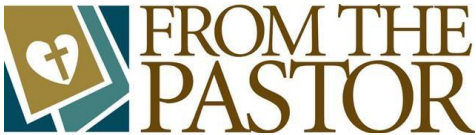
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE May Tidings is **Thursday, April 21ST**



Let me begin with a few “Thank you’s”

- + thank you for your warm welcome as your interim pastor.
- + thank you for your continued commitments to worship and support of Zion Lutheran Church during this time of transition.
- + thank you to the church council for their leadership.
- + thank you to the countless number of folks who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make Zion Lutheran Church the welcoming place in this community.
- + and finally, thank you for your openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit as together we move forward in this new adventure.

My plan is to be at the church Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings, other times as scheduled / needed for meetings, etc. Pastoral care / home visits will generally happen in the afternoon hours.

Speaking of pastoral care, I would like to put together a small cadre of folks who would be willing to help me with that important responsibility and privilege. This would involve some training so that folks would be able to take the sacrament of Holy Communion to people in their homes, residential facilities, hospitals, etc. It likely would involve meeting together briefly

perhaps once a month for mutual support, prayer, and scheduling. So, if any of this sounds like a way that you might serve the Lord through Zion Lutheran Church, let’s plan an initial informational gathering Monday evening April 10th at 7:00 pm in the adult Sunday School room.

Again, thanks for opening your arms and hearts to both Ginger and myself. Zion Lutheran Church is a great place to be and to grow. God Bless You! Pastor Dale



OF THE MONTH:

Kentucky Tornado Relief – More information to follow. Watch for an announcement in the bulletins.

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America / Northwest Conference of the Southern Ohio Synod present their 10th Annual Spring Gathering.



DATE: Saturday, April 9th

WHERE: Zion Lutheran Church
TIME: 8:30 – 10:00 Registration /

Exhibits / Hospitality Brunch
10:00 am - Opening Assembly

in the Sanctuary

10:30 am - Presentation / A brief business meeting to follow.

FEE: \$5.00 registration fee will help defray costs incurred.

Gathering closes at approximately Noon.

In-Kind Offering (personal hygiene items, e.g. toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) requested for (to be chosen by Woman of Zion) Offering to be divided between Lutheran Disaster Response & WELCA.

“The joy of the Lord is your strength”

Nehemiah 8:10



National Quilting Day

If you didn't have a chance to attend the quilting open house, stop by any time! Quilters are usually at work on Tuesday mornings, 10 am – noon, and Monday morning quilting will resume soon (TBA). If you are interested in volunteering, please come! We have a variety of job options-some include sewing skills, but there is plenty to do that don't. It's a great social time, but we also make a lot of quilts. Work can be done during the time we are together or you can pick up some things to do at home.

The majority of the quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief, but also some are donated to local agencies supporting the needy.

Thanks to the Women of Zion for financial support and to the many people who have donated fabric and other supplies!



Have you had cancer? Has a family member or friend had cancer? If you answered yes,

then please consider becoming a cancer fighter.

This year's Relay For Life of Miami County will be June 18, 10 am-midnight at Miami County Fairgrounds. The theme is "Terminate Cancer - Hasta La Vista, Baby." Our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, invite you to join our team. We need people to walk a portion of the Relay. But if you are unable to walk, there are various other ways to participate, both in the weeks before the event and the day of the event. To find out how you can participate, come to our team meeting on **Sunday, April 24 at 3 pm in the adult Sunday school room.** If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact Debbie Rudisill, team captain, for information.

The money we raise helps American Cancer Society fund research, provide free lodging near treatment centers, operate a 24/7/365 live helpline, and provide rides to treatment. Watch future newsletters and bulletins for information about our fundraisers.



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 IN NEED OF PRAYERS:

Patsy Farrow, Herb Johnson, Larry & Lil Nichols, Laura Roeth, Debbie Turner, Dave & Sue Cook, Fred & Jan Aller, Tom & Shirley Rawlins, Jaque Mitchell, Gloria Bilbay, Tom Replogle, Marianne & Norm Barnhart, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips. Jean Turner, Adam Rizotte.

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@ziontipcity.org or call the church office at 1 937 667-3110. Thank you



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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.



Donations for February's Mission of the Month – Needy Basket – netted \$286.35. WOZ matched that amount for a total of \$572.70. **Thanks** to all who contributed and to the Women of Zion who matched the donations.

From: The Finley Point-Yellow Bay Fire Department in Montana.

Your donation improves FPYB VFD's ability to safely serve your community. Fire Chief

I wish to thank our Zion Family for their prayers, cards, concerns and wonderful meals during my recovery. A special thank you to Marissa Kessler for the special get well drawing she made.

Thank you and God Bless, Debbie Turner



As our hearts turn to Easter and spring, we all hope for a better future in the world. The choir has some great anthems lined up for Holy Week. Starting with Palm Sunday, we are doing "Lamb of God", one of my favorites. For Maundy Thursday we turn again to our Hymnal Supplement "All Creation Sings" for a four part harmony piece on the three holy days. Of course, you don't want to miss the two anthems on Easter: The Lord is Risen Today and Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia! featuring guitar accompaniment. Looking forward to May, don't miss choir Sunday on the 22nd!

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The old boiler continues to have problems. Since the beginning of the year, the boiler has failed three times. The committee is still attempting to obtain estimates for replacing the HVAC in the 1894 building.

The riding and walk behind mowers will be taken in for spring tune-up. The sign-up sheet for mowing will be available by the end of the month.

The monthly work list was completed including the assembly of the donated TV cart which holds the

new 60" Smart TV donated by Women of Zion and Mae Fischvogt.

The next meeting is Monday, April 4th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / March 8, 2022

- Approved meeting minutes and financials from February.
- Focus and duration for the Long-Term Planning Committee.
- As part of the Call Process the congregation will be asked to participate in a congregational survey.
- On March 27th the Blessing of the Prayer Shawls will be taking place.
- In observance of *Lutheran World Relief – Quilt Celebration* the WOZ will be displaying quilts on March 19th thru 20th.

WOMEN OF ZION HIGHLIGHTS / March 13, 2022

- Correspondence: Brochure from the Abuse Shelter with our name listed.
- Old Business: 60" Smart TV purchased for Sunday School. Thank you to Mae Fischvogt for paying for half – WOZ will pay the other half. Bob & Deb Keppel purchased a cart for the t.v. to sit on.
- New Business: Donations for Eagles Wings are coming in and will continue the rest of the month.
- WELCA Spring Gathering will take place Saturday, April 9th from 8:30-noon. The cost is \$5.00.
- Debbie Weprin, with Donna's help will head up a Brat Supper in October.
- A check was received for \$1,293 from the Clothesline. There are 8 Zion people that clerk and sort.
- Relay for Life will be June 18 from 10 am – midnight. Debbie Rudisill will follow up with more information.
- Jessica Dorn would like to open the nursery. She would like to clean it up and discard some of the old toys that are broken.

- A large plastic tub will be purchased by Kathy Groth to store cushions for use in the sanctuary. She will be reimbursed.

Next meeting: April 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

WORSHIP & MUSIC / March 16, 2022

Worship and Music Committee met on Weds., March 16, 2022. Attending were: Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Lil Nichols, Kervyn Mach, Pastor Dale Schaefer, and Lori Sebastian. Upcoming dates: Devotional Service – March 23 – 6pm, Holy Week / Palm Sunday - April 10, Maundy Thursday – April 14 – 7pm, Good Friday – April 15 – 7pm, Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 16 -5pm, and Easter Sunday– April 17 – 8am and 10am.

We expressed gratitude to the following individuals: thanks to Susie and Dale for chanting the liturgy. Thanks to all our guest pastors / lay people: Dale Schaefer, Doug Jacobs, Kervyn Mach, and Kristin Zimmann. Lastly, thanks to the Keppels and Carla Frame for training new acolytes

Bill presented the vocal choir updates. He and Susie have upcoming music scheduled through the end of choir season! Choir will be off April 3 and May 1. Choir Sunday will be May 22nd. Lori stated bell or chime choir would play sometime after Easter. Lori stated we are using Setting 3 in the liturgy for Lent and Easter. We will change to Alleluia responses in Easter.

Our new young acolytes are eager to participate. Kervyn stated council would like the congregation to reinstate ushers. Deb will get a sign-up sheet together, and we hope to start ushering services Palm Sunday. Communion schedule will remain the same (1st and 3rd Sundays, 2nd Saturdays through this summer.) Deb and Carla Frame will handle stripping the altar at the end of Maundy Thursday service. Deb has an acolyte in mind for Good Friday service.

Pastor Dale Schaefer gave updates. There will be funeral/memorial services upcoming in April for both Cris Kister and Belia Parrish. Zion will host WELCA on April 9th. Pastor attended the bishop's convocation and has been visiting and giving home communion. He will look at a new member

orientation sometime this spring, likely after Easter.

Lori provided updates on the remote worship and live streaming. Pastor Dale has new headset. Kervyn will work with council to determine if we can get newer sound equipment in the sanctuary. We are averaging 10 views per service recently. In winter, we averaged 30 views.

Worship and Music Committee will meet Weds. May 4th at 6pm



Christian Education updates for April 2022

Grace Place News

The children in grades k-5 will be learning this month about how through Jesus' power we have plenty to share, God's love changes everything, Jesus gives us simple rules to live by, and Jesus gave his life for us. *Happy Birthday to Madison D!* The youth in grades 6-Highschool will be learning how to read the bible. A television has been generously been donated to the youth by May Fischvogt and the Women of Zion, and a mobile stand has been donated by the Keppels! The youth will be learning lessons from The Bible Project.

Happy Birthday to John S!

Sunday School is in need of someone to cut circles, a hobby horse (to borrow), palm branches, and snacks. The sign-up sheet is located on the wall across from the Grace Place board.

Youth and Children Fellowship

The youth and children were invited to Cosmic Bowling at Troy Bowl on March 5. 5 youth and 4

children attended for fellowship. We had a good time getting to know each other better.

The next planned fellowship will be in June and will be pool volleyball / swimming. The date and time is to be determined.



Acolyte sign up has been made. If your child age 8-not confirmed and would like to be an acolyte please contact Jessica Dorn in order to set up training. If your child has already been trained, you can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AA5AD2DA4FA7-zion> please contact Jessica for the passcode.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Is in the process of being planned! If you would like to help please let Jessica Dorn know! A survey

QUILTERS OPEN HOUSE 3/22

will be coming around to help determine how VBS will be run this year.

Youth Gathering 2022 Updates

The Gathering for 2022 has been canceled due to covid, thankfully the Synod is going to have Synod day at Wittenberg University on July 26! More information will come as I receive it.

Zion's annual Easter Breakfast and Egg hunt will be held on Saturday April 16. Donations of Easter Eggs, candy/small toys to stuff eggs, drinks, food, plates, and utensils are needed for donation. A sign up list for donations can be found across from the Grace Place board. Please have donations to the kitchen marked youth by April 11.

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

The Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt will be held on April 16 at 9am. The pancake breakfast is at 9 AM and the egg hunt begins at 10 AM.

Homeschool Days at Zion

A new outreach program in the church that provides homeschool youth and children a place to gather once a month during late fall-early spring. It is a time where the youth and children can gather for some social time, play, and just feel welcome. We are in need of volunteers. Thank you to Ruth White and Andrew Weprin for volunteering! Our first event is on March 17th at 9:30am.

UPDATES:

- **Cris Kister's** funeral service was rescheduled. It will be held on **Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m.** at the Riverside Cemetery in Troy. Kristen Zimmann will be officiating.
- **Belia Parrish's** funeral service will be held on **Friday, April 29**. The visitation will be at **Zion at 10:00 a.m. with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m.** Pastor Dale Schaefer will be officiating.

