

# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE August “TIDINGS” Friday, July 22, 2022**



**“So if God knows so much, why does He ask so many questions?”**

“Jesus’ principle teaching style was to ask questions, tough questions, personal questions, searching questions, transforming questions. He yearns to transform our faith – from feeble to fierce, from predictable to passionate.”

So read the opening paragraph in the book I recently read 8 Questions God Can’t Answer by John Busacker. Indeed, I found these questions penetrating, challenging and faith-building. So, beginning the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> I will begin a sermon series on these questions so that we may all take a deeper look at our own faith journey. The schedule looks like this:

June 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	What Do You Want?	John 1:35-38
June 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Why Are You So Afraid?	Mark 4:35-40
June 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Do You Want to Get Well?	John 5:1-6
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	What Is Your Name?	Luke 8:26-30
July 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Do You See This Woman?	Luke 7:36-44
July 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	How Many Loaves Do You Have?	Mark 6:35-38
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Will You Give Me a Drink?	John 4:1-7
July 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	Do You Truly Love Me?	John 21:15-17

So, let’s wrestle with these questions this summer.

**Also,** on Sunday morning June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. there will be an opportunity to explore what being a ‘member’ of Zion Lutheran Church might involve. So, if you would like to hear more, please come to the Adult Sunday School room Sunday morning June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Also,** we had a very favorable response to our being in the front yard of the church last year asking folks “How Can We Pray for You?” So, I would like to build on that experience and be present in our community again this summer making ourselves available to pray with and for our community. Perhaps you would like to be part of this particular opportunity? We will be out in the front of our church June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. and a sign up sheet will soon be available.

**And finally,** thank you for your continued commitment to worship, support of the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, and your willingness to be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this community and beyond. God Bless You!

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**COMING IN JUNE & JULY . . .** Check the announcements in the upcoming bulletins for an explanation of the mission for that month. **June:** Christmas in July for Liberty Commons  
**July:** Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

**TIDINGS UPDATE . . .** The June and July Tidings will be combined in to one newsletter.



#### **JUNE:**

- 1 Emily Greer Gray
- 3 Abby & Annie Olt
- 4 Andrea Cooke, Freda Schmidt
- 6 Pam Sauls
- 15 Peggy McCoy
- 17 Bill Jones
- 19 Wanda Lenehan
- 22 Jacob Smith
- 23 Melinda Schall
- 24 Linda Hood
- 27 Rachel Sebastian, Erma Swanson
- 28 Linda Holt, Debbie Weprin,  
Gavin & Lydia Reedstrom
- 29 Addison & Ella Phillips, Brent  
Reedstrom

#### **JULY:**

- 2 Coleen McKivergin, Michael Phillips,  
Donna Slyman
- 3 Anthony Hannah, Bill Nichols,  
Julie Sebastian
- 4 May Fischvogt
- 6 Nancy Clark, Sue Rambeau
- 10 Earl Moore
- 12 Jack Byrd
- 14 Lara Jacobs, George Hackbardt,  
Wayne Kauffmann
- 18 Brad Kennedy
- 27 Patty Apple
- 28 Sue Cook
- 31 Joyce Zimmann



**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOME BOUND; ESPECIALLY THOUGHT OF ARE:**

Patsy Furrow and Herb Johnson.

**Also needing prayers:** Keep John LeGros in your prayers. He had shoulder replacement. Also keep in your prayers Judy Mader who had surgery, Sheryl Young who has Covid and Debbie Turner who has been hospitalized recently. Please continue to pray for Susan Coon, Billie Fischer, Carolyn

Cundiff who is fighting cancer, Lilo Myers, Marlaine VanArnam (Lil Nichols' sister) who has been diagnosed with cancer, Joe and Shirley Delaplaine, Larry and Lil Nichols. Prayers are requested for Dave and Sue Cook, Anna Marie Stover and Fred and Jan Aller. Prayers are offered for Esther Hacker who had a stroke, Tim Johnson, and Jane Athey. Also pray for Tom and Shirley Rawlins, Jeff Mach, Janice Allen, Kyle Watkins, Teresa Dunmire who is battling ovarian cancer. Also keep in prayer Mark Gerhard, Wasyl, Aimee, Rose and Ruby, Gloria Bilbay, Tom and Alice Replogle, Tom Mach, Marvin and Becky Ely, Kim Schmidt, Marianne and Norm Barnhart, Georgia Miller, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips.

**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](mailto:prayers@ziontippcity.org) or call the church office at 1 937 667-3110. Thank you!

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### **THANK YOU TO ZION'S GARDENERS AND LANDSCAPERS!**

Many thanks to the crew who arrived on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to spruce up Zion's yard and beds. They weeded, raked, pruned, filled in holes with topsoil, mulched, pulled out old shrubs, and planted grass seed. Thank you Bob & Deb Keppel, Tim Rambeau and grandson Rowan, Pastor Dale, Susie Gray, Dennis Copeland and Garry Yunker.

### **Dear Members of Zion,**

Thank you so much for organizing a lovely luncheon to celebrate Belia Parrish. Zion was such an important part of her life for the past 50 years. She and my father, Ernie, held the Zion and Tipp communities close to their hearts. Thank you and kind regards, Margaret & Elizabeth Parrish

**Thank you** so much for the much needed Foli Bag Covers. They were greatly appreciated. The tray cards are always a big hit. I have enclosed pictures of the Veterans who received the beautiful quilts. They said "Thank You"! Thanks to all of you for all you do for our Veterans.

Love, Dorothy & Del Prater

**Dear Ladies . . . Thank you.** We appreciate your continued support! God's Blessings from Eagles' Wings Stable, Inc.



**Choir Sunday** was a great day for everyone. Susie and I want to personally thank each and every choir member and our keyboardist for all the hard work they accomplished and the dedication that they displayed. We performed many anthems (see list below), despite bad weather,

sickness, and vacations. We even had a contingency phone roster for bad weather, which we had to use on several occasions! The Christmas get-together was a whole lot of fun for everyone! We are planning on a summer get-together as well!

Here's a list of the anthems the choir sang this 2021-2022 season: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me; Dona Nobis Pacem; Spirit, Open My Heart ; Sanctuary (with God's Holy Temple); When It Seems the Day Will End; Song of Joyful Thanks; It is Well with My Soul; God Alone Be Praised; Canon of Praise; For the Beauty of the Earth; Prepare for the Coming of the Lord!; Bring Us Hope; Come, Expected Jesus, Come; Away in a Manger; My Heart, Your Bethlehem; Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom; Let Us Enter In; The Gift of Love; Come to the Water; Lord, Listen to Your Children; River in Judea; Holy Woman, Graceful Giver; The Journey; Celtic Communion; Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me; Lamb of God; Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now; The Lord is Risen Today; Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!; Touch That Soothes and Heals; Held By His Grace; God, Bless the Hands; Lamb of God ; River in Judea.

Everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join the choir. Hopefully, starting in the fall, we will rehearse as usual on Wednesday night, from 7PM to 8PM. Happy summer everyone!

Bill Jones

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Monday, May 2, 2022**

The date for the Zion landscape clean-up was set for Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 to noon. Estimates for the emergency and exit lights, the HVAC replacement and the ramp/outside basement stairway repair are on-going. The monthly work list was completed. **The next meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: Next Council meeting is Tuesday, June 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 P.M.**

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE: Weds. May 4, 2022**

The following Worship and Music team members met: Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Lil Nichols, Dale Schaefer, and Lori Sebastian. Pastor Schaefer led us in prayer. We discussed upcoming worship services (a) Mother's Day – May 8 (Carnations at both May 7-8 services), (b) Choir Sunday – May 22, (c) Pentecost – June 4-5 and (d) Holy Trinity - June 11-12.

Gratitude was expressed to Susie and Dale for chanting the liturgy and to all our musicians (including choir members)! We also thanked the folks who prepare the altar (flowers, paraments, banner, oil in candles). We appreciate the acolytes, readers, and greeters. Everything is running smoothly with the altar committee. Deb stated the acolytes have worked out well. Deb Keppel and Linda Short will work on a schedule for greeters starting in the fall.

Vocal choir is getting ready for Choir Sunday. In lieu of summer choir, we will try to arrange a quartet. We are looking for instrumentalists and soloists to provide special music this summer. We will ask Linda Holt and the brass quintet. Bill Jones will play/sing a guitar piece. We will try to get kids' chime and adult bell choir together once each.

We continue with setting three for the liturgy. This summer, we will introduce one new hymn each month – using a soloist to aid more challenging hymns. We will also survey people for their favorite hymns. We discussed the possibility of purchasing All Creation Sings hymn supplements for the congregation and once costing is determined that will go forward to council.

Pastor Schaefer gave his updates. He is holding a first Communion class, will be having a new members' class soon, and is working on shut-in visits with his team of people.

We continue providing remote worship with the live streaming. Our service is also uploaded to the local (Tipp City) television station for broadcast. Pastor Schaefer is forming a sound and technology committee – Matt Dorn, Susie Gray, Chuck Powder, James Sebastian, and Jason Weprin. If you have interest in serving, please see Pastor Schaefer. We are also looking for additional youth to train for videoing and appreciate the efforts of the Lopez and Sebastian families.

We will meet next on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm

### **WOMEN OF ZION:** May 15, 2022

Members present: 8

Treasurer's Report: Balance in account: \$8,262.74

**Old Business:** The April Mission of the Month: Lutheran Disaster Response for the Kentucky

- Tornado Relief netted a little more than \$300 plus matching funds from WoZ. A check for a little more that \$600 will be sent.

**New Business:** We are collecting socks for seniors in May that will be distributed to local nursing homes and Liberty Commons.

- Debbie Rudisill reported 4 prayer shawls have been distributed. She also reported that Relay for Life will hold a survivors' dinner on the evening of the walk (June 18). Donations of 3 doz. Cookies and volunteers to serve at the dinner are needed. Contact Debbie if you can help.
- Donations for Lutheran Disaster Response for Ukraine and Easter Europe will be accepted through June at which time all donations and \$500.00 for WoZ will be sent.
- Zion's nursery is open. Volunteers are needed to watch children during Sunday's services. Contact: Carol Phillips.
- The Outreach bulletin board will be updated soon.

### **COMMUNICATIONS / WELCOMING COMMITTEE** May, 2022

The committee discussed using the black attendance books or some sort of log to record visitors' names and addresses. No decision was made at this time. The Outreach bulletin board and the Council and committee board will be updated soon. Pastor Dale and Zion members will be offering prayers on the front lawn of the church Monday through Friday, June 20 - 24 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. On Saturday, June 25, there will be a Blessing of the Pets held on the front lawn from 10 - 11 a.m. Those who volunteer to be greeters before the 10:00 Sunday worship service are being asked to also give any visitors a Zion mug and information about our church. The committee is working on a possible ice cream social in July and a Zion night at the Dragon's game in August. A Sunday worship service and carry-in lunch is scheduled for August 21 in the Roundhouse at the Tipp City Park.



The Clothesline is a used clothing shop operated by volunteers from area churches. A number of Zion members volunteer their time each month to sort clothing and to work as a clerk at the checkout table. The shop is open from Wednesday through Saturday and is located at 22 N. 2nd St. in Tipp City. Each church involved in the Clothesline and designated charities receive a portion of the profits realized from the sales. The Women of Zion use these funds to benefit our outreach ministries. We could use additional help in sorting the donated clothing on the second Monday of each month and when there is a fifth Monday. The volunteers meet from 8:00-10:00 a.m. to sort the clothing into men, women and children's piles. Those who cannot stay for the two hour slot can still work for as long as they can. If you are able to help out with this worthwhile ministry, please text or call Donna Slyman ( 937-902-1038 ) the week before so she will know how many to expect.

### **Christian Education Important Dates:**

Zion Christian Ed Calendar can be found at:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=YjNtNG4wZnVsZWNOmRvNmxcM3E1ZG9IMTRAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

June 5 7pm: Youth Swim Party

June 12 7pm: Kids Swim Party

July 26 8am-6:30pm: Youth Synod Day

September 11 9am: 1<sup>st</sup> Day back to Sunday School (Rally Day)

### **Summer Swim Party**

Sunday School Youth and Kids are invited to the Dorn house to swim! Please bring towels, anything needed for swimming (goggles/toys) and a snack to share. Each person is allowed to bring one guest. Youth (incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders- outgoing 12<sup>th</sup> graders) will be invited over on June 5 7pm and Kids (incoming k-5<sup>th</sup> graders) will be invited over on June 12 at 7pm.

### **Youth Synod Day**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the location has been moved to Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna, OH. We will meet at Zion at 8am and will end up at the Dorn House for swimming and dinner. Please bring swim suits and towels if interested in swimming. Parents will be notified by text when youth get to the Dorn's house for pick up information.



### **VACACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE**

Due to a lack of volunteers VBS has been rescheduled. More information coming soon, check your bulletin.

## **Christian Education June/ July 2022 Tidings**

### **Congratulations to the Class of 2022!**



While in high school, **Cole Coppock** was a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity basketball and football teams, The Varsity T Club, and Foreign Language Club. In his free time Cole loves to hang out with his friends.

His awards include Second Team All League in Football, Second Team All League, Southwest District Honorable Mention, and District 9 All Star Team in Basketball, and will graduate with honors.

Cole plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in Mechanical Engineering.



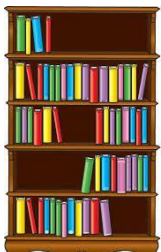
**Kayly Fethers**, daughter of Greg & Debbie Fethers, granddaughter of Carol Phillips, is graduating from Miami East High School. She is a co-salutatorian for the class of 2022! She has been a Varsity letter winner in Softball for 4 years and Volleyball and Basketball for 3 years. She participated in 4 years of musicals. She was elected to both the Prom and Homecoming Courts, is a member of National Honor Society, and was the Miami East Scholar Athlete!

Kayly will major in Chemistry/pre-med at Ohio Northern University where she will also play basketball. Go Bears!

She and her family are truly appreciative of all the support, opportunities, and encouragement Zion members have provided her along her faith journey!



**Troy Kennedy:** I will be graduating from Troy Christian this year. My current GPA is a 3.49. During my high school career, I have been a four-year member of the Troy Christian Varsity Wrestling team and to date been a four-time state qualifier, two-time state placer. In addition, I have been a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Tipp City and member of the youth group. I have also been a member of the Tipp City Chamber of Commerce Teen Leadership Academy and a member of the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success. Outside of the school I have been involved in community service activities including but limited to maintenance at Harbour North Cemetery and grounds clean up at the West Dayton YWCA for the non-profit Early Visions. I have been accepted to Campbellsville University in Kentucky and will be starting my freshman year in the fall of 2022. I am pursuing my undergraduate degree working towards a double major in criminal justice and business administration. I intend to engage in my studies and extend my wrestling career through the collegiate level with the possibility of graduate work included and acquire the foundational skills and abilities necessary to contribute to maintaining good order within our communities. I plan on completing military service like my father did upon graduation from the University. Ultimately, I look forward to a career in law enforcement and would prefer to pursue opportunities at the federal level (i.e., Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Marshall's office, Secret Service, etc.). I have been fortunate to have had a family that was supportive of me and coaches that worked to instill disciplined living in my life. My family, with my faith, has served as my cornerstone and will continue as I embark on my personal endeavor to accomplish my educational goals. I intend to pursue occupational goals in line with serving communities and helping maintain our free standard of living standing up for everything that is right, fair, and just. By applying myself and taking responsibility for achieving the goals that lead to this desired outcome I plan to be a huge contributor to the teams that make our communities safe and secure.



A Find on the Bookshelf . . .



While cleaning out and moving the bookshelves into the conference room, a little book, *Fruits of Faith Alone: Lutheranism in the Miami Valley 1803-1976*, was discovered. You will find information about Zion on pages 38-39. One note of interest that brought a chuckle to the participants of a recent staff meeting follows.

. . . A.M. Leech (pastor 1894-1899) is attributed the comment when he left in 1899: *“My successor will find a noble band of women to assist him; the male members seem to be shy and scarce.”*



*Please make the change in your directory.* Please make the change in your directory.

- **Dean & Lilo Myers**, 110 A. Ashton Grove Path, Georgetown, KY 40324
- **Kervyn & Janice Mach**, 9595 Rose Petal Drive, Tipp City, OH 45371-8114
- **Laura Roeth**, 345 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clayton, WI 54004 ph: 1 (715) 984-2752



**Invitation** – Everyone is invited to come to Relay For Life of Miami County on June 18, 10 AM – 11 PM at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Food and activities, including children’s activities, will be available throughout the day. Some of the scheduled highlights include:

- 10 AM Opening Ceremony followed by survivors taking the first lap
- 5:30 PM Survivors Ceremony with survivors taking another lap
- 6:00 PM Survivor Dinner – must be registered to attend
- 9:00 PM Luminaria Ceremony

**Volunteers Needed** – I need 4 or 5 people who would be willing to bake 3 dozen cookies for the survivor dinner. The cookies need to be placed in the kitchen by 11:30 AM on Friday, June 17. I also need 4 or 5 people who can help serve the survivor dinner. You would need to be at the fairgrounds by 5 PM on June 18 and should be done about 8 PM. High school students could earn service hours by helping with the dinner. Sign up to bake cookies or serve the dinner on the wall in the hallway. For questions, contact Debbie Rudisill.

**Fundraiser** – Our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, will have one more fundraiser before the event. We will have a garage sale and bake sale on June 9, 10, and 11 at 376 N. Dorset Road, Troy. Hours are 9-5 each day. Lots of household items, books, and other miscellaneous items, but no clothes. Also, lots of yummy baked goods. There will be other garage sales in the Westbrook area

that weekend. So come and shop. If you would like to donate any items to the sale, contact Debbie Rudisill.

**Donations** – If you would like to donate to American Cancer Society, go to [www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty](http://www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty) and click on Donate. When asked who you are supporting, select team “Holy Walkamolies For the Cure.” Or you may give a check payable to American Cancer Society to Debbie Rudisill.

**Thank you** for all your support. Our Pampered Chef sale and our Luminaria sale were both successful. Check out our thermometer on the hallway wall to see our progress.

**This bit of humor came from Kervyn Mach.** It was printed in the April-May 1986 issue of the Chapel Chimes, a newsletter of the American Protestant church in Bonn, Germany, where he and Janice attended while Kervyn was stationed there. It surfaced as a result of their move.

**PASTOR:**

Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, More powerful than a locomotive, Faster than a speeding bullet, Walks on water, Makes policy with God.

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION:**

Able to leap low buildings in a single bound, As powerful as a switch engine, Just as fast as a speeding bullet, Walks on water if the sea is calm, Talks with God.

**MINISTER OF MUSIC:**

Able to leap low buildings with a running start, As powerful as a switch engine, Faster than a speeding BB, Walks on water if he/she knows where the stumps are, Is occasionally addressed by God.

**MINISTER OF YOUTH:**

Runs into small buildings, Recognizes locomotives two times out of three, Uses a squirt gun, Knows how to use the water fountain, Mumbles to him/her self.

**OFFICE MANAGER:**

Lifts buildings to walk under them, Kicks locomotives off the track, Catches speeding bullets in her/his teeth, Freezes water with a single glance, When God speaks, she/he asks “May I ask who is calling?”