



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

August / September

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER "TIDINGS" Friday, September 23, 2022

The church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5th in observance of Labor Day.



On this warm late July morning I want to pause, reflect, and catch up on some very exciting happenings around Zion Lutheran Church!

Realizing that we Lutherans often get kind of a bad rap for not being very flexible, (Change? What do you mean change!). I want to thank you for your support in allowing me to do the sermon series, "8 Questions God Can't Answer". It has challenged and stretched me, and I hope offered you opportunities to personally respond to those questions.

Thanks also for welcoming our newest members to Zion Lutheran Church; Lois Davis, Jordan Johnson, Kari Kennard, Ryan, Christine, Jason & Carly Schlater, Fred Staie, Pat Walker, and Andrew Weprin. Please continue to welcome them into the wonderful fabric of Zion Lutheran Church. Also, you may have noticed that we often have visitors in our worship services. Please continue to extend a hand and a smile of welcome to them.

The opportunity to be out in front of the church offering to pray with folks was again enriching! Thanks to those who helped as we connected with about 30 folks and had the privilege of praying with them. We had a wide variety of requests, from safety for a grandson who is on Border Patrol in Texas, to guidance for job transition.

Your support for the effort and to pay off our mortgage is so very encouraging. Thanks to all of you as together we work to position Zion Lutheran Church in a most favorable light as we continue the call process for our next pastor.

As we move through the summer, thanks again for your continued support of the worship and ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, and I invite you to continue to lift our wonderful church in prayer as we move forward in the bold name of Jesus Christ!

God Bless You,
Pastor Dale



The following individuals were received in to membership on Sunday, July 3, 2022. A reception followed with cake and ice cream sundaes.

Lois Davis 1312 N. Dorset Rd. Troy, OH 45373 1 (937) 418-2660	Jordan Johnson 61 Spring St. West Milton, OH 45383 1 (937) 541-9435	Kari Kennard 1176 Parkview Dr. Troy, OH 45373 1 (937)	Ryan & Christine Schlater Jason & Carly 2104 Canterbury Ct. Troy, OH 45373 1 (937) 684-2630 ® 1 (937) 869-2000 ©
Pat Walker 304 Downing Place Englewood, OH 1 (937)	Andrew Weprin 640 Daleview Ave. Dayton, OH 45405 1 (937) 829-4036		



and WORSHIP SERVICE

Tipp City Park Roundhouse on North 3rd St.
Sunday, August 21
10:00 worship
Carry-In dinner will follow

On Sunday, August 21, our worship service will be held at the Tipp City Park’s Roundhouse. The park is located on North Third Street just a few blocks north of the church. Following the service, we will have our annual carry-in dinner. Church Council will provide fried chicken and the Women of Zion will have beverages available. If you are able, please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share with all. Also, please bring table service for your family. If you plan to attend, sign up in the Fellowship Hallway so we know how much chicken to order.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: August, 2022
Lutheran World Relief School Kits



INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH LWR SCHOOL KIT:

These kits will be shipped overseas to help children learn, in disadvantaged areas. Each school kit needs the following items:

- **One** 30-centimeter ruler, with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- **Five unsharpened No. 2** pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band.
- **Four** 70-sheet notebooks of wide ruled paper. No loose leaf paper.
- **One** pencil sharpener
- **One** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **One** pair **blunt** scissors. (**no** pointed scissors).
- **One** 2 ½ " eraser
- **Five** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band

Stop by the church doors on Walnut St. and pick up a *School backpack* to get started, and fill the School Kit with necessary items above. Any questions, ask

Action Team Leader Kathy Groth. Thanks for your help.

A “**packing party**” will be held on Sunday, September 12. Thrivent Financial is sponsoring \$250.00 for our Action Team shoppers/packers of School Kits. The backpacks purchased by Women of Zion and Thrivent Financial are already here. Now we need to fill them up!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: [September, 2022](#)

The Family Abuse Shelter – Ginger Schaefer will head up this project.

Please watch the bulleting for further details.



CHOIR NOTES by Bill Jones

I hope everyone is having a great summer! We should consider ourselves lucky to live in Ohio where we have lots of rain and most days with temperatures much less than 100 degrees. Other parts of the country and world are not so lucky. Soon the fall season will be upon us with cooler breezes and shorter days and it will be time to start up the Zion Chancel Choir!

The choir will start with their first rehearsal on Wednesday, 7 September, 2022 and sing at the 11 September service at 10AM. Let's start with a familiar unison piece from our new "All Creation Sings" hymnal titled Spirit, Open My Heart.

This year, the schedule will be a little less of a commitment. Rehearsal will still be on Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the church but we will not rehearse the last Wednesday of each month and not sing at the last Sunday service of each month. This should make it easier to make plans.

Hope to see prior members back this year and, as I always say, everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join the choir.



I am overjoyed and grateful for the nine members of our congregation who have volunteered to be on the call committee. These people represent a cross section of our church members. They are sincere and knowledgeable and will give a lot of their time securing a future leader for us. Let's all get behind them, thank them and help them when we are needed and most importantly – pray for them.

In Christian love, Ruth White

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$606.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to LDR enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

In Christ, The Rev. Robin Brown
Director, Congregational Generosity / ELCA

Members,

Thank you so much for sending me a graduation gift. That was so sweet! I will definitely use it to Help pay for my books next year. I'm so excited to see where the future takes me.

Thanks again, Kayly Fetters

Our Relay For Life team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, wants to thank everyone who supported us this year. We have raised \$6,430 for American Cancer Society. Thank you to everyone who purchased Pampered Chef products, purchased luminarias and/or gave a donation. Thank you to Jayne Drake, Linda Holt, and Ruth White for helping with our garage and bake sale. Thank you to Judy Bailey, Miriam Comer, Sharon Knick, Sue Rambeau, and Ruth White for donating cookies for the Survivor Dinner. Thank you to Donna Slyman, Sharon Knick and her granddaughter Parker for helping serve the Survivor Dinner. Thank you to Donna Slyman for delivering the leftover food to the Abuse Shelter. We appreciate all the help. We will now take a few months off before we start planning for the 2023 Relay for Life of Miami County.



Saturday worship is the **4th Saturday** of the month on **August 27 & September 24**.

The Sunday worship communion schedule will be celebrated on the **first and third Sundays** of the month. **August 7 & 21, September 18 (no communion on 9/4.)**



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Home bound residents specially thought of: **Patsy Furrow** and **Herb Johnson**.

Shirley Rawlins and family whose husband Tom passed away on July 14, 2022. Tom and Shirley were married 69 years. A funeral was held at Zion on July 19th.

Please keep those needing comfort and healing in your prayers: Fred & Jan Aller, Jane Athey, Norm & Marianne Barnhart, Gloria Bilbay, Sue Cook, Joe & Shirley Delaplane, Lil & Larry Nichols, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Tom & Alice Replogle, Fred Staie, Kyle Watkins.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kim Jones, Robin Wark
- 4 Shirley Delaplane
- 6 Bill Miller
- 7 Phil Elliott
- 10 Belinda Hannah
- 11 Marianne Barnhart
- 12 Eli Brooks
- 14 Anne Nichols
- 16 Jamie Kennedy
- 17 Jill Greer, Fred Staie, Judy Tritle
- 19 Gloria Bilbay
- 20 Elizabeth Hereford
- 21 Elijah Freitag, Jen Garvic
- 22 Amy Byrd, James Gray, Judy Mader
- 23 Dan Schall
- 27 Jaque Mitchell, Reese Clum

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jeff Mitchell
- 4 Lil Nichols
- 7 Tim Garvic
- 9 Alicia Weprin
- 10 Fred Aller, Ethan Freitag, Jessica Lopez
- 11 Chuck Swanson
- 15 Debbie Turner
- 18 Linda Short
- 19 Kathy Groth
- 26 Bryce Clum

GARAGE SALE



Thursday, September 22 & Friday, September 23

The Mum Festival will be here before we know it and you know what that means - **Zion's Mum Festival Garage Sale** is right around the corner! There are many opportunities for you to volunteer and we will need lots of helping hands to pull off this fundraiser. All proceeds benefit Zion's outreach ministries.

We need donations - furniture, toys, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, DVD's, CD's, tools, sporting goods, seasonal decorations, garden items, home decor, etc. We ask that all donated items be in **good, clean condition and in working order.** **We Do NOT accept** clothing, bed pillows, TVs, treadmills or large exercise equipment, estate or garage sale leftovers.

Donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning Saturday, September 17 before or after the 5:00 service, Sunday, Sept. 18 after service until 4:00, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 19 & 20 until noon. The last day to bring in donations is noon on Tuesday, Sept. 20. If you need an item picked up, call Bob Keppel (937-689-3892).

We also need many folks to help with setting up the sale, picking up items, pricing, working the days of the sale and cleaning up when the sale is over. Look for the sign up sheet in the hallway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 14, 2022

1. Approved minutes and financials from May 10, 2022.
2. Ministry Site Profile completed and has been forwarded on to the synod for them to move it forward to the next step.
3. The campaign to retire the mortgage is in the planning stages and will be introduced in early July.
4. New Members of the Zion Church Family will be formally accepted as members during the July 3rd church service. A new member reception will follow the service.
5. The initial meeting of the Technology Team was held on June 13th. The team has already established a priority list of projects and will meet again on June 27th to move forward in addressing the immediate technology needs.
6. Finance & Stewardship will be planning and working on a Pay Off the Building Debt Campaign as we move forward.

May 10, 2022: Long Term Planning Committee (LTPC)

Linda Holt will chair the Call Committee. Someone from Council will need to be a member of this committee as well. This will need to be acted upon by Council. LTPC met with Jessica Dorn to discuss how the church could better support her efforts moving forward. Material was gathered by the LTPC to complete the Ministry Site Profile, in order to get it submitted to the Synod.

WOMEN OF ZION June 12, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Treasurer's report: Received a check from the clothesline for Zion's work done there: \$589.44. Checks written to Jeremiah's Letter, \$300 and Ky Tornado Relief, \$606.

Approved a \$100 check to be sent to the Lunch On Us program.

114 pairs of socks were donated or purchased for "Socks for Seniors".

Relay for Life has surpassed the goal of \$5,000 to be given to the American Cancer Society.

Lutheran Disaster Response will be sent a check towards Ukraine donations.

Garage Sale: Sept. 22 & 23 / Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, Sept. 18 and continue through Tuesday the 21st.

Future Missions of the Month: October, Operation Christmas Child / **November**, Adopt a Family / **December**, Good Samaritan Fund.

Next meeting will be on July 10, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

WOMEN OF ZION Sunday, July 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Missions of the Month:

Lutheran World Relief School Kits throughout **August**. Kathy Groth has already purchased backpacks. A packing party will be on Sept. 11 at the WOZ meeting.

Family Abuse Shelter is the mission throughout **September**.

Prayer Shawls: Debbie Rudisill only one unblest shawl is in the totes. 2 have been recently distributed. There are several for men and babies.

Relay for Life: Debbie Rudisill reported Holy Walkamolies sold 72 luminarias and won the Luminaria challenge. Over \$6,400 total was raised by Holy Walkamolies. Miami County raised over \$74,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Family Abuse Shelter: Ginger Schaefer will head up this mission in September. Watch for a display to collect items requested.

Garage Sale: September 22 & 23 / 9-5 Thurs. and 9-8 Fri. Donations will be accepted Sat., Sept. 17 after church and end Tues., Sept. 20. Thrivent funds have been applied for by Deb Keppel to help with advertising and food for workers.

The Christmas get-together is penciled in for Thursday, Dec. 1st. Eloquence Catering in Casstown will provide the food.

Next meeting will be August 14 at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday School begins for adults and children on September 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education / Sunday School

Sunday School will start on September 11 at 9am. Adults will be in the Adult Sunday School Room and the K-12 will meet upstairs. All parents will need to fill out an updated form for the kids and youth participating in Sunday School. For a calendar of Christian Education events please visit:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=YjNtNG4wZnVsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

Please pray for teachers and helpers. Each class needs a teacher and a helper, so please consider helping once a month as a helper or teacher. Anyone dealing with children needs to have a background check every 3 years. Please Contact Jessica Dorn with questions.

There will be a meeting for Sunday School Teachers and helpers on Sunday August 27 after worship.

Sign-ups for teachers and helpers will be located online at the links below or on the board.

September/October <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AA5AD2DA4FA7-september>

November/December <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AA5AD2DA4FA7-november>

January/February <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AA5AD2DA4FA7-januaryfebruary>

March/April/May <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AA5AD2DA4FA7-marchapril>

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Acolyte

Acolytes should sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AA5AD2DA4FA7-septemberdecember> passcode zion.

