

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER "TIDINGS" IS Friday, October 21.

FROM THE PASTOR

The weather is very 'Fall Like' this mid - September morning as I write to my extended family at Zion Lutheran Church. I write first with an update and then a few thank you's!

Calling any/all students who are currently in 5th grade or who have completed 5th grade, but have not yet experienced Confirmation, and your parents, to a Confirmation Information Meeting on Sunday morning October 2nd. Let's gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. so we can review what the Confirmation program will like. Then, Confirmation will officially begin on Sunday morning October 16th at 9:00 a.m. (Room yet to be determined according to the number of students).

Now to a few thank you's:

- Thank You for your continued faithfulness to worship during these past summer months. It has been truly refreshing to not experience a 'summer dip' in worship attendance.
- Thank you for your sacrificial generosity in helping to eliminate our building mortgage. Indeed we are on track to burn that mortgage!
- Thank you for the very hospitable way you have welcomed our several worship visitors this summer. That is such an exciting way to spread the love of Jesus Christ into our community.
- Thank you to all of you who Greet, Usher, Acolyte, Read Scripture, Sing in the Choir, Assist with Communion, Live stream our worship, make music, and, and, and! You all are the reason we are blessed to have folks come to visit during worship.

Zion Lutheran Church continues to be a Mission Outpost where our fundamental commitment is to "Serving Christ through serving others!"

God Bless You!

Pastor Dale





The Mortgage Reduction as of 9/19/22 is \$15,770.00



A blessing of the Quilts will take place during Worship October 1 & 2.

October's Mission of the Month Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.)

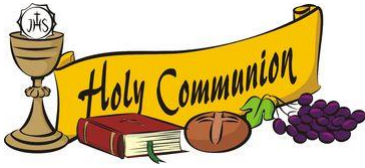
If you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping. Any questions contact.



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| 1 | Garry Yunker | 20 | Kristen Zimmann |
| 3 | Felicia Young | 22 | Jeff Johnson |
| 6 | Reagan Phillips | 23 | Chuck Powder |
| 8 | Wayne Fronczak | 24 | Jason Weprin |
| 13 | Madelynn Lopez | 25 | Steve Tritle |
| 16 | Ken Bailey | 29 | Olivia Phillips |
| 18 | Chris Frame | 30 | Mirriah Phillips, Katelin Smith |
| 19 | Jay Lopez | 31 | Troy Kennedy |



We continue to update our records on all members. Please let us know if you change phone numbers, relocate etc. It would be a great help to us. Thank you.



5:00 pm. Saturday Communion: October 22

Beginning in October, Communion will be available during worship every Sunday at 10:00 am. **beginning October 16.**



Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Homebound members: Patsy Furrow and Herb Johnson

Prayer requests: Jan Aller, Jane Athey, Marianne & Norm Barnhart, Gloria Bilbay, Sue Coon, Faith Krum, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Shirley Rawlins, Tom & Alice Replogle, Katie Sonnanstine, Fred Staie, Anna Marie Stover, Debbie Turner, Sheryl Young. **Pray** for the family of Faith Krum who passed away on Sunday, September 18. Funeral arrangements pending.

Pray for the people in areas affected by severe weather.

Pray for all people of Ukraine and Poland and all countries struggling and suffering from unrest and tyranny.

Pray for wisdom for world leaders so that they work for peace.



by Lori Sebastian

1. We continue to sing new anthems from All Creation Sings (purple supplement). The choir has introduced several pieces. We will continue gradually incorporating some of the new hymnody (and texts) into the service.
 - a. On September 18, we sang #987 - African American spiritual *Guide My Feet*. We will repeat that Sunday, October 23rd.
 - b. This summer we sang #1078 – *There is a Longing in Our Hearts*. The choir will reintroduce that hymn on October 2nd, and the congregation will sing the refrain. Then, we will sing it again (sermon hymn) on October 16th.

- c. The choir sang #1043 - *Spirit, Open My Heart* back in the fall of 2021. The congregation sang the hymn June 19th and will sing it again October 2nd.
 - d. Hopefully, we are seeing a trend. Learning new hymns is not a one-time endeavor, but we like repetition! I like to sing new hymns 2-3 times so the melody and texts become more familiar. You may also notice (on occasion) I will play a prelude or postlude on a newer hymn tune. This is another part of the learning curve. As evidence the repetition does work, there is nothing more joyous than hearing our children sing parts of the liturgy *This is the Feast* (from memory) as I heard this past Sunday.
2. Are you interested in ringing bells? We are planning for a bell choir (6 ringers and an accompanist) – on Reformation Sunday, October 30. We have two brand new bell pieces selected – *A Mighty Fortress* which we heard featured at the Columbus Augsburg Fortress Music Clinic and a spiritual arranged by Sandra Eithun: *In the Morning When I Rise (Give Me Jesus)* Rehearsals will be during the day (a weekday morning). If interested, see Lori Sebastian or email her musicalsebastian@hotmail.com
 3. Feature on a new composer: Brenda Portman. During September, organ pieces by Brenda Portman were played. The tune Thaxted (*O God Beyond All Praising* – ELW 880) was played September 11 for postlude; on September 18th, the bluesy and emotive *Wayfaring Stranger* (All Creation Sings #1050) was played for prelude; then, on September 25, the tune *Candler* (Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown) was featured. Portman was educated at Wheaton College, Northwestern, and the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. She currently plays at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati. She is also adjunct organ teacher at Xavier University, on top of accompanying choirs and playing for worship services. In addition to her organ compositions (1 volume published by Augsburg and five additional from Sacred Music Press), she also writes sacred choral and vocal pieces
 4. Starting Reformation Sunday for 4 weeks, we are going to have an organ partita (multi-movement piece) played before the service. If you are interested in hearing those, starting October 30th, come to service by 9:50am. More information will be in the November newsletter about these partitas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – September, 2022 The committee thanked Tim Rambeau for the pruning and weeding he accomplished on the church property. Cooper Blacktop completed the sealing and striping of the church parking lot in August. The monthly work list was completed. The next meeting is Monday, October 3 at 6:00 pm.

WORSHIP & MUSIC August 3, 2022

Worship and Music Committee met Wednesday August 3, 2022, at 6pm. Attending were Carla Frame, Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Pastor Dale Schaefer, and Lori Sebastian. We began the meeting by singing All Creation Sings # 961 *Come to the Table*. We discussed Adena Brass coming in August 7th (thank you Linda Holt for coordinating!), worship service at the Roundhouse August 21st, and Sunday School beginning September 11.

Vocal Choir is gearing up for the season. Choir will begin practicing September 7th, with the first piece being sung September 11th. Bill Jones mentioned the choir would sing all but the last Sunday of the month, and take a rehearsal off the last Wednesday of the month. Bill and Susie have selected choir pieces for fall and winter, and they are working into 2023.

Lori recognized Bill for providing vocal and guitar special music in June. Bill will be leading the hymns at the worship service at the Roundhouse on guitar! We have a couple additional ideas for soloists for

this fall. And we are hopeful for 6 people to play bells for Reformation for a joyful arrangement of *A Mighty Fortress*.

We will change some canticles in the liturgy beginning in September. Altar Guild would like to have Communion every week beginning in October (COVID permitting). Lori is planning a more involved prelude (5-10 minutes prior to the service) beginning on Reformation Sunday, continuing on All Saints Sunday, and flowing through most of November until Advent begins. We are continuing to use "beloved hymns" from the May surveys, and those are sung heartily!

Pastor Dale thanked everyone for their efforts, and mentioned attendance seemed up for the summer. He also mentioned some upcoming dates he will have Kristin Zimmann fill in for him. There will be no communion on Sunday, September 4th.

Three of our musicians attended workshops and seminars this summer. Lori had everyone sing another hymn from the Augsburg Fortress clinic (*All Creation Sings 1015 As a Mother Comforts Her Child*) and then showed a jazzy gospel rendition of the Magnificat (ELW 882) that we can consider select verses for an advent response that was demonstrated at the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Conference in Valparaiso (Lori attended that virtually). Bill and Susie also mentioned the musicianship of the singers during the open choral reading sessions at the Augsburg Clinic. Bill also found 2 pieces for the choir for the upcoming year.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 5th at 6pm.

WOMEN OF ZION – Sunday, September 11, 2022

Members present: 12

Correspondence: Thank you from disaster relief for \$686.00 for Ukraine.

Old Business: Health Kits are packed and ready to go. Shipping costs donations are coming in.

New Business:

1. Ginger reported on Abuse Shelter donations. She will look through garage sale donations to see if anything can be used at the Abuse Shelter.
2. Operation Christmas Child: Jill will call about getting boxes and pamphlets for this and let Sue know. They should be ready October 1.
3. Prayer Shawls: Debbie Rudisill reported on this. Debbie Turner was given one; Jill will take one to Shirley Rawlins and May Fischvogt will take one to Covert Holley. More still needed.
4. WOZ Christmas dinner & program set for Dec. 1.
5. Brat Supper will be Oct. 8. Tickets will be on sale at the garage sale.
6. Maureen Holley memorial donations will be used for something specific that Maureen would have liked.
7. Ice machine will be replaced. WOZ will help purchase.
8. The Quilters need 2 fans. Maureen's memorial fund will be used.
9. Mum Festival sale is a go. Ads have been placed. Helpers are being coordinated by Ruth. Sept. 17/lawn sign goes up, Sept. 16/Tables set up, Sept. 18/Pizza ordered for helpers. Beverages & food will be available for workers on sale days. Clean up after the sale will be Sunday, Sept. 25 after church. Vietnam Vets will pick up leftovers on Monday, Sept. 26.

Next meeting will be October 9 at 5:00 pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION by Jessica Dorn

Sunday School

For a calendar of Christian Education events please visit

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=YjNtNG4wZnVsZWNO0MmRvNmM3E1ZG9IMTRAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

Youth: The youth will be working with Pastor Dale Schaefer for confirmation. Those who have already completed confirmation classes will get to choose if they want to participate in the Confirmation Class, or if they would like to go to the Adult Sunday School Class.

Kids:

Rally day stated off on 9/11 with an ice cream lesson learning that God has made us wonderful. 9/18 there was a lesson on Abraham. 9/25 there was a lesson about Sarah and Abraham.

October's Bible memory verses will be:

10/2 "...Let the young woman who comes out to draw [water]...let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for [Isaac]" – Genesis 24:43-44

10/9 "But [Isaac] said, 'Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.'" – Genesis 27-35

10/16 "Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel for you have striven with God and with the humans, and have prevailed.'" – Genesis 32:28

10/23 "But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him." - Genesis 37:4

10/30 "So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command: only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you.'" – Genesis 41:39-40

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 need to have a background check every 3 years. Please Contact Jessica Dorn with questions.

Sunday School Teachers and helpers can sign up to help:

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>

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

Acolyte:

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

Please email Jessica Dorn at Christianed@ziontipcity.org if you would like to receive a copy of this into your email (for the links).

Family Fun Night

We will be having Family Fun night on October 1 after service (around 6pm.) Please sign up on the wall or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AA5AD2DA4FA7-family>

Special Note

Parents please check your spam email boxes for Christianed@ziontipcity.org. Please mark it as not spam so that the newsletters will be coming to your inbox.

If anyone is interested in signing up for something online, please email christianed@ziontippcity.org so that I can send you the links and do not have to type everything into the search box. We are working on getting all of these links posted to the website.

Coming Up in October:

Saturday, October 1:	6:00 pm Family Fun Night 6:00 pm Adult Sunday School
Sunday, October 2:	9:00 am Confirmation Meeting
Monday, October 3:	6:00 pm Property Committee
Wednesday, October 5:	6:00 pm. Worship & Music Mtg.
Friday, October 7:	Brat Supper Set up
Saturday, October 8:	4:00 – 7:00 pm Brat Supper & Brass Band
Tuesday, October 11:	Council Meeting
Sunday, October 16:	9:00 am Confirmation Begins
Monday, October 24:	8:00 am begins Life Line Screening in the Fellowship Hall



The deadline to put information in the Tidings is Friday, October 21st.

