

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER "TIDINGS" IS: 9:00 a.m. / **Friday, November 20th**.



From the
Pastor's Desk

The bulletin cover for our worship services this past weekend, October 15th & 16th (also known as the 21st Sunday after Pentecost) carried these words: Pray Always and Don't Lose Heart. Those words were to call our attention to the Gospel reading (Luke 18:1-8) where we heard the story about the unjust judge who relented and awarded the widow her request because she kept asking. Jesus' point in that parable was to remind us how much more God is willing to answer our prayers as we come to Him day and night. For sure God is anxious for us to bring our petitions in prayer to Him. So, as Thanksgiving quickly approaches, I am asking that you add a couple of petitions to your prayer list. Will you please pray for:

- Our Confirmation class: Bryce Clum, Madison Dorn, Zachary Johnson, Hannah Kessler, Madelynn Lopez, Mason Lopez, Abby Olt, Annie Olt, Owen Vonderheide.
- Our Staff as they faithfully offer their services to God
- Our Church Council as they provide leadership in many areas of ministry
- Our Call Committee as they continue seeking the person who will provide continued Pastoral leadership for Zion Lutheran Church
- Our Congregation that we remain faithful to God's Word and continue to be a beacon of His love in our community
- Our Community that safety, wisdom and compassion will prevail in all decisions

Jesus finishes the above referenced parable (Luke 18:1-8) by asking the penetrating question, "Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will He find faith on earth?" My Prayer is that we as individuals, and as a congregation, can respond with the resounding "YES!"

Thanks for listening / reading, and God Bless You!
Pastor Dale

MISSION OF THE MONTH

In **November**, a Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the back of the church. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s), and return them to the tree by the designated date. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children. Watch the bulletins in November for more information.

OCTOBER MISSION of the MONTH REVIEW:

Due to the generosity of Zion's congregation we delivered the following items to the Abuse Shelter: Plates: 428, Bowls: 194, Plastic Ware: 1,140 sets plus storage tray, Napkins: 1,000, Kleenex: 26 boxes, Paper towels: 36 rolls, Toilet Paper: 120 rolls, Bath Towels: 20+, Pajamas: 15+. Thrivent gave us \$250.00 to use for fill in needs.

We will be shipping 68 School Kits and 240 quilts to the Lutheran World Relief project. This was an awesome response to Lutheran World Relief! You donations have helped so many people Around God's world. Thanks, people of Zion. Below is a LWR summary:

	<u>Quilts</u>	<u>School Kits</u>	<u>Health Kits</u>	<u>Shipping Costs</u>
Year 2022	240	68	64	\$804.48
Year 2021	180	57	27	\$556.35
Year 2020	94	76	73	\$511.35
Year 2019	130	67	66	\$561.20



& Congregational Meeting

We plan to have the dinner and meeting this year on Sunday, November 13th at 5:00 pm. We have made some changes to promote Co-vid safe fellowship. There are signup sheets posted: one to indicate the number of members planning to attend and one for those offering to provide either mashed potatoes or dressing and to assist with serving. The menu will be turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, dressing, green beans, roll, pie, water and coffee. The church will provide the turkey, rolls, and pie. Please bring your own silverware; disposable plates and glassware will be provided. We look forward to gathering together for fellowship and to thank God for the many blessings our congregation has received.



Poinsettia order forms will begin appearing this month in the bulletins and on the table in the back of the church. **All orders must be turned in no later than Sunday, November 20th.** You will have a choice of Red, White or Pink. The cost will be \$8.00 per plant. The earlier we get the order in the better chance we have to get the colors requested.



Our next visit to Randall House will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27. All are welcome to join us in fellowship and song with the residents.



Karen Smeal down sized and relocated to Otterbein. She is very happy there and will be closer to her daughters.

Her new address and phone number is as follows:

4157 Killdeer Ct.

Lebanon, OH 45036

1 (513) 970-1089

e-mail: smgrka@gmail.com

Elizabeth Hereford: 12 Third Street, Troy, OH 45373

Tom & Sharon Knick: 16301 Kelly Woods Dr., Unit 195, Ft. Meyers, FL 33908-3123



November Birthdays

- 4 Betty Jackson, Jeffrey Slyman
- 11 Herb Johnson
- 12 Alex Garvic
- 16 Chalmer Mader
- 19 Doug Jacobs, Denise Jacobs
- 21 Marissa Kessler, Thomas Knick
- 22 Betty VanHorn
- 25 Dennis Copeland, John Greer
Mark McKibbin
- 28 Melanie Schall



CHOIR NOTES

Fall Season is upon us! The cool winds and falling leaves remind us of **All Saints Day**, beloved faces, names and memories of those who have died in the past year. The choir will sing a particularly peaceful anthem titled "An Hour of Hallowed Peace" by composer Steve Danyew on November 6th.

Here's a quote: "There is

a home of sweet repose, where storms assail no more; the stream of endless pleasure flows on that celestial shore; there purity with love appears and bliss without alloy; there, they who oft have tears shall reap again in joy."

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.

Thank you to all the prior members who came back this year and the new members. As I always say, everyone Who loves to sing is welcome to join the choir. Bill Jones



Musical Notes: Partitas

By Lori Sebastian

Over the course of the past 3 decades, I have accumulated quite a bit of music! Several of those volumes are partitas. What is a partita, you may ask? A partita is a collection of music; the organ partitas I own are - simply stated - variations on a hymn tune. Typically, the partita movements contrast each other. Usually, a partita begins with a fanfare (movement with a solo trumpet featured); often they end with a toccata, a loud (fortissimo) piece (lots of reeds!) with melody in the pedal. In between are a whole lot of “colorful” variations. By colorful, I mean some of the movements are soft and reflective, others are spritely, others are dignified. Somewhere within the piece, usually the 2nd movement – there is the theme (hymn arrangement). The instrumentation also reflects the different movements of a partita. One will hear a very different sound from an organ with full registration and reeds, than strings and flutes; further, the composer can play with different octaves of registration and different solo registrations. Within a partita, one will usually find a movement where there is a solo registration (sometimes very elaborate and dignified – as the prelude I will do on November 13). Other times it will be a fun higher pitched flute that the organist (and listener!) will seemingly chase as the registration quickly climbs through the melody. These components: tempo (speed), organ registration, volume, and musical style contribute to the partita being interesting to the musician and listeners.

We also have 2 Festival services upcoming (Reformation and All Saints Sunday). Sometimes people have asked me if I would ever consider giving a concert. I have emphasized that my role as a church musician is not to perform but to enhance the congregation’s worship and singing; further, I also believe for festival services, the music plays an important role in the celebrations. After discussing with Worship and Music Committee, I thought it appropriate to play 4 different partitas starting on Reformation. **For 4 Sunday services (October 30 – November 20) I will begin an organ partita around 9:50, for those who would like to listen.** I will save one movement for the prelude after announcements, so or those who are running on time (or even late), people will still have a regular time to reflect.

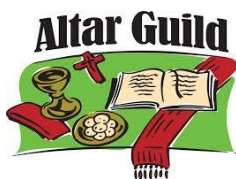
Reformation Sunday (October 30) – Thy Strong Word (tune: Ebenezer). This is a hymn we commonly sing has words by Martin Franzmann (American Lutheran theologian, pastor, and poet); the legendary “Tune in the Bottle” was a Welsh hymn tune composed by Thomas John Williams. It is originally from his 2nd movement of Light in the Valley.

All Saints’ Sunday (November 6) – We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (tune: Thaxted) – the text we know this partita as: Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710) or O God Beyond All Praising (ELW 880). The Thaxted tune is a theme from Gustav Holst’s middle section of the Jupiter Movement of his well-known orchestral suite “The Planets”. Thaxted is a small town in England (Essex County) – which is in the east, where Holst lived while composing this tune.

November 13 – Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (tune: Lauda Anima (Goss)) The text was written by Henry Francis Lyte (born in Scotland and educated in Ireland). Lyte had planned to study medicine, turned into a theologian poet. The tune was composed by John Goss, who was a

professor of music and organist at St. Paul Cathedral, London . With the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II, this British (and United Kingdom) hymn has been sung at various royal weddings including the late Queen. At her 90th birthday, she cited this and The Lord is My Shepherd as two of her favorite hymns.

November 20 – Now Thank We All Our God (tune: Nun Danket Alle Gott) – Martin Rinkhart (1636) penned the hymn text. Rinkhart also was educated in both theology and music. The words were translated by Catherine Winkworth. The tune is similarly dated back to the 1600s and composed by Johann Cruger. Both Rinkhart and Cruger were alive during the Thirty Years War and sadly, disease (plague) and death and famine and hunger were hardships and regular visitors to their daily lives.



Beginning on October 16th, Zion started celebrating communion every Sunday, and as a result, the altar care committee is needing some additional help. We like to assign 2 individuals per month to share the duties. Duties include communion set up before the service and clean up after the service. Duties also include transferring the altar flowers to containers so that they can be taken home. No experience is necessary and we welcome all women and men who are interested. We would also welcome someone to be responsible for just the Saturday night service, which is the last Saturday of the month. If you are interested, please see Carla Frame, or call 1 (937) 369-7532.

As a side note: If you have taken home altar flowers (either in white containers or coffee cans), please make sure to return the containers.



Altar Flowers --

A 2023 Flower Chart will be posted on the wall this month for individuals to sign up. The 2 vases will be \$40.00 total unless special flowers are requested. **Please put your name, what you would like in the bulletin, and flower request.** It will read: "The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by givers name in memory, in honor of, in celebration of, etc. You can request seasonal colors or whatever you would like. Linda will phone the order in to Always Blooming in Tipp City.



Ornaments for Hospice Christmas Trees and Pot Lunch

When: Tuesday, November 8 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or so . . .

We will make small ornaments for Hospice of Miami County Christmas trees. We will meet in the adult Sunday school room at Zion. Everyone interested is invited. Even if you do not make ornaments, there are other tasks to keep the process moving. Come whenever you can get there and stay as long as you can. *We will turn this into a party with a pot lunch!* For further information contact Lilian Nichols at 937-510-3905.



Pray for our homebound members of Zion:

Patsy Farrow, Herb Johnson.

Pray for Marianne Barnhart & Family.

Norm passed away on Tuesday, October 18th.
Visitation and a service were held on Thurs.,
October 27th.

Please pray for the following individuals: Jan Aller, Jane Athey, Gloria Bilbay, Sue Coon, Chalmer Mader, Cindy Moore, Lilo & Dean Myers, Larry & Lil Nichols, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Shirley Rawlins, Tom & Alice Replogle, Katie Sonnanstine, Fred Staie, Anna Marie Stover, Debbie & Randy Turner, Sheryl Young, Kyle Watkins.

Thank You

Carla Frame would like to thank the members of Zion for all their thoughts, prayers and cards during the weeks after her surgery and recovery. Special thanks to Bob & Deb Keppel for catering food from the Zion picnic and to Shirley Rawlins for the beautiful flowers from her garden.

Thank you Ron & Rita Massie for constructing and donating the mini wooden cars for each of our *Christmas Shoe Boxes* filled by our folks at Zion. The Massie family is about caring and sharing their materials, time, and talent “*Serving Christ by serving others*” – just like our congregation. Thanks again Ron & Rita.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - October 11, 2022

1. Approved meeting minutes from September, August financials, and to move forward in presenting proposed budget for 2023 to the congregation.
2. Long-Term Planning Committee moving forward with the creation of an Organizational Chart which is near completion.
3. Confirmation class will get underway of October with 9 participants.
4. Council thanks the Women of Zion for their contribution toward a new ice machine for our kitchen.
5. Upcoming Dates Noted:
 - Reformation Sunday -October 29/30
 - All Saints' Sunday – November 5/6
 - Annual Congregational Meeting-November 13

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – October, 2022

Dennis Copeland and Bob Keppel installed the new ice machine. The exit signs and emergency lights are in the process of getting installed by D & T Electric. MegaCity did a fire suppression system inspection and found that

the system control head in the hood above the gas range needs to be replaced. Detmer & Sons replaced the heat exchanger and the gas valve in the Fellowship Hall heater.

The committee's next meeting is Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, Worship and Music Committee met. Attending were: Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, and Lori Sebastian. We reviewed upcoming dates: October 16 – weekly Sunday Communion begins, October 29 / October 30 – Reformation, and November 5 / November 6 – All Saints' Sunday.

The committee made the following recommendation to council for Christmas and New Year's Services:

- A. Christmas Eve – Saturday December 24 – 5 and 7:30pm
- B. Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25 - NO service
- C. New Year's Eve – Saturday, December 31 – 5pm
- D. New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1 – 10am

Bill and Susie gave vocal choir updates. We continue to introduce hymns from All Creation Sings. Most of the 2022 music has been planned. We have scheduled the last Wednesday and Sunday of each month off. Also, we will not have rehearsal Thanksgiving week: Weds., Nov. 23 Lori plans for a bell choir on Reformation Sunday (Oct. 30). Rehearsals Weds. 10am (Oct. 12, 19, 26). We are hoping to have kids ring at early Christmas Eve service. Lori also talked about the liturgy and service music. We changed canticles in September. We are beginning partitas prior to the service from October 30 through November 20. We plan to have readers for Advent and have a special time for the advent candles being lit.

Deb reported everything for altar is going smoothly, and altar guild have sign ups to manage weekly Communion.

Our next meeting date is Wednesday, January 11 at 6pm.

WOMEN OF ZION: Sunday, October 9, 2022

A special thank you to all the Zion members that make our missions successful!!!

- Garage sale proceeds were \$4,131.60
- Donations are still being received for the Maureen Holley Memorial Fund.
- Personal Care kits, school kits and quilts were delivered to LWR. Donations of \$567.50 has been collected for the shipping cost of \$804.80.
- 3 carloads of donations were delivered to the Family Abuse Shelter.
- Brat supper sales amounted to \$1,367.00
- A big thank-you to the Brass Quintet for playing at the Brat Supper.
- Purchased 2 fans for the quilters upstairs, using Maureen Holley Funds.
- Christmas Gathering will be held December 1, 2022
- Operation Christmas boxes are available. They need to be billed and returned by November 6th.
- November Mission is Adopt-A-Family. Look for the giving tree in early November.

NOTE: The November meeting will be on the Sunday the 6th at 5:00 pm

The Newsletter Deadline for the December Tidings is *Friday, November 18, 2022*. All items must be in that morning by 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin Announcements:

Please have any information for the weekly bulletins in by **Tuesday** morning.

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- The **first Sunday of every month** we collect non-perishable food items for Tipp City's Needy Basket. Food can be deposited in the green bin placed at the 14 W. Walnut entrance.
- We also collect money for Zion's **Good Samaritan Fund** to help those in need in Tipp City with rent assistance, a gas card or utility bill help. The collection container is located in the back of the church on the table. This is the season when requests do increase and the fund can be depleted faster than other times of the year.
Thank you for your contributions to these funds.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

In November the Adult Sunday School class will be finishing our lesson on Twelve Ordinary Men – the Twelve Disciples. One point that comes across week after week is how God took these men who mess up and don't get it – the 'duh'sciples – into extraordinary examples of faith and evangelism. If Jesus can do that with such men, what can he do with us? We'll finish out the series with James the Less, Simon the Zealot, Judas (not Iscariot), and Judas Iscariot.

In Advent we begin "The Journey – Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton. Join us every Sunday at 9:00 for fellowship, lively discussion, and even some learning!

SUNDAY SCHOOL / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School

For a calendar of Christian Education events please visit

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=YjNtNG4wZnVsZWNO0MmRvNmcmM3E1ZG9IMTRAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

Confirmation Class: The youth will be working with Pastor Dale Schafer 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.

Confirmation classes are being recorded on Zoom for those who are unable to attend on Sunday. If your child is unable to attend please contact Jessica Dorn at christianed@ziontippcity.org in order to get a copy.

Confirmation Mentors will need a background check as a precaution. This is a standard practice that needs repeated every 3 years for anyone working with children within our church.

Kids:

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, Sunday School helpers, and Christian Ed Committee on November at 11am.

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 November 5 after service (around 6pm.) Please sign up on the wall to attend. We will be ordering pizza, fellowship, and fun! Donations accepted in order help fund the purchase of the pizza.

Thank you to Matt and Pam Sauls for funding the pizza for last month, Debbie Weprin for making sure that the tables were in order, and Andrew Weprin for popping the popcorn!

Special Note to parents

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@ziontipcity.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.

Pre-sale for Calendars, magnetic notepads, and variety notepads

In order to have less waste and more profit, the Youth will be preselling the 2023 wall calendars for \$8, magnetic notepads for \$4, and variety notepads for \$2. All profits will go to youth gathering fund which will be happening in 2024! Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER (FH / Fellowship Hall)

Nov. 1, Tues.

10-12 T.C. Garden Club / Adult S.S. room
11 am Quilting

Nov. 2, Wed.

7 - 8 pm Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 5 Sat.

5 pm Worship
6 pm Family Fun Night

Nov. 6 Sun.

All Saints Sunday
9 am Sunday School, Confirmation

Nov. 23, Wed. No Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 24 & 25, Thurs. / Fri.

Thanksgiving Day / office closed

Nov. 26, Sat.

5 pm Worship & Communion

Nov. 27, Sun.

9 am Sunday School, Confirmation
10 am Worship & Communion

Nov. 28, Mon.

11 am Quilting

Nov. 29, Tues.

10 am Worship & Communion

Nov. 7 Mon.

6 pm Property Committee

Nov. 8, Tues.

10 am Quilting

10:30 am Ornament Making & Pot Lunch
(Lil Nichols / Adult S.S. room)

7 pm Council Mtg

Nov. 9, Wed.

7 - 8 pm Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 11, Fri. Event Set up (FH) Art Council

Nov. 12, Sat.

10-4 Arts Council Event (FH)

5 pm Worship

Nov. 13, Sun.

9 am Sunday School, Confirmation

10 am Worship & Communion

5 pm Congregational Meeting & Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 14, Mon.

11 am Quilters

Nov. 15, Tues.

10 am Quilters

Nov. 16, Wed.

7 - 8 pm Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 19, Sat.

5 pm Worship

Nov. 20, Sun. **Christ the King**

9 am Sunday School, Confirmation

10 am Worship & Communion

Nov. 21, Mon.

11 am Quilting

Nov. 22, Tues.

10 am Quilting

10 am Quilting

Nov. 30, Wed.

No Choir Rehearsal

