

ZION TIDINGS

“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE May “TIDINGS” on Thursday, April 20, 2023



Saturday, **April 1** 5:00 PM **Palm Sunday** Worship
Sunday, **April 2** 10:00 AM **Palm Sunday** Worship
Thursday, **April 6** 7:00 PM **Maundy Thursday** Service
Friday, **April 7** 7:00 PM **Good Friday** Service

Sat., *April 8 / 9 AM* *Easter Breakfast*
Sat., *April 8 /10 AM* *Easter Egg Hunt*
Saturday, **April 8** 5:00 PM **Easter Vigil**
Sunday, **April 9** 8:00 AM **Easter Day**
10:00 AM **Easter Day**



Practicing the Resurrection

No, this is not calling for a rehearsal of a play with the name “Resurrection”, nor is it a call to just “play” at the resurrection. It is honestly an invitation to practice what we preach as people on a faith journey with the Savior of the world. During these last few weeks of our Lenten journey with Jesus to the cross, our Gospel readings have taken us deeply into the Gospel of John. John, more than any other Gospel, calls our attention to the dichotomy between light and dark. In John chapter 4, the story about the woman at the well, Jesus talks about Himself as the One who provides the water that will quench the thirst eternally. In John 9, Jesus talks about Himself as the One who brings sight to blindness, the Light of the world. And, in John 11, Jesus identifies Himself as the “resurrection and the life”, and that anyone who believes in Him will never die!

So, as Christ followers, we are as the woman at the well did, to invite others to “come and see” the One who knows everything we’ve ever done. And, as Christ followers, we are invited to lay all our blindness at the foot of the cross where we receive our Spiritual sight and are sent into the world,

family, community, workplace, etc. And, as Christ followers, we are to proclaim the message, death to life, for all who believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, that life of Christ within us is precisely how we “Practice the Resurrection”. Now, as we journey yet through the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and the deadly cross at Golgotha, and family visit the empty tomb, our hearts and minds grow anxious to “Practice the Resurrection”.

God Bless You!

Pastor Dale



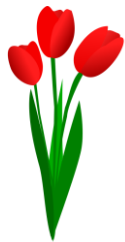
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL - Oesterlen Services for Youth

Watch for information in the weekly bulletins.

Adult **Sunday School** for April/May

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Beginning April 16 and ending May 14 we will be watching and discussing Bob Goff’s “Everybody, Always.” In this series Bob shares some of the stories from his life that have helped him understand what it truly means to love everybody the way Jesus loved them – without fear, insecurity, or restriction. It means not just agreeing with Jesus but actually stepping out and doing what Jesus said.

On May 21, we will discuss possible topics for Fall 2023 and PARTY! If you have not joined us, you are missing a lively bunch with great discussion!



11th ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING /Northwest Conference of the Southern Ohio Synod—Saturday, April 15, 2023

“Easter’s Over—Now What”?

Tomb Dweller or Resurrected Christian?

John 3:16, Acts 1:3-4m Psalm 51

Where: St. John’s Lutheran Church, 248 Wood St., Piqua, Ohio - Hospitality Brunch, Exhibits & Registration from 8:30-10:00 AM, Open assembly in sanctuary 10:00 AM with presentation at 10:30 AM. A brief business Meeting will follow. Gathering closes at approximately Noon.



Relay For Life of Miami County will be held **June 17, 10 am-11 pm** at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, would love to have some more members. Team members raise money for American Cancer Society by collecting donations from family and friends, taking orders for luminarias, and/or helping with our garage/bake sale. On the day of the event, they take turns walking laps, working in our booth, and/or helping in the Survivor building. You do not have to stay for the entire day. Our next team meeting will be **April 16, 3 pm** in the adult Sunday school room. If you don't want to join the team, you can still help by: **Making a donation.** You can donate online at <http://www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty>. When asked who you are supporting, select the team Holy Walkamolies For the Cure. Checks payable to American Cancer Society may be given to Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.



Purchase a luminaria in memory of a loved one, in honor of a cancer survivor, or in support of someone currently battling cancer. These will be placed around the track during the event. Luminarias are \$10 each. For an order form see Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.

Come to our garage/bake sale. More info about this will be in future Tidings and bulletins. You may also donate items for the sale. Contact Debbie Rudisill or Erma Swanson.

Of course, everyone is invited to attend the event on June 17. Show the team your support. There will be children's activities, a car show, and more. Food will be available. While you are there, you may walk a few laps, work in our booth (or just sit and visit) or help in the Survivor building (check-in survivors or help serve the luncheon).

However you wish to participate, we appreciate your support. For questions or more information, contact Debbie Rudisill, team captain.



April Birthdays

1	Debbie Rudisill, Daniel Weprin	23	Randy Turner, Henry Rizzotte
2	John Sebastian	24	Logan Phillips, Linda Sumner
3	Katie Kessler, Dan Holt Kristie McKibbin	26	Scot Coppock, Tyler Fetters, Deb Keppel
4	Sharon Knick	28	Judy Bailey
13	Madison Dorn		
14	Gary Groth, Lisa Sebastian		
18	John LeGros, Trapper Phillips		



Choir Notes

The Zion Lutheran Church Choir grows! We added 4 new members this year! As we survived sub-zero temps and snow in January, the choir and congregation, accompanied by guitar and piano, sang several songs from “All Creation Sings” in the fellowship hall during the furnace replacement. In February and March, we tried some up-tempo anthems: “Lift Up Your Heads” and “Death, Where is Your Sting?” As we approached Lent, the choir did heartfelt anthems: “Come to the Water” and “On the Road to Jerusalem”.

Holy Week will feature the choir singing on Maundy Thursday, the passion story, told through a solo song called “Watch the Lamb” on Good Friday and another up-tempo song on Easter morning. For the weeks that follow Easter, the choir will continue to feature Easter songs from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal: “God of Grace and God of Glory”, “This Joyful Eastertide” and “Now the Green Blade Rises”. We even plan to do a full anthem on everyone’s favorite: “Just As I Am, I Come”.

Choir Sunday is planned for May 21st. Susie and I will each do a song, picked by the choir, from what we sang this choir year (Sept. 2022 – May, 2023). As I always say, everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join the choir.



PLEASE KEEP THOSE NEEDING COMFORT AND HEALING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Homebound members: Gloria Bilbay, Patsy Furrow, Herb Johnson

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Jan Aller, Marianne Barnhart, Miriam Comer, Sue Cook, Cindy Moore, Larry & Lil Nichols, Carolyn Oaks, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Shirley Rawlins, Tom Replogle, Bob Stollmer, Andrew Weprin, Debbie Weprin, Jason Weprin, Joyce Zimmann.

Zion's Prayer Chain is sent out weekly through email. It lists prayers needed for those in our community and world. If you have signed up to receive the prayer chain and have not received it recently, please let the office or Linda Holt know. If you have never been a part of the prayer chain and would like to receive it, let us know that, as well. To request prayers, or take an individual off the prayer chain, email them to prayers@ziontippcity.org. You can also access this through Zion's website www.ziontippcity.org. or call the church office at 1 (937) 667-3110. Thank you.



CHAIRS, CHAIRS, CHAIRS

Have you ever attended a service in the Fellowship Hall and thought "Wow, these chairs are soooo uncomfortable?" Or have you been enjoying a congregational meal and just cannot get your mind off how the lower half of your body is feeling sitting in those chairs? Or attending a meeting and deciding you are more comfortable standing up? Well, now is your chance to do something about it!

The Women of Zion are conducting a "chair fund-raiser" to replace them. For only \$25 you can purchase a chair that has been sit-tested (ahhhhhh!) and fold-up tested (very easy). Make checks payable to Women of Zion or place cash in an envelope labeled "Fellowship Hall Chairs" in the collection plate. For those needing extra support, some chairs with arms will be purchased. Relief is in sight!



A sign-up poster is 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 Bob for the garage key.

THANK YOU!

Thank you just doesn't seem to be big enough for the generosity of your congregation. I am humbled and blessed. There will be a lot of patients that will feel your love.

Blessings overflow! Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life. Psalm 23:5,6 Pamela Hale, Little kindness

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift to the soup kitchen. We really appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. God Bless you.

We will use your gift to continue feeding our local neighbors. We serve over 20,000 meals a year at the kitchen. Thanks again, Dick Steineman

To: Debbie Rudisill, Holy Walkamolies for the Cure

From: Leah Pyter, PhD, MS

Congratulations to the members of Holy Walkamolies for the Cure for raising \$6,630 for the 2022 Relay For Life of Miami County. This is remarkable! As an American Cancer Society Research Professor, thank you for your support and recognition of the important work of the Society.

My ACS Research Scholar Grant proposal is based on our data that suggests the gastrointestinal side effects of chemotherapy may contribute to the brain side effects of chemotherapy (anxiety), through signals that travel via the blood from the gut to the brain. Your support will not only allow us to better determine how this gut-to-brain communication works, but also to design new treatments to intervene along this novel pathway.

Your support will keep motivating us to work hard on minimizing the side effects of chemotherapy and we will do our best to make you proud of your contribution.

Kindly pass this message on to each of the members of your team, that your efforts really do make a big difference in the fight against cancer.

Christian Education

April 2023 Tidings

Upcoming Christian Ed dates for kids, youth, and families

4/2	Donations for pancake breakfast & Easter egg hunt due	4/16	The Parable of Rock on the House
4/8	9am pancake breakfast 10am Easter egg hunt	4/23	The Parable of the Sower
4/9	No Sunday School	5/21	Last day of Sunday School

Our Sunday School lessons center around Holy Moly videos which can be found on Right Now Media. (For more information on how to get your free account see below.) We discuss the videos, pray, and do an activity or craft. If you know that your child is unable to attend Sunday School, we are happy to provide them with a craft/activity to take home to accompany the video. We can also provide you with some questions and answers to discuss with your child. For more information please contact Jessica Dorn.

Youth Group

On March 5, the youth group went to Tipp City Pizza to enjoy pizza, duck pin bowling, and fellowship. After the duck pin bowling was over, we headed back to the church where the youth played hide and go seek. We had a great time, and are excited for more! Thank you to those who donated during bunco and family fun night, your generous donations helped to pay for this outing!



Pray for Vacation Bible School

Please pray for vacation bible school this summer and what role you are able to have with it. Please pray over volunteers to help, the children to come, and that we are able to have one this year. Last year we were unable to have a traditional VBS due to a lack of volunteers.

Right Now Media

Is a free resource that has over 20,000 Christian education videos that can be used online or on a smart TV by downloading the app. As of 2/10/23, 24 people have signed up for Right Now Media. Please feel free to share this with anyone and everyone! To sign up please use the QR code listed below or the link: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/ziontippcity>



COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE / March 2023

The boiler inspectors from the state and the insurance company have checked out the new boilers. The inspections passed. D & T Electric will be correcting lighting problems in the Fellowship Hall. Estimates for mini-split heating and AC in the nursery, AC in the quilting and basement areas have been reviewed.

Butler Heating and Cooling took care of the excessive heat in the quilting rooms.

Three old pianos, that are no longer used, will be removed and hauled away.

The Spring Yard and Cemetery Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 to noon. The rain date will be May 13. Mowing sign-up schedule for Zion's yard and cemetery is up.

The monthly work list was completed.

The next meeting is Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

WORSHIP & MUSIC / Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Attending were: Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Lil Nichols, Pastor Dale Schaefer, and Lori Sebastian. Pastor Dale led us in prayer.

For upcoming dates, we are having a Lenten Devotional Service Wednesday March 8th at 6pm.

Holy Week will occur as follows:

1. Palm Sunday – April 2 – 10 am
2. Maundy Thursday – April 6 – 7pm
3. Good Friday – April 7 – 7pm
4. Easter Vigil – Sat., April 8 – 5pm
5. Easter Sunday – April 9 – 8am and 10am

For special music, thanks to Linda Holt for trumpet and to Susie Gray for piano duets in January.

Thanks also to Bill Jones for providing guitar several times thus far in 2023 with choir anthems.

For Vocal Choir, we continue to introduce hymns from All Creation Sings. Overall, the new hymns have been well received. The schedule is set for the rest of the year with Choir Sunday being held May 21. Choir will continue to have the last Wednesday and Sunday of each month off. Also, choir will not be singing Palm Sunday.

For bells, we are planning to get a group together the last Sunday in April. If we get traction, we will plan for a time to ring in May and summer. For remote worship and live streaming, we had an

average view count for 2022 of 22. We had the most viewership at Christmas Eve services (78 views). A view could be multiple people watching, or a small portion of the entire service, so this is a metric, not an exact science.

For Altar Committee, Deb reported all is well. She and Carla Frame will handle stripping the altar after Maundy Thursday. Palms are ordered. Easter flowers will be ordered.

We talked about potential special music ideas. We will look at having special music quarterly at Saturday services and plan for additional special music for Sunday services in the summer. Linda Holt and Adena Brass (a quartet) will be joining us for Palm Sunday (April 2nd). Our next meeting date is Wednesday, May 3 at 6pm.

Lori Sebastian

WOMEN OF ZION HIGHLIGHTS / March 12, 2023

- February Mission of the Month – Souper Bowl of Caring. \$376 was donated; WOZ matched up to \$300.
- A check for \$676 was sent to St. Pat's Soup Kitchen. March Mission of the Month – Wernle Center for Youth. Donations are coming in.
- April Mission of the Month – Oesterlen in Springfield. Judy Bailey will get a list of items needed.
- May Mission of the Month – Seeds of Hope. Linda Holt will ask a representative to speak at our May meeting.
- Discussion regarding new folding chairs for the fellowship hall.
- Discussion regarding having a Women's Retreat in the fall.
- Discussion regarding prayer shawl ministry. Several will be given to members. Some shawls need to be blessed. There is an abundance of yarn for those wanting to make shawls.
- Discussion regarding Relay For Life. Luminarias will be available for purchase soon. Fundraising garage sale will be June 8,9,10. The Relay is in June.

Next meeting will be April 16 at 5:00 PM.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / March 14, 2023

Next meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM



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.