

ZION TIDINGS

“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE June “TIDINGS” on Thursday, May 18, 2023



He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

What a wonderful Easter celebration we had here at Zion Lutheran Church! Thank you and all who participated in Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter worship serviced to make them so meaningful and inspirational. Truly, it was a privilege for me to be a part of the beautiful Easter

pilgrimage with you all.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to meet Zion's new Office Administrator, Annette Calicoat, please stop by the church some morning and say "Hi" and introduce yourself. After a couple of weeks of training with Linda Short, Annette has hit the ground running, and anxious to learn all she can about Zion.

We will be having another new member class on Sunday morning May 21st at 9:00 a.m. We will be meeting in the conference room next to the church office. So, if you are wondering what it might be like to be a member at Zion, please come check it out (coffee and snack provided).

Please mark your calendars for May 14th, not only to honor mothers but also to mark Confirmation here at Zion. After a year of study of the Lord's Prayer, Why a Lutheran, The Ten Commandments and the Apostle's Creed, we are ready to confirm three students; Zachery Johnson, Madelyn Lopez and Mason Lopez. Four students will begin their second year this fall. Indeed, Sunday, May 14th will be a time of celebration.

Thanks again for your continued support of the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church. Indeed, we are a mission outpost "Serving Christ through serving others"!

God Bless You!

Pastor Dale



FOR THE MONTH OF MAY – Seeds of Hope

On any given day, in Ohio, there are over 16,000 children in foster care and over 124,000 children in kinship care. Our organization was born out of the need to support and encourage the families that care for these children. Over the past 3 years, we have filled over 1,000 need requests from foster and kinship families in Troy, Miami County and the surrounding counties.

We started with the idea of providing a small bag of basic needs including diapers, wipes and pajamas. Quickly, we saw the need was far greater than this. Requests grew into larger care items including beds, car seats, baby care items and more. Soon we realized that, along with items, families were craving community. We began hosting monthly free shop days, support events and advocacy and education events to create a sense of community and encouragement.

Watch for the display in the narthex beginning in May. There will be items to choose for donating.



May Birthdays

2	Dale Schaefer	24	Cynthia Moore
7	Dianne LeGros	25	Stephanie Weprin
8	Elijah Johnson, Ruth White	26	Nathan Schall
13	Kate Pytel	27	Jan Aller, Susan Coon
17	Michael Hannah (son), Kristen Witwer	30	Ruther Stollmer
23	Matt Sauls	31	Pat Cowan



Did you know that about 1 in 3 Americans will get cancer in their lifetime? I recently read that in 2023, there will be an estimated 74,140 new cancer cases in Ohio. Also, this year there will be an estimated 24,770 cancer deaths in Ohio. That is why our Relay For Life team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, continues to raise money for the American Cancer Society. As of April 19, we have raised about \$1,700. Our goal for this year is \$5,000. There is still plenty of time for you to **join the team, make a donation, or purchase luminaria**



Our team will have a **garage/bake sale** on June 8, 9 and 10 at 1069 Salisbury Road, Troy. Hours will be 9-5 on Thursday and Friday and 9-12 on Saturday. If you would like to donate garage sale items (no clothes) or baked goods, please contact Debbie Rudisill or Erma Swanson. You are also welcome to help us set up on June 5, 6, and 7th.

On the day of the Relay, **June 17**, our team is expected to have someone walking the track from 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. If you would like to **take a turn walking**, please see Debbie Rudisill to schedule a time. We could also use volunteers to **help with survivor check-in and serving the survivor luncheon**.

For questions or more information, contact Debbie Rudisill, team captain.



Choir Notes

Bill's back with guitar for the first two weeks of May playing favorites from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. Don't miss "Choir Sunday" in the third week of May! The choir picked their favorite anthem this year from each director.

We'll be doing "An Hour of Hallowed Peace" and "Bring Us Hope". Both are soothing anthems that showcase our choir.

Thank you to all members for participating in this choir season. Your dedication to the group, willingness to make it to rehearsals and service "despite the weather" (think Christmas Eve), and overall support made this season great!



PLEASE KEEP THOSE NEEDING COMFORT AND HEALING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Homebound members: Patsy Furrow, Herb Johnson

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Pray for these members of our congregation: Dave Cook has stage 4 cancer than has

gone into his bones. Sue Cook has stage 4 breast cancer. Katie Sonnanstine had a total knee replacement and is recovering at home. Pray for Christine Copeland, Pat Cowan now at SpringMeade, Miriam Comer, Fred Staie, Belinda Hannah's mother Phyllis Poffenberger, Bob Stollmer, Debbie Weprin, Andrew Weprin, Carolyn Oaks, Marianne Barnhart, Jason Weprin, Cindy Moore, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers, Shirley Rawlins, AnnaMarie Stover, Jan Aller, Tom and Alice Replogle, and Gloria Bilbay.

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 (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-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!

We need 120 regular chairs plus 30 chairs with arms. We would like to have these chairs replaced by our Congregational Meeting/Thanksgiving Dinner in November. Keep watching the progress on our purchases on the display in the narthex.



ZION LANDSCAPE CLEAN-UP DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 6 (Rain date – May 13)
9:00 a.m. – Noon

In addition to pruning and weeding, we will be mulching some of the beds. Refreshments will be provided!

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hallway and bring your favorite gardening tools!

THANK YOU!

Family in Christ,

You cannot begin to fathom the joy I felt upon receiving letter after letter filled with words of love, encouragement, inspiration and hope. The closest I can come to describe the feeling is that of a small child on Christmas day as their eyes are filled with the proof of Santa's arrival. Your thoughts and well-wishes are so meaningful to me. You truly do live by "Serving Christ through serving others".

I miss fellowship with the members (whom I include as my family) of Zion. I hope to one day worship and give praise to God, our Father, with you again. God has granted me patience and humility while I am interned here. Two virtues I severely lacked (just ask my mother) until recently. Your letters and prayers renew my hope and strengthen my resolve.

God bless each and every one of you,
Jason Weprin

Christian Education
May 2023 Tidings

Upcoming Christian Ed dates for kids, youth, and families

5/7	Parable of the Mustard Seed	5/21	Parable of the Prodigal Son
5/14	Parable of the Good Samaritan		<u>Last day of Sunday School</u>
	Confirmation Day (some youth)	5/28	No Sunday School
	Mother's Day		

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.

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who helped, made a donation, and came to the Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt! A special thank you needs to go to the Breens, Elijah J, and Zach J for working so hard with the food and clean up from beginning to end. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt was a great success! There were roughly 45 adults and 20 kids/youth who came out for the breakfast and egg hunt. \$451 was donated to the Youth Gathering fund for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!



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. If you would like to help and have not signed up on the cli0pboard, please contact Jessica Dorn to get your name down. Everyone will be called to see what dates do and do not work, in order to get the most possible helpers.

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 / April 2023

The lighting improvements in the Fellowship have been completed. More estimates will be obtained for the mini-splits heating and cooling units in three areas of the church. Clubhouse will once again be using our Sunday School rooms during the summer from Monday through Thursday. Boy Scout Troop 413 painted the room they will be using and the storage room has been cleaned out for their storage needs. Church members are asked to sign up for helping with the landscape clean-up day on Saturday, May 6 from 9:00-noon (rain date - May 13). The next meeting will be Monday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF ZION HIGHLIGHTS / April 16, 2023

- April Mission of the Month – Oesterlen in Springfield. Items are being collected now. Check out the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- May Mission of the Month – Seeds of Hope. This organization collects items needed for foster families. Linda Holt is heading this up.
- Fellowship Hall Chair Drive. Donations for seven chairs have been received so far. This fundraiser is continuing.
- Several prayer shawls have been distributed.
- Relay for Life will take place June 17th. There will be a garage/bake sale fundraiser at Erma Swanson's house on June 8, 9 & 10th. So far, almost \$1,700 has been collected for Relay for Life.
- There will be a reception for the confirmands following Confirmation on May 14th. Women of Zion was asked to handle this.

Next meeting will be April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

All women of Zion are invited to attend.



April 11, 2023

1. Approved meeting minutes from March Council Meeting.
2. Approved the February 2023 financial reports.
3. Technology Committee working on the following projects:
 1. Upgrading sound system in the sanctuary
 2. New Office Computer System
 3. Potential upgrades for Fellowship Hall
4. Property Committee proposed HVAC Power Split Units Project Discussion
5. Upcoming Dates Noted:
 - Next Council Meeting – May 9th
 - Confirmation/Mother's Day – May 14th
 - Choir Sunday- May 21st
 - Ohio Synod Assembly – June 3rd

Happy Retirement

After 21 (almost 22) years of service to Zion as Office Administrator, Linda Short retired and was celebrated following the Saturday Service on April 1st. After a delicious meal, she was presented with a gift certificate and a quilt. Congratulations and enjoy your well-earned retirement!



THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for the many cards and well-wishes as I retire. The celebration on Saturday evening was beautifully done. I thank all who were involved with the planning, preparation of food and presentation. The quilt will have a special place in our new home and we look forward to a delicious meal at Coldwater Café.

I am thankful for the friendships I have gained over the last 21+ years. As I move into this next phase of my life, I feel blessed to have been able to serve all of you. I am sure I will find plenty to keep me busy in the years to come.

Thank you all and I'll see you in church.

Love,
Linda Short



Save the Date:

**Sunday
August 20, 2023**

Service & Picnic

**Roundhouse in
Tipp City Park**