

# ZION TIDINGS

June 2023



*“Serving Christ through Serving Others”*

## A Couple of Things to Pray About!

While it is always beneficial to read Scripture, sometimes a particular verse or phrase will stand out, somehow asking “look at me again!” So, I want to share two such verses with you and confess that they are concerns for me in my ongoing prayer life.

Peter says in his first letter, 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, verse 15b, “Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you.” So, here are my prayer concerns:

- Is that hope alive in me?
- Does it show?
- Is the source of that hope always and only the risen Jesus Christ?
- When has anyone demanded an accounting of that hope, or even asked me about that hope?
- If no one has asked me about that hope, what does that mean?

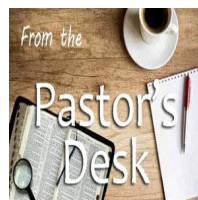
And then the very next verse (16) says “yet do it with gentleness and kindness.”

- Am I dismissive if and when someone asks?
- Or by the power of the Holy Spirit, am I responding in a gentle and kind way that might draw others into a relationship with Jesus Christ?

So, perhaps you will join me in praying that the true hope in Jesus Christ is indeed evident in our lives so that others may ask about that hope, and that our response will be gentle and kind and invitational, so that others may know Jesus Christ.

God Bless You!

Pastor Dale



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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE July “TIDINGS” is Thursday, June 22, 2023**

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## Mission of the Month

### *Lunch at Liberty Commons*

Tipp Monroe Community Services will be providing the senior citizens who reside at Liberty Commons with a luncheon event. In addition to lunch, games and prizes, the residents will receive a goody bag of helpful and fun items. During the month of June, tags will be on the table in the narthex with needed items. Please bring in the items by Sunday, **June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

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## Eyeglass Collection

Did you know there is a collection box for used eyeglasses in the hallway leading into the sanctuary? The Lions Club collects eyeglasses to donate to those who need them but who can't afford the cost. The Lions Club box is next to the collection box for pop can tops that benefit the Ronald McDonald House.



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## June Birthdays

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|----|-----------------------------|----|---|
| 1  | Emily Greer Gray            | 22 | Jacob Smith   |
| 3  | Abby & Annie Olt            | 23 | Melinda Schall  |
| 4  | Andrea Cooke, Freda Schmidt | 24 | Linda Hood  |
| 6  | Pam Sauls                   | 27 | Rachel Sebastian, Erma Swanson                        |
| 15 | Peggy McCoy                 | 28 | Linda Holt, Debbie Weprin,<br>Gavin & Lydia Reedstrom |
| 17 | Bill Jones                  | 29 | Addison & Ella Phillips, Brent Reedstrom              |
| 19 | Wanda Lenehan               |    |   |



## Fun Fellowship Opportunities



### ZION NIGHT AT THE DAYTON DRAGONS

Please join us for a Dayton Dragons baseball game

When: Saturday, July 22 at 7:05 pm

Cost: \$15 per person (cash or check payable to Zion Lutheran Church)

Sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall and have your money turned in by **June 25**. There is an envelope on the table in the work room by the office for the money. You will receive a printed ticket prior to the game.

Meet at the church at 6:00 pm if you are interested in carpooling.

Day Air Ballpark concessions are still “contactless”. You will need to use a debit or credit card if you wish to purchase any food or drinks.

If you have any questions, contact Jill Greer.

Come on out and enjoy a fun night at the ballpark!



### CHURCH SERVICE AND PICNIC

When: Sunday, August 20, 2023

Where: Roundhouse in Tipp City Park

## Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held on July 17-21.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 5:55 pm for kids and parents.

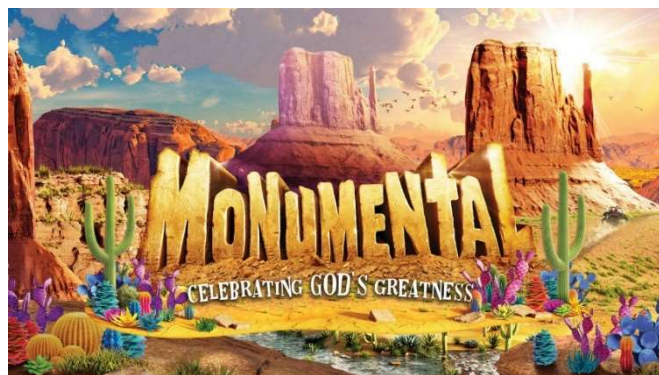
VBS will begin promptly at 6:00 pm and will end at 8:00 pm.

Sign-ups for VBS to attend (kids) or help (adults/youth) can be done

online at [www.myvbs.org/zion45371](http://www.myvbs.org/zion45371) or there are paper applications available from Jessica by request.

Spots are limited so please sign-up early!

If anyone has their \$500 Thrivent Action Team Fund that hasn't been donated yet, please consider donating it to VBS for the dinners.



## Confirmation

Congratulations to our three new confirmands, Mason & Madelyn Lopez and Zachery Johnson.

Following the service on May 14<sup>th</sup>, a reception was held in their honor.



Mason Lopez Madelyn Lopez Zachery Johnson Pastor Dale



## Christian Education

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is over for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back September 10, 2023! Please pray for Sunday School teachers and helpers and consider if God is calling you to help guide our youth in learning about a long-lasting love for our Lord.

### 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 4/2023, 26 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>



## Musician's Corner

What is your favorite Pentecost hymn? I imagine no one has ever asked you that question. Pentecost is a relatively old church season, and lasts longer than any other season of the church yet, musically, there is not as much in our hymnal. I checked Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – and we have a mere 13 hymns in the Pentecost section and another 13 that are scattered throughout the hymnal. That's a lot less than say the Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter season where there are closer to triple that number of hymns!

What is Pentecost? While I am no theologian, in a nutshell – it is the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday (and yes – you have to exclude Sundays to get the math to work). As I was researching, I was unaware that Pentecost began as a Jewish feast day, though called by a different name: Feast of the Harvest or Feast of the Weeks – and is mentioned five times in the Old Testament. In the early Christian church, it signified the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. (Incidentally, the celebration of the First fruits which would coincide with Easter, marked the beginning of the barley harvest.)

In the Christian church, Pentecost represents the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. In many churches, Pentecost is a day for people to get baptized, or for people to get confirmed. So musically what changes during Pentecost? For starters, we will be changing the liturgy. During 2020-2021 (COVID) – we used liturgy Setting 2, so we are going to revisit that. In place of the Alleluia verse, we are also going to learn a new Pentecost tune *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* (ELW 401) – it is a Tanzanian song and originally written in Swahili for the Lutheran Churches there. I've included the first 3 verses of text below. Lastly, we will also be returning the offertory canticle to *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (ELW 674)

1. Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.  
It's Your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit come.
2. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.  
Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit come.
3. Guide our thinking and our speaking done in Your holy name.  
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit come.

By Lori Sebastian



Zion Chancel Choir



## Worship & Music Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Worship and Music Committee members met. Attending were Carla Frame, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Lori Sebastian and Pastor Dale Schaefer. We reviewed upcoming dates. May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day and Confirmation Sunday. Women of Zion are organizing a reception for confirmands. Flowers for mothers and for confirmands are ordered. Other dates include:

Choir Sunday – May 21

Pentecost – May 27-28

Trinity Sunday – June 3-4

Church Picnic (Roundhouse Worship Service) – August 20

We thanked our musicians who provided special music. Thanks to Bill Jones for the moving solo Good Friday and guitar with choir. Thanks to Susie Gray for the Maundy Thursday piano duets, chanting the liturgy and accompanying bells. Also, much gratitude to Adena Brass for providing brass Palm Sunday.

Bill Jones covered vocal choir updates. The choir party is August 27 (Sunday) – 4:30 - 6:30. The choir has two anthems for Choir Sunday. Bill mentioned we have added 3 new members this year. In the fall, the choir will resume Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Lori stated the bells rang Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We hope to ring again this summer or fall.

Carla Frame and Deb Keppel stated altar duties are running smoothly. Thanks to the 6 people who help set-up communion and handle the altar paraments. They are always looking for additional volunteers to add to their committee.

For liturgy and service, we will move to Setting 2 for the summer. At that time, we will introduce a new Pentecost canticle (ELW 401 – Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading) in place of the Alleluia verse. We will also be returning the Psalm (read responsively) to the Sunday service. We discussed passing the peace, with no changes to services occurring at this time.

We discussed summer special music. We were unable to coordinate a date in May for Cove Springs to come in for a Saturday service, so we plan to bring them in sometime this fall. Lori plans to release a music survey in May to get feedback for summer hymns.

Pastor gave several updates. Kervyn updated us on the pastor search. Pastor covered his upcoming plans for Confirmation, new member class, First Communion and National Day of Prayer.

Chuck Powder and Andrew Weprin are working on the sanctuary sound system, and they hope to have everything installed by the time the choir returns in the fall. The money is in the church budget, so no additional fundraising will need to occur. Our next Worship and Music Committee meeting will be **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**



## Chair Upgrade



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.

## Prayer Requests

**Pray for our homebound members:** Patsy Furrow and Herb Johnson

**Prayer requests for members:** Dave Cook has stage 4 cancer than has gone into his bones. Sue Cook has stage 4 breast cancer. Pray for Christine Copeland, Pat Cowan who is now at SpringMeade, Miriam Comer, Fred Staie, 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](mailto:prayers@ziontippcity.org). You can also access this through Zion’s website [www.ziontippcity.org](http://www.ziontippcity.org). or call the church office at (937) 667-3110. Thank you.

## Needed: Photo Album Creator

There are two drawers in the workroom that hold photos from previous years. We would love to have those organized into photo albums that everyone can enjoy. If you would be interested in putting the pictures into albums, please see Annette.



## American Cancer Society Relay for Life

The Relay For Life 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, or 7.

The deadline to **purchase luminaries** is Sunday, June 11. Cost is \$10 each, and they may be given in memory of a loved one who had cancer, in honor of a cancer survivor, or in support of someone who is fighting cancer. See Debbie Rudisill for an order form. **Thank you** to everyone who has already purchased luminaries. You helped Holy Walkamolies For the Cure win the luminaria challenge. We received money for the team to have a pizza party.

If you wish to **make a donation**, the best way is 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 no later than Sunday, June 11.

If you would like to **take a turn walking** (1/2 hour or more), please see Debbie Rudisill to schedule a time. Walkers are encouraged to register as a team member but it is not mandatory. Our last **team meeting** will be **June 11, 3 pm** in the adult Sunday School room. Everyone who is walking is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Everyone is invited to **come to the Relay For Life of Miami County** on Saturday, June 17, 10 am - 11 pm at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Teams will have booths to raise money for American Cancer Society. There will be children's activities, horse and buggy rides, food and more. See our poster in the hallway for a complete list of activities, but here is a partial list:

10:00 am	Opening ceremony followed by the survivor/caregiver lap
11:30 am	Survivor Lunch (for registered survivors and 1 guest)
12:00 – 9:00 pm	Kidz Zone open
3:30 pm	Battle of the Bands
9:00 pm	Luminaria ceremony
11:00 pm	Closing ceremony



## Property Committee Meeting Report

We hope we will have enough volunteers on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to send a group to clean up the Lutheran Cemetery on Hyatt St. We will be weeding, pruning and mulching at the church property. The results from the mini-splits (heating and cooling units) survey were discussed. Thirty-three surveys have been returned. There were eighteen responses for going ahead with this project, eight responders indicated it was somewhat important, seven were negative for proceeding with this. The monthly work list was completed. The next meeting will be **Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**.



## Jeremiah's Letter

Ongoing donations for Jeremiah's Letter can be left in the collection box in the Walnut Street entrance. New and used basic household items are needed to support people living in poverty.

Kitchen items: plates, silverware, cups, small and medium saucepans & skillets, basic cooking utensils, can openers, kitchen towels.

Personal items: towels, washcloths, bed sheets (especially twin & full size), blankets.

## Library Centennial Celebration

The Tipp City Public Library invites you to their Centennial Celebration

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

In front of the library  
11 East Main Street



## Women of Zion Meeting Report

**May 21, 2023**

- \* Carla Frame read the devotions from *Just Between Us*.
- \* May Mission of the Month is *Seeds of Hope*. Monetary and needed items are being collected in the lounge area. Women of Zion will match the monetary donations up to \$300.
- \* June Mission will be *Lunch at Liberty Commons*. Look for the display in the lounge beginning June 3.
- \* Fellowship Hall Chair Drive - Donations are coming in to buy comfortable chairs for the Fellowship Hall. As the new chairs are purchased and after we take 20 or more of the old chairs upstairs for the Sunday School rooms, the old chairs will be available for Zion members to take home.
- \* Tipp Monroe Community Services *Lunch on Us* - Deb Keppel will check to see if we can have a Zion week for volunteering.
- \* Holy Walkamolies are gearing up for the 2023 Relay for Life being held June 17. There will be a garage and bake sale held at Erma Swanson's home on June 8, 9 & 10. Look for ways to help on the sign-up board.
- \* Maggie Powder will set up a collection box for used kitchen items and bedding for *Jeremiah's Letter*. Look for Maggie's article in the *Tidings*.

**Next meeting will be Sunday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

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## Many, Many Thanks

Thank you for the many years of giving troop #33031 a place to have Girl Scouts. Our troop is graduating. They made it to Ambassadors. Two girls got their Gold Award.

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Dear friends,

Now that we are back in Ohio, we wanted to say thanks for all the prayers, cards and phone calls. The support was greatly appreciated! ~ Tom & Babs Wesbecher

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There is a grumpy old man, Garry Yunker, who would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards I received while recovering from my health problems. ~ Thanks, Garry

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Many, many thanks to the Adult Sunday School for my gift card to Do Good. You are so kind! I look forward to spending Sunday mornings with you and enjoy our lessons, discussions, and fellowship. I learn so much from you all and you are helping me grow in my faith. I'll look forward to gathering again in September. We'll begin with John Ortberg's "If you Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat." Have a wonderful summer! ~ Linda Holt

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Many thanks to the congregation of Zion for helping supply Oesterlen with much needed supplies (116 to be exact) including the George Foreman Grill & Air Fryer, funded by Thrivent Action Team funds. Your generosity is much appreciated. ~ Judy Bailey

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Dear Friends,

This letter is to acknowledge with deep gratitude the receipt of donated goods in the approximate amount of \$500 from the Zion Lutheran Church. Donated items include an Air Fryer, an electric Grill and many other personal care, crafts and cooking items. 115 items in all.

Oesterlen recognizes that this gift represents the special concern of a donor to support our therapeutic work with emotionally, behaviorally and psychologically trouble children, youth, adults and families. Those we serve are provided with individualized therapeutic care. They are afforded the opportunity to heal from past trauma in a safe and supportive environment. This gift supports a new vision, new life choices, new knowledge and values, and new opportunities for positive and healthy living for those we serve!

Oesterlen was founded in 1903. Through the years, private donations have proven extremely valuable in supporting the financial stability of our agency. Our present programs, and the respected stature of our agency, would not be possible without such generosity from which we have benefitted. This gift we have received continues that legacy. For that, we give thanks.

Maurice Ware, CEO  
Oesterlen



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Many thanks to the crew that arrived at Zion on Saturday morning, May 6<sup>th</sup> to weed, prune, and mulch. Matt and Carly Breen, Dennis Copeland, John Greer, Kim Jones, Bob and Deb Keppel, Sharon Knick, Tim Rambeau (and his cute grandkids, Rowan and Elyse), Matt Sauls, Pastor Dale, and James Sebastian brought their garden tools and their muscles to make our Zion property beautiful! Thanks to Bob and Dennis for also cleaning up at the Lutheran Cemetery on Hyatt. Also, thanks to Ruth White and Garry Yunker for the delicious muffins!

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## Zion in the Community

The **Tipp City Summer Library Club Kick-off Event** is **Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** outside behind the library, on the front sidewalk and on Third St. between Main & Walnut. Zion will be represented with a table to let people know about our church. The event will include free Kona Ice, Storybook Walk with the Miami County Park District, meet Elephant & Piggie, Touch a Truck, Candy Man Vic, meet and greet community organizations, games, crafts, and more.

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## New Members

We will be welcoming new members Matt & Carly Breen during church on June 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a reception following the service. Please come and welcome the Breens as Zion members.

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## Council Meeting Report

**May 9, 2023**

1. Approved meeting minutes from April Council Meeting.
2. Approved the March 2023 financial reports.
3. Technology Committee –Office computer replaced and making progress on upgraded sound system for sanctuary.
4. Pet Blessing and How Can We Pray for You - June outreach activities
5. WoZ—Chair project underway with 20 chairs already purchased!
6. Upcoming Dates Noted:
  - Ohio Synod Assembly – June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Next Council Meeting – June 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Vacation Bible School July 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>
  - Special Summer Worship in the Park-August 20<sup>th</sup>



# June 2023

## Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Ohio Synod Assembly
4 New Member Reception after church	5 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6:00	6 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	7	8	9	10 Relay for Life Garage & Bake Sale
11 No Communion Relay for Life Mtg. 3:00 WoZ 7:00	12 TOPS 3:30 - 5	13 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5:00 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	14	15	16	17 Relay for Life 10a - 11p
18 No Communion	19 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	20 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	21	22	23	24 Communion Saturday
25	26 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	27 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	28	29	30	