

ZION TIDINGS

July 2023



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

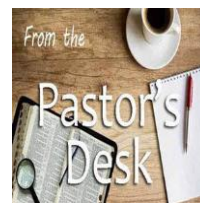
Summertime

“It’s summertime, summertime, sum, sum summertime” goes the beginning of an old song by the Jamies. The song goes on to talk about school being done, put the books away, look alive and change your ways. Well for sure some things change as the seasons change, as we enter this “summertime”. I am reminded of those popular words from the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1) So, in this season of summertime I want to encourage you to:

- 1) “Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). The operative word here is REST. Please, take time to step back from the routine, the schedule, the work, etc. and enter into some time of rest. Remember “self-care” is not a dirty word!
- 2) “Put on the whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:13ff), truth, righteousness, peace, faith and the helmet of salvation, and make your way through this summertime (and any time) with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.
- 3) Pray. “Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). Set aside a bit of time each day to thank God for the way He blesses you. Take time to lift concerns & burdens for others, then ask Him for direction for your own personal concerns. You might consider lifting our church council, call committee, church staff, and our faith community here at Zion. And, thanks already for being a faithful prayer warrior, as you pray for all those on the Zion prayer list.
- 4) Fellowship with other believers. The Apostle Paul encourages us in Hebrews 10:25ff to not forsake the assembly of believers. In other words, let us make a commitment to worship with other believers, not only in the summertime, but all seasons. Summertime is a great time to experience worship in another setting/church as you travel.

Welcome to “summertime” and another grace filled season of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Dale



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE August “TIDINGS” is Thursday, July 20, 2023

Mission of the Month

Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT:

ONE **light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")**, dark color recommended

TWO or three **bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz.**, any brand, in original wrapping

ONE **adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging**

ONE **sturdy comb, remove packaging**

ONE **metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging**

Two ways to help:

1) Purchase the items listed, put them **unassembled** in a bag and place it in the collection box in the narthex.

2) Donate money that a group of shoppers can use to purchase the items listed.

Give Donna Slyman a call if you have any questions @ 902-1038.

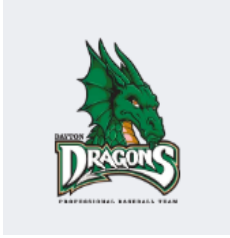
Deadline is **Monday, July 31st**

July Birthdays

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| 2 | Coleen McKivergin
Donna Slyman
Michael Phillips | 14 | Laura Jacobs,
Wayne Kauffman
George Hackbardt |
| 3 | Anthony Hannah
Julie Sebastian
Bill Nichols | 18 | Brad Kennedy |
| | | 22 | Richard Geiman |
| 4 | May Fischvogt | 27 | Patty Apple |
| 6 | Nancy Clark,
Sue Rambeau | 28 | Sue Cook |
| | | 31 | Joyce Zimmann |
| 10 | Earl Moore | | |
| 12 | Jack Byrd | | |



Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities



ZION NIGHT AT THE DAYTON DRAGONS

Saturday, July 22 at 7:05 pm

For those who have signed up, 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.



CHURCH SERVICE AND PICNIC

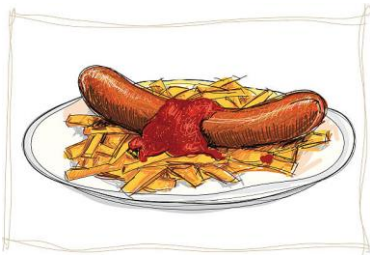
When: Sunday, August 20, 2023
Service: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Roundhouse in Tipp City Park

GARAGE SALE

In case you were wondering....
YES! There will be a Mum Festival Garage Sale at Zion this year!

This year’s garage sale will take place on **Thursday and Friday, September 21 & 22**. We will begin setting up the sale on Sunday, Sept. 17 and will be working on it that entire week. You may bring in your garage sale treasures beginning on Saturday, September 16, after worship, Sunday, September 17 after worship and Monday and Tuesday mornings, Sept. 18 & 19. **We do NOT accept** clothing, bed pillows, large exercise equipment, TVs and car seats. **We do not have room to store any donations at Zion until September 16**, so please hang on to your items until then.



Women of Zion Brat Dinner

When: Saturday, October 7, 2023

How Can We Pray for You?

August 14-18, 9 – 11 a.m.
In front of the church



Blessing of the Pets

August 19
In front of the church



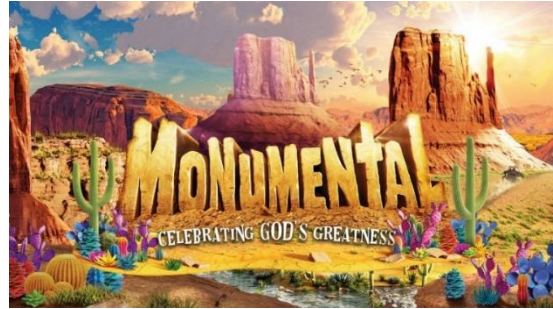
Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held on July 17-21 for grades K-5.

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.

Kristin Zimmann will also be having a special event for parents during VBS. Sign up is online



We are still in need of volunteers to teach, run the projector, and to take pictures during the event. If you would like to help, please fill out the volunteer paper located in the narthex or contact Jessica Dorn.

Sign-ups for VBS to attend (kids) or help (adults/youth) can be done online at www.myvbs.org/zion45371 or there are paper applications available upon request.

Spots are limited so please sign-up early!

Dinners will be:

Monday, July 17: Hot dogs, baked beans, brownies

Tuesday, July 18: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit

Wednesday, July 19: Ham croissants, chips, cookies

Thursday, July 20: Chicken nuggets, green beans, watermelon

Friday, July 21: Leftovers and ice cream

Christian Education

Sunday School is over for the Summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back September! Please pray for Sunday School teachers and helpers, and consider if God is calling you to help guide our youth and children in learning about and 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/ziontipcity>



Synod Meeting Review

On June 3rd, Brad Kennedy and I attended the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly at Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek, Ohio. The theme of this year's assembly was "Hope in Believing." It was a very inspiring day that included three speakers sharing what "hope in believing" means to them. Also, worship was celebrated, reports were given and reviewed, and general business was conducted.

One item of business was to vote for a revised Synod Constitution that is modeled after the Churchwide Constitution. This being said, Zion will need to bring our own constitution up to date as well, especially since it has been over ten years since it was last revised. We will be putting together a group of people in our congregation to accomplish this, likely this fall.

Other notable business from the assembly included new synod council members and a new Compensation Standards for 2024-2025 were voted on, along with some other matters. A plethora of congregational resources may be found on the synod website, www.southernohiosynod.org.

It was a very interesting, inspiring, and enjoyable day. If anyone ever gets the opportunity to attend one of these assemblies, I encourage you to do so.

Thank you,
Denise Jacobs
Church Council V.P.

Did You Know?

Zion now has their own Boy Scout Troop. Troop 413 has moved from Ginghamburg Church and now belongs to Zion Lutheran. They occupy their own room on the second floor and meet every Monday at 6:30. In July, they will be on outings and will only meet on the 17th and 31st.

What is Troop 413? This is what their brochure says; Within the context of our faith in Jesus Christ and the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America, the mission of Troop 413 is to equip young men with leadership skills, courage, self-reliance, patriotism, physical and mental fitness. Our focus is developing Christian character values, and an active faith in Jesus Christ.

We strive to exercise our faith in service to Christ and we build disciples and accountability in the young men we serve. Scouting has a long history and foundation based on strong Christian principles as expressed in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. We work to instill these principles as we venture together in the great outdoors – camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, cave exploration, rock climbing, rappelling. What an adventure in God's creation!

The Troop was founded on May 24, 1992. At that time, we selected number 413 to remind us whom we serve. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Phillipians 4:13 (NIV).

Our Zion liaison is Chuck Drake. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Scoutmaster Ben Schweikhardt at benjamin.schweikhardt@gmail.com.



Relay For Life Follow-up

The 2023 Relay For Life of Miami County is now over. It was a beautiful day. We celebrated cancer survivors, supported those battling cancer, and remembered loved ones in heaven. Eighteen teams have been working for several months to raise money for American Cancer Society. So far, they have raised over \$63,000.

Holy Walkamolies For the Cure had 16 people registered this year; 13 are members of Zion. Several were participating for the first time. Before the event, these people had a garage and bake sale, sold luminaries, and collected donations from family and friends. They also made decorations for our booth and packed gift bags for the survivors who attended the event. On the day of the event, they walked laps, worked in our booth, and checked-in survivors. Some were there for a few hours while others were there for about 15 hours.

In addition to the team members, at least 8 family members and friends helped with the garage and bake sale and/or participated the day of the event. At least 12 non-team members donated garage sale items and baked goods.

Of course, the reason we do all this is to raise money for American Cancer Society. The money goes to fund cancer research and provide help for cancer patients. So how did we do? Our garage and bake sale brought in \$1,013. We sold 100 luminaries (almost 1/3 of all the luminaries) for \$1,000. As of June 18, our total is \$4,598.25. We may still receive some donations so that total may go up. Our goal is \$5,000.

Thank you to everyone who was part of the team. Thank you to those who helped the team. And thank you to everyone who donated and/or purchased luminaries. It was great to have so much support.

Debbie Rudisill, team captain



Cancer Survivors

Not pictured: Debbie Turner



Mascot Cat in the Hat
With Erma & Debbie



Holy Walkamolies Team

Not pictured: Raenell & Sean Poynter, Cindy Tayse



Walking Laps

Sharon Knick, Cindy Tayse & Donna Slyman



Manning the Booth

Dale & Debbie Rudisill

Chair Upgrade Reminder



In case you didn't know, the Women of Zion are conducting a "chair-raiser". 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.

We need 120 regular chairs plus 30 chairs with arms. **We are 1/3 of the way there!** 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 our members: Pray for the family and friends of Marianne Barnhart. Prayers are requested for Diana Haines (Elizabeth Hereford's sister) on the tragic death of her husband. Pray for Lil Nichols and her sister as they travel to visit their sister, Marlaine, who is suffering from cancer. Continue prayers for Marlaine. 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, 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.

Eyeglass Collection Update

Great job on collecting glasses. So far, we have 38 pairs to give to the Lions Club. In case you don't know, there is a collection box for used eyeglasses in the hallway leading into the sanctuary. The Lions Club box is next to the collection box for pop can tops that benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

The Lions Club collects eyeglasses to donate to those who need them but who can't afford the cost.



Change Coming to *Living Lutheran*

From the ELCA:

As you have likely read in the March issue of *Living Lutheran*, the magazine will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. This does not mean, however, that we will stop telling stories of the church when the print magazine ends. Throughout the past several years, www.LivingLutheran.org has been the magazine's online platform, and we are excited about the ways in which we can enhance how you are able to experience the stories and lives of Lutherans throughout the ELCA as we transition to a fully online approach. You will start to see us employing these ways throughout the year, with videos, audio stories and more. This transition will also include a more robust social media presence and more opportunities for user-generated content with the potential for greater engagement from you, our most loyal readers.

The ELCA and its predecessor church bodies have been printing periodicals since 1831, when *The Lutheran Observer* began. Spreading the gospel and sharing the stories of our church have always been at the foundation of who we are as Christians and Lutherans. As many of you probably know, the cost of printing a magazine – including paper, ink and postage prices – has steadily increased, especially during the pandemic, making it difficult to financially support a print edition. Being good stewards of the generous support given to the church is of the utmost importance to our team. While we will no longer print a magazine each month, the sharing and spreading of the good news continues every day.

By focusing on creating more online content and new channels for distribution, we will have more flexibility and options for how we tell the stories of this church. Storytelling will still be at the core of this work. We understand there are a lot of questions regarding your subscription, how the ELCA will reach readers who don't rely on the internet for information and how we will assist those who use *Living Lutheran* for church resources and group discussions. We are still working out answers to those questions and will provide them as soon as possible.

We are excited about what is ahead for the ministry of *Living Lutheran* and the future possibilities of reaching even more people about the great work people are doing in God's name.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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.

Property Committee Meeting Report

Zion is locked into a 5-year natural gas contract at a lower rate than we have been paying. With the portable air conditioning installed in the quilting room and the window air conditioner installed in the nursery, we will hold off on the multi-split units for these areas at this time. Hinkle and Van Dine fixed the wind damage on the building and replaced the vent that was damaged. Discussion was held about storing the new Fellowship Hall chairs. The existing chair storage carts will not work for the new chairs. The monthly work list was completed. The next meeting will be **Monday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m.**

Women of Zion Meeting Report

June 11, 2023

- * Judy Bailey opened with devotions from Luke 11:5-15.
- * May mission of the month was Seeds of Hope. \$490 and items were donated.
- * June mission is Lunch at Liberty Commons. Items are being collected now.
- * July mission will be LWR Health Kits. Donna Slyman will put something in bulletins and Tidings.
- * Fellowship Hall chair update: we are about 1/3 of the way to our goal. Hopefully, we will have the entire amount needed by November.
- * TMCS Lunch on Us Program; Zion will help with this July 10-14, 9:30 – 12:30 each day. Four people are needed. A sign-up sheet will be posted.
- * VBS will be July 17-21. Helpers are needed. Contact Jessica Dorn.
- * Women of Zion garage sale will be September 21-22. Save those items!
- * Prayer Shawl Ministry; please keep knitting or crocheting for this very worthwhile project.
- * Relay for Life garage sale to raise funds for the American Cancer Society was very successful. The walk will be held June 17th.
- * Future activities: Brat supper in October and Women's Retreat in November.

Next meeting will be Sunday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You, Thank You

Yesterday, June 8th, I attended my aunt Marianne Barnhart's service and in October (22), my uncle Norm's.

On behalf of my family, I wanted to thank you for all that was done to make the service a beautiful remembrance of a life well lived. Also, allowing us a time of fellowship and providing food.

The worship service was authentic and I felt the very presence of the Holy Spirit. The songs were richly played. It was blessing to have communion offered. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

My mom, Claudia Kay Baker, (the one in the wheelchair) was one of Norm's three sisters. Mom attended Zion Lutheran Church Tipp City until her mother passed in 1943. That is 80 years ago and the church is still going strong. Prayers as you continue serving.

In Christian Love,
Robin Eickmeyer Patterson



Thank you so much for being a part of our Summer Kick-Off and Parking Lot Party! I'm sending some giant high fives for a job well done!

The event was a great success and it never would have happened without the support of our community partners. Everyone was so great at interacting with the families and wearing a smile on their faces, even when it became hot and sticky outside. I hope you received some good contacts from your participation.

Our best count is that over 400 people attended (according to the number of Kona Ice Cups we gave away!) and I think everyone enjoyed meeting all the community groups and playing the creative activities that everyone made.

From all of us at the Library, thank you for your support, and we may be calling on you again in the future.

Heidi Martin
Youth Services Librarian
Tipp City Public Library

Zion in the Community

On June 5, the Tipp City Public Library had a summer reading kick off. We were the only church to attend the kick off. We had candy to pass out, and were given a banner for kids to color. We got to see some familiar faces and meet many new people. Information about vacation bible school was passed out. There was an estimated 400 people at this event, and it was great to get our name out in the community. A big thanks to Pastor Dale for helping to man the booth and to everyone who stopped by to say hi.

Jessica Dorn

Dale said they spoke with 200-300 people. "It was great community involvement and exposure as well as an opportunity to point to the church and invite them to attend."

First Communion



Congratulations to Jason Schlater on his first communion!

For Better Hearing

Thanks to a lot of hard work by Chuck Powder and Andrew Weprin, Zion now has hearing assist units available to use during church services.

They are located on a small table in the narthex with instructions for use underneath them.



Council Meeting Report


June 13, 2023

1. Approved meeting minutes from May Council Meeting.
2. Approved the April 2023 financial reports.
3. Report on Southwest Ohio Synod Meeting on June 3rd
4. Review of Zion Constitution will be addressed by a subcommittee.
5. WOZ—Chair project 1/3 of chairs already purchased!
6. Upcoming Dates Noted:
 - Next Council Meeting – July 11th
 - Vacation Bible School July 17th -21st
 - Special Summer Worship in the Park-August 20th
 - Zion Garage Sale – September 21st and 22nd
 - WOZ Brat Dinner – October 7th



July 2023

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6:00		Clubhouse 11:30 – 3:30			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
WoZ 7:00	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5:00 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	Clubhouse 11:30 – 3:30	Red Cross Blood Drive 11:30		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	Clubhouse 11:30 – 3:30			Tipp Optimist Bkfst. 8-11 Communion Saturday
	Vacation Bible School 5:30 Dinner, 6:00 – 8:00 VBS					
	Boy Scouts 6:30					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30					

