ZION TIDINGS August 2023



"Serving Christ through Serving Others"

"How Can We Pray For You?"

Often times I hear the expression, "you'll be in our/my prayers" and I am so grateful when folks say that and actually follow through with that promise to pray. Prayer is a wonderful and powerful way for us to be able to take our concerns and thanks and praises to God. Being able to connect with folks and learn of their specific needs, situations etc. is also a wonderful and powerful thing. As many of you well remember, over the last couple of years I have invited folks to be with me on the front lawn of the church simply asking people who walk by (sometimes drive by) "how can we pray for you?" As you can imagine, initially some folks are surprised that we would be out in the public asking how we can pray for them. Sometimes the response is "Oh, I'm good!" but many times, folks will quickly share a prayer concern. These concerns are wide ranging, from some life and death issues, to praying for a new job. The point in all this is that Zion Lutheran Church cares about our community and we are willing to be a witness on the street, so to speak.

So, we will be doing our outside prayer experience again this year, August 14-18. I'll have a sign-up sheet in early August if you would like to help. We will be out front, under a canopy (thanks to the Keppels) Monday through Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. I look forward to praying in and with our community.

Thanks for considering to help!

God Bless You! Pastor Dale



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE September "TIDINGS" is Thursday, August 24, 2023

Mission of the Month

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

These kits will be shipped overseas to help children learn, in disadvantaged areas. Each school kit needs the following items:

One 30-centimeter ruler, with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band.

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide ruled paper. No loose leaf paper.

One pencil sharpener

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One pair blunt scissors. (no pointed scissors).

One 2 ½" eraser

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band Stop by the church doors on Walnut St. and pick up a *School backpack* to get started, and fill the School Kit with necessary items above. Any questions, ask **Action Team Leader Kathy Groth**. Thanks for your help.

August Birthdays

1	Kim Jones Robin Wark	19	Gloria Bilbay
4	Chirley Delenlane	20	Elizabeth Hereford
4	Shirley Delaplane	21	Elijah Freitag
6	Bill Miller		Jen Garvic
7	Phil Elliott	22	Amy Byrd James Gray
10	Belinda Hannah		Judy Mader
12	Eli Brooks	23	Tom Replogle Dan Schall
14	Anne Nicholes		
16	Jamie Kennedy	27	Jacque Mitchell Reese Clum
17	Jill Greer Judy Tritle	4	



Upcoming Events



CHURCH SERVICE AND PICNIC

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

Where: Roundhouse in Tipp City Park

North Third St.

- Church Council will provide chicken and the Women of Zion will provide drinks.
- Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.
- Bring your own table service.
- A sign-up sheet will be sent around during service and then posted in the fellowship hallway.

Mum Festival Garage Sale in Zion's Fellowship Hall

Thursday & Friday, September 21 & 22

The Mum Festival will be here before we know it and you know what that means - **Zion's Mum Festival Garage Sale** is right around the corner! There are many opportunities for you to volunteer and we will need lots of helping hands to pull off this fundraiser. All proceeds benefit Zion's outreach ministries.

We need donations - furniture, toys, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, DVD's, CD's, tools, sporting goods, seasonal decorations, garden items, home decor, etc. We ask that all donated items be in **good, clean condition and in working order**. We Do NOT accept clothing, bed pillows, TVs, treadmills or large exercise equipment, car seats, estate or garage sale leftovers.

Donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning Saturday, September 16 before or after the 5:00 service, Sunday, Sept. 17 after service until 4:00, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18 & 19 until noon. The last day to bring in donations is noon on Tuesday, Sept. 19. If you need an item picked up, call Bob Keppel (937-689-3892). We don't have room to store anything before the 16th so hold on to your items until then.

We also need many folks to help with setting up the sale, picking up items, pricing, working the days of the sale and cleaning up when the sale is over. A signup sheet in the hallway is coming soon.



Blessing of the Pets

August 19th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Location: In front of the church Rain location: under the portico

Pastor Dale will offer each pet and its owner a prayer and a blessing.



Simply Give

The Needy Basket Food Pantry is participating in the Meijer *Simply Give* program at the Troy store now through Sept. 30. The program encourages customers to purchase \$10 *Simply Give* donation cards, which are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards for use by Needy Basket. In addition, Meijer will double match any cards purchased on Saturday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 9, effectively tripling contributions made on those days. In addition to purchasing cards at the Troy store, donations can be sent directly to Tipp Needy Basket.

How Can We Pray for You?

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



We need two people per day to assist Pastor Dale.

A sign-up sheet will be passed in church and then hung in the fellowship hallway.



Women of Zion Brat Dinner

When: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Details to come



Life Line Screening will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Zion on **Wednesday October 4, 2023.**

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered, which take 60-90 minutes.

A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway, or call 1-844-591-7160 to register.

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If you are interested in seeing Zion's financials (balance sheet and income statement), there are a few copies available beside the Tidings basket, on the table in the narthex.

Clubhouse Was Here

Did you know that from June 12 through July 27, the Clubhouse met at Zion Monday through Thursday from 12:00 to 3:00? It's a program run by Ginghamsburg church for kids who have completed grades 2 – 6. It is the 838th Point of Light Award Winner and part of Dream Builders Group Inc., a nonprofit formed in 1993 to develop youth and communities. Clubhouse provides a biblically based environment for underprivileged kids. Each day *Lunch on Us* provided a healthy meal and the kids are engaged in fun meaningful activities. There are multiple Clubhouse locations in the Miami Valley, positioned to serve local families.

The program's mission is to "train teens to run free after school and summer faith-based programs for elementary children with limited opportunities." These teens who "graduate" from Clubhouse can apply for a four-year renewable \$1,200 scholarship for college, technical etc. education.

The Clubhouse leaders appreciated being able to meet here and were very respectful of our facilities. Yet another way Zion is "Serving Christ Through Serving Others".



















VBS Follow-up

Vacation Bible School was held on July 17-21 for grades K-5. Chuck Swanson provided a giant helping hand in planning meals that were served from 5:30-5:55 pm for kids and parents. 11 kids attended and had a great time. Kristen Zimmann offered a special event for parents as well. We had 29 volunteers who helped and 25 people donated food for the dinners. Adult Sunday School collected around \$800 last year, some of which was used to pay for imagination station and awesome bible adventure supplies.

Thank you to all those who contributed to making VBS a success!

Thank you to all who helped, provided food, and provided money.



























Council Meeting Report

July 11, 2023

- 1. Approved meeting minutes from June 13th Council Meeting.
- 2. Approved the May 2023 financial reports.
- 3. Upcoming Dates Noted:
 - 1. Vacation Bible School July 17th -21st
 - 2. How Can We Pray for You -August 14th -18th
 - 3. Special Summer Worship in the Park August 20th
- WoZ—Acceptance of Garage Sale Items -September 16th -17th -18th and 19th
- 5. Concrete Work on the West Side/Alley Side will begin soon.

Next Meeting: August 8th



Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Prayer requests for this week: Pray for the family and friends of Herb Johnson who passed away on Saturday July 22. Visitation is Saturday July 29 at 10:00 and the service is at 11:00 at Zion Lutheran Church. Please pray for Barb Kruse, 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. Lord, please fill the Deiderich family with your spirit.

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.

Zion Night at the Dayton Dragons

It was a great night for baseball. Church members, friends and family, totaling 38 people, were there from Zion. We even got recognized on the Jumbotron! The Dragons won and as a special surprise, there were fireworks after the game. A good time was had by all!



























Constitution Revision

Zion needs to revise our constitution per the ELCA. If you are interested in serving on this task force, please contact Denise Jacobs at 937-524-6330.

One to two volunteers are needed for approximately 3-4 meetings.



Property Committee Meeting Report

July 3, 2023

The committee discussed finding chair racks to store the new Fellowship Hall folding chairs. Estimates for concrete work on the ramp on the west side of the building will be obtained. The committee discussed needed restoration work on the Rose window on the Main St. side of the sanctuary. The Stained-Glass Window fund will need to be increased to cover the cost. The monthly work list was completed. The next meeting of the Property Committee will be **Monday**, **August 7 at 6:00 p.m.**

Women of Zion Meeting Report

July 9, 2023

- * Lunch at Liberty Commons. Several donations were made and delivered to TMCS by Deb Keppel and Jill Greer.
- * July Mission of the Month is LWR Health Kits. Donations are beginning to come in.
- * August Mission of the Month is LWR School Kits. Kathy Groth reported prep is underway for this.
- * Discussion continued regarding chairs for the fellowship hall. Linda Holt will talk to Sam's Club about getting these. We will also check into getting racks on which to store the chairs.
- * Women of Zion Garage Sale will be September 21-22. Donations will be accepted beginning Saturday, September 16th and continue on the 17th, 18th and 19th.
- * The church picnic and worship service will be August 20 at the City Park. WoZ will provide beverages.
- * Debbie Rudisill reported that three baby blankets and one woman's prayer shawl were distributed. More are needed.
- * Wrap-up for Relay For Life; almost \$4,700 was raised by the Holy Walkamolies For The Cure for the American Cancer Society.

Next meeting will be Sunday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You

Thanks to all who helped with *Lunch on Us* during the week of July 10. Ruth White, May Fischvogt, Debby and Richard Geiman, Lois Davis, Tamara Satkowski, Judy Bailey, Bob and Deb Keppel, Mitch and Cindy Tayse, Kim Jones, Dale Schaefer, Sharon Knick, Carla Frame and Linda Holt helped put together over 200 lunches each day and helped deliver them to 8 distribution sites around Tipp City and Monroe Township.



In The News



A photo of a team of workers from Zion was featured in the front-page article about *Lunch on Us* in the July 19th edition of the Tippecanoe Gazette.

Thank You from Tipp Monroe Community Services

On behalf of Tipp Monroe Community Services, thank you for your generous donation of items for the Lunch at Liberty program. The residents were so thankful for the items and had fun choosing the item in the Liberty store we set up or winning some of the bigger items at bingo.

The stated purpose of Community Services is to "learn the community's needs in education, recreation, culture, social services and then find or develop the resources to meet those needs." Your donation allows Community Services to continue to offer programming to our community.

Once again, we thank you for the contribution and appreciate the support.

"WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!"

Sincerely, Kathryn L. Taylor Director





August 2023 Calendar of Events at Zion

