

# ZION TIDINGS

September 2023



*“Serving Christ through Serving Others”*

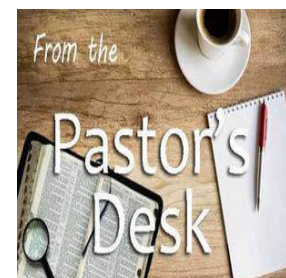
## A Question and a Thank You!

As we transition from summer to a new season with new activities and new opportunities, I want to pause and reflect on the question Jesus asks of His disciples midway through the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew (vs. 13-15). Jesus first asks “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” The disciples offer some suggestions, John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. But then, Jesus cuts to the chase in verse 15 and asks “But who do you say that I am?” We only get a clear answer from Peter who boldly declares “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” So, we are left to wonder how the other disciples responded. If the Bible is the living Word of God, which I believe it is, then we are left with that same question of Jesus, “But who do you say that I am?” That question continues to be asked down through the ages, through church after church that takes seriously their adventures of faith with Jesus. The question still rings true today, Jesus asks “who do you say that I am?” We have the privilege of answering that question personally. We cannot answer for someone else, nor can they respond for us. It is a question that begs an answer, who do you say that Jesus is? Thanks for taking time to contemplate and respond to this timely question.

Speaking of thank you’s, here are a few more:

- \* Thank you for your faithful worship attendance through the summer months.
- \* Thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church.
- \* Thank you to the many, many volunteers that help to make our worship services run along smoothly: readers, greeters, ushers, acolytes, sound & video techs.
- \* Thank you to all who helped pray with our community on the front lawn of the church.
- \* Thank you to those who helped with the Blessing of the Pets.
- \* Thank you to all who helped make our worship service at the Roundhouse so fun, delicious and inspirational.
- \* Thank you for the countless ways you witness to your faith out in the community, and the wonderful ways you carry the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church out into the world “Serving Christ Through Serving Others!”

God Bless You!  
Pastor Dale



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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE October “TIDINGS” is Thursday, September 21, 2023**

## Mission of the Month

### *Family Abuse Shelter*

For September, the Women of Zion have chosen to support the Family Abuse Shelter. Here are some examples of NEW, unopened donations they will gladly accept:

PJ's – Adult & child	Toothbrushes & toothpaste	Blankets
Toilet paper	Lysol wipes	Baby wipes
Trash bags	Shampoo	Baby clothes
Paper towels	Conditioner	Children's clothes 1-8
Tissues	Deodorant	Toys
Cleaning products	Body wash	Canned Formula
Twin sheets	Feminine hygiene products	Diapers (all sizes)

Thrivent monies will be accessed to help with this project.  
If you have questions, contact Ginger Schaefer  
at 419-250-0236.



**Family Abuse Shelter**  
*of Miami County*

## September Birthdays

2	Jeff Mitchell	11	Chuck Swanson	26	Bryce Clum
4	Lilian Nichols	15	Debbie Turner	29	Allison Cartwright
7	Tim Garvic	18	Linda Short		
9	Alicia Weprin	19	Kathy Groth		
10	Ethan Freitag Jessica Lopez	20	Charlotte Dorn		



## Choir Returns

Wow! What a great turnout last month at the roundhouse service! The food was wonderful!

Choir season will start **Wednesday, September 13**, with the first choir rehearsal. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday, from 7pm to 8pm. Emails have been sent out to choir members and the church office about our schedule for September and October and planning dates for the entire season (thru mid-May). For those considering joining the choir, please keep in mind that we do skip some rehearsals and Sunday performances throughout the year. Also, for those considering joining, I try to build up to more complex anthems after a few weeks of "remembering how to sing again" has passed. The voice is a fragile instrument that needs to be nurtured.

In September, we'll be singing once again from our hymnal supplement, All Creation Sings, as well as a favorite from the past, The Artist.

In early October, we'll sing a favorite that our current choir members know, River in Judea, as well as continuing to work out of the supplement, featuring guitars and piano accompaniment.

We're going to have a great choir season!

Bill



## Upcoming Events

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 up. We will feed you and we promise you'll have a good time! We also need paper grocery sacks for the bag sale and some plastic bags. You can bring these in and put them in the Fellowship Hall after September 16.



## 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, any cards purchased on **Saturday, Sept. 9**, effectively tripling contributions made on that day. In addition to purchasing cards at the Troy store, donations can be sent directly to Tipp Needy Basket.



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Zion Lutheran Church on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

#### **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

#### **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

#### **Atrial Fibrillation**

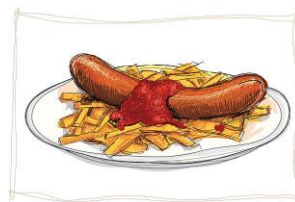
A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lsa.social/HC>

## **Women of Zion Brat Dinner**

When: **Saturday, October 7, 2023**

Details to come



## **Call Committee Update**

In the most recent communication with the Synod, Pastor Bob Abrams, Assistant to the Bishop, said that he is diligently looking for candidates.

Of course, we hoped to have a new pastor by now. We are very thankful for Pastor Dale who is serving us faithfully. Kristen Zimmann, Kervyn Mach and Doug Jacobs are blessings to us, as well. Please continue to keep these servants of Zion in your prayers.

We are moving forward with prayers and faith that God will send us the perfect candidate in His time, not ours. "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them." (Romans 8:28)

The Call Committee: Linda Holt, Bob Keppel, Bill DeVenzio, Tim Rambeau, Carla Frame, Maddie Lopez, Jennifer Johnson



## Sunday School is Back

Sunday School begins September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Adults:** The first series the class will explore is John Ortberg's *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat*. Participants learn how to move beyond fear, responding to God's unique calling. This participant's guide is filled with insights, questions for discussion and application that will help you connect a new way of thinking to actual deeds and a different approach to life. The six weeks of lessons include DVD content.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 and convenes in the Adult Sunday School room off the hallway toward the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us for lively discussion and fellowship

**Kids & Youth:** Please pray for our Sunday School teachers, and consider how you can help! We will be looking for volunteers to teach and assist the kids and youth. If you feel that God is calling you to help, please reach out to Jessica Dorn.

The Youth grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> will be working with Pastor Dale. If the youth have completed confirmation, they may choose to go to the adult Sunday school or continue to participate with the other youth.

The Kids in grades k-5 will be learning about;

9/10: Rally Day – Matthew 10:30

9/17: Creation Genesis 1:1-2:4

9/24: Adam and Eve/Original Sin Genesis 3: 1-24

10/1: Noah Genesis 6-9

10/8: Abraham Genesis 12:1-9

10/15: Abraham and Sarah Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; 18:1-15; 21:1-7

If your child will not be here for a weekend but you would like for them to learn from home, please reach out to me and I will give you the craft along with the lesson which can be watched on Right Now Media.

## Update on Fellowship Hall Chairs

As of this writing, we have purchased 60 folding plastic chairs, the goal being 120. We have money for 12 arm chairs, with 18 more needed. We have purchased 10 arm chairs so far. Plastic chairs are about \$25 each and arm chairs about \$75 each. Each type of chair is in the narthex for you to try out.

The goal is to have all the chairs purchased by our November Thanksgiving dinner. What is happening to the current chairs? If any member wants a few, please feel free to take them. If any member wants to borrow a few for private occasions, we will be saving some for that purpose so the new chairs will not be taken out of the building.

Two racks for the folding chairs have been purchased. The arm chairs are stackable.

If you would like to contribute money for a plastic folding chair or an arm chair, put your donation (checks written to **WOMEN OF ZION** and cash in an envelope marked **CHAIRS**) in the offering plate or you may drop the donation off in the office. Keep an eye on the thermometer chart in the narthex for updates. Thanks to all contributors!

Linda Holt,  
Women of Zion



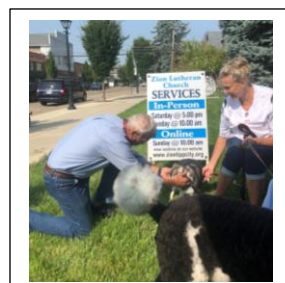
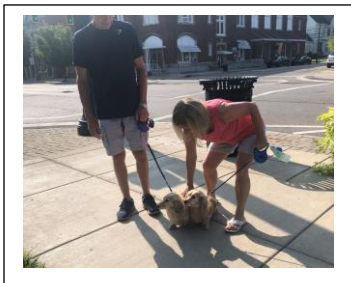
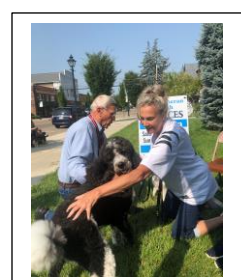
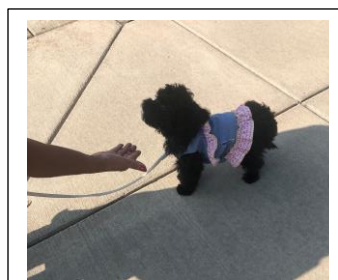
## Church Picnic

It was a great time of faith and fellowship. The delicious meal, contributed by all, was followed by bingo games, complete with prizes.



## Blessing of the Pets

Pastor Dale blessed 12 dogs on August 19<sup>th</sup>, with Debbie Turner and Deb Keppel assisting.



## Council Meeting Report

August 8, 2023

1. Approved meeting minutes with minor corrections from July 11th Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the June 2023 financial reports.
3. Upcoming Dates Noted:
  1. How Can We Pray for You –August 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>
  2. Special Summer Worship and Picnic in the Park August 20<sup>th</sup>
  3. Zion Volunteer Breakfast date sometime on a Saturday in late September
4. WOZ Upcoming Project Dates:
  1. Mum Festival Garage Sale Sept 21 and 22
  2. Women of Zion Brat Dinner October 7<sup>th</sup>
  3. Quit Project Distribution will begin soon!

Next Meeting: September 12th



## Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

**Prayer requests** Pray for the Clark family whose son passed away in the school bus accident. His father is a teacher at Bethel. Keep in your prayers Lil Nichols whose sister, Marlaina, passed away. Please pray for Barb Kruse, Kyle Watkins, Dave Cook has stage 4 cancer, Sue Cook has stage 4 breast cancer. Pray for Chalmer Mader, Christine Copeland, Pat Cowan who is now at SpringMeade, Miriam Comer, Fred Staie, 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, Gwen Miller, and Marina Hernandez. Please pray for Mike Werts. He had a small stroke that was brought on by a heart problem. He will have a pacemaker and there is no stroke damage.

**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.



## How Can We Pray for You?

Pastor Dale, along with Bob Keppel, Phil Elliott, Ken Bailey, Chuck Drake, Linda Holt, Lily Nichols, Kristen Zimmann and Chris Frame manned the booth from 9:00 – 11:00 am Monday – Friday, August 14-18<sup>th</sup>. Aside from Monday, the weather was great. Twenty -seven individuals were prayed with and numerous folks honked and gave positive feedback from their cars.



## Another Eyeglass Update

The Lions Club picked up another 36 pairs of glasses at Zion in August. That brings the total we have donated to 74 pairs, which will be repurposed for those in need!



## 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. If you use the Right Now Media App, please let someone from council or Jessica Dorn know as we are considering whether or not to keep this subscription. 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>







**In the past 25 years, dedicated quilters and kit makers like you have donated:**



**9,191,127**  
**QUILTS**



They would cover 11 square miles, or half of Manhattan!



**AND**  
**9,493,141**  
**KITS**



That's more than one for every person in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Nebraska combined!



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Thank you for sharing God's love with so many neighbors in need!

## Randall Residence Outreach



And a good time was had by all. Join us!

Wow, we went from 6 Randall Residence folks and 4 Zion volunteers to 30, including 8 volunteers from Zion. What a good old fashioned hymn sing, with devotions by Carole and the offering and partaking of holy communion as the ending cornerstone of the program on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00 pm. It was a hands-on example of "serving Christ through serving others". Thanks to Sharon, Babs, Carole, Pam, Ruth, Garry, Joyce, Donna and all those in our congregation that pray for us.

Randall Residence Volunteers from Zion

## Thank You

Dear Zion,

I'm not sure who to thank so I'll make my thank you to the whole church.

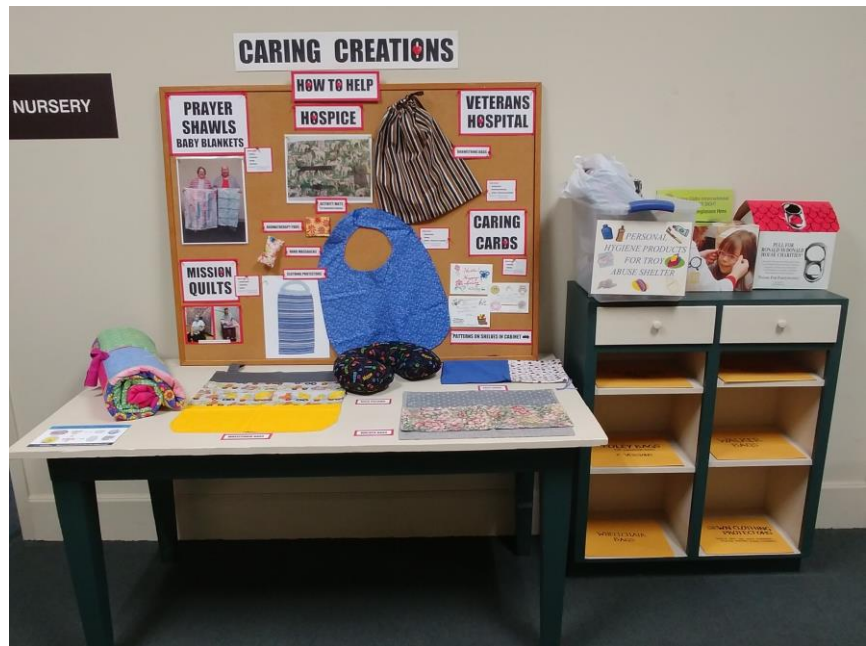
I received a wonderful card for Kroger's, for painting the VBS posters. That wasn't necessary, but I appreciate the gesture.

My goal is to let God's love shine through the talent and drive He has given me, so I appreciate the opportunity!

Yours in Christ – Thank You  
Lilian Nichols

## Caring Creations

Next time you are walking from the Walnut Street entrance to the sanctuary, stop at the newly renovated table and cupboard in the hallway. It has always been about several great ministries in this church but had gotten too cluttered to be understandable. Take a minute to see the many ways we “Serve Christ through Serving Others” and see if there are ways you can contribute. You don’t have to be a sewer, but they would love to have help in that area



too. If you can cut fabric, tie knots, insert drawstrings in bags, sew on buttons, stuff filling, knit, crochet, stamp, color or make deliveries, you can help.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - If you knit, crochet, or sew, they would like to use your skill to share God's love with others. Since the Prayer Shawl Ministry began in 2019, 14 men and 39 women have been blessed with prayer shawls. Also, they have blessed 17 babies with baby blankets. Thanks to George Hackbardt, Brad Kennedy, and Susie Gray they have LOTS of yarn for our knitters and crocheters to use. They can also use people who would be willing to deliver prayer shawls and baby blankets. If you would be interested in making prayer shawls or baby blankets, or delivering them, please contact Debbie Rudisill for more information. Also contact Debbie if you know someone who needs to receive a prayer shawl or baby blanket.

**Mission Quilts** – The quilters create between 150-200 quilts per year that are sent to Lutheran World Relief, the Veterans Hospital and needy families at Christmas. If you can cut fabric, tie knots or sew, they can use your help. Contact Kathy Groth or Maggie Powder if you have questions or wish to help.

**Hospice** of Miami County can use clothing protectors, either sewn or made from towels with a crocheted top, neck pillows, aromatherapy pads, hand massagers, walker bags, foley bags (that hold catheter bags), wheelchair bags and activity mats for dementia patients. If you can cut fabric, stuff filling, sew, crochet, or sew on buttons, they can use your help.


**The Veterans Hospital** can use walker bags, wheelchair bags, drawstring bags and foley bags. If you can sew or insert drawstrings, they would love your assistance.

**Caring Cards** ministry also contributes to veterans by sending them hand stamped and colored cards. If you can stamp or color, they can use your skills. If you are interested in assisting with Hospice or VA items, patterns/instructions are available in the cupboard next to the table. Questions?... contact Ruth White.

Zion has many gifted, generous people contributing to these worthwhile causes but they can always use more help!

# September 2023

## Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	 Office Closed	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	6	7	8	9
10	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6 Boy Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5:00 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	Music Mtg. 6 Choir Rehearse	Blood Drive 11:30	15	16
17	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	Choir Rehearse	21	22	Communion Saturday
Randall Residence Outreach	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	Choir Rehearse	28	29	30