

ZION TIDINGS

October 2023



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

Have You Ever?

So, have you ever read the lessons for a worship service at Zion; have you ever been a greeter or an usher, or an acolyte; have you ever served on a committee or church council; have you ever helped make the beautiful quilts, prayer shawls or baby blankets; have you ever taught a Sunday School class; have you ever helped in the kitchen with a congregational meal or funeral lunch; have you ever given someone a ride to church; have you ever mowed the church lawn or helped with a clean up day; have you ever sung in the choir or assisted musically with worship; have you ever helped with the garage sale; or have you served the Lord in any other way through Zion Lutheran Church?? If your answer is YES, then you are invited to our first **Volunteer Breakfast!**

That's right, you are invited to breakfast on **Saturday October 28th at 10:00 am** in the fellowship hall at the church. “Chris Cakes of Ohio” will be flipping pancakes and serving up sausage, while Victor Thomas, aka “Happy the Clown”, will be strolling around bringing smiles and laughter. October 1st, I will have a sign-up sheet in the hallway for you to sign up so we know how many will be attending on Saturday October 28th.

Thanks for all that you do to make Zion Lutheran Church a beacon of light and hope in Tipp City.

God Bless You!
Pastor Dale



Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church 14 West Walnut St., Tipp City, Ohio 45371- Phone: 1(937) 667-3110

Web Site: www.ziontippcity.org **Emails:** Pastor Dale Schaefer - office@ziontippcity.org

Zion office - office@ziontippcity.org **Prayer requests** - prayers@ziontippcity.org or office@ziontippcity.org

Jessica Dorn, Christian Education director - christianed@ziontippcity.org

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE October “TIDINGS” is Friday, October 20, 2023

Mission of the Month

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.



Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure located in the narthex (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.)

If you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.



October Birthdays

1	Garry Yunker	16	Ken Bailey	24	Jason Weprin
3	Felicia Young	18	Chris Frame	25	Steve Tritle
6	Reagan Phillips	19	Jay Lopez	29	Olivia Phillips
8	Wayne Fronczak James Garvic	20	Jill Knutson Kristen Zimmann	30	Brian Copeland Marriah Phillips Katelin Smith
12	Bennett Witwer	22	Jeff Johnson		
13	Madelyn Lopez	23	Chuck Powder	31	Troy Kennedy



Upcoming Events

Women of Zion Brat Dinner

Saturday, October 7th

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Join us for our annual brat dinner in the fellowship hall. Carry out is also available. The cost is only \$8 presale or \$9 the day of the dinner for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets will be available for purchase before & after church in the narthex or at the office from 8-12, Monday – Friday.

Menu:

Brat or Hot Dog

Sauerkraut

Green Beans

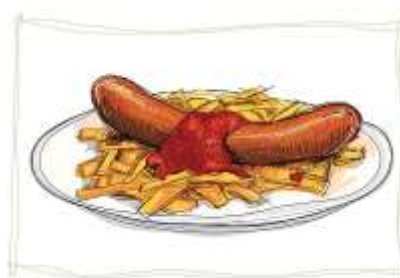
Mashed Potatoes

Chunky Applesauce

Dinner Roll

Pie

Beverage



Proceeds support missions. The public is welcome so invite friends and family and enjoy a delicious meal while benefitting the missions of Zion.

Volunteer Breakfast

Saturday, October 28th

10:00 am



If you have volunteered at Zion in any capacity, you are invited to enjoy breakfast by Chris Cakes. Happy the Clown will be here to provide entertainment and music. Our way of saying thanks for giving of your time!

A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

Blessing of the Quilts

The many quilts that have been lovingly created by Zion ladies will be blessed during worship services on **Saturday, September 30th** and **Sunday, October 1st** before they are sent out to bless those in need.





Time is running out....sign up today!

Did you know? "80% of strokes are preventable, according to the American Heart Association and Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease".

You can take advantage of these health screenings today by signing up for the complete stroke screening package which includes four screenings for vascular disease; **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Atrial Fibrillation, Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**. These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Appointment times are filling up! Please don't miss your chance to make your appointment today before the event on **October 4th**, here at Zion is full!

Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to **1-844-591-7160** or **text** the word "**circle**" to **216-279-1607** or visit <https://lisa.social/HC>.

Women's Day Retreat

November 4th – 9 am – 3:15 pm

Come enjoy a day of women's fellowship and learning. Our topic is the "Freedom of God's Grace", led by Kristen Zimmann. There is no fee but please register on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway. Lunch will be provided.



Fellowship Hall Chairs – Mission Accomplished

The money to purchase new chairs for the Fellowship Hall has been raised! Thanks to all congregation members who donated. The Women of Zion received \$3500 from The Clothesline for their volunteer work, which will be put toward the chairs. These ladies are Zion's Clothesline volunteers: Kim Jones, Judy Bailey, Linda Sumner, Donna Slyman, Deb Keppel, Kathy Groth, Sharon Byrd, Ginger Schaefer and Miriam Comer (Volunteer Emeritus).

As of 9-12-23, most of the chairs have been purchased. We will keep our fingers crossed that the rest will be delivered by November 1.

If you would like one (or two or three or four) of the old chairs and you have donated money, please help yourself. If you didn't donate and would like a chair or two, a donation to Women of Zion is appreciated. A few of the old chairs will be kept at the church for you to **borrow** for personal events.

Thanks to all for your support!



Kids Sunday School Teacher Meeting

1. A schedule has been set-up for class to be instructed by different teachers each week. It was requested that a trade be made if the teacher becomes unavailable for their assigned date.
2. The curriculum for each week is in a different box labeled by week, in the Sunday School room.
3. There is a list of 15 tasks for the kids to complete. As they are completed, kids receive a sticker. Once their chart is full, they will receive a candy bar of their choice as a reward.

Ways to get Sunday School Stickers

1. Attend Sunday School
 2. Bring a friend to church/ Sunday school (1st time a friend comes)
 3. Acolyte (1 a month)
 4. Memorize Memory Verse
- Special Monthly Sticker (1 a month)
5. **September**- Watch Right Now Media with your family and have a parent tell Jessica about it
 6. **October**- No tricks, just treat! Make/decorate a few Christian Themed book marks and give them to others to remind that that God loves them. Share your experience with the Sunday School class!
 7. **November**- Make a card for Pastor Dale and your Sunday School Teacher
 8. **December**- participate in our Christmas Production during worship
 9. **January**- Tell someone in your family why you love and appreciate them. Share your experience with Jessica.
 10. **February**- Make 3 valentine's cards for people at church to remind them that Jesus loves them. Share your experience with the Sunday School class!
 11. **March**- Do something nice for someone else without being asked. Share your experience with the Sunday School class!
 12. **April** – Bring your dad, grandfather, or uncle to Sunday School
 13. **May** – Bring your mom, grandma, or aunt to Sunday School
14. Bring your family to a Sunday School Luncheon
 15. Watch a video with your family on Right Now Media and tell Jessica about it

4. It was recommended that they have a pizza lunch after church once a month with the first one on September 24th. It will be open to all church members. If it is successful, it will be continued.
5. Right Now Media may not be renewed in November if not enough people are using it.

Sunday School Started September 10th

The Youth grades 6-12th are 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;

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.

Zion Garage Sale – Thank You

Maybe you donated some items and/or bought some items. Maybe you helped advertise the sale on your Facebook page. Or you help set up the sale by organizing and pricing all of those hundreds of donations. You may have picked up donations from people with your truck or trailer. You might have worked on the days of the sale checking out the customers. You may have made a salad or cookies or made sure there were sandwiches for the hungry workers. And then when it was all said and done, you boxed up the leftovers and carted them out the door to be donated to Vietnam Vets.

Whatever you did, we are so very blessed and thankful that you helped the Women of Zion with our annual Mum Festival Garage Sale.

This year's sale made approximately \$3,450, which will benefit Zion's Outreach Ministries.



Treasures galore filled the hallway and fellowship hall.



Zion Volunteers ready for customers



Anxious customers waiting for the door to open



The shop-a-thon began



Council Meeting Report

September 12, 2023

1. Approved meeting minutes August 8th Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the July 2023 financial reports.
3. Kervyn has accepted the pastoral position with Bethel Church Springfield Ohio starting January 1st, 2024.
4. Pastor noted the upcoming event:
 - Zion Volunteer Breakfast October 28th
5. WOZ Upcoming Project Dates:
 - Mum Festival Garage Sale Sept 21 and 22
 - Women of Zion Brat Dinner October 7th
6. The search committee has a candidate and will be interviewed as soon as a date is established with the candidate.
7. The Finance and Investment Committee is working on the budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting which will be held on November 19th.
8. The council discussed a quote from Star City Concrete for repair of the alley entrance to the west side of the church. The Council wants to move forward with the project and is calling a meeting of the membership to present and seek approval of the project. This Congregational meeting will be held on October 1st.



Next Meeting: **October 10th**

Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Prayer requests: Pray for Katie Kessler as she awaits back surgery on October 11. Keep Greg Watkins in your prayers, as well as Kyle Watkins and Bryan Watkins. Prayers are requested for Barb Turner and Greg Gilbert. Greg had neck surgery and will be hospitalized until Friday. Pray for the family and friends of Carolyn Oaks, who passed away on September 18. Linda Hood fell and broke some bones in her face. She has been in the hospital in Florida. Keep in your prayers Barb Kruse. Dave Cook has stage 4 cancer and his wife Sue Cook has stage 4 breast cancer. Pray for Chalmer Mader, Christine Copeland, Pat Cowan, Miriam Comer, Fred Staie, Debbie Weprin, Andrew Weprin, Jason Weprin, Cindy Moore, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers, Shirley Rawlins, AnnaMarie Stover, Jan Aller, Tom and Alice Replogle, Gloria Bilbay, Gwen Miller, and Marina Hernandez. Pray for Bob and Wanda Lenehan's son-in-law, Bob Riepenhoff, who is having kidney problems after surgery.

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.



Music and Worship Meeting

The Zion Worship and Music Committee met on Weds., Sept. 13. Attending were: Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Lil Nichols, Pastor Dale Schaefer, and Lori Sebastian

We discussed upcoming festival service dates. Reformation services will be October 28/29. All Saints services will be November 4/5.

For special musicians, thanks went to:

- a. Bill Jones for providing guitar for the Roundhouse worship.
- b. Susie Gray for covering 2 Sundays so Lori could travel.
- c. the Taysen family for their vocal/ guitar ensemble.

Vocal Choir provided updates. Bill and Susie have music picked for the calendar year! They also provided a schedule of rehearsals and dates choir will sing. We had 15 at the first rehearsal held later this night!! Bill and Mitch plan to accompany the choir on guitar from some new pieces from All Creation Sings. Susie is hosting a choir party – Sunday, September 24 – 2:30pm. For bells, Lori will review the schedule for fall dates. For altar committee, Carla Frame and Deb Keppel did not have updates at this time.

For the service – we will remain in setting 2 this fall. The reader is handling the psalm at Sunday services. We may switch verses for the Pentecost canticle – ELW 401. Susie provided updates on special musicians. Kristen Zimmann and Annette Calicoat both offered to play flute when needed for choir anthems. Susie also has a lead on a cello player! Pastor updated us that there are currently 2 pastoral candidates. He is also working on a volunteer breakfast Saturday, October 28 at 10am.

Chuck Powder and Andrew Weprin are working on the sanctuary sound system. There were no further updates to report. One update for remote worship and live streaming was the need to have more people trained on the video equipment.

Next meeting date is **Wednesday, November 8th – 6pm**



We strive to keep our records current on all members. Please let us know if you change phone numbers, relocate etc. It would be a great help to us.

Thank you.

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>



Property Committee Meeting Report

September 11, 2023

The Property Committee met to discuss upcoming repairs to the old church building. The ramp on the alley needs to be replaced and a window in the basement needs repair. The second new chair rack was assembled and the new folding chairs are being stored on them. It was discovered that the new stacking arm chairs can be stored on the old chair racks. The monthly work list was completed. The next meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday,
October 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Women of Zion Meeting Report

September 10, 2023

- LWR School Kits – 78 kits have been packed.
- Donations are coming in for the Family Abuse Shelter, the September mission of the month.
- All money needed to purchase chairs for the fellowship hall has been raised, either through donations by the congregation or received from the clothesline. Chairs have been ordered, the racks to store the chairs have been received.
- Operation Christmas Child is the October mission of the month. Labels have been ordered. We have boxes.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry. There are several shawls to be blessed. Debbie Rudisill will talk with Pastor Dale about a date to do this.
- Mum Festival Garage Sale September 21-22 plans are in place. Drop off can begin September 16th. Vietnam Vets will take any leftover items.
- Brat Supper October 7th. Chuck Swanson will coordinate this with Donna Slyman.
- WoZ Christmas Gathering will be Thursday, December 7th.

Next meeting will be Sunday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m. (note time change)

Caring Creations Appreciated

Finished items that were on the Caring Creations table were donated to Hospice of Miami County. They sent the following thank you note:

Thank you so much for your very generous donations of hand pillows, foley bag covers & clothing protectors. They are being put to good use already! Thank you for thinking of us (our patients).

Vicky McKinley, Hospice of Miami County

Letter from Jason

Dear Family in Christ,

I miss all of you greatly. I continue to stay strong in my faith of God and Jesus, and hope you are doing the same. I am still filled with hope to reunite with you soon. This has been a long hard journey. God has given me the opportunity to serve others with my testimonies, my empathy, and my faith. Remember that you can serve God and others in less than ideal circumstances. In fact, our greatest need to serve is in these undesirable circumstances. Don't miss opportunities to spread God's Word and the gospel to others. You very well may be the only chance someone you meet has the chance to be saved.

I pray for the entire congregation of Zion. I hope you are all doing well. Feel free to write to me sharing your journeys of faith, heartaches, prayer requests etc. I have many of to write to personally still, and I intend to as time and funding permit. God bless each every one of you.

Yours in Christ,
Jason Weprin

Send all correspondence to: Smart Communication Montgomery County SO
Attn: Jason Weprin #22-007962
P.O. Box 9123
Seminole, FL 33775-9123

Thank You, Thank You

My family and I want to thank the men and women of Zion for the meal you prepared for after Bob's funeral. It was very much appreciated.

Also, I want to thank everyone who sent cards of sympathy with notes of peace, comfort, memories and prayers.

Thanks again,
Ruth Stollmer and Family

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

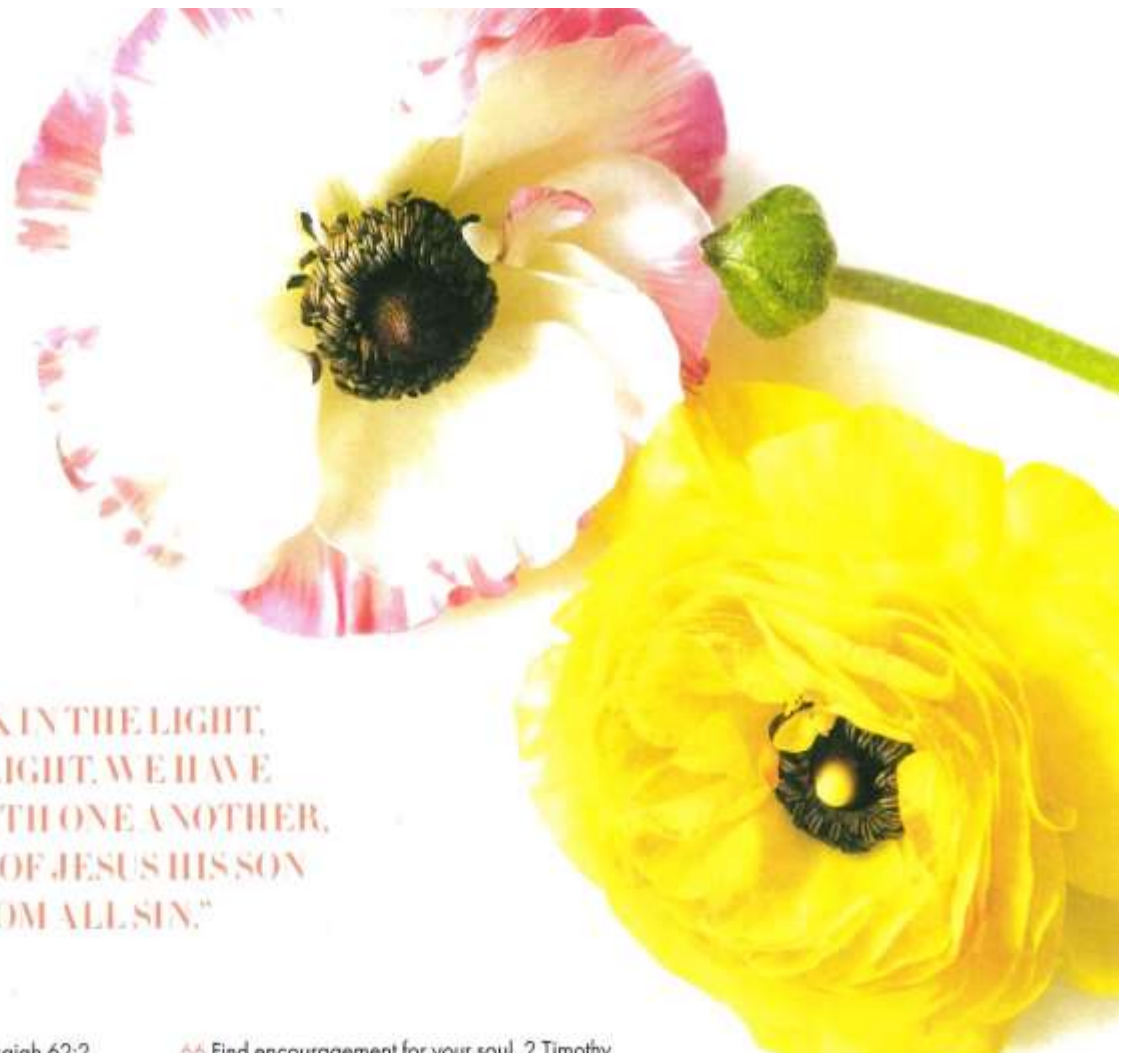
Thank you for your gift of \$500 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share the amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,
Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity, ELCA



**"BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT,
AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE
FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER,
AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS HIS SON
CLEANSES US FROM ALL SIN."**

—1 JOHN 1:7 ESV

46 Learn about other countries. Isaiah 62:2

47 **MEET COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE.**
COLOSSIANS 3:12

48 You can hug and be hugged. Acts 20:37

49 It's okay to cry there. Nehemiah 1:4

50 It's cheaper than therapy. Psalm 73:24

51 Holidays are the best here. Romans 14:5-6

52 Dress up or wear jeans. Matthew 6:29-30

53 You may be asked to go out for lunch after
the service. Psalm 133:1-3

54 Make friends; be friendly. John 12:1-2

55 It's an antidote to fear and worry.

Philippians 4:6

56 For comfort in difficult times. 2 Corinthians
1:3-6

57 Be a happier person. Colossians 3:15

58 Have a place to go in times of trouble.

Psalm 9:9

59 You can join a group helping others, as Jesus
taught. Matthew 25:43-45

60 To restore your spirit. Matthew 11:28-30

61 Connect with others. 1 John 1:7

62 For accountability. Psalm 38:18

63 Join in corporate worship. Colossians 3:16

64 **SHARE IN CORPORATE PRAYER.**
MATTHEW 18:20

65 Challenge your understanding of truth.
Matthew 18:15

66 Find encouragement for your soul. 2 Timothy
4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:11

67 Hear testimonies; examples of how people
came to accept Christ. John 5:5-15

68 To help others. Colossians 4:2-4

69 To encourage nonbelievers. Colossians
4:5-6

70 Find strength in numbers. Acts 16:5

71 Give your confession to people who will pray
and support you to overcome sin. Galatians
6:1-6

72 Share communion. Luke 22:17-20

73 Keep the Sabbath holy. Hebrews 4:9-10

74 Please God by worshiping with other

believers. Psalm 35:18

75 Become the dwelling place of the Spirit of
God on earth. Ephesians 2:20-22

76 To seek God. Luke 24:27

77 Enjoy fellowship. Psalm 133:1-3

78 **GIVE BACK BY TITHING TIME AND**
MONEY. 1 CHRONICLES 29:10-14

79 Improve your work ethic. 2 Kings 12:15

80 Help with family relations. Colossians
3:18-21

81 For greater life purpose. 1 Corinthians
12:12-27

82 Instill a discipline of prayer. Ephesians 6:18

83 Commit to a discipline of worship. John 4:24

84 Find contentment. Proverbs 19:23

85 Build enthusiasm for reading the Bible.
Hebrews 4:12

86 **TO FEED THE SOUL. PSALM 84:2**

87 Learn to evangelize nonbelievers.

Acts 16:29-34

88 Receive teachings inspired by the Holy Spirit
through church leaders. Joshua 8:33-35

89 To be encouraged and challenged by people
in different stages of life. Titus 2:1-8

90 For timely messages. Nehemiah 8:3

91 Receive hope. 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

92 For deeper understanding of God's mercy.

1 Timothy 1:13-17

93 Gain urgency of the Gospel. Acts 8:30-40

94 Experience joy in God's house. Isaiah 56:7

95 To be refreshed. Colossians 3:1-14

96 Learn how to live as Christ. Ephesians 4:1

97 It's an opportunity to be reverent. Psalm 5:7

98 Improve your perspective. 2 Corinthians
1:3-6

99 Delight in God's provision. Psalm 46

100 Allow opportunity for the Holy Spirit to
convict you when needed. 1 Thessalonians
1:4-5

101 **BECAUSE THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE**

HOME. JOHN 14:2

October 2023

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Blessing Quilts, Health & School Kits	2 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6 Boy Scouts 6:30	3 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm Call Comm 6:30	4 Lifeline Screenings Choir Rehearse	5	6	7 WoZ Brat Dinner
8 WoZ 5:00	9 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	10 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5:00 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	11 Choir Rehearse	12	13	14
15	16 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	17 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	18 NO Choir	19	20	21
22	23 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	24 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	25 Choir Rehearse	26	27	28 Volunteer Breakfast 9-12 Communion Saturday
29 Randall Residence Outreach	30 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	31 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm				