

ZION TIDINGS January 2024



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

A Couple of “Thank You’s” and a Thought

First: Ginger joins me in saying our sincere **Thanks** for the many Christmas greetings and gifts we have received from the generous folks at Zion Lutheran during this special Christmas season! Truly, Zion is a family of faith, and those many greetings indeed warmed our hearts.

Second: As my time winds down as your interim pastor, my heartfelt **Thanks** go out to each of you for your faithful support of the ministry here at Zion during these past two years. It has indeed been a high privilege for me to labor for the Kingdom of God with the wonderful folks at Zion. The memories Ginger and I have collected are many and precious, and we will continue to pray for the mission outpost called Zion Lutheran Church.

And finally, a **Thought:** As the apostle Paul begins his letter to the church in Philippi, I will echo his words as my prayer for Zion Lutheran Church. “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:3-6)

God Bless you as you continue doing what God has called you to do!

Pastor Dale



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY “TIDINGS” is Monday, January 22, 2024

Mission of the Month

Shoes 4 the Shoeless



The January mission of the month is a SOCK DRIVE to benefit Shoes 4 the Shoeless. When this organization travels to schools to give children a pair of needed new shoes, they also give the children socks to wear with their new shoes. During the month of January, please put a pair or package of new children's socks in the laundry basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Any questions contact Kathy Groth.

January Birthdays

2	Melissa Garvic	11	Linda Shutt	24	Tim Rambeau
3	Covert Holley	12	Babs Wesbecher	28	Miriam Comer Larry Nichols
4	Elyse Masin	17	Erin Brooks Mason Lopez	29	Matt Breen Greg Fetters Susie Gray
9	Joe Delaplane		Jojo Gonzalez		
10	Dave Cook Laurie Reedstrom Tom Wesbecher	19	Cole Coppock		



Upcoming Events

Confirmands Reception
Sunday, January 28th
After service



&

Pastor Dale Farewell Luncheon
Sunday, January 28th
After service



Sunday School Teacher Meeting

There will be a Sunday School Teacher Meeting on **Sunday, January 21** after worship. Anyone interested in teaching or assisting with Sunday School please plan to come to this meeting or reach out to Jessica Dorn.

At this meeting we will be discussing the future of Christian Education, Easter Breakfast, and briefly talk about Vacation Bible School.



January Adult Sunday School



The adults will begin the month with a lesson on the Christian denomination family tree. Following that, we will continue our series by Bob Goff, *Love in Chaos*. All are invited to join us!

Committee Meetings

Worship & Music Committee - **Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Women of Zion - **Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Cheer Plates

Thanks to all who assisted, contributed, assembled and delivered the 26 cheer plates to home bound members, those in nursing homes and staff!! YUM



Adopt - a – Family Results

A family of four – Mom and Dad, 7-year-old girl and an 8-year-old boy – will have a very Merry Christmas, thanks to the members of Zion. Every ornament was taken from the Giving Tree and every item and gift was returned on time.

Thank you for your huge hearts!!



The Zion Christmas Tree in the Park

After church and pizza on December 3rd, an intrepid group of adults & kids went to the Tipp City Park to decorate the Zion Lutheran Church tree on a chilly, windy afternoon and they had a great time. The ornaments were made by the Zion kids & Ruth White and had different names for Jesus on them. Clay crosses were made by Annette and some other ornament donations adorned our tree. Gary Pecuu from the Synod visited us while they decorated the tree. Afterwards the kids were able to play at the park together.

The tree was located in the walking section of the park near the pool. It was a great way for Zion to participate in a community event and exalt the name of our Lord at the same time.



Children's Advent Program

The first three weeks of Advent the children introduced the congregation to part of the song Light One Candle by Natalie Sleeth. On Sunday December 17, the children and youth sang the entire song and talked about how we can bring Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love to others this year. This season the children and youth challenge everyone to show God's light by giving Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love to others.



First Week - Hope



Second Week - Peace



Third Week - Joy



Kids Sunday School

Sunday School will resume **Sunday January 7 at 9am**. Youth will continue to work with Pastor Dale until 1/28 when Bryce C, Madison D, Hannah K, and Owen V will be confirmed.

Children will be learning more bible stories from Holy Moly. We will be watching Holy Moly Volume 2: Baby Moses, Crossing the Red Sea, and The Ten Commandments.



In February, the youth and children will join back together for Sunday School. The Sunday School teachers will be meeting on **January 21** in order to discuss how this is going to work. Please join us!

Council Meeting Report

December 12th, 2023

1. Approved meeting minutes November 14th Council Meeting with noted corrections.
2. Approved the October 2023 financial reports.
3. The President's report included 2 individuals willing to fill the 2 positions which are coming open for 2024. Jacque Mitchell and Christine Schlater have agreed to serve on the Council. A congregational meeting to present the nominees will be held on December 31st following the worship service. Voting to fill these two council seats will take place at that time.
4. Upcoming Dates for the Calendar:
 - Zion's Advent Service - December 13th
 - December 17th – Children's Service @ 10 AM
 - December 24th – Regular morning service at 10 AM and Christmas Eve Service at 7 PM.



Next Meeting: **January 9th, 2024**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024!**

Property Committee Meeting Report

December 4, 2023

- Star City Concrete completed their work on the ramp replacement and a temporary wooden railing on the ramp was installed until a permanent metal railing is in place.
- Butler Heating and Cooling made repairs on an upstairs furnace in the Sunday School room. There was water leaking from a dehumidifier line which caused water to drip into the office.



The next meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Prayers for those grieving loved ones:

George Hackbardt on the death of his daughter.

Prayer requests for this week: Shirley Delaplane had knee replacement on Dec 5. Please pray for Barb Kruse who is now at SpringMeade. Prayers are needed for Bob Lenehan who is recovering from another fall. Prayers of thanksgiving for Greg Watkins who is doing well after his surgery. Continue prayers for John LeGros who is having surgery on Jan 9, Brian Watkins, and Debbie Turner. 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 and AnnaMarie Stover.

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@ziontippecity.org. You can also access this through Zion's website www.ziontippecity.org. or call the church office at (937) 667-3110. Thank you.



Women of Zion Christmas Dinner

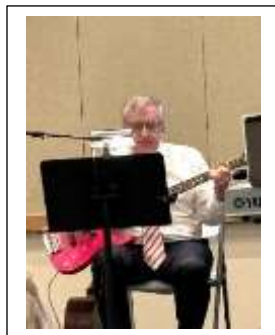
The Women of Zion and their guests enjoyed a delicious meal and wonderful program on the evening of December 7th. Thirty-four women attended this annual event. Many of them brought hats, gloves and mittens to donate to our local elementary schools. The school nurses and secretaries were thrilled with these gifts!

Micah entertained us with beautiful musical selections and we all enjoyed singing along to some favorite Christmas carols. Our very own office administrator, Annette Calicoat, her husband, Jeff, Lorrie Hager and David Mikel comprise this outreach ministry.

Many thanks to our excellent wait staff - Jack Byrd, Bob Keppel, Tim Rambeau and Pastor Dale. Your service was very much appreciated! Women of Zion - mark your 2024 calendars for next year's event - December 5th! ~Deb Keppel



2 Bags of donated hats & gloves



Many Thanks

Dear Zion Family,

We want to thank Pastor Dale, Lori, Annette, and all of the sisters/brothers of the kitchen! We could feel the love and support from all of you. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. A special thanks to everyone in the kitchen who made the delicious food, and cleaned up afterwards.

Sincerely,
The Dorn Family

Zion Lutheran Church,

Many thanks from the Angel House Christmas Bazaar Team. Allowing us to direct our vendors and volunteers to your parking area helped free spaces in our lot for our guests. We appreciate your kindness

Tipp City Global Methodist Church



To say thank you for the Christmas Cheer Plate is a huge understatement. It was wonderful! It didn't take long for sweet tooth John to dig in with a smile on his face. We also had a nice visit with Covert, the delivery angel. The plate demonstrates that Zion stands for "serving Christ through serving others".

Thanks again,
John & Dianne LeGros

TOPS would like to thank you for your generosity in opening up your church for our meetings.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Choir News

The choir will get some well-deserved time off this month! We will only be singing on **Jan 14** and **Jan 21**. Don't miss the return of the guitars on the 14th with a bluesy piece titled, "*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*", followed by a very reverent anthem about communion titled, "*In Remembrance*", the following week. Also, thank you for the cheer plate we received. Kim and I enjoyed the variety of "goodies".


For those considering joining the choir, please keep in mind that we do skip some rehearsals and Sunday performances throughout the year. Just check the bulletin for choir rehearsal schedules.

Bill Jones



January 2024

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office Closed	2 NO Choir	3	4	5	6
7	8 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6 Boy Scouts 6:30	9 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5:00 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	10 Worship/Music Mtg 6pm Choir Rehearse	11	12	13
14 No Sunday School WoZ Mtg 5 pm	15 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	16 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	17 Blood Drive Choir Rehearse	18	19	20
21	22 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	23 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	24 NO Choir	25	26	27 Communion Saturday
28 Randall Residence Outreach	29 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	31 Choir Rehearse			