

# ZION TIDINGS February 2024



*“Serving Christ through Serving Others”*

## Welcome to our new Interim Pastor – Sally Padgett



Hello Zion Lutheran church! My name is Pastor Sally Padgett and I am very much looking forward to being your Interim Pastor. I am a native of Columbus, Ohio although spending over 15 years living in Raleigh, NC I feel very at home in the Carolinas also. I did my undergraduate work at North Carolina State University where I received a degree in Communication/Public Relations. I graduated from Trinity Seminary in 2013. After graduation from seminary, I was called to First English Lutheran Church where I served until the summer of 2022. I spent the past year in Temple, Texas helping my daughter with my granddaughter while my daughter is completing her medical residency. While in Texas I served as Interim pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Killeen, Texas. I am trained and certified in Church Redevelopment and I am passionate about ministry to those living on the margins. I have been married to my husband Michael for over 31 years. I am the mother of two grown children. I adore being “Grammy” to an almost two-year-old granddaughter and looking forward to meeting my soon-to-be-born grandson. I am excited about getting to know all of you and I hope you will reach out if you ever have any questions or concerns. Peace to all!

Pastor Sally



*Pastor Sally will be leading worship on Sunday mornings and on the first and third Saturdays of the month. **Communion** on Saturdays will now be done on the **THIRD Saturday** of each month.*

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH “TIDINGS” is Friday, February 23, 2024**

## Mission of the Month

### *Souper Bowl of Caring*

After the Saturday and Sunday worship services in February, you will have a chance to unload your extra change or folding money into the red bowl on the table at the back of the sanctuary or being held by one of our young people. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to the Women of Zion. The money collected will be given to a local food pantry or soup kitchen.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.



## February Birthdays

9	Cathy Miller	18	Christine Schlater	25	Kayly Fetters Barbra Kruse
11	Jayne Drake	20	Megan Grube		
13	Jason Schlater	22	Sharon Byrd James Sebastian	26	Katie Sonnanstine
15	Lucky Vonderheide			28	Olin Shutt
17	Chloe Donnan Chuck Drake	24	Jessica Rissotte Matt Witwer		



## Upcoming Events

### February Adult Sunday School



In February we are finishing up Bob Goff's series "Love in Chaos." Beginning Sunday February 18th we will begin the Lenten series by Max Lucado "He Chose the Nails." Each of these lessons include a video segment, Bible readings and study guides. Also shown each Sunday are short, comedic (but moving) videos from the Skit Guys.

All teens and adults are invited to join us in the Adult Sunday School room at 9:00.

## Ash Wednesday Service

February 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm



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## Super Bowl Watch Party & Chili Cook Off



**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 Chili Cook Off Dinner**  
**6:30 Super Bowl LVIII on the big screen**

Bring your own beverages – Water and Ice will be available  
Bring your own tableware  
There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway

Donations will be accepted for the Needy Basket of Southern Miami County.  
Cash is preferred but food donations will also be accepted.

*Brought to you by the Zion Technology Team*

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## Reception for Pastor Sally

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Immediately following the 10:00 service**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Please join in welcoming our new Interim Pastor



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## Women of Zion February Meeting

The Women of Zion will meet at *Dos Lunas Mexican Bar and Grill* on [Sunday, February 18th at 5:00](#). All women of Zion are invited to an evening of good food and fellowship. Besides bringing money for your meal, you can bring one valentine to share with another woman of Zion. Please sign your name and we'll distribute them. A very short meeting will take place during the evening.







## ELCA Good Gifts Results

Thanks to your generosity, ELCA Good Gifts will be receiving money to purchase 3 clinic visits for a child, 2 mosquito nets, 10 sets of honeybees, 3 pigs, 2 fruit tree seedlings, 40 chicks, a rooster and money toward a safe water project. In addition, the Women of Zion will match a portion of the money and purchase a Family Farm unit, which consists of a cow, 2 goats, 12 chickens, 2 pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training. All of these will help families break the cycle of hunger and poverty. A total of \$1,180 will be donated. THANK YOU!!!



## Women of Zion Meeting Highlights

January 21, 2024



- December mission of the month was ELCA Good Gifts program. \$465 was received for designate gifts; it was decided to give \$715 to purchase a Family Farm unit.
- January mission of the month is Sock Hop for Shoes 4 the Shoeless. Donations are coming in and will be accepted through the end of the month.
- February mission of the month will be Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations received will be given to With God's Grace and a food pantry in Vandalia.
- March mission of the month is Little Kindness program.
- Missions of the month for the remainder of the year have been set. More info later.
- Gift cards will be sent to 9 college students in February.
- Debbie Rudisill gave a Prayer Shawl Ministry update; 3 men's, 3 women's and 5 baby blankets are available.
- A reception for the new interim pastor, Sally Padgett, will be February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Northwest Conference of WELCA will meet at Zion on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Following this meeting at 6:00 pm, will be a Chalk Talk event with Elva Hurst. More info on this later.
- The next meeting of Women of Zion will be a Valentine night at Dos Lunas at 5:00 pm on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring a valentine to share. All women of Zion Lutheran Church are invited.

## Musical Notes

The tune *Barbara Allen* has been an extremely popular folk tune throughout Great Britain. The original lyrics were of unrequited love of a dying man from the young woman Barbara Allen. In Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), two texts exist that are set to the tune *Barbara Allen*: #691 - *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring* and #832 - *My Lord of Light*.

Author of the text *My Lord of Light*, Christopher Idle, was ordained in the Church of England, served in various Anglican parishes, has written regular news columns, and worked on various hymnal projects. He has authored over 300 hymn texts. Idle also authored ELW #312 – *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You!*

ELW #691 - *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring* was penned by Beth Bergeron Folkemer, a pastor, hymn writer and musicologist. She has served in various roles and congregations in Pennsylvania. She was part of the ELW hymnal editorial team, which selected hymns for the hymnal. We will learn this text and tune sometime this calendar year, likely as an offertory canticle. The texts to both hymns appear below:

### #832 *My Lord of Light*

- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds,  
in wisdom you have spoken;  
but those who heard your wise commands  
your holy law have broken.
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin,  
a sinner's death enduring,  
for us you wore a crown of thorns,  
a crown of life securing.
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire  
when Christ was high ascended,  
your burning love is now released,  
our days of fear are ended.
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trinity,  
to your pure name be given  
all glory now and evermore,  
all praise in earth and heaven.

### #691 *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

- 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring  
to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought  
but only as we're able.
- 2 The vines were planted, seeds were sown.  
They grew in your good pleasure.  
What once was common, daily food  
becomes a holy treasure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares  
we lift in prayer before you.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us,  
as humbly we adore you.

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## Confirmation

Congratulations to:

Bryce Clum,  
Madison Dorn,  
Hannah Kessler and  
Owen Vonderheide

for completing their confirmation classes.

They were confirmed by Pastor Dale on Sunday,  
January 28<sup>th</sup>.



## Council Meeting Report

January 9, 2024



1. Officers Serving for 2024:
  - President- Denise Jacobs
  - Vice President -Brad Kennedy
  - Secretary- Susie Gray
  - Treasurer-Sue Rambeau
2. Council Liaison's Serving for 2024:
  - Boy Scouts (Chuck Drake)
  - Finance & Stewardship (Debra Weprin)
  - Communications and Welcoming (Jacque Mitchell)
  - Technology (Andrew Weprin)
  - Worship and Music (Susie Gray)
  - Christian Education (Christine Schlater)
  - WOZ (Denise Jacobs)
  - Search Committee (Bob Keppel)
  - Property (Bob Keppel)
3. Approved minutes for December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. Approval of the November 2023 financial reports.
5. Interim Pastor candidate to meet with Council and Staff on January 16<sup>th</sup>.
6. Upcoming Dates for the Calendar:
  - New Members Received – January 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Confirmation – January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Pastor Dale Schaefer – Last Sunday as interim- January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Confirmation Reception and Celebration for Pastor Schaefer-January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Interim Pastor begins February 3rd/4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ash Wednesday-February 14<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting: [February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024](#)

## Christian Education

### Kids Sunday School

The youth and kids will be joining back together to continue to learn stories from the Bible.



### Sunday School Teacher Meeting Highlights

There was a Sunday School teacher meeting to discuss some upcoming events. There were 8 people present for the meeting. During the meeting we discussed **how to make the church safer for the children at drop off and pick up**. Many ideas were thrown out so, Jessica will consider all of the options and talk to the parents of the confirmed youth to see if they can help with sign ins and out.

The **Easter Breakfast**, which was done in the past, will be changed to an Easter Brunch after worship on Palm Sunday (March 24) along with an Easter Egg hunt, games, and coloring sheets. Profits will still be donated to Youth Gathering Fund. We will encourage everyone (both young and old) to bring a friend to church and to this event. We will be asking for donations from the church to help pay for this event.

**Vacation Bible School** will be a weekend event this year beginning on Friday July 26 from 5-8 (dinner included) and will finish on Saturday 3-7 with dinner and dessert included. This will be a family event; parents will be encouraged to come for the adult portion but will not be required to stay. Jessica will contact other Lutheran churches in the area to see if they would like to participate.

Everyone agreed that we need to focus on advertising for these events to bring people from the community into the church.

### Parents of the Graduating Class of 2024

We'd like to conGRADulate the graduates of Zion!  
Please email a picture and a brief paragraph telling us from where your student is graduating along with their future plans to [christianed@ziontipcity.org](mailto:christianed@ziontipcity.org) by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** so that we can all celebrate with them in our May Tidings!

We don't want to forget our prior high school graduates. Please make sure we have their current address so that we can stay in touch.





## Property Committee Meeting Report

January 8, 2024

- The committee reviewed drawings and estimates for the metal railing needed for the new alley ramp and the front steps. The committee will recommend that a contract be awarded to Music's Metal Works of Troy.
- The committee recommends that Zion use MegaCity's cellular communicator instead of the landline for fire and security protection.
- The monthly work list was completed.



The next meeting will be Monday, [February 5, 2024](#) at 6:00 p.m.

## Prayer Requests

**Pray for our homebound member:** Patsy Furrow

**Prayer requests for this week:** Special prayers are asked for Pastor Dale and Ginger as they finish out their leadership roles this month at Zion. Prayers are also asked for Pastor Sally Padgett who will begin in February as our interim pastor. Prayers are requested for Rachel (Bill and Kim Jones' daughter). She is undergoing thyroid surgery on Jan 29. Pray that they do not have to remove the entire thyroid. Pray for Carol Cook who spent 5 days in Kettering Troy and is now spending 12 days on Springmeade's rehab facility. Remember in prayer John LeGros who is recovering from surgery. Pray for Kervyn and Janice Mach as they begin their new pastorate and offer prayers of thanksgiving for their service to Zion. Keep Shirley Delaplane in your prayers as she recovers from knee replacement. Pray for Barb Kruse and Bob Lenehan. Prayers of thanksgiving for Greg Watkins who is doing well after his surgery. Continued prayers Brian Watkins and Debbie Turner. Pray for Dave and Sue Cook, 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@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.





## Worship & Music Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, January 10, the Worship and Music Committee met. Attending were Carla Frame, Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, and Lori Sebastian. Lori began the meeting in prayer.

We reviewed upcoming dates including reception of new members – January 14, Confirmation Sunday, and Pastor Dale Schaefer's retirement – January 28, Interim Pastor Sally Padgett begins February 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, and Ash Wednesday – February 14.

For special musicians, Lori recognized Linda Holt and Kristen Zimmann for their contributions to Christmas Eve Service. We are hoping to have a special acapella group on January 28, and would like to utilize flute in the spring months again. Linda Holt and Adena Brass plan to provide music on Palm Sunday (March 24).

Vocal Choir also provides regular special music. We continue to learn additional songs from All Creation Sings. Bill has the schedule set through March. The choir will be debuting new pieces purchased in memory of Mike Werts Maundy Thursday and Easter. Bill selected May 19<sup>th</sup> for Choir Sunday. For bells, Lori is ordering a new Anne Krentz Organ Easter volume and plans to ring April 7, the Sunday after Easter.

Carla provided an update on Altar Guild. They continue to change paraments with the church seasons. She is looking at purchasing a second intinction chalice. We also discussed updating Pentecost banners. Altar Guild needs in the loop once we determine a communion schedule with the new interim pastor.

We reviewed several canticles used during the seasonal liturgy:

1. We learned ELW 401 *Gracious Spirit Heed Our Pleading* during Pentecost.
2. Kids sang Advent song (*Light One Candle* by Sleeth).
3. We discussed ways we could better introduce Advent and Epiphany canticles since the choir is not present the first week of those seasons.
4. We will sing the familiar ELW 186 *Create in Me, a Clean Heart* for Lent.
5. We will learn a new tune (Barbara Allen) ELW 691 *Accept O Lord, the Gifts We Bring* for Offertory Canticle for a portion of the Pentecost season. We will also utilize upbeat canticles ELW 584 - *Take My Life and Let it Be* and ELW 674 - *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

We talked about the sanctuary sound system. Bill will order a couple new boom stands / microphone stands via church funds as one of the connectors broke. We need to get a system for charging the lectern microphone. We are eager to have the team finalize speakers in the choir loft for the choir to better hear during the service.

For remote worship and live streaming, we are seeing a steady number of people watching (approx. 40 in December) and Christmas Eve (approx. 60). The audio/visual team continues to make improvements to the recording process and is looking at having an additional camera and swiveling capabilities.

Our next Worship and Music Meeting will be Wednesday, [February 28 at 6pm](#).

## Thank You Dale

My heart was heavy when Dale announced his retirement. Having worked with him for 10 months, I can say he is one of the finest men I have met. He has truly been a gift to Zion! Not only was he an excellent preacher (only one I've ever known that didn't use notes), he was a marvelous pastor. He truly cared for his "flock", always making calls and visits and doing whatever he could to be sure every member's needs were lovingly met. Always willing to volunteer, kind, generous, incredibly appreciative and constantly wearing a genuine warm smile, he is a man who truly "Walks the Talk". Ministry has clearly been his passion and not a job. He will be missed!! May God bless his retirement as he enjoys his family and his car hobby. Thank you seems inadequate for the blessing he has been to me and Zion.

Annette Calicoat



## New Members



Zion welcomed four new members on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>; Tim & Tamra Satkowski and Cindy & Mitch Tayse.



## Choir News

The choir will help usher in advent season in February with inspirational music. We start with "Come, Holy Spirit, Descend", on guitars, followed by "Held by His Grace". Don't miss "He Became a Lamb" on Ash Wednesday, followed by "On the Road to Jerusalem". It's with a sad heart that the choir loses Ginger in the alto section. She will be missed.





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

# February 2024

## Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 	3 Welcome Pastor Sally
4 Welcome Reception for Pastor Sally	5 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6 Boy Scouts 6:30	6 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	7 Choir Rehearse	8	9	10
11 Super Bowl & Chili Cook Off 5:00 pm	12 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	13 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5:00 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	14  Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Communion Saturday
18 WoZ Mtg 5 pm Dos Lunas	19 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	20 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	21 NO Choir	22 Compassionate Friends 7:00	23	24
25 Randall Residence Outreach	26 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	27 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	28 Worship/Music Mtg. 6:00 pm Choir Rehearse	29		