

ZION TIDINGS

June 2024



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

Staring At The Sky

In between Easter and Pentecost is the day of Ascension. Being 40 days after Easter, it usually falls on a weekday, so it is not always celebrated in worship. The first chapter of Acts records this event saying, *As they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.* Can you imagine what that felt like watching Jesus ascend to the heavens? One of my favorite psalms is psalm 121 that starts with the words – *I lift my eyes to the hill – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.* Like the disciples, I often find myself looking up into the heavens. It is what I do when I cannot see the road ahead or when I don't know what to do next. I look to the hills, to the heavens, the place I subconsciously associate with God. I love places like the beaches of South Carolina and the plains of South Dakota because there is so much sky and somehow seeing that big sky makes me feel closer to God.

After Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels appeared to the disciples. The angels rebuked the disciples asking, *Men of Galilee why do you stand there staring at the sky?* These angels, although their words sound harsh, were actually on a very important mission. I imagine the disciples would have loved nothing better than to stay put on the Mount of Olives after watching Jesus ascend into the heavens. Luckily for us, the angels did appear or we would never have known Jesus. The angels knew, the disciples had a church to build, work to do, a gospel to spread. Like a mama bird, kicking the baby birds out of the nest – the angels were bringing the disciples back to reality. They didn't have time to stand staring at the sky. We too have work to do. We too have to ensure the faith for generations to come. In summer, it is easy to want to stop and simply spend the summer staring at the sky, but I encourage you to not to put your faith on hold. God is still God – the world is still in need, so let's stop staring and instead strengthen our wings fly in to summer saying here I am Lord, use me.



God Bless,
Pastor Sally

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JULY “TIDINGS” is Friday, June 21, 2024

Mission of the Month *Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio*

We will be collecting your spare change or checks (made payable to Women of Zion) for LOMO (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio) to help pay for camperships for children and families to attend a summer camp. Camp Luther at HopeWood Shores, LMC at HopeWood Pines and HopeWood Connect provide families and youth with opportunities for worship, Bible study, games, crafts, swimming, and other recreational opportunities while in a safe and caring environment. Look for the collection jar at the back of the sanctuary.



Any questions contact Deb Keppel



June Birthdays

1	Emily Greer Gray	17	Bill Jones Misty Strawser	24	Linda Hood
3	Abby & Annie Olt	19	Wanda Lenehan	27	Rachel Sebastian Erma Swanson
4	Andrea Cooke Frieda Schmidt	20	Cindy Tayse	28	Linda Holt Gavin & Lydia Reedstrom Debbie Weprin
6	Pam Sauls	22	Jacob Smith	29	Addison & Ella Phillips Brent Reedstrom
14	Adam Rizzotte	23	Melinda Schall		
15	Peggy McCoy				



Upcoming Events

Relay For Life

June 9th, 3:00 pm – Relay for Life Team Meeting

June 15th, 10:00 am – 11:00 pm – Relay for Life Miami Co. Fairgrounds
9:00 pm – Luminaria Ceremony



Everyone is invited to attend Relay For Life, [Saturday June 15, 10 am-11 pm](#) at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Free admission. Food and beverages will be available for a donation. Dogs permitted (must be on a leash). Come out and show your support for our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure. Walk a lap (or more) in honor of a loved one. Or just sit and visit with the team.

Deadline for luminaria orders and check donations is [June 9](#). See Debbie Rudisill for a luminaria order form. Checks should be payable to American Cancer Society. You can also donate online at <http://www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty>

Our final meeting before the Relay will be [June 9, 3 pm](#) in the adult Sunday school room. At that meeting we will go over final details and schedule times to walk and work in the booth. All team members should plan to attend.

Contact Debbie Rudisill with questions.



Gnome More Cancer

Saturday, June 15th
10:00am-11:00pm
Miami Co. Fairgrounds

Tipp City Pizza & Duckpin Bowling

Enjoy pizza and bowling on [June 23rd, 11:30 – 1:30](#). Duckpin Bowling is a variation of standard 10-pin bowling. It is a shorter lane, smaller ball, and lighter pins. Each player gets two rolls per frame in an attempt to knock down all their pins. You do not need special bowling shoes!

The cost of bowling is covered for 32 people (a freewill offering will be taken), but you will be responsible to pay for your pizza and beverages. Sign up in the fellowship hallway.



Zion Night at the Dragons

Come enjoy an evening at the ballpark, [August 10th at 7:05 p.m.](#) The cost is \$14. This is the last month to sign up because the Dragons need a [count from us by the end of June](#). A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway. If we get 50 people, everyone will receive a \$5 voucher to use at the ballpark.

An envelope for payment is on the table in the workroom. Please indicate if you paid with cash or check. Make checks payable to *Zion Lutheran Church*.

Carpooling will be available.



“How Can We Pray For You” Returns

Our prayer offerings were well received last year so we are bringing it back for one day...Monday, [June 10th, from 9:00 am until Noon and 3:00 – 6:00 pm](#). We will have locations both in front of and behind the church, weather permitting. The shifts will be one hour each and we need 3 people to pray each shift. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

The congregation is welcome to submit prayer requests to be prayed over that day.



Attention Thrivent Members

As a member of Thrivent, you are able to apply for up to \$250 for a fundraiser, educational event, or service project/mission for Zion. This money is a donation from Thrivent and does not use money from your account.

Applying is a simple process by logging into your Thrivent account at www.thrivent.com. If you need assistance, ask Annette, Jessica or Sally. If you can't locate your membership user name & password, you can call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "log in" for help with online access (weekdays, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. CT).

The \$250 can go a long way to help our many events and missions so please consider applying for these grants. If you don't know which project needs support, ask Annette or Deb Keppel.



Vacation Bible School

This year we are teaming up with St John's Lutheran Church (Vandalia) and St Paul's (Dayton) for VBS! VBS will be held **June 3-7**. Dinner 5:30 - 6:00 and VBS activities 6:00 - 8:15 pm at St John's. This year's theme is "The Amazing gRace".



The three participating churches are having their kids bring in donations of money & shelf stable food items to be given to food charities in their area. Our kids' donations will go to the Needy Basket in Tipp City.

Please contact Jessica with questions, concerns, or ideas.

Scan the QR code to register.



F2FX Outreach Ministry

Family to Family Exchange is a new outreach ministry for families with children. Used sporting goods that are in good condition will be collected between now and June 28th. On June 28th 6-8pm we will need volunteers to help sort the donations. On June 29th 9am-12pm we will welcome children (and parents) into the church to see if they can find items needed to play their fall sports. Children will need to be present in order to make sure that the items they get fit, and to ensure that no one is taking simply to resell. Volunteers will also be needed to help with this.

This is for anyone in a driving radius of our church. Fliers are available to pass out to family and friends. In order to make this successful, please tell everyone you know and ask them to tell a friend!

FREE

FAMILY TO FAMILY FALL SPORTING GOOD EXCHANGE DONATIONS

All donations should be in good shape
Now-June 28 in entryway box
Monday-Friday 8am-12pm
Saturday 5pm-6pm Sunday 10am-11am
Friday June 28 7pm-9pm



EXCHANGE

Child MUST be present
Saturday June 29 9am-12pm
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
14 W WALNUT ST
TIPP CITY, OH 45371

If you have questions or can help, please contact Jessica Dorn.

Bunco Night

Twenty-four people enjoyed a fun night of food, fellowship and dice throwing. Dennis Copeland instructed everyone, most of whom had never played or had not played in a long time. Bunco is fast moving and easy to learn. The evening was filled with laughter and outbursts after surprising plays. Prizes were awarded to both winners and losers. Thanks to Deb Keppel and her little helper, Calvin, for coordinating the event.



The Winners and Losers



Women of Zion Meeting Highlights

May 19, 2024

- The May mission of the month was changed to donations to tornado relief in the Indian Lake area.
- The June mission of the month is collecting money for camperships to LOMO/HopeWood.
- It was decided to give \$100 to TMCS for the Lunch at Liberty Commons event.
- Ruth reported on the Miami Bucks program, which provides tricycles for kids and adults with special needs. It was decided to give \$250 to this worthwhile project.
- The Lunch on Us program in Tipp City needs 4-5 volunteers. Deb K. will get more information about a week we can help.
- The popcorn popper we currently have does not work. It was decided to purchase a new one. It could be used for many activities around the church.
- Deb K. gave an update on the prayer shawl ministry. More shawls are needed. If anyone can knit or crochet, please contact Debbie Rudisill.
- Relay For Life will be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds on June 15th. It was decided to give \$250 to this event.
- Connections of Tipp City spoke with us earlier this year about their programs to help teens. It was decided to give them \$250 to help.

Next meeting is [Sunday, June 9th at 7:00 pm](#)

All women are invited to attend!

Thank You Adena Brass

Thanks to Adena Brass for blessing our service on April 28th with special music. They started the service with *Lift High the Cross* for prelude. Special music was *Be Thou My Vision* and postlude was *When the Saints Go Marching Out*.

Members are: Doug Albright - trumpet, Julie Swank - French Horn, Don Greiman – trombone, Gary Stahler – tuba and Zion's very own, Linda Holt – trumpet & flugelhorn.



More Bicentennial Celebration Planners Needed

March 3, 1826 was the date that our church was planted in Tipp City. The Bicentennial of Zion is a major milestone and we want to celebrate accordingly. A couple of people have volunteered, **but we still need more to complete the desired six-person committee to plan multiple celebrations.** If you are interested in serving on the committee, please leave your name with Annette (Office Admin) or Denise Jacobs (Council President).



Zion History Part 4

After Pastor Link's death, our church experienced a period of dispirited drifting. No new pastor was called until late in 1863. Preoccupation with the Civil War and the almost daily reporting of casualties kept everyone in a state of depression. The terrible carnage of this horrible war was brought home to Tippecanoe by our soldiers returning maimed and many families were mourning the deaths of their young men. Then came Pastor Solomon Weills (1863-1866). A man of great enthusiasm and motivational skills. Under his pastorate, the church experienced a new birth, and it was found then, as now, great comfort and solace can be found in the walls of our church.

From 1868 to 1880, there existed in Tippecanoe a sizeable Presbyterian congregation. For reasons now unknown, they disbanded and many of their members united with our Lutheran Church.

Following Pastor Weills' tenure, Pastors Welch, Hershiser, Lilly, Bauslin, Altman, Wirick and Zinn ably served our church, thus bringing us to the year of 1894. (Pastor Bauslin later became president of Hamma Divinity School).

During Pastor Zinn's ministry (1891-94), a new church building was planned and enough money was donated and pledged to ensure this would happen. It has been reported the women of the church were mainly responsible for this new vision and would not permit their dream of a new church to go unfulfilled. It is not entirely clear what reasoning prompted the desire for a new building after only forty-seven years of use of the old, but evidently the ladies would not be denied. Hence the destruction of the old, and the laying of the cornerstone of our present building on August 5, 1894. Pastor Harvey Leech (1894-1899) served as our pastor during the construction of our present church. During the construction period, services were held in the City Hall, but on the day of laying the cornerstone, the Methodist Church generously offered their facility for the special service. Dr. S.A. Ort, then president of Wittenberg University, preached as did several Lutheran pastors from surrounding parishes. Rev. Roselle of the Methodist Church also assisted. The kindness of the Methodist folks on this occasion indicates a spirit of mutual love and cooperation that exists to this day.

The building committee for the new church was Jacob Rohrer, Alva Harshbarger and Samuel Smith. (One cannot help but wonder, since the ladies were mainly responsible for the new church, why some of them were not on the building committee). It is well to note the work of Jacob Rohrer on the 1894 committee. He served in the same capacity in building the 1847 church.

Communications / Welcoming Committee Report

May 14, 2024

- The committee reviewed the revised list of members that are sent cards throughout the year.
- The need for more large print bulletins was discussed. It seems that instead of printing out more bulletins, more printed hymn sheets would suffice.
- Greeters need to give out the welcome bags to those who are visiting our church service. The bags are located in the Welcome Center credenza.
- There are eight photo directories left that are available to anyone who has never received one.
- Linda Holt attended our meeting to discuss ways we can welcome the community to our services and our missions. A block party, outreach activities, and movie nights were mentioned as possible future events.
- BUNCO night will be Saturday, May 18.
- Tipp City Pizza and Duck Pin Bowling is planned for Sunday, June 23.
- Zion Night at the Dayton Dragon game is Saturday, August 10.

Next Meeting: [Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.](#)

Council Meeting Report

May 14, 2024

1. Approved minutes for April 9th meeting.
2. Approval of the March 2024 financial reports.
3. Note upcoming dates for the calendar:
 - June 3-7 Vacation Bible School
 - June 23rd- Tipp City Pizza and Duck Pin Bowling
 - June 29th Sport Equipment Exchange – Outreach to the Community Program
 - August 10th- Dragon's Game Event
4. Long Range Plan for Zion reviewed and approved by Council.
5. Discussion and approval of the purchase of AED's (automated external defibrillator) for the church.

Next Meeting: [Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.](#)



Thank You Choir

The Zion Chancel Choir wrapped up another season of song on Pentecost Sunday.

Thank you for your ministry!!

They will return in September



Sunday School Wraps Up For The Year

On Sunday, May 19, both the adults and the kids celebrated the conclusion of 2023-2024 Sunday School with a multi-generational party. After refreshments and fellowship, a game of Bible Jeopardy was played. There were four teams consisting of adults and kids. The kids showed that they had quite a bit knowledge from their lessons this year! In fact, at times the adults were scratching their heads! Thanks to Jessica for the putting together the game!

Beginning [September 8, 2024](#) the new Sunday School year begins. For the adult class, suggested topics were given. Included were series by Bob Goff and John Ortberg, Morgan Freeman's series "Who is God?", the Acts of the Apostles, and a study of other religions. What will it be? You'll have to join us at 9:00 to find out!



JEOPARDY!



PARTY!

To the Adult Sunday School class:

I sincerely thank you for the gift card you gave me. At Meadowview Growers, I'm like a kid in a candy store! I look forward to spending each Sunday morning with you. You are fun and interesting and I appreciate all that you do to contribute to our discussions. Thank you so much. Have a safe and blessed summer! ~ Linda Holt

Thank you to our Sunday School Leaders

Thank you to everyone who has helped make Sunday School a success this year. I appreciate all of our Sunday School Leaders including: Linda Holt (Adult), Pastor Dale Schaefer (Youth), and Chris Frame, Lara Jacobs, Pam Sauls, Jen Garvic, and Deb Keppel. ~ Jessica Dorn

Property Committee Meeting Report

May 6, 2024

- The committee surveyed the damage done to the new concrete pad on the alley where a truck ran into the new railing and tore up some concrete. The driver at fault's insurance company will pay for damages.
- The church lawn and cemetery clean-up will be done when the committee members and any others have time to work on it. Mulch will be delivered to the parking lot soon.
- Bob met with Hinkle Roofing to look at gutter issues we are having. An estimate will be forthcoming.
- Butler Heating repaired the Fellowship Hall HVAC.
- The nursery AC unit was installed and the monthly work list was completed.

Next meeting: Monday, [June 3, 2024](#) at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Continued Prayers for: Bill and Anne Nicholes, prayers for James Oaks, Ginger and Dale Schaefer, Sue Cook and Dave Cook, Shirley Delaplane, Brian Watkins, Debbie Turner, Chalmer Mader, Christine Copeland, Miriam Comer, Fred Staie, the Weprin Family, Cindy Moore, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers, Shirley Rawlins, AnnaMarie Stover, Jeff Glawe, and Pam Sauls and Mark Lenz who have health concerns.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

The Schlater Family who has recovered from illness!

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.



Tornado Relief Results

Thanks to your generosity, \$873.00 was collected to help the Indian Lake area recover from the devastating tornado on March 18th. The money will be sent to Galilee Lutheran Church in Russels Point and 100% will go to those in need.



Needy Basket Partnership with Meijer

Needy Basket is partnering again with Meijer to provide much-needed relief to local families facing food insecurity through the retailer's customer-driven hunger relief program, Simply Give.

Meijer will match \$10 donation cards available at the Troy Meijer store checkout lanes **now through June 29th**. In addition, Meijer will double match all customer cards on Saturday, **June 15th**, effectively tripling contributions made on this day. If desired, donations can also be sent directly to Needy Basket at 330 S. Fifth St., Tipp City, OH 45371 for inclusion in the double match benefit. For more info call 937-667-1977.



Volunteers Needed

Zion members who are interested in volunteering at the Lunch on Us program are asked to call or text Rene at (937) 308-4813 to sign up for a day or a week. Volunteers need to be there by 9:00 and are usually finished by noon. This program begins on June 10 and ends on August 14. Volunteers will prepare and package food items, fill lunch containers and hand out the lunches either at the Methodist church or on the delivery van.



New Banners

Many thanks to Denise and Lara Jacobs for the beautiful new Pentecost banners.
GREAT JOB!



Change in Council

Brad Kennedy is accepting a post in Washington D.C. for the next few years. He will remain a member here at Zion & keep his home in Bethel Township. We are sad to accept his resignation from church council. However, we are happy to announce that Matt Sauls will be completing the rest of Brad's term. God's blessings to both men.



Many, Many Thanks

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$4,496.00 to ELCA World Hunger.

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock and education, and it advances peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

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

In Christ,

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity



Thank you so much for the clothing protectors for our patients!
They are so appreciated.

From the Staff at Ohio's Hospice



To members of Zion,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for giving so generously to Oesterlen. We collected 75 items. With the money donated by Thrivent, we bought a Kitchen Aid mixer for their life skills program. Julie Barnorst left literature in the narthex for you to take. And, if you need a T-shirt, you can find them on the shelves above the coat rack.

Thanks again, Rick & Judy Bailey



To our Zion Family,

Jeff and I want to thank you for all the prayers, expressions of sympathy and compassion, hugs and cards.

My Mother lived life to the fullest extent and enjoyed it until the very end. We couldn't ask for anything more.

Thank you again for your support in this journey.

Sincerely, Jaque, Jeff and family

What? Huh? Say Again

Are you tired of asking people to repeat themselves or tired of being asked? Are you avoiding buying hearing aids because of the high cost? Jaque Mitchell has a pair that she will give you for FREE. You can have them adjusted to correct YOUR hearing loss at a greatly reduced price compared to buying a new pair. Contact Jaque if you are interested.



June 2024

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6 Boy Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Relay For Life Team Meeting 3:00 pm WoZ Mtg 5 pm	How Can We Pray 4U Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5:00 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm				Relay For Life 10am-11pm Communion Saturday
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Pizza & Bowling 11:30 - 1:30	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm		Compassionate Friends 7pm		
30						
Randall Residence						