

ZION TIDINGS

July 2024



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

Rolling Justice, Flowing Righteousness

“Let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream”
Amos 5:24

Justice and Righteousness – like the chocolate and peanut butter of a Reese’s peanut butter cup – they just aren’t the same separate. Justice is all about being in right relationship with each other while righteousness is being in right relationship with God. Can you hear in Amos Jesus’ two greatest commandments – Love God and love neighbor? So why is it, when I think back to Sunday school and the many sermons I have heard over the years, I don’t remember justice and righteousness being addressed very often. In fact, if I went by what I hear Christians saying in our world today, or the message plastered on billboards about who God is, or even look at the actions or inactions of Christians in our country, it would be really easy to think that all God wants is for us to go to church, be a “good” person, and to focus on our own salvation. The one thing no one seems to mention is the importance of letting justice roll like a river. Instead of seeing justice done, too often we look at people and make judgments about their worth according to their appearance, their vocabulary, their seeming intelligence, maybe their skin color, their voice, their gender, not to mention what we think they can do for us. We push away those we label as lesser. We underestimate who a person is and what they can do based solely on appearances and stereotypes. The problem with judging in this way is God makes clear we don’t get to determine a person’s worth. It is God that determines a person’s worth. To God, a person’s worth is determined by one thing and one thing only and that is the reality that they are His beloved child.

As we pass people on the street or we go shopping at the store, let us remember we represent God to those around us and may we be mindful to show others the love that God has shown to us.



Happy July!

In Christ,
Pastor Sally

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST “TIDINGS” is Friday, July 26, 2024

Mission of the Month

Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT:

ONE **light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")**, dark color recommended

TWO or three **bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz.**, any brand, in original wrapping

ONE **adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging**

ONE **sturdy comb, remove packaging**

ONE **metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging**

Two ways to help:

- 1) Purchase the items listed, put them **unassembled** in a bag and place it in the collection box in the narthex.
- 2) Donate money that a group of shoppers can use to purchase the items listed.

Give Donna Slyman a call if you have any questions @ 902-1038.

Deadline is **Wednesday, July 31st**



July Birthdays

1	Mitch Tayse	10	Earl Moore	22	Richard Geiman
2	Coleen McKivergin Donna Slyman Michael Phillips	12	Jack Byrd	24	Jessica Dorn
		14	Lara Jacobs George Hackbardt Wayne Kauffmann	27	Patty Apple
3	Anthony Hannah Bill Nicholes Julie Sebastian			28	Sue Cook
		18	Brad Kennedy Julia Helke	31	Joyce Zimmann
4	May Fischvogt				
6	Nancy Clark Sue Rambeau				



Upcoming Events

Meet Pastor Summers Saturday & Sunday, July 13 & 14 After Worship Services

Come and meet our pastoral candidate, Jaren Summers, and his wife Kendra following worship services on Saturday and Sunday.

A congregational vote for acceptance will be taken on Sunday, July 21st after worship.

Be watching for an invitation letter by mail with details.



Popsicles in the Park

Watch for updates on a
new date.



Zion Night at the Dayton Dragons Saturday, August 10 at 7:05 pm

It's amazing! We have a group of 69 people going to the game this year. It should be a great night of fun!

Tickets and vouchers will be distributed by Jill when received.

For those who have signed up, meet at the church at 6:00 pm if you are interested in carpooling.

Day Air Ballpark concessions are still "contactless". You will need to use a debit or credit card if you wish to purchase any food or drinks after you've used your \$5 voucher.

If you have any questions, contact Jill Greer.



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 25



We are switching it up this year and having our annual picnic at Zion. We can enjoy eating in our air-conditioned fellowship hall rather than the hot park roundhouse.

Plans *may* include grilling and games outside, but details are still being worked out. For now, mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Sunday School Reboot

Rally Day (the first day of Sunday School) for adults, youth, and children will be **September 8 at 9am.**



Garage Sale

Thursday & Friday, September 26 & 27

We will begin setting up the sale on **Sunday, Sept. 22** and will be working on it that entire week. You may bring in your garage sale treasures beginning on Saturday, September 21, after worship, Sunday, September 22 after worship until 4:00 pm and Monday and Tuesday mornings, Sept. 23 & 24.

We do NOT accept clothing, bed pillows, large exercise equipment, TVs and car seats. **We do not have room to store any donations at Zion until September 21**, so please hang on to your items until then.



Women of Zion Brat Dinner
Saturday, October 5th

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.

The logo for Thrivent, consisting of the word "thrivent" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a black rectangular background.

Vacation Bible School Follow-up

On June 3-7, we joined with St Paul (Dayton) and St John (Vandalia) to provide dinner for the families, workers, and children attending VBS. Children as young as 3 and as old as 11 attended and learned about the liturgical calendar and stories from the Bible. Pastor Kurt and Pastor Benjamin, along with their parishioners, created the content of the VBS for a very fun and unique experience. 30 children signed up for Vacation Bible School with nightly attendance averaging around 20 kids. Of those 30 children signed up, 17 were not churched by any of the sponsoring parishes!

Both churches were thankful to have us cook dinner and they felt that it was a reason so many children and families showed up for VBS.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for VBS and to Pastor Sally who applied for a Thrivent grant on our behalf which paid for \$250.

Thank you to our kitchen volunteers Chuck and Erma Swanson, Pam Sauls, Judy Bailey, Jaque Mitchell, Donna Slyman, and Debbie Rudisill for helping to prepare and serve the food. A special thank you to Chuck for his huge part in making the menu, making sure that the kitchen had everything needed from utensils to enough food, and all of the little tasks in between. Without him the dinners would have been much more stressful. Another special thanks to Pam for staying on Tuesday night to make sure that the children at Zion had a familiar face at a new church so that Jessica could spend time at her family functions.



Thank you!



Walk For Life

The 2024 Relay For Life of Miami County is now over. We had a beautiful day. Our team members, plus some family and friends, walked a lot of miles that day. We also had fun spending the day together. The only thing needed was more people.

Holy Walkamolies For the Cure thanks everyone who purchased luminaries. Our team sold 110 luminaries and got the prize for most luminaries sold. It was very close; First United Church of Christ came in second with 107 luminaries sold.

We also thank everyone who made donations. We haven't reached our goal but so far, we have raised over \$4,100 for American Cancer Society. Donations can still be made online, and I can accept check donations until July 14.

As team captain, I want to thank all my team members: Suzy Eberhardt, May Fischvogt, Julia Helke, Linda Holt, Donna Mertz, Earl Moore, Dale Rudisill, Cindy Shockey, Erma Swanson, and Cindy Tayse. Also thank you Chuck Swanson and Randy Turner for your help. Thank you, Mitch Tayse, for filling in for Cindy. I enjoy doing Relay For Life, but I could not do it without the help of all these people.

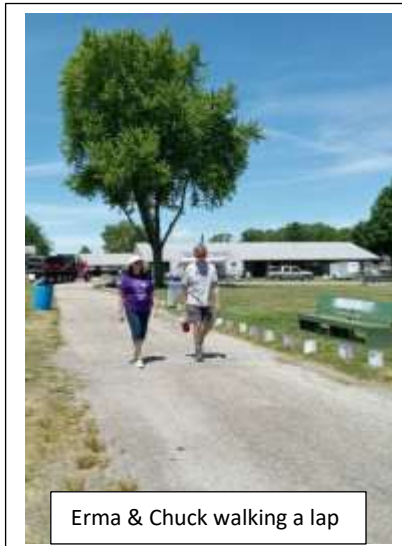
Debbie Rudisill, team captain



Our team's survivors



Julia in "jail". Dale bailed her out



Erma & Chuck walking a lap



Our team



Luminaries



Walkamolies doing the team lap



Dale walking with the spirit stick

Women of Zion Meeting Highlights

June 9, 2024

- \$873 was collected for Indian Lake tornado relief, the May mission of the month.
- The June mission of the month is donations to LOMO for camperships.
- The July mission of the month will be collecting LWR health kits.
- No specific week or day is assigned to Zion to help with the Lunch On Us program. Contact Renee Johnson (937-308-4813) if you can help.
- Kitchen Clean Up Day will be scheduled soon.
- Relay For Life is this Saturday, June 15th at the Miami County fairgrounds. Donations can still be made. Contact Debbie Rudisill.
- The prayer shawl ministry is continuing.
- Events coming up:
 - Mum Festival Garage Sale – September 26 & 27
 - Brat Supper – October 5
 - Child Care Choices Quarter Auction at Zion – November 7th.

Next meeting is **Sunday, July 9th at 7:00 pm**

All women are invited to attend!

How Can We Pray For You

On an unseasonably cool day, Zion prayer warriors were out praying for anyone passing the church who wanted prayer. Thanks to Matt Sauls for set-up assistance and to Linda Holt, Pam Sauls, Dale Schaefer, Kim Jones, Donna Slyman, Bob Keppel, Kristen Zimmann, Adam Cartwright and Sally Padgett for praying. Fifteen people received prayer blessings that Monday! Another demonstration of “Serving Christ Through Serving Others”.



We Still Need Bicentennial Celebration Planners

A couple of people have volunteered, **but we still need more to complete the desired six-person committee to plan multiple celebrations.**

This should be a lot of fun to work on!

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 5

The architectural firm of Peters and Burns of Dayton, Ohio were retained to design and oversee the construction of the new building. An examination of the rear portion of our current building reveals the use of a rather soft antique brick. Not at all the quality of that used on the front. One must assume the bricks used in the rear were salvaged from the 1847 church as a means of reducing cost. Lutheran frugality, as we know it today, is not without precedent.

On May 5, 1895 the new church building was dedicated. The Reverend Bauslin (1878-1881), a former pastor, and S.A. Ort were guest ministers. Installation services for Pastor Leech were held in the afternoon, and Mr. Rohrer presented the church keys to Pastor Leech at evening services. It was a short time after this that the name of the church was changed from The English Lutheran Church to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. The capstone over the entrance to our church still reflects the "English Church" name as it was originally installed when the building was constructed.

T.C. Leonard and family, on Easter Sunday, 1895 gave the bell currently ringing in our belfry to the church. There is an inscription on the bell testifying to this fact. The bell was cast in bronze by a Cincinnati foundry. A two manual Moller pipe organ manufactured in Hagerstown, Maryland replaced the old reed organ transferred from the 1847 church. The new organ was dedicated on March 25, 1906. A recital by an organist and a singer from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music was presented the evening of March 23rd. The church hired an organist for the first six months while three lady church members took organ lessons. These ladies were Libbie Dust, Margaret Davis and Mildred Smith. Mildred later became Mrs. Mildred Leonard, and she served faithfully as church organist for twenty years. In 1951, a plaque was placed on the Moller organ commemorating her years of service. This plaque can now be seen in the display cabinet in the narthex. The Moller pipe organ was discarded in 1962 and replaced by an Allen electronic two manual organ in preparation for the church remodeling of 1964.

During 1906, the church was remodeled to include the upstairs Sunday school rooms. This same year our church, under the direction of Pastor W.F. Rangleler (1903-1908), was instrumental in establishing the Feghtly Home for Women, presenting the home to the Ohio Synod. The Feghtly Home, located on Main Street of Tippecanoe, provided sanctuary for many ladies over the years, and was disbanded by the Synod in the mid-sixties after it proved no longer viable. Also, 1906 saw the establishment of a Sunday School Library loaning books to the children of the community for many years. All the books were eventually given to the local Public Library when it was established.

Communications / Welcoming Committee Report

June 11, 2024

- The committee and Pastor Sally discussed several Zion members who are having health issues. Contact and cards are being sent by committee members.
- Annette, our office manager, is making more large print hymn sheets for bulletins. This seems to be working well.
- People who attended BUNCO in May shared how much fun it was and hoped that Zion can plan 3-4 BUNCO nights a year. We discussed creating a banner for the front lawn and making it a community event.
- Dayton Dragon tickets are sold out for the August 10th game.
- We hope to have more people sign up for Tipp City Pizza and Duckpin Bowling on Sunday, June 23 right after the service.
- The committee will **not** be meeting in July.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting Report

June 11, 2024

1. Approved minutes for May 14th meeting.
2. Approval of the April 2024 financial reports.
3. Notes upcoming dates for the Calendar:
 - 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 all tickets have been spoken for
4. As Brad Kennedy is accepting a post in Washington D.C., Matt Sauls is completing the rest of Brad's term and was welcomed by Council during the June meeting.



Next Meeting: Tuesday, **July 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

WANTED: A Gas Grill

It would be great to have a grill that belongs to Zion (so no member has to haul theirs here) for some of our summer/fall special events.

If you have a gently used grill you can donate or would like to purchase one or donate toward a purchase of a new grill, please let Annette or one of the staff know.



Property Committee Meeting Report

June 3, 2024

- The estimate for the concrete repair to the new ramp has been sent to the at-fault driver's insurance company.
- Mulch has been delivered.
- The committee received an estimate for the gutter downspout repair/replacement.
- The work list was completed.

Next meeting: Monday, **July 1, 2024** at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Prayers for: Debbie Turner who is recovering from a heart ablation, pray for Lisa Bragg to have a smooth journey with kidney cancer, pray for the Strawser's grandchildren, Melanie and Maxwell who are in the NICU, and Sharon Knick with upcoming open-heart surgery.

Continue to pray for: Miriam Comer, Bill and Anne Nicholes, James Oaks, Sue Cook and Dave Cook, Shirley Delaplane, Brian Watkins, Chalmer Mader, Christine Copeland, Fred Staie, the Weprin Family, Cindy Moore, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers, Shirley Rawlins, AnnaMarie Stover, and Jeff Glawe.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Katie Sonnanstine is doing much better and is back to work half days. Zion's search for a pastor is in the council phase. Pray for our church council as they work to employ Pastor Summers and offer prayers for Pastor Summers and his family.

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.



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 lunches either at the Methodist church or on the delivery van.



Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who has been donating household items to Jeremiah's Letter. These donations are used to help homeless people get established with basic needs when they are placed in housing.



The need for household starter kit items continues! You can drop your donations in the bin by the entry door. Pots and pans, towels and twin bed sheet sets are especially needed.
Maggie Powder


Bowling & Pizza

On Sunday, June 23, a group of 25 Zion Lutherans walked over to Tipp City Pizza after the 10:00 service for a couple of hours of pizza and duckpin bowling. Charlotte Dorn, Hannah Kessler and three Groth grandchildren formed a league of pretty impressive bowlers. The rest of the adults tried their hand at duckpin bowling and had a lot of fun knocking down the pins. Is a Zion Bowling Team in our future?! The pizza was pretty good too!



July 2024

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	Office Closed	 Office Closed	Office Closed	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm		Blood Drive		Meet Pastor Summers after worship
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Meet Pastor Summers after worship	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm				Communion Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pastor Approval Vote	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm		Compassionate Friends 7pm		
28	29	30	31			
Randall Residence	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm				