

ZION TIDINGS

August 2024



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

How Do You View the World?

“So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil”. 1 Samuel 15:13

Have you ever thought about your view of the world? Where does it come from? Have you ever thought about how you see things, judge things, decide things? As Christians this is an important question for us, because God sees things and does things very differently than the world.

In 1 Samuel, we hear the story of David, a small-town shepherd boy being God’s choice as future King. If Samuel was following the ways of the world, he would have anointed one of David’s 7 older brothers as King, but God had other plans. This idea that God sees things differently than the world should be good news. It is the world that puts doubts in our head, tells us we are not good enough. But God sees us for who we are. God made us. He knows how many hairs each of us have on our heads. He knows our gifts, and knows our true worth. But when we follow the ways of the world it is easy to forget that everyone is precious in God’s eyes. We begin to judge others according to the world. We begin to think we are better than those who the world has labeled as insignificant – better because we have more money, dress nicer, better looking or because we have white skin or light skin. It is important that we remember that God doesn’t judge as the world judges. God isn’t impressed with anyone’s pocketbook or list of achievements – God isn’t going to be sweet talked or charmed. All God cares about is our heart – do we seek the Lord, and do we look out for our neighbors? What is insignificant to the world is significant to God.

In Christ,

Pastor Sally



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER “TIDINGS” is Friday, August 23, 2024

Mission of the Month

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

These kits will be shipped overseas to help children learn, in disadvantaged areas. Each school kit needs the following items:

One 30-centimeter ruler, with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band.

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide ruled paper. No loose leaf paper.

One pencil sharpener

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One pair **blunt** scissors. (**no** pointed scissors).

One 2 ½" eraser

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band

Pick up a **School Backpack** by the table in the narthex to get started, and fill the backpack with the necessary items listed above.

Any questions, ask **Action Team Leader Kathy Groth**.

Thanks for your help.



August Birthdays

1	Kim Jones Robin Wark	16	Jamie Kennedy	22	Amy Byrd James Gray Judy Mader
4	Shirley Delaplane	17	Jill Greer Judy Tritle	23	Tom Replogle Dan Schall
6	Owen Vonderheide	19	Gloria Bilbay Tim Satkowski	27	Jaque Mitchell Reese Clum
7	Phil Elliott	20	Elizabeth Hereford	28	Jerry Strawser
10	Belinda Hannah Pat Walker	21	Elijah Freitag Jen Garvic		
12	Eli Brooks				
14	Anne Nicholes				



Upcoming Events

Zion Kitchen Clean Up Thursday, August 1



Come and help make the kitchen sparkle again from **10:00 – Noon**. When we're finished, anyone who is interested can pick-up lunch from Bodega and bring it back to church to have lunch together. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.



Sunday School Advisory Meeting Sunday, August 4 After Service

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping with kids/youth Sunday School in the adult Sunday School room. If you have questions, contact Jessica Dorn.

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

If you are interested in carpooling, be at the church at 6:00.

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 worship service and picnic at Zion. We can enjoy our air-conditioned fellowship hall rather than the hot park roundhouse.

A variety of games can be enjoyed after lunch. Church council will provide chicken and the Women of Zion will provide drinks. Please bring a side dish to share and your own service ware. Sign up in the fellowship hallway.

Sunday School Reboot

Rally Day (the first day of Sunday School) for adults, youth, and children will be **September 8th at 9 am**. We will celebrate rejoining with breakfast and a lesson presented by Lori Sebastian.

If you plan to attend, please sign up in the fellowship hallway.

Those who want to contribute a breakfast item, please indicate what you are providing.



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 Thrivent logo, consisting of the word "thrivent" in a lowercase, sans-serif font with a red dot above the 't'.

Thank You Pastor Sally

From February through August, Sally Padgett has faithfully served as Interim Pastor here at Zion. Her last Sunday to preach is August 25th.

Her commute from Columbus was long and often challenging because of traffic. In spite of that, she has participated in many activities, as well as fulfilling pastoral duties of preaching, visiting homebound members, participating in Council and staff meetings. Thank you for your dedication to serve the Lord by serving others.

If you would like to express your gratitude to her, there is paper available on the round table in the narthex to write a thank you. When finished, please place them in the box on the table.

F2FX – Sports Exchange

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with the Sports Exchange which was held June 29. We received more donations than expected. While no new families came the day of the exchange, 5 families (approximately 8 children/youth) received the needed sports equipment after the original date. All families were able to receive a coupon donated by Dunham's Sport coupon for 10% off any additional gear that is needed.



On Tuesday July 9, council approved making the Sports Exchange an outreach ministry which will operate year-round! This means that we will be able to accept donations year-round with a place to store them and a 'store' for children and youth to "shop" (all free).

Currently a database is being formed so that volunteers will know what is currently available in the sports closet, saving families time and money. Volunteers can be reached by email at ZionF2FX@gmail.com or messages can be left by calling Zion's office (phone is preferred at this time). Please give us plenty of turn around as we are figuring out how to make this run smoothly.

A Facebook Group (Zion F2FX Sports) has also been started so that families can get important updates about the sporting closet.

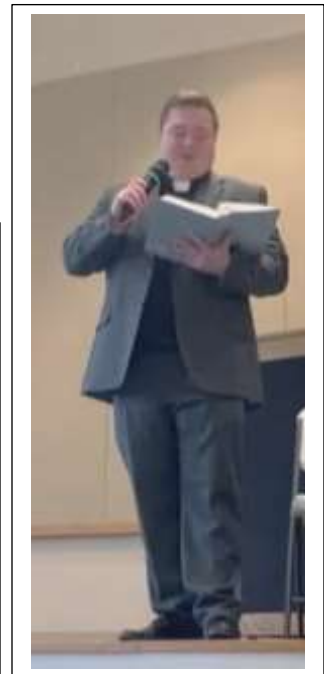
Currently, the F2FX is in need of storage shelves, shoe disinfecting spray, shoe shelves, and a ball pump. If you have any of these items in your home that are not being used, we'd be happy to take them off of your hands. Please talk to the Dorn, Garvic, or Schlater families for more information.

Meet & Greet Pastor Summers

118 people attended services and then met our pastor candidate, Jaren, and his wife, Kendra on July 13 & 14th.

On July 21st, the congregation unanimously voted to extend a call to him. He will begin ministry here on September 1st.

After a 2-year search, we are excited to move into the future with a full-time pastor.



Women of Zion Meeting Highlights

July 14, 2024

- \$410 was sent to LOMO (HopeWood Outdoors) to help with camperships, the June Mission of the Month.
- We are currently collecting items for LWR Health Kits, the July Mission of the Month.
- LWR School Kits will be the August Mission of the Month.
- There was discussion regarding the convection oven repair. It's an electrical problem.
- There was a discussion regarding the need for AEDs at the church.
- Zion's church picnic will be August 25th at the church. Women of Zion will provide beverages.
- Having a Secret Sisters program at church again was discussed. Linda Holt will check into this.
- \$4,300 was raised for Relay For Life despite having fewer people attend the event this year.
- The Chalk Talk art has been framed and is ready to hang.

Next meeting is **Sunday, August 11th at 7:00 pm**

All women are encouraged to attend!

Property Committee Meeting Report

July 1, 2024

- Star City Concrete completed the replacement work on the two damaged sections on the alley ramp. Star City will be installing 10 bollards along the alley to protect our ramp and prevent this from happening in the future.
- Hinkle Roofing will be starting work on gutter and downspout repair and replacement.
- The water meters have been updated.
- Church Mutual Insurance supplied moisture detectors and electrical outage detectors that will notify committee members if needed.
- Many thanks to James Sebastian for his continued work on changing light fixtures and updating to LED bulbs, to Tim Rambeau for spreading mulch and watering and to Jeff Mitchell for cleaning the donated grill.
- The monthly work list was completed.



Next meeting: Monday, **August 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Zion History Part 5 Correction

A previous Zion pastor, Tom Heil, called to tell me there was an error in last month's history. The history I have been putting in Tidings was written by William Posey in 2000 and is in the "175 Years of Blessings" booklet. If you have one, you can make the correction in your copy. In the final paragraph it said the Feghtly Home was disbanded by the Synod in the mid-sixties. Tom said that happened in the 80's when he was pastor here and his wife helped to relocate the women who had been residing there. As a side note, he told me that his wife also worked to establish the "HandiVan" to assist with transporting handicapped individuals.

Annette

Zion History Part 6

The late eighteen hundreds and early nineteen hundreds saw the organization of many church affiliated groups such as The Young People's Missionary Society, The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, The Ladies Aid Society and the Luther League. This by no means lists them all, but gives us an idea of just how central the workings of the church were in the lives of our members at that time. Bible study was much in vogue with our church boasting a Men's Bible Study Class exceeding one hundred gentlemen. Sunday School attendance was also so good it prompted the 1906 expansion of the classrooms.

The then vacant lot on the northwest corner of Third and Main was purchased in 1916 from the heirs of the John Kantz estate for five thousand dollars. At the time of purchase a fine house, the home of the Kantz family, was moved to a location on North Third Street where it still stands. The acquisition of the Kantz property proved most valuable in establishing Zion's prominence in the city. The clearing away of the Kantz house opened the corner to an unobstructed view of the church, and afforded the opportunity for landscaping and the installation of our church sign. No finer location currently exists.

This now was the time of the First World War. The years of 1916, 1917 and 1918 were full of the concerns of a country at war. Many of our young men were off to do the Kaiser in. Some of them never returned. The ladies of the church spent many hours rolling bandages and preparing gift packages for shipment to France. Pastor William Guard (1914-1922) made many home calls during this terrible time, not only to our members but also to many others receiving the dreaded news from the front.

The parsonage built in 1862 on the southwest corner of Third and Main Streets was moved in 1920 to its present location just behind the Kantz lot on Third Street. The corner lot, which it occupied, was then sold to the Standard Oil Company. Standard Oil constructed a service station there, which remained until it was sold to the Methodist Church. The property now serves as their church parking lot. The parsonage, known as "The Parish House," was well utilized for church offices and meeting rooms. This fine old building was used as our parsonage until 1968 with Pastor Don Bridinger (1964-1970) and his family being the last occupants. The building remained much as originally constructed with only fragmented internal remodeling. The use of a parsonage for the occupancy of a pastor and his or her family has become obsolete for most congregations, as pastors now prefer to acquire a home of their own.

Council Meeting Report

July 9, 2024



1. Approved minutes for the following meetings:
 - June 11 Council Meeting
 - June 19th Special Meeting
2. Notes upcoming dates for the Calendar:
 - July 13th -Meet and Greet Rev. Jaren Summers Event-Following the worship service.
 - July 14th -Meet and Greet Rev. Jaren Summers Event-Following the worship service.
 - Special Congregational Meeting on July 21st---Following the worship service
 - August 10th- Dragon's Game Event
3. Jessica Dorn spoke to the Council regarding *The Sports Exchange Program*. The council consented to this as an ongoing community outreach program for our community and the surrounding area.
4. Council discussion regarding the agenda for the *Meet and Greet* events for Rev. Jaren Summers and his wife Kendra to meet the members of the congregation, in an informal reception setting. Dates for these events are *July 13th and July 14th* following those two worship services.
5. Discussion regarding the upcoming *Special Congregational Meeting on July 21st* to vote on calling the Rev. Jaren Summers and a vote on the compensation package for Rev. Summers.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **August 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

HopeWood Results

Through your generous donations for the June Mission of the month, we collected \$205 toward camperships. Women of Zion matched the donations for a total of \$410. Thank you.



Thanks

Dear Zion,

We at Galilee Lutheran Church want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers and generous donation to our tornado relief efforts. It has been a trying time for us at Indian Lake the past few weeks. Clean-up is almost complete with only a few dump sites requiring clean up. The Red Cross set up a shelter at Galilee, but those individuals have been helped and are relocated. Rebuilding is going to take a lot of time and effort, but we are strong and with your prayers and donation, this will help the process. With your donations, we have been able to help a lot of people begin their journey back to normal and continue to do so with your donations.

We just wanted to thank you for your generous donations, God bless you and keep you strong and caring.

Rev. Karen Torrez, Pastor
Nancy Mayers, President of Council



Thank You Ruth Stollmer

Many thanks to Ruth Stollmer who donated her Weber gas grill and a full tank of propane to Zion. Thanks to Bob and Deb Keppel who loaded it up and brought it to the church and to Jeff Mitchell who cleaned and readied it for use.

We now have a grill available on site for future events.



Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Pray for those with specific requests:

Pam Sauls is recovering from heart catheterization and Sharon Knick is recovering from heart valve replacement.

Continue to pray for: Miriam Comer, Bill and Anne Nicholes, James Oaks, Sue and Dave Cook who have both started chemo, Shirley Delaplaine, 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: Zion Lutheran Church will welcome Jaren Summers as our pastor! Thanks be to God!

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.



Pastor Summers Ordination

Prior to beginning as pastor at Zion, Pastor Summers will be ordained on **Saturday, August 24th at 1:00 pm** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Muncie, Indiana. Zion members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend and want to carpool, let Annette know.



August 2024

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Quilts 10:30 Property Mtg. 6 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm				Dragon's Game 7 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5p Council 7p AA 8-9 pm				Communion Saturday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm		Compassionate Friends 7pm		Pastor Summers ordination 1:00 Holy Trinity L C Muncie, IN
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Church Picnic & Sally's last Sunday Randall Residence	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm				