

ZION TIDINGS September 2024



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

Welcome Pastor Jaren Summers



Greetings Zion Lutheran Church! My name is Pastor Jaren Summers and I am both thrilled and honored to have been called as your new pastor. I was born in Dayton, Ohio but spent the majority of my childhood in Fishers, Indiana. I attended undergrad at Ball State University, lovingly referred to as the “Harvard of the Heartland.” I earned my bachelor’s degree in social studies education and was licensed to teach both history and government from grades 6-12. As you will undoubtedly learn, education is near and dear to my heart, especially when it comes to learning

about our Lutheran faith. I attended seminary at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University and had a wonderful experience. I have served in a variety of churches in Columbus, OH throughout seminary and also served as a hospital chaplain at the OSU Wexner Center for a year.

I met my wife, Kendra, at Ball State University and we have been married for five years. We have a two-year-old son named Ezra and are expecting our newborn baby girl to arrive sometime in late October/early November. We also have a cat named Paisley who has been part of our family for five years. Family is very important to us and we love animals of all kinds.

I enjoy reading, the outdoors, and spending time with family. When it comes to ministry, I have a passion for making the Gospel accessible to all people, regardless of their background. I firmly believe that God’s grace is open to all people. I believe the Church is called to be present in the community, serving those who have been forgotten or left behind by society. The Gospel is Good News to all people, and my calling is to keep the Gospel at the forefront of all that we do. I am grateful for having been called to Zion Lutheran Church. My family and I are thrilled to be here and cannot wait to get started. I cannot wait to meet you all. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

God’s Peace,
Pastor Jaren Summers



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER “TIDINGS” is Friday, September 20, 2024

Mission of the Month

Serving Meals for St. Patrick Soup Kitchen

In September, the Women of Zion will serve a meal for the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen in Troy on **Saturday Sept 7th**. The meal will be served at **Kennedy Hall at the Terrace Ridge Apartments, 1323 McKaig Avenue in Troy**.

We need at least 6 people (men can help too!) to arrive at 10:00 am to help prepare or warm up food. **Serving time is 12:00-1:00**. People will come to the center to eat and some meals will be delivered at the apartment complex. These can be delivered by walking or driving. We will help clean up as well.

If you would like to help prepare the food or serve, please see Linda Holt.

In addition to serving at the Kennedy Center, we will collect items needed for the Soup Kitchen. There will be a display in the narthex with the items needed and a collection box. Collection will end September 29th.

Items needed are:

35–55-gallon size trash bags
Quart size and sandwich size zip lock bags
Dish soap
Powdered drink mix
Sugar
Canned milk, fruit and applesauce
Aluminum foil
Packaged cookies



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September Birthdays

2	Jeff Mitchell	11	Chuck Swanson	20	Charlotte Dorn
4	Lil Nichols	15	Debbie Turner Mark Helke	26	Bryce Clum
7	Tim Garvic	18	Linda Short	29	Allison Cartwright
9	Alicia Weprin	19	Kathy Groth		
10	Ethan Freitag Jessica Lopez				



Upcoming Events

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.



Bunco Night

Saturday, September 14th

Back by popular demand! We had so much fun in May, the Welcoming committee has planned another Bunco night beginning at **6:00 pm, after Saturday service**. Even if you don't know how to play, it's easy and instructions will be given.

Pizza will be provided (a freewill offering to cover the cost will be taken).

Please BYO beverage and a snack to share. Sign up in the fellowship hallway.



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.

Garage Sale Hours: Thursday 9-5 and Friday 9 - 8

Installation of Pastor Summers

Sunday, October 27th

In addition to being Reformation Sunday, the 27th will also be the Installation service for Pastor Jaren Summers.

Please join us as we officially welcome our new Zion pastor.



Women of Zion Brat Dinner

Saturday, October 5th

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Join us for our annual brat dinner in the fellowship hall. Carry out is also available. The cost is only \$8 presale or \$9 the day of the dinner for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets will be available for purchase at the office from 8-12, Monday – Friday or before & after church in the narthex beginning **September 21st**.

Menu:

Brat or Hot Dog	Sauerkraut	Pie
Green Beans	Mashed Potatoes	Beverage
Chunky Applesauce	Dinner Roll	



Proceeds support missions. The public is welcome so invite friends and family and enjoy a delicious meal while benefitting the missions of Zion.

Life Line Screenings

Tuesday, October 15th

Life Line Screenings is the Nation's leader in Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk screenings. Screenings are simple and painless. They are offering special pricing for \$159, which covers screenings for Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, plus Hypertension. Book an appointment by **calling** 888-814-0466, visit the **website** LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA or **text** the word "circle" to 216-279-1607.

Pastor Summer's Ordination

Nineteen members from Zion traveled to Muncie on August 24th to attend his ordination. Bishops from their synod and ours were present, along with several guest pastors. It was a packed house and a very special ceremony. Congrats Pastor Summers!



Christian Education

F2FX Sports Exchange

We are still in **need of some storage items** for the Sport Exchange and any recreational sports gear for children and youth.

If you are a Thrivent member who has not used the free-to-you \$250 action team grant, please contact Jessica Dorn. Reminder this \$250 is of no cost to you, and is a benefit of being a Thrivent member so that you can support your chosen non-profits. Any of the staff members can help you apply!

We are planning on having a **fundraiser** on **September 27 from 4-7pm** during the Tipp City Cruise in. We will be selling candy and water in the front yard. If you'd like to help or donate candy/drinks please contact Jessica Dorn, Jen Garvic, or Christine Schlater.

Sunday School

9/8 Everyone will be joining for Rally Day to pray for our Sunday School year and breakfast.

Lori Sebastian will be talking to adults and children about Liturgy

9/15 Everyone is invited to learn about F2FX Sports Closet with Jessica Dorn

9/22 Children and Youth will be learning about the Lord's Prayer

9/22 Children and Youth will be learning about the Widow's Offering

10/6 Everyone is invited to learn about Streaming Worship with James Sebastian

Student Encouragement Team

Have you ever noticed that our youth are magicians? -They seem to just disappear after confirmation!

In order to try and combat the disappearing act of our youth, WE NEED YOU! We are starting a new outreach program at church called the Student Encouragement Team. This team would be responsible for going to visit the children and youth of our church in their natural environment, at their extracurricular activities, in order to support and form bonds with them.

It is our hope that if the children form relationships and community within the church that they will stick around as youth. Do you have a particular child you feel connected to? Do you like a specific activity? Contact Jessica Dorn today to see which child you might be able to connect with!

Parents

Please give Jessica Dorn any information about your kids' activities members can visit to support your child. This might include sports performances, or anything else! For the safety of children and families, ~~event schedules will~~ **event schedules will** NOT be posted, but individuals will be able to coordinate with Jessica to find a date.



Adult Sunday School Fall 2024

I am anxious to see all of you dedicated friends for our fall session of Adult Sunday School! Rally Day is **Sunday September 8**. Adults and kids will meet in the Fellowship Hall to be greeted by Pastor Summers and Lori Sebastian will give a talk on our liturgy.

The adults will begin with lessons on **September 15** with an 8-week session on Louie Giglio's Acts of the Apostles. In a world that is unsure of where to find truth or purpose, the book of Acts stands apart. It reveals God's plan for global redemption, his purpose for our lives, and the power he has given us to accomplish his mission.

God is calling us to be a part of that story written two thousand years ago.

ALL TEENS AND ADULTS ARE WELCOME! See you in September!

Linda Holt

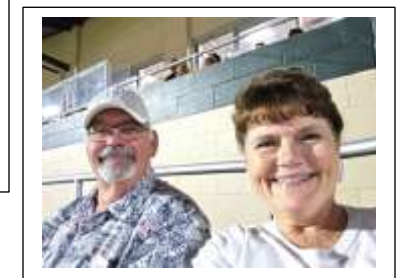


Zion Night at the Dragons Game

The weather was perfect for a baseball game on August 10th. There was a large crowd, including 69 from Zion, who watched the Dayton Dragons beat the Fort Wayne Tin Caps. We had a great block of seats behind home plate and a good time was had by all!



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 Dayton	59 - 50	1	4	4
 Fort Wayne	45 - 64	4	7	1



Women of Zion Meeting Highlights

August 11, 2024

- Health Kits for LWR, along with donations, were collected in July.
- School Kits for LWR are currently being collected.
- The convection oven is now working.
- Kitchen clean-up day was held August 1st.
- The church picnic will be held August 25th at the church. WoZ will provide beverages.
- September mission of the month will be helping St. Patrick Soup Kitchen provide a meal at Terrace Ridge Apartments on September 7th. A sign-up sheet will be posted.
- The Mum Festival garage sale is September 26 & 27. Items for sale can be dropped off beginning after service on September 21st. Sign-up sheets for workers will be going up soon.
- The Brat Supper will be held October 5th.
- Child Care Choices Quarter Auction will be held at Zion on November 7th. Woz will provide food for sale.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry update: currently there are 2 men's, 5 women's and 5 baby blankets available.
- There was discussion regarding the quilts that are available now.

Next meeting is **Sunday, September 8th at 7:00 pm**

All women are encouraged to attend!

Property Committee Meeting Report

August 5, 2024

- The ramp repair and the bollards installation were completed.
- The water meter update was completed.
- Hinkle Roofing worked on the gutters and downspouts. Holes were found on the flat roof between the old and new building. A cap needs to be installed on the chimney where water has been coming in.
- The electrical between the convection oven outlet and the breaker has been repaired.
- The drains on the kitchen roof were cleaned out and salt stains were cleaned off the memorial bricks.
- The monthly work list was completed.



Next meeting: Monday, **September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Zion History Part 7 will return next month when space allows.

Annual Picnic

On a hot August day, it was nice to be in our lovely air-conditioned hall enjoying great food & fellowship. The picnic served a dual purpose as a celebratory thank you and farewell to Pastor Sally who has served as interim from February through August this year.

In addition to a beautifully crafted quilt made by our Mission Quilters, a scrapbook of photos and thank you notes was presented to her by Ruth White.

Cornhole and Bingo completed a much-enjoyed event. Thanks to Council for the chicken, the Women of Zion for the beverages and all who contributed delicious side dishes.



Council Meeting Report

August 13, 2024



1. Approved minutes for the following meetings:
 - July 9th Council Meeting approved with corrections
 - July 21st Special Congregational Meeting approved
2. Approved Treasurer's reports for May 2024 and June 2024.
3. The Council heard an AED presentation by Annette and Jeff Calicoat. The Council has approved moving forward in obtaining an AED for Zion.
4. Notes upcoming dates for the Calendar:
 - August 24th - Pastor Summers Ordination in Indiana
 - August 25th - Church picnic at Zion
 - September 14th - Bunco night at Zion
 - September-27th - Candy Sale to support the Sports Exchange Program
 - October 5th - Brat Dinner
 - October 27th - Pastor Summers Installation Service at Zion
5. Matt Sauls has agreed to fulfill the position as Vice President of Zion Lutheran Church Council for the remainder of this year.

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

LWR Health Kit Results

Thanks to a Thrivent grant and your donations, we were able to complete 62 health kits. Money that was donated will be used toward shipping costs.

Thank you for helping Lutheran World Relief provide health needs for the disadvantaged.

Organized, Functional & Sparkling

The kitchen is ready for our next big event. Donna Slyman & Deb Keppel cleaned & **organized** the pantry. The following week, electricians came in to fix the problem causing the convection oven not to work. It is now fully **functional**.



Days later, a team comprised of Deb, Donna, Chuck & Erma Swanson and Judy Bailey worked for hours and did a thorough job of cleaning to make it **sparkle**. The final touch was scrubbing the floor, done by our custodians.

Thanks to all who worked diligently to make our fabulous kitchen organized, clean and healthy for our many Zion activities.



Members of Zion Make A Difference!

Zion Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School,

Needy Basket acknowledges your donation of \$51, on June 18, 2024, to support our efforts to assist the needy families of Southern Miami County. Your donation is very much appreciated. Thank You.

In 2023, Needy Basket volunteers filled 1,448 requests for food under our emergency food program and helped 5,551 individuals. In addition, we continued our support for the "Lunch on Us" program that provides lunches to children of low-income families during the summer when they are out of school. Also, our annual holiday program provided 227 families with a Christmas meal, toys for children under ten years old, and a Visa gift card for kids from eleven to seventeen years old.

We welcome your continued support to help us provide aid to families of Southern Miami County needing assistance.

Gratefully, Thomas Enders, Treasurer



Dear ministry partners at Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$410 to HopeWood Outdoors. Your support and generosity are gifts to all who spend time at one of our camps.

Summer camp is in full swing and campers this summer will hear the theme of **Created to Be** with a key verse of *"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works that I know very well."* – Psalm 139:14. We are learning what it means to be siblings in Christ – humans who are brave enough to encourage and stand up for each other, sharing burdens as well as joys.

Through your support in prayer and financial gifts, you are encouraging and standing up for so many campers this summer and year-round at HopeWood Outdoors (LOMO). Thank You!

Sincerely, In Christ Drew Tucker, Executive Director



While Pastor Summer's home is being completed, Karen & Tim Cartwright have graciously provided Karen's Mom's home for him to live in so that he can minister in Zion during September.

God Bless you for your generosity!

To the Women of Zion Lutheran Church,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent donation dated March 19, 2024 in the amount of \$500. We are grateful for your continued caring support and sharing in our mission of helping others. This is making a difference in the lives of the individuals and families we serve.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, HEARTS OF COMPASSION AND FAITHFUL SUPPORT OF JEREMIAH'S LETTER. May God bless each and every one of you and thank you on behalf of all the individuals and families we are able to help each year. May the grace and peace of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Your brother in Christ, Dennis Hawley, Executive Director



Dear Card Club:

On behalf of the Veterans, families, and staff of the Dayton VA Medical Center, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for your donation of cards. Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our Veterans and their service to our country.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to enhance the care we provide for our Nation's heroes, the Veteran patient.

Again, thank you for caring,
Tiffany Knight Wills
Chief, Center for Development and Civic Engagement

Thank You Mitch Tayse for stripping and refinishing the Pastor's desk. It was covered with paint, water marks, stains & scratches. It looks beautiful now and will be a pleasant place for Pastor Summers to work.

F2FX Sports Exchange Minutes 7/31/24

1. In attendance: Jessica Dorn, Jen Garvic, Christine Schlater

2. Items received

- a. Shoe rack
- b. Shoe rack (can be repurposed for other items)
- c. Ball rack
- d. Sports gear (mostly soccer cleats and balls)



3. Main Focus

- a. Help the church to understand that this is going to take a long time to get up and running effectively, but that small steps are being made toward the overall goal
- b. Have men and children run this
- c. Fundraising events
 - i. Jessica will talk to Deb Keppel/ Women of Zion
 1. See if the women of Zion will allow us to take items needed from garage sale for storage or any sporting goods
 2. Garage sale – sport donation deal (possible ideas below)
 - a. early entrance with sport donation
 - b. \$2 off order with sport donation
 - c. 1 free item last hour of sale with sport donation
 - d. Sell water/snacks during garage sale
 - ii. Thrivent
 1. Jen will make plea to church for funds
 - iii. Cruise in water/snack/kid craft sale 9/27, 4:00-7:00
 - iv. Church snack sale 9/29

4. Future contacts

- a. Donation bins
 - i. Schools
 - ii. Libraries
 - iii. Fire departments
 - iv. Police
 - v. Local rec sports
 - vi. Health Department
- b. Organizations
 - i. Boy scouts – Christine to talk to Chuck Drake
 - ii. Girl scouts
 - iii. American Heritage Girls
 - iv. Trail Life USA



Choir Notes from Bill

I hope everyone had a great summer! I have set the first rehearsal for Wednesday, September 11, at 7PM. We will rehearse and sing every Wednesday and Sunday after that, except October 9th and 13th, for September and October. We're going to start the season with unison singing from the All Creation Sings hymnal for the first three Sundays to get us warmed up and give us time to learn three really great anthems.

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.

Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Pray for those with specific requests:

Miriam Comer who has lung cancer, pray for Amy Byrd who is hospitalized, Kim Jones who will be undergoing some medical tests,

Continue to pray for: Debbie Turner, Bill and Anne Nicholes, James Oaks, Sue and Dave Cook who have both started chemo, Brian Watkins, Chalmer Mader, Christine Copeland, Fred Staie, the Weprin Family, Cindy Moore, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers, Shirley Rawlins,

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Pastor Jaren Summers was ordained as a minister of The Word and Sacrament on August 24. We welcome 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.



Chalk Talk Painting Is Hung

The beautiful chalk drawing that Elva Hurst drew back in April is framed and hung on the wall beside the Fellowship Hall entrance. The black light reveals a hidden picture in the clouds.

Thanks to the Keppels for getting it framed, hung and a black light installed.

Be sure to stop and see it.



Help Needed at the Clothesline

The Clothesline in Tipp City is a clothing resale shop started in 1981. It is run by volunteers from the churches in Tipp City. The proceeds go to local charities. Zion provides volunteers that sort (the "sorters") donated clothing and remove clothing (referred as the "pullers") that has not sold for a designated time period.



The sorters go through the donated clothes and the articles that show minimal wear are kept for resale. The clothes with evidence of wear are donated to missions. The sorters volunteer every second and fifth Mondays in the morning. It is ideal to have 5-6 sorters. It usually takes 2 – 2 1/2 hours to do this task depending on the amount of donated clothing for the week.

The clothing that is removed by the pullers is taken to missions by the pullers. This makes room for other merchandise. This task is done by Zion volunteers every Monday morning for 2 months out of the year. It is also ideal to have 5-6 volunteers to pull. Once again it takes 2 – 2 1/2 hours to complete.

The participating Tipp Churches are each given money every 3 months with a year-end bonus depending on the Clothesline's total income for the year. The money is to be used for their designated mission of choice. This amount is calculated by the number of hours the sorters and clerks volunteer. In 2022 Zion received \$3,135.44 and in 2023 - \$5,209,00. 2024 is pending since a bonus is calculated at the end of the year.

The advantages of volunteering at the clothesline are: 1) it's a low stress, fun time with our Zion members, 2) you get to meet other people in the Tipp church community, 3) you get first selection of the merchandise (many of your Zion family probably have a Clothesline item on right now!!), 4) you feel you are fulfilling Zion's mission when you're there, knowing you are serving others in the community, missions, and our church.

Please consider volunteering. At present, Zion has the lowest number of pullers and sorters. If you would like to be a backup to the regular Zion volunteers that would be great too. Both men and women are needed. Call me with questions/comments.

Thank you, Donna Slyman



Honoring Terri Darrah

On August 17th, a memorial stone was placed in front of the tree that was planted in Terri's memory about 3 years ago. Terri's sister, Pam Hale and her family placed the stone and Jackie Glawe prayed and gave a testimony of the impact Terri's Christian journey had on all of us.



September 2024

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  Office Closed	3 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	4	5	6	7
8 Rally Day for S.S. WoZ 7pm	9 Quilts 10:30 Property Mtg. 6 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	10 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5p Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	11 Choir Rehearse 7	12	13	14 Bunco 6 pm
15	16 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	17 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	18 Worship & Music Mtg 6p Choir Rehearse 7	19	20	21 Communion Saturday
22 	23 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	24 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	25 Choir Rehearse 7	26 Office Closed GARAGE SALE Compassionate Friends 7pm	27 Office Closed	28
29 Randall Residence	30 Office Closed Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30					