

ZION TIDINGS

October 2024



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

One Month Down – Many, Many More to Come

Greetings Zion Lutheran Church! Paul writes the following in Romans 15:7 - “Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Paul is teaching Christians to welcome one another when they meet in passing, in church, on the streets, or in each other’s homes. This is something Paul lifts up as an important quality of being a Christian. I am writing to you to say that I have experienced such a welcome here at Zion Lutheran Church. My family and I joined you all in early September and since the very beginning you all have welcomed us with great love, joy, and appreciation. We truly cannot thank you enough. Please know just how much we appreciate your kind welcome.

I give thanks to God for your hospitality and for how quickly you have invited us in as part of this beloved family. It is already clear to me that Zion is a special place, a place where God is truly present and where the Spirit draws us together around our shared faith in Christ. I have seen you welcome strangers into this church, whether they are members are not, whether they are believers or not. You have broken bread with them, helped them in need, and shared a laugh together. This is what ministry is all about. This is how the Gospel is shared—through everyday interactions with our neighbors, showing God’s love through how we care for ourselves and each other.

I cannot thank Zion Lutheran Church enough for the warm welcome that me and my family have received. We know we are blessed to be here and we know that God has called us here for a reason. Now that it is October, I have already been here a month. And what an incredible month it has been. I look forward to many, many more as your pastor.

As always, if you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out. My door is always open.

Pastor Jaren Summers



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER “TIDINGS” is Friday, October 18, 2024

Mission of the Month

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.



Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure located in the narthex (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.) Please include \$10 to cover the cost of shipping. If you pay by check, please make it payable to Samaritan's Purse.

If you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping.

Please have boxes filled and returned by **Sunday, November 3rd**.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.



October Birthdays

1	Garry Yunker	18	Chris Frame	25	Steve Tritle
3	Felicia Young	19	Jay Lopez	27	Rebecca Helke
6	Reagan Phillips	20	Jill Knutson Kristen Zimmann	29	Olivia Phillips
8	Wayne Fronczak James Garvic Ezra Summers	22	Jeff Johnson	30	Brian Copeland Mirriah Phillips Katelin Smith
12	Bennett Witwer	23	Chuck Powder	31	Troy Kennedy
13	Madelyn Lopez	24	Jason Weprin		
16	Ken Bailey				



Upcoming Events

Women of Zion Brat/Sauerkraut 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 on **September 21/22, & 28/29**.

Menu:

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



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

This dinner is a fundraiser for the church. **There is a job for everyone** from donating money to defray costs, to making pies, to helping set-up, cook, serve, clean-up etc. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hallway.

Luncheon Shower for Baby Summers

Sunday, October 13th



Kendra and Pastor Summers are expecting the birth of a baby sister for Ezra in early November. We would like to welcome her with a shower of gifts.

Join us after church in the fellowship hall to enjoy a luncheon and celebrate with Kendra. Please sign up in the fellowship hallway if you plan to attend.

Kendra is registered at

<https://my.babylist.com/babygirlsummers2>

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.



Parade & Costume Judging Monday, October 21st

Tipp Monroe Community Services will once again hold their costume parade with the Zion parking lot as their final destination. In addition to costume judging, games and activities will be held in our lot.

We plan to have a table out front to pass out items to the participants as we did last year.



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.

Child Care Choices Quarter Auction Thursday, November 7th

Child Care Choices will hold their annual Quarter Auction in our Fellowship Hall. They will have 100+ Prizes, 6 raffle baskets and "Snag-a-bag & Take-a-Tote". Zion's Sisters of the Skillet will provide food available for purchase: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, hot dogs, coney dogs, nachos & cheese, chips, cookies, soft drinks & water, and coffee. Bring your quarters and your friends to support a good cause. Proceeds will support Child Care Choices programs and services.



Saturday, November 9th
12:00 pm

We will be offering the attendees of the Winter's Yuletide Gathering a respite with a fun, classic movie and lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Please volunteer to show our guests Zion hospitality. A sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hallway.

Christian Education

Sunday School

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

10/13 Holy Moly (volume 4)- Widows Offering

10/20 Holy Moly (volume 4)- Mary and Martha

10/27 Holy Moly (volume 4)- Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

11/3 Holy Moly (volume 4)- Thomas Believes

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving – Save the Date

Remember how great the Easter Egg hunt and breakfast went? -Let's do it again for A *Charlie Brown Thanksgiving!*

November 9 at 12pm we will be celebrating A *Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* with the community! This is the day of the Winter's Yuletide Gathering in Tipp and downtown will be a hub of activity. We will need a lot of help to make this go smoothly. We will need volunteers to help welcome guests, set up, serve food, and more!

What makes our church great are the people of Zion! Please help show the community what a great church we are and why they should come worship with us!



Student Encouragement Team



We are still looking for community members who can connect with our students. Contact Jessica Dorn today to see which child you might be able to connect with!

Updated & New

Pastor Pavers (Bricks). Jeff Glawe's has been updated to include 2021, the year he resigned.

A new one has been created for Pastor Summers.

If you want to see them, look between the two brick pillars of the portico.



Did You Know?

Pastor Summers is the 32nd full time pastor to serve Zion since it was founded in 1826.

Zion History Part 7

The nineteen twenties witnessed a strong continuance of church and Sunday school attendance with classes literally bulging at the seams. Under the direction of Pastor Edward R. Capewell (1922-1926), Vacation Bible school was established with more than three hundred children coming to Zion. Quite a few of the youngsters were from unchurched families. Interestingly, religious education was introduced in the local public school system during this time.

The late twenties and all the thirties were manifest with all the trials and tribulations of The Great Depression. Zion Church and our entire community were hard hit by the economic woes of the time. Zion worked in concert with many of the local churches to make sure food was available to those most in need. Food and clothing banks were established with Zion members in the forefront of the effort. Our pastors Ralph Harshman (1927-1933) and Lloyd Riggle (1934-1938) were instrumental in the continuing effort. Since money was scarce among our members, at pastor Harshman's urging, Zion folks planted gardens larger than their family's needs and gave the surplus, both fresh and home canned, to the benevolent cause. This program was carried out for most of the depression years.

The year of 1941 brought Zion the joy of accomplishment accompanying the June ceremonial burning a mortgage note representing fifteen years of indebtedness. The joy was short lived because of our country's impending involvement in World War Two. Several of Zion's young men went to fight. Sadly, some were not to return. Again, the ladies of our church stepped forward to do their share in the war effort. Many sweaters were knitted from yarn furnished by the Red Cross and sent to our men overseas, and once more, as in the First World War, many bandages were rolled and furnished to agencies serving our wounded. A large billboard was erected on Zion's corner lot listing all the local men and women serving in our armed services.

Throughout the nineteen fifties Zion enjoyed a resurgence of Sunday school attendance. It was usual during this period to have seventy or eighty children in attendance. The high school age class alone boasted some thirty-five members. One attractive feature that might have accounted for these robust numbers was the fact a fine breakfast of bacon and eggs was made available to each child attending. The smell of frying bacon would permeate the church on each Sunday morning.

In 1954 a "Building Council" was formed at Zion to investigate and make recommendations for updating the church building. They concluded an improved sanctuary, additional Sunday school space and improved social and recreational space were required if Zion were to continue to prosper. Their recommendations to council included the institution of a long-range plan to improve the building. The majority of church members embraced the plan enthusiastically, and in a relatively short time donations of twenty-five thousand dollars were available. During 1955 a professional fund-raising firm was employed, and a successful "Church Construction Canvass" of members began to accumulate the additional funds required for this ambitious project.

Finally, All Saints Day of November 1, 1964 saw a rededication service in a new modernized sanctuary complete with new pews, altar, choir loft and a modern Allen electronic organ. The sanctuary of today remains much as it was on the day of rededication.

Tipp City adopted a new city charter in 1968 and our then pastor Don R. Bridinger (1964-1970) was elected mayor. Pastor Bridinger held his mayoral position until leaving the city in 1970.

Women of Zion Meeting Highlights

September 8, 2024

- 40 School Kits were packed for Lutheran World Relief.
- Items are being collected now for St. Patrick Soup Kitchen, the September mission of the month.
- Workers are needed for the Mum Festival Garage Sale to be held September 26th & 27th.
- The October mission of the month will be Operation Christmas Child.
- The Brat Supper will be held October 5th.
- A Quarter Auction of Child Care Choices will be held at Zion on November 7th. Women of Zion will provide food for sale.
- The Christmas Gathering for women will be December 5th in the fellowship hall.
- The Clothesline is in need of workers. Contact Donna Slyman if you can help.
- There was discussion regarding ways that Women of Zion could help Pastor Summers and Kendra move in to their new home. We would also like to have a baby shower for Kendra. More information to come.

Next meeting is **Sunday, October 13th at 5:00 pm**

All women are encouraged to attend!

Property Committee Meeting Report

September 9, 2024

- The parking lot timer was replaced as it was not turning on the parking lot lights in the evening.
- The Walnut St. automatic door opener needs to be replaced and a new weather strip installed.
- After Pastor Summers chooses a color, the Property Committee will be painting his office. The monthly work list was completed.

Next meeting: Monday, **October 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Thanks Tim Rambeau

We have a lovely bed of flowers in our parking lot thanks to Tim's diligence at watering them.

He has also painted the railing on the back steps to the Fellowship Hall. Great work!



Music & Worship Report

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, the Worship and Music Committee met. Attending were Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Lori Sebastian, and Pastor Summers. Pastor Summers began the meeting in prayer. Lori thanked musicians for their assistance this summer: Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Mitch Tayse, and the bell choir.

We talked about upcoming services. Pastor Summers' Installation will be held Reformation Sunday (October 27). All Saints services will be the following weekend (Nov. 2-3). Besides a chime ringing for each saint who passed the past year, Pastor suggested we consider lighting a candle on the altar for each saint. Lastly, we will discuss advent service format at our next meeting.

Bill Jones gave vocal choir updates – he has selected six pieces to cover fall. He mentioned a great turnout of people (currently we have 17 in the choir), and we welcome back Pastor Dale and Ginger Schaefer. Anyone interested in joining the choir – choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7pm in the choir loft / sanctuary.

The Altar Committee discussed Communion. We will be ordering gluten free wafers to accommodate individuals who may be gluten free. Pastor also inquired about adding a 2nd Saturday Communion service – he suggested offering Communion the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. He also mentioned we consider Setting 5 and offering Communion / returning to the Communion rail for the Lent season.

For special musicians, Linda Holt will be playing trumpet at the installation service. Lori has a fall piece that she will collaborate with a flutist on. We will continue to explore ways to include kids in the worship service.

For technology, remote worship, and live streaming, the team is hoping to migrate to the new setup upstairs in the sanctuary during October.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 6th at 6pm.**



Choir Updates

It was so great to see everyone at the first choir practice of the new season! We had to go back to three rows to get us to fit! We all missed Lil and our prayers are with her and Larry. Also, good news, we gained a new member, Pastor Dale! The choir liked rehearsing the lineup we have for September and October. We hope to do a wonderful praise anthem, *Be My God*, for Pastor Summers installation on Reformation Sunday. Thanks to Mitch for playing guitar again this season! We moved the guitars to the back of the choir so they could hear us better.

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



Council Meeting Report

September 10, 2024



1. Approved minutes for the following meeting:
August 13th Council Meeting approved
2. Approved Treasurer's reports for the month of July 2024
3. Pastor Summers held a short visioning session with Council members.
4. AED grant application to the Tipp Foundation has been approved for the total amount which includes the AED's and training. Many thanks go to Annette and her husband for heading up this effort!!!!
5. Notes upcoming dates for the Calendar:
 - 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
 - November 7th-Child Care Choices Quarter Auction

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **October 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

LWR School Kit Results

Thanks to a Thrivent grant and your donations, we were able to complete 64 school kits. Money that was donated will be used toward shipping costs. All this effort helps children have a better chance to be educated.



New Focus

Since Jeremiah's Letter in Dayton has closed, Zion has a new mission to focus on. The Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County in Troy has an ongoing need for the following items:

Body Wash	Dishes
Deodorant.	Silverware
Shampoo	Pots and pans, skillets

Please place items in the Walnut St. entrance collection tub.



Members of Zion Make A Difference!

Thank you for the hospitality, I experienced during my visit in April. Your support, both in prayers and conations has had a significant impact on Oesterlen's Missions.

I am looking forward to meeting with you again.

Julie Barhorst

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry we do together as the Southern Ohio Synod.

The Southern Ohio Synod Stewardship Team



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Thank you for your generous donation of 5 wheelchair bags and 5 foley bag covers. They are so bright and colorful. Thank you for sharing your wonderful sewing skills!

Vicky McKinley, Hospice of Miami County

Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Pray for those grieving: Ruth Stollmer on the death of her brother.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Bill Nicholes had a successful heart surgery. We celebrate Pastor Summers, Kendra and Ezra. Thanks be to God!

Pray for those with specific requests: Pray for Miriam Comer who is now at home under Hospice care. Larry Nichols is at home with Hospice care. Keep him in prayer as well as Lil. Pray for Amy Byrd who has been moved to Troy Rehab and Healthcare Center. Also keep Jack & Sharon in prayer. Prayers are needed for Tim Cartwright, Gwen Miller (grandmother of Susie Gray) and Colonel Troy Cramer, and Kim Jones who is awaiting news from her medical tests.

Continue to pray for: Debbie Turner, James Oaks, Sue and Dave Cook, Brian Watkins, Chalmer Mader, Christine Copeland, Fred Staie, the Weprin Family, Cindy Moore, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers, and Shirley Rawlins.

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.

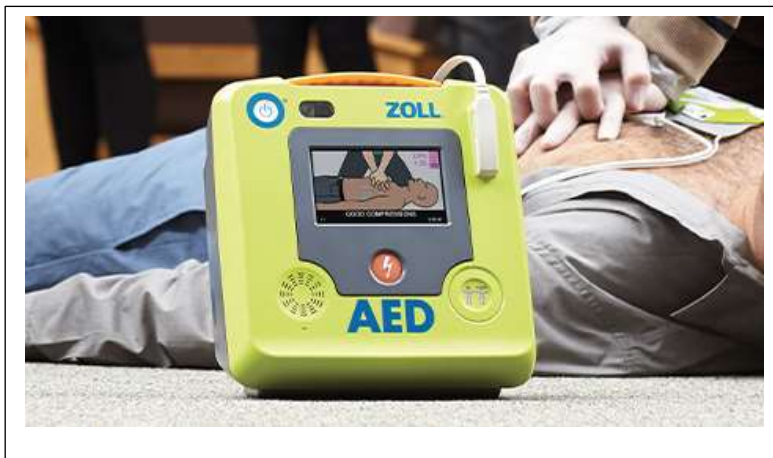


Request GRANTED

It's no secret that we have a lot of seniors in our congregation. It's also a fact that as we age, the risk of a fatal heart attack increases. We also have literally thousands of people who come through our church yearly. Because of these facts, the church council identified a need to have an AED in our church. An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator. An AED is a portable, lightweight medical device designed to treat cardiac arrest, a life-threatening condition where the heart suddenly stops beating properly. AEDs are designed for use by non-medical personnel, such as bystanders or laypeople, to restore a normal heart rhythm. The device analyzes a person's heart rhythm and delivers an electric shock to restore a normal rhythm in cases of cardiac arrest. AEDs can significantly improve cardiac arrest survival rates when used promptly and correctly.

Once the need was identified, the Calicoat's presented Council with available options. Jeff Calicoat was previously EMS Chief for Tipp City and served our community on the emergency squad for 27 years. He had experience with many AED's and his recommendation was the Zoll 3 because of it's ease of use and many helpful features. Cintas was identified as the best vendor. Council gave approval to proceed and Annette submitted a grant request to the Tipp Foundation. The request included the AED, an alarmed cabinet for it, an AED sign, the required prescription for 3 years, a trauma bag and training for 10 people. It was a big request totaling \$4,112.23.

The GREAT news is that the Tipp Foundation of the Troy Foundation granted the ENTIRE amount to Zion. Of this amount, \$1,257.03 is from the Safety First Fund, \$901.00 is from the Tippecanoe Fund by Gordon Honeyman, \$1,787.00 is from the August Henke Comfort for the Needy Fund and \$167.20 is from the Tipp City Foundation General Trust Fund. All are component funds of the Troy Foundation.



The unit should arrive in early October and will be installed in a central location. The training will take place in late October with the exact date TBD. The American Heart Association certification class taught by an instructor from our Tipp EMS department will take 3-4 hours and will include First Aid. ***If you are interested in being one of the ten Zion members trained to use the device, please contact Annette M-F, 8:00 am – 12:00. Call 937-667-3110 or email office@ziontippcity.org.***

THANKYOU!



October 2024

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	2 Choir Rehearse 7	3	4	5 Brat Supper 4-7 pm
6	7 Quilts 10:30 Property Mtg. 6 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	8 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5p Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	9 NO Choir	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 Baby Summer's Shower Women of Zion 7	14 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	15 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm Life Line Screening	16 Choir Rehearse 7	17	18	19 Communion Saturday
20	21 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30 Costume Parade	22 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	23 Choir Rehearse 7	24 Compassionate Friends 7pm	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday Pastor Summers Installation	28 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	29 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	30	31		