



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

What Does the Pastor Do?

The most common question I get, whenever I introduce myself as a pastor to others, is “what do you do all day?” Most people who learn that I am a pastor ask what I do throughout the week. “Obviously, you work on Sundays. But what about the rest of the time?” They assume I do nothing except prepare for Sunday service. I have been asked this question so many times that I thought it would be good to devote an article towards answering this question. Maybe you have asked this question before, or maybe you will have friends or family members who ask this same question. Nevertheless, I think it is important for people to know what their pastor does week in and week out.

The one thing that people should know is that my schedule changes week by week, depending on what events are happening in the community and in our congregation. Throughout the week, I spend time studying the lectionary texts for the upcoming week and then writing my sermon. I work with staff to plan worship, youth events, congregational events, etc. My goal is to support our staff as they go about their ministries by providing theological guidance and pastoral perspective. I typically visit folks in their homes and in the hospital every week. Depending on the severity of the situation I may visit someone every day, once a week, or once a month. Planning is also needed for congregational events, Council and committee meetings, and ministry offerings—from Bible and Brew to Gather: Miami Valley (our young adult ministry). Weekly, I meet with other Lutheran pastors in the area to study the lectionary texts and I will occasionally meet with local pastors in Tipp City to build relationships with our neighbors. Sometimes, I will go to a local business/gathering space to read scripture, pray, and engage with the community. I have taken a liking to spending Thursday mornings at Chaffee’s Brewhouse where I can interact with members of the community and learn about the needs of our neighbors.

As a pastor, I work six days out of the week— Saturday through Thursday. Fridays are my day off. Depending on what happens during the week, I will take additional time when I can. On average, I work about 45-50 hours a week. Sometimes less, sometimes more. Everything I have described above is “typical” on a weekly basis. But there are always things popping up that are not typical. There are events or situations that arise that you cannot plan for. Not to mention funerals and weddings. In other words, this article barely scratches the surface of what I do in a week. But I tell you that I love being a pastor. I can’t imagine doing anything else. This calling is so fulfilling and so life-giving that it truly doesn’t feel like work. Do I get tired? Yes! Do I get stressed? Yes! But overall, I am happier than I ever imagined I could be. I love this calling that God has placed on my life and I love being your pastor at Zion Lutheran Church. Week in and week out, there are so many things I get to do. Ministry is never boring! And I truly enjoy being out in the community, helping others in their discipleship and equipping the saints in their vocations. Being a pastor is truly a blessing.



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JULY “TIDINGS” is Friday, June 20, 2025

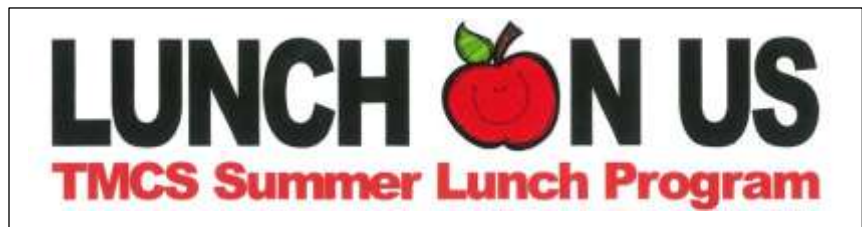
June Birthdays

1	Emily Greer Gray	17	Bill Jones Misty Strawser	27	Rachel Sebastian Erma Swanson
3	Abby & Annie Olt	19	Wanda Lenehan	28	Linda Holt Gavin & Lydia Reedstrom Debbie Weprin
4	Andrea Cooke Freida Schmidt	20	Cindy Tayse	29	Brent Reedstrom Heather Phillips
6	Pam Sauls	23	Melinda Schall		
14	Adam Rizzotte	24	Linda Hood		
15	Peggy McCoy	26	Savannah Schlater		



Mission of the Month

June 23 – 27
9:00 am – 12:30



We need two helpers per day for that week. If you want to help but cannot sign up to work a shift, below is a list of needed food items for the program. You can also write a check to Tipp Monroe Community Services. Gift cards to Gordon Foods Service, Kroger, Meijer or Aldi are also appreciated. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hallway.

If you have questions, see Deb Keppel.

- Single serve items: fruit cups, chips, pretzels, Cheetos, Cheez Its, cookies, brownies or sweet treats
- Pasta: elbow macaroni, spaghetti
- Salty snacks: box of Cheez Its, bag of small pretzels, Bugles, Goldfish, microwave popcorn packs
- Cereal: any brand that kids like (no flake cereals), Cheerios, Honeycomb, Rice or Corn Chex
- Cookies: Teddy Grahams, Flavored Cookies
- Supplies: baggies - snack and sandwich, quart, gallon, (regular and freezer), paper towels

Upcoming Events



June 10-12 at St John's
Vandalia

June 17-19 at Zion



We are excited to be working with St John's (Vandalia) and St Paul's (Dayton) again for VBS! VBS will be held June 10-12 at St John's **dinner 5:30 pm VBS 6-8:15 pm** AND June 17-19 at Zion **dinner 5:30 pm VBS 6-8:15 pm**. **Registration closes June 1.**

The link to the website is: www.stpauldogleg.org/vbs



Bible and Brew

June 17th

5:30 – 6:30

Chaffee's Brewhouse

15 E. Second Street, Tipp



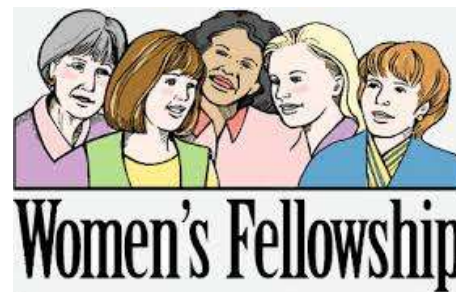
Interesting and thought provoking best describe these gatherings. The next meeting is June 17th. Join us for diverse conversations and theological discussions in a relaxed setting.

These gatherings are **open to everyone!**

Chaffee's offers a selection of craft beers, coffees, and a variety of other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. They do not serve dinner but you can BYO with you.

Women's Daytime Fellowship

All women are invited who are available in the daytime to meet for our next Daytime Fellowship on **Wednesday, June 25th**. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at **10:00**. Bring your own drinks and snacks **or** a snack to share if you are so inclined. The topic will be: Why do you attend church and why did you come to Zion? After prayer and discussion on the topic, we'll enjoy some casual conversations. We look forward to seeing YOU! If you have any questions, contact Ginger Schaefer at 419-250-0236.





Zion Night at the Dayton Dragons

Come enjoy an evening at the ballpark, **July 19th at 7:05 p.m.** The cost is \$15. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway. We need to have our planned attendance to the Dragons early so **please sign up before JUNE 12th**

If we get 50 people, everyone will receive a \$5 voucher to use at the ballpark. We have 80 tickets available.

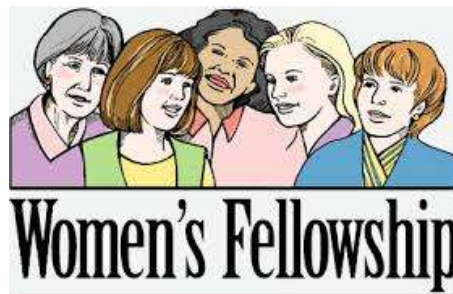
An envelope for payment is on the table in the workroom. Please indicate if you paid with cash or check, the check number and amount. Make checks payable to *Zion Lutheran Church*.

Carpooling will be available.



Women's Daytime Fellowship

On Wednesday May 7th, ten women met for the inaugural gathering to discuss upcoming plans about topics of discussion and places to meet. They also enjoyed refreshments and sang Happy Birthday to Ruth White.



Worship & Music Meeting Recap

On Wednesday, May 7, 2025, the Worship and Music Committee met. Attending were: Brittany Fouts, Carla Frame, Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Lori Sebastian, and Pastor Jaren Summers. Pastor began the meeting in prayer. We reviewed Holy Week. We talked about the possibility of a survey and a hymn sing sometime this summer as special music. We discussed some ideas for the sanctuary, to commemorate the 200th anniversary. We also arranged coverage for weeks when musicians will be out of town. In addition, we discussed the Church Picnic.

Our upcoming service dates include: Mother's Day – May 11 & 12 (each woman will receive a carnation), Pentecost - June 7 & 8, and Holy Trinity – June 14 & 15. On Sunday June 15th, Adena Brass will be providing special music.

Vocal Choir continues to have great turnout. We discussed handling any unexpected health issues moving forward. Choir Sunday is Sunday, May 18. Choir will sing 2 pieces. Bells rang on Sunday April 27 and hope to ring once this summer for special music.



Carla reported everything for Altar is going well. We had a discussion on the Christ Candle. Carla reports home communion supplies are going well.

For liturgy and hymns, we are currently using Setting 3 for the Easter season and returned *This is the Feast* and *Alleluias*. We are considering something simple for summer liturgy. If anyone is interested in providing special music for the summer, please see Lori Sebastian.

Pastor gave his updates. He stated the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translation of the Bible (which is what we currently use) is moving to an Updated Edition – NRSVUE. He reviewed several possibilities for the congregation and set the stage for what the congregation may want to do. He also stated we will have baptisms upcoming.

The technology team hopes to have additional rear speakers installed and wiring accomplished and move recording the service upstairs by fall.

Next meeting date: **Wednesday, September 10 at 6pm.**



Property Clean-up Day

They came, they weeded, they pruned, they mulched and they hauled it away. "They" are Dennis Copeland, Richard Geiman, John Greer, Kim Jones, Bob Keppel, Sharon Knick, Jeff Mitchell, Tim Rambeau, Brent Reedstrom, Matt Sauls and James Sebastian. Many thanks to our Zion landscapers who turned our winter-weary property into a beautiful yard for all of Tipp City to enjoy.



Thank You

Zion Lutheran Church Congregation,

I am blown away every year when you donate items to support Little Kindness. This year was NO exception. You filled in some much-needed gaps. These items help me to use donation of monies toward my bags instead of items for the bags, or by adding items to the bags. I just added playing cards as requested. Little Kindness is now supporting 4 infusion centers, so this helps A LOT!

Pamela Hale



p.s. Special Thank U to Deb Keppel.

Donated Items: 17 highlighters, 9 bags of hard candy, 40 individual packs of tissue, 16 pairs of fuzzy socks, 7 puzzle books, 10 Chapsticks, 4 bags of chocolate, 5 reusable water bottles, 2 packs of colored markers, 2 stress balls, 3 gift cards, bag of goodies – bookmarks, cozies & keychains, a check.



Christian Education – Children & Youth

Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School was May 18th!

Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers who helped this year. Sunday School would not be possible without you.



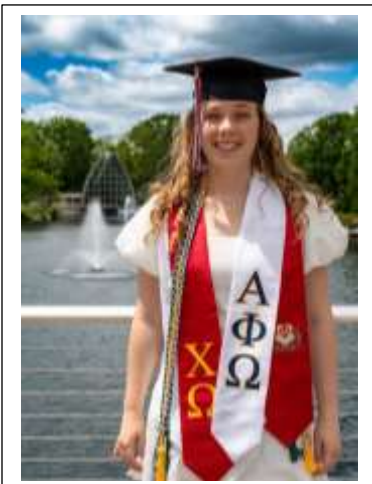
We look forward to seeing you again when Sunday School resumes **September 7**.

Messy Games – Save the Date

We plan to take a group of youth to Messy Games on **Sunday August 17** in the afternoon. It's taking place at Epiphany (Centerville/Austin Campus) from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for Completed Grades 5 to 12. Contact Jessica Dorn for more information.



Congrats Lisa Sebastian



Lisa Sebastian graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a degree in NanoEngineering and a minor in Electrical and Computer Engineering. During her time at Rose, she was involved with Chi Omega, Alpha Phi Omega, Intervarsity, Orientation Team, Cross Country and Track. She also worked as an Admissions Ambassador. During her summers, Lisa had the opportunity to intern at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, HRL Laboratories (Hughes Research Laboratories) in Malibu, CA, and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Following graduation, Lisa will pursue her PhD in Electrical Engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.



How Can I Get Involved?



We are so happy to welcome new people to our congregation. We've been asked about ways to plug in to activities. To provide information about the multitude of opportunities, this is the first of a new ongoing section in Tidings, which describes a specific ministry area and ways to become involved. This month we are highlighting **Christian Education**.

Christian Education aims at helping adults and youth further their spiritual growth to become closer to the Lord through classes. These classes are offered September (the Sunday after Labor Day) through May (the 2 weeks before Memorial Day) on Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 9:45 am. There are different classes available: current classes include Adult, Youth (5th grade+), and children (K-4th).

We are always looking for help with Sunday School!

If you are interested in helping with **Adult Sunday School** (Sundays at 9) please contact Linda Holt or Jessica Dorn.

If you are interested in helping with **Youth, Children, or Toddler Sunday School** please contact Jessica Dorn. Those who help with children and youth must have a clean background check to ensure the safety of our children.

Sunday School Teachers are asked to sign up for one week (or more) a month for the entire Sunday School year so that relationships are formed between the teacher and children. Teachers are given the curriculum for their week, and have a box which has all of the supplies that are needed. Teachers are encouraged to check their box before they lead to make sure that everything they need is in the box.

Sunday School Helpers are asked to sign up for a week (or more) a month for the entire school year. This helps the children build a relationship with the helpers. Helpers are encouraged to come into the Sunday School room and participate with the children to model good behavior and to help anywhere the teacher or children need help. Class helpers are important not only to have another trusted adult connection, but also to keep the classrooms a safe place for everyone.

Christian Education Advisory Committee is comprised of Sunday School Teachers, Helpers, and anyone who has an interest in Sunday School. This committee guides the Christian Education Director in the correct direction that christian education is handled at Zion. They typically meet 3-4 times a year (before Sunday School begins, mid year, and after Sunday School is completed). The meeting time will be announced in the church bulletin. Contact Jessica Dorn with any questions.



Bible & Brew is Gaining Momentum

20 people gathered on May 20th for fellowship and a discussion of our purpose in life.



Thank You

There are not enough thank you's in the world to express our gratitude for all the love and support we have received. We truly appreciated the many visits, prayers, cards and gifts Amy received while in rehab and after coming home. The new basket with snacks, bread, notes, games, puzzles, slip proof socks, an octopus to replace the squishy ball she lost and a toy cat that is a twin to her cat Daphne will help keep her occupied during her recovery. We are truly blessed to have the children and adults of this church.

Thank You X 2 million, The Byrds

Property Committee Report

May 5, 2025

- A spring clean-up and mulching day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 17 from 8:00 to noon.
- The carpet in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary will be cleaned.
- The snow shovels and ice melt have been stored away and the hoses and watering cans have been brought out.
- The monthly work list was completed.



Next meeting is Monday, **June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting Report

May 13, 2025

1. April 8th Council Meeting minutes approved.
2. Approved Treasurer's reports for the month of March 2025. Also, Sue updated us as to the progress obtaining quotes for Church Insurance for the Council to review to see if we have adequate coverage at a competitive price.
3. The Ohio Synod Assembly will be convened on June 6th and 7th. Our representatives for Zion will be Denise and Laura Jacobs.
4. Discussion about Lutheran Saints in Ministry (LSIM) program. This is a collaborative consortium of Lutheran congregations in Southern Ohio, formed in 2010 to strengthen local missions and discipleship. The group provides support services to member churches, allowing each congregation to focus on its unique strengths in worship, education, and community outreach. LSIM includes churches like Abiding Christ Lutheran, Arise in Christ Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran, and others, working together to serve their communities. We will have a program representative come to a future Council meeting to give us more details about this program.
5. Noted and discussed the upcoming events for the Zion Calendar:
 - Bunco Night – May 17th @ 6:00 PM
 - Women's Night Out – May 18th
 - Vacation Bible School June 10th-11th-12th
 - Zion's Dayton Dragon's Game July 19th
 - How Can We Pray for You? – Week of September 7th
 - Blessing of the Pets – Date TBD
 - Ice Cream Social – Date -July or August—TBD
6. The Communication and Welcoming Committee is also planning to have a presence at the following community events:
 - August 1 - Putter-palooza
 - August 23 - Trans Am Nationals Cruise In
 - September 27 - Mum Festival Parade
 - October 20 - TMCS Halloween Parade
 - October 25 - Merchant Trick or Treat



Next Meeting: Tuesday, **June 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

Thank You



Let's see... the most important things in my life: family, friends, God, Zion, flowers. Uh, maybe I should re-think this...family, flowers, Zion, friends, God. No, I think that's all wrong. No, here's the right list: GOD, family, Zion, friends, flowers. With that cleared up, I want to sincerely thank my Zion Sunday School friends for the wonderful gift of flowers. My happy place (other than Zion) is in the garden getting my hands dirty tending plants. God has given us such a beautiful gift of nature. Planting a small seed and watching it grow and nurturing it is a miracle. MANY THANKS to the Adult Sunday School for your gifts. I love our Sunday mornings together and I love you all!

Linda Holt



By the Numbers

Instead of printing attendance and giving weekly in the bulletins, we are putting offerings and average monthly attendance for the previous month in Tidings. This is May through 5/25.

Average Attendance – Saturday: 31 Sunday: 64

Average Sunday School Attendance – Adult: 16 Youth: 3 Kids: 2
Sunday School ended May 18 (3 weeks)

Total Giving: \$13,754.00

Prayer Requests

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Garry Yunker has been attending church and Amy Byrd is home!

More prayer requests: Sue Hastings (friend of Deb Keppel) had a hemorrhagic stroke and is at Miami Valley Hospital, Dan Vandervort (husband of a co-worker of Debbie Weprin) who is on the heart transplant list, Julia Paizshal (sister of Jeff Johnson) is confined to a wheelchair after a motorcycle accident in Washington state. Keep in prayer Debbie Turner, Garry Yunker and Ruth White, Ginger Schaefer, and Greg Watkins. Fourteen-year-old Luke Dunmire (nephew of Pam Sauls) has made great strides after a stroke. He has returned to school part-time. Pray for Peggy McCoy at Randall Residence in West Milton. Pray for Christine Copeland who has congestive heart failure. Prayers are needed for Gwen Miller (grandmother of Jamie Kennedy) and Colonel Troy Cramer.




Continue to pray for: James Oaks, Brian Watkins, Chalmer Mader, 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.



June 2025

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mg. 6 Scouts 6:30	Men's Bkfst Bob Evans 9:30 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5p AA 8-9 pm				Communion Saturday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 WoZ 7:00	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	VBS at St. John's Vandalia Quilts 10 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm				Dos Lunas
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	VBS at Zion Quilts 10 Bible & Brew 5:30 -Chafee's AA 8-9 pm				Communion Saturday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Lunch on Us – 9:00 – 12:30 – Mission of the Month Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	Women's Fellowship 10:00 am			
29	30					
Randall Residence Outreach	Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30					