

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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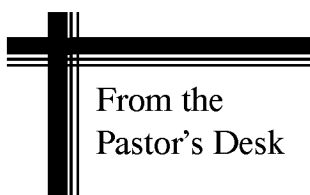
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL "TIDINGS" IS **FRIDAY, MARCH 24.**



Oesterlen Services for Youth

Located in Springfield, Ohio, Oesterlen Services for Youth helps emotionally, behaviorally and psychologically troubled youth and their families. During March we will be collecting items for Oesterlen. Please consider donating one or more of the following: basketball, football, playground ball volleyball, ball pump, bath towel and wash cloth, deck of playing cards, coloring book, comb, brush, soap dish, stick deodorant (boys like Axe brand; girls like Dove brand) - Uno card game, Skip-Bo card game, paint-by-number set, Match Box car, Lego's, pens, pencils (#2 U.S. made, no metal tops) lined notebook paper, pocket folders, glue sticks, construction paper, sketch paper, drawing paper, craft kits, scrap book supplies: paper, stickers, fun scissors, tape, boxer shorts - sizes 28-44, sweatpants - sizes small - X large, \$5.00 or \$10.00 gift certificate to McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King or Donato's.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Sometimes the best thing a pastor can do after each month is look back and reflect upon

some of the joyful ministry that took place. This is a good practice because it brings a smile to my face

in what we have done together and it also makes me more fully realize how grateful that I am your pastor.

So with that here are a few of the highlights from February. Jackie and I housed and hosted John Roth from Food for the Poor and he shared with us their ministry in a global perspective during education time and worship time and we supported Food for the Poor as our mission of the month.

I attended a clergy continuing education with thirty pastors from the Southern Ohio Synod in St. Paris. This was a time to reconnect with fellow clergy and gather insight and wisdom from those ordained in the ELCA. Jackie, Susan Pytel and Melinda Schall took eight of our youth on a spiritual retreat to Capital University in Bexley, Ohio.

We had about thirty people come to our game & pizza night for fun and fellowship one Saturday evening. We listened to the beautiful music of our Bell Choir one Sunday morning under the leadership of Lori Sebastian. And then we ended the month with our church council going on a spiritual retreat on the last Saturday in February getting hungry for the community Brat supper meal later that day.

A lot of good ministry happening at Zion for sure! In all these events we bonded and

strengthened our relationships with each other in serving Jesus.

**Women of Zion's
"A Valued Woman Retreat"**

Saturday, March 11, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Zion's Fellowship Hall

"Come relax and be renewed in Christ's spirit"

Morning Bible Study

Praise & Worship

Icebreaker fellowship

A delicious catered buffet lunch

**Afternoon activities - yoga, hand massage,
craft**

Closing Devotions - "Breathe of God"

***Please register by March 5th on sign up sheet posted. ***

Cost : \$10 per person - Please pay in advance in the church office. Make checks payable to Women of Zion.

All women of Zion and their guests are invited to attend this exciting event!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Paul Grube
- 4 Ava Coppock, A.J. Holderman
- 7 Patsy Furrow, Jen Kauffmann
- 12 Lisa Reeves
- 14 Susan Smith
- 15 Lois Kauffmann
- 17 Jean Birtle, Bob Lenehan
- 19 Hannah Kessler
- 20 Anna Johnson, Karen Smeal
- 21 Billie Fischer
- 25 Heidi Coppock
- 27 Mary Jean King, Kelly Smith

- 28 Bob Keppel, Lori Sebastian
- 30 Mary Rogers
- 31 Christine Copeland, Debbie Fette



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Mary Jean King has been transferred to SpringMeade and is very weak. She is battling pneumonia.

Barbra Kruse who is at Genesis in Rm. #120 with leg issues.

Brian & Lindsey Copeland who are dealing with issues in raising a family.

Lois Glawe, Pastor's mother, is back in her residence home.

Pray for: Glenda Moss, leader of the women's spiritual retreat, the team leaders and the women who will attend the retreat on March 11.

Home bound residents specially thought of: Mary Sue Helke, Ramona Watkins, John Kruse, Gladys "Hap" Johnson, Bob Kuhls, Patsy Furrow, Ahdele Young, Belia Parrish.

Please keep these families in your prayers:

Tom & Sharon Knick – an e-mail was received.

Tom's mother, Kathryn Knick, passed away peacefully yesterday afternoon (1/19) at Hospice in FL. We will be coming home in the next couple days as her funeral will be in Greenville, OH. We ask for your prayers during this time of grief.
Tom & Sharon Knick

John & Dianne LeGros

Dianne's mother, Velma Freytag, passed away on Feb. 1 at the age of 97. She lived in a nursing home in Napoleon, OH.

The family of Bill Posey, who passed away on Friday, Jan. 20th.

The family of Don Ford, who passed away on Jan. 19th. (friends of Phil & Boots Elliott)

Pray for healing:

Marianne Barnhart, Cathy Cline, Hazel Furlong, Lindsey Hunn, Teresa, Ann Whitmer



Dear Pastor Glawe and Zion Lutheran,
Thank you very much for your gift to Wittenberg University. Your gift helps a deserving Lutheran Student to follow their call and succeed in their vocation. Thank you very much. *Peace, Mary Lasits*

Your kindness means so very much. We all thank you for a delicious lunch and for being so kind and thoughtful to all of our family in our time of great loss. Bill Posey was a dear friend and we will all miss him very much. He was one of God's special angels on earth. God Loves You and so do we.

God Bless You Everyone!
The Charles Shilt Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generosity to Wittenberg University. Please know that your gift, from the Southern Ohio Synod, of \$25.00 to the Scholarship for Ohio Lutherans is greatly valued by the students, faculty and staff.

Sincerely, Staci Maine, Gift Processor

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the

world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work!

*In Christ, Melanie W. Gibbons
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager*

Dear women of Zion:

Thank you for your generous donation to House of Hope Dayton, Inc. We rely on donations to continue the work of purchasing and renovating a home to help teens create positive and healthy changes. Your donation will help further the mission of this organization. Thank you for your support.

*Kind regards, Amy Raynes
Founder/Executive Director*

Thank you for the generous donations to the January Mission of the Month Souper Bowl of Caring project to benefit "With God's Grace" mobile food pantry. Total donations received \$399.20!!

Jackie Glawe

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE / February 6, 2017

In January, the kitchen floor was cleaned and waxed by Sorah and the valve actuator was replaced on the overflow area heating system.

Rieck services returned on Feb. 4th to fix the sanctuary heating system. There was no heat for the Saturday evening service, but the repair was made in time for the Sunday service. The float stuck or malfunctioned in the reserve tank and the boiler became waterlogged. The property committee will drain some water from the system on a monthly basis during the heating season.

Two projector bulbs were purchased for the media room projector and the projector is once again functional.

The floor mats in the entry area need to be replaced. The committee will look into renting mats. Elevator check completed, kitchen faucet leak was repaired and drain cleaner was used in basement drain.

WOMEN OF ZION / February 12

Members present: 15

Treasurers Report: \$9,003.37

Old Business:

- Kitchen cleaning day was very successful. Property committee said to have the floors cleaned. They look marvelous.
- Soup Making Day on Feb. 7 produced 10 gallons of soup.
- Art for the Heart on Feb. 11 – Not as well attended as in past years. Leftover soup sold to the congregation. No total yet.

New Business:

- Maggie shared a request from Graceworks Women's Council for us to provide desserts for a meeting either April 18 or October 17 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kettering as well as drinks. 20 – 30 attend. Maggie asked 3-4 people to go with her. Others can make desserts. Jackie, Kathy & Miriam will go. Deb, Kathy, Miriam & Pam will provide dessert.
- Carla Frame is the new Altar Guild leader. The vases need to be refurbished. Carla checked into having this done locally. (they were sent to Connecticut before) Carla will report back after communicating with a company in Cincinnati. We may consider purchasing new items if necessary.
- Ruth said there is a big need for pillowcases at Children's Medical Center. A request for \$250 to buy fabric was made and approved. Maggie, Kathy & Jen Garvic could make these.
- Donna reported that Brat Supper plans are coming together. The High School kids will help serve. A variety of desserts will be offered this year. Signups are going well.
- Pam reported the Women's Retreat will need one more meeting to finalize plans. Terri will provide the music for all to sing. Deb will put an invite in mailboxes of those women who have not signed up.
- Lenten meditation & light supper will be Wed., March 15.
- Kathy will offer coupons that can be used when backpack items are ordered from Oriental Trading Co. She will also request funds from Thrivent.
- Jackie requested a list of the Missions of the Month be published in the Tidings.
- Shoes for the Shoeless program received \$10,000 from the "Give Where You Live" event held at Zion. Carla reported that a "shoe closet" will be opened in Tipp City to serve Miami County.

- Sue reported that a "Smile Amazon" program is available when you log in and designate Zion Lutheran in Tipp City, money then will be donated to our youth gathering.
- Jackie shared that there will be a quarter auction at the Legion on Feb. 21 to benefit our youth.

Next meeting: March 12 @ 5:00 p.m.

Please note: Meeting times will change in April to 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / February 14

1. Approved January council minutes and December financials.
2. The quilting room temperature is much better now that the portable heaters are turned on an hour earlier. The property team will look for a portable unit to cool down the room in the summer time.
3. Pam Sauls will contact the city about renting the Tipp City Roundhouse for our Youth led worship service on Sunday May 7 and the Zion Picnic service on Sunday August 27.
4. Council approved the certificate of transfer of Steve and Judy Tritle to Zion Lutheran.
5. Council is very thankful that Carla Frame has agreed to become the new leader of our Altar Guild.
6. Pastor will be on vacation from Thursday March 2 - Thursday March 9.
7. Council will have a retreat on Saturday February 25 from 9-3 at the Holiday Inn Express in Tipp City.

COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING / February 14

Members Present: Miriam Comer, Sharon Byrd, Boots Elliott, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Wayne Kauffmann, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Debbie Turner, Tom Wesbecher

Personal Communications: Boots has written many cards & thoughtful notes on behalf of our committee, and we are thankful for her special efforts to let people

know they are being remembered. Boots has hand crafted over 40 pieces of beaded jewelry, which could be used in many ways, including prayer beads.

Welcoming: 22 people are already signed up for Game & Pizza Night set for Sat., Feb. 18 from 6-8 pm. Wayne Kauffmann will order pizza; Jill & John Greer will bring it to the church.

Zion Website & E-Mail Communications: Chuck Powder has temporarily disabled the site joining capability; there have been numerous irregular inquiries. Deb K. will ask Chuck to add information regarding the upcoming March Women's Retreat.

Photo Directory: By Feb. 26 we hope to have the information sheets corrected and returned to the church office. Deb K. has mailed those sheets which were still in people's mailboxes. Deb K. will ask Ina Crenshaw to help make needed follow-up phone calls. We will need to proof read the final pages prior to printing. Deb K. will inventory the supplies we have on hand. In March we will be using cell phones to take pictures before and after services. In April we will print and compile directories as needed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY / Feb 15, 2017

In attendance: Heidi Coppock, Jen Garvic, Jackie Glawe, Jen Kauffmann, Susan Pytel, Melinda Schall.

Started meeting at 5:30pm with prayer.

Prek - 4th grade

- Discussed/decided to have one day a month of 15 mins. of songs/15 mins. of games.

7th - 8th grade

- Confirmation w/Pastor continues with Confirmation Sunday to be May 14th.

9th - 12th grade

- Jackie shared that God's Not Dead 2 bible study is completed.
- Class began "Breakthrough" bible study. Students will receive a booklet for class.

Youth Group

- Jackie, Melinda and Susan shared they and 8 youth attended Youth Retreat at Capital University on Feb 10th & 11th. They shared that all enjoyed this faith journey experience.

Jackie shared the following events that will be coming up:

- Feb 21st - Quarter Auction/American Legion Tipp City charity Youth Gathering Fund.
- Feb 25th - Brat & Sauerkraut Supper//need more youth helpers
- Mar 10th - 18 youth/adults will be attending the Toby Mac Hits Deep Tour Concert
- Mar 17th - Parents Night Out // requested youth let me know if they can help with this.
- Apr 8th - We discussed working with Jeremiah's Letter on a project TBD may have to change the date. //also discussed going to see the movie "Case for Christ".
- Apr 15th - Easter Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt//lots of helpers needed
- May 7th - Youth will lead worship service/Pastor will help work with youth.

Miscellaneous

- Jackie shared that Gary Pecuch from the Synod emailed her back regarding background check procedures. Jackie to look into. Melinda will take copy to council.
- Jackie shared she ordered the ELCA VBS being offered for free, will check it out and share at next meeting as to if we should use for VBS this summer.
- Jackie asked if someone could cover for her March 5th when she is out of town. Jen Garvic volunteered and will combine prek - 4th gr for an Easter/Lenten video.
- Jen Garvic suggested a children/youth lending library similar to what we have for the adults by the office. Everyone agreed this was a great idea and we will look into books and a shelf to place under the youth board.

Youth Gathering 2018 fundraisers

- Jackie shared the balance in the Youth Gathering Fund for the 2018 National Youth Gathering as of 12-31-16 was \$2,292.60.
- Bob Evans - Oct 13th - 15th - Jackie shared she's made 3 calls to the manager and she has now submitted a concern form to their corporate office waiting reply.
- Feb 21st Quarter Auction Fundraiser
- Parents Night Out/\$10.00 per child, \$5.00 additional child in same family/Jen G. suggested we mail out post cards to parents of children to get the word out.
- Apr 15th - Easter Pancake Breakfast by free will donation.

Closed meeting with the Lord's prayer at 6:50 pm.

WORSHIP & MUSIC / February 15

The Worship and Music Committee met Wednesday, February 15th. In attendance: Terri Darrah, Carla

Frame, Pastor Glawe, Deb Keppel, Lori Sebastian, and Ruth White.

We discussed upcoming services. Ash Weds. will be March 1st – with services at 11AM and 7PM. There will be a special devotional service March 15th at 6PM held in the narthex. Hors oeuvres and coffee will be served with a meditation and singing following (around 6:15PM). We discussed communion style and altar paraments for the various Holy Week services: Palm Sunday (200 palms are ordered), Maundy Thursday (stripping the altar), Good Friday (7 candles), and Easter Sunday.

We also discussed offering grape juice (as an option) along with the wine due to multiple family and personal requests. The altar committee will work on providing this as an option by March. Carla Frame reported that the altar guild is looking at options for getting vases and chalices refurbished. They also are exploring replacing some of the altar linens. The altar guild also will make certain the appropriate banners are hung seasonally. Appropriate liturgical changes will be made for Lent including adding the Lord, have mercy and Glory to God into the service. The Return to the Lord canticle and Create in Me verse will return.

Terri Darrah has been busy planning Lent and Easter music. Several new anthems were ordered and we will be incorporating those into the choir repertoire! The choir will be singing Ash Weds. (7PM service) and Maundy Thursday (7PM), in addition to the regular Sunday services.

Pastor Glawe reported we would have a youth led service on Sunday, May 7th. This will be held in the round house. It will be confirmands leading the service with all youth participating. This is a project supported by the council, the Christian Education department, and Worship and Music committee. We will see how this develops over time, as it is a new idea and was suggested after our successful service last summer! Pastor Glawe also reported Confirmation will be Sunday, May 14th (also Mothers' Day).

piece on Sunday! Special thanks go to the Women of Zion for providing snacks for our rehearsals! Organ fund remains stable. Lori will call Norm Willoughby again in February and explore our options there. **Our next meeting date is Wednesday, April 19th at 1:15 PM.**



Bell Choir News

Thanks to the following individuals for playing in the bell choir on Sunday, Feb. 19: Karen, Abigail, Adam, and Allison Cartwright, Jackie Glawe, Deborah, Tyler and Kayly Fetters, Terry and Sandra Hoffman, Gail Merlo, and Rachel, Lisa, and Julie Sebastian. We had 8 kids and 6 adults using 4 octaves of bells – which means we have taken up most of the space in the front of the church! It also makes the director's job much easier with so many of our kids and parents reading music. All of the kids listed play at least one other instrument (piano, band instrument, or voice!)



A couple of recent honors for our youth musicians: As a freshman, Tyler Fetters was selected for District Honors Choir through Miami East School District and performed in Troy on Jan. 29. In addition, he was chosen for All State Choir, which performed in Cleveland on February 5. Rachel Sebastian was selected for District Honors Band through Bethel School District and performed in Troy. She was also selected for the Tri State Band which performed at Wright State University on Feb. 18. Congratulations to all our youth musicians.

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Prek - 4th grade

We continue to learn about Jesus' ministry through stories, crafts and games. The 1st-4th grade made Prayer Journals to take home as they learn about having quiet times in prayer with Jesus.

Each 2nd & 5th Sunday beginning in March the children will have faith building music and games in the large Gathering Room upstairs.

5th - 6th grade

We have been studying the importance of the Bible and why we should read it. The difference between evolution vs. creation and the evidence of the Bible's truth and how it applies to our lives.

7th - 8th grade

Confirmation have been reviewing and discussing the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed their next step will be into Martin Luther and the Reformation. Confirmation Sunday will be May 14th.

9th - 12th grade

We just finished the bible study on clips of the movie "God's Not Dead2".

We have just started the bible study "Breakthrough" with discussions on principles that can help strengthen and encourage us to live for Jesus not just for today, but for a lifetime. Youth can join in on any Sunday.

Youth Group

We had a great experience at the Capital University Youth Retreat as 8 (9th-12gr) and 3 adults engaged in games, worship, prayer and faith building bible study groups.

March 10th - 18 youth/adults will attend the Toby Mac concert.

March 17th - Parents Night Out/children's St. Patrick's Day party

Coming in April.....

April 15th - Easter Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt 9:00am



1st - 4th grade Sunday School class John Sebastian, and Zachary and Anna Johnson working on their Prayer Journals.

Are you a parent(s) of children infant to 5th grade and need a date night?

Our 6th - 12th graders and adults will be offering you a night out while your child(ren) infant through 5th grader come join us at the church for a fun night of activities, games, and snacks which will also include a fun St. Patrick's Day Party.

Where: Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

When: Friday, March 17, 2017, St. Patrick's Day

Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per child, \$5.00 for each additional child in same family

Why: To give busy parents some time off and to offer fun activities while helping benefit the Youth Gathering Fund as a fundraiser.

**Pre-registration is required by March 12th.

**Registration forms will be located close to the sign up area or see Jackie Glawe.

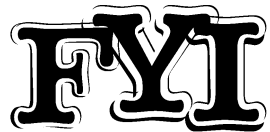
No Confirmation on Sunday, March 5.

Quarter Auction Update – 2/21/17

There was a great turnout at the Charity Quarter Auction. Thank you to all the Zion members that showed up to support the youth's

fundraiser for their Youth Gathering Trip in 2018.
We made \$650.25 and a fun time was had by all.

Jackie Glawe



Some of the “**Sisters of the Skillet**” filled our church with savory smells on Tuesday, Feb. 7 as they produced 8 gallons of turkey noodle soup for the Art for the Heart show on the following Saturday in our Fellowship Hall. We also enjoyed bowls of soup together, and took some to shut-ins.

The art show offered another fun time for our “Sisters” as we served lunch at the event. The profit will support the many outreaches of our church. Come join our “Sisters” or our great auxiliary of men in the dishwashing “man cave”!

WHAT’S GOING ON IN ZION’S FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our fellowship hall has become a very busy place. A calendar is posted in the work room with current bookings for fellowship hall usage. Please check this calendar before booking an event and call the church office at 667-3110 to reserve a date.

- *Tipp Monroe Optimist Club Chili Cook Off*
Saturday, March 4
- *Rape Awareness Defense Class*
March 6 & 7 from 6-9 pm
- *All Women Retreat – Saturday, March 11*
from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- *Rape Awareness Defense Class*
March 13 & 14 from 6-9 pm
- *Youth Group – Friday, March 17*
from 3:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- *Dream Spaghetti Dinner –*
Saturday, March 18 beginning at 5:30 pm
- *Tipp City Players* March 19 – March 25
Set construction and shows.

Missions of the Month for 2017

April	Jeremiah’s Letter
May	Eagle’s Wings
June	Liberty Commons “Christmas in July”
July	Shoes 4 the Shoeless
August	ELCA School Kits
September	ELCA Health Kits
October	Operation Christmas Child
November &	TMCS Adopt-a-Family
December	

Ramona Watkins is now in Room #104 at the Caldwell House. The address is 2900 Corporate Drive, Troy, OH 45373.

Pastor and Jackie will be on vacation March 2-9. We wish them safe travels.

Reminder: Daylight Savings time begins on Sunday, March 12. Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday evening.