

APRIL 2023

VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am

Sunday School at 9 am

Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
2/26	134	51 devices
3/1 Lent	65	n/a
3/5	175	72 devices
3/8 Lent	54	n/a
3/12	152	57 devices
3/15 Lent	54	n/a
3/19	149	61 devices
3/22 Lent	79	n/a

Virtual Sunday worship is available on YouTube, both live stream and recorded for later viewing.

Sunday School Average Attendance

March: Adult (18+) = 16

Youth = 11 (includes Confirmation)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE STREAMED THROUGH YOUTUBE!

You can always join us for Sunday worship wherever you might be. To easily view the

worship service simply go to our church webpage... www.zionlippe.org... and click on the "Watch Live" tab and you will be able to view the worship service when it goes live

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### ***Greeter Schedule for upcoming Sundays:***

*Thank you to the many folks who have volunteered! Please continue to look for the monthly schedules in the next Voice of Zion newsletters.*

**April 2 – Carol Embrey**

**April 9 – Kelley & Gene Esche**

**April 16 – Steve & Mary Ann Fuelling**

**April 23 – Jake & Kirstin Gibson**

**April 30 – Steve & Gail Grabert**

**May 7 – Gary & Donna Hartig**

**May 14 – Mark & Stephanie Duncan**

**May 21 – Robert & Rachel Hast**

**May 28 – Jack Kleiman**

*We will have magnetic name tags available for our greeters, and hand-shaking is optional. If possible, please try to be here about 9:30 am or so. If you know ahead of time that you can't greet the Sunday you are scheduled, you can let Worship Chair, Rosie Bogard know – but if something comes up and you can't make it that's ok!*

*If you haven't already talked with Rosie Bogard about greeting, but would like to be added to the schedule, please contact Rosie or the church office.*



## APRIL

In order to share in the joys and celebrations of our lives as a congregation we publish a monthly list of birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends of Zion. Numbers in ( ) represent year.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Phil Wuertz, Remi Brown
- 2 Sean Hollen, Grace Johnson  
Dan Hoffman
- 3 Diana Walker
- 5 Jared Reidford, Ramsey Barrow
- 8 Robert Juncker, Max Simpson
- 9 Jennifer Ploetz, April McCutchan
- 10 Lori Breiner
- 11 Nick Neidig
- 12 Cherie Johnson, Samantha Reese,  
Andrew Reese
- 13 Rob Bullington, Jr.
- 14 Kyle Voegel, Tom Lang
- 15 Jim Donner, Jessie Brame
- 16 Scott Dougan, Larry Lewis, Ashley Shreffler
- 17 Kyle Hoenert, Mary Schauss  
Melanie Mann
- 18 Philip McCutchan, LeeAnn Hoenert,  
KayLee Roberts
- 20 Linda Koch, Lindsay Calvert
- 22 Tyson Barrow
- 23 Elise Lewis
- 24 Debbie Reineke
- 25 Carol Abbott, Diana Redman,  
Harper Schmitz
- 27 Megan Ploetz, Lisa Seitz
- 28 Linda Juncker
- 29 Dillon Davenport, Lily Swope
- 30 Austin Spears

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1 Kraig & Mackenzie (Smith) Schmidt (2017)
- 4 Rob & Cherie Johnson (1987)
- 9 Travis & Robin (Schroeder) Crowe (2016)
- 12 Philip & April McCutchan (2003)
- 15 David & Lisa Simpson (1989)
- 18 Bill & Doris Smith (1992)
- 25 Robert & Rachel Hast (2015)
- 26 Terry & Mary Jane Schroeder (1980)

- 26 Phil & Sherry Wuertz (1986)
- 27 Cody & Jennifer (Taylor) Elless (2013)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or not correct, please call the office at 985-2437 so we may update our records.



### *With Sympathy*

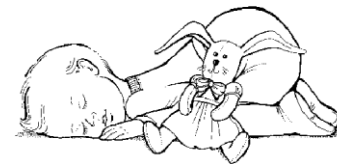
*We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Rev. Kenneth L. Scherry. Rev. Scherry, beloved Pastor Emeritus of Zion, passed away March 7, 2023 at the age of 90. Funeral services and burial were held at Zion on March 11.*

*We also extend sympathy to the family of Darrel L. Smith, Sr. Darrel passed away March 2, 2023 at the age of 82. Funeral services were held March 6 at Zion.*

*Friends of Imogene (Roehr) Roberts would like to let those at Zion know of Imogene's passing on March 10, 2023, in Naperville, Illinois. Imogene was a former member of Zion; her parents were Clyde & Thelma Roehr. Imogene would have been 80 on March 18.*

*We cherish many good memories of Ken, Darrel, and Imogene.*

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Congratulations to Ben & Ashley Lingafelter on the birth of their daughter, Laikyn Lingafelter on March 6, 2023. Proud grandpa is Bryan Lingafelter and great-grandparents Elwood & Laverne Deal.

FROM THE PASTOR

The season of Lent is intended to be a journey and we have traveled that journey together nearly to its completion.

Thinking back over the past several weeks we have focused on “Being a Healing Presence in a Traumatized World” during our Wednesday night gatherings. We have heard stories of Jesus in the wilderness, with Nicodemus, a Woman at the Samaritan Well, and with the family of Lazarus during our Sunday morning worship experiences.

In the next few weeks we will walk with Jesus all the way to the cross and out of his tomb on Easter Sunday morning. Think with me for a minute about those last weeks of Jesus' life. Much of his time was spent in conversations.

In our upcoming Maundy Thursday worship service we will remember the events of that evening – the foot washings, the supper, the betrayal and arrest. This year we'll focus on the things that were said between Jesus and His disciples. Jesus talked to them about who He was, and that He was going away, and that at times, they would not understand the things that would happen. He promised that though it appeared worse it would actually be better for Him to go because He would send them the gift of the Holy Spirit, to be with them and lead them.

Jesus must have been an incredibly accessible person because the disciples were free to express their doubts and questions. Surely the thought of all the things they had experienced with Him – His power in calming a huge storm one night; His ministry to the sick; and how they had done likewise when they went out on mission for Him. How could they forget it?

Their conversation with Him that night was probably what carried them through the trauma of His arrest, conviction, and death. The Maundy Thursday service is designed to help us enter into that evening, hearing the conversation as if we were the disciples, celebrating the Lord's Supper together in remembrance of Him.

Then, Good Friday's service continues the conversation as Jesus continues to talk from the cross, mostly to His Father. As I have worked to put the story, Jesus' words, and the music that the choir will share, an overwhelming sense of the grace of what Jesus has done for us became evident to me. He did it all – and His acts and words express the most magnificent love.

Then Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection at 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. It is my prayer that we take in His self-giving love and that we stand in awe. And may each of us know the joy of that love in a deeply personal way.

Blessings, Pastor Jeff

PALM/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, APRIL 2

On Palm Sunday, we will remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and we will look at the preparations underway for Jesus to celebrate the Passover meal with his disciples.

In addition we will also celebrate with our confirmands and families their confirmation. We will hear their statements of faith and witness their confirmation during worship. Thank you to Tyson Barrow and Julia Commens for your commitment to your growth in Christian discipleship.



Confirmation
Sunday

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### Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

April 6<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Worship - 7:00 p.m. (no meal)

April 7<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Worship - 7:00 p.m. (no meal)

#### **April 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday**

6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service

7:15 a.m. - Sr. Youth Breakfast

No Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Easter Worship w/ special music

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Children's Easter Egg Hunt



This year's children's Easter Egg hunt will take place following our 10:00 a.m. Easter worship service. We will have all children gather in the Sunday School Hall following worship. Once everyone has gathered and is ready, children will be allowed to begin the Easter Egg hunt by age, starting with the youngest children. There will be bags for children, however they are also encouraged to bring baskets, etc. to collect their eggs. Parents are requested to help supervise the egg gathering. Thank you for your help.

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Pastor Jeff will be taking some time off following Easter Sunday. He will return to the office on April 17<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, if there are any pastoral needs, questions, or concerns please direct your calls to the church office or any of our current church council members. In case of some sort of emergency, Pastor Al Schmitz (Salem Church) and Rev. Elizabeth Baer (Immanuel UCC) will be covering for Jeff while he is away.



***We are happy to welcome Sharon Krietenstein and Richard Mahrenholz as new members of Zion! Here is a little info about each of them.***

*Sharon Krietenstein was born in Posey County to Vernon and Marlet Krietenstein, and was baptized here at Zion. She moved to Arizona in 1958, and later was employed at the Carl Hayden's Veteran Hospital in Phoenix for 23 years. She is now retired and has realized a dream of owning a home in Posey County, moving back here last year with her husband Warren Hildebrand. Sharon & Warren were married in August 2015.*

*Sharon has 2 sisters still living; a brother and her parents are deceased. She has 1 child, a son, Jason Pelton and daughter-in-law Sara; they live in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sharon's hobbies are hiking, gardening, anything outdoors, travel and sewing.*

*Richard Mahrenholz is an Evansville native, widowed with 1 daughter. He graduated from Reitz High School and Purdue University, receiving a Veterinary Medicine degree. Following graduation from Purdue he opened Westside Pet Hospital and ran his veterinary business for over 40 years. Richard retired over 20 years ago, and enjoys splitting wood, spending time with family, boating, travel and just enjoying being retired.*



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The family of Reverend Ken Scherry extend a thank you to the Zion-Lippe UCC family for your thoughtfulness and prayers, cards, visits and for your continued love and support during our time of grief. Thank you to Pastor Jeff for the beautiful memorial service and comfort to our family. Thank you for the beautiful music. Thank you to the Women of Zion and all who prepared food and assisted for the wonderful meal following the service. Thank you for those who set up and the technical support for Ken's service, making it memorable and meaningful for all. Thank you for caring so much for Ken and our family.

With love and appreciation, Sue and the entire family

Dear Marilyn, Nancy, Pastor Jeff, and all those at Zion,

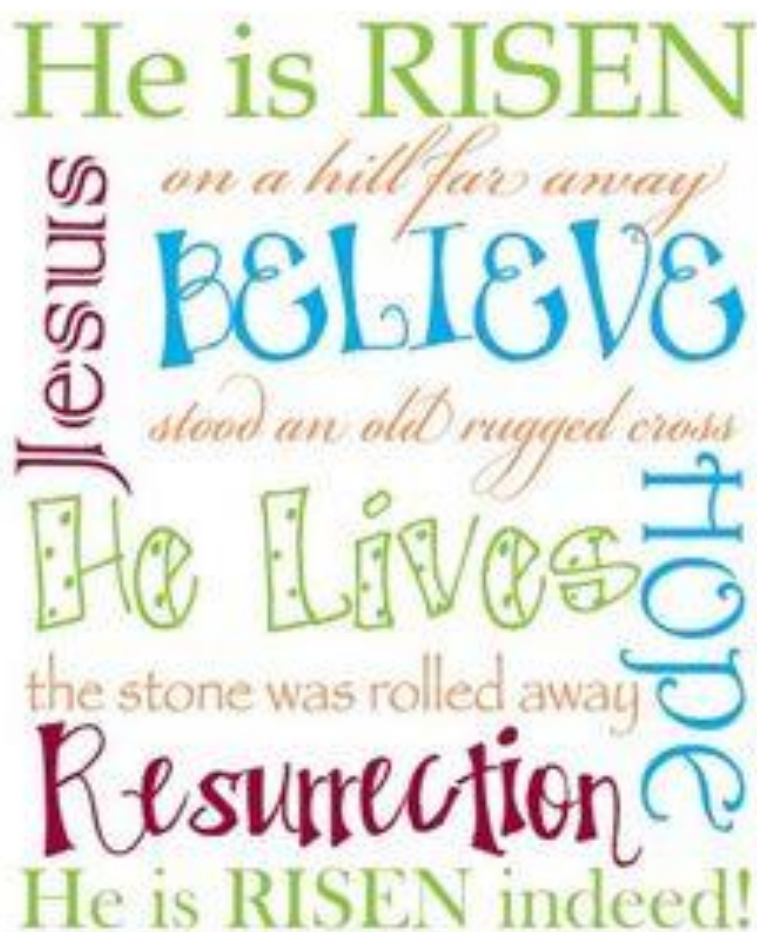
Thank you so much for your kindness to our family. Loss is never easy, but with support from friends like you it helps more than you'll ever know. The food and sermon were perfect!

Love, The Smith Family

NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!

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SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

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Council Meeting Highlights – 3/14/23

In attendance: Nancy Lewis, Bob Juncker, Rosie Bogard, Brian Crase, Carl Barchet, Michelle Heneisen, Stacy Wagner, Patrick Schroeder

2/28 YTD Regular Offering: \$27,715.17

2/28 YTD General Fund Income: \$28,699.32

2/28 YTD General Fund Expense: \$27,820.30

- Discussion was had regarding \$975.09 remaining in EYA Fund (from Center for Congregations). After vote, these funds will be moved to Family of Faith Fund. Discussion also held on the Haiti Mission Fund balance of \$354. Council voted to send these funds to St. Francis Catholic Church in Poseyville to support their Haiti mission.
- Patrick brought up suggestion to set up an investment policy for church funds going forward to aid future Councils in making investment decisions.
- Worship Committee reminded Council that Maundy Thursday is coming up and there will be communion. Name tags are now set up for all council members to help church members identify them. Easter Lilies will be sold again this year, and priced at \$17.
- Stewardship - Bob Juncker mentioned a request from Marrs Township Fire Department. Patrick suggested utilizing \$500 of prior year unused budget funds from Council Designated Benevolences. Approved by Council.
- Recreation – Carl Barchet mentioned the schedule for portajohn rental for the ball field. Will only be there for time needed by ball teams practicing.
- Education – Nancy Lewis discussed changing up the Sunday School curriculum to encourage attendance and help the teachers. Easter Egg hunt will go forward this year as last year, and we will be asking for donations of candy and money to support this.
- Membership – Stacy Wagner mentioned a few new members are interested in joining the church and she is discussing with them. Visitor cards will be put back out in the pews starting 3/19.
- Property – Michelle Heneisen discussed many projects on Russ Roehr's list, including major improvements relating to the heating and a/c of the church office space, updates to the men's toilets, replacing some missing shingles on the church, quotes taken for mowing the church grounds, additional gravel needed by the trash cart new the west side of the garage, additional upkeep items needed for the old cemetery. Council approved the bids for mowing, the roof repair quotes provided for the shingles, requested additional details for the gravel project, and is anticipating quotes/bids for the office space project.
- Discussion was had regarding the future of the nursery school program and reviewing ways for the church to provide assistance. Will be a topic of discussion at future meetings.

- Discussion was had regarding exploring solar energy project for Zion. Stacy Wagner to reach out to Resurrection church and local businesses who have gone through this process to begin looking at the possibilities.

The following document was originally approved as a faithful manner of ministry for Zion Lippe United Church of Christ by the Church Council at the scheduled monthly meeting:

February 9, 2016.

The covenant will allow us to address issues and concerns within our church family in a healthy, positive manner. If you have any questions please contact the church Council President or the Pastor.

COVENANT OF CONDUCT - Affirmed: February 25, 2023

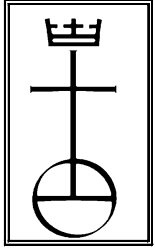
In order for the congregation and the Church Council to deal effectively with various church issues, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.
2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastors, church council, boards and committees, and at congregational meetings.
3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a member of the council or staff, the council or staff person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"
4. If the member desires to have the information transmitted to the council or staff, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be provided.
5. If the member *does not* wish to appear in person, the council and staff members shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the council or staff member shall respond by saying, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council or staff since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."
6. If permission is given, the council or staff person shall report the information/opinion to the council and use the members name.
7. At his/her discretion, a council or staff member may ask that the member refer this issue to another council or staff member for presentation.
8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda if presented at a church council meeting and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the council. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and/or president to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.
9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and staff and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed.

Ben Lin
Robert Zunker
Patt Miller
12.11.22

Michelle Krieser
Stacy Wagner
Rosie Boyars

Nancy Lewis
Jeff Long
Carl Barchus



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April



**North Posey Relay
for Life will be held June 17** at
Murphy Park in New Harmony. Zion
will again have a Relay Team. Sign-
up is open on the Relay for Life of
North Posey website, or contact Hans
Schmitz or Nancy Dougan.