

## **AUGUST 2021**

### **VOICE OF ZION**

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**Sunday Family Worship at 10 am**

### **Attendance**

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Virtual (est.)</u>
7/4	82	37 devices
7/11	101	30 devices
7/18	102	44 devices
7/25	112	42 devices

Virtual worship was available on Zoom and YouTube.

Some Sunday School classes were held during the month of June. All Sunday School classes to resume in the fall.



We're glad so many of you have already had your picture taken for our 2021 Zion Pictorial Directory! If you were unable to make your appointment, an additional day has been scheduled on Saturday, September 18, just let Kelley know if you want to come that day. If you are submitting your own photo, please email it as soon as you can to [Lvonne@att.net](mailto:Lvonne@att.net)

We also want to include pictures from recent Zion events in the Directory, from about 2019 and after, so if you have pictures to share please send them to Kelley at [kelley.esche@gmail.com](mailto:kelley.esche@gmail.com)

The Directories will be available for purchase later in the year.

Directory Committee: Kelley Esche 812 453-8062  
Rosie Bogard, Irma Donner, Carol Embrey



## AUGUST

To share the joys and celebrations of our lives we publish a monthly list of birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends of Zion.

### ***Birthdays***

- 1 Charles Elkins, Rosie Bogard,  
Isaac Hautman
- 2 Bill Meyer, Nathan Perry, Blake Elkins,  
Nicole Hoffman, Nick Hahn
- 3 Alex Barnhart, Diane Reese, Kay Austin,  
Jennifer Cotton
- 7 Kimberly White, Sandy Schmitt
- 8 Nancy Dougan, Jan Droege, Steve Martin
- 10 Cameron Calvert, Jennifer Rotelli,  
Joyce Hendrix
- 11 Shannon Vandagriff, Beth McCutchan
- 12 Jacob O'Risky, Allison Hoffman
- 14 Austin O'Risky
- 16 Maizee Goebel
- 17 Elwood Deal, Cathy Schroeder, Breanna  
Phelps, Dave Ford
- 18 Stephanie Fifer, Dan Koch
- 19 Randy Stierley, Amanda Green-Adams
- 20 Dustin Smith
- 21 Gary Droege
- 22 Jessie Juncker, Colleen Heneisen
- 24 Zachary Schroeder
- 26 Amy Schroeder
- 27 Monty Anderson
- 28 Chuck Schroeder, Mallory Schroeder, Linda  
Reutter
- 30 Miranda Johnson, Leah Dugan, Ryder Hast
- 31 Jason Wuertz, Dawn Strupp

### ***Anniversaries***

- 1 Norman & Sharon Schroeder (1964)  
Tom and Katy (McFadin) Lang (1998)
- 6 Tim & Johlene (Boring) Hoenert (1988)  
Jon & Stephanie (Herrenbruck) Fifer (1994)  
Jeff & Missy Ludwig (1994)
- 7 Eugene & Kelley (Elkins) Esche (1982)  
Dwayne & Peggy Mahrenholz (1981)
- 8 Anthony & Devon (Parker) Hautman (2009)
- 9 Steve & Mary Ann (Lang) Fuelling (1996)
- 10 Mike & Stacy (Herrenbruck) Wagner (2002)
- 11 Roger & Joyce Klenck (1962)
- 13 Shawn & Michelle (Ford) Heneisen (2005)

- 15 Warren Hildebrand & Sharon Krietenstein  
(2015)
- 17 Dennis Jr. & Lori (Embrey) Davenport (1985)  
Brian & Katie (McCutchan) Primus (2013)
- 19 John Jr. & Carla (Valier) Breiner (1984)
- 20 Nicholas & Arra Schroeder (2016)
- 21 John & Judith (Schroeder) Hanebutt (1976)
- 23 Glenn & Ann Proctor (1997)
- 28 Robert & Linda Juncker (1976)
- 31 Wesley & Sarah (Herrenbruck) Taylor (2010)

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

## **Zion Nursery Center 2021-22 School Year**

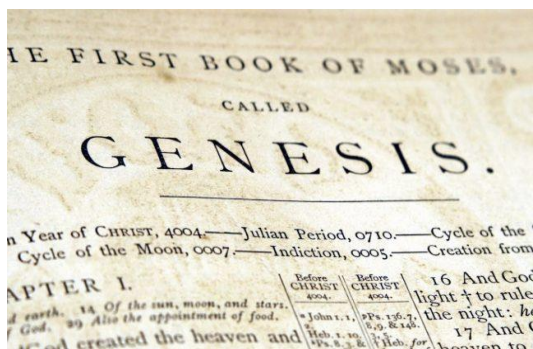
Zion Nursery Center will officially begin its 50<sup>th</sup> year on Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> with our Orientation that afternoon 1-4 pm. Classes will begin Monday, August 23. We are excited to welcome 39 students in 2 classes this year. ZNC will be holding classes Monday through Friday from 9 – 12:30 every day.

In an effort to limit the number of people in the classroom, we will again be utilizing student drop-off at the back of the church. Students will be dropped off from 8:50 to 9:10 every morning. Please be aware of vehicles pulling around the church during this time. Please plan your visits to the church around this time frame, as students will be gathering in the foyer until everyone has arrived.

Thank you for all your help in keeping our ZNC kids healthy and safe! We are looking forward to another great year at Zion Nursery Center!

Sandy Schmitt, ZNC Director, 812-598-1722,  
[zionnurserycenter@gmail.com](mailto:zionnurserycenter@gmail.com)

***August 12 at 11 am  
Sr. Citizen Dinner***



There are so many good stories in the book of Genesis. One of my favorites happens in the dark near the river. The story of Jacob wrestling with God all night has always hit me in the gut, because it invites us to ask our toughest questions. In Jacob's wrestling with God, or an angel, whomever this divine being is, we see the affirmation of our questioning, our doubt, our curiosity to who God is and how God might be calling us.

Over the past several weeks I have been very intentional of asking some of these tough questions of myself. Questions like - who is Jesus? What does the Bible teach us about God? What is grace? I have asked myself these questions while riding my bike, mowing, during Zoom meetings, and walking. Questions like - are we moving in the right direction with ministry and outreach? What will our next chapters together entail and reveal?

When I put my questions and thoughts in context with questions like were being asked in the book of Genesis an interesting revelation comes to light. At least it has for me. Maybe by thinking and engaging in your own questions and thoughts you might feel the same after reading more of this brief article.

There is a funny thing about the Hebrew word used to describe Jacob wrestling or asking questions in the story from Genesis. The Hebrew word for "wrestle" is also the same word used for "embrace." Wrestling is intimate. There's a vulnerability in it. Maybe the great theologian John Calvin was right: to come face to face with all of our messiness, our questions, our trials and challenges, is really just coming face to face with God. Perhaps we might even carry a limp, because these intimate moments of asking questions, being embraced by God, always leave a mark.

There's another part of this story I love. Jacob was afraid of meeting his brother and had sent all his family and everyone with him across the other side of the river. This encounter happens before he crosses the river. He's by himself. There's meaning in crossing the river. In many ways, personal milestones are like crossing over the river. They're liminal spaces in which our wondering and curiosity, and faith at this particular time and place are affirmed.

First, take some time to explore those questions that are on your hearts. And then, let your soul help you find the answer. I would love to hear your questions and explore them with you as we continue down our paths together.

Blessings to each of you! **PJ**

## Playground Renovation Planning Continues

Improving every resident's quality of life should be one of the main goals of any organization that seeks to engage the community in a positive and beneficial manner. It is the belief of the playground renovation committee that renovating our community playground area is an investment in the well-being of our children that will pay dividends for years to come.

As part of our Playground renovation Project, committee members have identified playgrounds across the Vanderburgh and Posey county areas as a way to guide our decisions and directions concerning the best choice and additions to our current playground space.

All of our committee members - Larry Droege, Terry Schroeder, Nancy and Larry Lewis, Sandy Schmitt, Josh Dye, Jeff and Kris Long, and Delwin and Patti Parker - have learned so much concerning playground safety, creation, equipment selection, budgeting, and proper ground covering as we seek to create a safe and enjoyable space for children and families for generations to come. We look forward to making a presentation at our Semi-Annual Meeting on August 22nd. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to contact any of the team members working on this project.



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Does it seem like summer goes by quickly or is it just me? That means the beginning of a new school year is just right around the corner. That's why we would like to invite all



Backpack  
Blessing

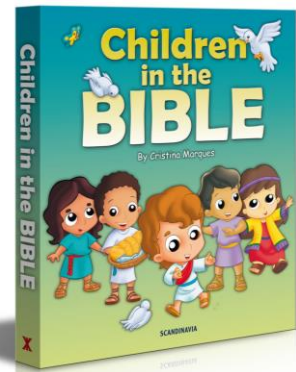
children, members and friends of the congregation alike, to bring their backpacks with them to worship on ***Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>***. Students of all ages, including preschoolers, are invited to bring their school-backpacks to church for a blessing as the new school year is set to begin. We look forward to all the backpacks, children, and excitement that comes with the beginning of a new school year.



## **Relay for Life of North Posey** will be held August 14 at Murphy

Park in New Harmony. Those interested in volunteering at the Zion Lippe UCC booth or walking a shift can reach out to Nancy Dougan (812-985-5542) or Hans Schmitz (812-483-7554) at any time with the times they are available. Also contact Nancy or Hans for Relay donations.

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### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - CHILDREN OF THE BIBLE**

Zion Lippe UCC is partnering with St. Peter's Methodist Church in St. Phillips for this year's Vacation Bible School experience! The theme will be "Children in the Bible." We are excited to share stories about the big things God put in the lives of little people.

**When:** Sunday August 1 - Thursday August 5th

**Time:** 5:30p.m. -7:45 p.m. — A light dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Peter's Methodist Church - 2800 St Phillips Rd, Evansville, IN 47712

**Who:** Children - age 2 - grade 6

All kids are welcome! Please use the sign up sheet in the foyer at Zion or to reach out to Nancy Lewis, Lauren Kern or Ashley Lashley.

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### **Semi-Annual Meeting - August 22nd - Following Worship**

Zion Members please join us following worship on August 22nd for our semi-annual meeting of the congregation. At this meeting we will share updates concerning basic church business as well as reports from the Cemetery & Endowment Committees. In addition to those items, the Playground

Renovation Committee will also present initial vision and ideas for the church playground. We hope that all Zion members will join us. Your voices are important to the process and future of the congregation.





## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

*On July 11, 2021, we were happy to receive Adam Kendall and Andrea Singer as new members of Zion! Here is a little about each of them. . .*

Hi, my name is Adam Kendall! I was born and raised on the west side of Evansville and that's where I currently reside as well. I attended Reitz high school and graduated in 2007. Before becoming a member of Zion church I was a member at St Paul's UCC of Evansville! I'm a friendly and outgoing person! If you have any questions for me please do not hesitate to come up and ask me! Thank you accepting me into the church family, I'm truly thankful and blessed for that!

Andrea (Hargrove) Singer

I was born & raised on the west side. I attended Resurrection, then Mater Dei, graduating in 2001. I went on to earn my Elementary Education degree, Middle School endorsement, and minor in English from USI. I am currently teaching English at McGary Middle School and have completed 8 years there. When I have time, I enjoy: reading, scrapbooking, basic gardening, spending time with friends & family. I also have a side business called Andrea's Re-Creations where I repurpose things & bring new life to pieces, paint furniture, etc. Look me up on Facebook! I have a 3 year old son, Bexley, who keeps me busy! He enjoys fishing, golfing, and anything outside!

### *A Word of Thanks . . .*

Thank you for your prayers and to everyone for the cards of encouragement regarding my health issues. A special thank you to Pastor Jeff for checking in with me periodically, I really appreciate it. It's been an adjustment, but we are doing okay. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Cindy Hollen

I am convinced that Zion Lippe is full of angels. What a wonderful outpouring of love that we received on the death of my mother. We want to thank everyone for the food, the flowers, the prayers, the thoughts, the calls, the cards and the hugs. A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Jeff for his beautiful service. My family was so grateful for his words of love and support and the way he brought mom's story to life. Thank you so much.

Carol Jo Droege and the family of Carol TenBarge

**Cancer Pathways Midwest (formerly Gilda's Club Evansville)** has many programs and lots of volunteer opportunities. Check with them at . . .

Phone: (812) 402-8667 Email: [angie@cancerpathwaysmidwest.org](mailto:angie@cancerpathwaysmidwest.org)

Address: 5740 Vogel Rd Evansville IN 47715 Website: [www.cancerpathwaysmidwest.org](http://www.cancerpathwaysmidwest.org)

Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights  
07/13/21

**Attendance:** Laura Droege, Michelle Heneisen, Nancy Lewis, Terry Schroeder, Laverne Deal, Dan Hoffman, Jeff Long, and Brian Crase.

6/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$78,993.08

6/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$90,228.72

6/30 YTD General Fund Expenses: \$77,680.12

Difference: \$12,548.60

*\*\*Note YTD \$15,810 of payroll was paid out of PPP Fund instead of General Fund*

Pastor Jeff is planning to have communion on the day the new photographer comes to take pictures of the church.

We currently have 402 church members. When contacted for directory picture appointments, 9 people asked to be removed from the membership list. We also have approximately 30 members that we need contact information for.

Sunday school will start in the middle of September.

Joint Vacation Bible School will be August 1st through 4<sup>th</sup>, with Zion and St Peter's UMC.

The produce cart will be brought out once Terry Schroeder has fixed the tires.

Job descriptions for janitorial and grounds keepers will be reviewed and distributed to staff.

Sandy Schmitt has met with someone who works with the playground company that is building our new playground and he has given us some tips we can do to help update. Susie Schroeder called asking if the church would take a donation for the piece of equipment with yellow tubing because her sons made it for Eagle Scouts and she wants to keep it. The council agrees to the request

Youth events will begin sometime after the fair.

Pastor Jeff has asked permission for a second vacation due to personal issues that prevented him from going on his scheduled trip. The council agrees to the request.