

AUGUST 2025 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.)
6/29	117	55 devices
7/6	81	47 devices
7/13	124	63 devices
7/20	132	60 devices
7/27	114	51 devices

Sunday School Average Attendance

July: Adult = 13

Youth (6-12th grade) = 0

Children = not meeting in Summer

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED and RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING ON YOUTUBE !

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

For later viewing of recorded services, go to YouTube and search for Zion Lippe.

Greeter Schedule for upcoming Sundays:

August 3 – Justin & Nikaya Long

August 10 – Missy Ludwig

August 17 – Gary & Ashley Lashley

August 24 – Keith & Connie McCutchan

August 31 – Phil & April McCutchan

Sept 7 – Linda Messel

Sept 14 – Mike & Stacy Wagner

Sept 21 – Bill Meyer

Sept 28 – JJ & Kelli Mohr



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 Rosie Bogard know – but if something comes up and you can't make it don't fret!



**August Collection Item for God's Storehouse Food Pantry
is Peanut Butter Crackers**



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 Rosie Bogard, Isaac Hautman
- 2 Bill Meyer, Nathan Perry, Blake Elkins,
Nicole Hoffman, Nick Hahn
- 3 Alex Barnhart, Kay Austin, Jennifer Cotton
- 7 Kimberly White, Sandy Schmitt
- 8 Nancy Dougan, Jan Droege, Steve Martin
- 10 Cameron Calvert, Jennifer Rotelli,
- 11 Shannon Vandagriff, Beth McCutchan
- 12 Jacob O'Risky, Allison Hoffman
- 14 Austin O'Risky, Rick Becker
- 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
- 23 Robin Fluty
- 24 Zachary Schroeder
- 25 Parker Voelker
- 26 Amy Schroeder
- 27 Monte Anderson
- 28 Chuck Schroeder, Mallory Hatzinikolaou,
Linda Reutter
- 30 Miranda Daugherty, Leah Dugan, Ryder Hast

Anniversaries

- 1 Tom and Katy (McFadin) Lang (1998)
- 2 Brad & Alicia (Sander) Becker (2008)
- 5 Austin & Claire (Schroeder) Lensing (2022)
- 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)

- 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 812 985-2437 so we may update our records. Thanks for your help!

Zion Nursery Center 2025-26 School Year

Zion Nursery Center will officially begin its 54th year on Sunday August 17th with our Orientation that afternoon. Classes will begin Monday, August 18 and are held Monday through Friday from 9 – 12:30 every day.

Students will be dropped off at the back of church from 8:50 to 9:10 every morning. Please be aware of vehicles pulling around the church during this time, and if possible plan your visits to the church around this time frame, as students gather in the foyer until everyone has arrived.

We are looking forward to another great year at Zion Nursery Center!

Sandy Schmitt, ZNC Director, 812-598-1722,
zionnurserycenter@gmail.com

***Thursday, August 7
at 11 am
Sr. Citizen Dinner***



Congratulations to Nathan & Makenzie Perry on the birth of twin boys, Hayden Christopher and Kayden Eugene, on June 29, 2025. Proud grandmother is Stacey Hyslop.

Hayden & Kayden were baptized at Zion on July 26.



Welcome to the “Dog Days” of summer. As I write this short reflection, the current heat index is a mere 105 degrees. Just a touch warm for anyone thinking about doing anything strenuous out in the elements for an extended period of time. 🤖

Not only is the heat index pretty high, the month of August is full of transition. There is school shopping, county fairs, the beginning of the school year, and everything in between. It is also a time to start focusing on getting back into the routine. I want you to know that I am not trying to bring anyone down, it is just the reality that summer is only 3 months long.

With that being said, I want you all to start thinking about how we are going to come together as a church family. How we are going to work as a faith community to bring the love of Christ into the community when the weekends of the summer months begin to wind down. I also want you to think about where your time as a participant in the ministries of Zion church will be used. There are always all sorts of opportunities to donate your time. Maybe you want to be a liturgist, help greet people as they arrive for worship on Sunday mornings, or even help teach Sunday School. These will be all kinds of great places to make and build lasting relationships. I am excited for all the exciting opportunities just right around the corner.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful August. Blessings to each of you!! **PJ**

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**Backpack Blessing - Sunday - August 3rd**

While it's still feeling like summer, it is time for students and teachers to return to school. To send them off with our blessings, we invite anyone heading back to school to bring a backpack to worship and pray over backpacks, students, and teachers.

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A semi-annual church meeting will be held on **August 17th** following worship in the church sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to discuss church business, review the past six months, review and vote on a path to repairing the church steeple, and look ahead to the future.

The agenda will include financial reports, ministry updates, Cemetery Committee report, Endowment Fund Report and property related issues. If you have any questions please contact Bob Juncker - Church Council President.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of laughter, emotions, puppies, and popcorn as we present the heartwarming Disney Pixar film, “Inside Out.” The film will be shown in the Sunday School Hall. You are invited to bring pillows, blankets, or whatever you would like to be comfortable as we experience the colorful world inside the mind of 11 year old Riley, where joy, sadness, anger, fear and disgust all work together to help her navigate a big life change. This movie is perfect for all ages.

Paw-sitive Vibes and Pixar

AUGUST 3 AT 5:00 PM
ZION LIPPE UCC

WATCH DISNEY'S INSIDE OUT MOVIE TO EXPLORE
THE WORLD OF EMOTIONS AND
PUPPY CUDDLE TIME FOR STRESS RELIEF

SPONSORED BY:
ZION CHURCH THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE
CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONS

Please use the sign up sheet in the foyer or register online on our “Events” tab located in our church Facebook page. If you have any questions please speak with Mariah Voegel.

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This conference, being held in Washington D.C. from August 1 - 2 will be attended by ***Ashley Lingafelter, Molly McCutchan, Kristie Hape, Addison Hape, Chris Wolsiefer, and Ryan Englebright.*** The conference will showcase the most innovative and effective approaches for youth and young adults to

mobilize to transform how mental health is valued and prioritized on campuses, in schools, in the transition to the workplace, and within our communities.

Following their experience, each participant will be sharing with the congregation many of things they learned and experienced on **August 10th following worship.** On that day, we invite everyone for a “picnic” style lunch downstairs followed by their presentation in the S.S. Hall with the use of our newly installed video and sound system.

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WE'RE GOING TO A



BALL GAME!

A Night Out with the Otters
Friday, August 15, 6:35 pm

Cost per person \$15, Sign up for your tickets with Adam Kendall.

Besides the game, your ticket includes: Evansville Otters Baseball Cap, and a meal including: Grilled Chicken, Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, Baked Beans and Potato Chips.



The North Posey Relay for Life event will occur on **August 16 at Murphy Park in New Harmony**. A kid’s dash and 5K is occurring beginning at 7:45 in the morning, with opening ceremonies following at 10 AM, a free-will donation lunch at 11 AM, a live auction at 1 PM, and closing ceremonies beginning at 2 PM. If you would like to donate, are a survivor who wants a T-shirt, would like to decorate a luminary bag in memory or honor of someone who has battled cancer, or have any questions, please contact Hans Schmitz or Nancy Dougan.

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Minutes from Council emails: Thursday, July 10, 2025
No formal meeting held in July

Approval of June 10, 2025 minutes

Treasurer Report

- Review last month
- 6/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$88,201.18
- 6/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$93,973.59
- 6/30 YTD General Fund Expense: \$104,441.36

*Tim motioned to approve June 10 minutes and Treasurer report, Andrea seconded
Responses from: Bob, Roger, Patrick, Stacy, Lauren

Next meeting August 12, 2025

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I want to extend my deepest thanks to all of you for the love, prayers, and support you showed me and my family during our time of loss. Your comforting words, presence, and acts of kindness were a true reflection of Christ's love and brought us great comfort during an incredibly difficult time.

From the heartfelt messages and visits, to the meals, flowers, and the beautiful service by Pastor Jeff, each gesture meant more than words can express. I am truly grateful to be part of such a caring and faith-filled community here at Zion.

Thank you for lifting us up in prayer and for walking beside us in our grief. Your support has been a source of strength and healing, and I will never forget it.

With heartfelt gratitude, Nancy Lewis

ETSA Civil Rights Study and Trip

Meeting times: Every-other Thursday 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem UCC beginning August 28

Books: *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith and *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby

Trip itinerary

- April 14, 2026: Depart 7:00 a.m. for Birmingham to see the Civil Rights Institute and 16th Street Baptist Church. After our tours, drive on to Montgomery, where we will spend three nights.
- April 15-16, 2026: We will visit the three sites of the Legacy Museum.
- April 17, 2026: Depart at 7:00 a.m. for the Whitney Plantation. After our tour, we will drive part way home, likely spending the night in Jackson, MS.
- April 18, 2026: Drive the rest of the way home.

Cost: TBD Please do not let cost dissuade you from participating!

Sign up using either the QR code, the link, or by contacting Emily Slade at 812-867-2497 or emily@bethlehemucc.org

<https://forms.gle/QKwZKBuMfobfJNow9>

Deadline: Sign up by August 7 to have your books ordered for you.

