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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.)
1/1	132	77 devices
1/8	138	81 devices
1/15	168	60 devices
1/22	174	63 devices

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

Sunday School Average Attendance

January: Adult (18+) = 20

Youth = 26 (includes Confirmation)



With snow, ice, &/or other inclement weather... Should questions arise concerning if Worship/Sunday School will be held on a given Sunday, cancellations will be announced on WFIE, Facebook, and the church's website.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE STREAMED THROUGH YOUTUBE!

You can always join us for 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.*

**Feb 5 – Roger & Darlene Roedel**

**Feb 12 – Anna Mae Droege**

**Feb 19 – Jim & Carol Jo Droege**

**Feb 26 – Larry & Jan Droege**

**March 5 – Steve & Nancy deClaise-Walford**

**March 12 – Marcia & Laura Droege**

**March 19 – Josh & Maggie Dye**

**March 26 – Blake & Stephanie Elkins**

*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.*



## FEBRUARY

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 Eleanor McRae
- 2 Kelley Esche
- 3 Paul Ziegler
- 6 Patrick Schroeder, Dalton Berry
- 7 Audrey Becker
- 8 Curt Muntzer, Gary Voegel  
Jackson Madden
- 9 Ronald Schroeder
- 12 Landon Will
- 13 Brandon Reese
- 14 Leon Austin
- 15 Sherry Wuertz, Calvin Crase,  
Raelynn Swope
- 17 Pam Martin
- 18 Will Hargett
- 19 Adam Schroeder, Carl Barchet
- 21 Sarah Will, Pam Ford
- 22 Stephanie Duncan, David Reese,  
Rev. Ken Scherry, Sarah Taylor,  
Knox Gibson
- 23 Regina Arguello
- 25 Darlene Roedel, Grace Cullman,  
Levi Patterson
- 26 Cory Lingafelter
- 27 Mackenzie Schmidt, Kathy Duncan
- 28 Chellsie Parker

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 24 Donald & LeeAnn Hoenert (1963)

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

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## Sunbeams Senior Citizen Dinners

The Sunbeams are looking forward to continuing our Senior Citizen meal program for the 2023 year. Our dinners begin at 11 am.

Dates planned for 2023 are:

February 23                      May 11  
August 10                        October 12  
December 14

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### *With Sympathy*

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Michael Duncan, Sr. Mike passed away January 3, 2023, he would have celebrated his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 9. Graveside services and burial were held January 5 at Zion Lippe.

We also extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sharon F. Schroeder. Sharon passed away January 16, 2023 at the age of 82. Funeral services and burial were held January 21 at Zion Lippe.

We cherish many good memories of Mike and Sharon.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**



Lee Ann Hoenert has moved to Solarbron Apartments, her address there is:

1445 McDowell Rd  
Evansville IN 47712

## FROM THE PASTOR

Being a caregiver isn't easy. Caring for someone we love because that person is no longer able to care for themselves can be draining, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. The fact that we find caregiving to be

draining has nothing to do with not loving the person for whom we are caring. In fact, it's quite the opposite: it's because we love the other person so much that we find becoming their caregiver so draining.

I think of those of you in our own congregation whose primary role is no longer that of spouse, but that of primary caregiver for your own spouse. No longer is your spouse your partner in all things. No longer is your spouse the one who shares in the decision-making, who carries a certain level of responsibilities, or who is able to be present for you in the ways that only spouses and partners can.

There is a real sense of loss that comes when one spouse becomes the caregiver for the other spouse. And as with any loss, this loss brings with it profound grief. Of course, it isn't just spouses and partners who become caregivers for their significant other.

Adult children also become caregivers for their parents, and when this happens, the relationship is turned upside down. The child becomes the parent, while the parent becomes the child. There is profound grief here as well. But grief isn't the only emotion we experience when our familiar family roles shift. We end up feeling frustrated, irritable, overwhelmed, and angry. We can lose patience with the other person, wishing more than anything that he or she was the person they used to be, and that life could once again be the way that it was. And we can easily become despondent and depressed.

Circumstances such as these are simply too deep and wide for any of us to manage on our own, which is where our faith community comes in. The greatest gift we can give ourselves and the other person is the gift of reaching out for help. Remember that God did not create Adam to till the garden alone; instead, God saw that it was not good for Adam to be alone, and so God created another human being to join Adam in the Garden of Eden, to be his compassion, his confidant, his help-mate. Contrary to popular belief, reaching out for help is not a sign of weakness. Reaching out for help is, in fact, a sign of strength and of courage. God placed us on this earth to be comforters for one another. Let's remember those who might need an extra hand. Let's do our best to be the hands, feet, helpers, assistants, listeners, and compassionate hearts that are needed in so many ways and in so many places.

Blessings, Pastor Jeff

## Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights

01/10/23

**Attendance:** Jeff Long, Dan Hoffman, Carl Barchet, Nancy Lewis, Rosie Bogard, Brian Crase, Bob Klenck, Michelle Heneisen, Laura Droege.

2022 Regular Offering: \$198,440.10

2022 General Fund Income: \$208,589.70

2022 General Fund Expense: \$200,052.37

Differences: (+)\$8,537.33

Rosie Bogard will meet with Steve Martin and Laura Commens to discuss the vacuums we have and which ones may need replacing.

Thanks to everyone that helped with serving communion at both Christmas Eve and Day and with the candle lighting. We had 22 poinsettia orders, all are gone but one.

Thanks to everyone that helped decorate the church and helped take down the decorations.

Rosie will make a new church closing schedule for Council since new people are coming on.

Rosie will continue to open the church as she gets there early to make the coffee.

There was a ZNC advisory board meeting via email on Sunday night, the Hacienda fundraiser raised \$1,544.87 plus \$25 in donations. The 2023/2024 enrollment for current students and siblings will begin February 1st 2023 and then the public enrollment will be March 1st 2023. The tuition for the upcoming year is nursery school \$100 a month and the pre k classes \$150 a month. So far there are 19 for the nursery school next year and 7 on the pre k list, current enrollment is the nursery has 19 and 20 for the pre k. There will be a hop-a-thon for Mason who died from cancer on February 21st and 22nd, his parents have a memorial fund set up for him, if anyone would like to donate give the money to Sandy Schmitt.

There will be a Bible School meeting in March.

The council reviewed the new budget for 2023. All salaries for church employees were raised by 2 1/2%. The medical insurance took an 8 1/2% increase. The property insurance went up roughly \$500. The workers comp is slightly lower than last year. The mowing budget will increase to \$3,000. The phone and internet line items will be combined. The only item without an accurate number is the defibrillator since it has had no maintenance or update for 3 or 4 years.

Property projects completed this month are the elevator (handicap lift) quotes were obtained, provided directions to continue with Murphy Elevators as even though they have increased their price to \$1,000 they are still much lower than 2 other companies contacted. Also quote received from Becker for split unit heating/ AC for office area, other quotes expected, will continue with portable heating unit in office provided by Rev. Long as needed. Also church

pew from balcony removed to allow for redesign of electronic/audio space, currently storing in quilters area on west wall, will want to retain in case balcony space is rearranged in the future. There are no new property concerns. Projects yet to do are painting exterior sanctuary doors (wait post winter/suitable weather), SS hall north vent hoods need painting (wait post winter/suitable weather), SS formica, handicap door switch, and the shelter light.

New council member candidates are Stacy Wagner, Patrick Schroeder, and Bob Juncker. Completion of balcony project-sound and streaming equipment (Joe/Demont Anderson, Greg/Jonathan Schmitt, Kyle Hoenert). Upcoming Lenten season is February 22nd Ash Wednesday; Wednesday Lenten services are March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Having the evening meals will be discussed at the next council meeting. Holy Week is April 2nd-9th, Maundy Thursday is April 6th, Good Friday April 7th, and Easter Sunday is April 9th.



**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**will be held following worship on**  
**February 5**

All Zion members are encouraged to attend. At this meeting we will review the 2022 church year, elect new council members, approve our operating budget for 2023, and hear special reports from other ministries of the church. We will also work to make the meeting available through our Zoom platform.

Please submit all written reports for the meeting to the church office by Monday January 30.

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*The family of Mike Duncan, Sr. acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you so much for thinking of our family and providing a meal and location for us to gather.*  
*Kathy Duncan and Family*

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MaggiLynn Elizabeth Droege, daughter of Jeff & Jenny Droege was baptized at Zion on January 22, 2023.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is “Day of Ashes,” so called because of the practice that some churches still implement, the rubbing ashes on one’s forehead in the sign of a cross. Since it is exactly 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter Sunday, it will always fall on a Wednesday—there cannot be an “Ash Thursday” or “Ash Monday.” Interestingly, the Bible never mentions Ash Wednesday—for that matter, it never mentions Lent.



Lent is intended to be a time of self-denial, moderation, fasting, and the turning away from unwanted activities and habits that someone is seeking to change or quit altogether. Ash Wednesday commences this period of spiritual discipline.

We will begin our Lenten journey together this year on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** We would like you to join us and commit to join us through the Lenten season on each Wednesday evening following until we reach Holy Week.



**Women's Fellowship**

***The Women of Zion will meet Sunday,***

***February 12 after church.*** We will be making Valentine bags and have several to make this year. Please bring an item or two for the bags. Some people are diabetic and have special needs, so keep in mind we will need something sugar free or something else they could use. If you would like to help or donate items, any and all help is appreciated!

*Also, be thinking about a restaurant where we can enjoy a meal and fellowship at our March meeting.*

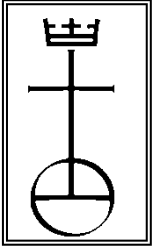
*Linda Koch, WOZ President*

## **Zion Nursery Center students will be participating in Mason's Hop-A-Thon on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

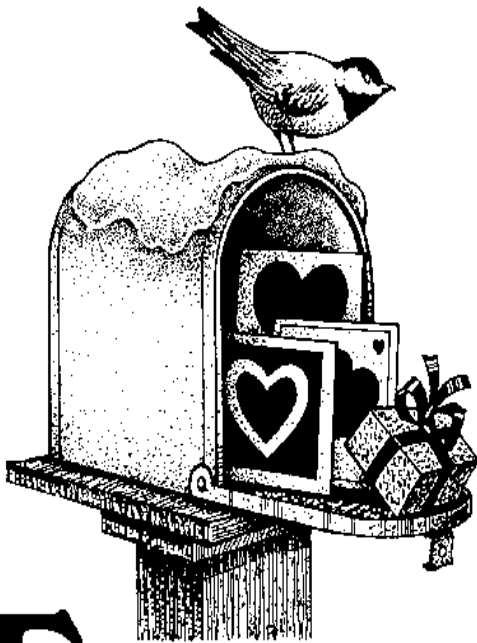
For our Hop-A-Thon, ZNC students will be dancing and hopping during music and periodically throughout the day. Proceeds from the Hop-A-Thon will be donated to the Mason Mileham Memorial Foundation. Mason Mileham (aka Mighty Mason) graduated from ZNC in May of 2021 after attending for 3 years. In November of 2019, Mason was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma. After a heroic battle with cancer, he lost his fight in April of 2022. The Foundation, established by his parents, is designed to provide assistance for families with children at Riley Children's Hospital, as well as scholarships for students majoring in Nursing. To learn more about Mason's story and the foundation, visit [www.masonmileham.org](http://www.masonmileham.org).

There will be a donation bucket in the foyer during February. Please contact Sandy Schmitt with any questions.





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# FEBRUARY

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace** is an organization that believes all children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. All across the United States, too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on. That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. This group of volunteers is dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need and **Zion Church** was proud to participate in January of this year. We plan to participate again in the near future so watch for upcoming opportunities to help.

To find out more about this wonderful organization, visit  
<https://shpbeds.org/chapter/in-evansville/>