

JULY 2021

VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am

Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
5/30	97	24 devices
6/6	104	28 devices
6/13	90	27 devices
6/20	117	36 devices
6/27	118	48 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.



Smile! It will soon be time for our 2021 Zion Pictorial Directory. Bennett Photography will be taking our pictures this year. Tim and Lvonne Bennett have been in the photography business for over 36 years.

We will start taking pictures on Wednesday, July 21 through Sunday, August 1, 2021. The Directory Committee has been working hard to try and contact all members and active friends of Zion. If you would like to be included in the directory but don't have your appointment yet, please contact Kelley Esche 812 453-8062 ASAP.

If you find that you have a conflict with these dates, please let one of the committee members know. Tim and Lvonne will work with us to find a time for everyone.

We're excited to see all our church family again!

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



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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 the year they married.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 2 Gary and Donna Hartig (1965)
- 5 Carl & Kathy Barchet (1969)
- 6 Bob & Linda Reutter (1968)
Joe & Rhiannon (Barnhart) Anderson (2013)
- 7 Jeff & Kris Long (1989)
- 14 Charlie & Pat Elkins (1957)
Cameron & Shelbi (Hollen) Brown (2018)
- 16 Roger and Darlene Roedel (1983)
- 20 John and Darlene (Muehlenbein) Breiner (1957)
- 21 Carl and Delene (Philips) Schmitz (1979)
- 22 John & Rita Schmitt (1989)
Michael & Carly (Schmitz) Patterson (2005)
- 28 Martin and Suzie (Nicholson) Schroeder (1984)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Jerry McClarney
- 3 Sharon Herrenbruck, Raelynn Hast,
Stephanie Warner
- 4 Michael Klenck, Quinten Allen
- 5 Susan Schroeder, Kelli Mohr
Elizabeth Green-Adams
- 6 Dwayne Mahrenholz, John Breiner Sr.
George Maxen Anderson
- 8 Jay O'Risky
- 9 Vernon Krietenstein, Stacey Hyslop
Reed Ray
- 11 Grant Cullman
- 13 Eugene Esche
- 14 Julie Klenck
- 15 Robert Klenck, Dwight Esche, Shelby
Sauve, Bill Payne
- 16 Staci Voegel, Tamara Starnes,
Charles Blake Elkins
- 17 Joli Willett

- 19 Samantha McCutchan, Charlotte Green,
Thomas Ewers, Jr
- 20 Connie McCutchan, Lucas Bullington
- 22 Nicholas Schroeder, Larry Droege,
Tim Hoenert, Silas Primus, Rick Ray
- 23 Lillian Randall, Delwin Parker, Bob
Cummings
- 24 James Klenck
- 25 Roger Klenck, Maggie McCutchan
- 26 Alice Garness
- 27 Hope Schmidt
- 30 Hans Schmitz, Kim Bredemeier
- 31 Darrel Smith

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Congratulations to Mackenzie & Kraig Schmidt at the birth of their son, Charles Xavier Schmidt on June 9, 2021.

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### Relay for Life of North Posey

will be held August 14 at Murphy Park in New Harmony. Team registrations through the Zion Lippe UCC team have a deadline of July 11. Anyone interested in supporting the Relay officially should reach out to Nancy Dougan (812-985-5542) or Hans Schmitz (812-483-7554). We are accepting registration and luminary submissions through July 11. Those interested in volunteering with the Zion Lippe UCC booth or with walking a shift can reach out to Nancy and Hans at any time with the times they are available.

## Every Day is Independence Day



Galatians 5.1 - “Stand fast therefore in the liberty where through faith we are made free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”

I once asked someone if they celebrated the 4th of July in England and they responded “Of course not, that’s America’s day!”. They, of course, have the 4th of July but don’t celebrate their independence on that day. On the 4th of July we celebrate Independence Day in the United States. It is a day when we rejoice in the political and personal liberties granted to us as Americans. For 245 years the United States has been the beacon and hope of freedom around the world. We have been graced with the freedom to worship. We are free to teach and practice our faith openly without persecution. We are free to pray in our homes and in public. I am not bragging about our country, I am merely stating the facts.

While I also believe that we sometimes take our liberties for granted, others in the world live under oppression and must worship in secret. Some practice their faith in hiding. Regardless of where you live today, rejoice in the fact that our freedoms allow for so much good to happen both for ourselves and for others. Rejoice in the fact that we live in a country where not everyone has to agree but we are asked to do our best to get along. Rejoice in the freedom that we are granted through the teachings of our Biblical heroes like Moses, Isaiah, Miriam, Paul, Ruth, Micah, and Jesus who felt called to work for the betterment of those less privileged, less connected, the least powerful.

The 4th of July is a day of liberty for sure. Think with me however beyond the 4th of July. When you’re here at church, when you’re at home or at work, when you’re with family and friends, celebrate and honor that freedom with choices that are based upon the foundations of our faith and country. That all men and women are created equal and that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Yes, in this great country we celebrate our independence from tyranny and injustice. But in our faith, every day is Independence Day. Blessings to each of you and have a very happy

Independence Day! **PJ**

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New Member Sunday - Growing Together

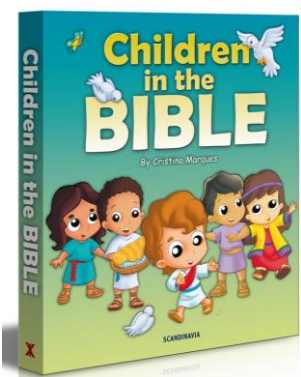
We are excited to announce that we will receive new members during worship on Sunday, July 11th. For those of you who have expressed interest in joining the Zion faith community, we are honored that you would choose Zion. If you have any questions, plan to join and cannot be present on that particular Sunday, or would like to visit more about the ministries and visions of Zion UCC, please don't hesitate to call the church office or the pastor.



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

Mark your calendars local friends with kiddos! 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 find the sign up sheet in the foyer at Zion and St. Peter's or feel free to reach out to Nancy Lewis, Alladean Kramer, 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.



Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights
06/08/21

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

5/31 YTD Regular Offering: \$64,045.98

5/31 YTD General Fund Income: \$75,080.97

5/31 YTD General Fund Expenses: \$57,300.28

Differences: (+)\$17,780.24

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

Sunday School will resume sometime in the fall.

The Endowment request at \$2,500 for Relay for Life has been approved by the council. Also the council has approved the appointment of Tina Spears and Phil Wuertz to the Endowment Committee.

The other lock on the breaker box down by the shelter house has been installed so no one can turn the freezer off inside the garage.

The council retreat will be held Saturday June 19th from 9:00 to 12:00.

The council approved Pastor Jeff's request to take vacation this summer from June 28th to July 4th.

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**WORDS OF THANKS . . .**

*Thank you to all the people who brought meals and cards to us. It was very much appreciated and good! We might need it down the road but we are fine now. God bless you.*

*Rick & Patty LeGrange*

*Thank you for your prayers and to all who provided help, prepared food, sent cards and for the phone calls I received during my recovery from a dislocated elbow. It helped me realize what many people have to deal with all the time. Blessings to all of you!*

*Ruth Redman*

*Thank you to Pastor Jeff for keeping us all safe through the worst year on record . . . changing our services to Zoom to keep us connected each week, along with the weekly check-in time . . . then as times got better with Covid, we were one of the last churches to open back up . . . he couldn't take any chances on anyone getting the virus. Through it all, he has provided us with great services, the special music, videos and awesome messages . . . even if we got kicked off of zoom at times, and never giving up after foot surgery. Just want to say thanks for everything he does for us and being there for us during this difficult time and to let him know how much we love and appreciate him as our minister and our friend.*

*. . . from a friend at Zion*

*Thanks very much to Russ Roehr for sharing the beautiful flower arrangements from his garden to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday mornings!*

## **PLAYGROUND RENOVATION PLANNING HAS BEGUN**

If you haven't taken the opportunity to drive by or look closely at our playground, you probably haven't noticed that it is beginning to show some serious wear and tear. This playground is not only used by the church but also by our nursery school and quite heavily by the larger community. Hardly a day goes by when there isn't someone using the playground.



In order to address this issue and to provide a wonderful and safe playground area for our church and community, a leadership team has formed to seriously look at and consider renovations to our current playground area.

Those that have agreed to participate in the process are Larry Droege, Terry Schroeder, Nancy and Larry Lewis, Sandy Schmitt, Josh Dye, Jeff and Kris Long, and Delwin and Patti Parker. 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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Our Nursing Home & Retirement Center Residents

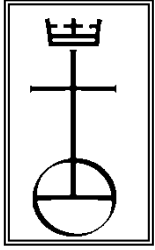
Solarbron Apartments: Donna Reineke
1639 McDowell, Evansville IN 47712

West River Health Campus – 714 S Eickhoff, Evansville IN 47712
Ruby Schroeder
Don Hoenert

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**Merom Summer Camps** continue in July. See foyer bulletin board or go to [merom.org](http://merom.org) for more info. Funds are available to assist with youth camp expenses, contact Pastor Jeff or the church office. Adult Retreats are also available at various time throughout the year.





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**Alexandrian Library  
Bookmobile  
Summer Stops at Zion  
July 8 & 22  
1 – 1:30 pm  
(masks required)**

