

JULY 2024
VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am
Sunday School at 9 am

Worship Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Virtual (est.)</u>
6/2	132	82 devices
6/9	140	58 devices
6/16	156	43 devices
6/23	171	45 devices

Sunday School Average Attendance

June: Adult = 13
No Children or Youth Classes during
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:

July 7 – Carl & Kathy Barchet
July 14 – Amber Barrow
July 21 – Brenda Bean
July 28 – Brad & Alicia Becker

August 4 – Dustin & Kim Bredemeier
August 11 – Darlene Breiner
August 18 – John Jr & Carla Breiner
August 25 – Joe & Rhiannon Anderson

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 don't fret!

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.



JULY

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.

- 22 Nicholas Schroeder, Larry Droege, Tim Hoenert, Silas Primus
- 23 Delwin Parker, Bob Cummings
- 24 James Klenck
- 25 Roger Klenck, Maggie McCutchan. Mildred Montgomery, Joy Wolsiefer
- 27 Hope Schmidt
- 30 Hans Schmitz, Kim Bredemeier
- 31 Darrel Smith

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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 Cameron & Shelbi (Hollen) Brown (2018)
- 16 Roger and Darlene Roedel (1983)
- 20 John and Darlene (Muehlenbein) Breiner (1957)
- 22 John & Rita Schmitt (1989)
Michael & Carly (Schmitz) Patterson (2005)
- 27 Chris & Joy Wolsiefer (2021)
- 28 Martin and Suzie (Nicholson) Schroeder (1984)
- 30 Ryan & Miranda (Johnson) Daugherty (2022)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 3 Sharon Herrenbruck, Raelynn Hast, Stephanie Warner
- 4 Michael Klenck
- 5 Susan Schroeder, Kelli Mohr
Elizabeth Green-Adams
- 6 Dwayne Mahrenholz, John Breiner Sr.
Maxen Anderson
- 8 Jay O’Risky
- 9 Stacey Hyslop, Jack Wolsiefer
- 11 Grant Cullman
- 13 Eugene Esche . Keith Frank
- 14 Julie Klenck
- 15 Robert Klenck, Dwight Esche,
Shelby Sauve
- 16 Staci Voegel, Tamara Starnes,
Charles Blake Elkins
- 17 Joli Willett
- 19 Samantha McCutchan, Charlotte Green,
Thomas Ewers, Jr
- 20 Connie McCutchan, Lucas Bullington



Congratulations to Caiden Hahn & Emily Klinge, who were married at Zion on June 22, 2024.

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Join Us at the OTTERS GAME
Friday, August 2 at 5 pm for the
ZION TENT PICNIC
(we’ll be on left field side)

Cost is \$15/person, age 5 & under free includes:

- Otters Ballgame Ticket
- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Mac & Cheese, Soft Drinks & Water

Sign up on church bulletin board or contact Carl Barchet

c.barchet@hotmail.com or 812 431-8359
by July 24 to reserve your spot!

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June 30 – July 2
5:30 to 7:30 pm for Pre-K thru 6th
grade. Contact Lauren Kern for
questions or to help.



It wasn't that long ago on Pentecost Sunday - May 19th - that we sang the hymn, *Every Time I Hear the Spirit*. The refrain goes, "Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray."

Here at Zion Church, there is evidence that we truly are the church together that believes in the power of prayer. Let me give you a funny example.

At our fitness class on Tuesday, June 25th I was bemoaning that I was playing in a golf scramble that afternoon and I didn't really want to be playing. Too hot... too tired... etc. etc. So I asked the group to pray that it would rain so I didn't have to play. 😊 Well... it didn't rain during the afternoon, it turned out to be a pretty good time and I'm glad I took the time to play. Here is the funny part.

At about 6:30 p.m. that evening Nancy Dougan texted me during that evening's thunderstorm to say... "well, we prayed for rain and it's raining. Maybe not soon enough but it's raining." I loved that message.

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray... doesn't just have to be a few words in the line of a hymn. Those words bring with them an invitation to action. And Zion church is a church that continues to be full of action.

From a sanctuary that continued to be filled even through the summer months, to weekend weddings, youth special music moments (Thank you Bayla and Sydney), youth work at New Life Rescue and the Pumpkin Patch project, our Mental Health Initiative Grant, the Solar Project, Vacation Bible School, and continued community outreach Zion church continues to feel the spirit and act not just through prayer but with our hands, our voices, and our commitment beyond the wall of the church building.

Through these events, we can build and deepen relationships and your support through gifts, time, attendance, and PRAYER has spurred continues to be an answer to that *spirit* that continues to move through our *little country church*.

When we read in Matthew 18.20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We give thanks that we can gather in Jesus' name and strive to be the church that celebrates God's love. We see clear evidence that the Holy Spirit is alive and working through Zion Church, and we truly are, as the hymn states, a church that continues to feel God's spirit!

Blessings to each of you!! *Pastor Jeff*

The Women of Zion have decided to do a monthly food drive this summer for God's Storehouse Food Pantry at St Peter's UCC on Hwy 66.

Here are the items needed as recommended by God's Storehouse:

The month of July will be Cheese crackers and Peanut Butter crackers.

August will be Spaghetti O's with Meatballs

We are asking the congregation to help with this project and to help the children in need. There is a plastic bin marked "God's Storehouse" at coat rack in foyer, or look for box with pictures of crackers, where you may place your food items.

If you prefer not to go shopping for any of the items, we will take monetary donations and get the items requested for that specific month. Look for the box in foyer for monetary donations.

If you have questions on the food drive you may contact Linda Koch, Irma Donnor Delene Schmitz or Sandy Willett.

Our next WOZ meeting will be in September. We have some fun and exciting times ahead. . .



The School Bell is ringing for all ladies of Zion, and any women that would like to attend !

We are planning a "School Days" theme for the September meeting. Please turn in to Rosie Bogard, by August 12th, a school picture, along with the name and colors of the school you attended.



*We're planning a work/cleaning day at church on **Saturday, July 20,** beginning at 7 am. Anyone can help, men, women, kids. Some things we plan to work on inside are clearing out unused items in storage area under basement steps and going through old electronics.*

Outside we'll work on re-sealing picnic tables, seal new patches of asphalt, and if time, new coat of paint on baseball dugouts. Any questions, check with Terry Schroeder.

Council Meeting Highlights – 6-11-24

5/31 YTD Regular Offering: \$76,204.44

5/31 YTD General Fund Income: \$81,253.41

5/31 YTD General Fund Expense: \$87,368.28

Vacation Bible School

Help needed for kitchen specifically for Tuesday July 2nd- We are going to have Community Night again; kids will share the songs they learned in the sanctuary then we will go outside (weather permitting) for burgers and hotdog dinner and inflatable fun!

Offering, donations, and friendly competition for kids to "Fill Santa's Sack" will go to Isaiah House 117 -- weaving the message throughout programming that Jesus came to save the world and Jesus wants us to live like he did caring for others.

Vanderburgh County Isaiah 117 House

Read more about the Vanderburgh County Isaiah 117 House here:

<https://isaiah117house.com/vanderburgh-county-in>

Lemonade Stand for Isaiah House 117- after church Sunday July 14th

**ZNC has 1 more available seat in Pre-K class - Anyone interested should contact Sandy Schmitt for more details

Otters Game church outing - See Carl Barchet for tickets

Friday, August 2nd – Tent seating

\$15 per person (children 5 & under free)

Pastor – Jeff

Youth summer plans update with pumpkin patch plans

1. summer plans are happening – planting pumpkins 60x60 area
2. June 19th service project 6th-high school at New Life Rescue
3. Social outing July Holiday World trip

Set semi-annual meeting date

1. Sunday, August 11th

Next meeting July 9, 2024 – in person at 6pm

Emergency call to motion for the Sunday School Hall AC and furnace replacement.

It was emailed to everyone Monday, June 24th of the news. We need to replace the AC unit and have decided to also replace the furnace.

Russell made the motion to approve the purchase of both units and have both installed, Carl seconded. A majority vote rules in favor of. This was done by text and phone call Monday, June 24th & Tuesday, June 25th.

Pastor Jeff will be on vacation beginning July 1 - July 7th. The church office will be open during regular office hours. If there is some sort of emergency please call the church office or Rev. Elizabeth Baer at Immanuel United Church of Christ or Rev. Al Schmitz at Salem Heusler church.



Steve and Nancy will be leading worship services on July 7th.

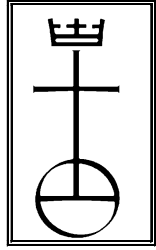
YOUTH GROUP COMMUNITY PROJECT!



On Thursday, June 20 our Youth Group spent the morning with our friends at New Life Rescue. While there they walked dogs, played with cats, cleaned cages, did laundry, cleaned up the yard around the facility, and all agreed to use some of their youth funds to pay for a new set of tires that were sorely needed on the New Life Rescue van. A big thank you to all our youth and sponsors that were present to help with this wonderful event.



What an Awesome Group!



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SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Next Work Day is Sat July 13

**8 am –Noon at 1303 S Green River
Rd - Evansville, IN 47715**

All ages are welcome (children under 12 cannot use power tools but can assist in other ways). Let Pastor Jeff know if you are interested or have any further questions.

