

## JUNE 2021

### VOICE OF ZION

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**Sunday Family Worship at 10 am**

### Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
5/2	64	58 devices
5/9	90	42 devices
5/16	101	33 devices
5/23	104	65 devices

Virtual worship was available on Zoom and YouTube.

Sunday School was not held during the month of May.



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. Appointments will start about 9 am Monday through Saturday and about 11:15 am on Sundays. Afternoon and evening appointments will also be available.

***A Directory Committee member will contact you by phone to set up your appointment.***

Mark your calendar for this important Church event! 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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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- Birthdays & ANNIVERSARIES**
- 1 Judy Hanebutt
  - 2 Addyson Chamberlain
  - 4 Gail Lashley, Carolyn Turner
  - 5 Levon Sauve, Tammy Frazier,  
Doris Crutchfield
  - 6 Jerry Klenck, John Breiner Jr.
  - 7 Bryan Warner
  - 8 Josh Dye
  - 9 Rita Schmitt
  - 10 Steve Noelle, Jourdan Cox
  - 11 Michael Droege, Casey Cotton,  
Julia Commens
  - 12 Benjamin Lingafelter
  - 13 Jerry Redman, Madison Coon
  - 14 David Powell
  - 15 Karen Evrard
  - 16 Loretta Jean Schroeder
  - 17 Jennifer Hargett, Keith McCutchan,  
Lauren Kern
  - 18 Anthony Hautman, Jake Gibson
  - 21 Bryce Lewis
  - 23 Marty Schroeder, Ralph Heneisen
  - 24 Sharon Schroeder, Gary Hartig,  
Andrew Gleim, Knox Lashley
  - 25 Kelsey Lang
  - 26 Melissa Schorr, Jacob Byerly, Aaron Moyer  
Sharon Krietenstein, Earl Schroeder
  - 27 Kari Elpers, Ethan Steinhart, Gianna Starnes
  - 28 Cindy Barnett

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

- 1 Bob and Diana Walker (1986)  
Jerrad & Melissa Gleim (2002)  
Darrin & Lisa Seitz (1985)
- 2 Dan & Nicole Hoffman (2007)
- 5 Rev. Kenneth and Sue Scherry (1988)  
Lee & Monica (Donner) Cullman (2004)
- 6 Gary and Staci (Schorr) Voegel (1987)  
Tyler & Christy (Droege) Watson (2015)
- 11 Casey & Megan (Redman) Voelker (2016)
- 12 Mike & Jennifer Cotton (1999)  
Darryl & Emiley (Esche) Chamberlain (2010)
- 12 Zach & Sarah Will (2004)
- 18 David and Jeanette (Griese) Hunter (1966)

- 24 Gary & Cindy Barnett (1972)
- 26 Delwin and Patti (Donner) Parker (1982)
- 28 Tom & Lindsey (Schroeder) Vaught (2008)
- 30 Clint & Charlene Wiethop (1990)  
Dustin & Kimberly Bredemeier (2001)



### **Congratulations** **Graduates!**

#### **Graduate School**

Kayla Hoenert Baird – Doctor of Veterinary  
Medicine, Purdue University

#### **College**

Kristin Schorr – Gannon University, currently  
working toward MBA in Business  
Analytics

Mackenzie Dickhaut – Associate Degree in  
Education, Ivy Tech

#### **High School**

Casey Cotton – North Posey  
James Klenck – Home School  
Kelsey Lang – Mt Vernon  
Owen Spears – North Posey  
Abby Steinhart – Reitz  
Lazlo Ziegler – North Posey

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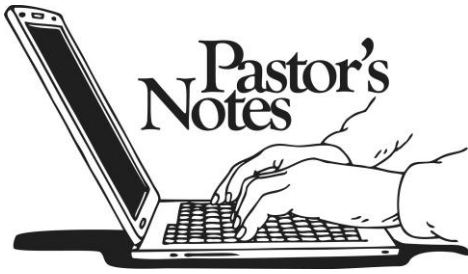


The balance of Tracy Reese  
Memorial Funds was used in October 2020 for  
equipment to stream worship services.

Maurice Donner and Bob Reineke Memorial  
Funds were transferred to Media Fund in April  
2021 for equipment to stream worship services.

A portion of Kenny Esche Memorial Funds  
was used in May 2021 to purchase rugs for Zion  
Nursery Center.

We thank the families and donors for these  
gifts.



April 4th doesn't seem like that long ago but it was on that day we celebrated Easter together. We spoke a lot about resurrection and what that means for each of us individually and our community. It was on that date we celebrated Jesus overcoming an incredible challenge.

So I wonder. Since that date approximately 56 days ago, what challenges have you overcome? What challenges have you met head on and trudged through? What challenges are you still trudging through?

Since that date approximately 56 days ago we have trudged through returning to in-person worship... lifting mask requirements to be present in our sanctuary... brought musicians back into our worship experiences... served Senior Citizen lunches... and held our last "second of the month" Covid focused Church Council meetings on Tuesday, May 25th.

In a sense... much has been resurrected since April 4th. Many members of the Zion community as well as members of Vanderburgh and Posey counties have been fully vaccinated and restaurants, shopping centers, sporting events, campgrounds, vacation resorts, and community concerts are all coming if they are not already functioning at what could be considered "normal."

I am realizing, however, that resurrection may be a process rather than a once and done event. The signs abound for sure... fields are green, flowers provided for the sanctuary by Mr. Russell are beautiful, and much of what has been delayed for a year is no longer.

Perhaps the promise of resurrection is fulfilled in those small moments, the ability to pay attention to those glorious mini resurrections all around us rather than an expectation of something awe-inspiring and massive and permanent. Maybe it is enough to heal bit by bit, in anticipation of the day when we all will "run and not be weary; walk and not faint."

Blessings to each and everyone of you... *Rev. Jeff Long*

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**This year we will not be offering early Sunday morning worship services.** There are many other options now available to join us for worship if the 10:00 a.m. in-person does not fit into your schedule. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. for in-person or at our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP2zGS1AzLZLqGWZxcFsP-Q>)... or on Zoom. Remember, even if you cannot join us in-person you can always view the recording at your convenience on YouTube.

**For the month of June** the church council has decided to continue to lift some of the COVID precautions that remained through the month of May. We want everyone to feel comfortable worshipping and joining the community for events that are sponsored by Zion Church. If you feel most comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. If you do not feel comfortable wearing a mask we honor that choice as infection rates in Vanderburgh and Posey counties remain low.

We will also be removing the signs and markers that were used this past year to separate church pews and to mark social distancing requirements. Please remain conscious of everyone's needs and comfort levels as many of these restrictions are lifted.

We will continue to have both our in-person and virtual worship option for everyone to choose from. Our current Sunday morning schedule for June will be as follows:

**9:40 - 9:55 a.m. - Zoom (online) check in time with virtual viewers**

**10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary and Virtual worship begins**

Your active participation is incredibly helpful to our leadership team and the safety of everyone engaging in the "in person" ministries of our church.



Also, if your **Sunday School class** would like to meet beginning on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Church Council invites your class to meet at your convenience. If your class chooses to take the summer off and begin again in the fall, we leave that choice up to class leaders and participants.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Jeff or a member of the Church Council.

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Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights  
05/11/21

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

4/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$49,653.32

4/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$60,210.47

4/30 YTD General Fund Expenses: \$43,750.38

Differences: (+)\$16,460.09

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

The total amount of the PPP Income of \$15,810 has now been used for the 2021 payroll. Dan has contacted the SBA to start the process of applying for the Forgiveness, he is still waiting on an email from them so he can start the paperwork; we don't foresee anything having to be paid back.

It was agreed to turn on the TVs in the foyer during service so that those sitting in the foyer can view the service when there isn't enough seating or if a parent needs to take a child out of the sanctuary, the matter will be brought up to Greg and Jonathan.

Since Tina, Katey, and Jolie are no longer doing Bible School the council is reaching out to the congregation to see if anyone would like to take over. We will still proceed with ordering materials for VBS, if we do not use them this year we can save them for next year.

The council has approved the endowment request from Lisa Calvert and Ann Nicholson for \$4,000 on behalf of Habitat of Evansville for a Northern Posey County build.

A lock has been placed on the breaker box inside the garage. The rental price for our parking lot has been settled at \$150 for wedding reception parking on August 28th from noon to midnight. The gutters need replacing and there's cracks in the plaster ceiling in the parsonage, we have approximately \$2,300 left over in the parsonage remodel fund that we can use for the repair.

The council agrees to have a retreat sometime in early June.

Plans are moving forward on the playground renovation, BNS has provided us with a renovation layout of the new playground with prices, they will remove the old equipment and install the new pieces. The cost should be somewhere around \$50,000 to \$80,000 depending on the equipment chosen.

### **Zion Lippe UCC COVID 19 Council Meeting 05/25/21**

**Attendance:** Laura Droege, Jeff Long, Michelle Heneisen, Bob Klenck, Dan Hoffman.

Should we continue social distancing? We can start relaxing the social distancing rules but masks will be encouraged, we will leave the signs on the doors for visitors but take them off the pews.

Sunday school will resume on the 6th of June at 9:00 am.

Saint Peters is interested in sharing Vacation Bible School with us, Pastor Jeff will talk with Nancy Lewis about asking for volunteers to lead VBS so we can do it by ourselves.

We will go back to regular communion but leave the offering plates at the door for now.

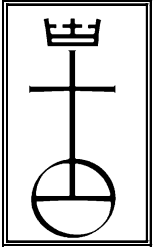
Should we start using bulletins again? We will hold off on bulletins.

The council will no longer meet twice a month, we will continue our regular meetings on zoom.

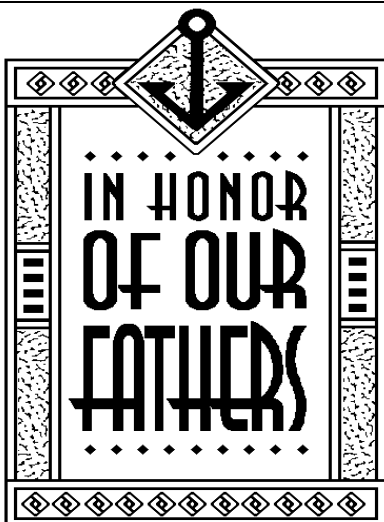
We will not have early church services this summer.

Tina Spears and Phil Wuertz are submitted for consideration and approval for Endowment Committee. We will vote on this at the next meeting. Relay for Life Endowment request of \$2,500; we will vote on this at the next meeting.

Pastor Jeff is still trying to find a location for the council retreat.



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***Happy Father's Day!***  
***June 20***



A big thank you to everyone who participated in our blood drive on May 23rd. We collected 18 units which will be used at various hospitals in our area. Thank you Hans Schmitz for organizing, scheduling, and making sure everything ran smoothly.