

JUNE 2022 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.)
5/1	110	35 devices
5/8	135	49 devices
5/15	170	45 devices
5/22	130	74 devices

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

Sunday School Average Attendance

May: Adult (18+) = 17
Youth = 8 (downstairs SS)



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. The live stream will normally begin at approximately 9:55 am. If you have any questions please let Pastor Jeff, the church office, or Greg or Jonathan Schmitt know and we will be happy to assist in any way that we can.

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## **Playground Project Tentative Timeline**

- May 7 – June 30 Prepare area for new equipment:  
Remove existing equipment with exception of toddler swing, stepping stones, tube  
Remove and store park benches  
Existing Fence removal and installation of new fencing  
Tree & stump removal, Level and prepare site for new installation
- July 11 – July 23 Projected delivery of equipment – *unloading will require 3-4 people to assist*
- July 25 – July 29 Installation of equipment (weather permitting)
- Aug 1 – Aug 6 Install border and mulch



## JUNE

### **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, Charles Schmidt
  - 10 Steve Noelle, Jourdan Cox
  - 11 Michael Droege, Julia Commens
  - 12 Benjamin Lingafelter
  - 13 Jerry Redman, Madison Coon
  - 14 David Powell
  - 15 Karen Evrard
  - 16 Loretta Jean Schroeder, Evan Becker
  - 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 Cummings, 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 Darryl & Emiley (Esche) Chamberlain (2010)  
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 Dustin & Kimberly Bredemeier (2001)



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

#### **Graduate School**

Erika Lewis – Masters Degree in Speech  
Pathology, LSU

#### **College**

Stetson Ludwig – Bachelor's Degree in History,  
Purdue University

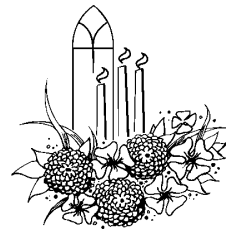
There were no **High School** graduates that  
we are aware of.

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### **June Collection Items for Operation Christmas Child are:**

Wash Cloths & Bars of Soap  
Place items on table in foyer by elevator.  
*Contact Ashley Lashley if any questions.*

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### ***With Sympathy***

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family  
of Dennis Garness. Dennis passed away  
May 21, 2022 at the age of 75. Funeral  
services and burial were held May 27 at  
Zion. We cherish good memories of  
Dennis.



## Father's Day and Children's Day

Father's Day and Children's Day In the United States we celebrate Father's Day on the 3rd Sunday in June or June 19th this year. This celebration started back in 1910 when Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by a Mother's Day sermon to begin a day in honor of Fathers. She and her five siblings had been raised by her father, Henry Jackson Smart, after her mother died in childbirth, so it is

understandable that she would want to honor fathers.

She felt that there needed to be a day to honor fathers just as there was one to honor mothers. She had originally chosen June 5th, her father's birthday but for logistical reasons, it was not celebrated until June 19th, 1910 in her home town of Spokane, Washington.

The idea of a day for honoring fathers is not new. In the Roman Catholic Church, St. Joseph's feast day, March 19th, has served as a day to honor fathers. Of course, St. Joseph was the legal father who raised Jesus as his own. It is natural that it should be a day to honor all men who nurture and raise children whether fathers in a traditional nuclear family, or single fathers like Henry Smart, or foster fathers like St. Joseph.

Even though Mother's and Father's Day is commonly observed and recognized, did you know that there is also a Children's Day? Well... in 1856 on the 2nd Sunday in June, Reverend Dr. Charles Leonard, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Redeemer in Chelsea, Massachusetts, held a special service dedicated to, and for the children. While the idea of a day for honoring children is practiced at different times in many places around the world, a set date for a Children's Day has not been established in the United States. The first American celebration of Children's Day (1856) predates the first American Mother's Day (1908), and the first American Father's Day (1910). I guess the children always come first. Let us all celebrate the families that God gives us and the love they share this summer in so many special ways. I look forward to seeing photos, videos, and posts of all the wonderful summer events so many of you are about to be experiencing.

Blessings to each of you!!! Have a wonderful event filled summer!!! **PJ**

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On Sunday, June 19th -

we will extend a warm welcome to all of the fathers and grandfathers who are here worshiping with us on that day! We will fill the worship time with stories, recollections, laughter, and celebration for all that our Dads and those who have been like a father to us have done. We hope you can join us!!!

Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights

05/10/22

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

4/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$56,471.68

4/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$59,208.41

4/30 YTD General Fund Expense: \$63,798.94

Differences: (-)\$4,590.53

May 29th service is planned with Steve and Nancy while Pastor Jeff is on vacation.

June 5th is Pentecost Sunday and there will be communion.

Last Sunday school class for children will be on May 22nd.

Pastor Jeff will teach the first adult Sunday school class then trade off with Steve and Nancy throughout the summer.

Vacation Bible School will partner again with St Peter's UMC and will be on June 26th, 27th, and 28th from 5:30 to 7:15. Ages 2 to 6th grade and there will be a meal from 5:30 to 6:00. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer.

The council approved the \$4,000 endowment request submitted by Lisa Calvert and Anne Nicholson for Habitat for Humanity. The council also approved the \$1,000 request submitted by Ruth Redman for Heifer International.

The council approved the appointment of Carol Embrey to the Endowment Committee.

Mowing has begun. The council approved to let Gary Vogel have the telephone poles that have been laying by the garage for at least a year. Both the steeple and louver repairs have been completed and paid for. Tristate Painting has been notified to repair the parsonage kitchen ceiling, waiting for date response. The mold has been cleaned from the boys basement bathroom and painting will come later. Some discussion still needs to be done about the tuck pointing. Trees planted in front of the church by Chris McCutchan, there is a half dead holly bush in front of the Sunday school hall. The garage gutters are broken. Larry Droege will repair the formica in the basement. The transmitter from the outside handicap door is still missing, looking to replace it. Both the basement and upstairs Sunday school hall exit lights are not working, Dan Hoffman has purchased 2 LED battery backup signs to see if they fix the problem. Joe Anderson will be installing emergency lighting in the basement storage closet and bathrooms since the Nursery School uses the closet for a storm shelter, he is making them a donation to the church. Smoke detectors need to be installed in the foyer, we need ones that will communicate with the rest of the ones in the church.

The new playground will start being installed around mid to late July.

There will be no early service this summer. Adult Sunday school and regular service will be at usual times.

The switch to Spectrum will be on May 18th.

Pastor Jeff is looking to be involved in the God is Good organization, they primarily work with placing refugees.



Posey County Relay for Life will be held

June 11 at Murphy Park in New Harmony. Zion will again have a Relay Team. Contact Hans Schmitz or Nancy Dougan for any info about the Relay.

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Congratulations to Gabe & Amy Schroeder on the recent adoption of son, Brian A. Schroeder. Brian will celebrate his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 30. Proud big sister is Emma Schroeder and grandparents are Terry & Mary Jane Schroeder.

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Children's Sunday School will take a break starting now and during the summer, but will begin again in the fall.

Adult Sunday School classes will continue during the summer with Pastor Jeff and Steve & Nancy deClaissé-Walford leading sessions. All adults are welcome to join the classes at any time.

After Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford's recent "Close Reading of Genesis 1-11", sessions continue Sunday May 29 under the leadership of Dr. Steve deClaissé-Walford with a return to the New Testament and a study of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. This particular study will take a look at the question, "How can the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke be so similar and yet so different," followed by the question, "Why is John's Gospel so different from the other three?" Along the way we will investigate how New Testament scholars use the various forms of biblical criticism to determine the historical backgrounds to New Testament literature and determine the accuracy of biblical translation and interpretation.

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name.

Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down.

It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers.

That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual.

On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. 'Really?' she heard whispered. 'I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!' and, 'I didn't know others liked me so much,' were most of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students, Mark, was killed in a military engagement and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature.

The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin.

As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. 'Were you Mark's math teacher?' he asked. She nodded: 'yes.' Then he said: 'Mark talked about you a lot.'

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher.

'We want to show you something,' his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket 'They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it.'

Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

'Thank you so much for doing that,' Mark's mother said. 'As you can see, Mark treasured it.'

Many of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, 'I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home.'

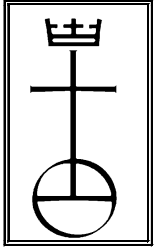
Chuck's wife said, 'Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album.'

'I have mine too,' Marilyn said. 'It's in my diary'

Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her purse, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. 'I carry this with me at all times,' Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: 'I think we all saved our lists'

That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be. So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.



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Vacation Bible School

Zion Lippe UCC is partnering with St. Peter's United Methodist Church (on St Philips Rd) for Vacation Bible School again this summer! **VBS will be at St. Peter's on June 26 - 27 - 28 from 5:30 -7:45 PM.**

Kids - age 2 through 6th grade - are invited to attend! Community participation is welcome and you don't need to be a member from either church. A light dinner will be served each evening to kick off the fun.

Growing spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! Take a three-day journey with kid detectives as they dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, how to care for, serve, and love others. Sign-up by filling out your child(ren)s information here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>