

## **JUNE 2023**

### **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.)
4/30	152	76 devices
5/7	112	47 devices
5/14	106	46 devices
5/21	121	45 devices

### **Sunday School Average Attendance**

May: Adult (18+) = 12  
Youth = 6

### **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](http://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:***

*Thank you to the many folks who have volunteered! Please continue to look for the monthly schedules in the next Voice of Zion newsletters.*

**June 4 – Shawn & Michelle Heneisen**  
**June 11 – Anthony & Devon Hautman**  
**June 18 – Warren Hildebrand & Sharon Krietenstein**  
**June 25 – Tim & Johlene Hoenert**

**July 2 – Bob & Linda Juncker**  
**July 9 – Dan & Nicole Hoffman**  
**July 16 – Rob & Cherie Johnson**  
**July 23 – Theresa & Jessie Juncker**  
**July 30 – Adam Kendall**

*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.*



## 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 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)
- 4 Tyler Roedel & Tylar Dean (2021)
- 5 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**

Samantha Reese – Master of Science in  
Occupational Therapy, USI

#### **High School**

Maddie Coon – North Posey  
Grace Cullman – North Posey  
Samantha McCutchan – Mt Vernon  
Taylor Pieschalski – North Posey  
Sarah Reed – Central  
KayLee Roberts – Reitz  
Ethan Steinhart - Reitz

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*Thank you to everyone who has been supporting me on my faith journey these past two years while I have been in Confirmation. I couldn't have done it without all of the encouragement I got! I greatly appreciated all of the cards and money I received. I also enjoyed reading all of the personally written notes I received as well. Thank you all once again!*

*Julia Commens*

*One thousand cookies, one thousand smiles – It doesn't matter that a smile crossed the same face multiple times; it matters that someone cared; it matters that you cared enough to help put it there. Thank you!*

*The Cooking Team for United Caring Shelter*

Psalm 18:1-2a, 4-6 (NRSVUE) “I love you, O LORD, my strength. **2** The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.” “The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of perdition assailed me; **5** the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. **6** In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.”

FROM THE PASTOR

According to Education Week, there have been 23 school shootings this year that resulted in injuries or deaths. There have been 167 such shootings since 2018. There were 51 school shootings with injuries or deaths last year, the most in a single year since Education Week began tracking such incidents in 2018. There were 35 in 2021, 10 in 2020, and 24 each in 2019 and 2018. there have been 27 school shootings this year.

Every time I drive back home to Norfolk, NE I take time to drive by various places that have played an important role in my life. I drive through the mobile home park we lived in for part of our childhood. I drive by our first “real house” on the corner of 13th and Paswalk streets. I drive past my grandparents’ farm. I drive past the home that I lived in throughout my high school years. I drive past the football field and the elementary, middle, and high school I attended there. I drive past the church where I was called to the ministry and sometimes I even stop, walk into the sanctuary and sit right in the spot where it all happened.

And every time I do that I can’t help but think about how things were and how things are. I think about my brother and me getting ourselves ready for school at ages 5 and 7 because our mother was already at work and walking 6 blocks to school together carrying our lunch boxes. I think about how different things are now concerning schools, our children’s safety, and what parents and children might feel, if even slightly, about their children’s safety that day while classes are in session.

As I think about the one year anniversary of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas that killed nineteen school children and two teachers, I think of all the teachers in our church and that I know. We don’t have to personally know the Texas victims, to feel sad and angry over another senseless human-made disaster.

As I searched Scriptures today, Psalm 18 seems to reflect the grief I feel, and so gives me comfort as I reflect on “how things were” and “how things are.”

The Psalmist sings, “In my distress I cried out to the Lord; I called to my God for help. God heard my voice from his temple; I called to him for help, and my call reached his ears.”

Will it reach ours? Might there be a day again on the horizon when parents will be perfectly comfortable with their children making their way to school together with their lunch boxes? Might there be a day again on the horizon when shopping at Wal-Mart doesn't include being on alert for a possible random shooting? Might there be a day on the horizon when we trust our neighbors to have our best interests in mind in addition to their own? As a church, we are to be doing whatever God is doing.

Psalms 18:16 states what God does: "From on high, God reached down and grabbed me; he took me out of all that water." How might the church help to pull people out of all that water? How might the church help to pull our country out of all that water? Spiritual questions we might ponder in June.

Blessings, *Pastor Jeff*

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### **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE NEEDS OUR HELP!!!**

This organization makes bed frames and delivers those frames to homes that have been identified needing a complete bed set. All ages are welcome however children under 12 cannot use power tools but can assist in many other ways. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer or you can let Pastor Jeff know if you

are interested or have any further questions. The event will go from **8:00 am - noon on Saturday, June 10th at the following location... 1303 S Green River Road - Evansville, IN 47715**

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! On Sunday, June 18th** we will celebrate Father's Day as a part of our worship gathering. On this day we will celebrate 1. **The Ones Who Are Fathers** - Those men who are staying in the game with children of their own. 2. **The Ones Who Stepped Up** - Those men who have stepped in to take care of—and

play a fatherly role—for the children who aren't their own (stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, older brothers, foster dads, etc.). 3. **The Ones Who Are Grieving** - Those people in our congregation who are grieving the loss of a father or navigating a strained relationship with their father. 4. **Those Ones Who Want To Be Fathers** - There are men who long to be fathers of their own. But for some reason, it hasn't become a reality in their lives yet.

We hope you can join us on Sunday, June 18th.

## Taking Responsibility for Your Own Happiness

(Taken from [www.griefrecoverymethod.com](http://www.griefrecoverymethod.com))



Have you ever thought that if someone would just behave how you wanted them to, you'd be happy? The problem with that thinking is that it makes you a victim of other people's behavior.

*"If he was really my soulmate then he would do what I want."*

*"If only my boss would show me more respect then I'd be happier at my job."*

*"If my child would just stop interrupting me all the time then I wouldn't be so stressed."*

Have you ever thought that if your spouse would just remember to take out the trash or would simply spend less money then you would be happy? Of course you can fill in the blank anyway you want, but if you make other people's actions responsible for your well being then you can never be happy until they do what you want. It's a recipe for failure.

Wouldn't it be more empowering and freeing to know that you are responsible for your own feelings?

When you focus on another person being the problem you miss the point. You can't change other people. No matter how badly you want to.

Truth is, the more you work on improving yourself the happier you will be in your life, in your friendships, your marriage and your work relationships.

We produce our own feelings, here's an example:

The same stimulus can affect two different people in two different ways. Let's say two people get cut off by a rude driver. One person responds by slamming on his brakes, he gets upset, so says a few choice words in his head, then goes on about his day. The other person honks his horn loudly, speeds up to tailgate the person who cut him off, throws up an angry hand gesture, then spends the rest of the day telling everyone he sees how horrible the experience was.

Both people were upset, but only one carried it with him. I'm sure we've all been there, but this demonstrates that you have a choice! You probably learned that other people were responsible for your happiness when you were a kid. Where did that belief come from: parents, siblings, grandparents?

The good news is now you are an adult, so you can change your habits and create your own belief system to have a better quality of life. Emotional pain and trauma is behind all the heartache and negative beliefs in your life. We all come to this world with a blank slate then accumulate misinformation and losses which hold us back as adults.

Identifying what beliefs and relationships hurt you most is a start. Your emotional freedom requires action. Take action and you will raise up everyone around you!



### **Wedding Congratulations!**

*Matthew Long & Nitza Alvarez were married May 13, 2023 at Main Street Wedding & Event Venue in Evansville.*

*Kyle Voegel & Mariah Wright were married May 20, 2023 at Zion Lippe.*



**On Monday, June 5, starting at 8 am, the Women of Zion (and any others who wish to help) will have a Kitchen Work Day.**

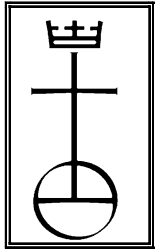
*Women's Fellowship*



Plans are being made to hold VBS back at Zion this year. VBS dates will be **July 9, 10, & 11**. Event time has not yet been set, but they are planning for it to be held in the evening. Contact Nancy Lewis for more info or if you would like to help.

Unfortunately, both the April and May Council Meeting Highlights were not available at time of publication again for this VOZ.





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## **North Posey** **Relay for Life**

June 17, 2023 at Murphy Park  
in New Harmony. Zion will  
again have a Relay Team.  
Contact Hans Schmitz or Nancy  
Dogan, if you would like to  
participate in any way.

