

JUNE 2024
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.)
5/5	160	71 devices
5/12	174	49 devices
5/19	143	52 devices
5/28	131	52 devices

Sunday School Average Attendance

May: Adult = 14
 Children (downstairs) = 10
 Youth (grades 6-12) = 3

**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:



- June 2 – Joli Willett**
- June 9 – Diana Walker**
- June 16 – Steve & Marcia Yurks**
- June 23 – Martha Ziegler**
- June 30 – Council**

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

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.



JUNE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 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
- 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)
- 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)
- 16 Michael & Megan Klenck (2023)
- 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)



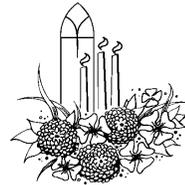
Congratulations Graduates!

College and Trade School

- Grace Cullman – Roger’s Hair Design
- Camron Cotton – Bachelor’s degree in Sports &
Business, USI
- Clay Everett – Business & Law degree, LSU

High School

- Lucas Donner – North Posey



With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Donald Hoenert. Don passed away May 22, 2024 at the age of 85. Funeral services and burial were held May 27 at Zion. We cherish many good memories of Don.



Next Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed frame build event is 8 am – noon, Sat. June 8 at 1303 S. Green River Rd
Let Pastor Jeff know if you are interested or have any questions.



42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2. 42-47

The beginning of the second chapter of Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came upon the believers who until that time had been uncertain what to do after Jesus had left them. Everything had changed. No one knew what was to come.

Sound just a bit familiar? So much of what we do these days has gone through changes. There is still a lot of uncertainty about when we can return to “normal.” Some people say that they miss the way things used to be. Zion Church has gone through huge changes of its own and has lived in its own in-between, liminal time throughout its lifetime.

By the end of the second chapter in Acts, we read that the believers had found a sense of purpose in worship, teaching, and mission. The passage mentions the numbers who were being added to their ranks, but I don't really think that headcount was what mattered. It would be a very long time before people became organized as the church and even longer before churches became institutionalized with a building and staff. During the long in-between time, the believers would need to depend on God and one another.

While change is hard and uncertainty is even harder, it is not all bad. In this in-between time that we call summer, before the fall ministries start all over again, there are opportunities to consider what it means to be the church and what to focus on going forward. And if any time spent feeling uncertain or unsure means growing closer to God, and to one another, then let's just chalk that up as a blessing also.

Spirit of God, filling our hearts with hope, steadying our nerves with peace, comforting our lives with love; Spirit of God, come to us now – surging through the darkness of our lives, sweeping over any weariness we might be feeling – so that, in this time of Pentecost, the sparkling light of faith, the rushing wind of hope and the joyful sound of praise may echo round the world, may echo in the church, and find their response in us. Amen.

Blessings to each of you!! *Pastor Jeff*

A SPECIAL EVENT FOR FAMILIES



Please mark your calendars for **Sunday - June 2, 2024**. Following worship on that day we will welcome Joann Bogard to join us and present information on Social media usage, online challenges, and how we all can be more aware of the wonderful and challenging aspects of social media. JoAnn will share her story and the ways in which social media usage and online challenges have changed her family's dynamics forever. Joann is the founder and administrator of **Mason's Message** (www.facebook.com/masonsmmessage) - named after her son Mason. This event is open to all parents, children, youth, grandparents, youth leaders, educators and anyone interested in learning more about the multi-layered aspects of social media and how it has the power to influence our well-being in so many profound ways. There will be a light lunch provided and Joann will then present and share her incredible story and advocacy journey. This presentation includes all kinds of interaction and feedback from all participants. Please join us and invite anyone you might think could benefit from such a presentation. Please contact Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.

Protecting Our Kids: A Conversation with Officer David Gomez

In this podcast interview that struck a chord with concerned parents nationwide, Officer David Gomez, a seasoned school resource officer with a wealth of experience, shared invaluable insights on how parents can enhance the safety and well-being of their children. Officer Gomez's expertise stems from years of working closely with schools, students, and their families in Idaho.

During the podcast, Officer Gomez underscored the importance of open and honest communication between parents and their children. He emphasized that creating a safe space for kids to express their concerns and fears is paramount. By actively listening to their children's worries and addressing them with empathy, parents can forge stronger bonds and build trust.

Officer Gomez also recommended discussing potential dangers and safety protocols, such as what to do in case of emergencies, with age-appropriate language and sensitivity to their developmental stage.

Officer Gomez's interview offered a wealth of practical advice for parents eager to protect their children in today's world. His emphasis on open communication, active involvement, and fostering trust reflects the dedication of school resource officers like himself to the safety and well-being of students. By implementing these strategies, parents can contribute to a safer school environment and provide their children with the confidence and security they need to thrive academically and emotionally. To listen to the entire interview... use the following link - <https://www.thesesecuredad.com/post/safety-tips-from-a-school-resource-officer>

The Women of Zion have decided to do a monthly food drive 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 June is Peanut Butter.

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 marked "Peanut Butter" 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 "peanut butter jar" 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.



On Sunday, June 16th we will extend a warm welcome to all of the fathers and grandfathers who are worshiping with us that day! Our prayer is that your special day will be full of joy, and also that God would give you strength and wisdom EVERY day for the important role you have in the lives of so many.

ALL MEN (whether or not you are a father) are invited to join us on June 16th for a wonderful worship experience.

Council Meeting Highlights – 5-14-24

In Attendance – Bob Juncker, Pastor Jeff, Rosie Bogard, Adam Kendall, Andrea Singer, Pat Schroeder, Carl Barchet, Russ Roehr(1/2)

4/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$61,797.00
4/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$66,331.44
4/30 YTD General Fund Expense: \$70,919.34

Big Thank You to Steve Fuelling for making the knobs & poles for the new banners!

VBS: June 30th – July 2nd

Sign-up link for kids and volunteers is here <https://forms.office.com/r/kzSRwvNVuF>

Planning meetings: May 29th, June 12th, June 26th (if needed) all at 6pm at church – PLEASE JOIN! Decorating - Looking for people to donate or let us borrow Christmas themed items. Contact Lauren Kern for questions or if you can help with VBS.

Annual Otters Outing will happen on Friday, August 2nd. Since we had such a good turnout last year, we will have the tent seating this year. More details to come.

Youth Leaders: Chris Wolseifer, Alicia Becker, Nicole Hoffman, Julie Klenck, Stacy Wagner

The brick masonry work has been completed for the damaged mailbox base. Many thanks to Bob and James Klenck and Tim Reineke for their labor and donations to the project. The “church structure” mailbox has also been repaired/ renovated and installed on the new base, thanks to Bob & Linda Juncker. There is room on the brick to secure another mailbox for use of the parsonage mail.

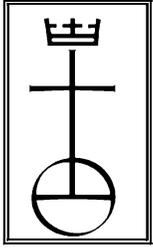
Subcommittees for the Solar Panel Project and Mental Health Initiative have been formed and held at least one meeting. Updates to come as their work progresses.

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 6pm

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Reminder we have walkers, wheelchairs, canes and crutches available for anyone to use. You may borrow and keep them for as long as needed – just please use the sign-out sheet found in Zion Property Sign-Out book located in church library in upstairs Sunday School Hall, or contact the church office. Most of the items are located in the upstairs Sunday School Hall in corner near playroom.

We also have extra tables and chairs located in concrete block garage available to borrow. (only use tables and chairs from garage, please do not borrow those from the Sunday School areas). Use the sign-out sheet found in Zion Property Sign-out book located in the church library, or contact the church office to reserve the tables & chairs.



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June 30 – July 2
5:30 to 7:30 PM
Contact Lauren Kern for
questions or to help.