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VOICE OF ZION

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Tues, Wed and Thurs 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am
Sunday School at 9 am

Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
4/27	84	53 devices
5/4	151	35 devices
5/11	168	54 devices
5/18	129	15 devices
5/25	102	15 devices

Sunday School Average Attendance

May: Adult = 18
Youth (6-12th grade) = 11
Children = 5

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 1 – Rob & Cherie Johnson
June 8 – Tim & Johlene Hoenert
June 15 – Dan & Linda Koch
June 22 – Tom & Katy Lang
June 29 – Gail Lashley & Carolyn Turner

July 6 – Melanie Mann
July 13 – Gary & Ashley Lashley
July 20 – Ben & Ashley Lingafelter
July 27 – Justin & Nikaya Long

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, Nancy deClaisse-Walford know – but if something comes up and you can't make it don't fret!

Change of Address: Paul Schorr has moved to The Village at Holiday
1200 W. Buena Vista, Apt 236
Evansville IN 47710



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

- Cameron Cotton – USI, Master’s Degree in
Sports Management
- Andrew Schroeder – University of Alabama at
Birmingham, Medical Scientist Training
Program, Doctor of Medicine & Doctor
of Philosophy, Residency at UAB
focusing on Autoimmune &
Inflammatory skin disease
- Owen Spears – Oakland City Univ, Bachelor’s
in Business Administration/Marketing
- Abby Steinhart – IU, Exercise Science &
Psychology, will begin Doctorate
Program in Occupational Therapy at
IU-Indianapolis
- Libby Steinhart – Lipscomb University,
graduated Summa Cum Laude in
Exercise Science, plans to attend
medical school

High School

- Alana Bredemeier – Mt Vernon HS, will be
attending Pace University in NYC
- Nathan Byerly – Mt Vernon HS, will be
attending Western KY Univ
- Lora Commens – North Posey HS, will be
attending Purdue Univ
- Calvin Crase – Reitz HS & SICTC, working
and continuing Diesel Mechanic Studies
- Shelby Lang – Mt Vernon HS, will be
attending Purdue Univ
- Jackson Madden – North Posey HS, will be
working
- Maggie McCutchan – North Posey HS, will
be attending Purdue Univ
- Jonathan Schmitt – North Posey HS, will be
attending Purdue Univ

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Members and Friends of Zion Church. Let me be the first person to welcome everyone to summer... albeit a little early with the official date marking the beginning of summer is June 20th... nonetheless I wanted to be one of the first to say it. 😊

After a busy year at school and work, summer ushers in a badly-needed break. The kids are out of school, we go on vacation, we sleep in, we do NOT do homework, and we do NOT stress... over anything... hopefully.

That’s the whole point. It is well and good that we have seasons that are intentionally slower. As such, church life slows down, too. Bible studies might only meet every other week or take the summer off, the choir takes a break, and the staff go on vacation. I myself hope to take some time off this summer.

It is important to realize, though, that while it may slow down, church never stops. Sunday is still the Lord’s day and we still worship on it. We also go out as a church more in the summer than any other time. The youth will be volunteering with New Life Rescue, planning a summer mission trip, planting their pumpkin patch and meeting for Bible studies throughout the summer. Our church will have another VBS experience. And the work of the church will continue.

You might consider summer to be the least important time of year for the church, but my experience suggests otherwise. Throughout my faith journey I learned about God’s love for me on summer mission trips, youth groups, Fellowship for Christian Athlete events, and Sunday worship. In those experiences lasting relationships were formed and forged all during summer activities.

Summer is a “brain-drain” only if we sit in front of a TV all day, but this slower, more intentional, more restful, and hopefully more fun season should be a vital part of human thriving and faith development. So, by all means, take a break this summer. You have earned it. Make the most of it. Go to the beach and take in the sun. Go to the mountains and cool off. Go on a hike. Eat supper on your porch. Drink some lemonade. Eat some peaches. Hang out at the pool. Cherish this time with your family... AND GO TO CHURCH. Enjoy God’s good creation and enjoy being alive. I am blessed to be your pastor.

Blessings to each of you!! *Pastor Jeff*

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** On Sunday, June 15th we will extend a warm welcome to all of the fathers and grandfathers who are here worshipping with us today! 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 15th for a wonderful worship experience.

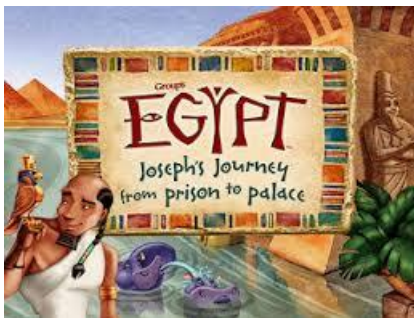


**Pentecost Sunday** is a Christian celebration marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Church, typically observed on the 50th day after Easter. It's a time for Christians to gather in worship and reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit and its significance in their lives and the Church's mission. We

invite you to join us for worship and communion on **Pentecost Sunday - June 8th.**

**JUNE YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**  
**is New Life Rescue**

*Look for more info on this project soon!*



**ZION CHURCH VBS EXPERIENCE - JUNE 29 - JULY 1**

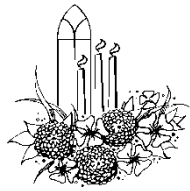
Joseph's journey from prison to palace, as detailed in Genesis, illustrates a theme of God's faithfulness and the ability to turn adversity into opportunity. After being falsely accused and imprisoned, Joseph's ability to interpret dreams brings him to the attention of Pharaoh. This leads to a dramatic shift in his position, from prison to becoming second-in-command in Egypt.

**Please join us on June 29 through July 1 at Zion Church - 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Participant Sign-up Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/BTGf7zH4gH>

Volunteer Sign-up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60BoC4BA4AC2FAAF49-56145998-zion>

Join us for three nights of fun while we learn about our faith through Joseph's story!



*With Sympathy*

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Rev. Jay Warren, former Pastor of Zion Lippe. Rev. Warren passed away April 28, 2025 at the age of 79. Funeral services were held May 6 at Browning Funeral Home in Evansville and burial was at Salem Church of Darmstadt Cemetery. We cherish good memories of Rev. Warren.



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Thank you, everyone, for your thoughtful confirmation gifts and for sharing my special day. I very much appreciate everyone's generosity.

Kinley Willett

I would like to say a big "Thank You!" to all of the Zion Nursery Center secret pals! The kids loved getting all of the cards throughout the year. Everything was greatly appreciated! Thank you also to Nancy Dougan for your help in gathering cards and keeping everything organized. Thank you again!

Sandy Schmitt, ZNC Director



Thank you to everyone who donated during the Relay for Life lunch at Zion in May. We made over \$1,600 in this effort, with our church team currently having raised nearly \$2,500 for the American Cancer Society.

The North Posey Relay for Life event will occur on August 16 at Murphy Park in New Harmony. A kid's dash and 5K is occurring beginning at 7:45 in the morning, with opening ceremonies following at 10 AM, a free-will donation lunch at 11 AM, a live auction at 1 PM, and closing ceremonies beginning at 2 PM. If you would like to donate, are a survivor who wants a T-shirt, would like to decorate a luminary bag in memory or honor of someone who has battled cancer, or have any questions, please contact Hans Schmitz or Nancy Dougan.



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*Congratulations to Michael & Megan Klenck at the birth of their son, Ray Michael Klenck on May 19, 2025. Proud grandparents are Bob & Julie Klenck and great grandpa Jerry Klenck.*

## **Council Highlights - Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6pm**

Present: Bob, Tim, Pastor Jeff, Pat, Nancy, Roger, Lauren, Andrea

Absent: Adam, Stacy

### **Education – Lauren**

- a. Downstairs Children's Sunday School ends May 18<sup>th</sup>; Adult & Youth classes to continue throughout summer
- b. Scoping new Sunday School materials for next school year; current curriculum fully utilized
- c. ZNC board meeting is 5/18 at 6:45 pm
- d. Open student spots available in both classes
- e. New ZNC Facebook page created to draw more interest in filling student and teacher roles while also showcasing the program
- f. Preschool Lead Teacher and Preschool Art Teacher positions open for next school year  
Contact [zionnurserycenter@gmail.com](mailto:zionnurserycenter@gmail.com) for more information and applications
- g. VBS June 29 – July 1<sup>st</sup>, sign ups now open for children & volunteers

### **Property – Roger**

- a. Flag poles are installed. Thanks Larry Droege.
- b. Review bids for painting of Sunday School hall ceiling upstairs, bids good for 30 days
  - Turpins \$4,250
  - Devine \$4,266
  - Tristate \$7,000+Council decided to hold off on this project for now
- c. Have confirmation from insurance on what they will pay to repair from storm damage. We are still waiting to get the estimate for the repair of the slate shingles on steeple. We are also getting a bid to replace the steeple with metal. We will have to replace the decking on the steeple also do to rotting of boards.
- d. The 2 west windows have been repaired in the block garage from storm damage. Thanks Bob Juncker for supplies.
- e. Have new led floodlights for steeple. Will work on getting installed.

**Recreation – Adam** - wants to ask congregation for recreation suggestions

### **Pastor – Jeff**

Youth plans for the summer

1. meet throughout the summer – Pastor Jeff & Chris to teach
2. Work project – volunteer day with New Life Rescue
3. Youth wants to do faith/bible-based meetings
4. Have a few Youth who want to attend event in Washington, D.C. thru the MHI

Pastor Jeff Completed QPR certification process - Suicide Prevention

Started Grief groups again - meeting every two weeks. Will meet again on Thursday, May 22.

**Next Council Meeting is June 10, 2025 at 6 pm.**

Church Calendar is available on [zionlippe.org](http://zionlippe.org)



During the month of June Women of Zion are helping to collect donations of Peanut Butter for God's Storehouse Food Pantry