

## **MARCH 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.)
1/30	143	54 devices
2/6	cancelled for weather	153 devices
2/13	145	33 devices
2/20	118	43 devices

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

### **Sunday School Average Attendance**

February: Adult (18+) = 12  
Youth = 17 (downstairs SS & Confirmation)



**With snow, ice, &/or other inclement weather...** Should questions arise concerning if Worship/Sunday School will be held on a given Sunday, cancellations will be announced on WFIE, Facebook, and the church's website.



### **ALL WORSHIP SERVICES NOW STREAMED THROUGH YOUTUBE ONLY**

Beginning in March all worship services will be streamed just through YouTube and will no longer be seen on Zoom. To easily view the 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. The live stream will normally begin approximately 5 minutes before the scheduled worship time so if you arrive a little early just be patient, the stream will begin at approximately 9:55 a.m. 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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**Mowing Bids for the church grounds are due March 7.**  
Turn bids in to Russ Roehr or the church office. Contact Russ if questions.



## MARCH

In order to share in the joys and celebrations of our lives as a congregation we publish a monthly list of birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends of Zion. Numbers in ( ) represent year.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Barbara Klenck
- 3 Tim Reineke, John Moyer  
Bexley Singer
- 6 Lisa Simpson, Emily Schroeder
- 7 Aletha Meeks
- 8 Stacy Wagner, Bryan Reese,  
Drake Seitz
- 9 Nora Hautman
- 10 Stephanie Elkins
- 11 Jack Kleiman, Josiah Patterson  
Kraig Schmidt
- 12 Grady Gibson
- 13 Andrea Terhune
- 14 Duane Barnhart, Jordan Redman, Vince  
Frazier
- 15 Justin Schroeder, Leah Schroeder
- 16 Drake Davenport, Alana Bredemeier,  
Shelby Lang
- 17 Melissa Coon
- 19 Shelbi Brown
- 20 Nathanael Byerly
- 21 Albert Schmitz, Erika Lewis
- 22 Ruth Redman, Roger Eldridge
- 23 Joe Anderson
- 24 Reece Terhune
- 25 Tina Spears, Kyle Swope, Zachary Will
- 27 Ethan & Hailey Moyer
- 28 Irma Donner
- 29 Kinley Willett
- 30 Cooper Fuquay
- 31 Iris Barrow

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1 Jim & Melanie (Wolf) Mann (2014)
- 3 Tom & Lindsey (Droege) Johnson (2018)
- 10 Dave & Pam (Tavener) Ford (1979)  
Brad & Cindy (Embrey) Hollen (1990)
- 13 Lowell & Bonnie (Butcher) Walker (1960)
- 15 Steve & Pam (Craig) Martin (1969)
- 18 David & MaryBeth (Richardson) Reese  
(1978)

- 26 James & Carol Jo (Tenbarger) Droege (1977)  
James & Hilda (Schroeder) Donner (1955)
- 28 Andrew & Kim (Herrenbruck) White (1998)  
Blake & Stephanie Elkins (2005)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or not correct, please call the office at 812 985-2437 so we may update our records. Thanks for your help!

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*Women's Fellowship*

### *Women of Zion – Ladies Night Out March 10*

*Check with officers Nancy Lewis, Irma  
Donner or Sandy Willett for details*

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## Our Nursing Home & Retirement Center Residents

### **Solarbron Apartments**

Donna Reineke  
1639 McDowell, Evansville IN 47712

### **West River Health Campus**

**714 S Eickhoff, Evansville IN 47712**  
Don Hoenert

### **Charles Ford Retirement Community**

**920 Main St, New Harmony IN 47631**  
Aletha Meeks



A thought experiment: Imagine how you'd feel if your life hadn't met its full potential. It's just a dull feeling, but it drags you down. You'd figured everything would be better, more fun, and more fulfilling. Then the idea comes to you that you're part of the problem. You're constantly correcting yourself for something you said or did that was hurtful to someone else. You're constantly re-thinking your choices. Some of the energy you could have applied to the work of meeting your potential is used up in the constant downward spiral of feeling bad about your mistakes.

Now imagine that you see a way out of the spiral-down. It's a way out, a complete turn-around for you. It's such a change from your old ways that you take a verse from the prophet Isaiah as a theme song. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

It's just a thought experiment. What if you could shed the worries and the guilt that have held you back? We're talking about repentance. But we are also talking about joy, peace, and fresh energy for living. The liturgical season called Lent begins on March 2nd, which is Ash Wednesday and it is a time that is dedicated to repentance. Whether or not you view Lent as a glad time or a sad time depends on how well you understand repentance. It is a glad time, if you understand yourself to be turning away from the pointless downward spiral we imagined in our earlier thoughts. If your life hasn't yet reached its full potential, Lent is another chance, a boost, and a way to decisively lay aside old habits that haven't served you well.

Let's all try to make the season of Lent about capturing some joy. Whether that is on Sunday mornings, at Ash Wednesday, our Wednesday evening worship services, or just throughout the week... I look forward to seeing you along the way.

Blessings, *Pastor Jeff*

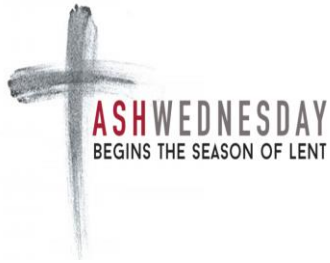
## Life After Loss - Bereavement Support Group



**Groups will meet on Monday and Thursday evenings at the church - 7:00 p.m.**

These groups are not only for members of the Zion community. If you know of others who would benefit from such a gathering, please have them contact the church office or Pastor Jeff. During these gatherings there is an emphasis placed on thoughtful sharing, caring, and looking forward. **If you would like to be a part of a new group or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Pastor Jeff.**

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Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 40 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

The Lenten season begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 2**. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service. This worship service marks the beginning of our Lenten journey that will include the Sacrament of Holy communion.

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### **WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP AND DINNER**

On Wednesday evenings, during the month of March - **9th-16th-23rd and 30th, and April 6** - an evening dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with worship in the sanctuary following at 7:00 p.m. If you and group of friends or a class would like to provide the dinner please use the sign-up sheet in the foyer to indicate which Wednesday evening you would like to provide dinner. We are happy to be able to host such an event again during this season of Lent.

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The family of Charles Elkins would like to thank Pastor Jeff and our entire Zion Church family for all the prayers over the years. Your words of support through cards, phone calls, and all the food brought to the family was so very appreciated.

Church was so important to Dad, there were Sundays he may not have felt well, but once he walked into church, his spirit was always lifted with the kindness of everyone. Dad loved singing and playing his guitar for his church family and we have sweet memories to hold in our hearts forever.

We want to also thank all the members of the church choir. The song you sang at the funeral was so touching. So many of you helped Dad up and down the steps so he could sing on Sunday mornings.

We are sure going to miss his sweet smile and funny jokes, but we know he is pain-free and singing with his choir of angels.

Patricia, Blake & Stephanie, Kelley & Gene and families

Thanks to all who helped evaluate and assist with snow and ice removal from the church parking lots and sidewalks.

Russ Roehr, Property Chairman

A BIG THANK YOU to Shawn Heneisen for helping us host all of our Zoom worship gatherings over the past 2 years. He has been willing to facilitate and coordinate with our worship team the worship streaming on Zoom during Sunday morning worship. Thank you so much Shawn for all the time and dedication that went into making sure members and friends of the congregation had the best worship experience that we could provide through our streaming platforms!

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### **March Youth/Church Outing**

The Senior Youth group is planning for an evening out with the Evansville Thunderbolts and would like you to join them. We are planning to attend the **Saturday, March 12th** game at the Ford Center which begins at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up by using the sign up sheet in the church foyer or by texting Julie Klenck - 812-431-4601.

Please let us know no later than Sunday, March 6th. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and includes a \$10 meal ticket. Payment will be collected on March 6th. This event will allow for up to 100 people to enjoy the game on the party deck. We will enjoy the game, have an opportunity to shoot a goal on the ice, and have a wonderful evening together. If you are interested or have any questions please ask Julie or Pastor Jeff.

Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights  
02/08/22

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

1/31 Regular Offering: \$12,678.27  
1/31 Total General Fund Income: \$12,953.79  
1/31 Total General Fund Expenses: \$13,323.84  
Difference: (-)\$370.05

Larry Lewis and Larry Droege will look at the quotes for the playground project. We will make payment soon for 50% of cost for the fence. Still trying to decide on which company for the mulch, there is a company in Florida that will get the mulch delivered at a slightly better price than the company installing the playground equipment. Due to the surplus we have we are able to install some shading on some of the equipment, we don't like putting umbrellas in because they might not be as durable, so we are looking at putting in some hard shell covering. Extra money could be used to replace any trees that are going to be taken down and things like that, unless a family would like to dedicate a tree in someone's honor. As well as choosing colors we will be moving forward with the project in the next couple of weeks.

Ash Wednesday is on March 2nd. Michelle Heneisen purchased 500 prefilled communion cups with wafers.

Children's Sunday school attendance has been good with an average of 13 students per week so far this year.

Susie Mulkey is the new ZNC pre-k teacher, replacing Lacey Rhea.

It was proposed that if the church service is canceled again that we use an automated service that will call members of the congregation to let them know, more research will be done before the council decides.

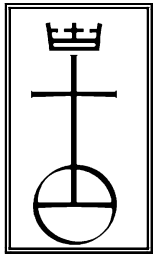
Another idea proposed is the purchase of a generator for the parsonage for when the power goes out. The council will consider the idea after some research on what type of generator we need.

Terry Schroeder talked to Benthall Brothers about replacing the Louver on the east end of the education building. The company that is going to replace the loose pieces of slate on the steeple have not come yet, a possible idea was proposed to replace all of the slate with copper, the council will decide at a later date. There are still a couple of corners of the parsonage gutters that leak and will be worked on. There is also still a crack in the parsonage kitchen ceiling where a leak used to be.

Council retreat date is February 26th on Saturday at 9:00 am at the Center for Congregations. Feb 6 virtual service went well but people still logged into zoom instead of watching it on YouTube.

There will be Wednesday evening Lenten services.

The funeral for Rev. Ruby Schroeder will be on Saturday March 26th, the time is not set yet.



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