

MARCH 2025

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.)
2/2	150	70 devices
2/9	133	58 devices
2/16	Cancelled	no virtual
2/23	145	63 devices

Sunday School Average Attendance

February: Adult = 20
Confirmation (7th & 8th grade) = 9
Youth (6-12th grade) = 3
Children = 11



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.

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:

March 2 – Gary & Donna Hartig
March 9 – Robert & Rachel Hast
March 16 – Anthony & Devon Hautman
March 23 – Shawn & Michelle Heneisen
March 30 – Warren Hildebrand & Sharon Krietenstein

April 6 – Steve & Gail Grabert
April 13 – Nick & Donna Hahn
April 20 (10 am) – Rob & Cheri Johnson
April 27 – Theresa & Jessie Juncker

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!



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!

- 1 Judy Fluty
- 2 Barbara Klenck
- 3 Tim Reineke, John Moyer
Bexley Singer
- 6 Lisa Simpson, Emily Schroeder,
Laikyn Lingafelter
- 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, Mariah Voegel
- 15 Justin Schroeder, Leah Schroeder
- 16 Drake Davenport, Alana Bredemeier,
Shelby Lang
- 17 Melissa Coon
- 19 Shelbi Brown, Matthew Long
- 20 Nathanael Byerly
- 21 Albert Schmitz, Erika Lewis
- 22 Ruth Redman, Roger Eldridge,
Sam Englebright
- 23 Joe Anderson
- 24 Reece Terhune
- 25 Tina Spears, Kyle Swope, Zachary Will
- 26 Addison Voegel
- 27 Ethan & Hailey Moyer
- 28 Irma Donner
- 29 Kinley Willett, Brad Becker
- 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 & 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 of Zion – Ladies Evening Out
*All ladies are invited for a relaxing,
enjoyable evening!*

March 13 at 6 pm

Wheel House in Poseyville

Please RSVP with Irma Donner by 3/9

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All (ladies too) are invited to attend the Saturday **Men's Lenten Breakfasts**. Breakfast will be at 8 am with a service following.

March 8 at Christ Church UCC

*March 15 at Immanuel (Zion Lippe
helping with service)*

March 22 at Bethlehem UCC

March 29 at St Lucas UCC

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It's a Boy! Congratulations to Jared and Shelby Conville on the birth of their son, Hudson Ray, on January 2, 2025.

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**Sr. Citizen Dinner was re-scheduled to
Thursday, March 27, 11 am.**



Dear Friends, would you please consider a few questions - If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or whether there isn't, which side would get your money and why? When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like and what do you see in it that you most deplore? If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-five words or less?

Or - Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one memory that makes you happiest? Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for? If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?

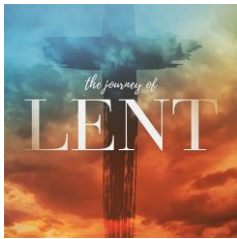
I imagine that you may experience these as tough questions, I know they are for me, and perhaps one or two of the questions you find off-putting or even offensive. These are the questions that Frederick Buechner suggests Christians ask themselves during Lent as he seeks to define Lent in his book "*Whistling in the Dark*".

He begins by saying, "In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year's income to some holy use. For Christians, to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days."

What if this year, rather than just thinking about what we might give up, we thought about Lent as being our offering God a tenth of our days towards a holy use. Buechner suggests that during Lent Christians ask, one way or another, what it means to be themselves. Who are you as a Christian? What does that mean to you? How does it affect and shape your identity? Your relationships? Your values? Your use of your time and resources? The journey through Lent can be a difficult one, it begins with Ash Wednesday and culminates in the events of Holy Week where we remember the final days of Jesus' earthly life and recognize the cost and sacrifice involved in discipleship.

Somewhere in this journey you may feel called to give something up or to take something on, but instead of that defining your journey allow that to emerge from your journey in consideration of your identity as a Christian. Prayerfully consider the questions above this Lent and should you become discouraged Buechner offers these words, "To hear yourself try to answer questions like these is to begin to hear something not only of who you are but of both what you are becoming and what you are failing to become. It can be a pretty depressing business all in all, but if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end."

Blessings on your journey... **PJ**



Ash Wednesday (March 5th) begins the Lenten journey, and it is a time for us to acknowledge and confront our own mortality. As we look at our own mortality, we do so within the context of the promise of being raised to new life with Christ. **Worship will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

Forty Days is the length of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding Holy Saturday. Sundays are not counted as a part of the forty days because each Sunday is a celebration witnessing the resurrection of our Lord. Lent is a time which calls us to a period of self-examination, reflection, and repentance. We are called to turn from the self-serving ways of the old life so that we may live a life reflective of the self-giving way of the cross. During that time we will meet on Wednesday evening for worship and a meal. We hope you will journey with us through Lent by attending any of these special worship experiences.

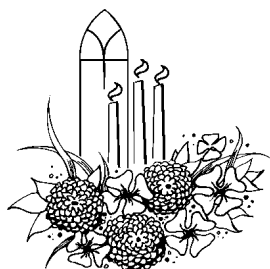


WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP AND DINNER

On Wednesday evenings, **March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9** an evening dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with worship in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. If you and a group of friends or a study 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.



Zion Church will continue to host **grief support groups** each week on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will meet until April 10th. Please email Pastor Jeff with questions or to secure your spot in one of these groups... zionlippepastor@gmail.com.



With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Donald E. Jourdan. Don passed away February 19, 2025 at the age of 93. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. We cherish good memories of Don.



Thanks to Tim & Kyle Hoenert for providing the tractor and to everyone else that helped clean snow and ice off church grounds this winter season. Thanks also to Scott Lewis for helping to repair leak on roof above the foyer.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your kind and generous gift to the Salvation Army for our work in southern Indiana. Your gift helps change lives and further the kingdom in reaching and caring for the lost.

Blessings, Alex Rahman, Director of Community Engagement

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**NEW MEMBER  
WELCOME**

***We are happy to welcome Warren Hildebrand as a new member of Zion. Here's a little about Warren . . .***

*My wife Sharon and I moved here to a permanent location two years ago. I am 77 years old. I am a Coast Guard Veteran and am currently an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Evansville Flotilla 082-04-04. Until moving here I have been active in the Southern Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. I have a Bachelor of Theology degree, am a licensed minister and have been ordained as a Deacon in the SB church. I also have been a Sunday School teacher. I have worked in several areas of construction, framing, plumbing, electric and mechanics. I enjoy working and building things out of wood. I love old cars and love to travel.*

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Center for Congregations Mental Health Initiative Event for March



We invite you to join us for our ***Suicide Prevention Awareness Event on Saturday, March 8, 9:30 am - noon at Warehouse 410 in Evansville (410 Carpenter St. 47708).***

This event is a result of a Mental Health Initiative Grant received through the Center for Congregations. There is no cost to attend or for lunch.

Please help us by sharing this event with anyone who works with youth, has children, or who would benefit from such an opportunity. If any questions please contact Molly McCutchan, Adam Kendall or Pastor Jeff.

We ask you to register for the event to help plan for the lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board. Or contact the church office, Lauren Kern or Pastor Jeff to get registered.

Council Meeting Highlights: Saturday, February 1, 2025, 9 am

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

VP/Membership – Stacy

Easter postcards are going to be printed and distributed

Property – Roger

Repaired yellow flashing light, installed new wheels on warmer in Church kitchen, inspected roof leak above foyer
Updated job description for caretakers of Church Grounds. Bids open Feb. 9th - March 9th, Council will review bids at March 11th meeting

Old Business

Solar Project

Upcoming Fundraisers:

month of February Penny Wars with the Youth

March 16th Kiss O’ Luck booth & photos with New Life Rescue dogs & Irish Lunch after

Trivia Night – Andrea is gathering info

Paperwork is signed, Feb. 13th zoning meeting, sign has been set so people are aware of location

Mental Health

First event 2/8 @ Jacob's Village - 50 currently registered

Need new Copy machine in church office - review quotes

New Business

New Member – Warren Hildebrand

*Nancy motioned to approve Warren Hildebrand as a new member, Patrick seconded

Next Council Meeting March 11 – in person

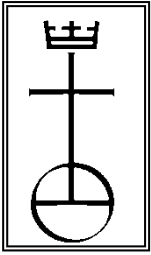
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## ***Solar Project Fundraiser/St Patrick’s Day Lunch with Special Guests from New Life Rescue!***

What a wonderful event we have planned for everyone on ***Sunday, March 16th following worship.*** We cordially invite all of you to join us for a St. Patrick’s Day themed lunch. We will gather downstairs for a delicious meal served by members of

our church council and solar energy committee members. **BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!!!** In addition to the wonderful fellowship and food that will be served ***we will also welcome staff members from New Life Rescue and some furry friends for a photo and hugging booth.*** It is going to be an awesome day and all donations will go toward supporting our Solar Energy project which will begin this spring. Please mark your calendars and join us... and while you are at it... maybe invite a friend or two to join us!!!



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MARCH  
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Next Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed  
frame build event is Saturday, March 8

8 am – noon

at 1303 S. Green River Rd

Let Pastor Jeff know if you are  
interested or have any questions.