

## MAY 2021

### VOICE OF ZION

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**Sunday Family Worship at 10 am**

### Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
4/1 Maundy Thurs	n/a	56 devices
4/2 Good Friday	28	26 devices
4/4 Easter*	31	87 devices
4/11	51	90 devices
4/18	69	82 devices
4/25	86	58 devices

\* Easter Sunday 10 am In-Person Worship was not held for the general congregation, but only for Confirmands and their families. No Sunrise Service was held.

Starting Sunday April 11th, 10 am in-person worship in the sanctuary for the general congregation was resumed. Virtual worship (Zoom and YouTube) was also available.

Sunday School was not held during the month of April.

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## **Beginning in May - Masks Recommended but Not Required**

As the infection rates in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties remain low, as of April 29th the infection rate according to the Indiana Coronavirus Dashboard is at 4.5% , the church council has decided to change its policy on mask wearing.

Beginning May 1st, we will continue to encourage and recommend wearing a mask at indoor gatherings but **NOT** require worship participants or those using the church for events to wear a mask. Please note that there will likely be those within the congregation both wearing and not wearing masks. We will ask that we continue to keep one row of pews open between guests gathering for our in-person worship services.

We will always have both our in-person and virtual worship option for everyone to choose from. Our current Sunday morning schedule beginning in May will be as follows:

**9:40 - 9:55 a.m. - Zoom (online) check in time with virtual viewers**  
**10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary and Virtual worship begins**

Beginning in May we will also begin singing a limited number of hymns and verses of those hymns as the Church Council evaluates our progress throughout the month. Like always, please let us know if you have been in the building and contract Coronavirus. Your active participation is incredibly helpful to our leadership team and the safety of everyone engaging in the “in person” ministries of our church.



## May

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.

### ***Happy Birthday!***

- 1 Owen Spears, Martha Ziegler, Warren Bredemeier, Miranda Pieschalski
- 3 Patti Parker, Ruth Wintczak
- 4 Shelley Schmitt
- 6 Lilly Donner
- 7 Anne Nicholson
- 8 Donald Hoenert, Ryan Ploetz
- 10 Dustin Bredemeier, Ashley Lingafelter
- 12 Sarah Reed
- 13 Kendall Reidford, Camron Cotton
- 14 Nicholas Voegel
- 16 Terry Freeman, Janie Cummings
- 17 Anna Mae Droege, Amber Sattler
- 18 Monica Cullman, James Barrow
- 19 Judy Rueger
- 22 Chris McCutchan, Abigail Reese
- 23 Tom Wintczak, J.J. Mohr
- 24 Carol Jo Droege, Travis Reese, Matthew Coon
- 26 Scott Lewis, Caleb Voegel, Logan Turner
- 27 Joanna Dickhaut
- 28 Tyler Schroeder
- 29 Chloe Schroeder-Lambert, Hudson Key
- 30 Brenda Bean
- 31 Missy Ludwig

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

- 1 Dan & Linda Koch (2010)
- 7 Steve & Nancy (Brandt) deClaisse-Walford (1988)
- 11 James & Jennifer (Droege) Hargett (2013)
- 14 Steve and Sally (Nicholson) Noelle
- 15 John & Miranda Pieschalski (1999)
- 16 David and Dawn Strupp
- 17 Darwin and Gail Lashley (1980)  
Ryan and Amy Steinhart (1998)
- 21 Jacob & Kirstin Gibson (2016)  
Josh & Maggie Dye (2011)
- 23 Ralph & Colleen Heneisen (1965)
- 26 Paul and Martha (Donner) Ziegler (1962)
- 27 Elwood and Laverne (Schroeder) Deal (1961)

- 28 Gabe and Amy (Seibert) Schroeder (2011)
- 29 Chris and Beth McCutchan (2004)
- 31 Tom and Ruth (Droege) Wintczak (1980)  
Greg & Sandy (Dougan) Schmitt (2003)

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

### ***Attention High School and College Graduates!***

So we may honor our graduates, please let the church office know about any members or friends of Zion who will be graduating from high school, trade school or college this year. For college graduates, please include degree.



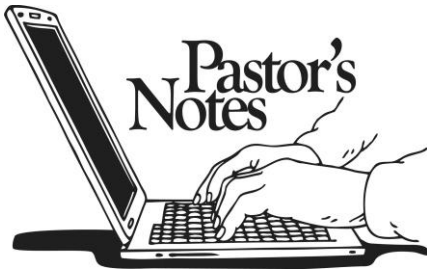
### **Merom Camp & Retreats**

Check Merom.org. for their newsletter and what the schedule will be this summer for Camp and Retreats. Funds are available to assist with youth camp expenses, contact Pastor Jeff or a council member. Adult Retreats are also available at various times throughout the year.



### ***Senior Citizen Dinner Thursday, May 13 at 11 am***

*Our regular indoor dinner is being planned, allowing for additional spacing around the dining tables. Contact Ruth Redman 812 453-5556 with any questions.*



Dear Friends, last month we celebrated Easter and if you are anything like me, moments give way to new moments and Easter and other big events like that can seem to come and go inviting us to leave it behind and move to the next best thing.

Easter however isn't something to experience and then move to the next moment forgetting all that such a moment invites us to consider and continue to share. Primarily Easter invites us to remain hopeful and forward looking with optimism. The Easter event invites us to realize that discipleship and faithfulness is not a one time or one person event, it lives on and includes us in the continued journey of faith, hope, and love.

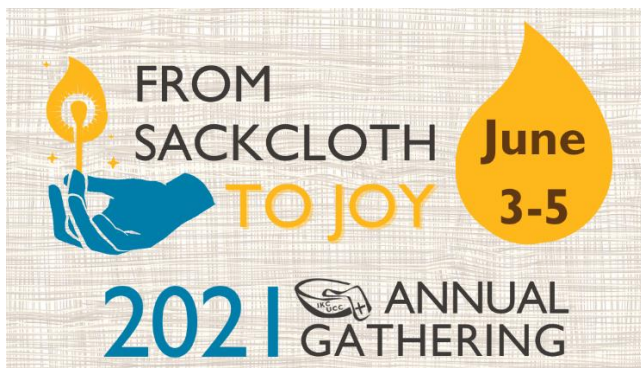
We are Easter people, people for whom every Sunday is a celebration that compels us to look to a future hopeful and optimistic. As more and more people in our area continue to receive the vaccine against the Coronavirus, we will continue to resume all facets of our life together. If you have not already gotten it, I hope that you will consider the vaccine. As I write this, about 34 percent of people 18 and older and 76 percent of people 65 and older in Vanderburgh and Posey counties have been fully vaccinated as of April 8, according to CDC data.

I am eager for the day to come when we will all feel safer and content in all sorts of social contexts. In the meantime, please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary or online or in some of the many Zoom opportunities on Tuesday evenings or Sunday mornings beginning at 9:40 a.m. just prior to worship. We are blessed to be in communion with one another and to worship together.

Blessings to each and every one of you...

*Rev. Jeff Long*

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**Indiana - Kentucky Conference, UCC  
Virtual Annual Gathering**

**June 3-5, 2021**

For more info go to [ikcucc.org](http://ikcucc.org)  
and contact Pastor Jeff if you would  
like to attend.

## **Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights 4/13/21**

**Attendance:** Laura Droege, Rosie Bogard, April McCutchan, Terry Schroeder, Bob Klenck, Laverne Deal, Dan Hoffman, and Ashley Lingafelter.

3/31 YTD Regular Offering: \$35,085.42

3/31 YTD General Fund Income: \$45,105.63

3/31 YTD General Fund Expenses: \$32,169.63

Differences: (+)\$12,936.00

*\*\*Note: YTD as of 3/31, \$11,053.68 was paid out of PPP Fund instead of General Fund*

Banners up for Palm Sunday and Easter with Palms and Easter Lilies...prepared altar for Good Friday. Prepared communion for Confirmation kids. Individual communion packets to everyone on Good Friday and Easter. Greg, Gabe, Carol Jo, and Jeff helped with service. Terry, Dan, and Bob helped with opening of church...51 attended. One of the banners in the sanctuary needs some repair.

The front wood doors are warped and hard to lock.

A family is having a wedding reception on August 28th at their house and they want to rent our parking lot for the guest parking, they invited about 300 guests and the reception is from noon the midnight and they will shuttle the guests. The council agrees to talk to Pastor Jeff about if there are any weddings at the church around that time and if the parking lot will be available.

## **Zion Lippe UCC COVID 19 Council Meeting 4/27/21**

**Attendance:** Laura Droege, Jeff Long, Michelle Heneisen, Bob Klenck, Nancy Lewis, Dan Hoffman, Brian Crase.

The council reviewed an article Pastor Jeff wrote for the newsletter concerning changes to worship services for the month of May.

The council will continue meeting on Zoom through the month of May.

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### **Church Council 2021**

Dan Hoffman –President

Laura Droege-Secretary

Laverne Deal – Membership

Bob Klenck-Stewardship

Jake Gibson –Recreation

Michelle Heneisen-Vice President/Worship

Brian Crase-Treasurer

Nancy Lewis - Education

Terry Schroeder-Property

Installation of our Council took place during the Annual Congregational Meeting on April 25. Thank you to these members for their willingness to serve the ministries of the church through their participation on the Zion Lippe UCC Church Council.

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Dear Zion Church family,

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, and gifts I received for my confirmation. This has been a wonderful experience. Everything is greatly appreciated. Thank you again!

Love, Jonathan Schmitt

A big thank you to our outgoing church council members. Over the past three years these leaders have seen the church grow, oversaw building improvements, helped coordinate and lead new worship opportunities, envisioned ministries for the community, and assisted in the implementation of our Engaging Young Adults grant initiative through the Center for Congregations. In addition to these wonderful accomplishments, they also helped lead the congregation and community through a year with COVID. They met twice per month for over a year and continued their service beyond their allotted time to see the congregation through COVID which allowed a smooth transition for our new leaders. Thank you so much to April McCutchan, Rosie Bogard, and Ashley Lingafelter for your ministry to the church and community.

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### **Church Giving and Donations**

Between demanding schedules, traveling, or just trying to get out the door or logged in on time for worship, it can be challenging to give financially to the church on a regular basis. Plus, for many families, the church is one of the last places where if you are present you will be required to donate using a checkbook or cash.

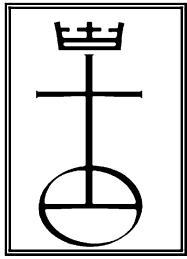
Zion UCC continues to offer the opportunity for you to make your donation online. Online giving allows families to easily give one-time as well as recurring gifts! Simply make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by visiting [www.zionlippe.org](http://www.zionlippe.org). And if you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts. It's as easy as online shopping or banking!

Another way to donate electronically is to set up one time or recurring bill pay through your bank or investment firm. In most cases there are no fees to either the donor or the church with this method.

If you prefer to make your church donation by check or cash and would like a box of offering envelopes, that's fine too. Contact the church office if you do not have offering envelopes now, but would like them.

In person or online giving helps the church continue to provide wonderful ministries and support to the community and denomination. We greatly appreciate your gifts!

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## **May UCC Special Offering is Strengthen the Church**

This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

Special envelopes are available at foyer bulletin board or go to [ucc.org](http://ucc.org) to donate and get more info.

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