

## MAY 2023

### VOICE OF ZION

A Monthly Publication of  
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**Sunday Family Worship at 10 am**  
**Sunday School at 9 am**

### Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
3/26	129	57 devices
3/29 Lent	67	n/a
4/2 Palm Sun	210	83 devices
4/6 Maundy Thurs	51	n/a
4/7 Good Friday	54	n/a
4/9 Sunrise	120	28 devices
4/9 Easter 10 am	260	110 devices
4/16	110	63 devices
4/23	141	50 devices

### Sunday School Average Attendance

April: Adult (18+) = 16  
 Youth = 8

### **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](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.

For later viewing of recorded services, go to YouTube and search for Zion Lippe.

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### ***Greeter Schedule for upcoming Sundays:***

*Thank you to the many folks who have volunteered! Please continue to look for  
 the monthly schedules in the next Voice of Zion newsletters.*

**May 7 – Gary & Donna Hartig**

**May 14 – Mark & Stephanie Duncan**

**May 21 – Robert & Rachel Hast**

**May 28 – Jack Kleiman**

**June 4 – Shawn & Michelle Heneisen**

**June 11 – Anthony & Devon Hautman**

**June 18 – Warren Hildebrand & Sharon Krietenstein**

**June 25 – Tim & Johlene Hoenert**

*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 that's ok!*

*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.*



## 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
- 5 Andrea Singer
- 6 Lilly Donner
- 7 Anne Nicholson
- 8 Donald Hoenert, Ryan Ploetz
- 9 Knox Perry
- 10 Dustin Bredemeier, Ashley Lingafelter
- 12 Sarah Reed
- 13 Kendall Reidford
- 14 Nick Voegel
- 16 Terry Freeman, Janie Cummings
- 17 Anna Mae Droege
- 18 Monica Cullman, James Barrow
- 19 Judy Rueger
- 20 Huntter Arguello
- 22 Chris McCutchan, Abigail Reese
- 23 Tom Wintczak, J.J. Mohr
- 24 Carol Jo Droege, Travis Reese, Matthew Coon, Henry Schroeder
- 26 Scott Lewis, Caleb Voegel
- 27 Joanna Dickhaut
- 28 Tyler Schroeder
- 29 Chloe Schroeder, Hudson Key
- 30 Brenda Bean, Brian Schroeder
- 31 Missy Ludwig

### *Happy Anniversary!*

- 1 Dan & Linda Koch (2010)
- 7 Steve & Nancy (Brandt) deClaise-Walford (1988)
- 11 James & Jennifer (Droege) Hargett (2013)
- 12 Robin & Judy (Hudson) Fluty (1979)
- 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 members or friends of Zion who will be graduating from high school, technical school or college this year. Please include name of school and for post-high school grads also include degree. If you would like to share info of your plans following graduation, you are welcome to do that as well.

We will celebrate graduates during worship on May 21 and publish the info in the June Voice of Zion newsletter.



### 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.

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

## ***From the Pastor . . .***

Mary Oliver has written a poem called “Mindful” that carries with it a great message for anyone looking to start each day on a positive note. She wrote the following words, “Every day I see or hear something that more or less kills me... with delight, that leaves me like a needle in the haystack of light.”

Parker Palmer reflected on this Mary Oliver poem in one of his blogs writing, “This poem carries a reminder that I can use every day: look and listen all the time for whatever it is that will ‘kill me with delight,’ that will instruct me in joy and acclamation, that will help me grow wise.

It takes no special talent to look around our world and point out things that are numbing, depressing, or death-dealing. But becoming keenly and consistently aware of what’s good, true, and beautiful demands discipline: we must open our eyes, minds and hearts, and keep them open.

As we open up, we begin to see beauty everywhere, not only in nature but in human nature. There’s a lot of bad news out there, but there’s good news as well. Pass the word and keep hope alive!”

If we challenge ourselves to find something beautiful and kind and loving everyday when we awake, maybe our futures, neighbors, careers, and outlooks might begin to be more hopeful, optimistic, and positive. What will you choose to be known for? What should our church choose to be known for?

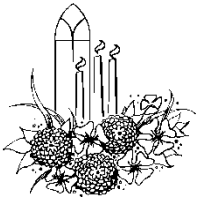
I think a large part of who and what we dream of being should include hope. And everyday we should be on the lookout for something that more or less kills us with delight.

So keep your eyes open and your chin up.

Blessings, *Pastor Jeff*



Congratulations to Julia Commens and Tyson Barrow, who were confirmed at Zion on April 2, 2023.



## With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Carol Sue Abbott. Carol passed away April 2, 2023 at the age of 84. Per her wishes, no funeral services were held. We cherish good memories of Carol.



The **Women of Zion** will meet Thursday, May 11 at 6 pm, with a meal including Pizza and Salad.

All ladies are welcome to join us for a fun filled evening!

**Women's Fellowship**



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! On Sunday, May 14th** we will extend a warm welcome to all of the mothers and grandmothers who are here 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 LADIES** (whether or not you are a mother) are invited to join us on May 14th for a wonderful worship experience.

## Happy Birthday Open House



Anna Droege will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on May 17, 2023. In honor of that special occasion, her children, Terri, Larry, Gary and Jeri will be hosting an **Open House in the Zion Church Basement on Sunday, May 21 from 1-4 pm**. The celebration is open to all of Anna's friends from Zion Church. Cake & Punch will be served.

We ask that your only gift is your presence on that special day.

**North Posey Relay for Life** will be held June 17, 2023 at Murphy Park in New Harmony. Zion will again have a Relay Team. Sign-up is open on the Relay for Life of North Posey website or contact Hans Schmitz or Nancy Dougan.

## **Immanuel UCC Invites Zion to their Pasta Dinner Fundraiser**

**Proceeds will help fund their new Playground at the church**

**Dinner will be held Sunday, May 7, from 12 – 2 pm**

Meal tickets are \$10 and are on sale prior to the event, and also sold at the door as long as food lasts. Contact the Immanuel Church office at 812 985-3115 for advance tickets.

Dinner menu: Lasagna, Fettuccini Alfredo, Buttered Noodles, Salad & French Bread

A Silent Auction will also be held at 1:30 pm.

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## **“Coach Yourself Through Grief” - Free Webinar**

If a loved one of yours has died, then you know how painful grief can be. The emotions can be overwhelming. Many feel like they are “going crazy!” Nothing helps walking the journey of grief more than having a Certified End of Life Coach by your side. But what do you do when your coach isn’t there? What happens when you forget what your Coach told you? “Coach Yourself Through Grief” is a training designed for anyone who is in the midst of grief, whether it be a death loss, or a loss from the pandemic, and is led by a wonderful friend and colleague of Pastor Jeff... Dr. Don Eisenhower. The goal of the training is to help individuals to learn what “normal grief” looks like, and to encourage them to mourn well.

**Cost: Free**

### **Upcoming Four-Session Webinar Dates:**

**Tuesdays at 11:00 am ET (4 one-hour classes) May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023**

Use the following link if you are interesting in registering for this Free event...

<https://coachingatendoflife.com/coach-yourself-through-grief-2/>

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**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE NEEDS OUR HELP! – On Saturday morning May 14.** This organization makes bed frames and delivers those frames to homes that have been identified needing a complete bed set. All ages are welcome however children under 12 cannot use power tools but can assist in many other ways. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer or you can let Pastor Jeff know if you are interested or have any further questions. The event will go from **8:00 am - 12:00**

**pm. on Saturday, May 14th at the following location... 1303 S Green River Road - Evansville, IN 47715**

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Note: Highlights from the April Council Meeting were not available at time of publication for this VOZ. We plan to include them in the next newsletter.

## **Helping Children: School Shootings and Grief**

(Taken from [www.griefrecoverymethod.com](http://www.griefrecoverymethod.com))

When most people think of Nashville, TN, they think of Music City, the Grand Ole Opry, and the Country Music Hall of Fame. That changed on Monday, March 27, when three children and three adults were killed during a tragic shooting at The Covenant School.

We are all grieving: for the victims and their families, the loss of trust and safety, and the loss of innocence. We grieve for our children.

During times like these, it's normal to try to find solutions. Simply turn on the news or social media to hear various political views on keeping our kids safe. These arguments show people care, and that's good. What gets lost are discussions about healing the emotional side.

So, let's put aside politics and talk about healing hearts.

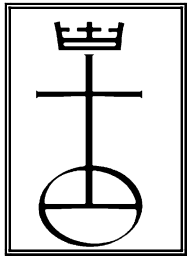
1. Take time to feel pause and allow your grief to come up and express it.
2. Remember, the solution to grief is emotional, not intellectual.
3. Connect with friends and family.

### **How to Talk to Kids about Tragedy**

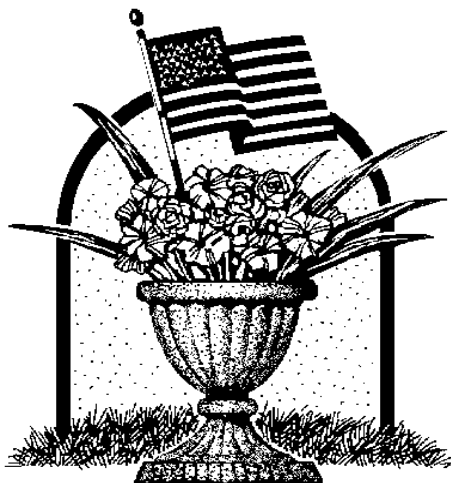
Most parents and teachers are at a loss when trying to help their children deal with any grieving experience that impacts them. There is no one size fits all. Children have different maturity levels, so that's up to your discretion. The most important element about children and grief is not the age or size of the child but the knowledge and honesty of the parents and other guardians. As parents or those entrusted with children, we want to help them in every way we can, especially when they are experiencing painful events.

1. Lead by example by going first. Sharing your feelings first makes it safe for children to follow your example.
2. Tell the truth about your feelings (in an age-appropriate way).

Remember, kids are smart. They see and hear more than we think they do. Treat their feelings with the same respect and dignity that you want to receive.



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**Memorial Day**  
**May 29, 2023**



**Zion Nursery Center**  
**Graduation**

*Sunday, May 7, at 1:30 pm*