

NOVEMBER 2021

VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am
Sunday School at 9 am

Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
10/3	91	58 devices
10/10	98	73 devices
10/17	110	42 devices
10/24	116	30 devices

Virtual worship was available on Zoom and YouTube.

An Adult Sunday School class was held during the month of September, average attendance was 10. Confirmation I class started 10/4 and Confirmation II started 10/10 with 2 students attending each class.



Memorial Funds of Ralph Muehlenbein, Edgar Boberg, Delta Wimpelberg, Wes McRae, Louise Roehr, Ernie Schroeder, Stan Newingham, Elizabeth Kleiman, Raleigh M. Snodgrass, Mary Hartig, Dorothy Niehaus, Angless Schwindel, Marlet Krietenstein, and Charles Kaufman were transferred in October 2021 to the Playground Fund.

We thank the families and donors for these gifts.



WORDS OF THANKS . . .

The family of Carl Schmitz would like to thank everyone at Zion Lippe for the outpouring of support and sharing as we celebrated his life in October. The strength of faith exhibited by the church exemplified Carl's own faith and amplified our faith.

A big Thank You to our Pastor Jeff for everything he does for us whether it's here at church, our community, our schools . . . being our leader, mentor, friend, teacher, always taking time to listen, being on call 24 hours a day in every way and every day . . . whether it be a text, phone call, zoom rooms, meetings, planning funerals, weddings, visits, maybe a hug or two, always giving and willing or just to check on us from time to time through another tough year with Covid and able to worship in person. Just want to Thank You again and to let you know you are very much appreciated and loved and in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month and Pastor Appreciation every day, we love and support you in any way and every way possible and hope you and your family continue to stay safe. God Bless you, Jeff!

A friend at Zion



NOVEMBER

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. Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Norman Schroeder
- 4 Cindy Hollen
- 6 Shawn Heneisen, Dustin Seitz
- 9 Lyla Hautman, Drake Peterson
- 10 Roger Roedel, Jeff Long, Maggie Dye
- 11 Erica Bullington, Fred Freeman, Bill Esche, Connor Black
- 13 Ron Strupp, Dennis Davenport, Kendra & Kristin Schorr
- 14 David Hunter, Sue Scherry, Jacob Parker, Wendi Simpson, Makayla Stewart
- 15 Arlene Hosto, Jerrad Gleim, Lazlo Ziegler
- 17 Dennis Rueger, Patricia Elkins, Isaac Droege
- 18 Ashlyn Vaught
- 19 Marcia Droege
- 20 Carla Barnhart
- 21 Donna Hartig, Maverick Anderson
- 24 Joyce Klenck
- 26 Dennis Garness, Delene Schmitz
- 27 Andrew Noelle, Gregory Droege
- 28 Charlie Primus
- 30 Henry Dye, Dakota Berry

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 2 Justin & Nikaya Long (2019)
- 5 Jerry & Pam Redman (1988)
Ben & Ashley Lingafelter (2016)
- 7 Mark & Stephanie Duncan (2020)
- 8 Rick & Patty (Herrenbruck) LeGrange (1980)
- 12 Duane and Carla (Schroeder) Barnhart (1983)
- 16 Tim and Becky Reineke (1985)
Zach and Leah Schroeder (2013)
- 17 Marvin and Ruth Redman (1962)
- 19 Nick & Katie Voegel (2016)
- 20 Brian and Arin (Schmitz) Commens (2004)
- 22 Matthew and Lauren (Parker) Kern (2014)
- 23 Larry and Nancy Lewis (1968)

- 28 Leon and Kay Austin (1963)
- 29 Frank and Teresa (Breiner) DeGiacomo (1985)
- 30 Steve and Cathy (Jolly) Schroeder (1985)
Dennis and Alice Garness (1968)



2022 Offering Envelopes

are available for pickup in the foyer. **Please note your offering envelope number for 2022 has probably changed from previous years, so be sure you wait until 2022 to start using these newly numbered envelopes.** The number of envelope boxes needed for 2022 was significantly less than in the past, so it was best to do a complete reassign of all boxes in alphabetical order.

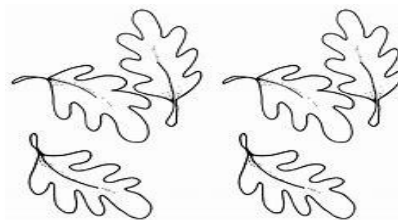
If you don't have a box of offering envelopes assigned to you now, but would like to have them, please contact the church office.

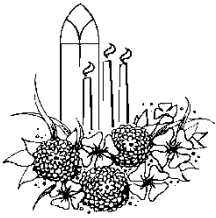
We are happy to have offering envelopes available, however if you donate in another way and find you do not use the envelopes assigned to you, please let us know so we may save the cost of purchasing unused boxes of envelopes.

Please do not pick up boxes of envelopes for family or friends not living in your household, unless they have specifically asked you to do so.

Second Mile – For many years we have taken donations for Medical Ministries in Honduras. Special 2nd Mile envelopes are available for these donations. If you do not receive any of the yellow 2nd mile envelopes with your regular box of offering envelopes, and would like to donate to this ministry, please contact the church office or pick those envelopes up at bulletin board.

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With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Carl Schmitz. Carl passed away October 5, 2021 at the age of 70. Funeral services and burial were held October 11 at Zion.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Rev. Ruby Schroeder, who passed away October 20, 2021 at the age of 95. Ruby was Zion's oldest member. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

We cherish many good memories of Carl and Ruby.

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## **Life After Loss - Bereavement Support Group**

**Beginning Monday - November 15 - 7 p.m.**

Finding our way after the sudden or expected death of a loved one can shift our directions, perspectives, thoughts, feelings, and emotions in so many ways.

With an emphasis on thoughtful sharing, caring, and looking forward, Zion church would like to offer bereavement group gatherings for those who have recently lost a loved one or who feel like they would benefit from the support and stories that come from a group based gathering. Our focus will be caring for you through compassionate listening, quality grief and bereavement education, and the offering of group services which support healing using a coach approach to grief and bereavement. This opportunity is open to anyone who might benefit and will meet at **Zion Church beginning Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on November 15th.** The number of weeks we meet will be determined later based on the interest of the participants.

## ***Note from the Pastor . . .***

“Samuel took a stone and set it up...and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, “Till now the Lord has helped us.” 1 Samuel 7.12 You can’t remember everything. Don’t worry, neither can I.

My church email address is simply [zionlippepastor@gmail.com](mailto:zionlippepastor@gmail.com) because I don’t want to forget what my church email address might be. Since we can’t remember everything, we should intend to remember what is important. We see the wisdom of this in so many stories in the Bible.

In 1 Samuel 7, Samuel, the prophet, set up a memorial stone of God’s help, an Ebenezer. God had intervened mightily on behalf of His people. So, Samuel took a stone and set it up near the place God had intervened and called it “the stone of help” (Ebenezer) to remember God’s faithfulness in troubled times.

The past year and a half has been a difficult time for many of us. What should we intend to remember? I can remember March 2020 and meeting with the church council deciding to cancel all face-to-face activities through Palm Sunday. After three weeks, we hoped that we would be able to open again for Easter. In fact, it would be a year until we would drop mask mandates, open the pews, and return to a more normal life. It would not be until approximately March of 2021, that COVID deaths would finally drop down to a level that we were comfortable having worship back in the sanctuary.

In that “lost year and a half,” what will we remember? I will choose to remember God’s faithfulness. Though we had seasons of cancelled church services, lockdowns, and stay at home orders, I am thankful for God’s provision of live streaming and Zoom gatherings. I am thankful for the generosity of our congregation. I am thankful for God’s provision of the PPP funds. I am thankful for the people God has put in our congregation. I am thankful for your humor. I am thankful for God working through our leadership teams and church members who continue to share in endless acts of ministry. I am thankful for the Salem food pantry and God’s Storehouse and the way they continue to provide food for those who either have none or need a supplement. I am thankful for a church family who was flexible in uncertain times.

I won’t be able to remember everything about the 2020 COVID pandemic and that is probably a good thing. But I will choose to remember God’s faithfulness in our community.

Even in uncertain times, this congregation gave above and beyond to the church and the community at large. We even started a playground project that is over half of the way funded already. Praise God! We were not bitterly divided during these tough times, but God’s Spirit knit us together in unity. Praise God! ***PJ***

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First Sunday of Advent is November 28. Watch later this month for announcements about Hanging of the Greens and other activities for Advent.



Congratulations to Justin & Nikaya Long at the birth of their daughter Eliza Kay Long on October 5, 2021. Proud grandparents are Pastor Jeff & Kris Long and great-grandpa Jerry Long.

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An Immanuel UCC Sunday School class is collecting gently used luggage and sports bags to donate to **Hillcrest Youth Home**. These bags are needed for the kids to take their belongings in when leaving the youth home, rather than having to put their items in a trash bag. If you have something to donate, please contact Ruth Wintczak at the church office and she will coordinate getting the luggage & bags to Immanuel.

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Operation Christmas Child can use donations of soap bars, wash cloth, small toys, hair accessories, and any school supplies. These items are needed by **November 21, when the Packing Party will take place** (time for this event TBA). Anyone is welcome to come help pack up the boxes! Contact Ashley Lashley with any OCC questions. Ashley has been working hard the past few years heading up Zion's OCC involvement, but because of other commitments, hopes a new leader could help with OCC next year. Let her know if you can help in any way.

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**HACIENDA GIVES BACK Fiesta**

Group: Zion Nursery Center  
Date: Nov. 4  
Location: Hacienda West

You must receive this token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds.

Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To-Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant Phone Number 812-422-2055

GIFT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR YOUR PURCHASE WITH THIS TOKEN

**Coupon for  
Hacienda Give Back Day  
to benefit  
Zion Nursery Center  
Thursday, Nov. 4  
at  
West location on  
Pearl Drive**



## **Playground Renovation Donations Continue to be Accepted**

Thank you all so much for your donations to the project so far. As of October 24 we have received donations totaling \$34,810, and in addition currently have a pledge of \$12,500 from Zion Endowment pending final approval of the project by the congregation. So we're getting closer to the goal of \$85,000!

If you haven't made a donation yet but would like to, please do so by placing your generous donations in an envelope marked, "**Playground Renovation**" and those donations will be recorded and deposited.

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Playground Renovation Committee team members. We would love to talk with you!!!

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The Social Dilemma is one of 2020's most impactful documentaries and tees up timely conversations about mental health and tech addiction. The film follows tech insiders on their quest to educate the public about the many ways social media is constructed to manipulate users. The result is an addictive technology that even these experts say they have a hard time quitting and that can have serious, detrimental psychological effects. By providing dramatized

examples of how persuasive technology is working on us all, and by pointing to the prevalence of thought bubbles, rabbit holes, and conspiracy theories, the film has already provoked important conversations for parents and kids who have seen the film.

We would like to invite anyone that might be interested in viewing this documentary together **at the church on Sunday evening, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.** We will have time to watch and discuss the documentary together.

The Social Dilemma is appropriate for children 13+. It is recommended that you do a search to review any recent reviews or comments made about the documentary. The documentary is available on Netflix.

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## **BINGO! - WHO DOESN'T LOVE BINGO!**

The Zion Youth group invites anyone interested, of any age, to an afternoon of fellowship and fun on **Sunday, November 14th beginning at 1 pm** in the Sunday School Hall of the Church. The youth will serve popcorn, drinks, and lead the activities. All tables and chairs will be placed at a safe social distance. If you have any questions you can talk with Katy Lang or Julie Klenck. A big thank you to the Zion Youth for organizing and arranging for such a wonderful Sunday afternoon fellowship event!



Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights  
10/12/21

**Attendance:** Laura Droege, Michelle Heneisen, Nancy Lewis, Terry Schroeder, Dan Hoffman, Jeff Long, and Brian Crase.

9/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$121,831.35

9/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$136,343.92

9/30 YTD General Fund Expenses: \$120,148.90

Differences: (+)\$16,195.02

*\*\*Note YTD 15,810 of payroll was paid from PPP Fund instead of General Fund*

The playground fund through the month of September was \$21,878. Dan Hoffman has submitted the application to the West Side Nut Club. Pastor Jeff and Michelle Heneisen have recommended we do a Culver's give back to help raise money and to get the community involved. Memorial Funds still to be transferred to Playground Fund are \$5542.

The Sunday school will use the Grow Kids curriculum called Blast Off and the cost is around \$597 for the year which gives all the resources we will need for preschool and elementary.

Kent Mann will replace the inside and outside corners of the gutters to stop the leaks, he will do it in 3 weeks and it will cost \$400. Brad Becker says the furnace is good to go as long as we get the air filters changed, Dan Hoffman changed the one in the lobby about a month ago. A piece has broken off of the church septic tank but it doesn't appear to have caused any problems, the piece has been replaced. The lids on the parsonage tank still need to be replaced. Both of the tanks received good reports.

Pastor Jeff will soon be completing his classes, at some point afterwards he would like to start a group gathering at the church to deal with grief related issues, if there are those who wish to meet privately then he will work something out. If the group gathering doesn't work out then he will work with Alexander Funeral Home helping small groups deal with grief.

The Bingo night and Sunday Golf outing were pushed back due to Carl Schmitz's funeral. Trunk or Treat will be held on Halloween Sunday.

Pastor Jeff is asking for any volunteers who would like to cohost the blood drives with Hans Schmitz, they do need some computer skills.

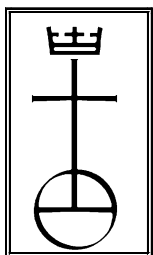
Confirmation classes started in October.

Laverne Deal, Terry Schroeder, and Jake Gibson will be leaving council this year and new members need to be found.

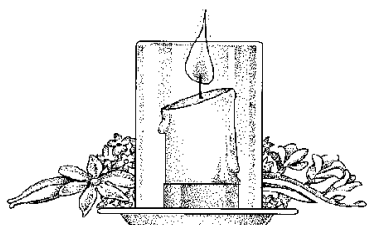
The council agrees that Pastor Jeff take time off possibly from the 1st through the 7th of November.



***Just a reminder – Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 7th at 2 am. Be sure to set your clocks back an hour Saturday evening. If you forget, you will be early to church on Sunday November 7, but that's okay, we can always use an extra hand or two to help us set up for the service!***



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**Totenfest**  
**Sunday, November 21, 2021**  
**during 10:00 a.m. worship**

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In remembrance of loved ones who have  
passed away during this church year



**Veterans Day – November 11**  
**We thank and honor our**  
**veterans.**