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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.)
10/2	103	32 devices
10/9	102	63 devices
10/16	139	78 devices
10/23	125	45 devices

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

Sunday School Average Attendance

October: Adult (18+) = 17

Youth = 14 (includes 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE STREAMED THROUGH YOUTUBE!

You can always join us for worship wherever you might be. To easily view the 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. The live stream will normally begin at approximately 9:55 am. If questions check with Pastor Jeff, Greg or Jonathan Schmitt.

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***We're having Greeters again before the 10 am Sunday worship services.*** Thank you to the many folks who have volunteered! Here's the greeter schedule for the next 2 months – and please continue to look for the monthly schedules in the next Voice of Zion newsletters.

**Nov 6 – Brad & Alicia Becker**

**Nov 13 – Gary & Staci Voegel**

**Nov 20 – Dustin & Kim Bredemeier**

**Nov 27 – John & Carla Breiner**

**Dec 4 – Darryl & Emiley Chamberlain**

**Dec 11 – Brian & Arin Commens**

**Dec 18 – Brian & Channa Crase**

**Dec 25 – Travis & Robin Crowe**

*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. 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!*



## 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 Gries, 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 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)
- 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)



### **2023 Offering Envelopes**

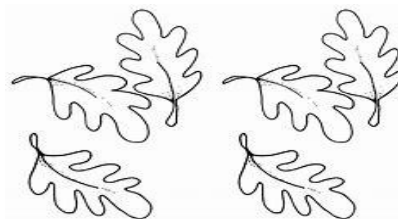
will soon be available for pickup in the foyer. If you don't have a box of offering envelopes assigned to you now, but would like to have them, please contact the church office.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile envelopes are available for these donations. If you do not receive any of the yellow 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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*Thank you for all the prayers and cards as I was hospitalized and now recovering from my foot injury.*

*Carla Barnhart*

*According to a medieval legend, God once sent two angels to the earth on a special mission, with each one of them carrying a basket. One angel was assigned to gather up all of the prayers of petition, and the other was assigned to gather up all of the prayers of thanksgiving.*

*The first angel returned very quickly, and her basket was filled to overflowing with requests. "Ah, yes," reported this angel, "the people of God have remembered well the Bible's counsel: 'Ask, and you shall receive.'" Yet the second angel was gone a long time, and when she finally returned, her basket was nearly empty. "I had a hard time finding people who pray prayers of thanksgiving," she said quietly.*

Like everyone else, I too have plenty of petitions to place in the first angel's basket, including a petition for peace with justice and an outpouring of compassion and understanding for others. I have a petition that God will inspire and empower each of us to be not part of the problem but rather part of a solution which I believe is forever and always blowing in the wind, that wind which is the Holy Spirit of God. I have a petition that horrible diseases that take people from us too soon will be eradicated and cured. I have a petition that each of us would seek to understand others before judging them and still love them if views differ. And I have a petition that we will all recognize the truth the Franciscan monk Richard Rohr expressed when he wrote, *"If we do not transform our pain, we will most assuredly transmit it."*

Yet, at the same time, I do not want to neglect the second angel's basket, as we are all often tempted to do. I want to give thanks for a God who steadfastly refuses to give up on any of us—a God who is forever and always at work for good: forming, reforming, and transforming the world, the church, and every human heart. I want to give thanks for the privilege of being called—along with all my sisters and brothers—to be not passive spectators but active participants amidst the ongoing struggle for peace with justice in our personal relationships, our neighborhoods, and our world. I want to give thanks for the strength God graciously promises to us amidst that struggle. I want to give thanks for people who cook, serve, volunteer, pray, financially support, and dream of the future with hope and optimism.

Yes, I have my petitions, but I also have my prayers of thanksgiving ... and I hope you do too. But I also invite you to join me in offering those petitions and prayers of thanksgiving each and every day... and not just on the fourth Thursday in November.

Serving you!! **PJ**

## Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights

10/11/22

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

9/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$126,612.19

9/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$134,464.64

9/30 YTD General Fund Expense: \$146,853.52

Difference: (-)\$12,388.88

Hopefully will be able to pool the phone and internet costs together through Spectrum and get phone working again by the end of this month. *(update – church phone is working again as of October 24!)*

Thanks to Council and the children that helped serve Communion on World Wide Communion...a great memory for them to remember.

Several Women of Zion ladies decorated the church for Harvest Season, collecting canned goods, any food items, or money for God's Storehouse for three Sundays in October.

Christmas will soon be upon us soon. Hanging of the Greens on November 27th, Blue Christmas on December 11th, Christmas Eve on Saturday, and Christmas Day which falls on Sunday this year, communion served.

Greeters are going well and people who let Rosie know if they can't be here on scheduled Sunday were able to be reassigned.

Big thanks to Pastor Jeff for always being there for us and we appreciate everything he does for us.

Sunday school is going well.

Completed property projects are new gutter installation, grease trap under the dishwasher has been cleaned out, the tuck pointing project, the boys basement bathroom, and the cross walk stripe being repainted.

New property projects are the door leading to the church furnace is blocked by something inside - we are working to determine problem. Row 2 or the overhead sanctuary lights did not come on Sunday and may be a circuit issue. And the pew pads need to be cleaned.

Open property projects are the shelter light installation, the office insulation, the basement formica, the handicap doors, repairs to the furnace room in the basement, and the North hoods on the SS hall vents need to be painted.

Andrea Singer and JJ Mohr are working on the Chili Cook Off for October 23rd and will need some funding from the recreation budget for hotdogs, buns, and other supplies.

Carl checked into getting a block of seats for the Peppermint Pops concert by the Philharmonic. There are two concerts, Saturday evening December 3rd and Sunday afternoon December 4th at 2:00 pm. We can reserve a block of seats (10 or more) but need to get them reserved soon. We would need to know how many people would go because the tickets have to be paid for when they are reserved. Tickets are \$30, \$40, \$50 for either session. We would get a 10% discount for 10 seats and a 20% for 20 or more.

Received a flyer from the Thunderbolts Hockey team about opportunities for outings but don't have details on anything yet.

Upcoming events are the Chili Cook Off, Trunk or Treat on the 30th and the United Caring Services want us to bring brownies on 30th, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Hipp Nursery has some recommendations on trees for the playground project, there will be 3 to 5 trees planted and the Nursery will plant them, also we will be purchasing two more bags of rubber mulch to add as it settles or to replace. Once the trees are planted the playground project will be completed.

Pastor Jeff will take a vacation on November 14th through the 20th.

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Congratulations to David & Audrey Key at the birth of their son, Mitchell Arlington Key on September 26, 2022.

Congratulations also to Jeff & Jenny Droege at the birth of their daughter MaggiLynn Elizabeth Droege on October 7, 2022. Proud grandparents are Larry & Jan Droege and great-grandmother Anna Mae Droege.

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**Salem Church of Darmstadt invites us to join them for a day trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, Indiana on Friday, December 16.**

Cost is \$70 per person and includes dinner, the musical show "Irving Berlin's White Christmas", tax, gratuity and deluxe motor coach transportation. They will leave Salem's parking lot (14134 Darmstadt Rd, Evansville) at 8 am and return around 5 pm.

Contact Robin Schmidt [robinschmidt56@icloud.com](mailto:robinschmidt56@icloud.com) 812 499-5097 to RSVP and turn in payment. **Deadline for Reservations and payment is Monday, November 7.**

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***Operation Christmas Child*** collection items for November are toothbrushes and floss.

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**Sunday, October 30th at 4 P.M.** We will be holding our Annual Trunk-or-Treat in the Zion Church parking lot! Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives for a great afternoon of fun! If you would like to sign up to decorate a trunk, please send Pastor Jeff a text message or email. We hope you will come and join us!



**Thank you is never really enough for your Pastor Appreciation!**

What an honor it was to hear so many kind words, receive numerous cards and texts, from gift cards to local restaurants and even a pineapple from Hawaii. Receiving so many generous gifts from all of you is a blessing to say the least. Thank you so much for allowing me to be your pastor, a member of the Zion team, and someone who is lucky enough to serve side by side with each of you. It is certainly an honor and blessing. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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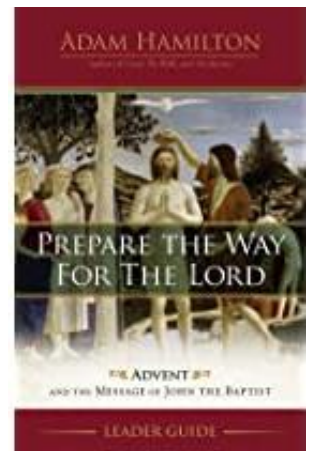
From Advent to Christmas... Sunday, November 27th marks the beginning of Advent and in order to get the church all decorated for the Christmas season, we need all kinds of help. Please join us for **"Hanging of the Greens"** following the Nov. 27 worship service. In addition to the decorations, there will be a light lunch

served by the Youth group downstairs just prior to the big event. We hope you will join us and assist in getting the church ready for the Advent/Christmas season.

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**Four Week Advent Bible Study ("That Class", meet downstairs) beginning Sunday November 27.**

For centuries, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming.



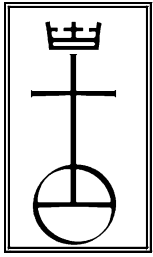
In each of the Gospels, the story of Jesus is intertwined with that of his cousin John, the one whom the prophets foretold would come to "prepare the way of the Lord." When we hear the message of John the Baptist, it makes us and our world ready to receive Christ.

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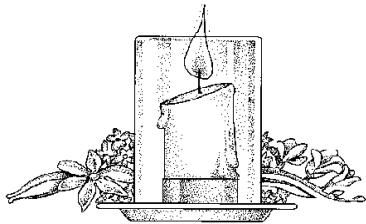


SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES @ ST. PETER'S UMC
(2800 St. Phillips Rd.)

will start again on Tuesday, November 15th at 9 am. Classes will last for about 1 hour and will include both seated and standing exercises, strength training, and flexibility. For those of you who like to walk prior to class time, the gym will also be available for walking. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jeff @ zionlippepastor@gmail.com



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Totenfest
Sunday, November 20, 2022
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.