

# NOVEMBER 2024

## 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.)
9/29	150	63 devices
10/6	127	48 devices
10/13	147	51 devices
10/20	145	48 devices
10/27	161	53 devices

### Sunday School Average Attendance

October: Adult = 17

Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade) = 7

Youth (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) = 2

Children = 12

### **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.



### *Greeter Schedule for upcoming Sundays:*

Nov 3 – Irma Donner & Pat Elkins

Nov 10 – Jim & Hilda Donner

Nov 17 – Anna Mae Droege

Nov 24 – Nancy Dougan

Dec 1 – Ryan & Miranda Daugherty

Dec 8 – Larry & Jan Droege

Dec 15 - Marcia & Laura Droege

Dec 22 – Mark & Stephanie Duncan

Dec 29 – Josh & Maggie Dye

*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 don't fret!*

*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.*



## 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
- 5 Ruby Niemeier
- 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 Vaughn
- 19 Marcia Droege
- 20 Carla Barnhart
- 21 Donna Hartig, Maverick Anderson
- 22 Ryan Englebright
- 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)
- 25 Keith and Marilyn (Smith) Frank (2023)
- 28 Leon and Kay Austin (1963)
- 29 Frank and Teresa (Breiner) DeGiacomo (1985)
- 30 Steve and Cathy (Jolly) Schroeder (1985)



### **2025 Offering Envelopes**

will be available soon 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. If you would like to donate to this ministry, special yellow 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile envelopes are available at the foyer bulletin board.

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**Don't forget time change** – Daylight Savings Time ends 2 am on Sunday Nov 3 – clocks go back 1 hour !

This is also a great time to check batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms!



All the way back in 1997, Fred Rogers accepted an Emmy Award for Lifetime Achievement. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Rogers had these words to say: “All of us have special ones who have loved us into being. Would you just take, along with me, ten seconds to think of the people who have helped you become who you are. Those who have cared about you and wanted what was best for you in life. Ten seconds of silence. I’ll watch the time.” The camera panned as daytime celebrities moved from awkward laughter to tears, confronted with the simple and incredible power of

those relationships which Christians call the cloud of witness – those through whom we have come to the present.

On November 24th, we will remember at Zion those witnesses – those saints – who have died in the past year. People who have been our friends, family, guides, mentors, confidants, companions, and more. Those who have “loved us into being.”

We will do this for the same reason Mr. Rogers asked us those years ago. We are who we are through other people, and by remembering them and honoring their memories, we honor God who created and loved both them and us, making us fellowship with one another.

If there are those who you are remembering as part of the extended family of Zion Church, please let us know by Wed November 20. It will be our honor to share their name in worship, folded into the great cloud of witness to which we all belong. “I’ll watch the time.”

May God bless each of you as we journey into November. *Pastor Jeff*



Beginning the first Sunday in November, you will be able to join the Adult Sunday School class via Zoom!

We meet at 9:00 on Sunday mornings; Zoom in as you like, when you like—no long-term commitment is required. Open Zoom, click on Join, and input the church phone number to connect to the class—812 985-2437. You will be directed to the live Sunday School class, where you can participate if you like or just observe. If you have any trouble logging in, call or text Nancy at 404 234-6277. We will be studying world religions to help us better understand this global world in which we live and to, perhaps, better understand the foundations of our own Christian faith. See you there.



Thank You – Thank You – Thank You: A big thank you to everyone for all your thoughtful messages, texts, cards, brownies, super hero capes, a record number of canned goods, DQ gift cards, and most kind words this past month. It is an honor to be your pastor and you all make our lives here with you very easy. Your thoughtfulness and support is deeply appreciated. Thank you all so very much. Pastor Jeff

Thank you to everybody that helped with digging dirt out so the septic tank could be pumped in the south asphalt parking lot. Those who helped place a riser on the tank to eliminate digging dirt out in the future. Those who helped dig out dirt at old cemetery to receive new concrete walk for an entrance to old cemetery by the ball diamond. A new fence will be installed yet this fall, and landscape pavers and rock placed next to fence, so there isn't a need for weed eating. Also thanks for those who helped remove broken concrete on northwest concrete drive to receive new concrete and those who helped pour the concrete. Improvements are always welcomed. Again many thanks.



**Women of Zion Meeting - Thursday, November 14th @ 6:30 p.m.**

The Women of Zion will meet on Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are welcome to join us for a "Health and Wellness" night. Let's open our hearts and minds to learn more about keeping our bodies strong and healthy. The program will be presented by health professionals Rhiannon Anderson, Devon Hautman and Carly VanVoorst. Hope to see all the ladies on November 14th !



Thanks to everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat! Check out Zion's facebook page to see photos of all the special characters that could be found in our church parking lot for the event.



*Congratulations to Kayla & Jared Baird on the birth of their daughter, Ellen Jean Baird, on September 27, 2024. Proud grandparents are Tim & Johlene Hoenert and great-grandmother Lee Ann Hoenert.*



## Solar Project News



At our Semi-Annual meeting this summer our congregation voted to move forward with our solar project. Since that time the committee has finalized the contract and continues to work to get everything set for our project to begin with Morton Solar.

The Solar Committee team has been working to plan for upcoming fundraising events that will engage and continue to keep the congregation up to date on pending dates, progress, and if there are any unexpected changes that might come up in the process of completing the project.

If you would like to support the project with a personal donation, a fund has been set up in our church accounts. If you choose to make a donation, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Solar Project" and it will be recorded properly. Thank you all for all your support, prayers, and commitment to the future needs of the congregation and community.

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**Change of Address:** Geraldine Schweikhart  
3006 Placid Place  
Evansville IN 47720



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Drew Joseph Voegel, son of Kyle & Mariah Voegel, was baptized at Zion on October 26, 2024.

### **Council Highlights – October 6, 2024**

Hanging of the Greens is November 24. There will not be a Chili Lunch that day.

Parsonage and church septic tanks have been pumped. An extension has been added to the church septic tank (located in parking lot) so no digging is needed to access the tank opening in future. Preparations continue for New and Old Cemetery Fence Project, and concrete has been repaired at back of church by tree.

Basketball court is going to be resealed again because it's currently flaking off.

Peppermint Pops – Sunday, December 8

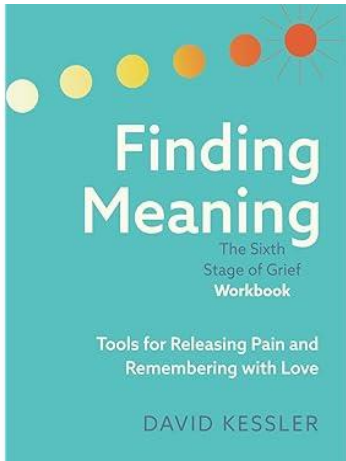
Nikaya Long will resign as basement custodian effective the end of October, and Julia Commens has been hired to replace Nikaya.

Mental Health Initiative – First draft of grant was submitted on Sept 23, final submission due October 15, expect to hear from the grant committee in early November. More info will be published later, with events occurring throughout 2025.

Constitution Committee is continuing to meet.

Next Council Meeting November 12, in person at 6 pm.

Love is the antidote for the pain of grief. When you experience grief, your world can feel overwhelming. It can be difficult to imagine a future. You feel lost and hopeless.

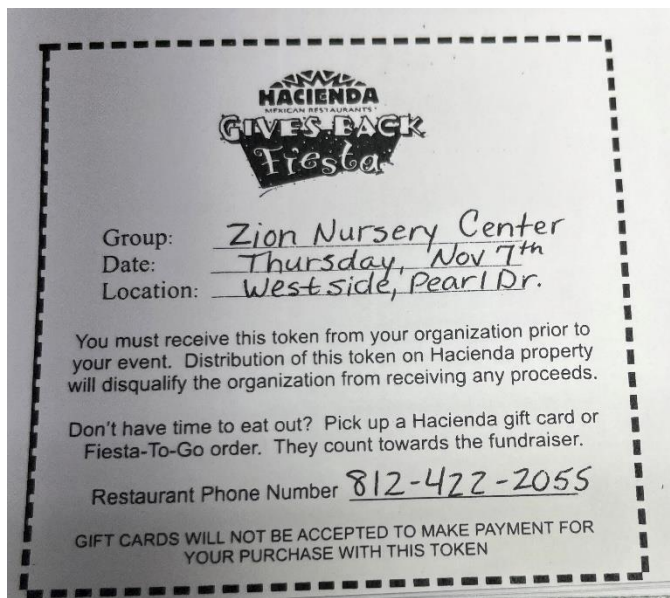


International grief expert and noted author David Kessler has spent decades working with thousands of people experiencing the depths of their grief. He knows the pain deeply, personally. And he also knows the path to begin to find hope, and healing, again.

We will be using his book, *Finding Meaning - the Sixth Stage of Grief* as a part of a 6 week grief gathering beginning on Wednesday, November 13th. We will meet at the church from 6 - 7 p.m.

With the use of this resource, we will work together to come to understand your unique and personal experience with grief and begin to work through the loss, releasing the hurt and learning to grieve with more love than pain . . . because love never dies. And it is in that love where you can find meaning.

If you are interested in joining, please purchase your resource book and bring it with you each evening we meet. Books can be purchased through all sorts of outlets. The book title is ***Finding Meaning: the Sixth Stage of Grief Workbook: Tools for Releasing Pain and Remembering with Love***. The author of the book is David Kessler. Please use sign-up sheet on foyer bulletin board to help us know how many plan to attend. Contact Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.

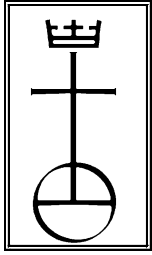


***Hacienda Give Back  
to benefit Zion Nursery Center Pre-School***

***Thursday Nov 7 at Pearl Drive location***

***More tokens are on foyer bulletin board, or  
check with ZNC director Sandy Schmitt.***

***Thanks for supporting ZNC!***



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## **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

Help make bed frames . .

Next Work day is Sat. Nov 9  
8 am – noon at 1303 S Green River Rd  
Evansville IN 47715

All ages are welcome. Let Pastor Jeff  
know if you are interested or have  
questions.



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

See the church website [zionlippe.org](http://zionlippe.org) for the Monthly Calendar and Voice of Zion Newsletters from previous months.