

OCTOBER 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.)
8/29	106	28 devices
9/5	103	45 devices
9/12	97	62 devices
9/19	104	51 devices
9/26	107	48 devices

Virtual worship was available on Zoom and YouTube.

An Adult Sunday School class was held during the month of September, average attendance was 11.

ALSO: Blood Drive October 10, 11-3

Two Events on Sunday, October 10th @ 1:00 p.m.



You're invited to join us for an afternoon of golf October 10, 1 pm at Howell Golf course. This will be a great opportunity for us to spend some time enjoying a round of golf with members and friends of the congregation. If you are interested in joining us, please be in touch with Steve Martin - 812-455-7505 or catch him or Pastor Jeff at the church on Sunday mornings. Barring some sort of weather issue, we look forward to a wonderful day on the course!



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

The Zion Youth group would like to invite anyone who might be interested to an afternoon of fellowship and fun on **Sunday, October 10th** beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Sunday School Hall of the Church. The youth will serve popcorn, drinks, and lead this wonderful social activity. All tables and chairs will be placed at a safe social distance. If you have any questions, 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!



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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 married.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Ryan Steinhart, Robert Hast
- 2 John Spears
- 3 Mary Ann Fuelling
- 5 Bryan Lingafelter, Julie Peterson,
Chase Byerly
- 6 David Strupp
- 7 Mary Beth Reese
- 9 Carol Embrey, Deborah Muntzer
- 10 Doris Smith
- 12 Laverne Deal
- 13 Katelynn Heneisen
- 14 Ron Willett, Steve deClaisse-Walford
- 16 Jennifer Heim, Jeff Droege, Tyler Roedel,
Steve Fuelling
- 17 Baylee Crase
- 18 Mary Jane Schroeder, Hannah Lang,
Martha Schroeder, Beckett Lingafelter
- 20 Channa Crase, Emily Schmitt
- 23 Amber Barrow, Steve Lodwick
- 24 Bob Reutter
- 25 Robin Crowe
- 26 Ashley Lashley
- 27 Lily Elless
- 28 Carlie VanVoorst, Evelyn Dye

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1 Vince and Tammy Frazier (1983)
- 5 Jacob and Chellsie Parker (2019)
- 10 Mike and Debbie Schorr (1992)
- 12 Robert and Julie (Howard) Klenck (1996)
- 14 Larry and Jan (Blaylock) Droege (1978)
- 15 J.J. and Kelli Mohr (2016)
- 17 Gary and Ashley (Rhodes) Lashley (2015)
- 21 Austin & Breanna (Johnson) Phelps (2017)
- 22 Travis and Amanda Reese (2016)
- 25 Ron and Sandy (Schroeder) Willett (1975)
- 26 Lucas & Katelyn (Esche) Heidenreich (2019)
- 27 Roger and Connie Eldridge (1968)

- 27 Tyler and Becky Schroeder (2018)
- 28 Nathan & Makenzie (Stewart) Perry (2017)
- 31 Hans and Cindy (Madden) Schmitz (2015)

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!

October UCC Special Offering “Neighbors In Need”

See ucc.org/nin for more info
Special offering envelopes are available at
foyer bulletin board

In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.

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Senior Citizens Dinner Thursday, October 28 11 am

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Thank you for your donation of greeting cards, calendars and recycled cards and calendars. It is very kind and thoughtful of your church members to collect these items for us. The recycled items are used in craft projects and the greeting cards are placed in the Patient Library for all to use.

Theresa Woerz, Community Services Director
Evansville State Hospital

Dear Church Family,

As the heat of the summer fades and we have tastes of the cool winds of fall, so the Church is changing seasons. This first use of “season” speaks to the timing of our weather patterns (chronos); the latter sense of the word is used in the Bible – “season” as in “an appointed time” (kairos). The appointed time is when something is happening in God’s time. For example... “The time (kairos) has come and the Kingdom of God has drawn near” (Mark 1. 15). I think both chronos and kairos – the weather and God’s timing – are still unfolding – bringing change – in this place.

This past month has been filled with so many reasons to give thanks in the midst of changes. We can be thankful for the opportunity to support our community through prayer for the wellbeing and recovery of Officer Bryan Hicks. We can be thankful for another harvest and yields that are abundant and worthy of thanks. We can be thankful that church activities are starting up again and we continue to offer more and more social opportunities for our community of faith to be together. We are thankful that our fundraising efforts have put us well on our way to renovating our playground. We can be thankful for volunteers and staff who continue to help create and provide wonderful worship opportunities.

I am very proud of how our church works to bring God’s presence in so many places and in so many special ways. I also feel God continuing to stir in our hearts. I think this dynamic of having some restrictions in our lives due to covid, while having new relationships and inner shiftings of the heart will continue for some time. There is a season for everything.

In season and out of season, our God is good. Whatever season we are in, we have many reasons to be thankful. May each of us find a reason each day to give thanks. Blessings to each of you! *PJ*

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**Playground Renovation Donations Continue to be Accepted**

Thank you all so much for your donations to the playground renovation project. To date we have received \$21,600.00 toward our \$85,000.00 goal - about 25% of the way there already. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

If you would like to donate, please do so by placing your generous donations in an envelope marked “**Playground**”. Once we have raised the \$85,000.00 goal, we will schedule a start date for the project. We are hoping to have the project completed by the spring of 2022.

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!

Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights  
09/14/21

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

8/31 YTD Regular Offering: \$110,955.03

8/31 YTD General Fund Income: \$125,256.05

8/31 YTD General Fund Expenses: \$105,244.06

Differences: (+)\$20,011.99

*\*\*Note TYD 15,810 of payroll was paid out of PPP Fund instead of General Fund*

As of September 12 the Playground fund is at \$10,600 from donations. There are several memorial funds that may be donated to the project. Dan Hoffman will submit another application to the West Side Nut Club. The council agrees to contact the families/administrators about using the memorial funds over 2 years old for the playground project. Theresa Stumbles has submitted a grant to Rural King and Sandy Schmitt has also submitted a grant to Walmart Corporation.

The council voted and approved to remove 11 members whose families have requested the individual's removal from membership.

We will attempt pictures and communion on September 26th.

The council will donate \$1,000 from the general fund to Operation Christmas Child.

Women of Zion will be allowed to meet upstairs in October.

Slate shingles are missing from the steeple, the parsonage gutters are leaking, and the crack in the parsonage kitchen ceiling has gotten worse. Terry Schroeder will talk to Matt Kern about any needed maintenance on the furnace and air conditioning, also he will schedule with TSF to have the church and parsonage septic tanks inspected and possibly pumped while Dan Hoffman will talk to someone about replacing the cracked manhole covers.

Adult Sunday school classes will continue through September and Confirmation will begin in October. Nancy Lewis is working on getting Children's Sunday School Teachers and has some volunteers.

The church golf outing/picnic planned by Steve Martin will be held on October 10th.

The youth event at Jacob's Village on September 11th went very well, our group was the first to volunteer in 2 years. The youth will assist Gildas House in providing dinner and fellowship at a future date. Another possible youth event is at Camp Attebury, they are housing refugees from Afghanistan and we are looking into ways in which we might be of assistance.

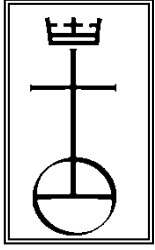
The council agrees to continue with how we are handling the Covid pandemic.

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Memorial Funds of Kenny Esche, Joan Roedel, and Tammy Lingafelter were transferred in August and September 2021 to the Playground Fund.

We thank the families and donors for these gifts.



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Harvest Home Sundays October 17, 24 & 31

*“Help Load the Wheelbarrow for
God’s Storehouse Food Pantry”*

*Please bring your donations of canned or
non-perishable food items to the church
during the week before October 17, or on
one of the Harvest Home Sundays.*

*If possible, place your items at the front of
the sanctuary, or leave them inside the
north foyer double doors.*

Contact Irma Donner with questions.

Sunday, October 31 @ 4 p.m.



We’re
pleased to
once again
offer a
wonderful
event for
the entire
community!

Please come out for a great time and
“**Trunk or Treating.**” In addition to
all the decorated “Trunks” we will serve
drinks, hot dogs, cookies, and popcorn
available for a free will donation. You
won’t want to miss out on this great
family-friendly event!