# OCTOBER 2022 VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am Sunday School at 9 am

### **Worship Attendance**

<u>Date</u>	In Person	Virtual (est.)
9/4	95	29 devices
9/11	115	28 devices
9/18	135	57 devices
9/25	130	36 devices

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

### **Sunday School Average Attendance**

September: Adult (18+) = 21

Youth = 17 (includes Confirmation)

# 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... <a href="https://www.zionlippe.org...">www.zionlippe.org...</a> 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.



### 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.

Oct 2 – Joe & Rhiannon Anderson

Oct 9 – Carl & Kathy Barchet

Oct 16 – Amber Barrow

Oct 23 – Rosie Bogard

Oct 30 – Brenda Bean

Nov 6 – Gary & Staci Voegel

Nov 13 – Brad & Alicia Becker

Nov 20 – Dustin & Kim Bredemeier

Nov 27 – John & Carla Breiner

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!

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.



## **OCTOBER**

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, Eliza Long
- 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
- 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, Anderson Voelker
- 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)
- Nathan & Makenzie (Stewart) Perry (2017)
- 30 Nick & Kendra (Schorr) Gries (2021)
- 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 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. 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.

Senior Citizens Dinner Thursday, October 27 11 am



Warren Hildebrand & Sharon Krietenstein 10801 Lower Mt Vernon Rd Mt Vernon IN 47620

OCC Collection item for October is Pencil bags (can be filled or empty)

# <u>Isaiah 43. 18-19</u> - Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

This passage has spoken to me for many years. Through the prophet Isaiah, he reminds the people of his day to not remain in the past, but look to the future. Words that remain relevant to yet today. Throughout the entirety of our lives we have the opportunity to realize again and again the fullness of a life with God and part of this is to be open to God's invitation for what is next.

Walking into new chapters, new beginnings and new experiences can be scary and who is ever completely aware of what awaits us each new day? What I do know and trust is that as God was present for Isaiah, God is present with us. As God was present with our ancestors when they started a new chapter in a new country, God is present with us. As God was present with families and communities who built themselves up only to have unexpected storms and challenges devastated their present situations, God is present with us.

So what might be some of the new chapters awaiting your lives? What new experiences are you hoping to experience? What unexpected events and moments will challenge and change your perspectives and optimism? What next moment awaits our congregation and in what manner will we continue to be a leader in our community?

That same God that was with those before us who asked those same questions and dreamed like we dream yet today will be the God that leads us into our next moments, experiences, and chapters.

As we step into this new season of autumn, let's step there with faith, hope, love, optimism, and a positive perspective trusting that God will also go there with us.

Blessings to all of you!!! PJ

## World Communion Sunday - October 2nd

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we will celebrate and remember that we are part of the whole body of believers.

Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians will celebrate communion in as many ways as there are congregations.

We hope you, and a guest or two, can join us on **Sunday, October 2nd** for world communion Sunday.



On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 30th at 4 P.M.</u> 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, email, or use the sign up sheet in the church foyer. We need everyone's help again this year! This has been such a fun event for our church and community. We hope you will come and join us.



### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS!**

<u>Judy and Robin Fluty</u> - Judy and Robin are both now retired. Robin from Vectren and Judy from the medical office field. They have 2 sons; Seth, who lives in Jacksonville, Florida and Trent, who lives here with wife Ashley, and sons Mason 9 and Carter 7. Robin loves to build/make things, especially out of the bamboo he grows. Welcome Judy & Robin!

<u>Linda Messel</u> - Linda grew up attending Zion with her parents, brothers and extended family and was baptized and confirmed here. She married Gene Messel and lived in Evansville, eventually transferring her membership to a church closer. Linda worked for Sigeco for 8 years and started a family. They had two children - Chad who currently lives in Evansville and Andrew who lives in Mt. Vernon. In 1974 Linda and Gene moved to a farm on the north side of Evansville. Gene farmed until 1988 and at that time they built a home on Orchard Road where Linda still resides. It was also in 1988 that Linda went to work for the EVSC and retired in 2007. Linda is the proud grandmother of six grandchildren. We are happy to have Linda back as a member of Zion!

Brad and Alicia Becker - Alicia and Brad recently joined the Zion church family and we are so happy to have them! They live in Wadesville with their two children, Evan who is 13 yrs old and a 7th grader at North Posey Jr High and a daughter Aubrey who is 9 yrs old and a 4th grader at South Terrace Elementary. As a family they enjoy vacationing together. They stay very busy as both kids participate in sports and are members of 4H, but they love it. Evan is currently starting the confirmation classes at Zion and we could not be more proud of him. He is also trying out singing in the choir as well. Brad and Alicia own and operate Becker Heat, Air and Insulation LLC. Brad and Alicia would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming to their family.

## A Work of Thanks...

The family of Carl Schmitz wishes to again thank the congregation of Zion Lippe UCC for all the cards, calls, visits & memorials while he was sick at home and in Deaconess Hospice, and your continued loving support to the family – the  $5^{th}$  of October is the  $1^{st}$  anniversary of Carl's passing.

Delene, Hans & family, Carly & family

# Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights 09/13/22

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

8/31 YTD Regular Offering: \$111,232.68

8/31 YTD General Fund Income: \$118,939.72 8/31 YTD General Fund Expense: \$131,681.31

Difference: (-)\$12,741.59

World Wide Communion will be on Sunday October 2nd, thanks to all who helped service for Summer Communion.

Rosie Bogard has purchased a new Christian Flag.

Darlene Breiner was our first Greeter at 9/11 Sunday service...have had a good response.

Thanks to Linda Juncker for the new outside frame wreaths by front doors and to Russell again for his beautiful arrangements.

The Children's Sunday school teachers are using the same material as last year, there were 16 kids.

There was \$500 left over from the Bunge tuck pointing/masonry repair project, that money will be returned to the Endowment Committee.

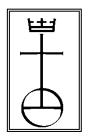
Completed Property projects are the tuck point/masonry repair; boys basement North wall painted, along with SS north and south walls and touch up around base, boys soap dispenser hung, paint about \$48 charged to Church's Lowes account; and the crosswalk stripe was repainted (used existing paint). Unfinished are the office insulation; garage guttering needs to be repaired/replaced; basement formica; handicap door remote needs to be either hardwired or upgraded; shelter light installation; repairs to furnace room under the sanctuary; the north hoods on the SS hall vents need painting; and the dishwasher trap.

We had 52 adults and 5 children under 5 for the Otters Outing. Overall, Carl Barchet thinks the outing was a success.

The playground committee will go through the finances on Monday to see what is available; the two items that remain are some heavy duty rubber matting that will be placed over the rubber mulch around the slides so the mulch won't get pushed around, and Chris McCutchan is working on the three trees that will be planted outside the playground to provide shading, will probably plant in mid to late October or early November.

Trunk-r-Treat will be either the 23rd or 30th of October.

New members joining on September 18th are Brad and Alicia Becker, Robin and Judy Fluty, and Linda Messel.



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## Harvest Home Sundays October 9, 16 & 23

"Fill a Bucket for God's Storehouse Food Pantry"

We will decorate on Saturday, October 8 at 9 am – Anyone is welcome to help!
Please bring your donations of canned & non-perishable food items and paper products to the church during the week before October 8, 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.



Save the Date!

November 3, 2022 at

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Fundraiser for Zion Nursery

Center