

# OCTOBER 2024 VOICE OF ZION

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**Sunday Family Worship at 10 am**  
**Sunday School at 9 am**

## Worship Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Virtual (est.)</u>
9/1	97	16 devices
9/8	85	15 devices
9/15	144	39 devices
9/22	143	48 devices

## Sunday School Average Attendance

September: Adult = 14  
Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade) = 12  
Youth (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) = 3  
Children = 9

## **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:**

Oct 6 – Ryan & Miranda Daugherty  
Oct 13 – Emiley & Darryl Chamberlain  
Oct 20 – Elwood & Laverne Deal  
Oct 27 – Steve & Nancy de-Claisse Walford

Nov 3 – Irma Donner & Pat Elkins  
Nov 10 – Jim & Hilda Donner  
Nov 17 – Anna Mae Droege  
Nov 24 – Nancy Dougan

*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.*



# 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, MaggiLynn Droege
- 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, Warren Hildebrand
- 18 Mary Jane Schroeder, Hannah Lang,  
Martha Schroeder, Beckett Lingafelter
- 20 Channa Crase, Emily Schmitt
- 23 Amber Barrow, Steve Lodwick
- 24 Bob Reutter, Verna Hudson
- 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 Tyler and Becky Schroeder (2018)
- 28 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!*

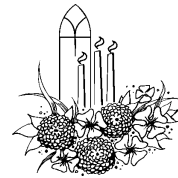
## October UCC Special Offering “Neighbors In Need”

See [ucc.org/nin](http://ucc.org/nin) for more info  
Special offering envelopes are available at  
foyer bulletin board

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## Senior Citizens Dinner Thursday, October 10 11 am

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## With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of David Schmitz. David passed away September 11, 2024 at the age of 88. Funeral services were held September 14 at Zion, with burial at Memorial Park Cemetery. We cherish good memories of David.

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*Congratulations to Ellie Rheinlander and Luke Steinhart, who were married at Zion on September 1, 2024.*

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**Change of Address:** Arlene Hosto  
The Village at Holiday  
1200 W. Buena Vista, Apt 110  
Evansville IN 47710



***“The kingdom of God is among you.” Luke 17. 21***

Our church is used for all sorts of things. There are people who come to our church for lunches that are prepared just for them. There are birthday parties, baby showers, anniversaries, family reunions, thanksgiving dinners, and endless meetings and special group meetings to name just some of the ways our church seeks to meet the needs of others in all sorts of ways. .

During these special and weekly gatherings all sorts of things are learned and discovered. For example, during these gatherings I have learned family stories that I would not have if I hadn't been in attendance. I have discovered nicknames, family connections and generational traditions. I have had the opportunity to be included in these events and as a result my life has been enriched and blessed in countless ways.

Because of YOU, our church changes lives.

And within these meetings and gathering something else always has the potential to happen. A youth gains confidence, a singer recovers joy, a small group provides a place of belonging – all because of you, the members of Zion Church who support the church financially, through gifts of time, and through your unique abilities and talents.

We don't hear these stories enough.

Many times we just hear the descriptions of new programs and requests for assistance, but we don't always hear about results. So do me a favor please... if you hear or see something wonderful like described above... share it on our “God Sightings” board... share it online... share it whenever and wherever you get the change.

Look for the ways in which the world needs a church like ours? Seek those places where you see the congregation changing lives? Think about the ways that worship or music impact your life? When did pastoral care matter in your lives? When have you experienced love in the church in life-changing ways?

All sorts of people need to hear your stories... the world is hungry for such stories.

These stories are sacred and I invite you to share them and post them and seek them. As we move into the 10th month of this year, let's continue to celebrate life, faith, and new experiences together.

May God bless each of you as we journey into October.

*Pastor Jeff*



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 6th** for world communion Sunday.



On **Sunday, October 27th at 4 P.M.** We invite you to be a part of our Annual Trunk-or-Treat experience in the Zion Church parking lot! Please invite friends, neighbors and anyone else that loves to decorate a trunk or feast on a delicious treat to 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! If you would simply like to donate candy to be distributed, please drop it by in the church office at your convenience. This has been such a great event for our church and community. We hope you will come and join us.



*It was beyond kind of you to send the flower arrangement and cross to honor Gaylon. Thank you for thinking of our family. It meant so much to us. We know as a church you have been keeping us in your prayers. Thank you and God Bless You!*

*The family of Gaylon Burbach (Pastor Jeff's step-father)*



## Council Meeting Highlights September 10, 2024

8/31 YTD Regular Offering: \$116,409.16

8/31 YTD General Fund Income: \$128,393.26

8/31 YTD General Fund Expense: \$138383.60

Worship – Starting to think about Hanging of the Greens

Education – Sunday School started for the kids on Sept 8. First Sunday went well. We have a schedule out for teachers and would love to get more teachers added.

Property – Required 12 year check on fire suppression equipment on church kitchen stove was completed by Koorsen.

- automated door pad for north foyer double doors has been repaired.
- TSF has been contacted to pump the 2 church septic tanks
- Shrubs have been removed from New Cemetery in preparation for new fence install.

Recreation – Peppermint Pops Concert is Sunday Dec 8, we will start advertising this event in October.

Youth – they plan to pick the pumpkins by the end of Sept and will start advertising the sale of pumpkins as youth fundraiser.

Solar Project – Slight adjustment price: going from 85 to 88 panels, 3 to 4 inverters and some additional length in boring. Three payments to be made 1) for engineering, permits and materials - 2) mobilization and start installation - 3) commissioning and installation complete.

Motion was made and approved to authorize Carl Barchet and Bob Juncker to sign the contract with Morton Solar as representatives of the church.

Constitution Committee – first meeting scheduled for Sept 17

Next Council Meeting is October 8, 2024 at 6 pm, in person.

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*Reminder we have walkers, wheelchairs, canes and crutches available for anyone to use. You may borrow and keep them for as long as needed – just please use the sign-out sheet found in Zion Property Sign-Out book located in church library in upstairs Sunday School Hall, or contact the church office. Most of the items are now located in room on south side of stage in upstairs Sunday School Hall.*

*We also have extra tables and chairs located in concrete block garage available to borrow – (only use tables and chairs from garage, please do not borrow those from the Sunday School areas). Use the sign-out sheet found in Zion Property Sign-Out book located in the church library, or contact the church office to reserve the tables and chairs.*

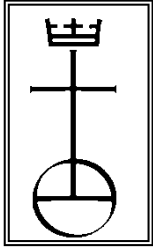
**Mental Health and You...** It seems like so much in life right now is out of our individual control, which naturally worsens symptoms of mental health challenges. Shifting your focus onto what in your own life you can affect can help ease symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression. Here are a few tips for maintaining positive mental health when life feels out of control.

- Focus on your own sense of purpose. Consider all the positives in your life. Consider creating a simple daily ritual: Brew a cup of tea or make some hot chocolate, sit in a favorite chair snuggled in a cozy blanket, and spend some time mindfully writing in a journal, reflecting on why you do what you do every day.
- Carry a focus object that represents this meaning. Select a small object or picture, and carry it with you. When you catch yourself feeling anxious, sad, or caught up in all that is wrong, pull yourself out of it by studying how it looks, what it feels like in your hands, and how it sounds or smells if that's applicable.
- Separate yourself from your anxiety and other negative thoughts and feelings. In acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), this is called defusion.

When you notice that you're caught up in negative thoughts, pause and remind yourself, "I'm having the thought that..." This acknowledges your thoughts in a nonjudgmental way and kindly reminds you that this is a thought rather than an absolute truth.

These tips can't change things that are beyond our control, but they can help you maintain a sense of centeredness for your mental health. Watch this video for more great advice and insights...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Zxqfs2zflg&t=39s>



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## Harvest Home Sundays October 6, 13, 20 & 27

*“Rockin’ God’s Storehouse Food Pantry”*

*We will decorate on Saturday, October 5th  
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 27, 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.*



**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**  
Help make bed frames . . .

**Next Work Day is Sat. October 12th  
8 am – Noon at 1303 S Green River Rd  
- Evansville, IN 47715**

All ages are welcome (children under 12 cannot use power tools but can assist in other ways). Let Pastor Jeff know if you are interested or have any further questions.