

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church May 2024

From Vicar
Patti



It is May, my favorite month. As a child this was the month in which I would receive many joking comments and teasing. My maiden name was Maye.

2024 is going much too fast and we are approaching the end of our 180th year celebration.

Our Awareness Team has put together a Calendar for this year. It is contained in this Messenger. I am so stoked to see so many activities planned. Our church is becoming a beehive of activity! Praise God!

The Sister's Celebration tea on Sunday, April 21st was phenomenal. Carol Christian, Cheryl Greisinger and Robin Kaelin are to be commended. All in attendance had a marvelous time.

I would like to call your attention to the **180th Celebration Spring Concert at 6pm on Sunday, May 19th**. Bill puts together fabulous music, and our choirs are glorious! Each and every member puts heart and soul into the preparation and performance. We need to publicize this event and invite family and friends. I am sure the Holy Spirit will make a special visit that evening. Please mark your personal calendar.

VBS is back! VBS under the direction of Stephen Flannagan will be held on June 17th-19th from 5:30-8:30pm. We will start the evening with dinner then move onto our activities. The Theme is "On Earth, As In Heaven"



There is a sign-up sheet in the Great Hall. We need folks to help with activities or you can coordinate a meal. Come have fun helping us have a great time learning about "The Lord's Prayer".

Thank you all for making Zion such a happy, welcoming church in which our flock can gather, worship and fellowship together.

God's Peace;

Vicar Patti

Zion Lutheran Church

Remainder of 2024 Calendar

MAY

- 19th - Pentecost Sunday
(last Sunday school for Summer)
- 19th - 180th Celebration Spring Concert 6pm – refreshments following
- 21st - Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study 10:30am
- 31st - Synod Assembly

JUNE

- 1st - Synod Assembly
- 15th - Brown Picnic Adult Fellowship 6pm
- 17th-19th - VBS 5:30-8:30 PM
Dinner included
- 18th - Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study 10:30am

JULY

- 16th - Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study 10:30am
- 20th - Adult Fellowship Event

AUGUST

- 3rd - 180th Anniversary Wrap up Picnic
Rentschler Park – Cummings Shelter
Lunch at 1pm
- 17th - Adult Fellowship Event
- 20th - Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study 10:30am

SEPTEMBER

- 8th - Rally Day -Sunday School restarts
- 17th - Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study 10:30am
- 21st - Adult Fellowship Event

OCTOBER

- 13th - Women of Zion Fall Fellowship Meal
Bake and Craft following 10am service
- 15th - Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study 10:30am
- 19th - Oktoberfest Celebration
- 27th - Reformation Sunday



NOVEMBER

- 3rd - All Saints Sunday
- 16th - Adult Fellowship Event
- 19th - Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study 10:30am
- 24th - Christ the King Sunday
- 28th - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 1st - Christmas in the Barn –
Niederman farm 6pm
- 2nd - Women’s Christmas Gathering –
Monday 6pm
- 8th - Advent Evening Concert 6PM
- 17th - Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study 10:30am
- 24th - Christmas Eve Services
7pm Childrens Service
10:30pm Candlelight Service

Congregations grow when members invite their friends to worship and fellowship activities.



May 21, 2024 – 10:30 am

Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study meets each third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 10:30am. All are welcome to join us as each study can be a stand-alone study. We have given ourselves the name " Lydia's Ladies" as Lydia is a woman in the New Testament that made purple cloth and supported Jesus in his work. Come and join us!



Lydia’s Ladies Bible Study



Prayer with Patti

**Thursday, May 2, 2024
11am till noon**

Prayer is our foundation. Would you folks like to come help Patti fortify our foundation?



First Tuesday of each month

May 7, 2024 , 11:45 am

We'll meet on **Tuesday, May 7, 11:45 am** at **Fretboard Brewing & Public House at 103 Main St.** Plan to join us for good food and fellowship. We have a very enjoyable time.



PLEASE STOP IN AND PURCHASE SOME TASTY TREATS

AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES ON:

- Sunday, May 5, 2024
- Sunday, June 2, 2024

LOCATION: Zion Lounge

ALL BAKE SALE PROCEEDS BENEFIT ZION'S SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES



ZION'S 180TH CELEBRATION COOKBOOK

Hot off the Presses! Two years in the making! Finally available for purchase! Only \$20.00 each!

All funds raised after costs will benefit our Social Concerns and Awareness Teams.

There are recipes from all over the world collected and culled by our own Daphne Lee. 70 plus pages of food and more! Get yours in the great hall after worship or by calling the office. Don't miss out.



Our first Vacation Bible School meeting went great! We're excited for "On Earth As In Heaven" to be our message this year. We're looking for some help to make this first year back great! Volunteers are needed to assist with crafts, games, and mealtimes, every night June 17-19th.

We have 2 signup sheets in the Great Hall. One is for anyone wanting to donate a nightly meal to provide for the kids and volunteers, and the other is for volunteers to sign up to assist with games, crafts, and meals. Our next Vacation Bible School meeting is May 14th at 7pm. We're taking donations for rectangular tissues boxes and empty paper towel holders. These can be put on the table in the choir room. Please plan to attend this meeting so we can finalize who will fill the remaining positions so we can make this year exciting and great.



Have you remembered Zion in your will?

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 14, 2024

Gabrielle Beck has completed a two-year program of instruction and publicly affirmed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Gabby received a prayer book (provided by the Women of Zion), a wall cross (provided by Thrivent Financial), and a certificate. The Women of Zion gave a reception in her honor following the service.



Gabrielle Elizabeth Beck was born February 21, 2011 and was baptized at All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio. Gabby has been a member of Zion for about 11 years. She attends Liberty Junior School and enjoys baking, crocheting and dance. She plans to continue to work hard at school while performing in the band and competing with her dance team. Gabby is the daughter of Ernie and Renee Beck and the sister of Shawn Beck. Her grandparents are Karen Beck, Clifford Beck Jr, and Rick & Wanda Schnabel.

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



Zion Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Thursday, May 16, 2024

12:00-6:30 pm

At the Courtyard Marriott

Appointments Encouraged

Donortime.com

Sponsor Code: 171

Blood donation is a community responsibility, and we value your partnership.



Thank you to everyone who has been picking up around the building and cutting the grass. It sure makes things look better. If anyone would like to help keep our surroundings looking good just come and pull a few weeds, pick up some trash, plant some flowers, etc. We appreciate all the help.

My family and I would like to thank everyone for your condolences and prayers for the passing of my mom, Mary Snavley. The service that Vicar Patti and Pastor John led was very lovely and the music from Bill Seale and Dick Ruby was wonderful.

We would like to thank the Women of Zion for the wonderful food and friendship after the service, that means means a lot to my family and me.

Again, thank you so very much!!

Kathy Taulbee





May 2024

Acolytes:

- May 5 – Naomi Sanchez
- May 12 – Usher
- May 19 – Gabby Beck
- May 26 – Usher

Altar Guild: Julia Hilbert

Communion Assistants:

- May 5 – Kathy Chambers
- May 12 – Donna Wolfe
- May 19 – Robin Kaelin
- May 26 – Shari Gerold

Lectors:

- May 5 – Tracy DuBois
- May 12 – Ken Gerold
- May 19 – Lou Robinson
- May 26 – Ruby Beers

Radio Announcers:

- May 5– Ron Alcorn
- May 12 – Heather Flanagan
- May 19– Ken Gerold
- May 26 – Ron Alcorn

Streamers:

- May 5 – Erin Sanchez
- May 12 – Ernie Beck
- May 19 – Nathaniel Kaelin
- May 26 – Erin Sanchez

Ushers:

- May 5 – Mike Engel/Ken Gerold
- May 12 –Nathaniel Kaelin/Joe Copas
- May 19 – Doug & Donna Wolfe
- May 26 – John Ziepfel/Mark Christian

Worship Assistants:

- May 5 – Volunteer Needed
- May 12 – Ken Gerold
- May 19 – Robin Kaelin
- May 26 – Volunteer Needed

Volunteers Appreciated!

If anyone would like to be a part of any of the above teams, we would love to train you to help. Contact:

Altar Guild: Gayle Ford

Communion Assistants/Lectors: Julia Hilbert

Radio: Ron Alcorn

Streamers: Nathaniel Kaelin

Ushers: Ken Gerold



Congregational Unity Prayer

(Adapted from “Come Holy Spirit”)

Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful at Zion. Kindle in us the fire of your love, acceptance and understanding. Send forth Your Spirit, if it be your will, please purge our world of illness. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit, our church leaders may be truly wise, follow Your guidance and ever enjoy Your consolations. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.





Women of Zion, as disciples of Christ, are called to grow in faith, discover and use our gifts, and serve in our communities at home and throughout the world.

Women of Zion

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The Portals of Prayer for April thru June 2024 are available in the Narthex of the church and several large print copies are located by the coffee pot in the lounge. Copies of Portals of Prayer have also been mailed to the shut-ins. A good-will offering is appreciated.

Remember, if you are a women in Zion, you are a Woman of Zion.



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

On Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 pm, we'll meet in Zion's lounge to discuss *The Beekeeper's Daughter* by Santa Montefiore. Plan to join us. We have a good time with good discussions.

Recorded Services on YouTube

In addition to Facebook, videos of Zion's worship services are uploaded to our YouTube channel. An email is sent out when the new videos are posted. If you would like to receive this email notification, please contact the office or email Nathaniel Kaelin at inkaelin@yahoo.com. Services are also broadcast live on WMOH, 1450 on your am dial each week.



Everyone needs prayer. In order to keep our list relevant and up to date, we will be automatically removing names from the list after 30 days. A note or phone call to the office or pastor is all that is needed to continue or add a name.

Please pray for:

- Pat Barnhorst
- Libby Brice
- Maggie Brice
- Brynn
- Minette Bunnell
- Bob Campbell
- Joni Copas
- Joan Cunningham
- Pam Tipton Davis
- Sheryl Engel
- Ralph Estes
- Glen French
- Ed Fredian
- Mike Frye (son)
- Irene Graham
- Greg Gault
- Ron Hill
- Tom Hole
- Ron House
- Patrice Huston
- Wayne Huston
- Shirley Johnson
- Larry Jones
- Rob Keelor
- Gail Konrad
- Patsy Kreitler
- Levi
- Courtney Mckee
- Wanda Melford
- Bob Niederman
- Elmira Peterson
- Jim Piatt
- Karen & Phil Pflaumer
- Cash Ramsey
- Earl Robinson
- Matt Schamp
- Jim Scheibling
- Barbara Shearer
- Sonya Solomon
- Patti Sroufe
- Dennis Steele
- Tonya Tobin
- Donna Wolfe

PRAY MORE
worry less





**Council Minutes
February 15, 2024**

Attending via zoom: Renee Beck, Vicar Patti and Steven Flanagan. **In room:** Missy Beers, Nathaniel Kaelin, Erin Sanchez, Mike Frye, Donna Wolfe.

- **Devotion:** Meeting opened with prayer by Vicar Patti and a devotion from Missy, Proverbs 11:11.
- **Motion** and passed to accept January minutes with updates.
- **Patti learned** that deposits cannot be made by the person writing the checks. Changes made to the deposits policy.
- **Council retreat** is March 9 from 9-1 with PR Connie Mentzer.
- **Check from CMC** for utilities, \$2800 (includes the increase we requested)
- **Financials: Fund activity report**, Peggy Thomin expenses 40k came in and went back out. Represents anonymous donation for new piano.
- **Motion** (Missy) and passed to allocate debt reduction up to 11k from fund.
- **President’s Report (Missy):** Notices placed on cars in parking lot. Email from Encore requesting use of space with board members to supervise, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 6:30 to 9:30. Patti and Missy will go over particulars with members of Encore. Possible donation ask.
- **Vice-President’s Report (Nathaniel):** Property team met. All the exterior work needed done was discussed, possible consultant work. Replacing boiler must be prioritized.
- **Social Concerns:** Bud is still working on all of his SC projects. Jason Higgins could possibly join as SC chair.
- **Group Ministry (Renee) Band of Brothers** finishing up the chapel. **Youth** volunteering at Matthew 25 March 23. **Adult fellowship** at Gerolds February 17.
- **Christian Education (Erin):** Girls lock in for March. Clarification of roles. VBS plans moving forward.
- **Property Management (Mike):** Scoffield will replace the window upstairs. Chapel completed. Recarpeting will cost, approx. \$3,600. Combination of donation and council contribution. Several lights out in sanctuary.
- **Secretary (Erin):** Thank you from Open Door Pantry for 2k in 2023.
- **New Business:** Reassess lot maintenance for winter weather.
- **Motion** and passed to adjourn.

**Monthly Statistics
Financial Stewardship**

January 2024 Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses
2023	\$16,168	\$14,961
2024	\$19,028	\$17,214
	Balance	\$-14,981

**Council Minutes
March 21, 2024**

- **Devotion:** Meeting opened with prayer by Vicar Patti and a devotion by Erin about looking for miracles.
- **Vicar Patti:** James Truett at Berkley would like his membership reinstated. Noon Lenten services have been averaging 9 for attendance.
- **Motion** (M Beers/M Frye) and passed to accept membership update.
- **Financials (Donna):** Let Julia know if you need to check what account something needs to come from.
- **President’s Report (Missy):** Plans still working to update parking with the postal workers. Baby grand for choir room will move in in the upcoming weeks. Working on clarification for the music dept, versus the Thomin fund. At worship and music, a piano humidifier was asked for, as well as a piano dolly. Motion to cover cost of humidifier, discussion as to which budget the funds will come from. Nate suggested it makes more sense to not make an announcement, but simply pay for it and focus stewardship efforts on property priorities. Missy will be meeting with insurance agent on Friday 03/22/24 to talk about the steeple.
- **Vice-President’s Report (Nathaniel):** Property prioritization still gathering info. Queen City High Railers, train display group, needs a space for storage. Terms being negotiated.
- **Group Ministry (Renee) Adult fellowship** Pizza Challenge on April 20. May needs a host. **Band of Brothers** Easter breakfast.
- **Christian Education (Erin):** VBS June 17-19 meal provided, volunteers needed, On Earth As It Is In Heaven. Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. VBS won’t be promoted outside of the church but participants may invite their friends.
- **Property Management (Mike):** The ladder that was crafted was not OSHA approved. Steeple and exterior are top priority, Need to increase curb appeal on outside. **Motion** and passed to adjourn.

**Monthly Statistics
Financial Stewardship**

February 2024 Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses
2023	\$14,756	\$19,155
2024	\$23,305	\$19,964
	Balance	\$4,009

CELEBRATION CONCERT

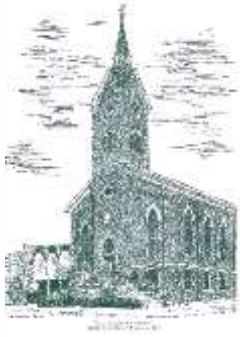
Presenting Sacred Music for Choir, Bells,
Piano, Organ & Solo Voice - Celebrating the
180 th Anniversary of Zion Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Free - Will Offering

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hamilton, Ohio
180th Celebration Concert
Sunday, May 19, 2024 6:00 p.m.

212 S. Front St., Hamilton, Ohio 45011

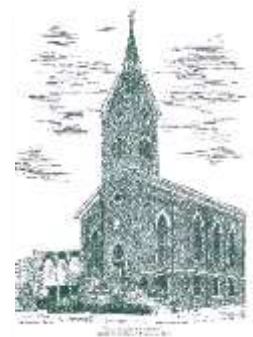
Reception following



Zion History Lesson THROUGH OUR 180 YEARS

In looking at our past we are sometimes reminded of
how similar and different our lives are.

This month we are revisiting 1961.



ASK THE LADIES AID

If you set yourself athinkin'
‘Bout the doin’s of the church
and the problems of the
Preacher and his missus –
You will probably agree
that the statement often made
When there’s something that is needed
Is - “We’ll ask the Ladies Aid”.

When the stormy wind came whistlin’
Blew the shingles through the air
and the rain came in apourin’
and the Preacher said a prayer
Then the deacons called a meetin’
Said the bills just must be paid
then the Preacher and his Missus
Said, “We’ll ask the Ladies Aid”.

Then there was that fash’nable weddin’
Bride and groom were so refined
And the Preacher and his Missus
Wished for everything in kind.
as they talked the matter over
Missus said, “Your robe’s so frayed”
But the Preacher said, “Don’t worry, dear”
“I’ll ask the Ladies Aid.”

‘Bout the hole in the red carpet
Front of the Preacher’s favorite chair
Where he pondered on his sermons
and bowed his head in prayer.
Preacher’s Missus, full of mischief,
With some chalk she drew a face
Where the Preacher man would see it
on the floor in the holey place;
Then he put his arm around her
and this promise then he made
as he said, “don’t fret, my darling,
I’ll ask the Ladies Aid.”

In your church, when there’s a problem-
and the funds just seem to fade
It’s no worry, this will solve it
Just ask the ladies aid.

Written by Betty Proeschel
100th Anniversary Celebration
Zion Church Ladies Society
April 6, 1961

Summer in Solidarity

On Sunday, April 28th, Badin students who are participating in Summer in Solidarity service trips this coming June and July participated in a walk, “Strides for Solidarity” in order to fundraise for the trips. We walked by 30 nonprofits in Hamilton (including yours!) in order to learn more about the work that is happening here to support those in need. This summer, we will head to North Carolina, New Jersey, Tennessee, Alabama, and Ecuador, and we will work to be in solidarity with those we serve.

Today, we walk in solidarity with you and those you serve.

Know that we have talked about your mission today and we will carry your story with us. Thank you for all that you offer our community. We are so grateful for you.

Sincerely, *Megan Halverson* & the 65 students traveling to serve this summer

LIST OF LADIES AID MEMBERS IN 1961

Mrs. John Allstatter	Mrs. Hazel Edson	Mrs. Mark Krinn- unable	Mrs. Nelson Schultheiss
Mrs Henry Allstatter	Mrs. Carl Engel	Mrs. Edith Langerbucker	Mrs. Basil Siple
Mrs. Mary Altman	Mrs. Ralph Engel	Mrs. Anna Leyer	Mrs. Leo Siple
Mrs. Nils Anderson	Mrs. Nellie Erb	Mrs. Clara Lowes	Mrs. Luther Snavely
Mrs. Robert Anderson - inactive	Mrs. Martin Fillmore	Mrs. Clark Lloyd	Mrs. Frank Strauss
Mrs. Catherine Anstedt	Mrs. William Fischer	Mrs. Louis Lintner	Mrs. Harry Schumacker
Mrs. Rosa Bauman – inactive	Mrs. Ellen Fortner -inactive	Mrs. Roy Mc Nabb	Mrs. Katherine Schalk
Mrs. Clyde Bartel	Mrs. Gladys Ganter	Mrs. William Molter	Mrs. Louise Schalk
Mrs. Russel Bauer	Mrs. William Glauch	Mrs. Helen Mueller	Mrs. Clarence Theiss
Mrs. Stanley Bauer	Mrs. Clyde Grevey	Mrs. Harvey Morrison	Mrs. Earnest Tullis- inactive
Mrs. Clifford Benzing	Mrs. Augusta Haacke - unable	Mrs. Mary Niederman	Mrs. Anna Urmston
Mrs. Barbara Bergmann	Mrs. Elizabeth Hack - unable	Mrs. Orvill Nuxhall	Mrs. Robert Uhl
Mrs. J. Robt. Beyer	Mrs. Cecil Hagan	Mrs. William Ott	Mrs. Charles Wagner
Mrs. Alford Boerger	Mrs. Iona Herold	Mrs. John Popp	Mrs. Mary Wanee
Mrs. Ralph Brate	Miss Elizabeth Herold	Mrs. Elmer Proeschel	Mrs. William Weinman
Mrs. Paul Brown	Mrs. Lena Hintermeister	Mrs. William Reichel	Miss Martha Witte
Mrs. John Bunger	Mrs. Lena Held -inactive	Mrs. Anna Reist	Mrs. Andrew Wirtz
Mrs. Otto Block	Mrs. Ray Hutzelman	Mrs. Margaret Rish	Mrs. Clifford Wolfe
Mrs. Harry Brinkman	Mrs. Richard Illner	Mrs. Paul Rogers	Miss Alma Wolf
Mrs. Walter Coggleshall	Mrs. Stephen Jacqueman	Mrs. Mary Richeson	Mrs. Erma Woodrey
Mrs. Earnest Clark	Mrs. Jesse James	Mrs. Adolph Scheerle	Mrs. William Zellner- unable
Mrs. Felix Cohn	Mrs. John Kaefer	Mrs. Walter Scheley	Mrs. Scott Zoller
Mrs. Louis Corbin	Mrs. Catherine Kaefer	Mrs. Robert Schlosser	Mrs. Adaline Zoller
Mrs. James Cox	Mrs. Paul Kampfe	Mrs. Albert Schubert	
Mrs. Charles Damn -unable	Mrs. Alma Keppler	Mrs. Carl Schul	
Mrs. Hilda Duemer	Mrs. Gilford King	Mrs. Andrew Schul	
Mrs. Louis Duemer	Mrs. Herman Klemme	Mrs. Martin Schul	

RECOGNIZE ANY NAMES?



Zion Adult Fellowship May 2024



And just like that it's May.
Trees have come back to life, flowers are blooming, and summer sports have begun.

In April we enjoyed the Great Pizza Challenge.
We had 2 who tied for 2nd and 3rd place:
Daphe Lee (All 8 Up) and
Eric Frye (Raymonds Pizza)
First place winners were:
Edith Stewart and Hank Gobel (Jets Pizza).

Thank you to everyone who participated and made it a fun night.

Just know there are more fun activities to come. Stay tuned and watch your announcements and Facebook event. And if you might be interested in hosting November is still available. Feel free to contact me if you are interested.

If you're new to Zion, Adult Fellowship is a great way to meet new people. It does a variety of activities with different hosts each month (*typically* on the 3rd Saturday of the month) to bring different spins on socializing with your church family.

May 18th – There will be no activity.



June -Picnic at Maple Grove

Hosts: Richard and Nedda Brown and Leanne and Bennie Bowling
Further details to come.
Please check your weekly announcements and Facebook.

July 20th – Kayaking with dinner to follow

Hosts: Lisa and Evan Loli
Further details to come.
Please check your weekly announcements and Facebook.



Just what is Adult Fellowship?

When someone joins a new church, it can be very difficult to connect in an hour or two on Sunday morning. Activities beyond the structure of a church service can lead to a level of comfort and make our church more like a home and family. This has been the experience we've enjoyed over the years in this outreach fellowship ministry. Zion's Adult Fellowship is a unique and rewarding way to get to know and bond with other adult members of our Zion family and a terrific venue for introducing friends and family to Zion.

If you haven't joined us for an activity, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US we'd love to have you!

If you have questions feel free to contact us: Kathy Frye PH: 868-7179 email: pilgrimspride1@live.com or contact Julia in the office for information.



Spring Garden Word Scramble

Race to see how quickly you can unscramble the following mixed-up, gardening-themed words?

1. Flodfaid _____
2. Rolfew Top _____
3. Gelsnide _____
4. Stufreblite _____
5. Depas _____
6. Slitup _____
7. Grinetaw Nac _____
8. Orwk Slegov _____
9. Stablegeve _____
10. Druibshoe _____
11. Snubine _____
12. Morewraths _____
13. Ziterrlife _____
14. Shindbrimmug _____
15. Salezaa _____
16. Dahn Stool _____
17. Bludgay _____
18. Brelowerhaw _____
19. Chuml _____
20. Lapsgin _____