



Zion Lutheran Church

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Loving our Neighbor in Worship

We are a congregation not unlike others in that while we are people of God and make up the body of Christ in this age, we are also a collection of people united and divided by opinions. We have opinions about worship, opinions about Bible Study, opinions about the color of the sanctuary carpeting, about screens in the sanctuary, etc. So, it comes as no surprise that we also have various and strong opinions regarding all things related to Covid-19, including the wearing of masks.

With the Governor's order requiring masks to be worn whenever we are out of our homes traveling, inside a place not our residence, and outside if we cannot safely social distance, we are affected as we gather together for worship and bible study and Sunday school at Zion.

We have posted on our entry doors and in some places in our facility that the Governor is requiring masks to be worn, and we are recommending all who enter our facilities to do so. We are, as Luther pointed out, to respect and honor are civil leaders who derive their authority by God's grace to shepherd us.

Additionally, we encourage the wearing of masks as a sign of love for our neighbor. While we may be in excellent health, we don't know the health of our neighbors and risks we impose on them by not wearing a mask in proximity to them. So, the wearing of a mask is a sign of love and concern for them.

We also know that there are some people who have medical or other valid reasons for not wearing a mask and we are going to assume that if you are not wearing a mask you have such a reason. Luther reminds us to always place the best construction on someone's words or actions, so we will.

Let us all come together, united in prayer, that the need for masks would become unnecessary because the Lord heals us from this Covid-19 virus and removes it from the earth. Let us pray for the Lord to heal our local and national divisions and for all violence and illness to stop.

For your convenience we continue to record and post our worship services on YouTube and Facebook, in case you can't make it to worship on Sunday morning at 8am or 10:30am, or the following Wednesday night at 6:30pm. They can also be emailed to you if you let the office know you need it emailed to you.

May God bless you and keep you safe and well in these trying times.

Pastor Bill

August

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members of Zion Lutheran Church.

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| 1–Andrew Robinson | 17–Suzanne Ankerman, John Yahl |
| 2–Aaron Homan, Larry Homan, Walker Spector | 18–Victoria Hardeman, Nathan Homan |
| 3– Heather Brown, Darrel Storer | 20–Robert Sudman |
| 4–Theodore Henry II, Fred Weddington | 22–Angie Ahlers, Jaden Gibson |
| 5–David Mc Dermitt, J. Martin Miller, Mark Torsell | 23–Krista Clausing, Jane Schmeising |
| 6–Richard Hecht, Ralph Peyton | 24–Jodi Epperson, Vicki Homan |
| 7–Linda Priddy | 25–Doris Cook, Lucas Hobler |
| 8–Grady Hughes | 26–Sandra Brown, Stanley Brown, Chad Reiher |
| 10–Matthew Hoenie | 27–Deanna Gibson, Kaj Miller |
| 11–Olivia Ahlers, Harley Mertz | 28–Jacob Ackroyd, Allan Broyles Jr., Everett Cernan,
Tannar Rutschilling, Jennifer Moyar |
| 13–Alan Hague, Lauren Wobler | 29–Linda Suchland |
| 14–Mytchell Hollenbacher, Brian Morris, Cheryl
Macklem | 30–Lori Johnson |
| 15–Thomas Bergman, Myra Clark | 31–Jo Ann Hoenie, Janet Yahl, Eric Morris, Eliza Yahl |
| 16–Jocelyn Opperman, Emily Tangeman, William
Willmann, Jr. | |

If your name was omitted or a correction needs to be made in this list of birthdays, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

News for the Women of Zion

ZW of the NALC Workdays are taking place on Thursdays at 9 AM. Check the bulletin for exact Thursdays! We are tying knots on quilts and putting together kits for missions.

Fellowship Bible Study will start again on Monday, September 14, at 7 p.m. A Bible Study on James will start again on the second Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m. and the second Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.

We will be having election of officers after services on Wednesday, September 9, and Sunday, September 13. The ballot will include those running for Chair and Secretary.

- Chair - Jane Hiles and Nora Staunton
 - Secretary - Deb Brown and Sandy Wierwille
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Memorials & Honorariums

Gifts were given to Pre-Born in memory of Mary Hinschlager by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Knippen, Mrs. Joan Luginbuhl, the Birtch Family and Spencerville Nazarene Church.

Gifts were given in honor of Vic Von Blon's 85th birthday to the Organ Fund by Ed & Linda Yahl, Kraig & Miriam Johns.

Gifts were given in honor of Ed & Linda Yahl's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Kraig & Miriam Johns, Joyce Finke, John & Sue Vogel, Becky Harvey and Jack & Jo Rouhier. These gifts were for the Roof Fund, Organ Fund and Water Mission.



Thank You Notes . . .

- from Oesterlen: "Thank you so very much for your support of Oesterlen! Blessings, Don Warner (\$51)
 - from Water Mission: "Your gift to Water Mission is making a significant difference in the lives of people who lack access to safe water. Together, we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve those in need." George C. Greene IV, PE (\$738.73)
 - The family of Paula Ankerman would like to thank everyone for the expression of Christian sympathy on the passing of her father, Jon Johnson. The cards, calls, thoughts and prayers were all deeply appreciated.
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Bible Study Starting in September

- Wednesday Evening - September 9th, 7 p.m.
- Thursday Afternoon - September 10th, 2 p.m.

The first 3 months we will finish the book of James. The last 6 months we will study the Apostles' Creed.

If you need either study book, James or Apostles' Creed please contact the church office or Becky Harvey, 419-305-7909, by Monday, August 24th.

Again, if you have any questions concerning this Bible Study, contact Becky Harvey, 419-305-7909.

Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for **YEAR-TO-DATE**, July 2020.

- 1/1/2020 Beginning Balance - \$5,483.62
 - July YTD Income - 174,602.28
 - July YTD Expenses - (-110,859.58)
 - Payroll WH/Benevolence - (-2,696.43)
 - July Ending Bank Balance - \$66,529.89*
 - Roof Principal Balance YTD - \$127,491.67
 - (Includes PPP Money - \$45,000.00*)
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Anyone can be a sure shot if he shoots first and draws the circles afterward.



Special Music

Can you plan an organ, flute, etc. or sign a solo? You can volunteer to play or sing special music during the service by calling Merilee at 419-953-9046.

Flood Buckets

NALC Disaster Response: The Men in Mission of Zion are collecting supplies for flood buckets.—this is an ongoing project. They are planning ahead, before a disaster happens. The supplies for flood buckets are as follows:

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 2 large trash bags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- PineSol or liquid floor cleaner
- Bleach
- Scrub Brush
- N-95 dust mask
- rubber gloves



Donations can be placed by the phone by the elevator. You may donate one or more items or assemble a bucket yourself.

Items Being Collected for NALC Disaster Relief and LWR - Collected throughout year

This list has been updated in July and below is the latest needs list for the Women of Zion.

- *One Bath towel (approximately 52" x 27" and 20" x 40" for LWR), or any other size, dark colors recommended
- *Two bars of soap, equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapper
- *One adult size toothbrush in original package
- *One large comb, available at Schwieterman's in St. Marys
- *Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies)
- *Two long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)
- *Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 36" or 52" square
- *Four cloth diapers, **flat fold** preferred
- *One jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby
- *Two pairs socks
- *One hand towel, any color for NALC, dark recommended for LWR
- *Four notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper, 8"x10 1/2" size
- *One pencil sharpener

*One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

*Five to six unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

*One eraser, 2 ½" for LWR, any size for NALC

The Zion Women Mission Action Committee encourages you to donate any one or more of the items listed above. You may bring your items to the church during the week or with you to worship and place the items in one of the boxes located by the elevator. If you are unable to bring the items listed above but wish to give a donation toward the purchase of these items, please earmark and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer List

We invite you to include the names below in your prayers. They are family and friends of our membership.

- Larry Wilkins
 - Janet Dicke
 - Tanner Fortman
 - Judy Von Blon
 - Marvin Opperman
 - Juli Clark
 - Brent Paulus
 - JoAnn Cooper
 - Becky Olberding
 - Adam Poe
 - Judy Howell
 - Terry Teeters
 - Debbie Fishbaugh
 - Rob Poe
 - Bob Lutz
 - Kevin Schipman
 - Sandi Deerhake
 - Lisa Sergent Tackett
 - Connie Claybaker
 - Gary Katterheinrich
 - All those living with or around the
Coronavirus
 - John Hesse
 - Family of Bernice Bea Axe
 - Nancy Bruns
 - Jacobs-Harding family
 - The Family of Lori Storer
 - Sean Lawler
 - Andrew Johnson
 - Michael Carroll
 - Nathan Adams
 - Eli Handy
 - Brad Platt
 - Jacob Yahl
 - Daniel C. Lukac, IV
 - Jason Gross
 - Kyle Schmehl
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Membership Address Changes

MR MARC R YAHL
7206 JARDINIÈRE CT
CHARLOTTE NC 28226-2655

September Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for our September newsletter is **Monday, August 17**. Please submit all articles to the church office by 3:30 p.m. Here are the various ways to submit your articles to us:

- Fax: 419-394-1239
- Bring it to the church office by the deadline.
- Write us a note on the "I Worshiped Today"
- Leave a message on our answering machine: 419-394-3115 after 4:30 p.m.
- Send your article by e-mail: kbishir@hotmail.com

Tentative August Calendar 2020

Activities may change following our August Congregation Council meeting (8/4/).

S/1	9:00 a.m.	Men In Mission	M/17	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
S/2	8 & 10:30	Traditional Worship Service	T/18	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	W/19	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
M/3	5:30 p.m.	Elder's Meeting		12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Info. Deadline
T/4	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting		6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship*
	6:30 p.m.	Trustee Meeting		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Congregation Council Mtg.			
W/5	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	T/20	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Info. Deadline	S/23	8 & 10:30	Traditional Worship Services
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship*		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
T/6	9:00 a.m.	Workday	T/25	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
S/9	8 & 10:30	Traditional Worship Services	W/26	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Info. Deadline
T/11	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting		6:30 p.m.	Worship*
W/12	9:30 a.m.	Women's Council Meeting		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation Mtg.
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting			
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Info. Deadline	T/27	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship	S/30	8 & 10:30	Traditional Worship Service*
T/13	9:00 a.m.	Workday		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
S/16	8 & 10:30	Traditional Worship Services*	M/31	5:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			<i>*Holy Communion</i>
	2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Makeup Day			

August Loose Offering

Our loose offerings each Sunday and Wednesday for the month of **August** are earmarked to support the mission of Filling Home of Mercy, in Napoleon, Ohio.



As a general rule, all the little troubles get together and cause a big trouble.

2020 Flower Chart

The 2020 Flower Chart is available on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and contact the church office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Altar flowers left after the weekly 10:30 a.m. worship service and will remain on the altar until Wednesday; unless they are picked up by the person who placed them there. If they haven't been picked up by Wednesday by 12 noon, they will be removed. Upcoming dates still available:

- October 11 & 18
 - November 1 & 22
 - December 6 & 13
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Confirmation Makeup Day

To complete the Confirmation instruction that was interrupted by COVID-19, we have scheduled a makeup session for Sunday, August 16, from 2-6 p.m. Pizza and pop will be provided.

Confirmation Begins

If your son or daughter is entering the 7th grade or their second year of confirmation, there will be a meeting for all parents and students both returning and new to or interested in confirmation. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of Zion Lutheran Church, at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, August 19.

Call the church office if you 1) have a student who will be attending confirmation but you are unable to attend this informational meeting or 2) our records are incorrect and we have your child in the wrong grade!

We look forward to seeing you.

Annual Women's Gathering Available Online

Registration is now available online for the Annual Women's Gathering at WNALC.org. Scroll to bottom. Also, you will be able to download your packet of materials from this same site.



Memory Verse

Matthew 14:18 - And he said, "Bring them here to me."

The greatest evidence of greatness is to believe what we cannot understand.

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ORGANIZATION:

- President* Stan Brown, 419-394-2467
- Vice-President* Ryan Yahl
- Secretary* Lisa Hollenbacher
- Assistant Secretary* To Be Announced
- Treasurer* Pete Ackroyd
- Assistant Treasurer* Marion Slater

COUNCIL AT LARGE: Cheryl Macklem, Lisa Hollenbacher, Marion Slater, Darl Bishir, Pete Ackroyd and Ryan Yahl

BOARD OF DEACONS: Keith Fledderjohann, Sandy Wierwille, Kermit Hecht, Steve McAfee, Judy Schultz,
..... Jeanne Wurster, Rhonda Weaver, Doug Stetler and Connie Torsell

BOARD ELDERS: Kathy Lampert, Chris White & Vic Von Blon

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BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION: Kathy Miller, Mary Merricle, Leslie Wobler, & Emily Meinerding

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION DIRECTOR: Mindy Thiebeau

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Liz Ackroyd

MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND: Doris Cook, John Lampert, Marion Slater, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer

**Chairperson*