

# Zion Lutheran Church

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As We Head Into November Under Covid, We Still Have Plenty to be Thankful to Our Lord For

For most of this year we have been under the stigma, and the restrictions, and the threat of a coronavirus known as Covid-19. It has severely impacted our everyday life no matter who you are in this world. It is an international virus that has created a 'pandemic' in the world. It has created fear all over the world, shut down businesses, closed church services, affected schools, caused people to be quarantined for up to two weeks at a time, altered our appearance by adding a mask to everyday fashion, and it has separated families from visiting loved ones in Nursing Homes and Hospitals, to name just a few ways this pandemic has reshaped our lives. We have travel restrictions, contact restrictions, and there has been so much change in the advice given by the presumed experts that many have lost trust in what comes out of the mouths of the so called experts and of our local, state and national leaders.

I asked those who attended the first Crossroads Sunday School Class since last March how they felt about this virus, and they all seemed to indicate they were "over it" or "done with it" or simply "tired of it." I've talk to others who spoke of suffering from a bit of depression because they can't do what they would like, or visit and hug loved ones, and several other things is virus is preventing.

And some have had loved ones die during this time, with all kinds of restrictions imposed on funerals because of the virus. Likewise, with weddings. Many feel like they didn't get the time they had hoped for with their loved one prior to their death. Funerals have been graveside services, and some have restricted the service to family only.

And certainly, this has been a difficult time for us all in some way or another, and for some it's been worse. Suicides increased. It seems a blanket of stress has covered us and many people seem to be on the edge of their emotions. And of course, we have our political elections for President and Vice-President, and the great divide that the Social Media has caused in this nation, and the unrest and violence they seem to foster with selected censoring and algorithms that show us the worst of the opposing views of each side, in order to illicit a particular point of view or agenda item, that ultimately is designed to promote marketing and sales on those sites.

I don't know what will happen with this Presidential Election, or in the aftermath of it when the results are finally decided; but what I do know is that God is still in control and Christ Jesus is still Lord of all. He is Lord of even those who don't believe in him, even of those who are not Christian. Yes, Jesus is still Lord, and he is the one I have put my trust in during this pandemic, not our politicians. My prayer is for the Lord God to place in authority those who will do his will in public office. The ones who will promote, and not limit, the mission of Christ's Church in the mission of baptizing and of spreading the gospel in this nation, and beyond.

I ask you to pray for this nation this first week of November, and to hold it in prayer even weeks after the election. I ask you to pray for its healing, and for a way this great divide in our nation might be able to come back together. I ask that you pray for this nation's witness to the world of the Judeo-Christian values we have held for over 244 years, and for our Nations continued trust in God.

May the Lord continue to bless this nation and our congregation as we seek to serve him. Amen.

*Pastor Bill*



## Zion Women

Thanks to Sheila Westrich for taking our NALC Disaster Response kits and quilts to the drop off area.

Thanks to Ruth and Dwayne Hoenie for taking the LWR kits and quilts to the Drop off area in Ft. Wayne.

Check out the article in this newsletter that gives the amounts of kits for each designation!

Thanks to all who have helped by giving cash to help pay for items, by giving items for the kits, by putting together quilts, by knotting quilts, by packing quilts and kits, and by carrying boxes to first floor level! We can't do what we do without you!

Thankful offering Wednesday/Sunday is scheduled for November 18/22. Bring in your Thankful offering offering to one of those worship services. Keep your container to use next year. You can bring your offering in an envelope or drop your offering in the provided basket collectively. Our Thankful offering is money we collect over the year for things we are thankful. The offering is given to Crime Victims Services in Lima and is used locally in several county area.

Our council would like to thank Virginia Loyer for her loyalty and leadership while she was active with LWR missions, putting together quilts and sewing on the binding, planning and leading many women's programs, and the many years working on the women's council.

Members in our women's council are extremely saddened to announce the cancellation of the Advent Breakfast.

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## Memorials

- Gifts were given in memory of Harold Knatz by Victor Von Blon, Steve & Georgeann Stienecker, David & Debra Lauth, Robert & Sue Ellen Harman, William & Jane Nuss and Kraig & Miriam Johns.
- Gifts were given in memory of Phyllis Lutterbeck by Dan & Cheryl Macklem, Kraig & Miriam Johns, and the VFW Post 9289.
- Gifts were given in honor of Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Steve & Dora McAfee and Ed & Linda Yahl.
- A gift was given in honor of Ed & Linda Yahl's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Steve & Dora McAfee.
- Gifts were given in memory of Jack Rouhier by Kraig & Miriam Johns, Harold & Betty Hussey, Don & Bev Applegate and Sheila Westrick.



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Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 1**. Please set your clocks *back* one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

## Items Being Collected for NALC Disaster Relief and LWR

Collected throughout year

This list has been updated in October and below is the latest needs list for the Women of Zion. The 2020 kits are completed, and we have started the 2021 kits.

- \*One Bath towel, approximately 52" x 27" and 20" x 40" for LWR, or any other size, dark colors
- \*Two bars of soap, 4 oz any brand
- \*One adult size toothbrush in original package
- \*One tube of toothpaste
- \*One dental floss
- \*One deodorant, any kind or size
- \*2 Gallon Ziplock bags
- \*One wash cloth
- \*One Comb
- \*One Nail Clipper
- \*Four notebooks of wide or college ruled paper
- \*One ruler with centimeters and inches
- \*One pencil sharpener
- \*One blunt scissors
- \*#2 pencils with erasers
- \*Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- \*One eraser, 2 ½" for LWR, any size for NALC
- \*One box 16 or 24 crayons
- \*One calculator for high school (for NALC)
- \*One backpack or duffle bag
- \*Four pocket folders
- \*Four mechanical pencils

Other items the women are collecting are:

- \*Spools of Thread
- \*Crochet Thread
- \*Sheets-any color or flannel
- \*Material-any kind

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.



### Thank You Notes . . .

- from Jake Sharp: Thank you very much for your kind donations toward my Eagle Scout project (Altar Furniture). This will be a huge milestone for me, and I appreciate the support to help me get there.
- from Jerry Greber: I want to thank you for all the nice cards you send me. They are always so pretty and what you write is so nice. I always appreciate getting them.
- from Ruth Warner: Thank you all for the cards. They gave me a lift in my "social distancing."
- from Kay Lauth to the Women of Zion for the food following her father's funeral.
- from the Filling Homes Foundation for our recent gift.
- Patrick Dittrick who is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, Texas and whose husband in the Texas Region NALC Disaster Response Warehouse. She was sorting items and found our church tag. She wanted to personally thank us for your generosity in sending items. They have been shipping out items as

soon as they come in. "Most people have lost so much and the gift of a quilt, flood bucket, baby and school supplies, Bibles and more is very much appreciated."



## November 2020

S/1	8:00 a.m.	All Saints Worship Service*	2:00 p.m.	James Bible Study	
	9:15 a.m.	Congregational Meeting	S/14	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	All Saints Worship Service*	S/15	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.*
	11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
M/2	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting		9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360		10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.*
	7:00 p.m.	Sola Bible Study		7:00 p.m.	Men's Workshop
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group	M/16	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
T/3	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting		5:30 p.m.	OCC Drop-off
	6:30 p.m.	Trustee Meeting		7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting		7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
W/4	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	T/17	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Info. Deadline		9:00 a.m.	OCC Drop-off
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Worship*		7:30 p.m.	Youth Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation	W/18	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
T/5	9:00 a.m.	Workday		12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Info. Deadline
S/8	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.		5:30 p.m.	OCC Drop-off
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Worship*/ Women's Thankful Offering
	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads			
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Test
M/19	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360	T/19	9:00 a.m.	OCC Drop-off
	7:00 p.m.	Sola Bible Study		9:00 a.m.	Women's Workday
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship	F/20	5:30 p.m.	OCC Drop-off
T/10	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting	S/21	9:00 a.m.	OCC Drop-off
	6:45 p.m.	Trust Fund Meeting	S/22	8:00 a.m.	Trad. Christ the King Sunday Worship Service*/Women's Thankful Offering
W/11		Veteran's Day/Office Closed			
	9:30 a.m.	Women of NALC Board Mtg.			
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Info. Deadline		9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Worship		10:30 a.m.	Trad. Christ the King Sunday Worship Service*/Women's Thankful Offering
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class			
	7:00 p.m.	James Bible Study			
T/12	9:00 a.m.	Workday		12 Noon	OCC Drop-off

	7:00 p.m.	The Underground	T/26		Thanksgiving/Office Closed
M/23	8:00 a.m.	OCC Drop-off	F/27		Office Closed
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Honor Court	S/29	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.
T/24	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
W/25	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting		9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Info. Deadline		10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Mtg.	M/30	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service*			



### November Loose Plate Offering

Our loose offerings each Wednesday and Sunday for the month of November are earmarked to support Wernle Children's Home.

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### Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 1

Our Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 1, at 9:15 a.m. (between services) in the sanctuary (with social distancing for seating.) No meal will be served. A quorum of 50 people is required for our meeting to be held. Please plan to attend.

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### Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11

The church office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 11**, in observance of Veterans Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, November 12, 8:30–12 and 12:30–4:30 p.m.

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### Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 26**, and **Friday, November 27** in observance of Thanksgiving.

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*"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."* —St. Therese of Lisieux

### Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for our December Newsletter is Monday, November 16. 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](mailto:kbishir@hotmail.com)
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## November Birthdays

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members of Zion Lutheran Church. We invite you to pray for the following people on their special day.

01–Paula Ankerman, Samantha Davenport, Dorothy Kiel, Heidi Yahl  
02–Bobby Huttis, Maria McDermitt, Kelsey Rohrbach  
03–Ethan Rose  
04–Melinda Hoenie  
05–Austin Quellhorst, Sophia Sacher, Betty Vogel  
07–Dakota Block, Matthew Fledderjohann, Kourtney Wingett  
08–Nancy Reier, Veronica Mertz  
09–Karen Paul, Tyler Rose, Tammy Danner  
10–Jordan Freewalt  
11–Megan Miller, Martha Stetler  
12–Merrilee Kleinhenz, Derek Vogel, John Hiles  
14–Katelyn Freewalt, Rachel Austin, J. D. Clark

16–Mary Miller  
17–Janice Sudman  
18–David Vogel  
19–Virginia Surma  
20–Paige Keysor, David Lutz  
22–Grant Broyles, Mitchell Miracle, Kendra Elshoff  
24–Tiffany Cernan, Rhett Chisholm, Ruth Ann McGlothen  
25–Megan Stevens, Clara Poe, Dylan Smith  
26–Matthew Suchland  
27–Cameron Now  
30–Andrew O’Bryan. William Ross

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

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## Address Changes

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303 FOREST BAY CT  
BELMONT, NC 28012-7633

DELPHOS, OH 45833-9782

JOYCE ROSS

328 HICKORY ST

SAINT MARYS, OH 45885-1633

MISS DONNA DECKER  
3590 GRUBB RD N

MISS CARLA SPRAGUE  
HERITAGE MANOR  
24 N HAMILTON ST  
MINSTER OH 45865

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## WCSM radio 96.7 FM

Listen to our 8 a.m. worship service each Sunday, which is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler dealership, in St. Marys, Ohio. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.



## All-Saints Sunday

**S**unday, November 1, we will celebrate All-Saints Sunday. During our worship services (8 & 10:30) we remember the saints who have passed away from our church family in the past year. Please pray for their family and friends as they grieve the loss of their loved ones and celebrate their life. They are:

- Richard E. Burd
  - Terry Dean Finke
  - William Edward Hanlon
  - Michael E. Harvey
  - Mary K. Hinschlager
  - Harold Otto Knatz
  - Phyllis Jean Lutterbeck
  - Marvin William Opperman
  - Jack Marvin Rouhier
  - William Raymond Sholler
  - Sandi Shoup
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## Prayer List

**We invite you** to include the following people in your daily prayers, they are family and friends of our members: Janet Dicke, Tanner Fortman, Judy Von Blon, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Jo Ann Cooper, Adam Poe, Judy Howell, Debbie Fishbaugh, Carol Singleton, Don Deitsch, Carla Sprague, Sandi Deerhake, Kim Peyton Reyes, Pastor Tim Smith, Marvin Elsass, Chad Reiher, Rick Moyer, Tammy Klosterman, Nathaniel Henline, Alan Bishir, Michael Smith, Becky Hinschlager, Family of Sandi Shoup and all those living with or around the Corona virus.

**Please pray** for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Eli Handy, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Brad Platt, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Kyle Schmehl, and Michael Franklin who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

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## Handyman Organization

**O**K, how about a vote; Who has had enough Covid and related disruption? It's unanimous. From our men's group's perspective too, we've taken a hit. As our group was getting started and projects were beginning to take shape, several things pulled us apart: a leaky pipe in the church building, Covid 19 fears and distancing, and then summer. It looks like we are in a position now to begin our efforts again.

Our Sunday evening meeting time seemed to be working so we'll meet again Sunday, November 15, at 7 p.m., upstairs in the Auditorium.

There is plenty to arrange and decide. Ed Yahl reports that emptying of the designated room for our downstairs shop has begun. Also, the NALC has provided the funds for the disaster relief trailer project and the basic/empty trailer has been ordered. So, with these major projects in hand in addition to our usual, smaller topics, there is real cause for excitement in the Zion Men's Workshop.

All previous Workshop members are invited to return and we encourage other men to join us as well. At our monthly meetings, we conduct business, update our project progress, and have fun sharing the good company of Christian men. At our last meeting, Cody Sharp presented a short discussion of basic electricity, wiring

connections, and troubleshooting. (Thank you, Cody.) This November meeting is liable to be full as we jump-start our projects. Then in the near future we'll have a presentation on basic wood types, how they grow, and their characteristics. We want to put a schedule together for future learnings to follow.

Men, if this sounds interesting, you are invited to join us on Sunday evening, November 15, at 7 p.m., in the Auditorium. We hope to see you there as we regroup to discuss where we go from here.



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## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Zion will host our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on **Wednesday, November 25**, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary, with holy communion being served.

We will be collecting canned goods for  
**Agape Food Pantry**  
and the loose offering will be earmarked for  
**Agape Food Pantry**

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## Shop Till-You-Drop

All are welcome to participate in Zion's Annual Shop Till-You-Drop shopping spree at Walmart, on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We invite everyone, adults, youth and families, to meet inside Walmart, at 7 p.m., by the service desk.

If you are unable to attend this event, a barrel has been provided by the portico entrance, to bring in new, unwrapped, toys for needy children in our community. We do this in coordination with the "Toys for Tots" campaign by the Marines.

*MISSION: The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.*

Funds have been provided for this event through donations from the congregation and a gift from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Donations will be accepted prior to the event.

If you have any questions or to let us know who will be participating, please contact Darl Bishir, 419-394-7383.



## Women's Monday Night Fellowship

Our next Bible study will be, Walking Together, a Bible Study on the Importance of Fellowship in our Lives as Disciples of Christ, by Rev. Jack Aamot. It will start Monday, January 4, at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please call the church office, 419-394-3115, to order a book by December 13. It should be under \$10.

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## Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week is approaching. Please pray for the children who will receive the boxes, the people who are packing the boxes and that God's will be done in this opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Boxes are available in the narthex, as well as stuffed animals and dresses to help you get started. Filled boxes should be returned on Sunday, November 15th. Due to Covid-19 we will wear masks this year for Collection week and meet donors outside at their car. There we will collect their information and shoe boxes and they will stay in the car. We will have evening hours and morning hours on alternate days. Sign up in the narthex for 2 hour shifts to help with this ministry.

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## Decorating for Christmas

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season, on Saturday, November 30, from 10:15 a.m. to 12 Noon. Sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" or call the church office, 419-394-3115, to participate in decorating.

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## Year-Round Project

Our Men in Mission are collecting supplies for flood buckets. This is will be a year-round project, to have buckets available for when a disaster happens.

### Flood Buckets and Supplies:

- 1 gallon of bleach
- 3 black trash bags
- Cleaning liquid (Murphy's, Pine Sol, etc.)
- Comet
- Scrub brush
- Dust masks (N-95)
- Gloves: rubber, cotton and leather

## Year-to-Date Financial Information

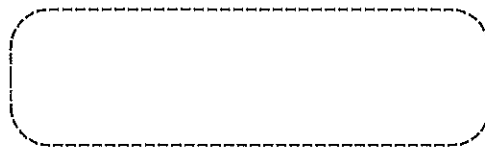
Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for **YEAR-TO-DATE** on October 2020:

- 1/1/2020 Beginning Balance - \$5,483.62
  - OCT YTD Income - \$248,008.45\*\*
  - OCT YTD Expenses - (\$183,326.78)
  - Payroll WH/Benevolence (\$3,338.10)
  - OCT Ending Bank Balance - \$66,827.19
  - Roof Principal Balance YTD - \$124,724.60
- \*\*PPP Money Received - \$45,000.00**

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**ORGANIZATION:**

*President* ..... Stan Brown, 419-394-2467  
*Vice-President* ..... Ryan Yahl  
*Secretary* ..... Lisa Hollenbacher  
*Assistant Secretary* ..... Liz Ackroyd  
*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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** ..... Jerry Mertz, Kurt Rodeheffer, Eric Langsdon and Ed Yahl

**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*