

# Zion Lutheran Church

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## Doing a New Thing

It is fitting at this time of the year, as we approach the end of 2021, that we remember a verse from Isaiah and find the hope that is contained with it for 2022 and all the years that follow.

The verse I'm speaking about is from the book of Isaiah, chapter 43, verses 18-19:

***"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."***

Of course, the Lord was speaking about the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus who came to forgive and save us. But, as we say good-bye to 2021, and it's continued Coronavirus threat, with its variants Delta and Omicron, and all the challenges it brought into our lives, let us look forward to 2022 with renewed hope that God is indeed doing others new thing in the world, and in our lives. And I pray we are able to perceive it clearly.

May this be the year that all things Corona are tamed and its threat to freedom, good health and life are removed from our psyche and the world stage.

May 2022 be the year for a renewed surge of the Holy Spirit among the hearts of the world, so that the Church grows in both number and in faith and in influence among those who are in power thorough out this nation and the world.

May the Lord indeed make a way in the wilderness and the rivers in the desert of human souls currently lost and searching for something to believe in, something to trust, something to both live and die for – Jesus Christ. May this be the year the Lord uses you to help someone come to faith.

As dark as the world is right now, and as dark as it seems it might get in the future, may the light of the Lord break into it and cast out the darkness, providing a pathway to him and revealing the truth and the love and the hope that Jesus brings to those who love and believe in him.

If your current situation in this life is filled with sorrow and grief and pain and overwhelming challenges – may Jesus take your life and make all things new in it. May he make 2022 your **blessed** year yet!!

Please remember to mark January 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar, from 5:30-7:30 PM, for a Family Life Event: Roller Skating at Grand Lake Skate, 2600 Celina Road, St. Marys, OH 45885. Also, please mark your "I Worshiped Today" if you plan on attending the event and the number of people who will be coming with you. We have a limit of 50 people and skate rental is already paid. So come and have fun!

Ann and I would like to thank all of you who sent Christmas and/or anniversary cards, as well as those who included gift cards. We are most grateful and overwhelmed by your outpouring of love.

Happy New Year!

*Pastor Bill*

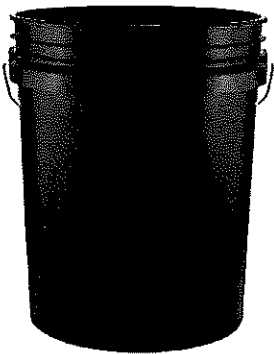
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## Year-Round Project

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

*Flood Buckets and Supplies:*

- 5-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 gallon of bleach
- 2 black trash bags
- Cleaning liquid  
(Murphy's, Pine Sol,  
etc.)
- Comet
- Scrub brush
- 2 Dust masks (N-95)
- Leather Gloves
- Cloth Gloves
- Rubber Gloves
- Rags/sponges



You may supply one or more of the items for the buckets, or you may assemble a bucket yourself. Drop off your supplies or bucket by the alley entrance.

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## January Loose Offering



Pre-Born! Their mission is to glorify Jesus Christ by leading and equipping pregnancy clinics to save more babies and souls.

Pre-Born! partners with life-affirming pregnancy clinics across the nation. They are designed to strategically impact the abortion industry.

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## Staff E-Mail Addresses

Zion is linked to the Internet. We are currently receiving e-mail service provided by bright.net. Staff e-mail addresses are:

- Pastor Bill Maki ..... [wllmmaki@yahoo.com](mailto:wllmmaki@yahoo.com)  
Kathy Bishir ..... [kbishir@hotmail.com](mailto:kbishir@hotmail.com)  
Ann Maki ..... [annmmaki@yahoo.com](mailto:annmmaki@yahoo.com)  
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## News for the Women of Zion

Happy New Year to all our members! We have another busy year planned for 2022 and need the women of Zion to take an active part to carry out God's work here at Zion.

The 2022 Women's directories will be handed out in January. If you did not get one, there are extras on the table in the narthex. Please pick one up and look over what the women do every month and the programs we have planned for the year.

### 2022 Officers of Zion's Women are:

- Chair: Nora Staunton
- Vice-Chair: Pam Fledderjohann
- Secretary: Sandy Wierwille
- Treasurer: Ruth Hoenie
- Advisor: Linda Yahl

### 2022 Committee Chairpersons are:

- Mission Action & Community: Chris White
- Mission Growth: Becky Harvey
- Kitchen & Prayer Shawl: Kathy Bishir
- Altar Guild: Cheryl Macklem

Our Thankful Offering total collected is around \$500. If you have not turned in your offering, please do so, as we would like to send the funds to Crime Victims Services soon. Thanks to all who participated.

Our next workday is Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m., in the all-purpose room. We have quilts to knot.

The Women's Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, February 20, at 2 p.m., in the auditorium. The "Queen of Hearts" is the theme. Come learn about the different types of Queens in the Bible. This is an afternoon tea, serving chicken salad croissant sandwiches, fruit salad, cheesecake, coffee, tea or punch. Cost is \$5 per person. Tickets will be on sale between, January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup>, before and after church services or at the church office. So mark your calendars and keep the date open.

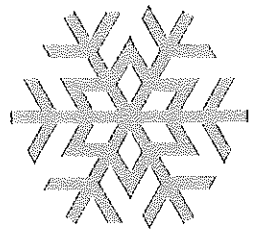
God's continued blessings to all of you for 2022!

*Nora Staunton, Chair of Zion Women of the NALC*

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## Book Club

- January 5<sup>th</sup>: "Satan's Dare" by Jim Demint, led by Nora Staunton
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: "All I Know About Animal Behavior I Learned in Lehmann's Dressing Room" by Erma Bombeck, led by Pam Fledderjohann



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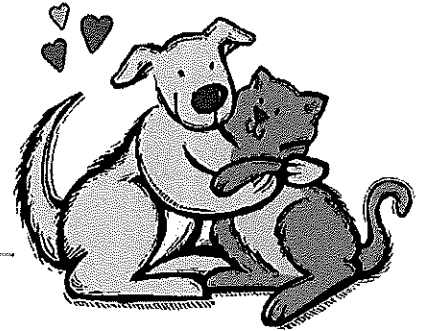
## Memorials as of December 20, 2021

Gifts were given in memory of **Janice Daugherty** by Darl & Kathy Bishir, Harry & Nora Staunton and Ed & Linda Yahl.

A gift was given in memory of **Terry Finke** by Joyce Finke.

## Craft Corner

- **January:** *Knit Night*, Wednesdays, January 12 and/or 19, from 6-8 p.m., at Mercer County District Library. Men, women, and youth are invited to participate in this program to learn how to knit. The group will provide pattern, set of knitting needles, cotton yarn, knit stitch guide, as well as people to help you get started. Group size is limited to 12 people. Sign up today.
- **February:** 2 Ingredient Fudge, Sunday, February 13, from 2-4 p.m., in the church kitchen. All are welcome. To help you celebrate Valentine's Day, we will be making 2-ingredient chocolate fudge for you and your family or friends. Sign up on the sheet associated with this flyer. The cost of the project will be \$5, payable the day of the event. Group size will be limited to 12 people.



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## Prayer List, as of December 22

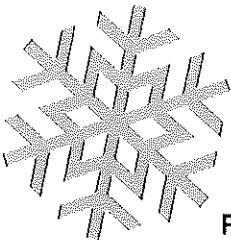
We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers. The people on the list are friends and family or our membership:

Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Lindsay Stephan, Sandi Deerhake, Marvin Elsass, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Carol Bishir, Judy Knoth, Mark, Amelia Green, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Vicki Bishir, Kason Thobe, Heidi Yahl, Ann Morris, Craig Raney, Ken Ankerman, John & Katie, Barbara Franks, Chris C. Runnic, Andrew, Renee Blackburn, Stephanie Lukac, Rick Moyer, Tracy Lifett, Steve McAfee, Rhonda's parents, Darlene Henkener, Pastor Dennis Gaertner, Kristin Hemmelgarden, Elly (Cisco) Puttoff & Family, Bill Paulus, Stephanie Tenyak, Dennis Olberding, Chuck, Deb Ranly, , Linda Diers, Mike Paulus, Peter Ackroyd, Diana Paulus, Cathy Rickert, Pastor Dieter Punt, Amy Wilson, Jocelyn Henning, Family of Pastor Tim Smith, Family of Peggy Hurick and the Family of Alvera Mertz.

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

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## Flower Chart



The first 6 months of 2022 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. Upcoming dates still available: **January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 20.**

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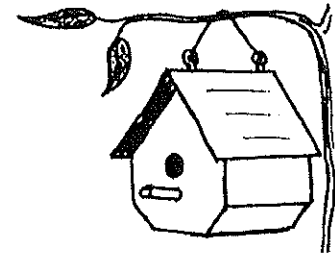
"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

—C.S. Lewis

## Build A Birdhouse

Forget about winter for a while and get ready for Spring!

Wrens are tiny birds that are welcome neighbors in any neighborhood or yard with their songs and appetite for mosquitoes. The Zion Men's Workshop invites you to join in the fun and build a wren house.



Building these clever little houses is easy and a good introduction to some very basic woodworking techniques. They can later be decorated and provide entertainment and interest when the wrens return in the Spring.

This activity will be held in two afternoon sessions, the first on Saturday, January 22 and again on Sunday, January 23, both starting at 1 p.m., in the Men's Workshop in Zion's basement. We welcome youth and adults. Youth aged 5-13, are to be accompanied by a responsible adult. No experience is required, and tool use will be supervised. Materials and the use of safety glasses will be provided as well as a dimension drawing and a ruler you may keep.

If you are interested, please see the display in the narthex and complete a form with name, choice of sessions, and number of houses you would like to build. Please also provide a phone number in case we need to adjust session participant numbers.

This promises to be good fun, so we look forward to seeing you there.

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## January Birthdays



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

2-Daniel Hegemier  
3-Shirley Felver, Keith Fledderjohann, Brittney Hance, Cindy Stetler, Julia Weber, Brandy Yahl

4-David Morris, Dennis Vogel

5-Mason Alley

6-Erin Behrendt

7-Devyn Alley, Gene Hines, Charlotte Merricle

8-Breanna Miller

9-Zaila Yahl

10-Lois Axe

11-Ralph Hecht, Rebecca Stetler

12-Mitchell Orr

14-Ruth Ann Merriman, Jeanne Wurster

16-Brice Puthoff, Josie Slater

17-Cole Brooks, Justin Felver, William Nedderman, Jeff Yahl, Lincoln Nolan

18-Robert Suchland

19-Lori Hirshfeld, Alex Lampert, Jerry Mertz, Jill Quellhorst, Ronald Rohrbach, Landyn Storer, Cody Vires, Skylyn Nagel

20-Holly Now

21-Katie Miller, Carson Morris, Brianna Prater

22-Nicole Nolan

25-Chance Now, Beth Kennedy

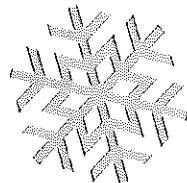
26-Amelia Ankerman, Casey Thiebeau, Spencer Thiebeau

27-Kenneth Ankerman

28-Calianna Bond-Awls, Tyler Sharp

29-Karla Brummel

31-Tayler Berner, Yvonne Strohmeyer, Aaron Torsell



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.

## January 2022 Calendar

*Weather and COVID requirements, the schedule is subject to change.*

S/1	Office Closed for New Year's Day
S/2	8:00 a.m. Trad. Worship Svc.*/Council Recognition & Installation
	10:30 a.m. Trad. Worship Svc.*/Council Recognition & Installation
M/3	5:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360
T/4	6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
W/5	12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline
	1:00 p.m. Book Club
	6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Svc.*
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
S/8	9:00 a.m. Men In Mission
	10:00 a.m. Tear Down Christmas Deco.
S/9	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.
M/10	7:00 p.m. Pr. Lead Discussion Group
	7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360
T/11	9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting
W/12	9:30 a.m. Women's Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline
	6:00 p.m. Learn to Knit Night-#1
	6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Svc.*
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation
	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
T/13	2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
F/14	3:30 p.m. Newsletter Article Deadline
S/16	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.*
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship*
	7:00 p.m. Men's Workshop
M/17	Office Closed/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	7:00 p.m. Pr. Lead Discussion Group
	7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Group
T/18	9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting
	3:30 p.m. Annual Report Deadline
W/19	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline
	6:00 p.m. Learn to Knit Night-#2
	6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Svc.*
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

T/20	9:00 a.m. Women's Workday
S/22	1:00 p.m. Build a Bird House-#1
	7:00 p.m. St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/23	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.
	1:00 p.m. Build a Bird House-#2
	5:30 p.m. Roller Skating Party
M/24	7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
	7:00 p.m. Pr. Lead Discussion Group
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360
T/25	9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting
W/26	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline
	6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Svc.
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Guides-No Class
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Mtg.
T/27	3:30 p.m. Council Report Deadline
S/30	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Youth Worship Service*
M/31	7:00 p.m. Pr. Lead Discussion Group
	7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360

*\*Holy Communion Worship Service*

### February Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for our November Newsletter is Friday, **January 14**. 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)

"Deep roots are not reached by the frost."

—J.R.R. Tolkien

Ann Maki, Kathy Bishir and Emily Meinerding would like to thank you for the Christmas gifts, gift cards and greeting cards we received. We wish you all a blessed New Year.

## Zion's Web Address

Our web address is: [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org) We continually change the appearance, post up-to-date announcements, update our schedules, and update our calendar. Bookmark us and visit our website weekly.

## Office Closed

The church office will be closed **Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Mark Your Calendar 2022 Fish Fry

Our 2022 Fish Fry is scheduled for **March 3**. Watch for more details.

## Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month.

- 1/1/2021 Beginning Balance--\$74,651
- December 2021 YTD Income--\$285,099
- December 2021 YTD Expenses--(-)\$278,043
- Payroll WH/Benevolence--(-)\$508
- December 2021 Ending Bank Balance--\$81,199

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: to rise above the little things."

—John Burroughs

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Use the Scripture hints if needed.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams.          | A. Pharaoh<br>(Genesis 41:17-21)            |
| 2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams.                 | B. The Magi<br>(Matthew 2:12)               |
| 3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows.                    | C. Jacob<br>(Genesis 28:12)                 |
| 4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus. | D. Pharaoh's cupbearer<br>(Genesis 40:9-11) |
| 5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.              | E. NT Joseph<br>(Matthew 2:13)              |
| 6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt.                | F. OT Joseph<br>(Genesis 37:9, 11)          |
| 7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup.    | G. Pilate's wife<br>(Matthew 27:19)         |
| 8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.                                   | H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35)                  |

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

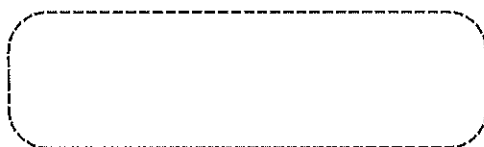
## Special Dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2022*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2022*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 9, 2022*
- Religious Freedom Day, *January 16, 2022*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 17, 2022*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2022*

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President ..... Neal Brady  
Vice-President ..... To Be Announced  
Secretary ..... To Be Announced  
Assistant Secretary ..... To Be Announced  
Treasurer ..... To Be Announced  
Assistant Treasurer ..... To Be Announced

**COUNCIL AT LARGE:** ..... Cheryl Macklem, Darl Bishir, Doug Stetler, Andrew O'Bryan, Pete Ackroyd & Ryan Yahl

**BOARD OF DEACONS:** ..... Dan Macklem, Sandy Wierwille,, Judy Schultz, Dwayne Hoenie,  
..... Steve McAfee, Jeanne Wurster, Jody Slemmons, & Mark Torsell

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

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**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION:** ..... Leslie Wobler, Emily Meinerding, Karrie Hughes & Alexa Coldiron

**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION DIRECTOR:** ..... Mindy Thiebeau

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** ..... Genevieve Brown

**MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND:** ..... Doris Cook, Darl Bishir, Marion Slater, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer

*\*Chairperson*



## 2022 Items Needed for Mission Kits

- Wash Rag
- 4 oz. Bar of Soap
- Toothbrush
- Dental Floss
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Travel Size
- Shampoo
- Notebooks
- Blunt Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil Sharpener
- 2 ½" "Pink" Eraser
- Pocket Folders (4)
- 24 count Crayons
- Spools of Thread
- Crochet Thread
- Sheets/Flannel (any color)
- Material



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## Collecting Items for Samaritan Purse

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