

# Zion Lutheran Church

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## **Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord, All the Earth!** Psalm 100:1

As we enter the month of July and what is the very heart of Summer, we at Zion continue to share Jesus with our community and the world. We also continue to worship him with our hearts and pray that he will always remain the treasure that resides in our hearts and the light that shines through us and guides our path in this part of the world.

This July will introduce some change for us as we welcome a worship assistant, and as we say goodbye to a style of worship.

First, beginning the first Sunday in July, Ms. Heidi Yahl will begin assisting me in the leading of worship. Many of you know Heidi already as she has grown up in this congregation and is an active member of Zion. A year ago, she accepted my offer to help with the Confirmation Program and was one of three adults and one high school student who were actively involved in the teaching of Confirmation for the 2021-2022 class.

As Confirmation wound down for the Summer Heidi expressed to me that she feels she is being called by the Lord to do more, and I am assisting her in her discernment process. She is exploring the possibility of some formalized theological schooling.

One of the outcomes of this process is that she will assist with worship beginning July 3<sup>rd</sup> for both services. She will not administer the Sacraments of Baptism or Holy Communion but will be a lay worship assistant and will lead us in many of the prayers spoken in our liturgy. In addition, she will be leading us in the responsive prayers. Please extend to Heidi your encouragement and support as she continues in her discernment process.

Second, for the past nine years we have been fortunate to have Mrs. Debbie Brown play the keyboard for us for our Praise Service, held on the third Sunday of each month at 10:30am. This month will mark Debbie's last Sunday playing the keyboard for this service as she is stepping down.

This has caused me to re-evaluate the service itself and our ability to lead such a service. In that process it became evident to me that Zion hasn't been gifted with the musicians we need to continue this style of worship, and so I asked the Congregational Council for permission to drop the service after this month. The Council agreed.

Therefore, beginning in August, the third Sunday of each month will become a liturgical service like our other Sunday worship services. We are grateful to everyone who played instruments or helped to sing at this service over the years. We will continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord each and every Sunday!

May the Lord bless each of you with a safe and fun summer!

*Pastor Bill Maki*



## News for the Women of Zion

Summer has hit us with a heat wave! Hope everyone is keeping cool. The ice cream social was a great way of staying cool. We had a nice turnout. Thank you to Martha & Doug Stetler and all those that helped. It was an enjoyable evening despite all the rain.

Women's  
GROUP

We have a workday on Thursday, July 21, at 9 a.m., to put together school kits, boxes for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child and knotting quilts. If you are not putting a Christmas Child box together but would like to help, we are accepting \$10 donations to cover shipping of these boxes. Donations can be earmarked on your offering envelope or made at the church office.

Kitchen duty for July is Cheryl Macklem, and August duty is Kathy Bishir.

The Book Club is meeting Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. The book "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger will be led by Joyce Finke. The August meeting will be Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The book "The People We Keep" by Allison Larkin will be led by Betty Hussey.

Creative Crafters will meet in July to paint a Steppingstone from a design kit. The fee is \$7, all are welcome (ages 8 and up). Sign up in the binder in the Narthex. The activity will be held on Sunday, July 10, at 1:30 p.m.

We are still looking for nominees to run for president and secretary on the Women's Board. These are two-year terms. Is God speaking to you? How many times have you said no? How many times because you were too tired, too insecure, too busy, too selfish, have you walked right past your divine appointment and missed experiencing God? Whatever God says to do, do it. He wants to see a yes in your heart, so when asked to run for an office, please say yes.

Have a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Thank God for this wonderful country and pray that we will continue to prosper as a great nation.

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



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## July Birthdays

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

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| 1–Jessica Hughes, Andrew Langsdon                | 13–Quentin Clark, Sandra Meckstroth, Sophia Coldiron, Jennifer DeNiz, Shawn Wobler |
| 2–Lisa Masonbrink, Chase Voisard                 | 14–Morgan Hesse, Bruce Lawler, Madelyn Ahlers                                      |
| 3–Hunter Coldiron                                | 16–Victoria Hoenie, Hunter Sprague, Colton Ankerman                                |
| 4–Olivia Hayman                                  | 17–Bradley Eberle, Brianna Eberle, John Lampert                                    |
| 5–Timothy Flinn                                  | 18–Jerry Greber  |
| 6–Jo Ann Hodges                                  | 19–Jason Miley, Derrick Storer   |
| 8–Timothy McDermitt, Todd Huelskamp, Kate Wobler | 21–Ashley Tangeman, Kay Lauth, Kevin Nagel, Nancy Vogel                            |
| 9–Donald Nuss                                    | 22–Andrew Slemmons   |
| 10–Amy Hesse, Cindy Huelskamp                    | 23–Zachary Hesse, Micah Johns  |
| 11–Kelley Keysor                                 |  |
| 12–Melissa Dues, Nan Luedeke                     |  |

24–Reid Berner  
25–Nancy Koch, Barbara M. Lutz, Eric Rohrbach, W.  
Victor Von Blon, Isaac Fitzgerald, Sean Johnson  
26–Michelle Sharp, Joey Hague  
27–Zoey Henning

28–Lilly Masonbrink  
29–Rhonda Runnion, Steve McAfee  
30–Warren Hoenie, Emily Meinerding, Karen Mertz  
31–Joshua Cisco

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## Memorial as of June 21<sup>st</sup>

Gifts were given in memory of Emily Leonhard by Paul & Agnes Weadock and Nicole Riley.



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## Flower Chart

The flower chart is now available for all 12 months of 2022 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. Dates available:

- July 24, 31
- August 28
- September 4
- October 9, 16, 30
- November 6, 13, 20, 23, and 27
- December 4, 11, 18

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## July Loose Offering

Our loose offerings each Sunday and Wednesday for the month of July are earmarked to support The CAAC, which has been giving assistance to those cancer warriors that reside in Auglaize County since 2001. We cover many expenses that most insurances and national organizations do not, with mileage reimbursement being our largest expense. The CAAC is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization that receives no federal funding. We are not affiliated in any way with the American Cancer Society. We rely solely on funding from local organizations such as The United Way of Auglaize County, businesses, churches, school organizations, private donations, bequests, grants, and fund raisers. All monies that are received stay in Auglaize County. We have members that are more than willing to come and speak on the CAAC's behalf to help make others aware of our organization, various aspects of cancer, what patients, their friends and families endure thru the process and the role of hope and positivity in the healing process. They are always looking for volunteers.



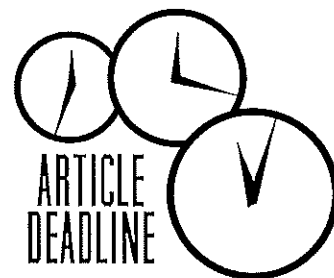
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## Outside Workday

The Trustees have set aside Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, to do landscaping for the church. Help is needed to trim shrubs, edge sidewalks, and weed. Volunteers are asked to show up at 9 a.m., on that Saturday with your own tools to help with the landscaping.

## Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for our August Newsletter is **Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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"
- Send your article by e-mail: [kbishir@hotmail.com](mailto:kbishir@hotmail.com) or [zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net](mailto:zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net)

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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 ..... [wem1@aol.com](mailto:wem1@aol.com)
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- Mindy Thiebeau ..... [zionbpe@hotmail.com](mailto:zionbpe@hotmail.com)
- General Mail ..... [zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net](mailto:zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net)

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## Prayer List as of June 21<sup>st</sup>

**We invite you** to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Mark, Amelia Green, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, Craig Raney, Ken Ankerman, John & Katie, Darlene Henekener, Margaret Moore, Deb Ranly, Linda Diers, Cathy, Ron & Sandy Suchland, Diane (Applegate) Swartz, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Bruce Pannabecker, Eileen Zimmerman, Bill Nuss, Kristin Hemmelgarden, Allen Merricle, Warren Menchhofer, Joan Stetler, Deb Henning, Members of Wayne Street United Methodist Church, the People of Ukraine, and the Family of Carolyn Harrod.

**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.



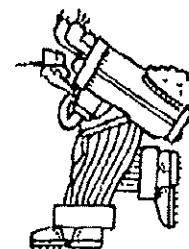
## A Special Thanks

A huge thank you to all the VBS volunteers this year! Without you, we wouldn't have had such a successful VBS! Because of you, we were able to have 23 children up to their elbows in farming fun as they learned one simple Bible truth; Jesus will always love us! Because of you, we were able to plant God's Word in kids' hearts! Thank you again!

Weekly Needs 25 Weeks		Budget Y-T-D	Received 6/20/2022	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current	\$6,069	\$151,725	\$5,329	\$134,090	\$0
NALC Offering	\$290	\$7,250	\$87	\$3,536	
Bank Balance as of 6/20/2022			\$80,923		

## All Are Welcome to Golf Scramble

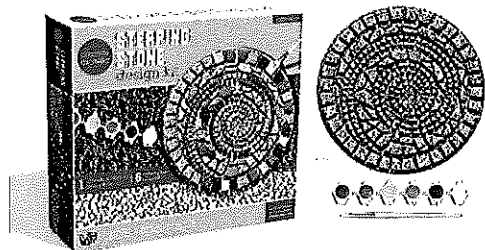
Golf Scramble will be **Saturday, July 9**. We will meet at 8 a.m., at Celina Lynx. All are welcome. There is a \$40 fee per person. Please sign up in the church office or on your "I Worshiped Today" by **Wednesday, July 6**, and you can pay now or at the golf course.



## Congregation Picnic

Our congregation picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 17**, at 11:45 a.m. We are planning to provide a tent with table and chairs. It will be held on the front lawn with a bouncy house like last year. The chicken (fried/baked), beverages and table service will be provided by the church. Bring a potluck dish for the meal. Mark this event on your calendar and bring your family and friends. Call the church office or sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" if you plan to attend. Also, please indicate how many people will be in your group.

## Paint a Steppingstone



Creative Crafters will meet in July to paint a Steppingstone from a design kit. Stone, paints, and instructions are included. The fee is \$7, all are welcome (ages 8 and up). See the display and sign up in the binder in the Narthex. The activity will be held on Sunday, July 10, at 1:30 p.m.

## Live Radio Broadcast

Our 8 a.m. worship service is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. It is not a difficult job, but we would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

## Items Needed

### *NALC Mission Kits & Samaritan Purse Christmas Child Boxes*

- Wash Rag
- 4 oz. Bar of Soap
- Toothbrush
- Dental Floss
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant—Solid/Not Gel
- Travel Size Shampoo
- Notebooks
- Blunt Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil Sharpener
- 2 ½"---"Pink" Eraser
- Hot Wheels
- Pocket Folders
- 24 count Crayons
- Spools of Thread
- Crochet Thread
- Sheets/Flannel (any color)
- Material
- Marbles
- Yo-Yos
- Coloring Books
- Sunglasses
- Jump Ropes
- Bandanas
- Jewelry

*Place the donations listed above in the Women's box by the elevator.*

Also needed, are blankets—any size, new or slightly used.

4 Ounce bars of soap are a basic need for both groups. Last year (2021) we used **708** bars in the assemble of health and baby kits.

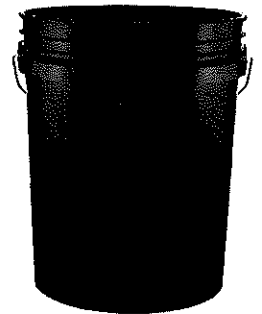
Donations of **\$10** will be accepted to send each Samaritan Purse Christmas Child Box. Earmark your offering envelope.

*Updated 5/16/2022*

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## Flood Bucket Campaign

The Men in Mission are having a flood bucket campaign. The men are providing the buckets (by alley entrance pew) to fill with the supplies for cleanup following a disaster. A list of supplies for the buckets is taped to the bucket for your convenience. Take a bucket, fill it and bring it back to the church. The men are collecting the buckets year-around.



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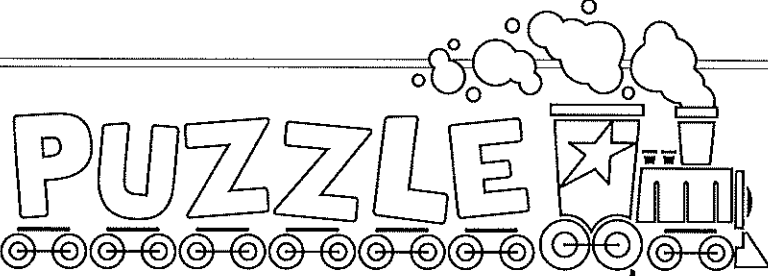
## The Power of Kindness

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.

—Amelia Earhart

## Dual Citizenship

For Christianity and democracy to work, both need responsible citizens. Consider what happens to a republic when its citizens won't run for public office, won't vote, won't work for the common good, duck paying taxes and mistreat others. Now consider what happens when Christians won't volunteer at the church, won't give, won't practice their faith, won't love their neighbors. Both our country and our faith need sincere practitioners. Nationally, we need a citizenry committed to making the ideals of liberty the practices of life in America. Christianity needs followers of Jesus committed to making the ideals of God's kingdom the practices of daily life.





# PUZZLE


## Beyond number


God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.


*Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.*






















How \_\_\_\_\_ to me are your \_\_\_\_\_, God!

$13+10$   $12+6$



How \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of them!

$8+11$   $10+3$




Were I to \_\_\_\_\_ them,

$15+6$


they would \_\_\_\_\_ the grains of \_\_\_\_\_

$3+12$   $4+18$



when I \_\_\_\_\_, I am still with you.

$13+4$



**PSALM 139:17-18, NIV**

This is not an either-or situation. Christians everywhere are citizens of two countries, one on earth and one in eternity. The kingdom of God is not yet fully come, but it's already in effect. Our two citizenships can neither be fully united nor fully separated. We cannot withdraw from the world and pretend we are somehow dwelling only in the kingdom of God now; nor can we simply embrace the world and assume earthly governments fulfill God's will. Those are extremes, and they are unbiblical.

—from a sermon by Stan Purdum



### 2 Workdays for July!

Thursday, July 21, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., we will be knotting blankets.

Thursday, July 28, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., we will be working on the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes. School supplies should be on Sale! We need crayons and scissors to put in the boxes and our school kits that we will do in August. Come join us. We have fun while we work.

Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake