

Zion Lutheran Church

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Easter Lasts for More than One Day

He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Easter morning has come and gone, and yet Easter remains with us each day, because every day is a new day to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that the crucified Jesus has been resurrected from death and the tomb. This is the truth we both claim and rest in – each day! The power of death has been defeated and the imprisonment of the grave has been escaped for good, because of the crucified Jesus' resurrection from death and the tomb.

Are you living today with the attitude of Easter every day you wake up? Do you perceive the world, your home life, your work or school environment with the knowledge and joy of Easter morning? If not, why not? Easter morning changed everything about our existence and clarified God's love for us. Rejoice in it each day. Whatever problems we face, whatever grief, suffering, and pain we encounter is all temporary and limited compared to what Jesus did for us Good Friday and Easter morning. So, smile and rejoice!

He has Ascended! And yet, he is not gone from us!

The disciples watched Jesus ascend into the clouds as he returned to the Father who sent him into the world. They watched him leave the earth and their presence. However, he still remains with us. Let us not forget what he said to his disciples as he was leaving, "...and lo, I am with you always." I am with you ALWAYS! Jesus promises to be "with us," his disciples, always. That means 'at all times.' It means 'every day.' He is with us, but not in the same way as he was when he walked with his disciples all around Galilee and Judea. Instead, he is with his disciples through the 'Helper' that God the Father sent to us after Jesus ascended. The Holy Spirit that came on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit that was also able to enter into a locked room the disciples were in, just like the resurrected Jesus. The Holy Spirit, who now enters believers in their baptism and remains with them throughout their life. The Holy Spirit who communicates our needs to God, Father and Son, and helps us as God, Father and Son, communicates with us. The Holy Spirit is the life-line sealed in us between God the Father/Jesus and Us.

This is how the Ascended Jesus is able to remain with us today, even though he currently sits on the throne, ruling over his kingdom. So, let us live with confidence each day that our Lord is with us in all that we do. Let us believe that the Lord sees and understands our current situation and is able to know our future situation. Let us believe that Jesus, crucified and resurrected, is able to work all things for good for those who love him. In so doing, we will be able to push anxiety and fear aside, having stripped them of their power to rule our lives. Instead, we daily recognize Jesus as the one who rules our lives. The same Jesus who has already overcome sin, death, the world and the evil one.

The crucified and resurrected Jesus is the one who rules and reigns over everything – including our life on earth. Let us entrust each day to him and live each day in hope.

Blessings, *Pastor Bill*

Sunday School and VBS Announcements

- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Because of you, we had 100 kids and parents attend. We appreciate the volunteers, donated candy and cookies.



- Keepers of the Kingdom, Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth VBS will be held at Zion, June 5-8, 6 - 7:30 p.m., with a pool party planned for Friday, June 9, for all families. Currently, teen and adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Mindy for more information or to volunteer. The next planning meeting is Monday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m., in the lounge. All volunteers are invited to attend.

• Registration is coming soon for the Community VBS, Keepers of the Kingdom, and Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth! Stay tuned for more information to register your preschool (ages 3 - KG) and elementary aged children (grades 1-6)! This VBS will take place at Zion, June 5-8, 6 - 7:30 p.m., with a pool party planned on Friday, June 9.



News for the Women of Zion

Thank you to everyone who gave and supported our Lenten Fundraiser. We don't have a total amount collected yet, but your donations will help us continue our programs and mission kits.

A new revised kitchen procedure program has been written up and approved by the women's board. A copy of the document is in this newsletter and will be printed in next year's women's handbook. Please note if food is left in the refrigerator and the freezer it must be labeled with a date and what event it is to be used.

Our elections will take place in the fall during church services. We are looking for nominees for vice-president and treasurer. If asked, please prayerfully consider running. We need more members involved.

Our next workday is Thursday, May 18, at 9 a.m. We have been collecting health kits, kitchen kits, diapers, blankets and quilts to that Mary Bates can come in May to pick-up our donations for NALC Disaster Response.

Kitchen duty for May is Dora McAfee and Kathy Bishir has it in June. Please review the new kitchen procedures.

Book Club may last a little longer this month as they will be reviewing "The Rose Code" and "Sold on a Monday" this month. The June book "The Measure" by Nikki Erlich will be led by Sue Nuss.

Creative Crafters will make two stained glass ornaments. If you are looking for a Mother's Day activity, join us on Sunday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Quote of the month: Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much. *—Blaise Pascal*

Nora Staunton, Chair of Zion's Women of NALC

Spring Cleaning

Let us stop passing judgement on one another. —Romans 14:13

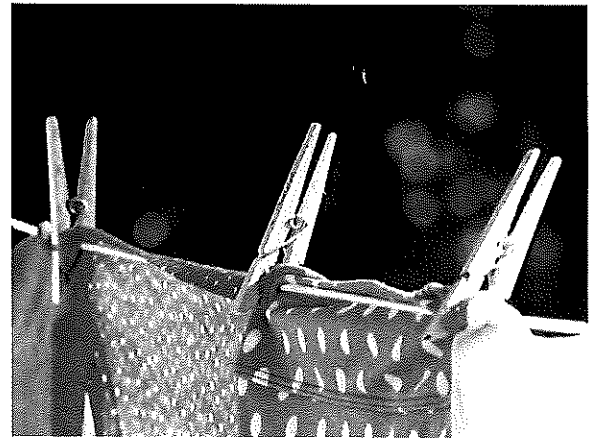
The story is told of a young couple who worked hard, saved money, and finally found their dream home. Shortly after moving in, the couple sat at their kitchen table one morning, eating breakfast. The wife looked out the window and, to her surprise, saw her neighbor hanging dirty laundry on the clothes line.

"That laundry isn't clean!" she told her husband. "She needs to learn a thing or two about washing her clothes!"

A few days later, as the couple sat at their kitchen table for another meal, the wife again noticed her neighbor hanging laundry on the clothesline. This time something was different.

"Wow!" she said to her husband. "Her clothes are really clean! Someone must have taught her how to do laundry properly!" Without raising his head from his plate, the husband gently responded, "Actually, honey, I got up early this morning and washed the window."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the window through which we look. Washing our own windows from time to time changes our perspective.



May Creative Crafters

Our May Make & Take Craft is focusing on making stained glass ornaments. This can be a mother and child activity or anyone wishing to make the ornaments. Each person registered will make and take two stained glass ornaments, on Sunday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m. Meet in the church kitchen. Supplies are limited to the first six people who register. The cost is \$10, payable the day of the event.



Prayer List

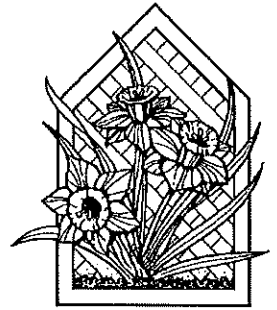
*Let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker!
Psalm 95:6*

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, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ann Morris, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Amelia Green, Dwight & Carmen Axe, Nolina Moran, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Kathy Hart, Doug Mucci, Kelsey, Karen Vornholt, Brenda Purdy, Sandee Burd, Lisa Suchland, Dane Newlove, Elaine Marbaugh, Debbie Parker, Shawn Schoen (Shane) & Family, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Eileen Schamp, Eileen Zimmerman and the Family of Dee Dee Persinger.

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.

2023 Flower Chart

The first part of the 2023 Flower Chart is 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:



*May 14

*June 4 & 25

*July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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:

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Ann Maki annmmaki@yahoo.com
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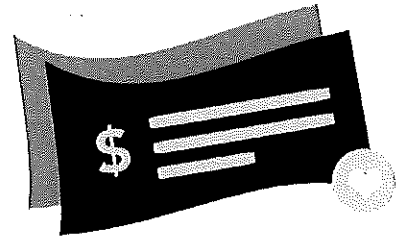
Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 30, at 8:30 a.m.

Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month March, 4/18/2023.

- 1/1/2023 Beginning Balance--\$86,923
- April 2023 YTD Income--\$87,961
- April 2023 YTD Expenses--(-\$113,838)
- Payroll/Interest Adjustments—(\$877)
- April 2023 Ending Bank Balance--\$60,169

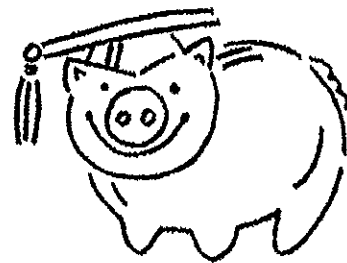


"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning."

—Unknown

Reception for Scholarship Recipients

We will be recognizing our college scholarship recipients on Sunday, May 21. They will be presented with their scholarship funds at both services on that day. A coffee and cookie fellowship reception will be held between our two services for the students and congregation, in the Narthex. The reception will be held between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m., on the 21st. Join us at the reception, where we will greet and meet the students and their family. The recipients are: Carrie Stetler, Savannah Slater, Liz Ackroyd and Morgan Hesse.



Scholarships Awarded



May Member 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.

- 1–Stephen Glass, Isabella Torsell
- 3–Elizabeth Ackroyd, Marlene Rutschilling, Lane Houston
- 4–Edwin Danner, Nicholas Kiel, Ingrid Miller
- 5–Mary Merricle
- 6–Brooke Grunden
- 7–Calvin Morris
- 8–Elizabeth Fitzgerald
- 9–James Freewalt, Mark Hegemier, Kyle Schmehl
- 10–Addison Masonbrink
- 11–Robert Fitzgerald, Shelly Miller
- 12–Michael Hoenie, Dianne Storer, Judy Von Blon
- 13–Lucas Falasco
- 14–Allison Ankerman, Eileen Zimmerman
- 15–Justin Weber
- 16–Amy Berner, Jeremy Hoenie, Rob Sudman

- 17–John Ankerman, Amanda Prichard, Michael Sudman
- 18–Allison Ackroyd, Janet Doute
- 19–Sarah Torsell
- 20–Brent Miller II, Haylee Opperman
- 21–Joe Hegemier, Bryan Sands
- 22–Raegen Alley
- 23–Amber Paul, John Vogel, Marc Yahl
- 24–Joyce Ross
- 25–Jill Gasson, Ruth Hoenie, Braylon Lampert, Jeffrey Suchland
- 26–Doug Stetler, Randi Glass
- 27–Maddox Vogel, Sophia Merricle
- 28–Dustin Cernan, Chloe Gibson
- 29–Martha Meyer

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.

May Loose Offering

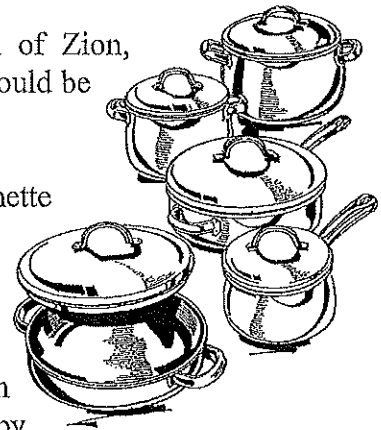
Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of **May** is earmarked for the Oesterlen Services for Youth in Springfield, Ohio. **Since its founding in 1903, Oesterlen's single objective has been to serve children and their loved ones.** We are a mental health treatment and social services agency serving youth and families. Our full range of services includes residential mental health treatment, foster care, outpatient counseling, in-home programs, and in-school programs.

Kitchen Property Receipts/Disposal

All items in the kitchen/kitchen cupboards are affected by this policy. This includes tableware, cups, silverware, cookware, roasters, mixers, cast iron skillets, etc. that we presently own. This policy will include items donated to the church kitchen.

The kitchen chairperson and the executive board of the Women of Zion, (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will decide whether the items should be placed in the kitchen or be at their disposal.

Questions to be asked when accepting/disposing of the kitchen/kitchenette items: Is it something we need and can use? Is the item in good condition? Do we have a place to store the item? Is it a duplicate? Is it just taking up space?



If the decision has been made to dispose of the kitchen equipment, then a date is to be decided to put the equipment on display in Narthex or by alley entrance for members to take (at no charge.) If the items are in good condition and not taken from the display table after a two week period, they can be given to a charitable organization for disposal.

The Kitchen Ministry Team Representative will share in the monthly checking of the kitchen and responsibilities as listed below. Items that need to be purchased i.e. condiments, broken items, etc. are to be replaced and bills submitted to the church office. If kitchen is found messy please report it to the office, 419-394-3115.

Assigned members will be responsible for monthly cleaning and checking of refrigerators and defrosting the kitchenette refrigerator. Monthly checking means to see that things are in place, and articles in the first aid kit are replenished according to the list on the first aid box. The coffee pot must be emptied and thoroughly washed.

The kitchen should be checked weekly for neatness, leftover food and used towels. Please launder all kitchen linens that are used and return them in a timely manner. The garbage disposal is to run for 10-15 minutes once a week. The ice cube trays need to be kept filled for the freezer to function properly. All sinks need to be thoroughly cleaned and no food particles left in the sink drain stopper. Clean any spills in the refrigerator.

All food and drink left over should not be allowed to stay in the kitchen unless another function can safely use the food, and that the Chairperson is informed. Please label all food items with date and name.

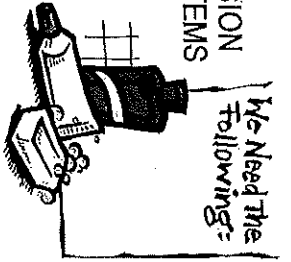
Anyone wishing to use kitchen items should first check with the church office, 419-394-3115, and assigned kitchen representative for approval. All items should be signed out in the kitchen. For weddings and other receptions which make use of the kitchen, arrangements should be made with the chairperson of the kitchen Ministry Team so that someone knowledgeable will be able to be

present to give directions or assistance. Each group using the kitchen facilities is to be responsible for cleaning following their activity and returning all equipment to its proper place.

The Women's Council members shall clean inside the cupboards, stove, etc., and inventory everything in June. Missing pieces will be listed and discussed at the Council meetings following the annual inventory.

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Approved April 14, 2023



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ITEMS

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Following:

Items Needed for
NALC Health Care Kits &
Samaritan Purse Christmas
Child Boxes

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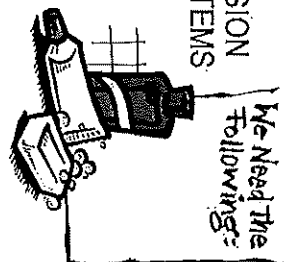
- Bath Towel
- Wash Cloth
- Shampoo (2 if travel size)
- Bar of Soap (2 if travel size)
- Toothbrush
- Pack of Floss
- Toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- Comb
- Deodorant

Spring Items

- Marbles
- Yo-Yos
- Coloring Books
- Sunglasses
- Jump Ropes

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

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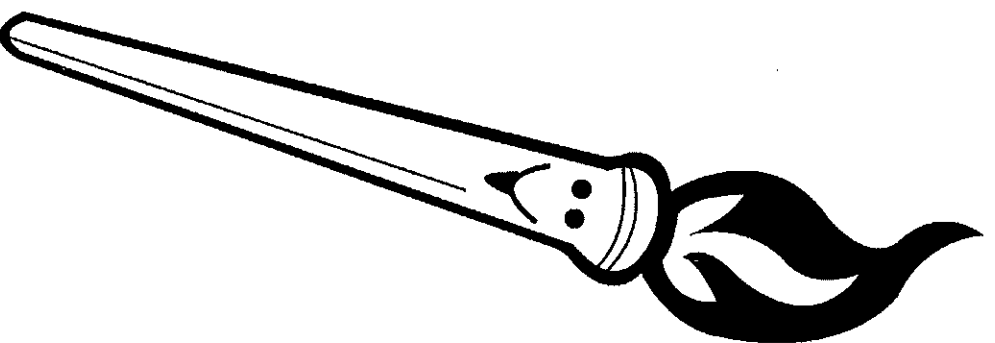
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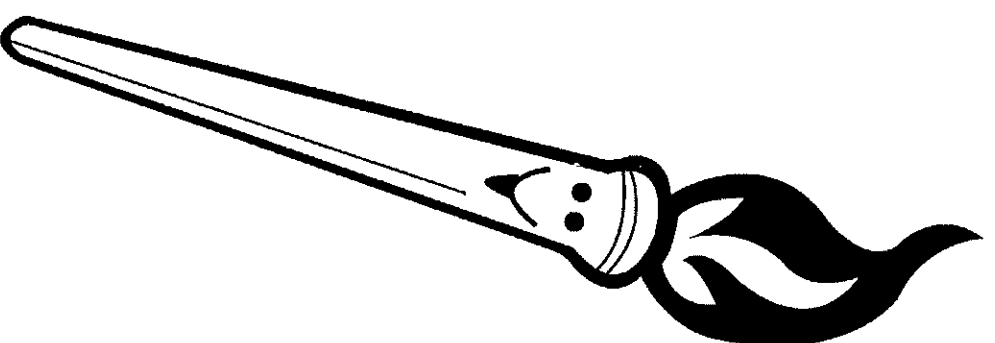
If this sounds like fun, you may sign out a group of 5 car bodies to take home and custom paint them with durable acrylic or enamel paint. Then, return your 5 bodies to ZMW at church by Sunday, May 7, and we will complete the cars by adding wheels. The cars will then be available in the fall to go into shoeboxes.

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