



# Zion Lutheran Church

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## Dead, Yet Alive Again! Living a Post Resurrection Life.

Easter has, in one sense, come and gone. We marked the memory of its annual occurrence March 31<sup>st</sup>. Yet, as Christians, Easter exists every day for us and even causes us to gather together with other believers on Sundays of each week. We have been baptized into Christ; into his death and into his resurrection.

What this means is that our old self dies each day nailed to the cross with the crucified Jesus, that our sins are forgiven as they die there with Jesus, and as he rose from the dead so we also rise each day with a clean slate, because of Jesus' blood and his own resurrection from both death and the grave. We live because Jesus lives.

The resurrected Jesus lives beyond the power of death – it cannot hold him in the grave and Jesus is unable to die again. As baptized believers in Jesus this is our fate as well. We die each day to be raised up to living the remainder of our life on earth the way that Jesus calls us to live, as identified in Scripture, and, we too will rise from death and our graves when Christ comes again to judge the living and the dead. So our future is filled with hope and promise, even beyond our earthly death.

This being the case, what do we have to worry about in this life? Really, nothing. No matter what anyone does or tries to do to hurt us, humiliate us, or silence us; no matter how oppressed or judged we feel; Jesus loves us, Jesus forgives us, Jesus promises us eternal life. In short, Jesus is there for us – always.

Which means we can live with honesty and integrity in this world.

We can take the time help those who are in need and comfort a friend or family member or even a stranger whether others want us to or not.

It means we can speak truth into the world, even if the world doesn't want to hear the truth or desires to punish those who dare to speak it publicly.

It means we can resist the pressure to comply with fads or societal morals that contradict God's Word.

It means that we can pray openly, extend kindness and grace and show other mercy to others. It means we can have internal peace even as the world around us seems to be chaotic and falling apart.

It means we have hope. Hope that comes from beyond ourselves so it doesn't depend upon us.

May you live in that hope today and every day as you share your love and grace with others.

He is risen!

Blessings, *Pastor Bill*



## News for the Women of Zion

Spring is here! Rebirth and new life is happening all around us. The women's board has been discussing many new ideas. I hope some of them come to fruition. We will keep you informed.

Thank you to everyone who gave to our Lenten Fundraiser. We don't have a total yet but will keep you informed. Thanks so much for your support!

Mary Bates came from the Ohio NALC Warehouse and picked up our disaster relief kits and blankets, and was sending them to Texas for the wild fire victims. We sent:

- 133 Health Kits
- 27 Blankets, Various Sizes
- 12 Boxes of Diapers, Various Sizes

April 28, 2024, is our Women's Celebration. "Tie on Your Apron in the Kitchen of Prayer" is the theme. The history of aprons, relation to prayer, style show, are all part of the program. Wear your favorite apron that day! A light lunch of chicken salad croissant sandwich, fruit tray, veggie tray and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$7, and will go on sale April 7-22, before church services or at the church office. So mark your calendars and come enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship!

One of our mission projects is the Auglaize County Crisis Center in Wapakoneta. Their pantry supplies are diminished and they need help replenishing them. A list of needed items is included in this newsletter. We will be collecting items through April and May. Please place your donations in the tub by the elevator. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Another mission project the women's Thursday Bible study has been doing for over 40 years, is collecting an offering each month for the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. Each year we send them a yearly donation. This month we receive a letter from them asking for help in purchasing three Ford transport vans, (each cost \$70,000) to provide transportation for their school children. The letter is posted on the bulletin board. A separate article with more information is in this newsletter.

Ruth Hoenie has kitchen duty for April. The women's workday is April 18, at 9 a.m. We will be knotting quilts.

Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 3, 2024, to discuss "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry", by Frederick Backman, led by Allison Brady. May's book, "Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher will be led by Joyce Finke. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Creative Crafters meet monthly. The monthly craft will be listed in a separate article. Details for upcoming activities are also on display in the Narthex on the table with the binder. Please sign up in the binder, join us for crafting and conversation.

Dorcas is starting a new quilt for one of our church members. We are still looking for more people who like to hand sew to help us provide this mission work. We meet every Tuesday morning from 9-12 noon. If interested, come and join us.

Monthly quote:

*Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. –Thomas Edison*

Have a great month everyone and come to our Women's Celebration!

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



## April Birthdays

Join us as we celebrate the birthdays of our members. Keep them in your prayers, mention "Happy Birthday" if you see them on their special day.

- 01–Joann Hegemier
- 03–Lynn Cisco, Braeden Tuttle, Macy Vogel, Warren Masonbrink
- 05–Shaun Ruvoldt
- 06–Ethan Elshoff, Timothy McDermitt, Tim Meckstroth
- 07–Linda Opperman, Faith Puthoff, Jody Slemmons
- 09–Heather Diers
- 10–Rolland Hegemier, Kaci Wright
- 11–Derrick Brummel, Ellie Hance, Gary Orr, Annie Falasco
- 12–Courtney Hollenbacher, Virginia Loyer, Samuel Runnion, Mitchell Slemmons
- 13–Drew Houser
- 14–Jill Lampert, Sue Hecht
- 15–Wayne Rose, Abigail Pendergraft
- 16–Danielle Block, Pamela Fledderjohann, Mitchell Karner, Kimberly Reyes
- 17–Jocelyn Moorman, Ruth Henry, Aiden Meinerding
- 18–Kayla Cisco
- 19–Makayla Opperman, Patricia Sealscott, Margy Vogel
- 20–Kyle Ankerman, Juli Clark, Cason Meinerding
- 21–Bethany Schrader
- 23–Neal Brady, Henry Hart
- 25–Preston Henning, Sally Schwab, Katie Mertz, Linda Decker
- 28–Jill Cisco, Ross Cook
- 29–Harold Hussey, Janice Rohrbach, Christina White, Mary Beth Torsell
- 30–Neil Cook, Drake Block

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.

"None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience."  
—Martin Luther

# Visit Us ONLINE

## 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.

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## Confirmation Reunions for 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- April 7: Classes 2000 through 2009
- June 2: Classes 1980 through 1999
- August 4: Classes 1970 through 1979
- October 6: Classes 1950 through 1969



We are inviting the classes in 10-year groups to be either at the 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship services on their designated Sundays. Each will be recognized during the service.

At 9:15 a.m., between services, there will be refreshments in the Narthex to encourage fellowship among the confirmands and other members of Zion at that time.



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## Thank You

Thanks from the Board of Parish Education for all your help with the Easter Egg Hunts! Whether you volunteered, donated, or simply prayed for us, thank you! With your help, we reached many families.

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## Creative Crafters Schedule of Events

**APRIL:** On Sunday, April 14, at 1:15 p.m., we will make simple Aprons, this will go along with the Women's Celebration topic. The cost is \$10.

**MAY:** We will have a guest speaker, Jeannine Roediger, The Art of Fiber on May 5, at 1:30 p.m. Free. Let's fill the auditorium.

**OCTOBER:** No craft, so that you may participate in the Women's Crafting Fundraiser on Friday and or Saturday, October 11 & 12, each day from 9 a.m.—9 p.m.



**NOVEMBER:** Looking ahead to November we will be making six fabric star ornaments, in preparation for decorating our Christmas trees. See you there on Sunday, November 10, at 1:15 p.m. \$2 for set of six stars.

**DECEMBER:** We will wrap your Christmas gifts for you for \$1 each package. Open to all, see you there on Saturday, December 14, from 10-12 noon, in the Lounge.

Watch for more details in bulletin, newsletter or binder on the display table. Also, check the display table and sign up for upcoming projects. Cost only covers the price of materials for each project.



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### April Loose Offering

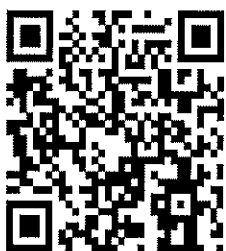
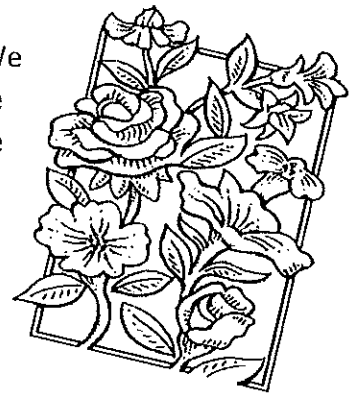
Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of April are earmarked for the NALC Disaster Response Fund - North American Lutheran Church, 2299 Palmer Dr., Suite 220, New Brighton, MN 55112-2202. The Disaster Response Fund provides resources for: respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur, alleviate human suffering, provide transitional assistance, and enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process. The NALC's Disaster Response Coordinator administers the use of the fund, working cooperatively with and through local NALC congregations and members, as well as other compatible disaster relief organizations such as LCMS Disaster Response.

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### 2024 Flower Chart

The 2024 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:

- April 21 & 28
- July 7, 14, 21 & 28
- August 4, 11, 18 & 25



### Direct Deposit App/QR Code

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Zion relies on your regular contributions. Zion appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year—especially during popular travel or vacation periods. To help you the church also has direct deposit available, a link on our website and an App to donate to Zion besides the envelopes that are sent out. We thank you in advance for your gifts.

## Navajo Lutheran Mission

The women of Zion's Thursday Bible Study group has been collecting offerings for the Navajo Lutheran Mission, in Rock Point, Arizona for over 40 years. We send them a check each year. This month we received a letter from them asking for tax-deductible donations to help them pay for three Ford transport vans each costing \$70,000 to provide transportation for their school children. The letter is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway if you would like to read it. It is very informative. Donations may be sent to **Navajo Lutheran Mission, PO Box 354, Highway 191, One Mission Lane, Rock Point, AZ 86545-**

**0354.** Our Bible Study will continue to collect our offering for them, if you would like to give also, see Becky Harvey, Nina Spencer, Pam Fledderjohann, Linda Yahl, Chris White or Nora Staunton.



# PRAYER

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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, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ronald Suchland,

Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, Faith Williams, Don, Warren Hoenie, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Vicki Homan, Markham Hodge, Ed Morris, Allie Gross, Margaret Miller, Donna Maynard, Janet, Bill Fuller, Alan Bishir, Analisa Bouscaren, Carol Eshelman, Forrest Cooper, Kelsey, Anthony (Tony) Hardeman, Lisa Suchland, Eileen Zimmerman, Kate Elsass, Dyne Hoenie, Vic Von Blon, Don Applegate, Sandy Hasis, Deb, Julie Vogel, Teresa Roode and the people affected by the recent tornadoes.

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

## Vibrant Belief

The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.

--Madeleine L'Engle, *The Rock That Is Higher*



## Auglaize County Crisis Center Needs List

Your help is needed. Auglaize County Crisis Center is one of our women's mission projects. They serve families in Auglaize County and are in need of food and supplies. We will be collecting items from the enclosed list during April and May. The list is long, so please take the list to the store and pick up what's on sale when you are there. Items may be placed in the tub next to the elevator. We will deliver the collection at the end of May. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

See the insert in this newsletter.

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## Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month of February, as of March 19, 2024.



- \$83,842.97--Beginning Balance 1/1/2024
  - \$59,849.08--March YTD Income
  - (\$68,480.01)--March YTD Expenses
  - (\$211.59)--Payroll WH/Benevolence
  - \$75,000.45--March 2024 Ending Bank Balance
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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday

Sunday, April 7, we will be celebrating 50 years since the building of our Sanctuary, Chapel, Lounge and Offices in 1974. We welcome, Mark Brodbeck, as guest speaker at both services on Sunday at 8 & 10:30 a.m. Mark is the son of Onnolee & Eugene Brodbeck and brother to Joyce Finke. He, his family and wife, Barbara, were members of Zion. There will also be a confirmation reception in the Narthex for confirmation classes of 2000-2009.



## Memorials

- A gifts were given in memory of Ed Flora by Harry & Nora Staunton, Zion Women of the NALC and Steve and Dora McAfee.
- A gift was given in memory of Robert Schmehl by Kyle Schmehl.

# Anguilla County Crisis Center

Cereal  
Taco meal kits  
Hamburger helper  
Tuna helper  
Au gratin potatoes  
Noodles  
Spaghetti sauce

Oatmeal packets  
Pizza meal kits  
scalloped potatoes  
mashed potatoes (boxed or bagged)  
pasta sides  
pasta noodles

Soups: vegetable, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, Chunky soups  
Chicken broth, beef broth

Canned meats: beef and chicken

Canned fruits: pineapple and pears  
Fruit cups

Salt in shakers  
Pepper in shakers  
Coffee filters  
Tea bags  
Juice: grape or apple  
Pudding cups  
Applesauce  
Granola bars  
Pop tarts

microwaveable meals  
ravioli canned & microwavable  
SpaghettiOs canned and microwavable  
microwaveable meals (such as like home completes  
Kool aid premixed  
Jello cups  
Snack bars  
Cereal bars

Crackers  
Snacks  
Microwave popcorn

Snack crackers  
Fruit snacks

Sugar  
Powdered or boxed milk  
Cake mixes with icing

Flour  
Pam or cooking spray  
Cupcake liners

Paper towels  
Kleenex



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