

# MARCH 2020

## VOICE OF ZION

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**Sunday Family Worship at 10 am**  
**Sunday School for all ages at 9 am**

### ATTENDANCE

Date	Worship	Sun School/Other
2-2	151	56
2-9	143	68
2-16	160	65
2-23	163	60

### LITURGIST

3-1 Justin Long  
 volunteers needed for rest of March

### GREETERS

3-1 Jim & Carol Jo Droege  
 3-8 Nancy Dougan & Mary Schauss  
 3-15 Thomas Ewers & Toni Roberts  
 3-22 Carol Embrey & Linda Reutter  
 3-29 Gary & Donna Hartig  
 4-5 Arlene Hosto & Jessie Brame

*If you are unable to serve as greeter on the scheduled date, please try to find a replacement and contact the church office with the change information.  
 Thank you!*



*Women's Fellowship*

**The Women of Zion** will have Ladies Night Out on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We will meet for the evening at the new home of Carl & Delene Schmitz, on Dutchman Road. All women of Zion are invited to join us for dinner and a fun evening. Please let Irma Donner or Delene know by March 8<sup>th</sup> if you will be able to attend.

Remember, all ladies of Zion are welcome!



### Zion Nursery Center is having a Hop-A-Thon

during their class sessions March 18, 19 & 20, to benefit Riley Children's Hospital. Look for the **Red Bucket in foyer to make a donation.**

### New Church Pictorial Directory

2020 is Zion's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year and it's time for a new Church Pictorial Directory. Later this year, probably mid to late July, we will be setting up photo appointments. Kelley Esche is helping with the directory project and will be sharing more information as the time gets closer. Bennett Photography (Tim & Lvonne Bennet) will be taking the photos.



# MARCH

In order to share in the joys and celebrations of our lives as a congregation we publish a monthly list of birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends of Zion. Numbers in ( ) represent year.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Barbara Klenck, Onyx Zuber
- 3 Tim Reineke, John Moye
- 6 Lisa Simpson, Emily Schroeder
- 7 Aletha Meeks
- 8 Stacy Wagner, Bryan Reese,  
Drake Seitz
- 9 Griffin Wiethop, Nora Hautman
- 10 Stephanie Elkins, Patty LeGrange
- 11 Jack Kleiman, Josiah Patterson  
Kraig Schmidt
- 12 Carl Schmitz, Grady Gibson
- 13 Andrea Terhune
- 14 Duane Barnhart, Jordan Redman, Vince  
Frazier
- 15 Justin Schroeder, Leah Schroeder
- 16 Drake Davenport, Alana Bredemeier,  
Shelby Lang
- 17 Melissa Coon
- 19 Shelbi Brown
- 20 Nathanael Byerly
- 21 Albert Schmitz, Erika Lewis
- 22 Ruth Redman, Roger Eldridge
- 23 Joe Anderson
- 24 Reece Terhune
- 25 Tina Spears, Kyle Swope, Zachary Will
- 26 Rev. Ruby Schroeder
- 27 Ethan & Hailey Moyer
- 28 Irma Donner
- 29 Kinley Uebelhack
- 30 Cooper Fuquay
- 31 Iris Barrow

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 10 Brad & Cindy (Embrey) Hollen (90)  
Dave & Pam Ford (79)
- 13 Lowell & Bonnie (Butcher) Walker (60)
- 15 Steve & Pam (Craig) Martin (69)
- 18 David & MaryBeth (Richardson) Reese (78)
- 26 James & Carol Jo (Tenbarga) Droege (77)  
James & Hilda (Schroeder) Donner (55)
- 28 Andrew & Kim (Herrenbruck) White (98)  
Blake & Stephanie Elkins (05)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or not correct, please call the office at 985-2437 so we may update our records. Thanks for your help!



We hope that you can join us for this year's Wednesday evening Lenten services, starting with **Ash Wednesday February 26. All services begin at 7:00 p.m. Following Ash Wednesday**, we will begin our regular Wednesday evening Lenten services (March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1) with a light meal served at 6 pm (free will offering for meal) and worship at 7.

This year's Wednesday evening Lenten themes will be as follows:

- March 4** - Bible - 2 Timothy 3. 16-17
- March 11** - Doubting - Matthew 28. 16-20
- March 18** - Praying - Luke 18. 9-17
- March 25** - Money - Proverbs 11. 27-31
- April 1** - Community - 1 Peter 4. 8-11

We look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday evenings.

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**Men's Lenten Breakfasts** will be held on Saturday mornings February 29 through April 4. Various churches in the area host the *meal served at 8 AM, with services following at 9 AM. Note change of starting times from previous years.* All men are welcome to attend.

Schedule of host locations are:

- Feb 29 – Zion Lippe
- March 7 – Zoar UCC
- March 14 - Christ Church UCC
- March 21 – Bethlehem UCC
- March 28 – St Paul's UCC Michigan St
- April 4 – Trinity UCC Mt Vernon

More information is on bulletin board, or contact Dwight Esche 812 455-5187. If possible, please try to RSVP to the host location by Wednesday before the Breakfast.

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***From the Pastor . . .***

According to a Chinese proverb, there's an invisible thread that connects two people who are destined to meet and influence each other's lives. Have you ever had a relationship in your life in which you felt connected in some spiritual way that just couldn't be entirely explained?

One of the gifts that I received was a book entitled, ***An Invisible Thread***, written by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski. It is a remarkable book and I would recommend it to anyone. What probably touched me the most when I was reading this book was its story about the power each of us has to elevate someone else's life and how our own life is enriched in the process. It is a story that reminds us that damaging cycles can be broken and not to neglect the humanity of the strangers we brush up against every day.

Think about it with me for a moment. How many people do we brush by every day? There is the person standing behind or in front of us in the check-out line at the grocery store. There are the people sitting next to us at our favorite restaurant, diner, or café. There are others whom all of us have had an opportunity to engage but just didn't for one reason or another.

I thought about this when I read the book. How many people I have passed by, walked by, ran by, hurried by and how maybe, just maybe I missed an opportunity to experience the Divine. On the other hand, my life has been filled with all sorts of opportunities to meet all kinds of people in all sorts of circumstances. From combine rides, to moments in the "Nut House" just north of the parsonage, to hospitals, speaking invitations, weddings, Friday night sideline moments, and teaching moments, my life has been thoroughly blessed with all sorts of relationship moments.

As we journey through the remaining weeks of the Lenten season, may we be a little more aware of those close to us, far from us, and those who bless us in their own special quiet ways.

May the invisible thread that is shared by an ever-present Spirit keep us connected as we seek to faithfully serve as disciples of Jesus Christ all the way to Easter and beyond.

Blessings and Peace, *Rev. Jeff J. Long*

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***March UCC Special Offering is "One Great Hour of Sharing"***

*ucc.org/oghs*



## **WORDS OF THANKS . . .**

Thanks to Pastor Jeff for an outstanding Family of Faith Retreat at Santa's Lodge. Theme was "Always Remember" – memories, recalling and presence, Deuteronomy 4:9 which tells us not to forget what we've seen, teach to our children and grandchildren. Sharing pictures of people that have been special and an influence in our lives. Sunday morning worship meditation and reflections of the retreat, serving communion. Thanks to JJ Mohr for a special gift for Pastor Jeff to use for serving communion, something awesome that went along with our theme. Thanks also to speaker Grant Welp, Mary Jane Schroeder for organizing event, Greg & Jonathan Schmitt for working sound, Ben Lingafelter for pictures, and everyone that brought snacks.

A big thank you to Rev. Stephanie Weiner, Andy Hape, Jason Emmerson, Russ Roehr, and Katy Lang – all helped fill in for Pastor Jeff while he was on vacation and assisting with Retreats. A big thank you to Terry Schroeder for doing entire service at the last minute on the Sunday Pastor Jeff was sick. And, thanks to all those who are always ready to help anytime!

Rosie Bogard

Our sincere thanks to all those VOLUNTEERS who helped prepare and serve food for the Partners in Food Appreciation meal. This meal serves as a way to share information and thank all the Sponsors, Donors and Producers who make this program work. A thank you to the Representatives from the Food Pantries and the homeless shelter who reported on their activities and the importance of receiving meat, potatoes and canned food from the program. Many thanks to Paul & Mike Schorr for the use of the building and equipment for grilling as well as all those who helped in all kinds of weather. Our sincere thanks to the church council and congregation for their support of the program and church secretary, Ruth Wintczak, for the office work involved in making the Partners in Food a success.

**The participation by all involved is greatly appreciated.**

Partners in Food Committee – Carl & Al Schmitz, Jim Droege and Marvin Redman

A big Thank You to Tim & Kyle Hoenert for their expertise and hard work on replacing the old light bulbs with new LED bulbs. Also thanks to Gary Hartig for his work on the purchasing, pricing and working with Jack Kleiman and the Hoenerts to do this work "in house". We should see savings on our Vectren bill.

Zion does have the old bulbs that can be picked up if anyone is interest. Just leave a donation if you like. Contact Terry Schroeder with any questions.

A big Thank You to Staci & Gary Voegel for all of their hard work to keep our ball diamond and recreational areas looking good, all year long.

# Zion Lippe UCC Council Meeting Highlights

2/11/20

Regular offering \$10,144.60  
Total Income \$10,833.76  
Total Expense \$13,301.49  
Difference -\$2,467.73

Pianist and Pianist Assistant salaries on the 2020 budget need to be corrected.

Ash Wednesday is the 26th of February.

March 7th is the half day council offsite retreat at the Center for Congregation from 8:30-11:30.

The council will provide the Lenten meal on March 4th.

Special thanks to Tim and Kyle Hoenert for their aid in the completion of the LED light bulb project, also thanks to Gary Hartig, Jack Kleiman, Terry Schroeder and Steve Martin for their help. If anyone is interested in picking up the older style bulbs which were removed, please contact Terry Schroeder.

The new wood doors between foyer and sanctuary don't fit, Fehrenbacher is working to fix the problem. Also have reached out to Troy Schreiber with Bunge Masonry to get us placed on their schedule to finish up the tuck pointing project.

All fire extinguishers and most exit lights were inspected back in November 2019. They are inspected annually.

The lights in the garage need to be replaced, as well as a new lock for the breaker panel downstairs and in the garage

We need to create a committee to discuss upgrades to the church playground, it was recommended to ask someone from the nursery school should be on the committee.

Discussion on installing solar panels is still ongoing.

New church council members are

Laura Droege - Secretary  
Dan Hoffman - Treasurer  
Bob Klenck – Stewardship

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## 2020 Mowing Bids for Zion Cemeteries

Bids for mowing New Cemetery (behind church) are due March 15. Turn bid in to the New Cemetery Committee: Larry Droege, Russ Roehr or Nancy Dougan.

Bid for mowing Old Cemetery (across from parsonage) should be turned in to Terry Schroeder before Council meeting March 10.