

# April 2008

## VOICE OF ZION

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**SUNDAY MORNING**

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship at 10:00 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

Date	Worship	Sun School/Other
2-24	154	64
2-27	81	Lenten Service
3-2	194	74
3-5	71	Lenten Service
3-9	77/201	8:15/10
3-12	76	Lenten Service
3-16	103/235	8:15/10 Palm Sun.
3-16	26	Tempo
3-20	67	Maundy Thursday
3-21	93	Good Friday
3-23	144	Sunrise
3-23	188/174	8:15/10 Easter

### ACOLYTE

4-6	Kayla H.
4-13	Cory L.
4-20	Nick N.
4-27	Melissa S.
5-4	Claire S.

### GREETERS

4-6	Jim & Carol Droeger
4-13	Arlene Hosto and Ruby Schroeder
4-20	Jerry & Gayle McClarney
4-27	Jay & Stephanie O'Risky
5-4	Vernon & Marlet Krietenstein

### LITURGIST

4-6	Justin D.
4-13	Gayle Lashley
4-20	Joanna Dickhaut
4-27	Laverne Deal
5-4	Sr. High



## “Stir What You’ve Got”

Although I was a very young boy during World War II some of the things in that era of my life stick vividly in my memory. “Rationing” was one of those things. I remember, that because of the war effort, the sacrifices that civilians had to make because certain things were rationed. Sugar was on that list of rationed commodities and it was not uncommon for one to eat in a restaurant and the waitress would put sugar in the coffee. The story is told that one customer complained that the waitress only put one spoon of sugar in his coffee, and the disgruntled customer asked for a second spoonful. To which the waitress replied, “Stir what you’ve got!”

Sometimes in our prayers and in our spiritual want list we seem to ask for more and more blessings. Sometimes we even ask for more faith. At these times perhaps it would be well for us to examine both our faith and our many blessings such as: God’s forgiveness and acceptance, family and friends, a great community in which to live, the blessing of our senses.... In considering this it may be well for us to consider: Be thankful and accept what you have..... “Stir what you’ve got!”

## Junior Youth Bake Sale - April 13

Jr. Youth members are asked to bring items for this bake sale to benefit a charity designated by the youth.

## Cassette Tape Recordings of Services

The Evangelism committee would like to know if anyone is still interested in listening to the service on cassette tape. We are wanting to phase out the cassette tapes unless we hear from you. We are now in full swing of making and using the new CD’s, they seem to be going over well. If you still want the cassette tapes, please let me know so we can keep making them.

Gail Lashley, 985-5244



## A WORD OF THANKS . . .

I would like to give a special thanks to Reverend Scherry and Gail Lashley for all their time and guidance through confirmation. Thanks to all the church members for all the cards and gifts of encouragement.

Yours Truly, Austin O.

Thank you so very much for your kindness. The basket of flowers I received from the church was beautiful. They arrived at Bethel, the day I returned from the hospital. Also, thanks for the nice card.

Ruby Garrett

Thank you Women of Zion for the wonderful Valentine goodies and thanks to Sandy for delivering it on such an icy day, we really enjoyed it.

Bob & Helen Papenmeier

Dear Zion Partners for Food,

Thank you for your generous gift of 200 lbs of sausage. United Caring Shelters, Inc.

Thanks to the Women of Zion for the Valentine gift. I came home when we had the ice storm and found a treat at my door. Thanks to whoever brought it and God bless you all

Olivia Griese

The Cookin' Friends would like to thank everyone who came to North Posey on a snowy day to support our Relay for Life Pork Chop Dinner. We served over 300 meals and raised \$1926.55 for the American Cancer Society. Special thanks to Paul (Butch) Schorr for donating his time, grill and supplies and to our families and friends for all their help.

MSD of North Posey Cooks

I want to thank Reverend Scherry and Joanna Dickhaut for their help through confirmation. I would also like to thank everyone that came to my confirmation party on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. I'm so glad so many people were able to come and it meant so much to me to see how much everyone cared. Thank you for all the gifts and support.

Travis R.

The Confirmands and their parents would like to give thanks to the congregation of Zion-Lippe. We are grateful for the changing of the schedules of the church services and Sunday school times. Your support and commitment is very thoughtful and appreciated.

With loving hearts, Confirmands and Parents

A big "Thank You" to Doris Strupp for all her work taking and printing the photos of this year's Confirmation Class.

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**Endowment Committee will meet  
Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7 PM.**



## More Neck Ties Needed

One of the projects of the Women of Zion is making sleeping bags for the homeless. Used men's neck ties are used to secure the sleeping bag when it is rolled up. If you have old ties to donate, please drop them off at church or contact Joanna Dickhaut or Martha Ziegler.

## Auction Volunteers

The Women of Zion group needs volunteers to help with serving food at an auction on April 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be 2 hour shifts starting at 8 AM. Please notify Joanna Dickhaut. Also we need pies (not cream) for sale that day.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

After a full Lenten and Easter schedule during which no Sunday School was held from March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the teachers and Sunday School in general are both eager to get back to a “normal” Sunday School schedule beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>. What is “normal” anyway? Is it a dull routine where you don’t have to do anything out of the ordinary---don’t do anything fun? Normal can be part of a routine when we take time to recuperate from a time of hectic activity, but no fun---no way! All you have to do to get excited about Sunday School again is to get involved---get involved in one of Blake’s openings---get involved with a class project---get involved with the Odd’s and End’s serving meals at the homeless shelter ---get involved in the “Walk to Jerusalem”---get involved by being part of a class discussion. In our class, the discussions are often about a subject of interest or concern relevant to today’s world that may or may not be related to the printed material scheduled for that Sunday. That’s O.K. Christ was concerned about the needs and welfare of the people he met as he made his “Walk to Jerusalem”.

Another way to get involved is to remember that March 30<sup>th</sup> will be Mission Sunday. Normally the second Sunday of each quarter of the church year is designated as Mission Sunday. With the church year beginning in September, March 9<sup>th</sup> would have been Mission Sunday; but because we didn’t have Sunday School on March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup> has been designated as Mission Sunday. By the way, do you remember what Mission Sunday is all about? Part of our Christian attitude is that we are concerned about the welfare of people in need in our community and in the world. In response to these concerns, 100% of the Sunday School offering on the four Sundays in the church year designated as Mission Sundays is dedicated to specific mission projects. For the past few years, we have chosen to divide our mission offerings equally between the United Caring Shelter, United Family Services, and Habitat for Humanity.

Likewise, the birthday offerings are also divided between these three community projects. Have you gotten out of the habit of remembering to give thanks for another birthday? When we were children, we dropped pennies in the birthday offering and everyone counted the pennies to see how old we were. Now days many of us would rather remember and be remembered on our birthday and not be too specific about the exact number of birthdays. That’s O.K. too. God know it’s our birthday, and he knows the number too.

Donna Hartig  
Co-Sunday School Superintendent



The next WOZ meeting will be on April 10 at 7 PM; Carl Schmitz will be the speaker. Committee is Delene Schmitz, Carly Patterson, Sharon Schroeder, Julie Klenck and Loretta Jean Schroeder.

WOZ will have a Bake Sale on April 6th. The proceeds will go toward School Kits. WOZ thanks everyone for their participation thus far this year.

Church World Kit items needed yet are 12” rulers, large erasers, and 24 count Crayola Crayons. Collection will continue through April 20.

Women’s Spring Workshop Meeting will be held Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> at St Matthew UCC on First Ave., 9AM- Noon, with a meal for \$5. Contact Joanna by Sunday April 13 to RSVP. There will be a business meeting, workshops and guest speaker, James Bratt, who will talk about his volunteer work in Africa.

# WALK TO JERUSALEM

WOW!!! What a response to our invitation to join in walking from Zion Lippe in Posey County, Indiana, all the way to Jerusalem. Not only do we have walkers in Posey County, we've been joined by friends and family from northern Indiana, Chicago, New York, and Texas. Bill and Doris Smith are out there every day logging their miles on the golf course on Padre Island and e-mailing their steps to Ruby Ostermann. Ruby is also recording steps/miles for her sister, Eleanor McRae who lives on Barkley Lake near Cadiz, KY, and who has previously achieved the enviable goal of having "walked" around the world. Ron and Debbie (Juncker) Linstromberg kept their pedometers ticking as they shoveled snow in Auburn, Indiana, and then as they walked the sandy beaches of Sanibel Island in the Caribbean on their winter getaway. Ruby Schroeder is delighted when Debbie calls to chat as she reports their weekly mileage. Delwin Parker has been giving his body and his pedometer a daily workout on the treadmill. Carol Embrey says that converting her aquacising time at the YMCA into steps really accelerates her step count each week. I also understand there's a contest between some of our senior youth to see who can walk the farthest each week. With a desk job that keeps me stationary a good part of the day, I'm one of the walkers who is just enjoying the scenery as I add my steps to each week's total. Way to go, everyone!!! What are you doing to increase your steps and develop a healthy lifestyle?

Where have we been and where are we headed? If you've been able to attend services at Zion, you have had a chance to view our progress on the map in the foyer, check out the picture "post cards" from the places we've visited and read Ruby Schroeder's reports of the sights and sounds of the places we've "visited" in the weekly bulletin inserts. If you've missed any of the bulletin insert and would like to receive a copy, please contact me and I will be happy to send them to you.

Rain or shine---in April, we're planning a fun event to keep us on the path to physical fitness. Look and listen for details in the weekly bulletin inserts and the Sunday announcements. Do you remember the last time you played Hopscotch?

Donna Hartig  
For the Walk to Jerusalem Committee



Wednesday April 30, 7 PM in ZEC (Parsonage)

Some study helps can be found in a lavender folder in the library on the checkout table. Please feel free to take one.

Starting in May, Wednesday evening the 28th at 7pm, we will begin a study of the book A Mary Heart in a Martha World, by Joanna Weaver. The book includes a companion Bible study. Excerpt from the back cover: "Have you ever tried to do it all? An invitation to every woman who feels she isn't godly enough, loving enough, doing enough. The life of a woman today isn't so different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. We long to sit at the Lord's feet, but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave us alone. We love Jesus and really want to serve him, yet we struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. This fresh approach to the familiar Bible story and its creative, practical strategies shows how we, in the midst of our busy Mary/Martha lives, can draw closer to our Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy!" This book is available for \$10 and we have some on hand. You may already have this book or wish to purchase it elsewhere. But if not, and you wish to purchase the book for the Bible study, please see Diana Walker or Gail Lashley. Zion's Bible study group will continue to meet throughout the summer.

## **Note from the Nurses**

What is wellness? It is more than just not being sick- it's a positive state of health. Wellness means taking responsibility for your own health by:

- 1- Learning how to stay healthy
- 2- Practicing good health habits and giving up harmful ones
- 3- Responding to your body's warning signs and visiting your health-care provider before something serious happens.

Wellness involves the health of the whole person. The body must be kept strong, fit and well-nourished, so it is able to resist disease and overcome injury. The mind and spirit are important, too. A positive attitude helps a person combat stress and tension.

When you are well you feel good. You have more energy and endurance, and spend less time feeling tired or ill. You sleep better and feel calmer and more confident. You also look good. Your good health shows in improved muscle tone, a healthy weight, clear eyes, and healthy skin and hair.

Your health depends on many factors. Some factors you can't control, but others you can. Those health factors we cannot control are 1-Hereditry 2-Environment 3-Gender 4-Age. Those factors we can control are 1-Diet 2-Exercise 3-Rest 4-Stress 5-Unhealthy habits 6-Attitude.

Eat sensible amounts of nutritious foods to improve your health and maintain a healthy weight. <http://www.MyPyramid.gov> is a site to inform how much food is right for you. You can type in your sex, age, height and activity level and get a personalized nutrition plan with calorie requirements just for you. <http://www.Eatright.org> is another site to give you ideas on nutritious foods for your health. It also compares many of those fad diets we all hear about, and many of us have tried at one time or another.

The right kind and amount of exercise promote healthy hearts, lungs and muscles. It also helps maintain a healthy weight and relieve stress.

There are many of us on the right track with our exercise routine. Just take a look at the Walk to Jerusalem steps accumulated so far. Wow! We are a church family on the move in the right direction! Our Tai Chi exercise is also getting us moving and relieving that stress in a subtle balancing way.

Many health-care providers recommend 7-8 hours of sleep each night for good health. Talk to your parish nurse or health-care provider if you are having problems getting adequate rest. There are simple changes you can make to get this important rest for your good health.

## **Grief Support**

The Health Ministry Team would like to offer a grief recovery support group beginning on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 P.M. It is based on the Grief Share Program. The evening will begin with a DVD presentation followed by discussion. Each week is "self contained," which means that you do not need to be present for every session to be part of the group. This is a 13 week program, but we may only meet for 6 weeks and then take a break for the summer and complete it in the fall. This could be subject to change, based on the response and need from the group. For this group, the grief is due to death and it does not need to be recent. Some people may continue to have grief long after the loss occurred and so this group may be beneficial to anyone who has suffered a loss and is still struggling with their feelings. If you are interested, please contact the church office to sign up, if you haven't already, as we would like to limit the group to 12 people at a time.

## Council Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Zion Lippe Church Council was called to order by President Larry Lewis on Tuesday, March 11th, 2008. Devotions were conducted by Gail Lashley. The minutes of last month's Council meeting were reviewed and approved. The treasurer's report was presented, reviewed and filed subject to audit.

### Unfinished Business –

- Portable CD player update – J.J. reported that the new CD recording process is going very well. If no one expresses the need to continue tape recordings, cassette recordings will no longer be made.
- Cemetery Association proposal – Larry will try to work with the association to get another meeting setup sometime after Easter and continue moving forward with resolution to the proposal presented at the annual meeting.
- Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday schedule – Jan Droege updated the Council on the schedule for the upcoming services. Council members will cover the Lenten service liturgist schedule and an offering will be taken up for the early services.
- Communion Maundy Thursday & Good Friday (Pew Maundy Thurs and Altar Good Friday)

### Committee Reports –

**Worship:** Jan Droege reported – the new candle lighters and guest book that were ordered have arrived and will be used Easter Sunday at the 10:00 service. Approval of updated wedding policy – The updated wedding policy was passed around for approval. The policy was discussed and a question was raised regarding the requirement to obtain additional insurance by non members who are renting the facility. Larry will contact the United Christian Insurance Group for clarification on the issue of who is covered under insurance (members/non members). Gifts for Confirmation Students – Jan purchased frames and Doris will be printing pictures from the photos that will be taken on Palm Sunday. She will be providing pictures and frames for each confirmand. Tina Spears made a motion to cover the costs of the confirmation gifts and flowers not to exceed 200 dollars. The motion was second by Terry Schroeder and the motion carried with no opposition.

Child Care for 3/16-3/23 – Jan will try to find help to provide nursery services for the 10:00 service.

**Evangelism:** Gail Lashley reported that a signup is in the foyer for another trip to “Pump It Up”. They are looking for 50 people to signup. The date will be the Thursday of spring break week (3/27). Gail has also setup a folder to house copies of the compact disks (CD's) we are recording. We will try to keep up to a year's worth in this folder. Gail will also be scheduling a Merom camp work day to clean and repair the Taylor cabin.

**Education:** Leon Austin reported on the Christian Education meeting that was held on March 6th. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 7:30pm. The committee is considering asking the endowment committee for funding to cover a registration fee for the National Youth Event in Knoxville TN on July 24-28,

**Stewardship:** – Terry Schroeder reported on an endowment request for the Walk To Jerusalem program. The request was approved with no opposition.

**Property:** Ron Strupp reported on a few maintenance issues. There was a VOZ announcement requesting help to take down the two dead trees in the parking lot on Mar 29<sup>th</sup>. Ron also reported on a few minor items needing repairing and the two snow events. He wanted to thank everybody who helped remove the snow. Ron also had to do several adjustments to the lights and timers due to a power outage. They all appear to be working correctly now.

**Recreation** – Tanya Schmitz reported that we had 19 at the game night and everybody had a great time. June 8 at noon will be the family fun day at Burdette Park. Meat and drinks will be furnished. We ask everyone to bring a finger food. Oct 12 will be the autumn celebration at 3:30. Volley ball will start back up in the fall.

**Pastor's Report** – Reverend Scherry reported that the Family of Faith retreat was well attended and everyone had a great time. He wanted to thank all those involved with the preparation and participation in this event. Reverend Scherry also would like to thank everybody for the snow removal. Reverend Scherry then discussed how blessed we are at this church with the many activities going on and the participation of all the members. He indicated that other churches in our area are not as fortunate as they are losing members and some are even considering closing down or merging with other churches. He said we are very fortunate as we have something very special here.

16 Personal and hospital calls

15 Church Group meetings

2 Funerals

1 Baptism

1 Retreat

**New Business** – Larry Lewis was presented a request from the Zion Nursery Center and they would like to use the basement for summer programs. They expect an attendance of 10-18 students and they always get plenty of parents to help. It would be conducted on Monday and Wednesdays from 8:20 am to 11:30 am from June 2 to July 16. The request was approved with no opposition.

A letter from Tanya Schmitz was also presented. This letter is requesting the Council recommend her to be accepted into the licensed minister program. This request was approved with no opposition.

Tanya Schmitz also requested permission to display a window sticker for the American Cancer Society. This request was approved by the property chairman.

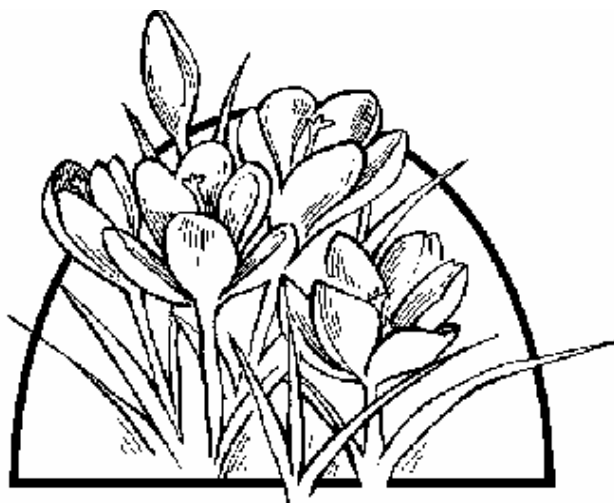
**General Concerns** – On April 6<sup>th</sup> at the morning service, we will have a special “pinning” for the recognition of the parish nurses who recently completed the certification to become a Certified Parish Nurse. Debbie Mohr and Carla Barnhart will be presented a pin signifying successful completion of the program.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next Council meeting will be April 8th

With no further business, meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and the friendship circle.

Secretary, J.J. Mohr

**The North Posey Relay for Life 5<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Chili Supper and Card Party**  
will be held on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the St. Francis  
Church Cafeteria. Chili, vegetable soup and a variety  
of sandwiches and desserts will be served from 5 to 7  
PM. The card party will begin at 7 with a Chinese  
auction, basket auction, egg rumble and more. Cost  
will be \$3 per person with 100% of the proceeds going  
to the American Cancer Society for cancer research  
and patient services. Ticket info: Patti Wilson @  
874-3214 or 845-2974, or Cheryl Bratton @874-2216  
or 874-3156. Come join the fun!



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