

# May 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
3-30	206	80
4-6	205	75
4-13	205	85
4-20	172	79
4-20	32	Tempo

### ACOLYTE

5-4	Claire S.
5-11	Shelby S.
5-18	Kyle V.
5-25	Kayla H.
6-1	Cory L.

### GREETERS

5-4	Youth
5-11	Charles & Lillian Randall
5-18	Anne Nicholson and Ruby Ostermann
5-25	Bill & Doris Smith
6-1	Jim & Carol Jo Droege

### LITURGIST

5-4	Youth
5-11	Kay Austin
5-18	Volunteer needed
5-25	Pat Elkins
6-1	Nancy Lewis



## “Retire From What For What???”

Some people have asked the question as to what are my plans for retirement. For one thing, it's like getting old . . . “I've never done this before”, so it's new territory for me. However I've considered some possibilities: 1) I could follow the steps of my good neighbor and friend, Paul Schorr, and drive a tour bus. However, people who know my driving habits quickly discourage me from that venture. 2) My brother-in-law, Bill Meyer looked at our 2 acres of tillable land and suggested that with a mule, a horse-drawn plow and a single section harrow, I could be a self-sustained farmer. But with the dog and cat, we now have about all the livestock that we can sustain. 3) At one time Sue and I thought about traveling. With the rise in gasoline prices we might travel to Solitude or perhaps Hovey Lake for a day's outing. But this still is appealing as it might be a longer trip to see the grandkids more often than we now are able to do. We'll put a positive check on this possibility. 4) Seriously though, on the advice of my favorite Uncle Mert (age 92) I'm going to do some of the things I never seemed to have time to complete. Maybe it will be to put some of my thoughts on paper to share with friends and family. Maybe I'll sort through some of the lumber in our barn that was given to me by friends over the years and create a bench, a birdhouse, or maybe just a box. I remember Jeri Sauve telling of a box she once made in her dad's workshop that had no lid because she nailed all six sides together. Maybe I'll get serious about putting out a garden, and harvesting it this year. That would be different from anything I've done over the last 47 years, because annually I put out a garden and left on vacation when it was time to be harvested. Our kids have had their fill of trying to get rid of tomatoes and green beans when we go on vacation and everyone else has more than they need. I remember reading about such a situation recently that said, “You'll know you're in a Country Church when all the cars in the parking lot are locked during Zucchini Squash season for fear that someone would put extra squash in your car while you're in Church”. Maybe we'll just take more time to spend with our family and friends. That really sounds appealing, so don't be surprised when we greet you with a handshake or a hug to renew old times and to celebrate the many blessings of life. I've never been old or retired before, but I know it's going to be a happy time !!! We hope to share those happy times with all of you as our family and friends.

If you are unable to serve on the appointed date, please try to find a replacement and contact the church office with the change information.



## May

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.

### *Happy Birthday!*

- 1 Rosa Yellig, Owen Spears, Martha Ziegler, Ronald Schweikhart
- 3 Patti Parker, Ruth Wintczak, Steve Strupp
- 4 Shelley Schmitt, Kevin Higdon
- 7 Anne Nicholson
- 8 Donald Hoenert, Ryan Ploetz
- 9 Ethel Boberg
- 10 Dustin Bredemeier
- 11 Page White
- 13 Kendall Reidford, Camron Cotton
- 14 Nicholas Voegel
- 16 Terry Freeman
- 17 Anna Mae Droege, Amber Sattler, Emma Schroeder
- 18 Monica Cullman
- 19 Judy Rueger
- 22 Chris McCutchan, Randy Canada
- 23 Tom Wintczak, Jared Schroeder, J.J. Mohr
- 24 Carol Jo Droege, Travis Reese
- 26 Scott Lewis, Caleb Voegel, Logan Turner
- 27 Michael Niehaus, Joanna Dickhaut
- 28 Tyler Schroeder
- 29 Sue Henderson
- 30 Olivia Esche

### *Happy Anniversary!*

- 2 Mike and Mindy Niehaus (89)
- 9 Wilton and Opal (Schroeder) Juncker (52)
- 11 Curt and Kristen Gleim (02)
- 14 Steve and Sally (Nicholson) Noelle
- 16 David and Dawn Strupp
- 17 Darwin and Gail Lashley (80)  
Ryan and Amy Steinhart (98)
- 26 Paul and Martha (Donner) Ziegler (62)
- 27 Elwood and Laverne (Schroeder) Deal (61)
- 29 Chris and Beth McCutchan (04)
- 31 Tom and Ruth (Droege) Wintczak (80)  
Greg & Sandy (Dougan) Schmitt (03)

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!

## *Women's Fellowship*

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Project Notebook Bake Sale

May 4<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM, Miss & Mrs Banquet  
“Patterns of Grace” Quilt Theme

May 8<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM, Year End Party  
and Election of Officers

Committee: Doris Strupp, Katy Lang, Pat Elkins  
and Dorothy Niehaus

## *Pentecost Sunday Observance*

It has been our practice here at Zion Lippe in recent years to use Pentecost Sunday as a day to celebrate our Confirmation Reunion for anniversaries of those confirmed at Zion Church. Last year on Pentecost Sunday, a celebration with a pitch-in dinner was held. This year, Pentecost Sunday will fall on the same day that we celebrate Mother's Day, a day that is also very important in the life of Zion Lippe. Due to the observance of Mother's Day, the Council has decided not to celebrate the confirmation reunion this year. However, we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday with Communion during our morning worship service.



## **Bible Study**

Just a reminder that starting in May, Thursday evening the 29th 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. From the cover: "The life of a woman today isn't so different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. We love Jesus and really want to serve him, yet we struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. The daily demands of a busy world just won't leave us alone. 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 from either Diana Walker or Gail Lashley. Zion's Bible study group will continue to meet throughout the summer on the last Thursdays of the month at 7pm. Come join us! All are welcome!



## A WORD OF THANKS . . .

I would like to thank the church council and the congregation for all the cards, bookmarks, picture frame and their support for the past two years as I have prepared for my confirmation and first communion. I want to thank Doris Strupp for taking the pictures to help me remember these special events in my life and to everyone who made this time special. I would like to thank Rev. Scherry for his time, patience, and understanding and Darlene Roedel for being my mentor. I would also like to thank my family for being there for me and supporting me.

Megan R.

I would like to thank Pastor Sherry for all the time he spent with my class on preparing us for Confirmation and First Communion. I would also like to thank Jan Droege and Ruth Redman for all their hard work. And thank you Doris Strupp for doing such a good job at taking all the pictures. Also thanks to Carolyn Turner for being a great mentor. And thanks for all the cards I received. It has been a fun two years and I feel fortunate to be a part of the loving family at Zion Church.

Wendi S.

We would like to thank everyone at Zion who supported us with cards and gifts and loving words as we were confirmed into the Church. Zion and the people who worship here will always have a special place in our hearts. The beautiful picture frame and CD of our Creed Sunday are memorable gifts.

Andrew S. and Morgan S.

I would like to thank Reverend Sherry and Vicki Schroeder for all their guidance through my confirmation. I would also like to say thank you for all the cards and gifts of encouragement from the church.

With love, Lindsey D.

We would like to thank everyone for all the love, care, and prayers extended to us on behalf of our father Carl. Also, a special thanks to everyone who visited Dad at Solarbron. The visits from his church family and friends were very special to him. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Judy Hanebutt & family  
Chuck Schroeder & family

I would like to thank Rev. Scherry and my mentor Jerry Redman. I'd also like to thank those who sent me cards for confirmation.

Tyler R.

Thanks to everyone who attended, helped prepare, serve, and clean up during the Lenten meals. \$754 was raised for Partners for Food, which helped to pay for the processing of 840 lbs. of sausage, 1 beef (420 lbs. of hamburger) for the United Caring Shelter, and 400 lbs. of potatoes. Through everyone's help, we hope to be making a difference in our community.

Thanks so much to everyone who donated items for the Church World Service School Kits this year.

Women of Zion

Thank you to the council for the beautiful hyacinths at our pinning service. We are very grateful to the council and Rev. Scherry for their support.

Debbie Mohr & Carla Barnhart



### *With Sympathy*

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Judith Pohl, who passed away March 23, 2008. A celebration of her life was held March 28 at Zion. We cherish good memories of Judy.

Lois Schorr, a friend of Zion, passed away March 11, 2008. Funeral services and burial were held here March 15. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.



The Zion Cemetery Association would like to thank all those who submitted bids for mowing the New Cemetery. The Cemetery Association has accepted the low bid from Lee Cullman for \$1875.

**Jr. Youth Cookout  
May 18**

## Notes from the Nurses

Ahhh! The return of spring...bursts of color, early morning songs of birds singing, the smell of fresh mown grass... the sights, sounds, smells of spring. The return of spring also brings thoughts of spring cleaning. So throw open the windows, let in the light, and get ready to give winter a ceremonial boot. As we plan to spring clean our homes, let us also discuss ways we can spring clean for our health. Follow these spring cleaning- and clearing-ideas to revitalize your spirit and home.

It is well to start spring cleaning by looking at your health perception and management. Are you healthy? Do you wish to be healthy? When was the last time you had a health check-up? Just as our cars need oil changes, tire changes, and tune-ups so they can continue to get us around town...our bodies need a tune-up/check-up to make sure all is running well. Hearing what needs tuning up helps you know what YOU can do about it, but without gathering this information first, how can you know what needs to be addressed? This would be like never checking your gas or oil gauges. If insurance concerns keep you from going to your doctor's office, make sure to keep track of community health screens that are available in the community. This spring, clear out those ideas that keep you from managing your health well.

Nutrition is another area to look at when spring cleaning your life. We love our coffee, chocolate, donuts, potato chips, (fill in the blank)\_\_\_\_\_. Much like good gasoline and clean oil is good for your car, nutrition is so very important for our health. For your nutrition spring cleaning, look around your pantry and kitchen. What kind of fuel are you using and what kind of performance are you demanding from your body? Start thinking about good fuel for your body.

Spring is a time where we are getting over cabin fever and most of us can't wait to get outdoors and get active. Get rid of winter habits of inactivity and clean out those thoughts that tell yourself you can't exercise because you are not fit enough. The surest way to become more fit is to start moving. Start activity every other day, and increase it by 5 minutes each week if you can. The difference in approach may help you adopt new behaviors and get you on the way to good health.

Have you seen any of the beautiful sunrises yet this spring? Seeing the occasional sunrise is dependent many times on getting enough sleep the evening before. Sleep hygiene is a term used for a list of things you can do to improve your sleep.

Spring cleaning in your bedroom includes removing things that distract you from sleeping; TV, notebooks, clutter, bright lights. Avoid caffeinated beverages, alcohol, and nicotine before you go to sleep. The idea is to tune your body into sleep mode when you get into bed. Better sleep gives you more stamina towards better health.

How do you handle stress? When we are "stressed out," we tend to deal with it in unhealthy ways like comfort eating, poor diet choices, smoking, and inactivity. Unhealthy ways of dealing with stress lead to poor health. Do an inventory of your day...When do you feel most stressed? What do you do during those stressful times? Are you making healthy choices? Clean out your unhealthy response to stress and improve your health. Talk with your doctor about what resources are available to help you or watch for wellness classes offered in your community.

So open those windows and doors. Get some fresh air by leaving them open for about 30 minutes to displace the stale winter weather air. Increase the amount of light in your home by cleaning your windows to let in every ray of the mood-enhancing sun. Clean out the clutter so you are less distracted by "stuff."

Better health requires effort, as does everything. Changing behaviors requires time and commitment from you. Try these ideas to start you on the path of thinking about your health and spring clean for a healthier YOU.

Carla Barnhart

## Health Ministry Covenant Grant

Zion is very grateful to be the recipient of a \$1000 grant from Welborn Baptist Foundation to help with the cost of developing and supplying our church's health ministry program. Carol Havens, Coordinator of Health Ministries for Welborn Baptist Foundation, presented the check to our Parish Nurses, Carla Barnhart and Debbie Mohr, on Sunday April 6th. Carla and Debbie also received their pins for Parish Nurse Certification that Sunday. Congratulations, Carla and Debbie, and thank you both, as well as Carol Havens, in helping to secure this grant.

## Council Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Zion Lippe Church Council was called to order by President Larry Lewis on Tuesday, April 8th, 2008. Devotions were conducted by Terry Schroeder. 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 -

- **Cemetery Association update** – Still working on scheduling a follow-up meeting to consider options.
- **Changes to the wedding policy** - Regarding the question about insurance coverage, it has been determined that as long as a church member is present, the insurance is valid and will cover damages. A motion was made by J.J. Mohr and second by Tina Spears to accept the proposed changes to the wedding policy. The motion carried with no opposition. The new policy will be filed in the church policy book.
- **Merom Cabin work day** – May 10 is being proposed as a work day on Taylor cabin at Merom. We are still trying to determine what supplies are needed and scheduling of any pre-work that will be required. Once this is determined, announcements will be made to ask members to help out.

### Committee Reports –

**Worship:** Jan Droege – Jan wanted to thank everybody on all the help with the Easter services and Confirmation services during her absence. There was a brief discussion regarding the ability to offer two services during the summer months and it was determined that based on the announcement that June 29 will be the last Sunday with Reverend Scherry, we will not be able to determine if we can offer two services until the pastoral selection process is a little further along or possibly even complete.

**Evangelism:** Gail Lashley reported that the “Pump It Up” fundraiser for church camp was cancelled because we did not get enough to sign up. Gail is considering other fund raisers for camp monies and a suggestion was made to offer a spaghetti dinner or ham/beans and cornbread after service some morning. Gail will talk to her committee and see what options sound most feasible. Gail also reported we did not use the new candle lighters during the Easter services because Linda Messel was not able to attend. Linda had requested that she be present when the new candle lighters were used. This will be scheduled at a later date.

**Education:** Leon Austin – No report available.

**Recreation:** Tanya Schmitz reported there will be a committee meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm about the Burdette park activity.

**Stewardship:** – Terry Schroeder reported that we have 5 boxes of offering envelopes left over. Terry was wondering if we should send out letters for those not picked up. Terry is also reviewing the proposed letters to send out to aid in updating the membership roster. Terry also reported on the endowment meeting for last quarter. They had no financial requests to consider this time. Laverne Deal's term will be up in mid June.

**Property:** Ron Strupp reported on maintenance issues. Ron was also very pleased with the turnout at the work day to take down the dead trees in the parking lot. They were actually down before 9am. Ron asked the council on their thoughts to grind out stumps and install some gravel in spots not covered with asphalt. The Council thought this was a great idea. Ron also wanted to thank those who provided the equipment to assist with the tree removal.

### Other Committees –

**Pastor's Report** – Reverend Scherry talked a little about his retirement and gave some thoughts and reflections on his career and the dedication to the United Church of Christ. He truly believes in this congregation and the primary bond of the church. He indicated how blessed we are to be part of a church as strong and dedicated as we have here.

13 Personal and hospital calls

8 Church Group meetings

1 Tri State Pastors Association

4 Funerals

1 St. Philips Pastors meeting

4 Special Services

### New Business –

- Reverend Scherry Retirement –
  - Notification has been sent to Tom Webster and the IN/KY Conference. A special meeting has been set for April 23 at 7:00 pm with the Council and Tom Webster to outline the steps necessary to proceed with an interim pastor and to fill the position permanently.
  - Establishment of search committee is underway. Council members will be collecting names of those interested in serving on the committee. This group will also need to update the Church profile to be provided to potential candidates.
  - Retirement Celebration – it was suggested that a committee be established to plan this event as well as a welcoming event for a new pastor. The last Sunday Reverend Scherry will be conducting services will be June 29, and this is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month so arrangements may need to be made to reschedule our obligation at the food shelter.
  - Invitation will be sent to the other congregations where Reverend Scherry has served and they will be invited to attend his last service.
  - One of the questions discussed was regarding the current usage of the parsonage as an educational annex and if it can be used as a parsonage again. It may be beneficial to continue to offer the living expense to a new minister because it may be preferred over the offering of a parsonage.
- Lenten Services offering designation – Tina Spears reported that last year we approved to use the Lenten services offering to reestablish the habitat fund and if any monies remained, they would be put toward the camp fund. Gail reported that the camp fund was in good shape so the additional monies may not be required. Terry Schroeder has replaced Walt Gleim as the Zion representative for Habitat. Tonya Schmitz made a motion to move funds necessary to bring the Habitat fund up to the

previous amount. The motion was second by Terry Schroeder. The motion carried with no opposition. J.J. Mohr then moved to put the remainder of the Lenten Services into a newly established PA replacement fund. Gail Lashley second the motion and it carried with no opposition.

- We have received notification from the youth group at St. Paul in Evansville that they would like to collect a small amount from each church in the area to help purchase a larger TV for the Good Samaritan home for a Nintendo Wii they have purchased for the residents. As part of their outreach program, this device is a video game that allows users to get active in video games and the residents have really started getting some exercise while having a little fun. A motion was made by Gail Lashley to provide a donation from the Local Needs Fund to assist with the purchase of the larger TV. The motion was second by Jan Droege and the motion carried with no opposition.
- Pentecost is May 11, which is also Mother's Day. It was discussed and decided we will not offer the Confirmation reunion event any longer. We have 4 confirmation students that will be taking their first communion on Pentecost Sunday.
- Projector Purchase – J.J. Mohr indicated the need to purchase a projector and potentially a laptop to be used in presentations for Tempo as well as other church events. We have always used Reverend Scherry's and it is time to purchase one for the church. J.J. will be working to get quotes.
- Ruth Redman has been working on a sign out book for church equipment and she wanted the Council to review it. It will be kept in the Church Library.
- The UCC is planning a Mission trip to New Orleans on October 19 for 1 week, 2008. The UCC will send 40 people to help rebuild devastated areas. Additional information will be posted as it comes available.

**General Concerns** – A concern regarding the cleaning of the educational center was expressed. It was proposed to have the church janitor clean the parsonage in addition to the regular assigned duties. We will be asking for quotes from the janitor and will evaluate the options.

**Adjourn:** Friendship Circle and Lord's Prayer

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

Secretary, J.J. Mohr

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## Walk to Jerusalem

What great fun we had on our organized "Walk" touring the scenic countryside once known as Lippe, Indiana. We even had participation from non-walkers when Keith McCutchan flew over with his plane and then landed at "Schroeder Airport" and when Ernie Herrmann brought his Century Plant (a really big cactus) out of the greenhouse two weeks early just so we could enjoy it as we passed by. Willie Ostermann was a delight when he joined us for the first half of the walk and was excited when some of our younger walkers invited him to join them on the wagon being pulled by Jim Droege's John Deere for the return trip. If you don't know Willie, ask Ruby for an introduction.

If you have access to the internet, take a few minutes to check out the new "button" for the Walk to Jerusalem program on Zion's website at [zionlippe.org](http://zionlippe.org). In addition to all the weekly bulletin inserts, we've posted Ruby Ostermann's pictures and narration of our activities from the April 20<sup>th</sup> organized walk. Viewing the pictures and reading her comments is the next best thing to being there---minus the exercise, of course.

Where are we and what's next? Depending upon when you read this, we are somewhere in the Mediterranean area touring the cities where Paul began his missionary work of carrying the Good News to the gentiles. Did you know that the word "gentile" means anyone who is non-Jewish by birth or religious belief? That means Paul's missionary work was the beginning of bringing the Good News to you and to me. Thank you, Paul.

As you know, our final destination is the city of Jerusalem with our arrival planned on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Since that will also be Mothers' Day, we'll be spending the whole week touring the many sights and sounds within the city and conclude our journey on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> with Celebration Sunday. As part of our celebration, we have invited Lynn Hert from the Deaconess Family Practice Center to share her story and pictures of her recent trip to Jerusalem. I'm so looking forward to hearing Lynn's story and seeing some of the places we've toured on our virtual journey.

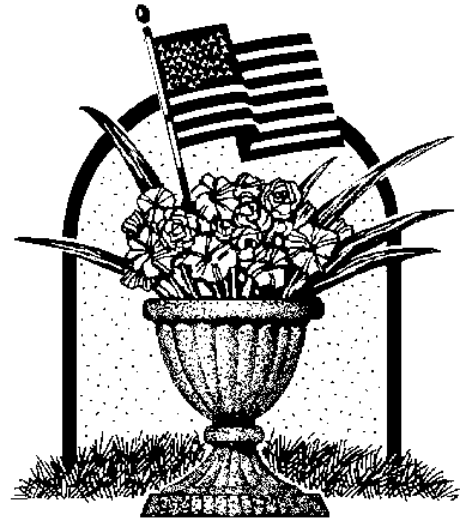
Make plans now to join us on May 18<sup>th</sup> for Celebration Sunday. Details will be posted in the weekly bulletins.

Donna Hartig, For the Walk to Jerusalem Committee



## **Church Picnic**

Mark your calendars for our church picnic on Sunday, June 8. We will meet at Burdette Park for lunch after church. Hamburgers, Sausage Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and finger foods.



***Memorial Day  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 2008***