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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	Sunday School
10-28	223	82
11-4	217	102
11-11	197	72
11-18	192	77
11-21	70	Thanksgiving Eve

ACOLYTE

12-2	Megan R.
12-9	Travis R.
12-16	Jared R.
12-23	Kendall R.
12-24	Tyler R. (Christmas Eve)
12-30	Levon S.

GREETERS

12-2	Keith & Connie McCutchan
12-9	Phil & Sherry Wuertz
12-16	Jennifer Ploetz & Ryan Ploetz
12-23	Gene & Kelley Esche
12-30	Gary & Donna Hartig

LITURGIST

12-2	Laura D.
12-9	Lindsey D.
12-16	Sarah M.
12-23	Austin O.
12-30	Megan R.

If you are not able to serve on the appointed date, please try to find a replacement and contact the church office with the change information.



“Looking Both Ways”

A friend recently gave me a desk calendar. Each day is some religious bit of humor. For November 21st, is a rather shy looking little girl. Her message for the day is a brief letter to God. (It might have been her prayer for the day.) Her message to God for today is, “Dear God, You don’t have to worry about me, I always look both ways. Signed Melanie, age 7”.

Sometimes pearls of great wisdom come from unexpected sources. This is again one of those times. It certainly has more to say than looking both ways before crossing the street. In a greater sense it has to do with looking toward God, and looking to the self before going out for the day. How often our plans for the day only consider looking one way and planning what we will do that day. Let’s consider looking both ways today to see what it is that God might place before us as an opportunity to be followers of our Lord. To paraphrase the words of Jesus, “Love God, love your neighbor, and love yourself.” May our prayer be, “God don’t worry about me, because I always look both ways”. One way is to look what I want to do, looking the other way is doing what God would have me do.

2008 Council Nominees

Gail Lashley, Leon Austin and Terry Schroeder.

Family of Faith Retreat

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the Family of Faith retreat, which will be the weekend of Feb 15, 16 and 17, 2008. Plan to join us at Santa’s Lodge in Christmas Lake Village. This year’s theme will be on Light. More details will be in the January VOZ and Mary Jane Schroeder will have flyers the beginning of January.



LOST – gold and diamond bracelet. If found, please contact Kelley Esche



DECEMBER

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 Josie Payne
- 4 Sophia Starnes
- 5 Lukas Donner
- 6 Autumn Johnson
- 7 Steve Reineke, Carrie Reineke, Morgan Stierley
- 8 Wilton Juncker
- 9 Jamie Grabert
- 10 Kelly Freeman, Frankie Rynkiewich
- 12 Emiley Esche, Raymond Noelle
- 13 Earl Niehaus, Julie Bullington
- 15 Glenn Boberg, Robert Reineke, Russell Roehr, Shelby Schweikhart
- 16 Mike Duncan Jr., Lindsey Schroeder, Sharmayne Weddel
- 17 Mike Cotton
- 19 Jeanette Hunter, Abigail Steinhart
- 20 Gabriel Schroeder
- 22 David Simpson
- 23 Star Weddel
- 25 Theresa Juncker, Nancy Lewis
- 27 Teresa DeGiacomo
- 29 Tanya Schmitz, Ernest Schroeder
- 31 Ryan Gleim

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 6 Warren & Karen (Dickhaut) Evrard
- 10 Steve & Debbie Reineke (83)
- 18 Dennis & Judy (Garrett) Rueger (71)
- 20 Casey & Lisa Calvert (86)
- 27 Scott & Suzanne Dougan (03)
- 31 Jay & Stephanie O'Risky (91)

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!



It will soon be Christmas and time to consider remembering someone special with a poinsettia or make a donation to a church fund of your choice. In either case please complete a form by the church office and place it in the offering plate or note box near office door by Dec. 16.

Poinsettias will cost \$13.50 each and will be displayed on Sunday Dec. 23rd and Christmas Eve Services. You may pick up your poinsettia after the evening service. Those left will be delivered to our shut-ins. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Redman.

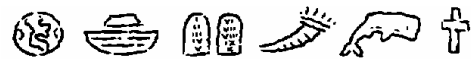


Zion Nursery Center Presents, "Who Could Imagine", Wednesday, December 5th at 7 PM for the Pre-K class and Tuesday December 11th at 7 PM for the Nursery class. The programs will be held in the Sunday School Hall upstairs. We invite you to come join us on this exciting evening.

Johlene Hoenert, ZNC Director

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING THE CHRISTMAS FUND

Formerly called Veterans of the Cross, gifts to the Christmas Fund help provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income UCC retirees, emergency assistance to the families of clergy and lay employees, and Christmas Gift Checks to hundreds of annuitants.



Bible Study

We will be starting a monthly Bible Study in January. The first get-together will be the last Wednesday evening in January at 7 PM and will last about an hour. All ideas and suggestions are welcome to make it YOUR Bible study. Please consider joining us in January for lively and interesting discussions as we study and learn God's Word! Watch for more information to come in the January VOZ.



A WORD OF THANKS . . .

I would like to thank my Secret Pal for the beautiful bouquet of flowers she gave me for my anniversary. They were beautiful and I appreciate her thinking of me in such a special way.

Sandy Willett

Thank You! Just doesn't seem like enough for all your support for our Autumn Walk 2007. Thank you and may God bless all of you.

Tri-State MS Association

Brenda Bean, Amy Phillips, and friends

If I think of all the events that have been most meaningful in my life, Sunday Nov. 18, 2007 is now one of them. Being able to give my first Communion as a Licensed Minister at my home church, sharing a wonderful meal prepared by family and friends, receiving such a wonderful gift, all of these things made for an overwhelming emotional day for me. Thank you all, and a special thanks to my mentor and friend Rev. Scherry.

Al Schmitz

Items Needed for Shelter

During the month of December, the Sr. Youth will be collecting t-shirts, new underwear, socks, gloves, warm hats, razors, toothbrushes, and soap for the homeless. These items will be delivered to the United Caring Shelter on December 30. If you would like to contribute an item, a box will be in the foyer for donations.

Sr. Youth Events

Sr. Youth will meet December 30th at 7:30 AM at the church and will travel together to the United Caring Shelter to serve breakfast and lunch to the homeless. We will also deliver the clothing and personal care items we have collected to the shelter this day.

Sr. Youth will also meet January 6th after church for a light meal and meeting.

We encourage all Sr. Youth to attend these activities.



Women's Fellowship

Next WOZ meeting is our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 PM. Committee is Martha Ziegler, Ruth Redman, Carol Embrey and Carolyn Turner. Please bring the following dishes for the meal:

Spiritual Growth Committee: Vegetable

Stewardship & Service Committee: Salad

Life Issues Committee: Dessert

Officers: Meat, bread and drinks

A Sleeping Bag Work Day is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th beginning at 8 AM.

December 30th is a Food Pantry Sunday.

Project Notebook bake sales will not be held in December or January, but will start again the first Sunday of the month in February 2008.

Reminder: Church World Service Kits will be School Kits this year. There will be a collection box in the foyer. By the end of April we will need 70 12" rulers, 1000 pencils (with just plain erasers attached at top), 500 large erasers (pink inclusively but not exclusively), 77 boxes of crayons (24 pack), and 250 school bags. A pattern is available to make the school bags; contact Joanna for more information.

Where Heaven Touches Earth

A four-week Advent Bible Study begins on December 2nd, to which you are invited. There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Won't you join us as we look together for ways in which we can become more aware of where heaven touches earth around us, in us, and through us.

Time: 9 – 9:55 AM, Sundays Dec. 2-23

Resource: Where Heaven Touches Earth by Ron Weber

Cost of book: \$3

Leader: Ruby J. Schroeder

Brunch Bunch News

If you would enjoy sharing our brunch and fellowship, you are invited to join us on December 9 at the Evansville Executive Inn located at Fifth and Walnut. A “test run” has been made; we can assure you the food is plentiful and delicious, the setting is “Christmasy”, and the cost is affordable - \$8.95 plus a beverage and a senior discount.

An advance reservation is made but we need to phone them with the exact number; please join us at the front of church immediately after the service so we can get a count and coordinate travel.

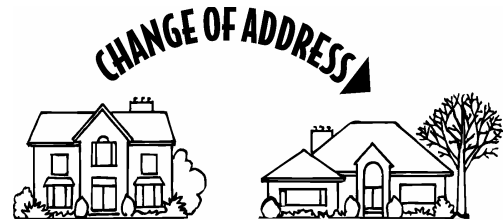
Angless Schwindel and Ruby Schroeder



2008 Offering Envelopes

are available in the foyer or church office to be picked up. If there is anyone we have missed who would like envelopes, please let the church office know. Or if you wish to donate in another way and do not use the envelopes that are assigned to you, please let the church office know so we may save the cost of ordering unused envelopes.

A Grief Support Meeting is planned for Tuesday, December 4th at 7 PM. This program is being offered by Zion’s Health Ministry Team and the session will be facilitated by Phil Wuertz.



Edgar Boberg
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Evansville IN 47720

Christian Education Committee quarterly meeting is scheduled for December 6 at 7 PM. All CE Committee members and CE Leaders are encouraged to attend. If you cannot attend please submit a report of your concerns to Bob Reineke, CE Chairman

Notes from the Nurses

By Debbie Mohr

I think my husband would be the first one to admit he is a big “ruff and tuff” kinda guy. I only know of two things in this world that he is afraid of. The first is any flying, stinging insect, and the second has to be germs. When one of our girls has the first sign of a sneeze or snuffle, out comes the Lysol can as he follows them around the house spraying behind them until we are all choked up with our eyes watering and finding it a little hard to breathe. Poor Jamie, our oldest, had allergies growing up so she always had sneezes and sniffles. She even wrote her Daddy a poem on a special birthday and made mention of his germ-a-phobic ritual. “You’ll get me through accounting if it’s the last thing that you do, and I’ll teach you it’s OK to eat after me without contracting the flu”. Jamie did make it through accounting but I’m not so sure JJ ever got over his fear of “contracting the flu”. Jess is now working on him where Jamie left off. Whenever she gets the sniffles, she always says “Daddy, I need a hug”. You should see the big guy squirm as he tries to decide what to do.

Be Aware, Flu Season is here. According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) an ounce of prevention keeps the germs away. A part of this key prevention is washing our hands. The main way colds and flu are spread is from person to person in respiratory droplets of coughs and sneezes. Droplets from an infected person move through the air and are deposited on the mouth or nose of people nearby. Sometimes germs also can be spread when a person touches respiratory droplets from another person on a surface like a desk or a grocery cart then touches his or her own eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands. Some viruses and bacteria can live for 2 hours or longer on surfaces

like cafeteria tables, doorknobs and desks. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Cover into a tissue then throw it away. If a tissue is not available, cover with your sleeve or hand then wash your hands thoroughly and do this every time. Remember to wash your hands for at least 15-20 seconds. Teach your kids and your Sunday school class members to sing the song Jesus Loves Me all the while you are washing your hands. This usually takes about 30 seconds. Use warm running water to wet hands, use soap and friction on hands, nails and in between fingers to wash those germs right down the drain. If soap and water are unavailable use an alcohol based sanitizer by putting a small amount of liquid in the palm of your hand and rubbing your hands and fingers together until all liquid is dry.

With more contact with people out grocery and gift shopping (plus the flu season), take some extra precautions to stay happy and healthy through the holidays.

Council Meeting Highlights - November 13, 2007

For a copy of the Council Minutes, please E-mail the church secretary.

Click [HERE](#) to E-mail the secretary.



Sunday, December 16, 2007

Sunday School Christmas Program

7 PM in Sanctuary

Cookies & Punch following program

All are welcome.

All kids involved in the Christmas Play, please stay after
worship on Dec. 9. Lunch will be provided and practice
will end at 1:30 PM.



**SERVICE OF COMMUNION
WITH MUSIC AND CANDLES**

Monday December 24, 2007

at 7:30 p.m.