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VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am

Worship Attendance

| Date | In Person | Virtual (est.) |
|------|-----------|----------------|
| 5/3 | 139 | 93 devices |
| 5/10 | 188 | 51 devices |
| 5/17 | 171 | 67 devices |
| 5/24 | 114 | 54 devices |

Sunday School Average Attendance

May: Adult = 14
Children = 8
Youth did not meet

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED and RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING ON YOUTUBE !

You can always join us for Sunday worship wherever you might be. To easily view the live worship service simply go to our church webpage... www.zionlippe.org... and click on the "Watch Live" tab and you will be able to view the worship service when it goes live. For later viewing of recorded services, go to YouTube and search for Zion Lippe.



Greeter Schedule for upcoming Sundays:

May 31 – Council
June 7 – Chuck & Susan Schroeder
June 14 - Andrea & Bexley Singer
June 21 – Amber Barrow
June 28 – Brad & Alicia Becker

July 5 – Irma Donner & Pat Elkins
July 12 – Dustin & Kim Bredemeier
July 19 – Darryl & Emiley Chamberlain
July 26 – John Jr & Carla Breiner

We will have magnetic name tags available for our greeters, and shaking hands is optional. Please try to be here about 9:30 am or so. If you know ahead of time that you can't greet the Sunday you are scheduled, please let Rosie Bogard know – but if something comes up and you can't make it don't fret!

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve as greeters, your turn to greet usually comes up about once over a 2 year period. If you would like to be added or removed from the greeter list please contact the church office.



JUNE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Judy Hanebutt
- 2 Addyson Chamberlain, Gayle Gurksnis
- 4 Gail Lashley, Carolyn Turner
- 5 Levon Sauve, Tammy Frazier,
Doris Crutchfield
- 6 Jerry Klenck, John Breiner Jr.
- 7 Bryan Warner
- 8 Josh Dye
- 9 Rita Schmitt, Charles Schmidt
- 10 Steve Noelle, Jourdan Cox
- 11 Michael Droege, Julia Commens
- 12 Benjamin Lingafelter
- 13 Jerry Redman, Madison Coon
- 14 David Powell
- 15 Karen Evrard
- 16 Loretta Jean Schroeder, Evan Becker
- 17 Jennifer Hargett, Keith McCutchan,
Lauren Kern
- 18 Anthony Hautman, Jake Gibson
- 21 Bryce Lewis
- 23 Marty Schroeder, Ralph Heneisen
- 24 Gary Hartig, Andrew Gleim, Knox Lashley
- 25 Kelsey Lang
- 26 Melissa Cummings, Jacob Byerly,
Aaron Moyer, Sharon Krietenstein
- 27 Kari Elpers, Ethan Steinhart, Gianna Starnes
- 29 Hayden & Kayden Perry, Drew Voegel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1 Bob and Diana Walker (1986)
Jerrad & Melissa Gleim (2002)
Darrin & Lisa Seitz (1985)
- 2 Dan & Nicole Hoffman (2007)
- 3 David & Shelley Powell (2024)
- 4 Tyler Roedel & Tylar Dean (2021)
- 6 Gary and Staci (Schorr) Voegel (1987)
Tyler & Christy (Droege) Watson (2015)
- 11 Casey & Megan (Redman) Voelker (2016)
- 12 Darryl & Emiley (Esche)
Chamberlain(2010)
Zach & Sarah Will (2004)
- 16 Michael & Megan Klenck (2023)
- 18 David and Jeanette (Griese) Hunter (1966)
- 26 Delwin and Patti (Donner) Parker (1982)

- 28 Tom & Lindsey (Schroeder) Vaught (2008)
- 30 Dustin & Kimberly Bredemeier (2001)



Congratulations Graduates!

College and Trade School

Elise Lewis – USI, Professional Studies Degree
 Luke Donner – Vincennes University, Assoc.
 Degree, Diesel Mechanic Class A CDL's

High School

Grant Cullman – North Posey HS, plans to
 attend USI
 Lilly Donner – North Posey HS, will work for
 Nix Corp. in Poseyville
 Brock Heneisen – Reitz HS, will work in
 Electrical Trade
 Chloe Schroeder – Mt Vernon HS, will attend
 Ivy Tech
 Amelia Wolsiefer – Gibson Southern HS, will
 attend Western Kentucky University



With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jessie Mae Brame. Jessie Mae passed away May 18, 2026 at the age of 97. Funeral services were held May 23 at Alexander West Funeral Home, with burial in Zion Lippe Cemetery. We cherish good memories of Jessie Mae.

June Collection Item
for God's Storehouse Food Pantry
is
Spaghetti O's with meatballs



Summer, Faith, and the Quiet Beauty of God's Creation

June has a way of arriving gently, almost like an invitation rather than a declaration. The pace of life begins to shift. Schedules loosen. Even the light itself seems to linger a little longer, as if reluctant to leave the day too quickly. In this season, we are reminded that time is not only something to manage—it is something to receive.

There is a sacredness in summer that often goes unnoticed if we move too quickly through it. The world around us becomes a kind of living sanctuary. Trees stretch their branches wider, fields ripple with green, and evenings carry the soft glow of sunset that seems to pause just long enough for us to take it in. These are not merely pleasant backdrops to our lives; they are invitations to recognize the Creator who continues to speak through creation.

The psalmist once wrote, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. (Psalm 19.1)” In June, those words feel especially close. Whether we are sitting on a porch, driving with the windows down, tending a garden, or simply stepping outside for a moment of fresh air, we are surrounded by reminders that God is still at work—sustaining, renewing, and filling the world with beauty.

And yet, summer beauty is not only found in the grandeur of creation. It is also found in the ordinary and the overlooked. In the sound of children laughing as they run barefoot through the grass. In the shared meals that stretch late into the evening. In the quiet conversations that happen when the day finally slows down. In these moments, we are gently reminded that God's presence is not distant or abstract, but woven into the fabric of everyday life.

Rest, however, is not always easy for us. We live in a world that often measures worth by output, speed, and achievement. But creation itself tells a different story. The earth does not rush to bloom. The sun does not hurry its rising or setting. The rhythm of nature reminds us that life is meant to be lived in seasons, not in constant acceleration. And so summer becomes a teacher—inviting us to trust that slowing down is not falling behind, but stepping more fully into the life God intends.

As we move through these summer days, may we find ourselves more attentive to the presence of God in all things. May we notice the beauty that surrounds us, not as something we pass by, but as something we participate in. And may our faith be refreshed by the simple truth that the One who created the heavens and the earth is still creating—still present, still faithful, still near.

May this June be a season of gentle renewal for your spirit. A time to breathe deeply, to notice beauty, to rest in grace, and to remember that you are held—always—within the loving care of God.

Blessings to each of you!! *Pastor Jeff*



A Father's Day Invitation to Worship – June 21st

On Sunday, June 21st, we invite all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, mentors, and father-figures to join us for a meaningful morning of worship as we give thanks for the gift of their presence, guidance, strength, and love in our lives.

Fatherhood takes many forms, and we recognize that this day can carry both joy and reflection. Whether you are a dad, remembering your father, or giving thanks for someone who has walked with you in a father-like role, you are welcome here. Our worship service will be centered on gratitude, encouragement, and the reminder that we are all held in the care of our Creator who guides us with perfect love.

We hope you'll come, bring your family, and be part of this special Sunday as we lift up prayer, praise, and appreciation for the men who help shape our lives and faith.



Congratulations to Clay & Erika Everett on the birth of their daughter, Ella Claiborne, on March 25, 2026. Proud grandpa is Scott Lewis and great-grandma is Nancy Lewis.

Congratulations also to Ryan & Miranda Daugherty on the birth of their daughter, Monroe Jo, on May 7, 2026. Proud grandparents are Rob & Cherie Johnson and great-grandma is Geraldine Schweikhart.



Henry Dallas Long, son of Justin & Nikaya Long, was baptized at Zion on April 26, 2026.



Congratulations to Jordan Redman and Lelon "Webb" Brasseale, who were married at Zion on May 2, 2026. Jordan and Webb are residing in Columbus, Indiana.

Calling All Superheroes! Vacation Bible School Needs You!

This summer, Zion is preparing for an exciting adventure as we discover

“Superheroes of the Bible and Our Community”

during **Vacation Bible School**, happening **June 7–9 from 5:30–8:00 p.m.**

We invite **all children Pre-K through 6th grade** to join us for three fun-filled evenings of faith, music, games, crafts, stories, and discovering the heroes God places in Scripture and all around us.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to help make VBS a meaningful and memorable experience. Whether you enjoy leading games, helping with crafts, serving snacks, guiding groups, decorating, storytelling, registration, or simply offering a helping hand and welcoming smile, there is a place for you.

Please help us spread the word and invite children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends. If you would like to volunteer or register to attend, please contact Lauren Kern, the church office or sign up at church. The world needs more heroes of kindness, courage, faith, and love—and we hope you’ll be part of the adventure!

No cape required... just bring your super spirit!

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### **June Youth Mission Project: Sharing Compassion at NEW LIFE Rescue & Adoption**



This June, our youth will have an opportunity to put faith into action as we partner with NEW LIFE Rescue & Adoption for our monthly mission project. Throughout Scripture, we are reminded that caring for God’s creation is part of our calling, and this month we’ll extend love and compassion to some of God’s most vulnerable creatures. NEWLIFE Rescue & Adoption serves animals in our community by providing shelter, care, medical support, and helping pets find loving homes.

We invite our church family to join us in supporting this effort. We will collect donations of pet supplies to help the rescue continue its important work. Items such as pet food, treats, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, toys, and other needed items can be a big help!

Thank you for helping us teach the next generation that serving others—including all of God’s creatures—is part of what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ.

**AND . . . On Saturday June 13, a Rummage Sale to support New Life will be held at Zion from 7 am – 2 pm.** Contact Joli Willett about bringing items and any other questions.

## Council Highlights May 12<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting

Tim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 8 Council members and Pastor Jeff were present.

April meeting minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

4/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$67,681.21

4/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$72,470.89

4/30 YTD General Fund Expense: \$75,750.15

Fifth Third Bank Savings account and 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Savings account have been closed and Vanguard Money Market account with Baird has been opened, giving us significantly better interest earnings.

**Membership** - Sign ups for Church directory pictures are in progress. See Nancy in the foyer on Sundays or sign up online (see Zion website). Reminder phone calls are being made by the Directory Company Portrait Café.

**Worship** - Pastor Jeff and JJ Mohr continue to explore ways of advertising the pianist/organist job.

**Education** - Vacation Bible School is June 7,8, and 9, more help is needed.

**Property** - Steeple work has started. The Church Council approved the quote Roger got for fixing the cracks in the asphalt parking lot by Alex Smith of \$1,200.00 to \$1,400.00.

New countertops in the downstairs kitchen should be installed within the next few weeks.

**Stewardship** - Lenten Offerings and meal donations will be ear-marked for the United Caring Shelter 2026 Christmas party.

Endowment request 189 – Habitat for Humanity for \$5,000.00 was approved by the Church Council.

**Recreation** - Otter's game outing will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> game time of 6:35 p.m. Cost per person will be \$15 for game and picnic, church will pick up the remainder of the cost.

**Pastor** - New members Carolyn and Tyler Price were approved by the Church Council.

Pastor Jeff will be on vacation from May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Chad Abbot – Conference minister will be at our Church on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business** - The goal for completion of battery installation for the solar project is July 4

**Next Church Council meeting will be on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

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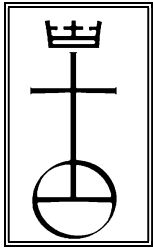


With grateful hearts and great joy, we extend a warm welcome to Tyler and Carolyn Price as they join our church family. Their presence among us is a blessing, and we give thanks for the journey that has brought them into this community of faith.

Tyler is a graduate of Rose Hulman college with a degree in engineering and works at American Structure Point in Evansville; and Carolyn is the treasurer for the North Posey School Corporation. They have three children. Their son, Lincoln, was confirmed at Zion in 2026, and their girl & boy twins, Elliott and Roman, will be in the 2027 Confirmation class. The Price family lives in Wadesville.

**LET'S GIVE TYLER AND CAROLYN A WARM WELCOME!!!**

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you...” – Romans 15. 7



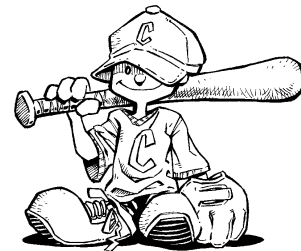
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*Flag Day*

June 14



WE'RE GOING TO A



**BALL GAME!**

*Otters Game & Picnic*

*Friday June 12*

*Cost/person \$15*

*Sign up with Adam Kendall*