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VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am
Sunday School at 9 am

view the worship service when it goes live.
YouTube and search for Zion Lippe.

<u>Worship Attendance</u>		
Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
9/28	128	67 devices
10/5	168	63 devices
10/12	107	71 devices
10/19	112	62 devices
10/26	154	101 devices

Sunday School Average Attendance

October: Adult = 19
Children = 5
Youth (grade 6-12) = 3
Confirmation = 10

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

For later viewing of recorded services, go to



Greeter Schedule for upcoming Sundays:

Nov 2 – Marvin & Ruth Redman
Nov 9 – Jerry & Pam Redman
Nov 16 – Diana Redman & Tina Spears
Nov 23 – Mike & Stacy Wagner
Nov 30 – Ben & Ashley Lingafelter

Dec 7 – John & Miranda Pieszchalski
Dec 14 – Linda Reutter
Dec 21 – Russ Roehr
Dec 24 Christmas Eve – Council
Dec 28 – Michele "Kookie" Ruminer

We will have magnetic name tags available for our greeters, and hand-shaking is optional. If possible, 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, you can 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.



NOVEMBER

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. Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Norman Schroeder
- 4 Cindy Hollen
- 5 Ruby Niemeier, Sandra Brown
- 6 Shawn Heneisen, Dustin Seitz
- 8 Gloria Heggy
- 9 Lyla Hautman, Angela Becker
- 10 Roger Roedel, Jeff Long, Maggie Dye
- 11 Erica Bullington, Fred Freeman, Bill Esche, Connor Black
- 13 Ron Strupp, Dennis Davenport, Kendra Gries, Kristin Schorr
- 14 David Hunter, Sue Scherry, Jacob Parker, Wendi Simpson, Makayla Stewart
- 15 Arlene Hosto, Jerrad Gleim, Lazlo Ziegler
- 17 Dennis Rueger, Patricia Elkins, Isaac Droege
- 18 Ashlyn Vaught
- 20 Carla Barnhart, Emma Axton
- 21 Donna Hartig, Maverick Anderson
- 22 Ryan Englebright
- 24 Joyce Klenck
- 26 Delene Schmitz
- 27 Andrew Noelle, Gregory Droege
- 28 Charlie Primus
- 30 Henry Dye, Dakota Berry

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 2 Justin & Nikaya Long (2019)
- 5 Jerry & Pam Redman (1988)
Ben & Ashley Lingafelter (2016)
- 7 Mark & Stephanie Duncan (2020)
- 12 Duane and Carla (Schroeder) Barnhart (1983)
- 16 Tim and Becky Reineke (1985)
Zach and Leah Schroeder (2013)
- 17 Marvin and Ruth Redman (1962)
- 19 Nick & Katie Voegel (2016)
- 20 Brian and Arin (Schmitz) Commens (2004)
- 22 Matthew and Lauren (Parker) Kern (2014)

- 25 Keith and Marilyn (Smith) Frank (2023)
- 28 Leon and Kay Austin (1963)
- 29 Frank and Teresa (Breiner) DeGiacomo (1985)
- 30 Steve and Cathy (Jolly) Schroeder (1985)



2026 Offering Envelopes

will be available soon for pickup in the foyer. If you don't have a box of offering envelopes assigned to you now, but would like to have them, please contact the church office.

We are happy to have offering envelopes available, however **if you donate in another way and find you do not use the envelopes assigned to you, please let us know so we may save the cost of purchasing unused boxes of envelopes.**

Please do not pick up boxes of envelopes for family or friends not living in your household, unless they have specifically asked you to do so.

Second Mile – For many years we have taken donations for Medical Ministries in Honduras. If you would like to donate to this ministry, special yellow 2nd Mile envelopes are available at the foyer bulletin board.

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Don't forget
time change – Daylight Savings Time ends 2 am on Sunday Nov 2 – clocks go back 1 hour !

This is also a great time to check batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms!

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” – Philippians 4.4



Dear friends, as the leaves begin to turn and the air grows crisp, we have been reflecting on **Paul’s letter to the Philippians** throughout the month of October. Throughout that sermon series we learned that this letter is often called the “letter of joy,” and yet, it was written from a prison cell. Think about that for a second... written from a prison cell. How could Paul speak so joyfully when life was so hard?

His words remind us that **joy and happiness aren’t the same thing**. Happiness depends on what’s happening around us; joy is rooted in what’s happening *within us*. For Paul, joy wasn’t about circumstances—it was about Christ’s presence. Whether he was preaching to a crowd or sitting in chains, he found peace in knowing that God was still at work.

This October, as our schedules fill up and the world feels unsettled, Paul’s words invite us to slow down and ask: *Where am I finding my joy?*

Joy grows when we practice gratitude, when we pray instead of worry (Philippians 4.6), and when we choose to see God’s goodness even in small moments—a child’s laughter, a quiet morning, a shared meal, a simple act of kindness.

So, friends, let’s be people who shine with joy. Not because life is easy, but because the Spirit is always near. Let’s carry that Philippians spirit with us into this new season: steady, thankful, and full of grace.

With joy in Christ, **PJ**

Advent Begins November 30, 2025



It’s hard to believe, but Advent is almost here! On **Sunday, November 30**, we begin a brand-new church year — a sacred season of waiting, watching, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Advent isn’t just about counting down the days until Christmas. It’s about **making space for hope** to grow again in us and in our world. In the quiet light of the candles, we remember that

God’s promise still holds true: *“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

Each week of Advent invites us deeper into the story —

- **Hope** for what is to come,
- **Peace** in the midst of our worries,
- **Love** that draws near in the form of a Savior, and
- **Joy** that springs up unexpectedly

This year, our worship will help us slow down and rediscover what we most long for — not just a holiday celebration, but the holy presence of Christ born among us and within us.

So mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 30**, and join us as we light the first candle of Advent. Bring your prayers, your hopes, and even your weariness. Together, we’ll wait in faith and celebrate the promise that God is still doing a new thing.



Jeremy Moore and his children Bentley and Gracie Moore were baptized at Zion on Sunday, October 26, 2025.

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Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30th • Following Worship (around 11:00 a.m.)

The season of Advent is almost here, and that means it's time for one of our favorite Zion Lippe traditions—the *Hanging of the Greens!* On Sunday, November 30, following our morning worship service, everyone is invited to stay and help transform our sanctuary into a beautiful and welcoming space for Advent and Christmas.

This special time of decorating is more than just hanging wreaths and garlands—it's an act of preparing our hearts and our church for the coming of Christ. Each part of the decorating carries meaning: the evergreen reminds us of God's eternal life and faithfulness; the lights point to Christ, the Light of the World; and the nativity draws us to the heart of the story—God's love made visible in Jesus.

We'll begin decorating around 11:00 a.m. There will be plenty of ways to help—hanging ornaments, setting up the tree, arranging greenery, or preparing the Advent candles. We'll share some light refreshments and Christmas music as we work together. It's always a joyful, memory-filled morning for all ages! ***Additionally, there will also be a light lunch that will be provided for all our wonderful volunteers.***

Let's join in this time of fellowship and preparation as we make our sanctuary shine with hope, peace, love, and joy for the season ahead. — *Pastor Jeff*

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Several coats and a shawl have been left at the coat rack in the foyer so check if any are yours!

There are also a few older (from 10+ years ago) Zion Pictorial Directories that anyone is welcome to pick up from countertop in foyer. We already have several copies in the Zion archive, so these are extra.

We Welcome our New Members!

Tom and Kim Paul

Tom and Kim were married on August 5, 1989. Kim retired from SABIC/GE Plastics after 40 years of service. She attended Zion growing up, so we're happy to have her back! She enjoys gardening, exercise classes and spending time with family and friends. She and Tom also enjoy traveling. Tom is a retired electrician and enjoys working on cars, trucks, lawn mowers and doing lawn care. Welcome Tom & Kim!



Reuben and Mary Schroeder

Reuben grew up attending Zion. He is Norman Schroeder's brother! Reuben and Mary were married in 1966 and both then attended Zion. They currently live in Albany, GA but have plans to possibly move back to the area in the future. Reuben owned a grocery store before retiring in 2003 and Mary retired from Synovus Financial Services. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and are expecting their first great grandchild in March 2026. Welcome Reuben & Mary!



Lucinda "Cindy" Byrd

Cindy was baptized, confirmed and married at Zion. She has a daughter Angela and a son Clint. Both live in the area and recently Cindy's sister & brother-in-law Karen and Jim moved back and live down the road from her! Cindy enjoyed a 35 year career with NFP-Clippinger Financial Group LLC. Welcome back to Zion Cindy!



Nate and Chastity Axton



Nate & Chastity live in Wadesville and have a daughter, Emma, who is in the 8th grade confirmation class at Zion. They both grew up attending other churches (Baptist and Catholic) but now find themselves at home at Zion, enjoying the atmosphere, youth presence for Emma, and welcoming community here.

Nate has an Engineering degree and works as a construction project manager/estimator. He loves the outdoors, some of his hobbies are mountain biking, running, lifting weights and hunting. He's a "former duck hunter", deciding taking a swim in January is not a good idea! (Sounds like there's a story there!)

Chastity went to USI and has a degree in Business Management & Marketing. She currently works as a massage therapist, specializing in oncology, hospice and geriatric massage. She loves animals, travel, crafts and painting, growing houseplants and time with family and friends. We welcome the Axton family to Zion!



Twyala Carner

Twyala lives in rural Wadesville, is married to Guy Carner II and has two children ~ Chris and Katie. She has been teaching physics, chemistry, and engineering at Memorial High School for 19 years. Before teaching, she was an engineer at G.E. Plastics. We welcome Twyala to the Zion community!



Gloria Heggy

Gloria was born in Illinois, the oldest of 4 siblings, and grew up on a small farm in Greenfield IL. The family also owned a grocery store where Gloria & siblings worked when old enough. She graduated from Lincoln Land Community College with an Associates in Art, worked for several years as a legal secretary/legal assistant, then later worked in the Dept of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities for the State of Illinois, retiring in 2015 after 30 years.

Gloria lost her husband of 30 years in 2023. She feels very fortunate to have met widower, Jerry Long, who she is now sharing her life with. Other family in Gloria's life are 2 children, a daughter and son. Tragically her daughter died of cancer at the age of 49, leaving 3 daughters. Her son, Aaron lives in Illinois with his wife and 2 daughters. Gloria is thankful to also have several great-grandchildren, along with her beloved 3 dogs, 5 cats and 3 horses. Her hobbies include trail riding, hiking, kayaking, bike riding and traveling, loves the outdoors and is blessed to live next to the beautiful Shawnee National Forest. Welcome Gloria!

Jeremy Moore



Jeremy was born in Saginaw, Michigan and has two children, Bentley and Gracie. He and his children have lived in Michigan and Nebraska and moved to Evansville in 2019. Jeremy is engaged to Theresa Sumbles. He enjoys spending time with family and being outdoors. Welcome to the Zion faith community Jeremy!

Jacob Byerly

Jacob is a junior at Mt. Vernon High School and participates on the varsity golf team as well as being an active member of the FFA. In his free time he likes to bowl, play golf, garden, and spend time with his family. Jacob is the son of Bill and the late Sandy Byerly, and grandson of Norman Schroeder and is excited to become a part of the 5th generation of his family to be a member at Zion. Welcome aboard Jacob!





Joyce Hendrix

Joyce is a retired teacher with 31 years of teaching in the EVSC. She spent eight years at Stockwell School and 23 years at Oak Hill primarily as a physical education and health teacher. She enjoys being outdoors whether that be gardening, landscaping, cutting her grass or just playing with her rescued Beagle "Sadie." Joyce is a former member of Zion Lippe and we welcome her back!

James and Karen Campbell

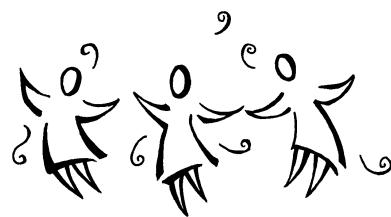
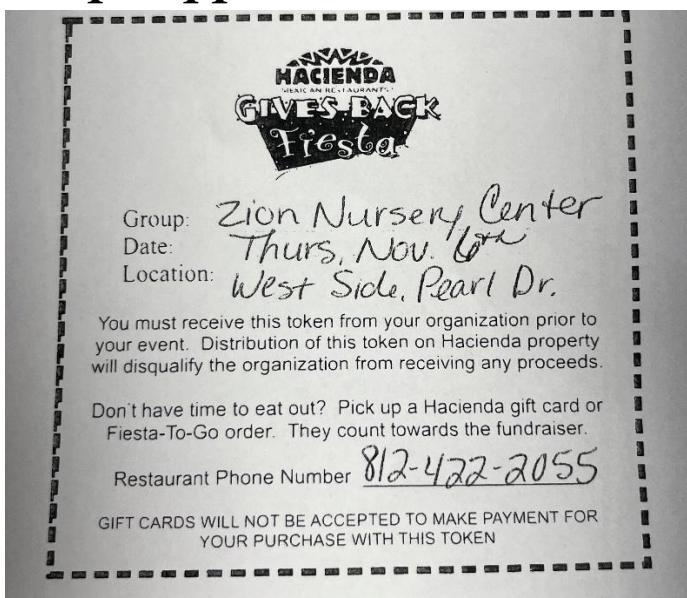
Jim was raised, with his 3 sisters, by his grandparents, on the West side of Evansville and attended Reitz High School. Donna Hartig is his big sister! After high school Jim enlisted in the Navy. While in boot camp he volunteered for submarine duty.

Karen grew up in rural Wadesville and attended North Posey High School. Cindy Byrd is her big sister! Karen was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lippe. Jim and Karen were married in March 1971.



While on active duty, Jim and Karen were stationed in Charleston SC, Virginia Beach VA, Pearl Harbor HI and Kittery ME. After 11 years of active duty, Jim left the Navy and became a Civil Servant for the Dept of Defense where he stayed until retirement in 2016. Karen worked most of the time in Accounting and Human Resources throughout her career. After retirement, Jim & Karen moved to Leesburg FL, then in 2024 decided to move back to Wadesville, built a home on Stierley Road and moved in at the end of February 2025. Jim and Karen have 2 children and 4 grandchildren who live in Rhode Island. Welcome Jim & Karen!

Help Support ZNC on Nov 6!



Women's Fellowship

**Women of Zion meeting is
Thursday, November 13 at 6 pm.
A special guest is planned!**

**All ladies of Zion are welcome,
Come and have some fun with
us!**

Council Meeting Highlights: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6pm

Present: Bob, Tim, Roger, Lauren, Pat

Virtual: Andrea, Pastor Jeff

Absent: Nancy, Adam, Stacy

Financial: 9/30 YTD Regular Offering: \$145,364.73
 9/30 YTD General Fund Income: \$154,359.36
 9/30 YTD General Fund Expense: \$165,918.17

Worship – Nancy

- a. Attendance has been very good, very consistent so far this year.
- b. Thanks to all who made communion possible while I was out of town, and thanks to the folks who got the Harvest Home collection all set up.
- c. We will begin having acolytes sometime in October, along with council members bringing the offerings forward after the children collect it. And we will stand and sing the doxology, as an introduction to the scripture reading and the sermon. Dates to begin will be forthcoming.

Education – Lauren

- a. distribution of \$5000 to ZNC by end of October

*Tim motioned to approve the distribution of \$5000 to ZNC, Andrea seconded

Property – Roger

- a. Julia Commens resigned as basement custodian effective end of September. Sandy & Emily Schmitt began cleaning in October.
- b. Smith sealing – basketball court has been resealed, this was a donation in memory of Ronny & Nancy Scherer
- c. Steeple repair will start Mid-November

*Roger motioned to adding the trim to be included into the repairs, Lauren seconded

Recreation – Adam

- a. Winter events: Philharmonic, Hockey game, UE or USI basketball game

Pastor – 14 people have requested Zion Membership

Tom & Kim Paul, Reuben & Mary Schroeder, Cindy Byrd, Twyala Carner, Joyce Hendrix, Jim & Karen Campbell, Nate & Chastity Axton, Gloria Heggy, Jeremy Moore

*Patrick motions to approve new members, Tim seconded at Oct 7 meeting.

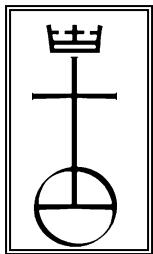
Jacob Byerly was approved by Council emails October 22.

Visions for the Church

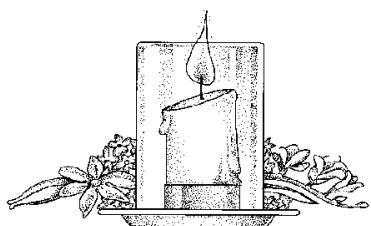
Ideas for the Future

- a. backup battery for the solar project
- b. Wiring upgrade in Church
- c. Basement bathroom – total remodel
- d. Couples retreat – Connection & Conversation
- e. Projects upcoming – future planning – discussions

Next meeting November 11, 2025 6:30pm



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Totenfest
Sunday, November 23, 2025
during 10:00 a.m. worship

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In remembrance of loved ones who have passed
away during this church year

HONORING
VETERANS



Veterans Day – November 11
We thank and honor our
veterans.