

August 2024

**ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Grounded in Prayer**

Our Adult Forum will start up again on September 8th. We will meet in the Hofer room from 8:45 - 9:30. I will plan to lead the group the first three Sundays of the month as I did last year.

I'm looking forward to developing a prayer group going forward that will be a resource for our congregation. As a first step we will use "Grounded in Prayer" - a small group guide for congregational prayer. So please bring your booklets that I handed out previously.

*Grounded in Prayer explores how prayer can be focused and effective. It is an introductory study that uses individual daily prayer exercises and weekly small group sessions. No experience is necessary! This six-week study has three goals:*

1. To deepen your personal prayer life.
2. To be a tool for developing prayer groups.
3. To encourage the prayers of the congregation.

Week 1: The Groundwork of Prayer

Week 2. Sharpening Your Tools for Prayer

Week 3. Praying for the Hardened Path

Week 4. Praying for the Rocky Ground

Week 5. Praying for the Thorny Ground

Week 6. Blessing the Good Soil.

I think this will be a great opportunity for our group to gain deeper insights into prayer and our own individual stories of faith together!

Blessings of peace and love...

Pastor Tom





September 8, 2024

## What is "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday?

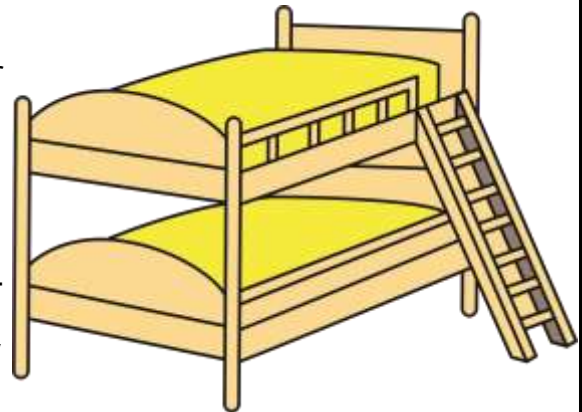
*Together in Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.*

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity and dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people.

Make plans for your family to stay after worship for a luncheon fundraiser...bid on silent auction items...wear your t-shirts....help pack school and health kits for Lutheran World Relief...help pack 120 hygiene kits for PATH Center, Filling Home, Serenity Haven, House of Ruth, and the Renewal Center...help pack pantry bags for September distribution. More details to come.

### Luncheon and Silent Auction

With this in past years, we had so much fun, we just had to bring it back. The focus this year will be to raise funds for building beds in 2025. Items needed for the silent auction. Do you have a talent or craft to share, homemade goodies or a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant? Get creative! If you would like to donate, please fill out one of the forms on the bulletin board, so we can plan better. All donations should be received in the church office by August 25, and will be on display in the Narthex for the two weekends before September 8.



### NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Please welcome Teresa Watkins to the Zion's Church Office. Teresa and her husband Don are from Defiance. They have two adult children and four grandchildren, plus two pups. Teresa loves to camp and scrapbook. Please stop in and say hello and make her feel like a part of Zion's family.

## ***OUTDOOR SERVICE and DEACONS' PICNIC***

***"[Jesus] replied to him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' Pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'"***

Matthew 12:48-50

We are family! Every time I hear that phrase, I think about the song by Sister Sledge. The Church is a family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. Following Jesus can be tough, but we do not walk alone! We have one another. Whatever your circumstances, Pastor Tom and the deacons are here to support you and your spiritual well-being. If you do not know who your deacon is, contact any of the deacons (Tom Boals, John Diehl, Doug Eis, Dawn McKibben, Helena Morris, Regina Snyder, and Cindy Wendell), refer to the list hanging on the bulletin board near the Hofer Room, or contact the church office.



Join the deacons for a potluck lunch after worship on Sunday, August 18. Deacons are providing hotdogs, brats, and hamburgers. The congregation is asked to bring the sides: warm, cold, and dessert. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for an idea of what people are bringing. Signing up is not required to attend.



*May you be blessed by the Father!  
Your Deacons*



### **Filling Home Festival of Tables**

**Save the date:  
September 28**

### **Preaching Schedule for August**

August 4 Pastor Tom Zulick  
August 11 Pastor Tom Zulick  
August 18 Pastor Tom Zulick  
August 25 Helena Morris

# Zion's Endowment Fund

## Grant Awards 2024

- **First Presbyterian Church** was presented to Amanda Vogelsong. This grant is in support of the “Tools for Schools” program . The grant will be used to purchase supplies in bulk. Students and their parents will be able to select a backpack and the items they need based on their class supply list.
- **Maumee Valley Conference Women of the ELCA** was presented to Sue McKibben. This grant is for the continuing Missionary Sponsorship provided by the Women of the Maumee Valley Conference. We are currently supporting Steve and Jodi Swanson. They are both in the medical field and living in Tanzania.
- **R.A.V.E.N.S Care** was presented to Katie Polzin. This grant is to assist Ravens Care in meeting the needs of those with emergency issues that are not met by other agencies.
- **Citizens in Action (CIA)** was presented to Sharon Washington & Vern Mullett. This grant will assist with providing 3 scholarships for high school students who have completed 4 years of high school and fulfilled their volunteer requirements with Citizens in Action.
- **Filling Home, Napoleon** was presented to Jean Cohrs. This grant will be used to purchase a specialized walker. This EV-Support Walker will provide an opportunity for the individual to fully participate in mobility exercises and physical therapy.
- **Lifewise Academy** was presented to Phil Nofziger. This grant will help support the Lifewise program for students in the Ayersville and Defiance Elementary schools. The Lifewise Academy mission is to reach unchurched public-school children with a Bible-based character-focused program.
- **Zion's Lutherans of Long Standing (LLS)** was received by Donna Ripke. This grant will cover postage for their project of sending canceled stamps to “Stamps For The Wounded”. This is a service organization that provides activities to the US veterans.
- **Zion's Outreach & Evangelism Team** was received by Donna Schindler. This grant provides additional support for 3 of Zion's community projects. Supplies to prepare hygiene kits & blessing bags to be distributed to several area facilities as part of **God's Work Our Hands** Sunday; **Zion's pantry** to purchase additional items needed for the monthly distribution. We are currently serving 75-90 households monthly; and **Zion's community meals**. These meals are provided on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during the pantry distribution. We are currently providing 110 to 125 meals.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – This grant will aid in the purchase of additional items to fill the shoeboxes and assist with the shipping costs. Our goal for 2024 is 150 boxes.



Katie Polzin accepting for Ravens Care.

## DEACON MINISTRY

*"I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people... and I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."*

- 2 Corinthians 6:16b, 18

We are the most fortunate people in the world, because we have God as our father. He cares for us and provides for our every need. He is with us always in the person of the Holy Spirit. He sends special people into our lives to share his love and compassion with us. Whatever your circumstances, Pastor Tom and the deacons are here to support you and your spiritual wellbeing.

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***May you be blessed by the Father!***

-Your Deacons

## DEACONS

- Helena Morris, Head
- Dawn McKibben, Secretary
- Tom Boals
- John Diehl
- Doug Eis
- Regina Snyder
- Cindy Wendell

### DEACONS' MEETINGS:

After worship on the 4th Sunday of January, April, July & October in the Hofer Room

Next Meeting:

October 27 at 11:00 a.m.



**Deacon Ministry**

## Members in Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

John Jacob  
Kingsbury Place #154  
245 W. Rosewood Ave.  
Defiance, OH 43512

Barb Jones  
Glenn Park #156  
2429 William A. Diehl Ct.

Doug Reineke  
Laurels of Defiance #303B  
1701 S. Jefferson Ave.  
Defiance, OH 43512

Karen Bowling  
Glenn Park #145  
2429 William A. Diehl Ct.  
Defiance, OH 43512

Myrtle Brownson  
Otterbein Pemberville  
20311 Pemberville, OH 43450



## Community Outreach



### INNKEEPERS' PANTRY

The Innkeepers have designated the second Wednesday of each month as distribution night. Distribution begins at 4:30 p.m. Donations of time and money are always welcome.

A full list of supplies needed each month is listed below:

- Paper towels
- Toothpaste
- Men's deodorant
- Bars of soap

At the July 10th distribution we handed out 86 bags; 102 to-go meals, and had two new households sign up.

**NEXT DISTRIBUTION : August 10**



### Innkeepers' shopping list:

Laundry Detergent  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Facial Tissues  
Dish Soap  
All Purpose Cleaner  
Bleach  
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes  
Deodorant  
Bar Soap & Body Wash  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Disposable Razors  
Shaving Cream  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Disposable Diapers  
Baby wipes  
Adult incontinence diapers

## -TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS-

This summer we will be teaming up with First Presbyterian Church and other churches for the Tools for Schools Community Project.

They are expecting over 400 children! Below is a list of items Zion's will be concentrating on collecting. Let's meet our goal!

- 5,000 quart zipper bags
- 2,000 snack zipper bags
- 2,000 gallon zipper bags
- \*PLEASE NO SLIDERS\***

Haircuts will also be offered to students. \$10 will sponsor 1 child's haircut. Please make checks payable to Zion's Lutheran Church and write "Haircuts" on the memo line.

Volunteers are needed on August 10 and 11 for distribution. Please contact Laurie Schey for more information or to volunteer.



# Happy Birthday August

Lyndsay Schey	8/1
Myrtle Brownson	8/3
Cindy Wendell	8/4
Sonia Bussing	8/5
Heather Fields	8/5
Christine Yoder	8/10
Mary Boals	8/12
Robert Zachrich Sr.	8/19
Gregory Clark	8/20
Marsha Deniston	8/23
Maya Epple	8/24
Shellie Engel	8/26
Wilbur Gick	8/28
Duane Engel	8/31

If your birthday is not listed here or is incorrect, please call the church office at 419-782-8781 or email the secretary at [office@zionslutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@zionslutheranchurch.com)

## August 2024 LESSONS

### August 4 Pentecost 11

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### August 11 Pentecost 12

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### August 18 Pentecost 13

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August Pentecost 14

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

## July ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>9:45a/Virtual</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u> <u>FUND \$</u>	<u>BLDG IMP.</u> <u>FUND \$</u>
July 7	41/12	\$2,610.00	\$ 0.00
July 14	39/?	\$2,786.03	\$19,832.11
July 21	59/20	\$2,740.12	\$3.00
July 28	36/26	\$3,400.00	\$0.00

In order to meet our weekly budget guidelines, we need \$ for the Ministry Fund *each week*.

"What is a tithe?" The definition comes from Hebrew and means "a tenth."  
**Titling in the Bible** refers to giving 10 percent of your annual earnings, productions, or possessions.  
**Offering** refers to giving above the 10 percent tithe.  
There are many verses in both the Old and New Testament that explain tithes and offerings. Go to: <https://get.tithe.ly/blog/106-bible-scriptures-about-giving> to learn more and don't steal from God.



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:45 am

## Men's Fellowship

meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at Cabin Fever South. All are welcome to join in.

## DCTV 1021

You may watch Zion's Lutheran Worship services on Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. on DCTV Defiance, OH. Schedules are subject to change. Go to [www.dctv.org](http://www.dctv.org) for up

## Sisters in Christ

meets on the third Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Library. Cards are signed the following week in the Narthex.



Next meeting:  
August 18



## The Book Group

meets at Zion's on the second Monday of each month at noon. Please bring your lunch and join us! Book lists are posted on the bulletin board.  
Next meeting August 12

## Worship and Music Team

meets the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Hofer Room at the church.

Next meeting:  
August 13



## LLS—Lutherans of Long Standing

meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Library. All are welcome to join the group.

Next meeting: August 6

## Bell Choir

Is on break for the summer.



## Important Notice

All events are subject to change. Please check with the leader of your group and/or watch for Facebook announcements and church emails.

## DEADLINES

Bulletin announcements: Thursdays 9:00 a.m.

September Newsletter Articles/Information:  
August 15

## Please remember to call the church office when:

1. You will be or have already moved.
2. You have an addition to your family.
3. You have an address update and/or correction, or birthday correction.
4. New email address and/or phone number.

## Additions to the Zion's Prayer List:



Phone Prayers: Barb Vogel 419-393-2544  
E-prayers: [office@zionslutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@zionslutheranchurch.com)  
Call the Church office at 419-782-8781.

*If you are calling for someone other than yourself, please be sure that you have their permission to share information.*



# August 2024

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
				1 9:00a Men's Fellowship at Cabin Fever South  5:00 p TOPS	2	3 9:00 a Mission Possible
4 9:45 a Worship  7:30p AA	5  7:00 p Barber-shop Practice	6  <b>2:00 p LLS</b>	7  12:00p AA	8  <b>9:00 a Bulletin Announcements due</b> 9:00a Men's Fellowship at Cabin Fever South  5:00 p TOPS	9	10
11 9:45 a Worship  7:30p AA	12  <b>12:00 p.m. Book Group</b>  <b>4:15 Citizens in Action</b>  7:00 p Barber-shop Practice	13  <b>7:00 p Worship &amp; Music Meeting</b>	14  12:00p AA  <b>4:30 p Pantry Distribution &amp; Meal</b>	15  <b>9:00 a Bulletin Announcements due</b> 9:00a Men's Fellowship at Cabin Fever South  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 5:00 p TOPS  <b>7:00 p Council Meeting</b>	16	17
18 9:45 a Worship <b>Deacons' Picnic and Outdoor Service</b> 11:00 a Sisters in Christ 7:30p AA	19 7:00 p Barber-shop Practice	20	21  12:00p AA	22  <b>9:00 a Bulletin Announcements due</b> 9:00a Men's Fellowship at Cabin Fever South  5:00 p TOPS	23	24
25 9:45 a Worship 11:00 a Sign Cards  7:30p AA	26 6:15 p Democratic Women  7:00 p Barber-shop Practice	27	28  12:00p AA	29  <b>9:00 a Bulletin Announcements due</b> 9:00a Men's Fellowship at Cabin Fever South  5:00 p TOPS	30	31



**ALTAR FLOWERS +++ see note below**

- 4 AVAILABLE
- 11 AVAILABLE
- 18 AVAILABLE
- 25 AVAILABLE

**BULLETINS +++ see note below**

- 4 AVAILABLE
- 11 AVAILABLE
- 18 AVAILABLE
- 25 AVAILABLE

**LECTORS & DEACONS**

(\* DEACONS)

- 4 \* Tom Boals
- 11 Marion Hanson
- 18 \* Cindy Wendell
- 25 Angela Gutman

**ACOLYTES**

*(Student Acolytes will resume in September)*

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

- 4 Donna Schindler
- 11 Linda & Orville Hardy
- 18 Marsha & Neal Deniston
- 25 Audrey Eis

**ALTAR DUTY**

- 4 Cindy Wendell
- 11 Kate Frank
- 18 Marsha Leaders
- 25 Linda Hardy

**USHERS**

- 1st Sunday John Diehl
- 2nd Sunday Bill & Cindy Wendell
- 3rd Sunday Ed & Joyce Rayle
- 4th Sunday Tom & Mary Boals
- 5th Sunday Youth

**OFFERING COLLECTORS**

- 1st Sunday Donna Schindler & Sue McKibben
- 2nd Sunday Angela Gutman & Marsha Leaders
- 3rd Sunday Cindy Wendell & Donna Schindler
- 4th Sunday Angela Gutman & Sue McKibben
- 5th Sunday Marsha Leaders & Sue McKibben

**OFFERING COUNTERS**

Gene Vogel, Steve Graf, Linda Hardy  
Subs: Tom Boals, Bill Wendell, Sue McKibben

**AUDIO-VISUAL**

Doug Eis, Sandy Eis, Stormy Gutman, Angela Gutman, Shaun Holley

***If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please arrange for a substitute and inform the church office as soon as possible.***

***Bulletin and Altar Flower Contributions***

Acknowledgments to be printed in the bulletin for altar flowers and/or bulletins should be given to the church office no later than the Tuesday before your chosen date.

Suggested donation for bulletins is \$20.00.

Altar Flowers are to be ordered by the donor from your choice of flower shops. Fancy Petals will deliver to Zion's on Saturdays. You may also pick your own flowers to arrange. You may take your flowers after the worship service on Sunday morning.



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Monday - Thursday  
9am - 2pm



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:45am



Pastor Tom Zulick



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE OFFICE IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES OR YOU HAVE AN ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY.

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