



CONNECTIONS

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Guests and Members... Please fill out the card in the pew rack and pass it to the center aisle at the time of the offering. This helps us continue our ministry to you.

Families in Worship... As you enter the church please pick up a kid's bag for your young children. It contains activities for them during the service. *Don't be embarrassed* if your children make noise during worship—all children do! We encourage families to worship together but, if you feel the need, there is a nursery available down the hallway just south of the narthex (an usher will be happy to direct you).

Bible Study and Sunday School... We invite you to join us each Sunday morning at 9:15 for Bible Study and Sunday School. Sunday School meets downstairs from the church Narthex in our Noah's Ark Themed Sunday School. The Adult Bible Study meets in the Parish Hall, which is also downstairs and to the left.

The Lord's Supper... The Lord's Supper is celebrated regularly and frequently at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He Himself says, our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matt. 26:26-28, 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:23-26). All who commune at this altar are to be members in good standing of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation. All guests who desire to receive the Lord's Supper at this altar are asked to first speak with the pastor(s).

For those who are communing, both the chalice and the individual cups are offered. The chalice will come through first. For those who desire it, look up and tilt the bottom of the chalice to assist with its distribution. For those who desire individual cups, they will follow the chalice.

April 21, 2024-April 28, 2024 THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

April 21 Sun.	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Worship w/HC Bible Study/Sunday School Worship w/HC
April 22 Mon.		
April 23 Tues.	12:30 pm 6:00 pm	Yarn Club Community Meal
April 24 Wed.	10:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Daniel Bible Study Midweek Service John Study Choir
April 25 Thurs.		
April 26 Fri.		
April 27 Sat.		
April 28 Sun.	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am pm	Worship w/HC Bible Study/Sunday School Worship w/HC Youth Event-TBD

Bible Studies

Join Pastor Oedewaldt during the week for one of our Bible Study Hours:

Wednesdays @ 10:00 am: Book of Daniel

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm: Book of John

Sundays @ 9:15 am: Discussion on the Divine Service

Installation

You are all cordially invited to the installation of Rev. Raymond Doubrava II as Pastor of New Hope Lutheran Church, 8824 North SR 1, Ossian, IN, 46777 on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Light reception following the service.

PEOPLE IN SERVICE CALENDAR

		April 21	April 28
Elders	8:00 10:30	Shaun Braun Mike Miller	Shaun Braun Mike Miller
Sound/Power Point	8:00 10:30	Elder on Duty/TBD	Elder on Duty/TBD
Ushers	8:00	Steve Fuelling Brandon Bultemeier Michael Bluhm Jared DeArmond Keith Harvey	Steve Fuelling Brandon Bultemeier Michael Bluhm Jared DeArmond Keith Harvey
	10:30	Jay Teeter Matt Monroe Brian Monroe John Marbach Luke Marbach	Jay Teeter Matt Monroe Brian Monroe John Marbach Luke Marbach
Altar Care	8:00 10:30	Diane Irwin Jan Hurst	Diane Irwin Jan Hurst
Acolyte	8:00	Cohen Bluhm Griffin Bluhm	Tori McCullough Audrey Grimm
	10:30	Aubree Geerken Lexy Harvey	Onalee Krueckeberg Jaxon Blythe
Nursery Workers	8:00 10:30	<i>Available during service</i>	<i>Available during service</i>
If you cannot serve, please find a replacement or call the church office @ (260) 724-7177.			

Life Thoughts in the Church Year— 4th Sunday after Easter— The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord’s every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we “come that they may have life and have it abundantly!”

Weekly Stewardship Message—John 10:14— “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

Board of Stewardship

The Board of Stewardship is sponsoring the Crisis Center for the months of March and April. Please help us to support this well deserved organization by bringing in nonperishable food items as this is what they currently are in need of. Please place your donations in the tub in the narthex hallway that is marked Crisis Center. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting them.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to those who sponsored Easter flowers this year. You are welcome to take your flowers after services this week—some are near the altar, and some are in the Narthex on the glass case near the door. Please be kind and take only the ones with your name, and kindly leave the plastic tray for future use.

Altar Flowers

The 2024 Flower Chart still has openings! What a great way to acknowledge a special occasion or memory—dedicate flowers to your loved ones or your special occasion! Flowers are \$50 each Sunday for the two arrangements next to the altar. Checks or cash can be sent in a ‘Designated Envelope’ with the regular offering. **No Flowers During Lent-Special arrangements only.*

Scripture Readings Next Week

5th Sunday after Easter

First Reading: **Acts 8:26-40**

Epistle: **1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)**

Gospel: **John 15:1-8**

Birthdays and Anniversaries— April 22— April 28

Sam Schultz (22)
Alex Schantz (22)
Kamden Combs (22)
Ethan Gerke (23)
Parker Johnson (24)
Fern Riemke (25)
Jeremy Razo (25)
Brice Gavin (26)
Justin Hall (26)

Molly Irwin (27)
Parker Stroud (27)
Brantley Fawcett (27)
Lindy Fuelling (28)
Emily Fuelling (28)

Anniversaries
Patrick & Stephanie Monroe (23)
Patrick & Nicole Strack (28)

Thank You from LWML

The ladies of Zion's Missionary Society (LWML) would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to our Lenten Food Drive for The Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-Op. Your response was overwhelming, and very much appreciated. Special thanks to the students of our school for their support. The last of three loads of food was delivered to the seminary on April 2, 2024, and will be a blessing to many seminary families. Thanks again for your generosity!

LWML Spring Event

The LWML Decatur Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 27 at St John Flatrock, 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville. Registration: 8:45 Speaker: 9:00 AM - Pastor Donald Sauls and Sandy Sauls from Compassionate Ministries Network Inc. (a not-for-profit charity dedicated to poverty relief and aid in Southern Adams County). In-gathering: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, beans (canned or dried), canned vegetables and fruit, tomato products, noodles, canned tuna, canned chili, Hamburger and Tuna Helpers, Jello, pudding, cake mixes, soup, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, soap, tooth-paste, toothbrushes, body wash, and paper towels. Feel free to meet at Zion at 8:15 a.m., if you would like to car-pool to Flatrock.

Registration is now open for the LWML Indiana District Convention in Danville, IN June 21-23, 2024. Registration forms can be found at lwmlindiana.org or in The Good News. Questions, contact Marilyn Bulmahn at 260-919-5007. Each congregation in the Decatur Circuit can send two voting delegates.

LWML Mites

Zion's **L**utheran **W**omen's **M**issionary **L**eague has been collecting **M**ites (pennies and other loose change) in a Mite box to deposit in the larger Mite box which is located in the Narthex. These coins are used to support local, national and international charities. Beginning in June, the LWML will be collecting mites every third Sunday of the month from all Zion members that wish to participate and help support many local and state missionary agencies.

Small mite boxes will be available on the table in the Narthex. You may bring your coins in your box, transfer to a plastic bag or however you want to transport these gifts to church. The large box and smaller boxes will be at the back of the church on every third Sunday.

A list of the recipients of the Mite donations and grants list will be shared in the future. Thank you!

Gardening Angels

Starting again late Spring or early Summer the Gardening Angels Committee will be removing the old bushes and replacing with all new landscaping in front of the church on Monroe St.

We have a 5th donor that will match up to \$250.00, so for every \$1 you give, they will give \$1. If you would like to contribute to this cause please make checks payable, in designated envelopes, to "Zion Lutheran Church Gardening Angels." You may also go to the church website at www.ziondecatour.com and select 'Gardening Angels' under giving options. Please contact Joan Fortman with questions at (260) 724-3955 or (260) 223-0998.

The Gardening Angels Committee

Zion Endowment Fund

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church and School:

It is once again time for our **Lutheran Foundation School Matching Fund** program. This year our 2024 goal is \$17,500. This Lutheran Foundation program triples every dollar that you donate up to \$17,500. Therefore, if we meet our goal, there would be \$17,500 coming directly back to the school to use immediately in the form of grant money. The next \$17,500 goes into a restricted investment fund. The remaining \$17,500 goes into a restricted matching investment fund. These 2 restricted funds allow for Zion to use the dividends from these investments for eligible school needs.

Over the years, Zion Lutheran Church and School have benefited greatly from this program. Since 2009, we have raised \$206,000 and have been able to redirect \$115,528 of the fund dividends back into the school for various programs and projects. In addition, since 2016, we have successfully met our fundraising goals which resulted in direct grant payments to our school now totaling \$138,000.

Your support of this program has allowed the school to use dividends to fund the purchase of 4 necessary HVAC systems, Cafeteria tables, multiple National Youth trips, I-Pads, classroom white boards, new computers, new student desks, and various other items not included in the school budget. In addition, new exterior lighting around Zion campus in 2023.

Zion students will be the future leaders of our church and school. Your contribution will ensure a continued solid learning environment for them to thrive. Please keep in mind that all contributions you make will continue to provide dividends for years to come. With your generous help we can achieve our goal again this year.

Since we are not mailing green letters to your home, you will instead have 3 easy ways to contribute.

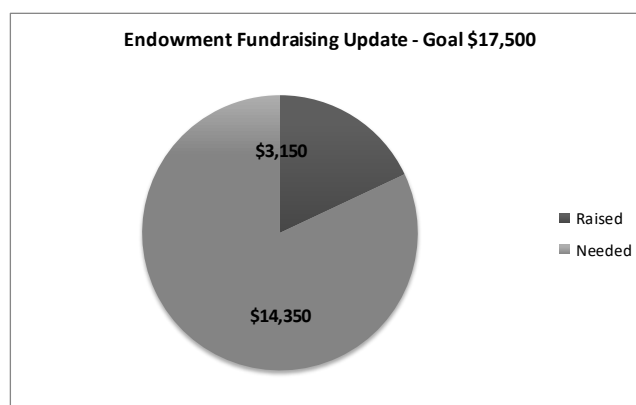
- 1) **Endowment Online Giving** is set up on Zion's website by clicking the "Zion Online Offering" button and choosing Endowment fund.
- 2) **Designated offering envelopes** available in your own contribution envelope box.
- 3) **Green envelopes** can be found in the back of church in the narthex.

If the LORD guides you to contribute, please make checks payable to "**Zion Endowment-Matching Fund**". Your contributions are tax deductible. The deadline is Sunday, **May 19th**

"You shall surely give him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him: because that for this thing the LORD your God shall bless you in all that you put your hand to." Deuteronomy 15:10

Please feel free to contact any member of the Zion Endowment Committee with any questions or comments.

*Shaun Braun 223-8689 | Angie Bultemeier 223-9484 | Bryan Saalfrank 433-3696 | Mike Grimm 403-5956 |
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Prayer List

Please submit your prayer requests by contacting the church office at (260) 724-7177 or by writing a request on the back of the attendance card. Thank you!

Hospitalized or Receiving Special Care:

Our Missionaries:

Those Serving Our Country: Brian Donovan, Zack Lavy, **Dalton Hackman, Michael Swygart**, Daniel Hughes, **Dan Creek**, Steven Bleeke, **Ally O'Connor, John Weidler, Will Busse, Taylor Schultz**, Katie VanWye, Taylor Bird, Jonathan Pogue, Ben Pogue, **Montgomery Hill, Jackson Becher, Shelbi Hess**

Continuing Health Prayers:

Nancy Tripp	Joan Roop	Marvin Ewell	Rita Wolfrum
Dodie Litchfield	Bob Bowen	Dawn Smith	Steve VanDerKeere
Kelly Shinaberry	Jim Bowen	Lyle Shaffer	Mike Ross
John Schultz	Noah Kunkel	Jackson Lanford	June Schroeder
Alice Hall	Mary Reinking	Caitlen Ford	Dorothy Hines
Ryan Brunton	Kim Landrum	Samantha Schultz	Claudia Schnepf
Gloria Daniels	Joe Longsworth	Bev Wagner	Eugene Weber
Lillie Bleeke	Duane "Moe" Moser	Joellen Meyer	Steve Straub
Brendan Gross	Carolyn McMaster	Luke Schultz	Benjamin Hendricks
Luke Liechty	Cari Shaffer	Tammy Dahling	Anna Weidler
Bob Tinkham	Rebecca Strack		

If you are being admitted to the hospital, having a procedure done, expecting a baby, or are in any way in need of a visitation, please contact Pastor Oedewaldt at (619) 905-2160 or the church office.

If you or someone you know needs to be added to or can be removed from the Prayer Request list, please contact the church office or note it on your attendance card.

Stewardship of God's Gifts

ATTENDANCE

8:00 am Service	152	Bible Study	N/A
10:30 am Service	166	Sunday School	N/A
Midweek Service	20		

OFFERING

Weekly Income Received	\$ 14,390.84
Weekly Income Projected	\$ 16,325.45
Year-to-Date Income Received	\$ 233,086.91
Actual to Projected Income	\$ 244,881.75

Do you like listening to talk shows or music while at work, at home or on the go? Tune into something fresh yet profound with these online Lutheran Radio broadcasts! Go to the web-sites or download the apps to hear the programs live or listen to past shows.

kfuo.org—The radio station of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod hosts a variety of shows during the week, such as Faith 'N' Family, Law & Gospel, and BookTalk. Pastors from around the country also lead daily devotions on-air.

Issuesetc.org—This “cross-centered, Christ-focused talk radio” airs each Monday thru Friday at 3 to 5 pm EST. Pastor and lay-man guest speakers are invited to discuss Scripture, theology, current religion news, and Christianity in culture...just to name a few!

Connections & Lamp Newsletter Deadlines

Just a reminder to those wanting to submit information to either publication:

Connections: *information/articles will be due by the end of Wednesday each week*

Lamp Newsletter: *information/articles will be due by the 20th of each month*

Zion Lutheran Decatur Sunday Service
Sunday 10:30 a.m. - WZBD 92.7 FM

Worship for Shut-Ins

Sunday 7:00 a.m. - FW's NBC [21.2]

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Frontier 9, Digital 33.2,
Comcast 252

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - WINM-TV 12/38 – TCT

Sunday 4:00 p.m. & Monday 10:00 a.m. -
Comcast 55, Frontier 25 [PA]

The Lutheran Hour

Sunday 8:05 a.m. on WZBD 92.7 FM

Sunday 10:30 a.m. on AM 1190 (WOWO)

Sunday 3:30 p.m. on AM 1090 (WFCV)

Issues Etc.

Monday thru Friday—3-5 pm live or on demand
at issuesetc.org

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