

The Tidings

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Zion Lutheran Church
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Zion Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Desk:

And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

Luke 24:2

This begins Luke's account of the most important day in the history of the world. The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The week prior had been a wide range of emotion to say the least. The triumph and glory entering Jerusalem would turn to betrayal, denial, unspeakable physical and psychological pain, anguish, fear and despair. Now, at the tomb, confusion, which will quickly turn to joy, celebration, love and ever-growing faith like never before.

When I think of Easter Sundays, I think of congregations wearing their "Easter best". I think of pastel colors, flowers in bloom, family gatherings and chorus of voices greeting each other with "He is risen" to the response of "He is risen indeed!" And of course, Easter egg hunts and lots and lots of chocolate!

But as we celebrate the color and life that Easter brings, let us also remember the grave darkness just before dawn that began the day. It is a similar darkness which may exist within many of our lives or the lives of those around us, family, friends or others within our community. A darkness of loneliness, of loss of the death of a family member, of addiction, of racism, of illness or of financial crisis. A darkness that is often veiled with a subtle smile or the comment of "I'm fine" or "Things are great". Only things aren't always great. Alone, at times the weight seems

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Mission Statement

“Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God’s Grace, Reaching out with Christ’s Love.”

Vision Statement

Seeking to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

*Share the sacraments;
Share God’s love;
Worship together;
There is a place
for everyone*



too great to bear. It is a darkness that keeps one from truly experiencing the love of Christ in our lives, and living our truly best life.

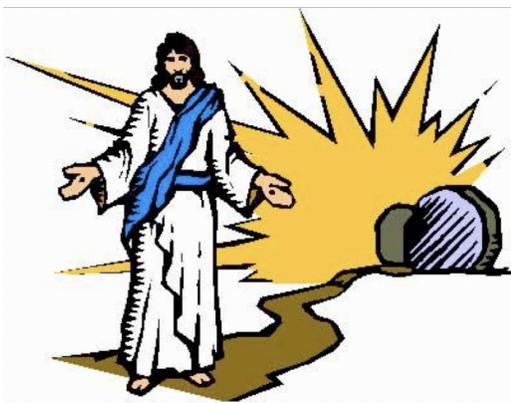
We celebrate life when we celebrate Easter. The life of Jesus Christ, defeating death, Satan and the weight of all of our sins. In Him, and through Him we have life. Turn our lives to Him and help others turn their lives to Him. He can bear our darkness. He can bear the weight of our burdens. He conquered death and sin for each of us and rolled away the stone. And He still moves stones.

Blessings to all,

Jon



I thank the congregation for the blessed gift given to me at Christmas time. I am quite touched by it. I am pleased to offer pastoral care for your members in this interim period. God bless each of you. – Pastor Larry D Baker



Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday, the day of the Resurrection of Our Lord, is on **April 1st**. Worship will be at 10:30 a.m. Come join us as we again celebrate with great joy Jesus’ resurrection!

March and April Anniversaries

- Ron and Maxine Taylor – March 10
- Jerry and Paula Paulins – April 16
- Tim and Melinda Biler – April 26

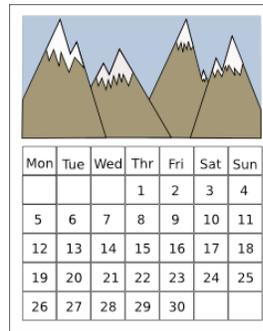


Happy Birthday!

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| Donna Green | 03/09 |
| Elizabeth Balderson | 03/11 |
| Robert Chafin | 03/11 |
| Sandy Balderson | 03/12 |
| Chuck Hilliker | 03/13 |
| Ron Taylor | 03/15 |
| Philip Taylor | 03/16 |
| Malenie Hadidon | 03/17 |
| Lisa Weber | 03/22 |
| Dortha Feddern | 03/26 |
| Olive Hazlett | 03/28 |
| Catherine Balderson | 03/29 |
| Nicole Evans | 03/29 |
| Ward Weber | 04/03 |
| Esther Mae Baker | 04/15 |
| Julie Hazlett | 04/29 |
| Norma Hicks | 04/29 |
| Carol Mahon | 04/30 |

Lenten Services

Please consider attending Lenten services at one of our neighboring churches. A list of times and dates of midweek services at St John's in London, St Paul's in New Rome, and Resurrection in Hilliard is available in your weekly announcements.



Upcoming Dates of Importance

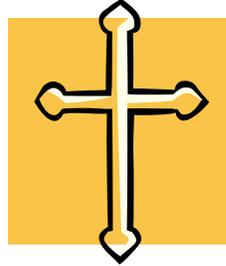
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| March 4 | Women's Day honored |
| March 11 | Daylight Savings Time begins |
| March 25 | Palm Sunday |
| April 1 | Easter Sunday |
| April 22 | Earth Day |
| May 10 | Ascension Day |
| May 13 | Mother's Day |

Funds for Zion

Next time you're shopping online, you may want to know that Amazon has a program that will send funds to your favorite charity. Instead of shopping at Amazon, go to AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com. There's no cost to customers for this.

The Breakfast Bunch

The Breakfast Bunch meets on the first Saturday of each month. Please join us at 8:30 am at Der Dutchman in Plain City for a good breakfast and fellowship. The next Breakfast Bunch date will be **Saturday, April 7.**



Daily Prayers:

Please keep these people in your prayers: Esther Mae Baker, Al Bausch, Don Brooks, Sonia Chafin, and Carol Schiff.