

The Tidings

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Need a Ride? No Thanks, I Think I'll Walk

A few weeks ago we shared a wonderful morning at Zion. I'd like to think they are all wonderful, but this one especially so. A baptism and confirmation. The first steps of a toddler as a child of God, the direction and pace of this part of her journey dependent upon her parents, her family and her sponsor. She will stumble. She will fall. But she will get back up each time, and we all pray that her direction remain firmly pointed toward our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our confirmands are a bit further down the road on their journeys. They, too, will stumble and fall, and they, too, will rise each time. But with each step they take, they are more and more independent of the directions which may have been set forth by others. They now choose more of the path for themselves. We also pray for them, that their direction remains steady and true.

But they are human. Imperfect. They may lose their way at times. Perhaps more than once. They may find themselves among the high weeds and off the trail altogether. Just like you and me.

For we walk by faith, not by sight. - 2 Corinthians 5:7

Zion Lutheran Church

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*



That seems simple enough. But it is far tougher than any of us imagined as we continue our own journeys and sometimes get lost along the way. To walk by faith takes courage and strength. It takes patience. We must be willing to give up many aspects of control within our lives, frequently in areas that we have fought to gain control for ourselves in the first place. The journey is often difficult but it is both a tremendous blessing and reward. Walking by faith allows us to see and experience God in all His fullness and grace.

Walking by faith requires our obedience to God and may take us to places we’ve never known. It means we hold onto dreams that God has planted within our hearts even though with each step we may fail to realize we are making any progress at all. Life doesn’t always look like how we planned. Walking by faith means the courage and love to stand up for others and lift each other up at times when we need lifting ourselves. Lifting them to their own path, not ours, but pointing them directly toward Jesus Christ.

A walk of faith forces us out of our own comfort zones. We must be willing to let God turn our world upside down and shake it – like a snow globe! Shaken. Settled. Then start all over again. Sometimes the result may be a calling to a particular ministry. Sometimes the result may be a painful time within our lives. But whatever the result, give it to God. Surrender and ask Him to use it to change your life, and He will lead your journey and teach you to walk by faith.

Continue taking steps each day. You may wobble like a toddler at times, and perhaps run when you should only walk. But take a step. Don’t stand still. You’ll never see more than you see right now if you stand still. God has in store for us great things. Surrender to Him and let Him lead your way as you take each step on your journey.

Blessings to all this holiday season,
Jon



Happy Birthday!

Evan Taylor	11/03
Richard Taylor	11/04
Bernie Brister	11/11
Kate Mahon	11/14
Jennifer Murray	11/16
Timothy Biler	11/23
Sally Hurt	12/03
Melinda Biler	12/04
Nicole Biler	12/06
Regan Johnston	12/07
Sally Sindedecker	12/10
Derek Taylor	12/11
Pete Hadidon	12/15
Ashley Biler	12/17
Jody Taylor	12/17
Jennifer Johnston	12/22
Allen Bausch	12/26
Arlene Castor	12/26
Daniel Salyers	12/27
Daniel Hadidon	12/28
Kaleigh Johnston	12/31

Congratulations!

Congratulations to five of our youth who were confirmed on Sunday, September 28: Andrew Weber, Caleb and Nicole Evans, Emilie Harless, and Kaleigh Johnston! On the same day we celebrated the Baptism of Katherine Pearl Gregory, the granddaughter of Ward and Lisa Weber. Congratulations to all!



Good Samaritan Food Pantry

The food pantry has asked us to supply the corn and beans for the annual Thanksgiving boxes. Rather than collecting the cans, Zion will be collecting money to buy 100-120 cans of each vegetable. Please make your donation with your regular offering – be sure to designate it for the Food Pantry. Thanks for your generosity!

Community Thanksgiving Service

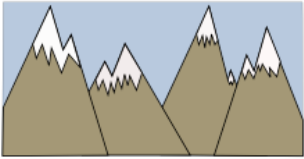
The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, **November 21** at Community Free Will Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. The address is 130 Plain City Georgesville Road.

Happy Anniversary!

- Pete and Malenie Hadidon --November 10
- Richard and Jody Taylor -- November 22

Breakfast Bunch

The Breakfast Bunch continues to meet on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 at Der Dutchman. Everyone is welcome! Join us for a good breakfast and good fellowship. Next breakfast get-togethers will be on **November 3** and **December 2**.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Looking Ahead:

- November 4 All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 11 Veterans Day
Congregational Meeting
- November 18 Thankoffering Service
- December 2 First Sunday of Advent
Christmas Potluck & Tree Decorating
- December 16 Caroling (tentative)
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candle Lighting 7 pm
- December 25 Christmas
- December 30 5th Sunday prayer service & hymn sing



Daily Prayers:

Please keep these people in your prayers: Esther Mae Baker, Al Bausch, Don Brooks, Dortha Feddern, George Wendel, and Carol Schiff.