

The Tidings

The newsletter of
Zion Lutheran Church
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Zion Lutheran Church

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Vacant

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From the Pastor's Desk:

We see changes everywhere – in ourselves, in the changing Ohio weather, AND a great deal has changed in the past few months here at Zion. We voted to put the church up for sale and find a place to worship at our annual congregational meeting in November, and then right on the heels of that, in December the city presented an offer to buy the church while allowing us to remain here in the building to worship on Sundays until 1 pm (and at other times as we can schedule them with the city.) The congregation voted to approve the offer made by the city – unanimously.

There is a lot to rejoice about in this, but there are also things to mourn. Many things WILL remain the same, but some things WILL change. It's a lot to take in, and it all is happening so quickly. There is much to yet discover about the changes that will occur over the next few months and years. Some may be wonderful new opportunities – such as being more of a presence in our community, no longer having to take care of the building, but other changes may not feel as good, such as losing office space, having limited access to the building, not having the building be 'ours,' having pictures, bulletin boards and lots of things that we have accumulated over the years removed. It is ok to rejoice AND mourn – at the same time.

But while a great deal HAS changed, the most important things remain the same. We are a church that gathers and worships Christ – still and

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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*



always, ‘Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching Up for God’s Grace, and Reaching out with Christ’s Love.’ (Our mission statement). We are still church together, and Christ Jesus is and will ever be our center.

In Him,

Pastor Denise



Thank You – to Ginny & Dick Fagt for hosting us for a delicious supper at their home on the night we were going to go caroling (but the ice made it too slippery to go out). **Thank you** too – to all those who delivered the wonderful cookie and fruit trays to some of our members. Even though the weather was a bit frightful our time of fellowship was quite delightful!

Thank you – to all those who came out and helped make the church so lovely for Christmas and who brought together a wonderful meal for us to share!

Un-Decking the Halls

On **Sunday, January 8th**, please stay a while after worship and join in to help us “undeck” the halls. Thanks!

Sunday School Break

Sunday School will be taking a short break after Christmas. Sunday School will resume on **January 8**.

WELCA

The next WELCA meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 22**.



February Anniversaries

- George and Doralee Wendell, February 14
- Steve and Anne Marie Lutz, February 19

Graduation

Libby Lutz graduated from the Ohio State University on December 18. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Congratulations, Libby!

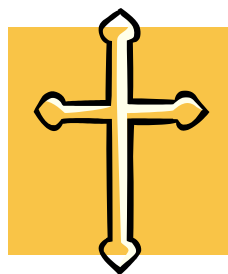
Happy Birthday!

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| Donald Brooks | 01/01 |
| Richard Woods | 01/01 |
| Barbara Woods | 01/03 |
| Maxine Taylor | 01/06 |
| Zach Mahon | 01/09 |
| Matthew Johnston | 01/10 |
| Doralee Wendell | 01/16 |
| Lydia Feddern | 01/18 |
| Steve Lutz | 01/19 |
| Louise Johnston | 01/24 |
| Dick Fogt | 01/25 |
| Heidi Gregory | 02/06 |
| Terry Taylor | 02/12 |
| Peyton Murray | 02/20 |
| Jerry Gossett | 02/25 |
| Tom Mahon | 02/27 |

Souper Bowl Sunday – February 5

No matter what team you support, please help support those who are in need through bringing in soup cans that will go to the West Jefferson Food Pantry, and donations of money we'll be gathering in the big SOUPER BOWL cauldrons that will also go to the West Jefferson Food Pantry to help eradicate hunger where the need is greatest!

Let's go TEAM – helping wipe out hunger! You may start bringing in cans of soup anytime on or before Feb 5th! THANKS!



Daily Prayers:

Please keep these people in your prayers: Esther Mae Baker, Bob Feddern, Rod Hutton, Larry Baker, as well as the family of Joyce Gossett, the family of Pauline Beachy, and Carol and the family of Don Schiff.