

# Zionews

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## Two Anniversaries

This August, Zion will be celebrating two anniversaries. On August 21st and 22nd, we will celebrate the laying of the cornerstone of our current building in 1898. Zion has been worshipping in this building for 123 years! Then on August 29th, we'll be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Scout Troop 8. These two anniversaries are great reminders for Zion of God's call to faithfulness and God's call to change.

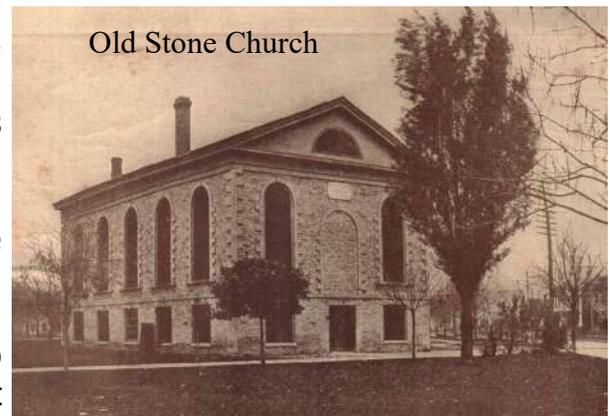


That we have sponsored a scout troop for most of our history is remarkable. Even more remarkable is that Troop 8 is still going! Given the changes in our culture, the longevity of the scouting ministry in Sandusky is awesome. Let's keep up our faithful support for our local scouts!

The 123rd anniversary of Zion's current building gives us an opportunity to remember all the different places this congregation has gathered for worship, and all the changes that this building has seen.

The histories of "the Zions" tell us that Lutherans in the Sandusky area started meeting with the Rev. Richter in the old Court House in 1848 after the congregation that had been worshipping with Richter since 1842 split between "Evangelical Protestants" (what we call today Reformed) and Lutherans.

A new wave of Lutheran immigrants came from Europe in 1851 and the congregation grew so that on June 14, 1852, Zion was officially founded in the Old Court House. In July of that same year, Zion bought the old Congregational church (just south of where Grace Episcopal is today) and started worshipping there. By 1856, Zion had grown in numbers so much that they ended up swapping buildings with a Baptist



congregation and started worshipping in the Old Stone Church which was on what is now the Courthouse Square.

In 1898, the county wanted to build the current courthouse, but that involved moving several congregations from the land, including Zion. After coming to an agreement with the city through the facilitation of George Feick, Zion began to build our current worship space. The cornerstone was placed on August 21, 1899, but the congregation didn't hold it's first services here until November 19, 1899. (Construction always takes longer than you think it will!) The congregation brought the altar, pulpit, lectern, and font with them into our current building. That's four places of worship before Zion even celebrated its 50th anniversary. That's a lot of change!



This building has seen a fair number of changes as well. There's the obvious additions of the office wing in 1981 and the portico in 1991, but there's also the not so obvious changes. The replacement of the old organ for our 1954 Möller meant the removal of both the *Jesus the Good Shepherd* and the *Jesus Knocking* windows. These two windows replaced the windows of *St. John* and *St. Paul* that used to flank the *Jesus Praying in the Garden* window above the altar. And as you know, John and Paul have found a home on the mezzanine. The carpet has changed at least three times that I can track by the old photos. The pews were realigned and the freestanding altar added in the 1990s. There have been numerous repurposing of rooms from classrooms to storage space, the kitchenette, and the Nejedly Prayer Chapel. The cry room became the Stellhorn Library. And there's the tearing down of the parsonages so Zion could have a parking lot, along with building the garage. There's been quite a lot of change!



All this change in the midst of such longevity points to the seemingly contradictory but deeply faithful reality for we who follow the God who made time. Change and stability go hand in hand. We celebrate the stability of long term ministries while also recognizing that not every ministry needs to be long term. We know that God's Word does not change and at the same time wrestle with how the Holy Spirit leads and pushes us in unexpected and sometimes unwelcome ways (like worshipping in English). We embrace generations of families

who have been baptized here and open our hearts to visitors who may only be with us for one week.

As we follow Jesus, we learn that God’s time is not our time. As we follow Jesus, we learn to trust God’s never failing love and how God calls us to change for Jesus’ sake and for the sake of the gospel. Let’s celebrate these anniversaries with joy and an ear to how God is calling us into the future.

Peace,  
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### Nickels and Noses for June

*As a reminder, these numbers are two months behind to account for the bookkeeping schedule.*

#### June Offerings

	Monthly	Year to Date
<b>Actual</b>	\$28,235.49	\$197,174.40
<b>Budget</b>	\$36,575.00	\$219,450.00



#### June Attendance 4 Saturdays, 4 Sundays

	In Person	Online	Total	Average
<b>Saturday</b>	92	142	234	59
<b>Sunday</b>	505	518	1,023	256
<b>Total</b>	597	660	1,257	314

There were some cliches in June attendance: one Saturday in person attendance was not recorded and one Sunday service did not get streamed.

*Zion’s offering envelopes are currently sent directly to members every other month. If you are not getting them and would like to, please contact the office.*

*If you have a regular amount you like to give in support of Zion’s mission and ministry, consider talking with your bank about setting up an automatic draft from your checking account. You can also give regularly or occasionally through Tithe.ly, either through Zion’s app or by texting the word “give” to 844-683-7315 and following the instructions.*

*If you support Zion regularly without the envelopes mailed to you, you are encouraged to call the office and have your name removed from that mailing list.*

## Carolyn's Corner . . .

Rally Day is coming! So, what is Rally Day at Zion?

First, rally day isn't just for kids – it's for everyone in the church. And, also, for their guests.

According to Webster's Dictionary, rally: 1: is a verb meaning "draw or call together for a common purpose"; 2: a noun meaning "a renewal of energy in joint action."

Traditionally Rally Day marks the transition from summer activities, vacations and events that draw members of the congregation away from each other – especially on the weekends. We might begin the summer with good intentions for personal devotions and weekly worship. But soon the reality of the hectic summer schedule gets in the way and our good intentions get lost. By the end of summer, we need to renew our spiritual energy and the best way to do that is with others who share our need for new life. So, we in the church set aside a Sunday to mark the beginning of a new year, a new time to start over – to rally for a common purpose; to seek the Holy Spirit's power to renew our energy for worship, studying God's word, for praying and serving our God.

On Sunday September 12th we will be drawing together to renew our energy for the common purpose of growing in trust and obedience to Jesus Christ.

We have activities for everyone! Join us for worship at 8 or 10:30 a.m. as well as special activities during the 9:15 education hour. Come and see!

Blessings,  
Carolyn



## Adult Forum Update



### *Adult Forum*

Both the Stellhorn Library Adult Forum and the Room 205 Adult Forum have resumed meeting in person between services.

The Stellhorn Library Adult Forum will continue to use the Facebook Room along with meeting in person so those who join us online can still be part of the conversation.

The Adult Forum taught by Elaine Conley will begin on Rally Day.



**Lori Harris** retired as our office administrator last year during the lockdowns. She'll be coming back to be with us on August 1st after the late service so we can celebrate her retirement. This will be a great chance to catch up with her and thank her for her years working at Zion.

## Scout Troop Anniversary Celebration



Scouts, families, and alumni of Troop 8, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, and Troop 7, St. Mary's Catholic Church please help recognize the Scouts of today and our past. The units are holding a celebration as these units have reached a mile marker. Troop 7 reached 75 years in November of 2020 and Troop 8 reached 100 years in July 2021. We are holding a picnic celebration for both units on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Lion's Park North Shelter from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/2ytXjxwxk> Sign-up for event: <https://forms.gle/6HupNAr5q2xWHiRT6>

## August Readings

	1 <sup>st</sup> reading		2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	Gospel
Aug 01	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15	Psalm 78: 23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Aug 08	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
Aug 15	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Aug 22	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
Aug 29	Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

# WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULES

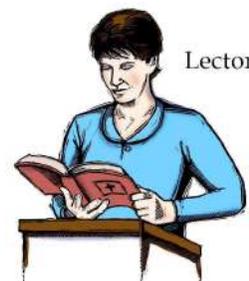
## Prayers of the People



<b>August</b>	1	Judy Mears
	8	Carla Mitchell
	15	Betty Bickley/Sarah Mears
	22	Judy Burrows

## Lectors

		8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>August</b>	1	Hope Bailey	Carla Mitchell
	8	Andy Gundlach	Laurie Mears
	15	Dick Long	Madison Yontz
	22	Dean Meyers	Cole Berger
	29	Mike Bailey	Kay Thompson



Lectors

## Children's Message



Children's Message

August	1	Pastor Eric/Deacon Carolyn
	8	Hope Bailey
	15	Laurie Mears
	22	Jon Carver
	29	Pastor Eric/Deacon Carolyn

## Gathering Hosts

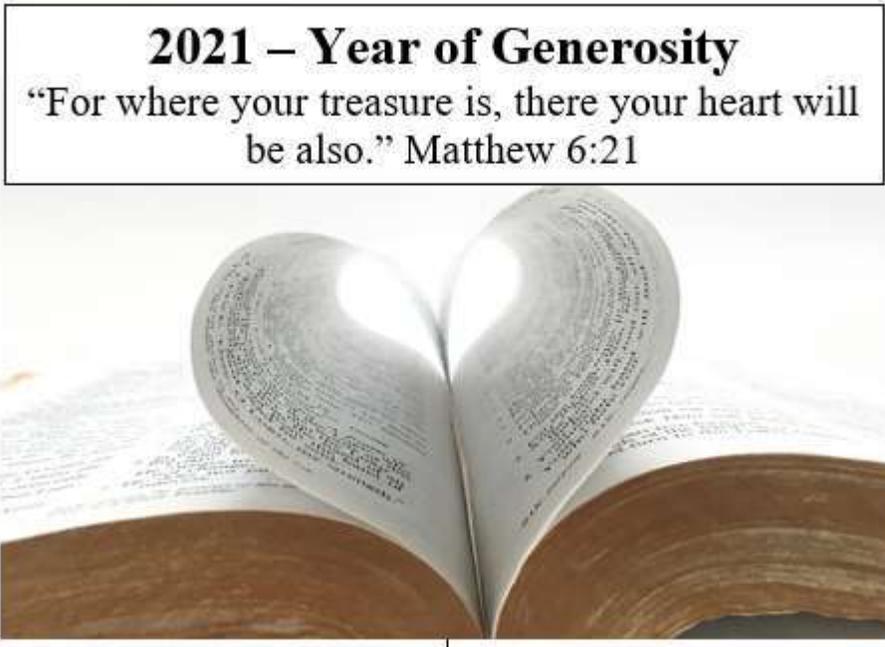
<b>August</b>	1	(8:00) Linda and Jeff Kerst (10:30) The Pollack Family
	8	(8:00) Lori and Joan Mears (10:30) Karen Dehn and Gisela Ohly
	15	(8:00) The Stradtman Family (10:30) Carla Mitchell and Lyle Marquardt
	22	(8:00) Jon Carver and Chris Antel (10:30) Wendy Schonhardt and Carole Crouch
	29	(8:00) Jim & Jeannie Johnson (10:30) Nancy & Tom Kinsel

## GATHERING HOSTS



## Soundboard

<b>August</b>	1	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Dean	Tom
	8	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Janet	John
	15	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Andrew Castello	Tom
	22	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Andy G	Greg
	29	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Dean	Tim



We’re excited to experience Synod Assembly in a new way this year! Along with being more physically and financially accessible, this year’s Synod Assembly is focused on the community of northwest Ohio.

We will gather on Friday, September 24 for a shortened, virtual business assembly. During this Year of Generosity we look forward to gathering together and engaging in the business of the church, for the sake of our parishes, and beyond.

September 24  
 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
 No Cost

**If you are interested in representing Zion as a voting member at Synod Assembly, please contact Pastor Eric or Deacon Carolyn.**



***Ushers for August***

August 1 <sup>st</sup>	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
Lyle Marquardt Elaine Conley Julie Kessler Sheree' Miller	Lyle Marquardt Elaine Conley Julie Kessler Carla Mitchell	Lyle Marquardt Elaine Conley Julie Kessler Carla Mitchell	Lyle Marquardt Kevin Yontz Madison Yontz Julie Kessler	Lyle Marquardt Elaine Conley Julie Kessler Sheree' Miller



*Welcome to the family of Zion,  
new members through letter of transfer:*

**Emily Crawford, Peggy Schwanger, Linda Skillman, Donald and Helen Smith, and Arlene Wahl.**



**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon**  
Shoreline Park Picnic Shelter  
Read more about it in the September Zionews and weekly announcements!



**August Greeters**

Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chet Leser
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Dehn
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chet Leser
Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBD

**Community Fellowship**  
**FREE & Open to the Public**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 5:30  
Stay and worship at 6PM service

*Please bring your own lawn chair.*



**Zion Youth News**  
Confirmation Camp

Recently Zion's Confirmation students met for a day long event to focus on the study of the Lord's Prayer. Part of the day's activities included working together as teams to build the tallest tower using only newsprint and masking tape!

**Ice Cream at the Gazebo**

Join Zion's youth at the Washington Park Gazebo on Tuesday evenings to enjoy the summer concert that Zion Foundation sponsors and have a free ice cream!

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
July 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Zoom and In Person)**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President, Martha Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt, Faye Gast, Tom Kinsel, Darlene Lowery, Sheree' Miller, Carla Mitchell, Roslyn Orticari, Nancy Stewart, Martha Thompson, Kevin Yontz, and Recording Secretary, Lori Wobser.  
Absent: Andrew Castello, Savannah Castello, Jarrod Todi

**OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:**

Pastor Eric opened with a devotional and prayer.

**AGENDA:**

Agenda approved as submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you from Lori Wobser.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for the June 9, 2021 Council meeting stand as submitted.

**CLERGY REPORTS:**

**Pastor Eric** – Written report submitted. Report filed as submitted with two additions: Congregational farewell to outgoing Office Administrator, Lori Harris on her retirement of June 2020 is scheduled for August 1, 2021 following the 10:30 am worship service. Due to covid lockdown, we were unable to give a proper sending to Lori at the time. Pastor Eric also submitted an updated Ministry Team Outline; outlining each team, the groups that fall under their direction, and responsibilities.

**Deacon Carolyn** – Written report submitted. Report filed as submitted.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Martha Thompson, President** – No report submitted.

**Vice President, Carla Mitchell** – No written report submitted.

**Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Kinsel** – Financial reports filed as submitted. Tom explained part of the problem with comparing year to year finances; this last year was a peculiar year, bookkeeping/some accounting practices change. Collections are down for June. Lori was asked to give an update on the reimbursement of fraudulent charges by a local hotel in March. Out of five charges, four have been reimbursed. The decision was made that we had spent sufficient time and energy on the reimbursements, and we would consider this closed at this time.

**MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:**

**Worship & Music – Sheree' Miller** – Written report submitted.

**Faith Formation – Jarrod Todi** – No written report submitted. Deacon Carolyn gave a verbal report. Looking forward to Rally Day on September 12<sup>th</sup>; activities for all ages. Church picnic scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at Shoreline Park.

**Stewardship & Administration – Roslyn Orticari**– Written report submitted.

**Youth & Young Adult – Andrew Castello and Savannah Castello** – Written report submitted.

**Property & Facilities – Faye Gast/Kevin Yontz** – Written report submitted. Kevin is following up on a very high water/sewer bill for the March-April period. The bills have been consistently in the \$161. range both before and after this billing. Steve Wrona will be checking the roof for various new leaks and checking on a preventive maintenance for the roof/gutters. The landscaping has been held up due to the

weather; they have to work when it is dry.

**Parish Life – Darlene Lowery –**

Funerals homes need to be contacted to return to pre-covid policies of contacting the church office during business hours with Pastor Eric contacted outside of business hours. If Pastor Eric is not available for a funeral, Deacon Carolyn is to be contacted. The annual church picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Shoreline Park. An Ice Cream Social is being planned for Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 and open to the public. Planning is in progress for this time of fellowship/ice cream/ fun activities for families. Bring your own lawn chair for the parking lot. Encourage those who are in attendance to stay for the 6:00 pm worship.

**Mission & Outreach – Nancy Stewart**  
– Written report submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Finance Committee:** Tom Kinsel presented a proposal for a Treasurer's Financial Assistance Committee. This committee would consist of the current Council Vice-President, the current church Treasurer, a person who has previously been the church Treasurer, and at least one other member of the congregation; to be selected by the Treasurer and Vice-President. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Financial Assistance Committee as proposed. Motion carried.

**Part-Time Secretary Position:**

Stewardship and Administration presented a job description, advertisement for position, as well as provided the financial information needed to pursue the part time office assistant. Lori will have discretion to approve additional hours as needed, up to 25; more than that would need approval from Stewardship and Administration. A motion was made to accept the part-time secretary as

proposal with change of 20 hours with potential for extra hours. Motion carried. Lori will be posting the advertisement and conducting interviews with a committee of Roz Ortigari and Carla Mitchell. The candidate will then be presented to Stewardship and Administration for approval.

**Synod Assembly:** This year's assembly will be Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, virtually, for only business. We will need a youth representative, a young adult, and two other voting members. Registration deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Removal of Plexiglass in the Office:**

The plexiglass will remain in place at this time.

**Troop 8 Scouts:** On Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Zion sponsored troop.

**Ministry Team Budgets:** Budgets are due by the August 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Church Picnic:** Discussed under Faith Formation and Parish Life. Date set for Noon on September 19, 2021 at Shoreline Park Picnic Shelter.

**CIVISTA Account #1193716:**

A motion was made to move the CIVISTA account to PNC regular checking. Motion carried.

**Membership Transfers:** A motion was made to accept into the voting membership of Zion by letter of transfer the following: Emily Crawford, Peggy Schwanger, Linda Skillman, Donald and Helen Smith, and Arlene Wahl. Motion carried. Council will plan a reception for all new members in October.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Lord's Prayer lead by Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Wobser, Recording Secretary



VBS—August 2-6  
9-11:30 am

Please check with your ministry team leader to see if you are meeting in person, hybrid, or virtually.  
All Saturday and Sunday worship will be in person and online unless we are at level 4.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Forum w/PE—Library 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am WLEC Broadcast 11:30 Lori Harris Farewell Reception</p> <p>VBS Setup following the 10:30 worship service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9-11:30 VBS</p> <p>2:00 pm Temple Caretakers</p> <p>6:30 pm Quilters</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9-11:30 VBS</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>1:00 pm Facebook Text Study Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Executive Committee</p> <p>7:00 pm Troop 8 Scout Planning Mtg</p> <p>7:00 pm Gazebo Concert Series</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 am Lectionary Study</p> <p>9-11:30 VBS</p> <p>1:30 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9-11:30 VBS</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>9-11:30 VBS /Picnic</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 pm Worship</p> 
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