

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church April 2023



HOLY WEEK BEGINS APRIL 2



Palm Sunday – All the events of God’s plan of salvation for us begin with Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The disciples and the crowd shout “Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to the Son of David.”

We gather in the narthex and Great Hall to begin our worship with the Blessing and Procession of Palms.

TRIDUUM – The Great Three Days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus gathered his disciples in the Upper Room to celebrate the Passover. He gives his disciples a “going away” commandment that “you love one another as I have loved you.” After instituting for us the Sacrament of his own body and blood, Jesus is betrayed.

On Maundy Thursday, we gather at 12:00 and 7:00 in the sanctuary (with lunch to follow the noon service). We celebrate Holy Communion and at 7:00 conclude the service with the stripping of the altar, symbolizing Jesus’ treatment by Pilate and the Roman soldiers. The 7:00 service will be streamed.

Good Friday marks Jesus’ trial and crucifixion. Death seems to hold sway that day. Jesus is buried in haste, before the beginning of the Sabbath (Friday sundown).

On Good Friday, we gather at 12:00 and 7:00. At noon, we gather on Front Street, outside the Presbyterian Church (weather permitting) for the traditional Way of the Cross. Pastor Mittermaier shares one of the meditations. At 7:00, we gather in our sanctuary to grieve our Savior’s death.

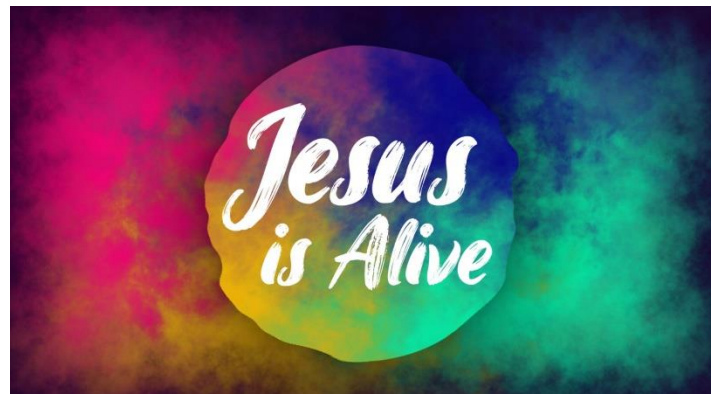
There are no services on Holy Saturday (though some congregations celebrate a Vigil of Easter late in the day). That day was the sabbath day – the day God rested from the creative work described in Genesis.

EASTER – THE QUEEN OF FEASTS – APRIL 9

The morning begins with a Community Sunrise Service at 7:00 at Marcum Park. Patti Eaton represents Zion by doing a reading. We have a breakfast “feast” beginning at 8:30 here at Zion and at 10:00 we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. God is at work doing a new thing – raising Jesus from the dead – and giving us new and eternal life. A new Sabbath is created, celebrating the events of that first day of the week!

**“He lives! And because He lives,
we too shall live!” Alleluia!**

Come and worship!





Easter Sunday Breakfast

We are seeking donations for the Easter Breakfast, hosted by the Band of Brothers and the youth group. There is a sign-up sheet in the great hall or you can call the church office. These are the items being asked for:

- Eggs
- Butter
- Juice
- Milk
- Coffee Cakes/Danishes
- Monetary Donations

Thanks for your support and hope to see you all at the breakfast!



MARCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP Pizza Challenge and Mexican Train

When: Saturday, April 15

Hosts: Mike and Kathy Frye

Where: Zion gym

Time: 6:30pm

What to do/bring:

- At least one large favorite pizza to share with the group. The pizzas can be from your favorite restaurant or homemade.
 - There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- Beverage of choice

Provided:

- Salad and dressings
- Desserts
- Dominos for the games



5TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH EUCHRE NIGHT!

Finally, we have returned!!!



Hosts: The Frye Family

When: Saturday, April 29th
(5th Saturday of the month)

Arrival time: 5:45 pm

Start Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Note: *we can't start until everyone arrives. Please arrive at 5:45 so we can start dealing promptly at 6:00.*

Where: Zion gym

What to Bring: Your beverage, a covered dish, and \$1.00 per person for the prize fund

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend or two (or more) to share in fun, food, and great fellowship!

Don't know how to play? Need refresher?

No problem. We'll have an instruction session starting at 5:30. You can also review the rules ahead of time at <http://www.bicyclecards.com/card-games/rule/euchre>

A sign-up sheet is in the Great Hall contact Kathy and Mike by emailing (pilgrimspride1@live.com), or calling the church office 863-5774. *Please include your name, phone/email info, number of people attending, and if you need instructions for playing.*



Prayer with Patti

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023
11am till noon**

Due to Holy Week services, Patti will be at church at 11am on the First Wednesday of April. Prayer is our foundation. Would you folks like to come help Patti fortify our foundation?



**COMMUNITY
MEAL CENTER
April 15, 2022**

Zion will be serving at the
Community Meal Center

at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 15. We are serving inside so we need people to cook, serve, clean, etc. We also need people to make desserts. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please sign the sign-up sheet in the great hall or call the church office. This meal will be partially paid for thru the Morningstar Foundation Grant.



**Message from the
Social Concerns Committee**

We need pantry supplies for the Friday Night, Goodman Place and Family Reunification Court Distribution. All items are needed but specifically:

Urgent Need Donations

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| Mac & Cheese | Canned Fruit |
| Canned Soup | Canned Pasta & Chili |
| Peanut Butter | Cereal |
| Dry rice dishes (rice-a-roni) | |
| Soap | Shampoo |
| Deodorant | Women's Hygiene Items |
| Toothpaste & Brushes | New Socks & Underwear |

Other Items Greatly Appreciated

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| Canned Veggies | Paper Towels |
| Instant Potatoes | Diapers |
| Clean Used Clothes and Shoes | |
| Toilet Paper | Gift Cards |
| Granola Bars | Water |
| Sheets & Towels (used or new) | |



Congregational Unity Prayer
(Adapted from "Come Holy Spirit")

Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful at Zion. Kindle in us the fire of your love, acceptance and understanding. Send forth Your Spirit, if it be your will, please purge our world of illness. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit, our church leaders may be truly wise, follow Your guidance and ever enjoy Your consolations. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



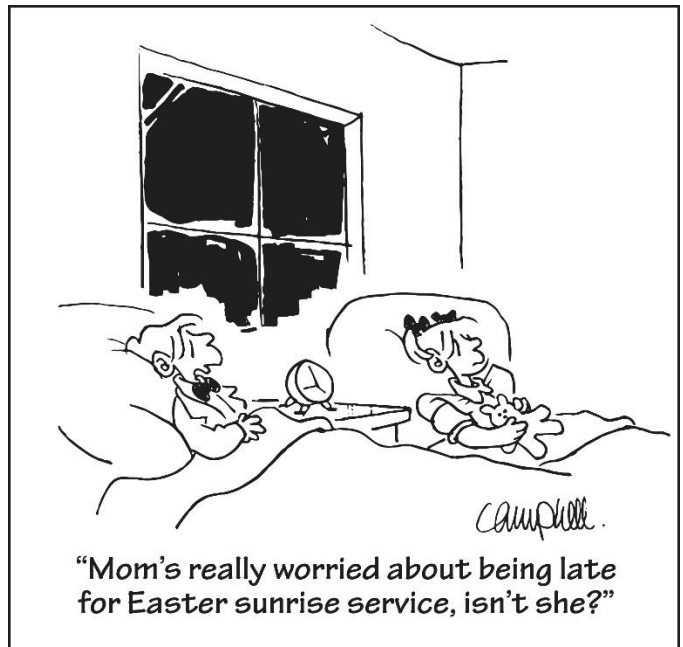
Young at Heart Lunch

First Tuesday of each month

April 4, 2023 - 11:45 am

On **April 4** we'll meet at Gina's on Eaton Ave. We can pick more places at that time.

Look forward to seeing everyone. It's a fun time to visit with others in our church family.





Women of Zion, as disciples of Christ, are called to grow in faith, discover and use our gifts, and serve in our communities at home and throughout the world.

Women of Zion

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The Portals of Prayer for April thru June 2023 are available in the Narthex of the church and several large print copies are located by the coffee pot in the lounge. Copies of Portals of Prayer have also been mailed to the shut-ins. A good-will offering is appreciated.



The Women of Zion will continue selling jars of Amish soup mix. The pint jars are \$10 and the quart jars are \$15. Please see any of the Women of Zion board members to purchase jars. They make great Christmas gifts.

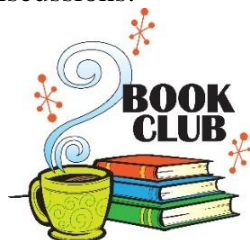


BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

Our next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, **April 4** at 6:00 pm in Zion's Lounge. We will be discussing *The Hotel Nantucket* by Elin Hilderbrand. It's a lighter read after all the heavier books we've been reading.

On **May 2** we'll meet to discuss *The Charm Bracelet* by Viola Shipman. Through an heirloom charm bracelet, three women will rediscover the importance of family and a passion for living as each charm changes their lives

Plan to join us in April and May. We have a good time with good discussions.



Congregations grow when members invite their friends to worship and fellowship activities.



Zion Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Thursday, April 20, 2023
12:00-6:30 pm
At the Courtyard Marriott
Appointments Encouraged
Donortime.com
Sponsor Code: 171

Blood donation is a community responsibility and we value your partnership.

Recorded Services on YouTube

In addition to Facebook, videos of Zion's worship services are uploaded to our YouTube channel. An email is sent out when the new videos are posted. If you would like to receive this email notification, please contact the office or email Nathaniel Kaelin at inkaelin@yahoo.com.

Services are also broadcast live on WMOH, 1450 on your am dial each week.

Reaching Out with God's Love.

thank you

Thank you to everyone who helps with picking up around our building. With all the wind we've had it's a constant battle. It's very appreciated.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April

Altar Guild: Joan Cunningham

Communion Assistants:

April 2 – Ken Gerold

Maundy Thurs, April 6 – Robin Kaelin

April 9 – Julia Hilbert

April 16 – Shari Gerold

April 23 – Kathy Chambers

April 30 – Donna Wolfe

Lectors:

April 2 – Sonya Smith

Maundy Thurs, April 6 – Ken Gerold

Good Friday, April 7 – Ron Alcorn

April 9 – Patti Eaton

April 15 – Tracy Dubois

April 23 – Gayle Ford

April 30 – Justin Beers

Radio Announcers:

April 2 – Justin Beers

April 9 – Heather Wolfe

April 16 – Ken Gerold

April 23 – Ron Alcorn

April 30 – Ron Alcorn

Singers:

All April – Adult Choir

Streamers:

April 2 – Erin Sanchez

Maundy Thurs, April 6 – Nathaniel Kaelin

April 9 – Nathaniel Kaelin

April 16 – Ernie Beck

April 23 – Nathaniel Kaelin

April 30 – Erin Sanchez

Ushers:

April 2 – B Scharf/L Robinson

Maundy Thurs, April 6 – M Frye/G Kaelin

Good Friday, April 7 – A Roberts/K Gerold

April 9 – M Christian/J Copas

April 16 – D & D Wolfe

April 23 – J Ziepfel/N Kaelin

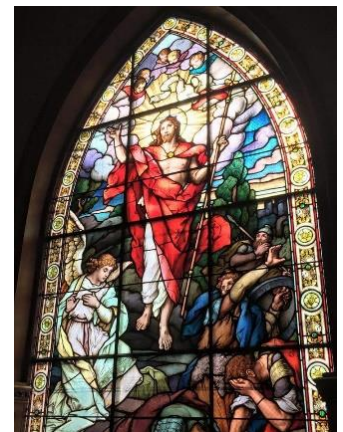
April 30 – M Engel/M Frye



Everyone needs prayer. In order to keep our list relevant and up to date, we will be automatically removing names from the list after 30 days. A note or phone call to the office or pastor is all that is needed to continue or add a name.

Please pray for:

- Family of Pastor Lisa Bernheisel: Pastor Lisa passed away on March 5. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.
- Ruth Ann Bowlin
- Bowman Family
- Libby Brice
- Maggie Brice
- Janet Buchheit
- Bob Campbell
- Captain Andrew Copas
- Debbie
- Joyce Donner
- Tracy Dubois
- Joyce Edler
- Doug Edwards family
- Pastor Mark Finfrock
- Glen French
- Rob Green
- Patrice Huston
- Wayne Huston
- Ida
- Jean
- Jeannie
- Chloe Kim
- Gail Konrad
- Family of Jay Liver: Jay passed away on March 1. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.
- Lorna
- Wanda Melford
- Missy Muller
- Willie Philhower
- Cash Ramsey
- Earl Robinson
- Dennis Steele
- Juanita Tudor
- Tam Walk
- Waggoner family
- Donna Ward
- Nicara Wilson
- Donna Wolfe





**Council Minutes
February 16, 2023**

Attending: Missy Beers, Donna Wolfe, Ron Alcorn, Robin Kaelin, Erin Sanchez, Pastor John, Renee Beck, Bud Scharf, and Mike Frye.

Devotion: led by Ron Alcorn. Discernment, Where is God Leading us? I.e., Christian decision making.

- **Motion** (R Alcorn/B Scharf) and passed to accept the agenda with flexibility.
- **Motion** (B Scharf/D Wolfe) and passed to accept the minutes for our January 12, 2023 meeting.
- **Pastor’s Report (P Mittermaier):**
 - ***Motion** (R Kaelin/M Beers) and passed with regret the transfer out Marge and Ray Withrow to Immanuel and Ron Erbeck to St. Matthew as well as the transfer in (with joy) of Mark and Carol Christian from Augsburg.
 - We will have a **baptism on Ash Wednesday** (Steven Flanigan)
 - **Pastor Joe Schrock** received a call from Our Savior Lutheran in Johnson City, TN.
 - There is an upcoming **council retreat** on Feb. 25.
- **President’s Report (Missy):** Missy is feeling better after Covid.
- **Vice President’s Report (Ron):**
 - ***Motion** (R Alcorn/R Kaelin) and passed to designate 30,000 housing allowance to Pastor John for the 2023 year.
- **Admin Asst (Robin):**
 - ***Motion** (R Kaelin/R Alcorn) and passed to approve 500.00 from Awareness team to advertise in Butler Philharmonics booklet
- **Congregational Care (Erin):** Confirmation is set for April 30. (This has since been changed to May 21.)
- **Social Concerns (Bud):** Thank you to all who helped with UMC meal and to get food for Friday evening food pantry.
- **Property Management (Mike):**
 - ***Motion** (M Frye/R Alcorn) and passed to approve expenditure of \$10,280.00 to replace piping insulation on air/heating system. This pricing does not include removal of existing insulation. That will be done by volunteers in the church.
- **Group Ministries (Renee):** Good turnout for valentine’s event. Next event is an afternoon art project. Sign up sheet in great hall.

- **Treasurer (Donna):** Report was presented of current budget and shortfalls. Council retreat to help address these issues.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/R Alcorn) and passed to adjourn.

**Monthly Statistics
Financial Stewardship**

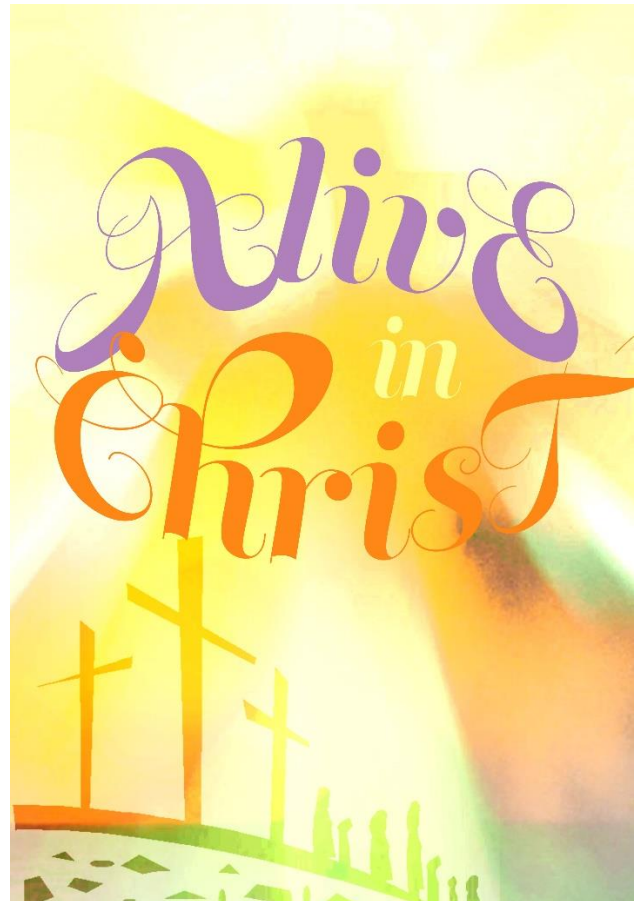
February 2023 Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses
2022	\$20,988	\$20,016
2023	\$14,756	\$19,155
	Balance	-\$3,262

Funeral

John Liver (died Marc7 3, Funeral March 7)

*Have you remembered
Zion in your will?*





Zion Adult Fellowship
April 2023



April showers bring May flowers and the year keeps moving on. Easter is upon us and bunnies are everywhere. The time to enjoy the sweet sounds of spring.

On March 18th we enjoyed an afternoon at The Studio, a ceramic painting shop. So many beautiful items were created.

THANK YOU to the Lisa and Evan Loli for hosting and for arranging the event..

Just know there are more fun activities to come. Stay tuned and watch your announcements and Facebook event. And if you might be interested in hosting and event, we have the dates of May 20, July 15, August 19, and September 16 still available. Feel free to contact me if you are interested.

If you're new to Zion, Adult Fellowship is a great way to meet new people. It does a variety of activities with different hosts each month (*typically* on the 3rd Saturday of the month) to bring different spins on socializing with your church family.



April 15th The 2nd Annual Great Pizza Challenge

Hosts: Mike and Kathy Frye

Further details to come.

Please check your weekly announcements and Facebook

May 20th – Scavenger Hunt

Hosts: Julia Hilbert, Robin Kaelin

Further details to come.

Please check your weekly announcements and Facebook.



June -Picnic at Maple Grove

Hosts: Richard and Nedda Brown and Leanne and Bennie Bowling

Further details to come.

Please check your weekly announcements and Facebook.

July 15th - TBA

Still looking for a Host at this time

Further details to come.



Just what is Adult Fellowship?

When someone joins a new church, it can be very difficult to connect in an hour or two on Sunday morning. Activities beyond the structure of a church service can lead to a level of comfort and make our church more like a home and family. This has been the experience we've enjoyed over the years in this outreach fellowship ministry. Zion's Adult Fellowship is a unique and rewarding way to get to know and bond with other adult members of our Zion family and a terrific venue for introducing friends and family to Zion.

If you haven't joined us for an activity, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US we'd love to have you!

If you have questions feel free to contact us: Kathy Frye PH: 868-7179 email: pilgrimspride1@live.com or contact Julia in the office for information.

CINCINNATI WELCA SPRING SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY April 29th 10 AM –2 PM

Trinity Lutheran, Kinney Ave. Mt. Healthy, OH

Registration begins at 9:30

Program 10AM Lunch provided



REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION HAS BEGUN

Copy and paste below to your browser to register! Early Bird ends 4/30.

<https://www.womenofthelca.Org/new-triennial-event-page>

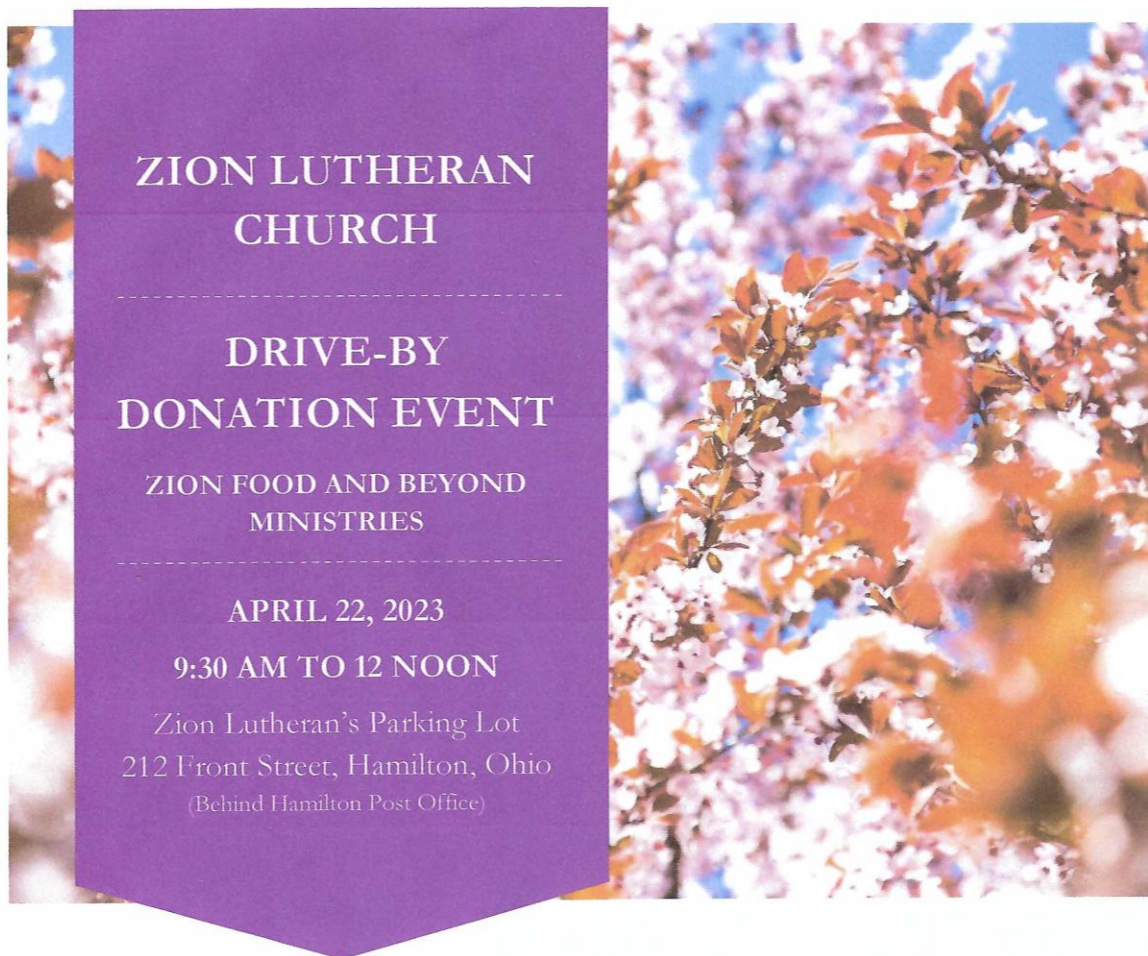


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- Toilet Paper Gift Cards Boxed Side Dishes
- Rice-Roni Granola Bars Water
- Sheets and Towels (Used or New) Pasta
- Grocery Store Gift Cards Monetary Contributions

**Thank you to Zion Lutheran's
Band of Brothers for
organizing and managing this
event!**

**Zion's mission is Reaching
Out with God's Love**

**Sunday Service is at 10 AM
in Person and livestreaming at
www.zionhamilton.org**

