

# The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2015



**Merit is a work for the sake of which Christ gives rewards. But no such work is to be found, for Christ gives by promise. Just as if a prince should say to me, "Come to me in my castle, and I will give you a hundred florins." I do a work, certainly, in going to the castle, but the gift is not given me as the reward of my work in going, but because the prince promised it to me.**

**Martin Luther**

November contains so many important observances that sometimes we forget the graciousness of God in giving them to us. After all, what did we do to deserve the saints who went before us? Or the abundant harvests? What about Veterans, or even faithful politicians? We light candles and ring the bells on All Saints Day to remember those who have gone before us, give discounts to Veterans on Veterans Day and eat a lot of turkey, pie and all of the other fixings on Thanksgiving to celebrate each respective day. We enjoy the benefits of God's blessings for He freely gives them to us, not because we light candles, bake pies or come to church. We do all of those activities because God first promised us what we could never hope to earn or buy, His love, our lives, our families, our jobs and everything good in life. In response to God's goodness, we seek to live our lives imitating that eternal love.

How can we help others to experience this love present in God's promise? The best way is to live generously. Instead of pondering the return on our "investment", we remember that God's investment in us is no sure money maker either and yet He still died for our sake. If God based His love on net worth or overall return on the investment, there never would have been a resurrection or crucifixion due to the poor returns from all of us versus the cost born by Jesus. We share God's love with others not because we will get their loyalty or their money or anything of value. We share God's love because His promise is not based

on our merit, and neither is our giving to others. No one deserves God's promise, therefore we do not limit God's promise to others. As we go through November, may we reflect individually and corporately how God calls us to live generously and where He wants us to go with our generous living! May each of us enjoy the love God surrounds us and hugs us with even as we remember our call to serve! Have a blessed month!

Peace,

*Pastor Joe*

**FREE LUNCH FOR VETERANS:** On Veteran's Day, November 11, Applebee's and the Golden Corral are offering free lunches to veterans. Pastor Joe is getting a group together to go out to lunch on that day. If you would like to go along, please sign the sign-up sheet in the great hall and indicate which restaurant you prefer or call the church office at 513-863-5774.



The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will be eating lunch at the Golden Lamb Restaurant in Lebanon on Tuesday, December 1. We'll meet at the restaurant at 11:30. If anyone would like to carpool, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. We could meet at the church at 10:45 a.m. Please sign the sheet in the great hall if you would like to go along.

We encourage all our seniors or almost seniors to go along for these fun outings. It gives you a chance to get to know your fellow church members.



### COMMUNITY MEAL DAY

On Saturday, November 21, from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm we will be preparing and serving lunch at the First UMC. We need people to help set up, prepare drinks and food, serve the food and general clean up. We also need people who are willing to provide desserts. Please see the sign-up sheet in the great hall to volunteer wherever you can.

This meal is partially paid for by the M.A. Elliott Morningstar Foundation Grant we have received.



#### Zion Adult Fellowship

Dinner at The Kreimer's Bierhaus  
Hamilton-Cleves Road in Miamitown  
Saturday, November 14 · 6:30 p.m.

Join the fun and fellowship.

Sign up in the great hall today!

#### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, November 1..... All Saints' Sunday  
We will be remembering our members who have died in the past year.

Sunday, November 8..... Veteran's service

Sunday, November 15..... Women of Zion  
Thankoffering service

Hope to see you at all these special services.



### HAMILTON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING LUNCH Thanksgiving Day, November 26 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

at

**Zion Lutheran Church**

sponsored by

- Catholic School System in Hamilton
- The Community Meal Center
- Hamilton City Schools
- First United Methodist Church
- The Presbyterian Church
- St. Ann Catholic Church
- St. Joseph Catholic Church
- St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church
- St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church
- Zion Lutheran Church

- Open to everyone who would like to not eat alone or would like a traditional Thanksgiving meal
- Meal seatings will occur at noon, 1:00 pm, and 2:00 pm
- Contact Zion Lutheran Church Office for more details – 863-5774

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We are looking for people to help in many different ways. We need people to cook food at home to bring in for the lunch, people to serve, people to sit down and have lunch with our guests, people to clean up, etc. Sign-up sheets are in the great hall. Please sign up where you can help. We need you!



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

### Special Offering Challenge to benefit South Carolina Synod Flood Relief

North/West Lower Michigan Synod  
(Michigan State Fans)



verses

Southern Ohio Synod (Ohio State Fans)



The Michigan State Spartans play the Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturday, November 21 in Columbus. The real contest will be to see which Synod can raise the most funds for the South Carolina Synod Flood Fund by the end of the game. Bishop Craig A.

Satterlee has challenged Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt that the losing bishop will have to wear the winning bishop's jersey for a day.

**If you cheer for the Buckeyes,** send donations to:

Southern Ohio Synod  
300 S. Second St.  
Columbus, OH 43215.

Make checks payable to The Southern Ohio Synod.

**If you cheer for the Spartans,** send donations to:

North/West Lower Michigan Synod  
2900 N. Waverly  
Lansing, MI 48906

Make checks payable to The N/W Lower Michigan Synod.



### VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Zion will be honoring veterans on Sunday, November 8, 2015. We would like to list all of our veterans in the bulletin on that Sunday. Please let us know your name, branch of service, years served, and if you were in a particular war. Please have this information to the church office by November 1.

If anyone would like to display any items on the service day, such as uniforms, etc. please bring them in ahead of time.

Also, following the 10:30 service on November 8, there will be a pot luck lunch in the church gym. Please plan on staying for the meal.



### OPEN DOOR PANTRY CONCERT

The annual benefit concert for the Open Door Food Pantry will be held in Hamilton's Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m. For the past twenty-four years this popular concert has been organized by volunteer, David Belew, who also serves as Master of Ceremonies.

The concert is the pantry's only fund raiser, and the monies raised provide a substantial portion of its budget.

This year's participants are:

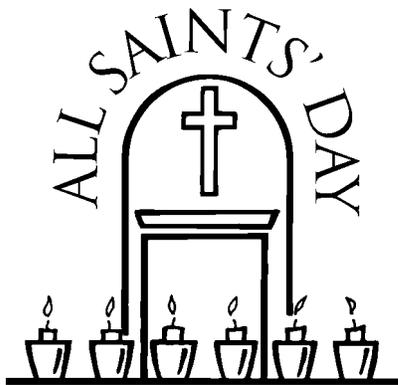
- David L. Belew, Coordinator and Master of Ceremonies
- Bess-Arlene Camacho, vocalist
- John Fitzwater, vocalist
- First Baptist Church, Kennedy Heights Male Chorus
- Evan Danielson, marimba player
- The Franz Klaber Orchestra
- Paul Stanbery, organist
- Hamilton-Fairfield Symphony Chorale
- Tisha Patton & Darin Newcomer, piano accompanists

The concert is free, no admission charge; however, a free-will offering will be taken. You won't want to miss this afternoon of lovely music.

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



A Fall Book Study has been meeting on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Joe is leading the book study on *Amazing Grace* by Kathleen Norris. The class will continue each Sunday evening through December 6. Plan on joining the discussion.



Long before Memorial Day became a national holiday, the church has had her own “Memorial Day”, All Saints’ Day.

For 16 centuries, the church has set aside a day to remember the martyrs and saints of the church. It is a day to remember those who have gone before us in the faith and to recognize that we stand in a long line of saints.

This is a true festival of the church. It is a day for all of us, because we are all saints – forgiven sinners set apart for God’s Kingdom.

On November 1 we will remember the following members who have passed away in the past year, or non-members whose funerals were done through Zion.

- Richard Corwin 2014
- David Christian 12/17/2014
- Florence Hofmann 12/29/2014
- Joy Merrill 12/29/2014
- John “Jack” Duvall 1/4/2015
- Marjorie Schick 1/8/2015
- James Mueller 2/23/2015
- Paul Waechter 3/7/2015
- Raymond Shearer 3/12/2015
- Lester Niederman 3/24/2015
- Mark Schumacher 7/9/2015
- Aimee Edwards 9/28/2015



## Nominating Committee

Please keep the following committee members in your prayers as they meet and prepare for replacement of the current council members whose terms are expiring at the end of this year.

- Tom Wright
- Ken Gerold
- Lou Robinson
- Leanne Bowling
- Nathaniel Kaelin
- Julia Hilbert

If you have any questions, thoughts, suggestions or ideas to help make this a quick, efficient process, keeping the future of Zion in mind, please feel free to contact anyone of the above members.



## Hanging of the Greens

**Saturday, November 28, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Join us to help decorate the church for Christmas. This is always a fun, family event.

There will be crafts for the children (or children at heart) and lunch will be provided.

**Hope to see you all there!**



*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.*

### **ZLCW Board Meeting**

**August 30, 2015**

- Attending: Gail Heitz, Shirley Snyder, Joan Cunningham, Lori Rehm, Anita Snyder, Cindy Burkhart, Thelma Martin, Janet Menke, Cheryl Griesinger
- Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand is \$2,457.96. Deposit total for the month was \$304.50, which included receipts from the sale of jars of soup, the offering collected at the September General meeting, and donations towards Portal of Prayer. Expenditures totaled \$484.63 for purchase of soup ingredients, food for September Meeting, and honorarium to September guest speaker.
- Plans were finalized for the Fall Fellowship and Bake Sale. Estimating to probably serve about sixty meals. Thelma and Janet will purchase food and have workers lined up to help cook, serve, and clean-up.
- We have been asked to provide 30 meals for the Veil Meeting at Lord of Life on October 18. Agreed to provide turkey meal as we will already be preparing this in the morning. Gail will deliver the food.
- Collection of items for LSSO has now ended. Cindy and Anita will meet on Thursday to box the items. Elaine and Bill Carpenter will deliver the boxes, along with quilts.
- The Women's Thankoffering Service has been planned. At this time, Jodie Keith is scheduled to preach at the services.
- Thanksgiving greetings for Zion's homebound members was discussed. Decided that small baskets filled with various small items and a card. Cheryl will get a list of names. We will ask members of Zion to help with deliveries on Nov. 15.

- Old food items in both the kitchen refrigerator and stage refrigerator have been disposed. Signs have been posted asking members to date and label items placed in refrigerator.
- Need to think about the role of hostesses for our general meetings and some guidelines for usage of the kitchen.

### **Butler County Home**

The Women of Zion are going to the Butler County Home on Monday, November 2. We meet there at 2:00 p.m. to play Bingo with residents and serve them refreshments. If anyone would like to help, just show up or call Becky Haacke at 524-4048 for more details.

### **Fall Fellowship Dinner and Bake Sale**

Thank you, thank you to everyone who helped make Zion Women's Fall Fellowship and Bake Sale a wonderful success. The meal was delicious, the baked goods were irresistible, and the fellowship with each other was priceless! We served sixty two meals and had eight carry-outs.

So many of Zion's members contributed to the success of this event that it would be impossible to list each person separately. **Thank you** to all the Women of Zion Executive Board members who planned, purchased food, and helped with the set-up on Saturday. **Thank you** to the Band of Brothers for their help in handling the tables and chairs on Saturday morning. **Thank you** to all the women who helped cook, plate, and serve the food. **Thank you** to everyone who helped with clean-up afterwards. **Thank you** to everyone who brought in baked goods.

And a very big **THANK YOU** for the generous monetary donations that were given to the Women of Zion for the meal and bake goods. All the money raised will go towards the many activities and services planned for the 2015-2016 by the Women of Zion.

## **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**Bereavement team for month of November:** Kathy Debord, Patti Eaton, Ingrid Sanders, and Gail Heitz.

**Thank you** to October's bereavement team: Lynn Alcorn, Kathy Debord, Patti Eaton and Ingrid Sanders.

### Thankoffering Sunday

The Women of Zion will host Sunday services on November 15. It is a time for the women to lead us in worship and rejoice with them in all that they have done over the past year. At this service, Thankofferings will be collected.

The service is very important to the women and is a small way to say "Thank You" to our church and our families. Without your support, the many things we do would not happen.

**A reminder:** November 15 is Thankoffering Sunday, the day when we bring in change we have saved throughout the year. This money is used in two ways – half is sent to the Women of ELCA to support those programs and the other half stays right here at Zion and is given to the Emergency fund to be used when Zion members need some financial assistance. Please make a note on your November calendar to bring those donations in on November 15.

### Thanksgiving Gifts to Our Shut-Ins

On Sunday, November 15, the Women of Zion will be delivering gifts to our shut-ins. If you would be willing to help deliver these gifts to one or more of our members, please add your name to the sign up list in the Great Hall or contact Cheryl Griesinger at 863-6524

### Save the Date!!

### Mark your calendars!

for

### The Women's General Winter Meeting

December 7, 2015

6:30 p.m.

All women are invited and encouraged to attend. The Women's Executive Board will provide a light meal that evening. Our evening program will include a Christmas Carol sing and a cookie exchange.

Prayer Pals will be revealed. Bring a gift for your prayer pal. If you don't have a prayer pal, bring a \$5 gift to exchange with others who don't have prayer pals. We will also be collecting personal hygiene items for the Dove House Women's Shelter. Also, please bring a dozen cookies for a cookie exchange.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us for fellowship, food, and fun.

Our hostesses are Tammy Adams, Patrice Huston, and Libby Huston.

### It's Back!!!

### Our Famous Shaker Weekend Soup

The Women of Zion are once again selling jars of their Shaker Soup Mix. Jars will be on sale at church events during November and December. We are also taking orders. Look for an order sheet in the Great Hall or contact Thelma Martin if you would like to purchase a few jars. The jars sell for \$10.00. These make wonderful gifts to family, friends, and co-workers for the holidays.



### BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

The Book of the Month Club will meet on Tuesday, November 3, to discuss *Looking for Me* by Beth Hoffman. Beth Hoffman's bestselling debut, *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*, won admirers and acclaim. Now her unique flair for evocative settings and richly drawn Southern personalities shines in her new novel, *Looking for Me*.

Teddi Overman found her life's passion for furniture in a broken-down chair left on the side of the road in rural Kentucky. She learns to turn other people's castoffs into beautifully restored antiques, and eventually finds a way to open her own shop in Charleston. There, Teddi builds a life for herself as unexpected and quirky as the customers who visit her shop. Though Teddi is surrounded by remarkable friends, nothing can alleviate the haunting uncertainty she's felt in the years since her brother Josh's mysterious disappearance. When signs emerge that Josh might still be alive, Teddi is drawn home to Kentucky. It's a journey that could help her come to terms with her shattered family—and to find herself at last.

Then, on Tuesday, December 1, we'll meet to discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. After four years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. After two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby.

Tom wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own and name her Lucy. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world. Their choice has devastated one of them.

Plan on joining us in the church lounge at 6:30 p.m. for these discussions. We always welcome new people.



### Missionary Corner

What percentage of the church do you think is currently involved in missions (evangelism, church planting, etc.)? 80%? 50%? According to the statistics, about 0.01% of the church are missionaries or are directly involved in missions. This is a very small number, don't you think? But the body of Christ, The Church, is full of people with the desire to impact their communities not only spiritually, but also in different areas that affect the lives of the people.

A few days ago, ILAM helped in training more than 60 pastors and leaders who do not want to stay within the four walls of their churches. Church planting, discipleship and how to start a health program were some of the skills that the pastors learned this time. These skills will be very useful in reaching communities that don't have a church, a pastor or even Christians living among them.

Please pray for these pastors and leaders who have accepted the challenge of Jesus. Please pray for a revival in the church in Mexico, pray for the church that it can be an agent of change in our country.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel. Your prayers and gifts of love are helping to make an eternal difference. Until they all hear,

*Christy & Jose Luis Sanchez*

To the congregation,  
 Church Council on Tuesday evening suggested that we share with the congregation that we are on track to give about \$10,000 less than last year's total. We are asking everyone to please prayerfully consider increasing your giving over the last weeks of 2015 so that we can match last year's giving.



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 to the list. Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed.

**Please pray for:**

- Mildred Ante: had a fall. In rehab at Doverwood.
- Katie Land Brooks: emphysema
- Jim Cochran: blood issues
- Tim Coyne: stroke
- Barb Hall: lung cancer
- Stephanie Heitz: Safe delivery of baby girl on November 2. Baby is breech right now.
- Jane: health issues
- Jennifer: relapsed into drugs again. Has 4 children.
- Gary Kaelin: job search
- Nick & Gail Konrad: back safely from travels. Thanks for the prayers.
- Molly: cancer
- Helen Moody: blood infection and kidney problems
- Our Christian sympathy is extended to Doris Theiss and family on the death of her sister, Betty Jean Sumrall, on 10/5.
- Ed Williams: health issues



Thank you to everyone who helped change light bulbs around the church recently. Looks much brighter!

Thanks to our October bulletin stuffers: Joan Boling, Thelma Martin, Tom & Barb Toman, Lori Rehm, and Sandy Parker.

Thank you for the cards and thoughts for our anniversary, birthday, and get well. We especially loved the one that was signed by all the people who came to church that Sunday.

*Lee and Melba Keehner*

To Zion's Congregation,

I especially appreciate Pastor Schrock's visiting ministry of the sacraments.

Every Sunday I worship with you all in spirit and in truth, sitting at my kitchen table and using the bulletin you send me each week. God bless you all. Thank you! Praise the Lord!

Yours in Christ, *Anna Mae Block*

**Join with Meijer's Hamilton store  
1560 Main St  
To Support the  
OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY**

The Open Door Food Pantry has again been selected by the Meijer Store on the west side of Hamilton to be the beneficiary of their upcoming Simply Give Campaign, which will begin Sunday, November 1st and runs through Saturday, January 2nd. This will be the third year that the Open Door Food Pantry has been selected to receive funds from the event.

**Help us in the fight against hunger. Your \$10 donation will be turned into a Meijer gift card and given to the OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY. Obtain your \$10 donation card from the Simply Give display in the Great Hall, or near the checkout at the Meijer Hamilton West Store. The Meijer Hamilton West Store is the only Meijer store participating in the fundraising for the OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY.** All cards purchased at the Meijer Hamilton West Store from **Sunday, November 1st through Saturday, January 2nd will receive at least a \$10 matching gift** from Meijer's, so that each \$10 you give results in \$20 for the OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY.

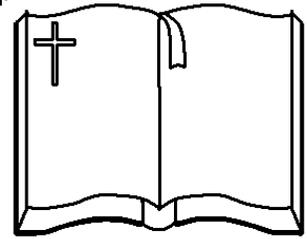
**For two days only, Nov 13-14, Meijer will match your gift 2 to 1. So your \$10 gift results in \$30 for the OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY, \$50 becomes \$150, and a gift of \$100 becomes \$300 for the needs of the people served by the OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY**

In each of the previous campaigns, supporters of The Open Door Food Pantry set new records for this store, helping raise \$2930 in 2012, \$3710 in 2013, and \$7100 in 2014 for a total of \$13,710. Over \$8300 of this total represents matching funds provided by the Meijer Company, so this campaign is a very effective way to multiply the donor's gifts. These funds were used to purchase items for the Holiday Meal baskets distributed to our clients, as well as to purchase items which are not often donated like fresh meat, infant food and diapers.

The Open Door Food Pantry has been serving needy families in the Butler County area since 1981. Services are provided without regard for race, creed, or national origin. We strive to help individuals and families on an emergency basis, providing 3 to 5 days' worth of food for their household. Criteria for assistance include income and other factors. We use the Virtual Case Management Software which is shared with other food pantries in the area to help insure that real needs are being met.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

**About the Bible  
Anagram**



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... by prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made  
known to God.

Philippians 4:6. NRSV





### TAILS FROM GOD

As part of the *Tails From God* ministry, Zion has a recycling program to benefit the Animal Friends Humane Society. Simply bring in your used printer cartridges, toner cartridges, PDAs, and MP3 Players and put them in the recycling box in the church office. They will be packaged, shipped and sent to eCycle Group ([www.ecyclegroup.com](http://www.ecyclegroup.com)) and the money given to the Animal Friends Humane Society. This is a wonderful opportunity to be good stewards of God's creation by protecting the environment and the abused and neglected animals in Butler County. Questions, please contact Karen Conklin, 513-889-7770.

**Reminder from Tails From God ministry.** There is a box in the Great Hall for donations to Animal Friends Humane Society. Clorox bleach, powdered laundry soap, all sizes heavy garbage bags, AAA Duracell or Energizer batteries, and first class postage stamps are always on the "wish list." Any questions, call Karen Conklin, 513-889-7770.

### OPEN DOOR PANTRY HELP

Many thanks to all who have donated plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons for the Open Door Food Pantry and please keep up the good work. You may leave them in the first Sunday school room on the left at the top of the stairs and I will get them to the pantry. I always get as mile when the volunteers there see me coming in with your donations. *Lori Rehm*

### GREETERS FOR THE OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY CONCERT

The Annual Concert of Sacred Music which benefits the Open Door Food Pantry is coming up on Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m. here at Zion. Each year that we have hosted the concert we have had a committee of greeters stationed at various places throughout the building to assist guests with getting to the sanctuary, using the elevator, finding the rest rooms, etc. This effort is always appreciated by the people who attend the concert but are not familiar with our building. I need 6-8 people to take care of this need. If you would like to serve with me, please give me a call at 868-9798 or stop me at church, and I will be glad to assign you to a spot. *Lori Rehm*



**IT IS TIME AGAIN** to order poinsettias to be used in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. They may be taken home after the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The cost for a plant is

\$8.00 and checks may be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by November 29.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

How Many Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_





**Council Minutes  
September 8, 2015**

**Attending:** Ron Alcorn, Pastor Joe Schrock, Sandy Sanders, Phil Pflaumer, Gail Ford, Steve Herget, Mike Ford, Kathy Frye, Carolyn Soupene, Robin Kaelin, Ken Gerald, Tammy Adams, Kathy Chambers **Excused:** Bill Carpenter, Lori Rehm, Lou Robinson, Barb Toman, and Nathaniel Kaelin

- **Motion** (C Soupene/P Pflaumer) and passed to approve agenda.
- **Devotion:** led by Pastor Joe
- **Motion** (S Sanders/G Ford) and passed approve August minutes with one change.
- **Pastor's Report:** Embrace visitors. Take the time to reach out and speak, it will affect both of you.
- **Motion** (S Sanders/T Adams) and passed to accept August treasurer's report.
- **Evangelism:** Tammy finished surveys, working on results. She went to a media meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. Tammy is going to contact Lori about the greeters working at the back door instead of the sanctuary.
- **Visitation:** Carolyn reported they sent 32 cards and made 4 visits.
- **Stewardship:** Budgets need to be in October meeting.
- **Motion** (K Frye, R Kaelin) and passed for \$160 from acct 202 to cover the cost of Cool Critters Outreach Program. The program will happen after choir practice in December.
- **Calendar Updates:** Middle Kid Mix for grades 6-8 in January. Jacobs Porch High School Lock In in March. Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.
- **Parish Ed:** Ken is looking for a good book for a Lenten Study. Please share if you have any thoughts.
- **Trustees:** List of items they wish to address (in no particular order): Make sure building is secure at all times; Handicap bathroom; Changing table for babies; Dehumidify basement; Parking lot resurface; Caulk leaky windows; Courtyard and general cleanup; Replace unsupported duplicator; Fix steps by gym/look at first steps.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/K Chambers) and passed to adjourn.

**Monthly statistics**

**Financial Stewardship  
(as of September 30, 2015)**

|             | Income      | Expenses    |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>2014</b> | \$15,388.54 | \$18,495.59 |
| <b>2015</b> | \$15,281.56 | \$21,846.78 |

**YTD Operating Funds**

|             | Income    | Expenses  | Balance      |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>2014</b> | \$146,773 | \$197,110 |              |
| <b>2015</b> | \$141,050 | \$223,391 | -\$71,766.55 |

**Attendance Averages (July)**

| Church Atten. | Sun. Comm. | Sunday School |
|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 114           | 72         |               |

**Wedding 10/3/2015**

James Hansel and Heather Reed

**Box Tops for Education**

Please save Box Tops for Education (on General Mills Products), and Campbell's Soup labels. These are collected at various City of Hamilton elementary schools to pay for field trips. There is a container in the lounge to put them in. We will see that they get to an elementary school that can use them. Thanks.

Have you remembered

*Zion*

in your Will?

**Congregational Meeting**



A congregational meeting will be held December 6, 2015 at all services. We will be voting on the 2016 budget and new council members. Please plan on being here.



## Zion Adult Fellowship November 2015

The falling leaves are almost gone. Most have been raked, bagged, burned or picked up by the locals. We're now heading into the time of gratitude for all we have and have had. Following that we will head into the season of joy, Christmas. With so much going on, let's not forget spending time with our Zion friends/Family. Come join us for some fun in the fall Adult Fellowship activities.



**October 10<sup>th</sup>** was our Hoedown Happening!

Hosted by Judi and Brian Campbell. It was such a fun time. I'm so sorry if you missed it. Thanks to the Campbell's for a wonderful night.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** The Kreimers Bierhaus

Hosts: Wayne and Patrice Huston

For more details check your weekly announcements, the website, Facebook, The Messenger or call Julia in the office.

Sign-up in the Great Hall.



**December 5<sup>th</sup>** We had planned finish the year off with an all Church activity at the Niederman Christmas Walk; however, that is not working out. Stay tuned to your Messenger and Announcement notices for our new details.

Please Note: Coming in 2016 is the moving of Zion Adult Fellowship to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month.

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**January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016** - Annual Chili Cook-off

Hosts: Julia and Joe Sears - more details to come next month

It's also the night we pass the volunteer activity sign-up sheet looking for 2016 hosts.

Start thinking of ideas for next year's activities so you're ready to sign up.

Zion's Adult Fellowship is a unique and rewarding way to get to know Adult members from ALL services of our Zion family and a terrific venue to introduce friends and family to Zion.

When someone joins a new church, it is very difficult to connect in an hour or two on Sunday morning. Activities beyond the structure of a church service lead to a comfort level and make our church a home and family. This has been the experience we've enjoyed over the years in this outreaching fellowship ministry.

**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:*

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*Or contact Julia in the office for information.*

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER

| Date               | Acolyte<br>8:00 a.m. | Acolyte<br>10:30 a.m. |
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| <b>November 1</b>  | Usher Team           | Marissa Lombardi      |
| <b>November 8</b>  | Usher Team           | Usher Team            |
| <b>November 15</b> | Usher Team           | Usher Team            |
| <b>November 22</b> | Usher Team           | Usher Team            |
| <b>November 29</b> | Usher Team           | Usher Team            |

**Altar Guild:** Nedda Brown, Leanne Bowling

**Ushers:** Wayne Huston and team (8:00)  
Kaelin Family and team (10:30)

**Lectors:** **Nov 1** Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Phil Pflaumer (10:30)  
**Nov 8** Mike Heitz (8:00); Gayle Ford (10:30)  
**Nov 15** Peggy Thomin (8:00); Justin Beers (10:30)  
**Nov 22** Stephanie Heitz (8:00); Ken Gerold (10:30)  
**Nov 29** Gail Heitz (8:00); Ron Alcorn (10:30)

**Greeters:** **Nov 1** Don & Jean Keck (10:30)  
**Nov 8** Lori Rehm (10:30)  
**Nov 15** Lou Robinson (10:30)  
**Nov 22** Wayne & Patrice Huston (10:30)  
**Nov 29** volunteer needed (10:30)

**Eucharist Assistants:** **Nov 1** Anita Snyder, Tillie Adams (8:00); Marge Withrow, Carolyn Soupene (10:30)  
**Nov 8** Anita Snyder, Tillie Adams (8:00); Phil Pflaumer, Kathy Chambers (10:30)  
**Nov 15** Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Ken & Shari Gerold (10:30)  
**Nov 22** Tom & Barb Toman (8:00); Marge Withrow, Carolyn Soupene (10:30)  
**Nov 29** Anita Snyder, Tillie Adams (8:00); Kathy Chambers, Ken Gerold (10:30)

**Radio:** **Nov 1** Lou Robinson  
**Nov 8** Greg Allen  
**Nov 15** Ron Alcorn  
**Nov 22** Lou Robinson  
**Nov 29** Kevin Heitz

**Nursery:** Samantha Bowling

**Bulletin Stuffers:** **Nov 6** Joan Boling  
**Nov 13** Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart  
**Nov 20** Thelma Martin  
**Nov 25** Tom & Barb Toman

**Offering Counters:** **Nov 1** Nathaniel Kaelin, Louis Robinson  
**Nov 8** Gayle Ford, Sandy Sanders  
**Nov 15** Nathaniel Kaelin, Lori Rehm  
**Nov 22** Steve Herget  
**Nov 29** Nathaniel Kaelin

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**Encourage**  
a growing faith in Jesus Christ and to  
**Equip**  
all people for witness and service.