



"Serving Christ through Serving Others"

Pastoral Services

Last month, I talked about what a pastor does throughout the week. The primary calling of a pastor is to preach the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and equip the saints for ministry in their daily living. This month, instead of focusing on what the pastor currently does, I want to take time to explain the things a pastor *can* do. In other words, I want to present to you the various "services" that my ministry can provide that you may not be aware of.

For example, I am a one-stop resource for anything to help you grow in your faith. I have books that I can recommend and loan on a variety of different topics. I have resources that I can share regarding prayer, meditation, theological study, home worship, and beyond. Think of me as a resource guide. I am always happy to help folks when they are looking to dive deeper into a certain area of their faith. Also, I provide spiritual counseling to those in need and those who are seeking guidance in building a stronger faith. I am here to support folks in their walk with Christ. I am always happy to be a listening ear for those who need to talk and receive comfort.

There are many other things that I can do as a pastor. I am trained in providing household blessings and car blessings. There are also blessings for pets and for anything else that is in need of a blessing. This may surprise you—there is a Lutheran method to confession and forgiveness in which one confesses their sins and the pastor declares forgiveness. It is never required but is spiritually helpful for those who are burdened by a guilty conscience. Pastors may also provide healing services whenever there is a need for healing, whether at home or in the hospital.

On a final note, please, please, please let me know when you are undergoing surgery, admitted to the hospital, or going to a major doctor's appointment. I am always happy to visit and pray over you. I promise I won't stay too long unless that is your wish. I don't care if you are in Downtown Dayton or up in Sidney, I love nothing more than to be there for members of the community when they are undergoing major life events.

As I wrap up this article, I implore you to please reach out to your pastor. I am here to provide support and pastoral guidance in a variety of situations. I may be busy, but I will always make time to be with those in our community. I would love nothing more than to help you grow in your walk with Christ.



Pastor Jaren Summers



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE August "TIDINGS" is Monday, July 21, 2025

July Birthdays

1	Mitch Tayse	11	Aaron Fouts	18	Brad Kennedy Julia Helke
2	Donna Slyman	12	Jack Byrd	22	Richard Geiman
3	Anthony Hannah Bill Nicholes Julie Sebastian	14	Lara Jacobs George Hackbardt Wayne Kauffmann	24	Jessica Dorn
4	May Fishvogt			31	Joyce Zimmann
6	Sue Rambeau				



Mission of the Month

Partners in Hope



Partners in Hope is a non-profit faith based human services agency that exists to serve people in need through Relief Services, Education & Development, and Senior Transportation. In all our programs, we strive to help individuals and families move beyond crisis-based living, to a life of stability with hope for the future. We believe that the key to long term stability is to develop relationships and build partnerships.

We will be collecting donations to this organization in July. Women of Zion will match the contributions up to \$300. Please make your checks out to Women of Zion.

Upcoming Events

Popsicles & Rock Painting

July 7th
10:00 a.m.

Painting at Tipp City Community Park (off of 3rd St.)
This event is for fellowship for anyone of any age! We will have rock painting and popsicles for those who do not want to play on the playground. Feel free to pack a lunch if you'd like to stay later!



Unfolding the Bible

July 14th
10:00 a.m.



At Zion Lutheran Church. A short Bible lesson followed by some fun with paper airplanes. Do you like folding, flying, or decorating paper airplanes? Then this is the event for you! We welcome all ages to this event! Feel free to bring your lunch and stay later.



Bible and Brew

July 15th
5:30 – 6:30

Chaffee's Brewhouse
15 E. Second Street, Tipp



Interesting and thought provoking best describe these gatherings. The next meeting is July 15th. Join us for diverse conversations and theological discussions in a relaxed setting. These gatherings are **open to everyone!**

Chaffee's offers a selection of craft beers, coffees, and a variety of other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. They do not serve dinner but you can BYO with you.

Zion Night at the Dayton Dragons

Saturday, July 19th 7:05

If you are interested in carpooling, be at the church at 6:00.

Day Air Ballpark concessions are "contactless". You will need to use a debit or credit card if you wish to purchase any food or drinks after you've used your \$5 voucher.

If you have any questions, contact Jill Greer.



Women's Daytime Fellowship

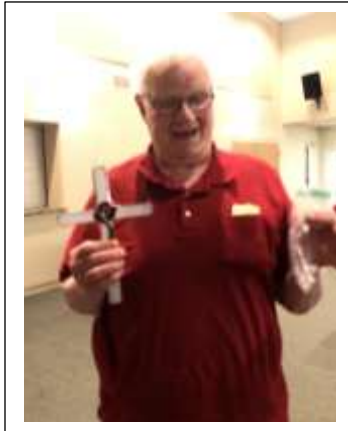
All women are invited who are available in the daytime to meet for our next Daytime Fellowship on **Wednesday, July 23rd**. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at **10:00**. Bring your own drinks and snacks **or** a snack to share if you are so inclined. After prayer and discussion on the chosen topic, we'll enjoy some casual conversations. We look forward to seeing YOU! If you have any questions, contact Ginger Schaefer at 419-250-0236.



May Bunco

With only 13 in attendance, it was a smaller than usual crowd, but everyone had a great time. Randy Turner had the most wins, and Matt Sauls was also a big winner.

The next Bunco will happen in September.



Women of Zion

June 8, 2025

- Ladies Night Out at Dos Lunas had a great turnout with 19 women in attendance.
- The June Mission of the Month is helping at Lunch On Us during the week of June 23-27. Two people per day are needed; there are still spots available on the sign-up sheet.
- The Clothesline Appreciation Dinner will be held at Zion on July 24th. Four gentlemen are needed to serve.
- Women's Fellowship Group will be held the fourth Wednesday of the month. Ginger Schaefer and Linda Holt are spearheading this. There will be a topic for discussion each month. It's a very informal gathering. This month's meeting is June 25th at 10:00 a.m.
- The July Mission of the Month will be Partners In Hope. Chuck Drake, who used to be on their Board of Directors, will be contacted to see how we can help.
- Prayer shawls available: 5 men's, 6 women's, and 3 baby blankets.

Next Meeting **July 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

Southern Ohio Synod Assembly Report June 6th - 7th, 2025



The theme of this year's Synod Assembly was "Anchored in Christ, Freed to Serve," and it was held at the Columbus Zoo Event Center overlooking the magnificent Heart of Africa exhibit. Zion Lutheran Church of Tipp City member attendees included church council president Denise Jacobs and Lara Jacobs.

We arrived at the event center Friday noon to register and collect our materials. Attendees gathered at large round tables and the general mood was enthusiastic as we were able to enjoy beautiful weather and a wall of floor-to-ceiling glass doors opening up to a large patio overlooking the giraffe enclosure, which also contained zebras, antelope, wildebeests, three species of gazelles, various large birds, and numerous other animals. We were able to observe the animals the entirety of the assembly and everyone agreed it to be an ideal venue. Notably, various breaks enabled attendees to enjoy exploring the entire zoo through the passes that came as part of the assembly package.

It was a pleasure to find ourselves serendipitously seated at a table which included the new pastor of West Milton's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rev. Rachel Semovoski, and her husband Rev. Joshua Semovoski, USAA chaplain at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, as well as Pastor Benjamin from St. John's Lutheran Church in Vandalia.

After going over some general introductions and schedule information, the first Plenary opened with a Call to Worship, and we commenced business and voting. In a welcome surprise of the voting process, Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt was re-elected as synod bishop on the very first ballot, so no further voting was needed and freed up the schedule considerably.

In other voting, Financial Reports and Budgets for the 2026-2027 church year, as well as the 2027-2028 church year were approved, as there will not be a synod assembly next year. We also passed votes electing new Synod Council members and the Synod Disciplinary Committee.

Numerous presentations were given throughout both days highlighting various programs and resources for clergy, lay people, and congregations. Those resources can be found and explored on the synod's website; www.southernohiosynod.com.

Bishop Dillahunt went over the Synod Strategic Plan, and was re-installed Friday evening after dinner during the wonderful Assembly Worship Service, which was accompanied by energetic and inspiring music by the Tony Hagood Jazz Quintet. We sang "When the Saints Go Marching In" and other praiseful hymns, and for a while it seemed we might have been at a New Orleans Synod Assembly!

Business resumed Saturday morning with more of the aforementioned presentations, and anniversary celebrations for congregations and rostered ministers. Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Bob Abrams spoke about relying on the Holy Spirit in the call process, which featured a video of our very own Linda Holt telling the story of finally receiving the candidate who we were so blessed to call and ordain in Pastor Jaren Summers!

The Assembly wrapped up after more reports, including the Report of the ELCA, and we adjourned and celebrated the Closing of the Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted by Lara Jacobs



Vacation Bible School

We partnered again this year with St John's (Vandalia) and St Paul's (Dayton) Lutheran Churches on June 11-13. 16 children participated, 21 volunteers helped, an estimated 110 dinners were served to families, and \$133.98 was raised for Prevent Blindness during those three days. All three pastors got a whipped cream facial (pie).

VBS part 2, which was supposed to be held at Zion on June 17-19 was canceled due to a lack of interest.



Boonshoft Visit

Two adults and five children enjoyed a visit to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery on June 16th.

On June 23 we hosted Jesus is a Bridge in the fellowship hall. More information about this FFF event will be in the next Tidings newsletter.



Christian Education – Children & Youth

Fun Family Fellowship (FFF)

Family life is busier than ever. There are never ending opportunities for children and families to be involved in all kinds of activities from sports (for every season) to scouts and more! Being this busy is just a normal part of being a family in today's day in age. Because of this, parents are often fatigued from the constant running from one activity to the next letting the children live their best lives.

Vacation Bible School has been on a downward trend over the past decade. There are many reasons for this, but simply it just isn't working for the hectic family life anymore. So where do we go? How do we share the gospel of God with others?

Fun Family Fellowship (FFF) opportunities are the new direction that we are headed to hopefully answer these questions. These will be one day events that last an hour or two, do not need many volunteers, have zero pressure to join, and most will have no requirement to sign up. We hope that if you have time, you will join us for these events and invite your friends!

On June 17, we went to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and on June 23 we hosted Jesus is a Bridge in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming FFF dates:

- **July 7 10am:** Popsicles and Rock Painting at Tipp City Community Park (off of 3rd St.) This event is for fellowship for anyone of any age! We will have rock painting and popsicles for those who do not want to play on the playground. Feel free to pack a lunch if you'd like to stay later!
- **July 14 10am:** Unfolding the Bible at Zion Lutheran Church. A short bible lesson followed by some fun with paper airplanes. Do you like folding, flying, or decorating paper airplanes? Then this is the event for you! We welcome all ages to this event! -feel free to stay later and pack a lunch!
- **August 4 10am:** Popsicles and Rock Painting at Troy Community Park (by Hobart Arena). This event is for fellowship for anyone of any age! We will have rock painting and popsicles for those who do not want to play on the playground. Feel free to pack a lunch if you'd like to stay later!

Follow us on Facebook to see more information on these events.

Messy Games

We plan to take a group of youth to Messy Games on **Sunday August 17** in the afternoon. It's taking place at Epiphany (Centerville/Austin Campus) from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for Completed Grades 5 to 12.

A sign-up sheet for this event will be coming to the hallway soon. To participate you will need a \$10 (refundable after attending) deposit and to be signed up by August 10. You will need to bring with you a change of clothes, towel, and bag to put your messy clothes in. We will need 1 volunteer for every 7 youth that attend, and may need multiple drivers.



How Can I Get Involved?



We are so happy to welcome new people to our congregation. We've been asked about ways to plug in to activities. To provide information about the multitude of opportunities, this is the first of a new ongoing section in Tidings, which describes a specific ministry area and ways to become involved. This month we are highlighting **Ushers**.

For the Sunday morning church service, we have one or two **USHERS** to help facilitate the service. It's an easy job but certainly essential. As an usher, you are asked to do the following:

1. **Please arrive by 9:45 a.m.**
2. **Unlock the front door** (Main St. door). Turn the dead bolt above the handle to unlock it. Open the door, turn the door lock and pull the inside handle down. Make sure the outside handle turns.
3. **Pass out bulletins.** If someone hasn't brought them to the sanctuary, they can be found on the table in the office workroom.
 - We provide large print bulletins for the visually impaired.
 - We provide music sheets for people who have difficulty holding hymnals.
4. **Count and record the number of worshippers**, including the pastor, organist, choir and acolyte. The attendance slip is on top of the bulletins in the workroom. If it's missing, there are some in the white plastic container in the Main St. entrance. Put the completed slip in the offering plate.
5. The offering plate is not passed – it stays on the little table in the back of the sanctuary.
6. After the service, take any **bulletins left in the pews to the white recycling bin** in the hallway.
Take any **bulletins that you didn't hand out back to the office workroom.**
7. **Straighten any hymnals etc. that are out of place.**
8. **Lock the front door.**
9. **Take offerings from the plate to the office workroom and deposit them in the grey lock box** hanging on the wall next to the filing cabinet. Please make sure the envelopes completely drop into the box.



If you are interested in being an usher, we pass around sign-up sheets every other month during service. After that, you can check the sheets in the fellowship hall for openings.

Elliana's Baptism

We welcomed our newest member to our Christian family on June 1st...Elliana Josephine Summers.



Property Committee Report

June 2, 2025

- An estimate for repair, sealing and striping the parking lot was discussed and will be taken to church council.
- Estimates for painting the office, workroom, fellowship hall, hallway and classrooms was discussed and a recommendation to use L&L Painting will be brought to council.
- Butler HVAC proposal for our AC System repair will be taken to council.
- The AC unit was installed in the nursery for the summer.
- The monthly work list was completed.



Next meeting is Monday, **July 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**



Council Meeting Report

June 10, 2025



1. May 13th Council Meeting minutes approved.
2. Approved Treasurer's reports for the month of April 2025. Once again Sue updated us as to the progress obtaining quotes for Church Insurance for the Council to review to see if we have adequate coverage at a competitive price.
3. The Ohio Synod Assembly convened on June 6th and 7th. Our representatives for Zion were Denise and Laura Jacobs. The 2025 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly re-elected Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt as Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod. Our delegates were seated at a table which turned out to be individuals within our own Miami Valley area. West Milton's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rev. Rachel Semovoski, and her husband Rev. Joshua Semovoski, USAA Chaplain at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, as well as Pastor Benjamin from St. John's Lutheran Church in Vandalia.
4. Pastor Summers reported the Council will have a program representative attending our July 8th meeting to talk more about the Lutheran Saints in Ministry (LSIM) program. This collaborative group provides support services to member churches, allowing each congregation to focus on its unique strengths in worship, education, and community outreach.
5. Noted and discussed the upcoming events for the Zion Calendar:
 - Bible and Brew – June 17th @ 5:03 PM
 - Zion's Dayton Dragon's Game July 19th
 - Blessing of the Pets and Ice Cream Floats – August 8th starts @ 7:00 PM
 - How Can We Pray for You? – Week of September 7th

The Communication and Welcoming Committee is planning to participate in the following community events:

- August 1: Putter-palooza
 - August 23: Trans Am Nationals Cruise In
 - September 27: Mum Festival Parade
 - October 20: TMCS Halloween Parade
 - October 25: Merchant Trick or Treat
6. The property committee has planned these projects for completion before Sunday School starts:
 - Repairing, sealing, and striping the church parking lot
 - Painting the newer part of the church facility

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **July 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**



Thank You



Thank you so much for sharing your amazing sewing skills! Your donation of 30 neck pillows and 15 clothing covers...WOW! So very generous!

We greatly appreciate your kindness!

Vicky McKinley

Hospice of Miami Co.

Tamra Satkowski made all of the neck pillows and
Kathy Groth sewed all the clothing protectors.

A wonderful example of serving Christ through
serving others

By the Numbers

Instead of printing attendance and giving weekly in the bulletins, we are putting offerings and average monthly attendance for the previous month in Tidings. This is June through 6/22.

Average Attendance – Saturday: 34 Sunday: 62

Total Giving: \$15,014.00

Prayer Requests

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Bob and Wanda Lenehan's daughter Tracy has a brain tumor that has stabilized. They are hopeful that it will shrink.

Prayers for those grieving: For Billie Fischer whose sister just passed. She was also the sister-in-law of Dale & Debbie Rudisill.

More prayer requests: Chalmer Mader is in the hospital with diverticulitis. Jen Garvic had another back surgery, Sue Hastings is in rehab recovering from a stroke, Williams' neighbor Regina, Jayson Williams, Sean and Doug Lowe, Jaxson Williams, Steven Williams, Brandon and Aubrey Lowe, Dan Vandervort (husband of a co-worker of Debbie Weprin) who is on the heart transplant list, Julia Paizshal (sister of Jeff Johnson) is confined to a wheelchair after a motorcycle accident in Washington state. Keep in prayer Debbie Turner, Garry Yunker and Ruth White, Ginger Schaefer, and Greg Watkins. Fourteen-year-old Luke Dunmire (nephew of Pam Sauls) has made great strides after a stroke and has returned to school parttime. Pray for Peggy McCoy at Randall Residence in West Milton. Pray for Christine Copeland who has congestive heart failure. Prayers are needed for Gwen Miller (grandmother of Jamie Kennedy) and Colonel Troy Cramer.

Continue to pray for: James Oaks, Brian Watkins, Fred Staie, the Weprin family, Cindy Moore, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers and Shirley Rawlins.

Zion's Prayer Chain is sent out weekly through email. It lists prayers needed for those in our community and world. If you have signed up to receive the prayer chain and have not received it recently, please let the office or Linda Holt know. If you have never been a part of the prayer chain and would like to receive it, let us know that, as well. To request prayers, or take an individual off the prayer chain, email them to

prayers@ziontippcity.org. You can also access this through Zion's website www.ziontippcity.org or call the church office at (937) 667-3110.



July 2025

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Bkfst Bob Evans 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	2	3 Office Closed	4  Office Closed	5 Communion Saturday
6	7 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mg. 6 Scouts 6:30	8 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5p Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	9	10 Blood Drive	11	12 Dos Lunas
13 WoZ 7:00	14 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	15 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 Bible & Brew 5:30 -Chafee's AA 8-9 pm	16	17	18	19 Communion Saturday Dragons Game 7:05
20	21 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	22 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	23 Women's Fellowship 10:00 am	24 Clothesline Dinner 6:00	25	26
27 Randall Residence Outreach	28 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	29 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	30	31		