



**IF YOU OBEY  
THE COMMANDMENTS  
OF THE LORD YOUR GOD...  
YOU SHALL.**

*live*

||| DEUTERONOMY 30:16 |||

# Zion Evangelical Church

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9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:15 - Worship

Pastor - Darrell Weber CCLI License # 1636898 Organist – Mrs. Mary Lu Bretsch

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

PRELUDES

*“Precious LORD, Take My Hand”*

arr. by *Wilbur Held*

LIGHTING CANDLES / WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING BELLS

Praising FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT!

\* PRAISE HYMN

*“Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down”*

#7

*“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”*

#30

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 95:1-2, 6

*Pastor O come, let us sing to the LORD;*

**People Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

*Pastor Let us come into HIS presence with thanksgiving*

**People Let us make a joyful noise to HIM with songs of praise!**

*Pastor O come, let us worship and bow down,*

**People Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Confess Your Sins!

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Dear LORD GOD, forgive us for failing to sing to YOU, make a joyful noise to YOU, give thanks to YOU, praise YOU, and worship YOU. Forgive us for putting all of our own priorities first, rather than YOU the giver of life and all its possibilities. And hear now our silent prayers.**

*(please pray in silence)*

**FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT, receive us and our worship this day. For we pray in JESUS' saving name. Amen!**

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Psalm 95:7

*For HE is our GOD, and we are the people of HIS pasture, and the sheep of HIS hand.*

\* RESPONSE

*“Oh, How HE Loves You and Me”*

#170

**Oh, how HE loves you and me. (2 times). HE gave HIS life, what more could HE give?**

**Oh, how HE loves you; Oh, how HE loves me; Oh, how HE loves you and me.**

Listening to the LORD!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Mark 1:1-8 (p 867)

SERMON

*“Prepare the Way of the LORD!”*

Praying to GOD!

MEMORIAL

Born September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1936  
Confirmed April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1950

Mary Catharine (Meyer) Eckert  
Died January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Psalm 23:1-2

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want, HE makes me lie down in green pastures. HE leads me beside still waters;*

JOYS/CONCERNS

*We Thank YOU / Hear Our Prayer, O LORD!*

INTERCESSORY / THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

**Our FATHER who art in Heaven, Hallowed be THY Name. THY Kingdom come, THY will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For THINE is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever, Amen.**

MUSIC MEDLEY

*"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

soloist, Rhonda Jenkins

*"On the Sunset Mountain"*

*"Living for Jesus"*

MISSION MOMENT

*"Blanket Sunday"*

OFFERING

*Envelopes or checks (with note on the memo line) designated "AVOH," will support African Vision of Hope*

*Envelopes or checks (with note on the memo line) designated "Blankets," will support the Church World*

*Service Blankets Plus Sunday drive.*

\* RESPONSE

*"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*

#581

**We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the LORD. (2 times)**

**And we offer up to YOU, The sacrifices of thanksgiving;**

**And we offer up to YOU, The sacrifices of joy**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receiving a Follower of JESUS CHRIST!

INVITATION

Dale Gruenewald (Church Council President)

Lois "Pat" Morris

– St. John's UCC in Smithton, IL.

ADDRESSING NEW MEMBER

Dale Gruenewald

VOWS

WELCOME

*Pastor Let us, the members of Zion Evangelical Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in the body of Christ.*

**Congregation We welcome you with joy into Zion Evangelical Church. We give you our friendship, prayers & love, as we share in the hopes & labors of Christ & His Church. May we all continue to grow together - by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the knowledge & love of God the Father, for witnessing to our risen Savior & Lord, Jesus Christ.**

*Dale In the name of Jesus, I extend to you the right hand of Christian fellowship. I welcome you into the membership and ministry of this Church fellowship.*

PRAYER

Going out to Serve GOD!

- \* COMMITMENT HYMN #433  
*"I Surrender All"*
- \* BENEDICTION from Romans 1:7  
*To all GOD's beloved, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from GOD our FATHER and the Lord JESUS CHRIST.*
- \* SUNG BLESSING Don Besig & Nancy Price  
**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. GOD will go with you each hour of every day.**  
**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know HE will guide you in all you do.**  
**Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.**  
**GOD will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**
- \* POSTLUDES arr. by Wilbur Held  
*"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"*

# *Mary Catharine (Meyer) Eckert*

Born: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1936Died: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Librarian. This one word describes the life of Mary Catharine Eckert, nee Meyer. Mary loved the Millstadt Library and devoted her life to it. As a member of the Millstadt Civic Club, she was one of the core founders that started the Millstadt Library in the early 1960's.

Mary was born on September 9, 1936 in Belleville, IL. She married the love of her life, James Oliver Eckert on June 22, 1957. Together they built their home in the country surrounded by trees and wildlife. Deer found a safe haven on their sanctuary. Mary enjoyed watching the wildlife activity from her kitchen window.

Mary is survived by her brother-in-law, Earl Eckert, her nieces and nephews; Marlou Eckert (Mark Raeber), Royann Touchette (James Touchette), Randy Eckert (Donna Eckert), Diane Kern (Ken Kern), and Nancy Eckert (Glen Eckert), Gordon Meyer III (Jean) and Debbie Perez (David Perez) and sister-in-law Norma Meyer, many great-nieces and nephews and great great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband James, her parents, Gordon and Leda Meyer, a brother, Gordon Meyer, Jr., and stepsisters, Frances and Alta Lee, nephews Glen Eckert (2015) and James Touchette (Oct. 2020) and niece Tracy Meyer.

Mary was an active member of Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt and a past member of the Millstadt Civic Club and Floraville Grange.

A private family service will be held on Wednesday February 9, 2022 at Hoffen Funeral Home in Millstadt, with Rev. Darrell Weber and Rev. Matt Friz, co-officiating. Mary will be laid to rest next to her husband, James at Frievogel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, IL.

## Community Bulletin Board

Chair Yoga led by Joyce Herman - Fridays during February and March, Zion's Fellowship Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Concordia UCC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast - Saturday, February 19, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., adult \$9, children \$6 and under 5 free, all you can eat, 7600 State Rte. 163

Concordia Church Chili Challenge Men's Fellowship Event - Saturday, February 26, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; eat in/drive-thru; \$5 for chili samples (eat-in only), \$3 for hot dog/chili dog; \$8 combo (hot dog and 16 oz chili), 50% of proceeds will go to Millstadt Fire Dept.

Bluff Grange Chicken & Dumplings Carry Out Dinner - Sunday, February 27, 11:00 -1:00 p.m.; \$10 quart/\$35 gallon; to preorder call Charlotte Mehrtens 618-476-1267 or 618-978-2655

Zion's Trivia Night - Saturday, March 12. Doors open at 6:30, play starts at 7:00 p.m. \$15/person; 8 people max at table; See flyer for more details.

Rummage Sale - Saturday, April 2, 8:00 - noon, St. Paul's Lutheran, 227 Goodhaven, Columbia. Proceeds benefit their youth group to attend the National Youth Gathering this July in Houston, TX. Graciously accepting any and all donations, but no TV's, computers or clothing please. Drop off Thursday, March 31, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Friday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sisters in Faith annual Spring Luncheon - Thursday, May 19; stay tuned for further details.

# Calendar of Events for Zion Evangelical Church

<b>Sunday, February . 13 ~ Blanket Sunday (Guest Music Mrs. Rhonda Jenkins)</b>	
Conf/SS .....	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....	10:15 a.m.
VBS Planning Meeting .....	11:30 a.m.
<b>Monday, February 14</b>	
Preschool .....	8:15 a.m.
Sr Center Bible Study .....	10:00 a.m.
Council Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, February 15</b>	
Z Team .....	8:30 a.m.
Garden Place Bible Study .....	1:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, February 16</b>	
PreSchool .....	8:15 a.m.
Peter Bible Study .....	11:00 a.m.
<b>Thursday, February 17</b>	
Quilting .....	9:00 a.m.
<b>Friday, February 18</b>	
Preschool .....	8:15 a.m.
Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall (led by Joyce Herman) .....	9:30 a.m.
Youth Ice Skating.....	4:45 p.m.
<b>Sunday, February 20 ~ Honoring Ken Allen</b>	
Conf/SS .....	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....	10:15 a.m.

## FUN AND GAMES

Mark your calendar for Zion's family game night (for all ages) on the 4th Friday of the month:  
 February 25, March 25 and April 22 starting at 7:00 PM  
 Bring an appetizer to be shared by all and your game of choice.  
 Soda and popcorn will be provided

**Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House** -- Congregation Member, Eric Wolfmeier is a Firefighter in Belleville. His Firehouse is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please drop off any you collect at the Church. Pam will have a receptacle labeled for these. Thank you for helping out.

February 6, 2022

Giving: \$3,791.25  
 Attendance: 60



February 13, 2022

In the Hospital

Memorial: Marlene Bruehl; Barnes: Doris Obernagel

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Marv Albert  
 Patti Albert  
 Katelyn Allen  
 Donna Altemeier  
 The Badger Family  
 Wanda Basse  
 Marilyn Beil  
 The Bender family  
 Roberta Billhartz  
 Brock Bomleny  
 Lindsay Bourn & Family  
 Baby Levi Boyle  
 Shirley Brandenburger  
 Tracy Brubeck  
 Marlene Bruehl  
 Carol Bueckmann  
 Nancy Caponi  
 Jesse Cook  
 Ellen Daniels  
 Roger Davis  
 Sharon Dill  
 Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-in-law)  
 Annie Dulle  
 The family of Mary Eckert  
 Flash Farley  
 Ashley & Baby Fehr  
 Sue Flora  
 Carol French  
 Willard French  
 Mary (Boerke) Graham  
 Greg  
 Pearl Griebel  
 Kendra Haas  
 Matt Haas  
 Winnie Hambleton  
 Baby Adalyn Harres  
 The Harres Family  
 John Harries  
 Mary Harries  
 Joe Heap  
 Connie Hendricks  
 Tracy Holmes  
 Michelle Hucke  
 Pat Illert  
 Sarah Johnson

Wayne Jones  
 Melanie Keck  
 John Kistner  
 Billy Klopmeier  
 Ricky Kochmann  
 Mary & Sonny Koehler  
 Jim Kostelac  
 Tom Krauter  
 Brian Kreher  
 Tom Kreher  
 Delores Lang  
 Andi Lanning  
 Brett Laxton (Jan's son)  
 Bernie Limper  
 JoAnn Martz  
 Monique Masengale  
 Don Mehrtens  
 Kay Mehrtens  
 Marty Mertz  
 Cindy Meyer  
 Kenny Middendorf  
 Norman Mills  
 Jennifer Missey  
 Helen Morgan  
 Pat Morris  
 Don Mueller  
 Helen Mueller  
 Jim Mueller  
 Maggie Mueller  
 Mike Mueller  
 Ronnie Mueller  
 Darrell Muskopf  
 Paula Muskopf  
 Ron Nicholls  
 Dean Norrenbem  
 Jodi Notter  
 Doris Obernagel  
 Baby Ariela Oliver  
 Jon Orelt  
 Era Osborn  
 Alexis Papavassilion  
 Janet Pauketat  
 Bob & Debbie Pellmann  
 Janice Pellmann  
 Vicki Pellmann  
 Stephanie Poletti

Layla Post  
 Matt Preston  
 Jaylynn Proctor  
 Rebecca  
 Emily Reed  
 Jim Reinheimer  
 Rich Riemann  
 Mark Roach  
 Barb Roark  
 Stella Saverin (Bill's mom)  
 Dick Saxton  
 Bob Scharf  
 Janice Seidlitz  
 Jean Seymour  
 Nancy Smith  
 Shelly Smith  
 Sharon Stallmann  
 Chris Stander  
 Bob Stumpf  
 Joann Talent  
 Sharon Tastad  
 Ray Teliczan  
 Angie Thomason  
 Rich Trent  
 Elizabeth Tubbs  
 Marcia Twellmann  
 Lacey Grace Valentine  
 Mark Vandermyde  
 Bill & Donna Ward  
 Laretta Werhan  
 Mary Weldele  
 Doug Whelan  
 Beth Windeknecht  
 Herb Woehlke  
 Marge Woehlke  
 Landon Woods  
 Bart & Kelley  
 Pray for planned Church events that our members, especially younger members and families, will be involved.

**JOYS**

Successful surgery of Marge Wolfmeier



**Food Pantry**—Our food pantry list for the month of February is: Pasta side dishes, Peanut Butter, canned fruit and cleaning supplies.

**SERVING OUR COUNTRY** Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, Andrew Haag, Marty Mertz and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Joe Morris, Cameron Ahrens, Kasey Launius, Samantha Glaeser, Al Wirth and Joshua Trent serving in the States; Austin Stumpf serving in Korea. Families of Service men and women in Afghanistan who lost their lives in the terrorist attack.