

Zion Evangelical Church

Serving in Christ's Name Since 1835

From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

Worship the LORD!!!

Both the historical and biblical record reveal the Lord's Day, Sunday, was the chosen gathering day for distinctly Christian worship because *"it was the day Jesus rose from the dead."* Every Sunday the church gathers together to Worship God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worshipping The LORD ("Jehovah," or more correctly "Yahweh") God is the central and foundational response of Christians and therefore for Christ's Church. Worship comes first, before anything and everything else, because the LORD, who alone is God, is first, before and above anything and everything else.

Years ago, Zion's Sanctuary, and churches of all denominations across the U.S., were overflowing each and every Sunday with Worshipers. But now, our Sanctuary, and most others, are mostly empty. In the past, children sat with their parents, grandparents and even great grandparents to Worship the LORD God. Now, only a few multi-generational families gather to Worship. For those who bear the name Christian, this isn't right.

So, to the 60 or 70 who do gather each Sunday at Zion to Worship the LORD, I say, *"Well done thou good and faithful servants."*

To those who Worship only on a monthly basis goes this query, *"What's keeping you from the weekly worship of the LORD?"*

To those who Worship only occasionally (maybe at Christmas and Easter), *"Why do you Worship the LORD only on those days, and not every week?"*

To those on Zion's membership rolls who do not come to Worship the LORD here, goes the question: *"Are you Worshipping the LORD elsewhere?"* If so, we rejoice that you have found a church home. Let us know so that we will gladly release you from our church rolls to that congregation.

If you are not Worshipping elsewhere, *"What has caused you to give up the Worship of the LORD?"*

Obviously, those in care facilities or shut-in at home can't join us. Yet, all the care facilities I know of provide Worship opportunities (e.g., I am at Garden Place in Millstadt leading Worship on the second Thursday of each month, and all of Zion's members there as well as others join us in Worship).

Those required to work on Sundays speak with Zion's Council. Maybe we can develop an early Saturday evening Worship Service, similar to what our Catholic friends have at St. James.

The LORD is calling *"Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts," (Malachi 3:7).* Jesus is telling me, *"Therefore say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 1:3).*

In the midst of God's judgment on His people Israel, in the time of the prophet Joel, came the call to return to Him. Even now in our time of the LORD's judgment on our land and world, comes His call to return to Him. Listen to Joel 2:12ff, *"Yet even now,' says the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.' Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil."*

So, speak to your family members (your children and grandchildren), your friends, neighbors, and schoolmates. Call them to Worship the LORD, while there is still time (Hebrews 10:25). And, pray for those who are hardened in

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We love because He first loved
us. 1 John 4:19



Lay Liturgist Schedule for April

We have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrtens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Saverling, Joyce Tastad, Richard Trent, Dave Woehlke, and Marjie Weber.*

We are looking for more volunteers to read the Scriptures during our Worship Services. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office (476-1778) to be signed up.

The Lay Liturgist schedule is given below. To make a change, contact someone listed below.

April 2	Annette Hund	618-719-6306	71threng@gmail.com
April 9	Sean Mahoney	618-977-3240	seancari@htc.net
April 16	Kay Mehrtens	618-792-3138	leskay@htc.net
April 23	Vicki Pellmann	618-806-8878	vdp2007@aol.com
April 30	Bill Saverling	618-920-9236	bsaverling@yahoo.com

heart towards the LORD GOD.

Let us fill the LORD's sanctuary at Zion with Worshipers. Let us be in prayer for our fellow congregations in Millstadt and beyond, that they may also be filled with those who will gladly Worship the LORD. **Psalm 122:1**, "*I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the LORD!*"

May this be, or become, true for each and every one who is reading this. Amen!

Yours in the true Worship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
Pastor Darrell Weber



"Here I Am to Worship," by Tim Hughes (1999)

**Light of the world, YOU stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore YOU
Hope of a life spent with YOU**

Chorus

**Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that YOU're my GOD
YOU're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days, Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly YOU came to the earth YOU created
All for love's sake became poor**

Chorus (2 times)

**I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross
(4 times)**

Chorus (2 times)

The following is taken from:

<https://www.staugustine.com/story/lifestyle/faith/2016/05/13/story-behind-song-here-i-am-worship/16309013007/>

Tim Hughes wrote:

"I began to read several scriptures but seemed to concentrate on Philipians, chapter 2 - about Christ's humility and how he took upon himself the attitude of a servant and how he humbled himself and became obedient unto death on a cross. I was challenged with the wonder of who God really is and his sacrifice for us."

"I sat down in my room and began worshipping him as a response to those thoughts. It was then that the initial inspiration of the song came. I began, 'Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness ...' and on and on until I had two verses finished. I then put them aside."

“About six months later, I thought of the verses again and said to myself, ‘I really do need to finish that song.’ I began flipping through ideas of melodies and lyrics that I had written. I came across a melody that I had saved, which sounded quite simple, and yet the feeling I sensed as I played it seemed to complement my verses perfectly. I wanted the chorus to be a response to our Lord’s amazing sacrifice.”

“I began to ask, ‘How are we going to respond to that great happening? Do we bow down? Do we scream out? How do we say, ‘You are altogether lovely. You are worthy?’ As I finished the song, I finally felt as if the pieces had all come together and it all was complete.”

“**Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**” - Philippians 2:9-11

This Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Philippians 2:9-11 above, sing the song “**Here I Am to Worship**,” and gather weekly with the LORD’s people to Worship Him.

The Evangelical Catechism Traditional Orthodox Edition of 1896

I am continuing the series of articles on the 1896 edition of the Evangelical Catechism (which is in the public domain). It has been republished (in modern English) by the Evangelical Association in 2018. This article covers the 7th of 52 weeks in the catechism. This continues the explanation of “The 10 Commandments” (weeks 3 through 13).

Week 7 is composed of questions 17 and 18.

17. What is the Fifth Commandment?

Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God gives to you.

18. What does God require in this Commandment?

God requires that I always honor father and mother by loving, obeying and serving them, and taking care of them in sickness, need, and old age; likewise respect all who in God’s providence, are my superiors. Prov. 1:8; Eph. 6:1-3; Prov. 19:26; Prov. 30:17; Heb. 13:17; Rom. 13:1; Eph. 6:5-7; Acts 5:29.

May you be blessed as you examine this founding statement of our Evangelical faith and heritage.



Confirmation Schedule

Our confirmation schedule is listed below. Please keep *Jacob Doerr* in your prayers.

- On Palm Sunday, April 2, (Confirmation Sunday) *Jacob* will be confirmed during the Worship Service (10:15 a.m.). Photos will be taken at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- On Easter Sunday, April 9, *Jacob* will partake of his first communion (with his immediate family), using a commemorative olive wood cup from Israel, during the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service (*note time change on Easter*).



Maundy Thursday, April 6

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will gather in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a “Pot Bless” Lenten meal. Then at 7:00 p.m. we will gather in the Sanctuary. The message will be about the Apostle Peter – the Fearless, Flop, who was Forgiven, and became a Foundation Rock for Christ and His Church. We will celebrate the Lord’s Last Supper as well. So plan on joining with Christ’s people at Zion and with His people around the World.

Good Friday Community Cross Walk,

April 7



Come and join fellow Christians as we carry a cross through the streets of Millstadt on Good Friday, April 7, starting at noon. This is our common witness to the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, upon the Cross. At each stop, we will hear one of the

words that Christ spoke from the Cross.

Noon - Millstadt Community Cross Walk starts at Garden Place (208 S. Kossuth St.). The route is listed below as well as the map of the Cross Walk route on the Church bulletin boards.

- 1st) Garden Place – led by Rev. Joan Mier, from Concordia UCC
- 2nd) Millstadt Senior Center – led by Deacon Candidate Bill Mueller, from St. James Catholic Church
- 3rd) Leesman Funeral Home - led by Pastor Matt Friz, from St. Paul UCC in Floraville
- 4th) Zion Evangelical Church - led by Pastor Bill Savering
- 5th) St. James Catholic Church - led by Father Marvin Volk
- 6th) Christ Community Church - led by Mr. Jon Weems
- 7th) Mt. Evergreen Cemetery – led by Pastor Darrell Weber

Easter Sunday, April 9



Come and join us for SON-Rise worship and communion at 7:00 a.m. Stay for Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m., with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. *PS: Please donate candy by bringing it to the Church Office.* Then our Resurrection service with first communion for our confirmand, Jacob Doerr, takes place at 10:00 a.m.

So come and bring the whole family as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection victory over death, which He gives to all who repent and place their faith in Him. **1 Corinthians 15:57**, *“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Pastor's Vacation, April 21-22

Pastor Darrell and Marjie will be on vacation Friday and Saturday, April 21 & 22. We plan to be camping at Camp-A-Lot near Willisville, Illinois. We will be back in time for the Worship service on Sunday, April 23.



Vacation Bible School – June 5-9

Summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) plans are in the works. Our theme this year is Group's **“Stellar.”** We will *“shine a light on Jesus' love!”* We will *“launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.”* VBS is scheduled for June 5-9.

We are recruiting youth and adult helpers. Please contact the Church office to volunteer to help. And please keep our VBS and its needs and outreach efforts in your thoughts and prayers. More details to come.

Trivia Night Thank You

Our Trivia Night and Silent Auction was a success with 23 tables of players and 51 Silent Auction items (made up of many more donations) that were bid upon and purchased. We raised around \$4,800 in the process.

So, on behalf of Zion, we thank the many individuals and businesses that donated items for the Silent Auction portion of our Trivia night. We have been able to thank our businesses and the individuals that we know gave. And we thank the anonymous individuals for their gifts as well.

You can continue to thank our businesses by doing business with them. To our knowledge these are the following. *Please correct us where we have made an oversight.*

A Positive Solution Day Spa
Beloman - Belo Heating and Cooling
Bredeaux Pizza
Burr Insurance Agency
Central Bank
Circle K
Country Financial
Custom Marble Inc.
Dierberg's Markets
Edward Jones – Jeff Pratl
First National Bank of Waterloo
Happy Days
Lee's Home Center
Millpond Brewery and Incubator
Millstadt IGA
Millstadt Pharmacy
Mon-Clair Animal Hospital
Muskopf Garage
Ott's Tavern
Reinhardt's
Schubert's
Spike's Public House
St. Louis Blues
Sunrise Pancake House
Tax Solutions Inc. - Rick Holmes
Watermill Inc.
476 Showroom

We also thank the many workers who handled all the preparations for the Trivia Night. To the best of our recall are: Bill & Ginger Bourn, Darrell & Debbie Doerr, Darren & Jessi Doerr, Michael & Patti French, Donna Gaulrapp, Brendan, Harper Gibson, Gary & Mary Hamel, Gary & Debbie Helfrich, Ray & Barb Hohlt, Rick & Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Aimee Mehrtens, Charlotte Mehrtens, Les & Kay Mehrtens, Janet Mueller, Michael & Jodi Notter, Kathy Pellmann, Paige Pellmann, Mary Lou Peter, Mark & Kelly, Josephina, Alessandra Riemann, Bill & Barb Savering, Barb Scharf, Gary Shondy, Bob & Betty Keller Timmer, Helen Vigna, Dave Woehlke, Stacy Woehlke, Bob & Marge Wolfmeier, Art & Sherry Wynn.

I particular we thank them for the gifts of time to organize, advertise, drop off trivia night flyers to area businesses and area trivia nights, ask for and collect silent auction items, giving of silent auction items, preparing the items, taking the items to the Father Freund Parish Center, setting up, running the Trivia Night (registration, auction, soda & popcorn, sale of quilt raffle tickets, running the 50-50 and heads and tails, picking up the score sheets, grading them, running the laptop and projector) and tearing down afterward.

Thank you to Rob Comstock for setting up the question-and-answer portion of our Trivia Night and calling them out. And, thank you to all who participated in the night to make it a success.

I realize that with some many people and gifts, some of which were dropped off at Church without us knowing who brought them, that we are overlooking people and even businesses. Please let us know whom we have missed so that we may properly thank them.



Council Meeting March 13, 2023

Meeting was opened at 7:04 p.m. with Pastor Darrell opening in prayer. Members present were Rich Hoffelmeyer, Charlotte Mehrstens, Mary Lou Peter, Kurt Pellmann, Sherry Wynn, Better Keller Timmer, Pastor Darrell, and Amanda Friedrich.

Treasurer's Report: Amanda distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. Mary Lou made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Sherry seconded; motion carried.

BCE Report: No report at this time.

Minutes: The February 13, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Rich and seconded by Sherry to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Darrell had sent his Pastor's Report of his activities for the previous month. The Lenten Season is underway. We have one Confirmand, Jacob Doerr. His project is a Christian and inspirational book box that will be located outside the back entrance. Pastor was the On-Call Chaplain on February 15th at Memorial Hospital, his next time is March 14th. He will be attending the installation of EA Pastor Jim Allen at Trinity Church in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. The Date is TBD. Bill Savering will lead Worship that Sunday. Pastor went through his summer vacation plans. Motion to approve Pastor's Report; motion carried.

Renewing Zion Church: No report at this time.

Committee Reports

Audit & Budget: A mid-term audit and budget were discussed by Betty.

Long Range Ministry: No report at this time.

Missions & Outreach: Mary Lou reported that we have received \$2,423.

Staff/Parish Relations: If anything needs to be reported or addressed, please bring it to Darren's attention.

Property: Rich reported that they are looking into a new lawn mower. They have purchased new smoke alarms for the church and will be replacing them soon. They have received a bid for new lights for the bell tower.

Volunteer Ministries: No report at this time.

Worship & Music: Rich made a motion to purchase a Bluetooth wireless stereo receiver, cable, microphone, and stereo bar microphone mount. Betty seconded; motion carried.

Cemetery Board: Kurt reported that they are discussing white pines on the south side of the cemetery, and also a wrought iron fence.

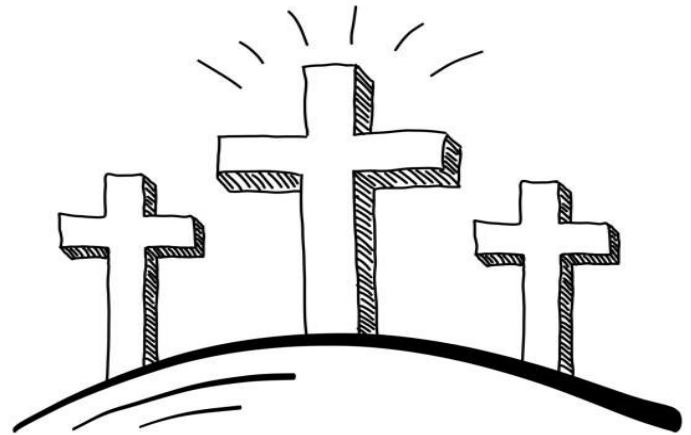
Old Business: Betty discussed the idea of having a Welcome Bag for visitors/new members. Discussion was held regarding the Music Director update and Baltz Cemetery.

New Business: Easter breakfast was discussed. It was decided that helpers need to be at the church at 5:30 a.m. A Christ-

mas Eve service at 11:00 p.m. was discussed. The Girl Scouts that meet in the Fellowship Hall approached us about having a sleepover here. The Council agreed to allow the sleepover.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rich, seconded by Mary Lou; motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Kurt Pellmann – President
Barb Scharf – Vice President
Charlotte Mehrstens – Secretary



We started out the month doing the Lenten meal on March 1st. We prepared tacos. Thanks to the ladies for bringing dessert.

Darrel Doerr and Les Mehrstens picked up some mulch on a Friday and spread it out at the Church playground and around the landscaping. Thanks!

A tree has been planted in memory of Donald Mehrstens in the Park.

8 trees have been planted on the south side of Freivogel Cemetery. These trees are in memory of Mary and Jim Eckert.

Electric power and lights have been installed in the shed at the Park. Thanks to Mike Germann!

Metal commercial shelves were given to us. They will be installed in the shed.

Remember the Yard Sale on May 6th. Call the office (476-1778) if you have items to pick up.

It is good to see Bob Stumpf with us!

Gary Shondy



Sisters in Faith

Sharing our love for God and each other.

Sisters in Faith Meeting March 2, 2023

There were 19 ladies in attendance at the March meeting (plus Pastor Darrell). We welcomed new attendees Connie DeRousse and Ann Dietrich.

The meeting opened with a devotion by Helen Vigna and then Pastor Darrell gave his report.

Pastor mentioned that in the Children's message on Sundays he will be using the Resurrection Eggs and needs empty egg cartons. He also said that he will need congregants to donate candy and ladies to fill plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. He recapped the Lenten happenings: meal/service on Wednesday evenings; one confirmand this year – Jacob Doerr; the Cross Walk on Good Friday which starts at noon at Garden Place; and the schedule for Easter Sunday morning. He also stated that the Memorial Service for Anna Lee Fischer will be held on Saturday, March 11th at 11:00 AM with a luncheon to follow. There will be no visitation. Setup for Trivia night will be at 8:30 AM on March 11th.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were presented and approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Memorial Hospital's Book Bazaar will be held April 5-8th and the last day to drop off books at Zion is March 3rd.

Old Business

The Spring Luncheon theme, menu and price were presented. After considerable discussion, it was decided to raise the price to \$15 per person and include one 'free' ticket for the raffle boutique. The quilt raffle tickets are ready to be dispersed. Please consider taking chances on this beautiful quilt!

New Business

Kay Mehrtens, who is in charge of banners for the Church sanctuary, asked if Sisters in Faith would consider paying for the new banners she ordered. A vote was taken and unanimously voted YES.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6. Pizza will be ordered from Bredeaux and members are asked to bring either a salad or dessert. Please consider joining us as we make further plans for our Spring Luncheon.



Derick (age 6)



Johayris (age 8)

Missions Article for April

Our April mission is 2 Compassion International children. Derick is a 6 year-old (born November 9, 2016) from Guatemala. Johayris is an 8 year-old (born February 26, 2015) from the Dominican Republic.

Zion's Sunday School had supported them. However, our Sunday School giving isn't sufficient to support our 2 children. Therefore, our Missions Committee has chosen the month of April to raise the \$76 per month, or \$912 per year that is needed.

Our support of Compassion children as a church and by many of our families began when Tracy Gilmore was Zion's Christian Education Director, back in the early 2000s, and continues today. So please give generously. And, if you are not already a sponsor, consider becoming a sponsor by checking out their website below.

The following is taken from their website: <https://www.compassion.com>

What is Sponsorship?

When you sponsor a child, you care for and encourage them through prayer, letter writing and financial support. That support empowers a local church to individually and holistically meet their needs in a loving, safe community where they can learn, grow, play and dream.

When you become a sponsor, you are personally connected with a child who will know your name and treasure the thought that you care about them.

Your support gives a child life-changing opportunity to develop spiritually, emotionally, physically and economically. It's a relationship more powerful than poverty — changing their life and yours!

Thank you for your generous support of our March mission, **Kids for Christ**. **Kids for Christ** was founded 27 years ago in Freeburg and is now in 53 schools, including Millstadt. **Kids for Christ** is a community Bible study for Kindergarten through Grade 4. Grades 5 through 8 are welcome to be helpers. Millstadt Primary Center is the location for **Kids for Christ** in Millstadt.


We also want to thank those members who never fail to bring food and household items for the **Food Pantry**. Bless you for helping the less fortunate with their needs. Be sure to bring your food and household items to church and place them in the collection box.

Thank you for your generous support of Zion's missions.

April Anniversaries
(50+ years)

Leonard & Carol Bueckman
57 years on the 10th

For Whom the Bells Toll

 **Anna Lee Fischer**
February 2, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord

In case of hospitalization or surgery, please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital, be sure to mention that you are affiliated with this congregation. This will help us keep you in our prayers and assist you in our ministry of care.

IN THE HOSPITAL IN APRIL

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Pray for strength and healing for the following:

Donna Altemeier, Wanda Basse, Marilyn Beil, Roche Beine, Cindy Bertelsmann, Roberta Billhartz, Lindsay Bourn and Family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Darwin Bretsch, Bob Cotter, Roger Davis, Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother), Wayne and Tricia DeCloux, Bill Ditch, Jessica Doerr, Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-In-Law), Mark Eckman, Gary Franke, Fritz Fritzinger, Lynn Gass, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Greg, Pearl Griebel, Baby Adalyn Harres, Bart Hood, Mary Hund, Judy Jones, Joyce Kasper, Billy Klopmeier, Jerry Klotz, Scott (Barbara Knoth's Son), Jim Kostelac, Elizabeth Koval, Brian Kreher, Tom & Renee Kreher, Family of Jessica LaDuke, Delores Lang, Lucille Lang, Richard Madden, Erin Mahoney, Charlotte Mehrrens, Lindsay Mueller, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketaut, Bruce Reese, Dottie Rickard, Rich Riemann, Cole Robinson & Family, Jim Savering's Family (Bill Savering's Cousin), Bob Seidlitz, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Mike Speichinger, Sharon Stallmann, Kesia Sutton, Ray Teliczan, Mike Toenjes, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Baby Ty, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermyde, Helen Vigna, Jason Walker, Bill & Donna Ward, Scott Weber, Mary Weldele, Matt Westrich, Joan Wilkins, Jeffrey Willey, Bart & Kelley.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Kasey Launius, Al Wirth, Joshua Trent, and Tristen & Stefan Cashwell serving in the States; Samantha Glaeser serving in Vietnam.

To add a name to our prayer list, please locate a communication card in the pews. Provide the name, address, phone, and reason for the prayer request - place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also contact the church office between 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. weekdays or by leaving a message on our answering machine. Members of our prayer team will pray daily for everyone on our list. (Contact Barbara Hohlt for more information (476-1750)). **Names will be left on the list for one month unless you contact Barbara Hohlt or the church office.**

If you would like to receive prayer chain information via e-mail, contact Barb Hohlt at barbhohlt@aol.com

Meal-a-Month Schedule

Let us not forget those who are less fortunate. There never seems to be an end to those who are in dire need. Your help is appreciated.

April

Cake Mixes/Frosting
Cereal
Jelly
Mac and Cheese

May

Cornbread Mix
Canned Vegetables
Paper Towels
Jello or Pudding

The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause. Call Patti French at 618-660-4255 to sign up.

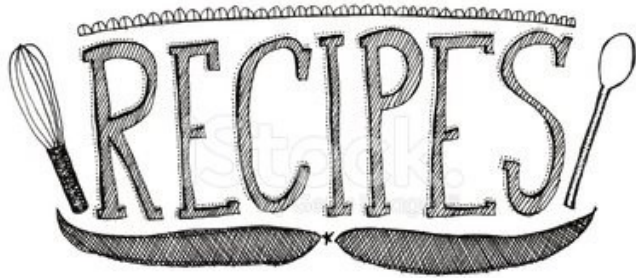
Treasurer's Report

2023	GENERAL FUND - Updated Version					
	2023 INCOME	2023 EXPENSE	difference	BUDGET 2023	2022 INCOME	2022 EXPENSE
January	\$19,575.07	\$27,228.77	\$ (7,653.70)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 17,103.09	\$ 21,309.34
February	\$19,135.11	\$29,700.64	\$ (10,565.53)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 17,135.69	\$ 18,881.14
March			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 26,484.04	\$ 20,985.79
April			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 18,035.02	\$ 23,939.45
May			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,504.14	\$ 17,124.96
June			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 10,515.28	\$ 28,671.99
July			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,274.63	\$ 16,962.38
August			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 13,571.24	\$ 17,480.61
September			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 18,093.74	\$ 18,977.58
October			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,747.35	\$ 21,492.17
November			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 20,625.21	\$ 46,594.67
December			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 33,857.51	\$ 38,777.17
TOTALS	\$ 38,710.18	\$ 56,929.41	\$ (18,219.23)	\$ 245,304.00	\$ 233,946.94	\$ 291,197.25



ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

MONTH	ONLINE AVE. 2023	IN PERSON AVE. 2023
January	10	68
February	8	69
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Christmas Eve		
Year-to-Date	9	68



Baked Flour Tortillas

- 6 tortillas cut into 6 triangles
- 6 tablespoons butter melted
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons cinnamon



Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip tortilla wedge quickly in butter, then sugar mixture. Place on parchment paper on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Enjoy!



April Birthdays



04/01	Richard Holmes II	04/08	Sarah Glaeser	04/19	Don Pellmann
04/02	Dorothy Germann	04/08	David Savering	04/20	Abby Kern
04/02	Derek Morris	04/08	Judith Sutter	04/23	Ashley Buecher
04/02	Joshua Seidlitz	04/13	Earl Doerr	04/24	Karen Gardner
04/03	William Wirth	04/13	Tracy Holmes	04/24	Jeff Kern
04/04	Morgan Parkhurst	04/14	Aaron Mehrtens	04/24	Lindsey Scharf
04/06	Joseph Barnes	04/14	Charlotte Mehrtens	04/25	Steve Smith
04/06	Hillary Hubbs	04/14	Vicki Pellmann	04/28	Darlene Gansmann
04/06	Jeannine Kochmann	04/15	Abigail Otten	04/28	William Savering
04/06	Joyce Tastad	04/17	Kirk Caponi	04/29	Betty Keller Timmer
04/07	Annette Hund				

Oak Hill Nursing Home

Pearl Griebel

Our Lady of the Snows

Betty Baltz

Garden Place at Millstadt

Marianne Baltz
Shirley Brandenburger
Delores Lang
Dianne (Muskopf) Mehrmann
Dottie Rickard

The Atrium of Belleville

John Kalbfleisch

The Villas of Holly Brook

Don Mueller

Freeburg Care Center

Arlene Dohrmann

Evergreen Pointe Waterloo

Janet Pauketaut

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2023 SCHEDULE WEDNESDAYS

ST. JAMES
MAY 10, 2023
JULY 12, 2023
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

VFW
NOVEMBER 29, 2023

To schedule an appointment
1-800-733-2767 or
visit RedCrossBlood.org
Bring Photo ID

Zion's Spring Luncheon



**“Don't Worry,
Bee Happy!”**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023
12:00 noon**

**Zion Evangelical Church
117 West White Street · Millstadt
618-476-1778
Price: \$15**



As always you will be treated to a delicious lunch, dessert and drink; attendance prizes; entertainment (provided by John Dittmer - a professional bee keeper); a raffle basket boutique; an opportunity to win a beautiful queen size quilt; table trinkets; fun and fellowship!!

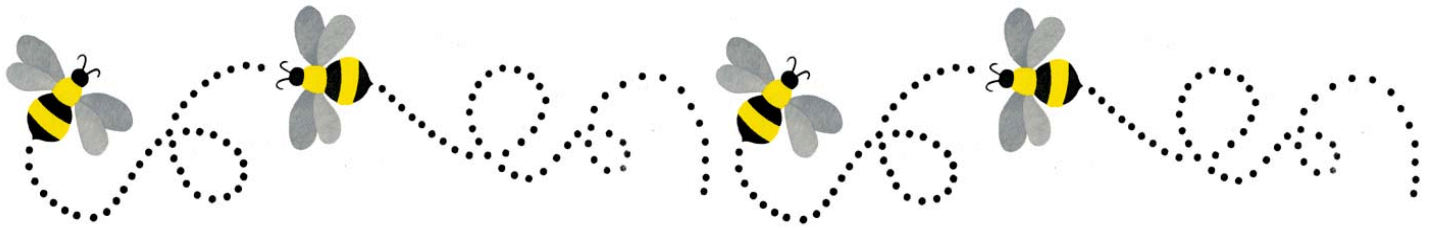
WE ARE ENCOURAGING GUESTS TO PAY \$15 IN ADVANCE

Please send this form to Sisters in Faith · 117 West White Street · Millstadt, IL · 62260

NAME: _____

SEAT WITH: _____
(NAME OF CHURCH OR INDIV.)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SISTERS IN FAITH)



Spring Luncheon is just around the corner and we need help!!



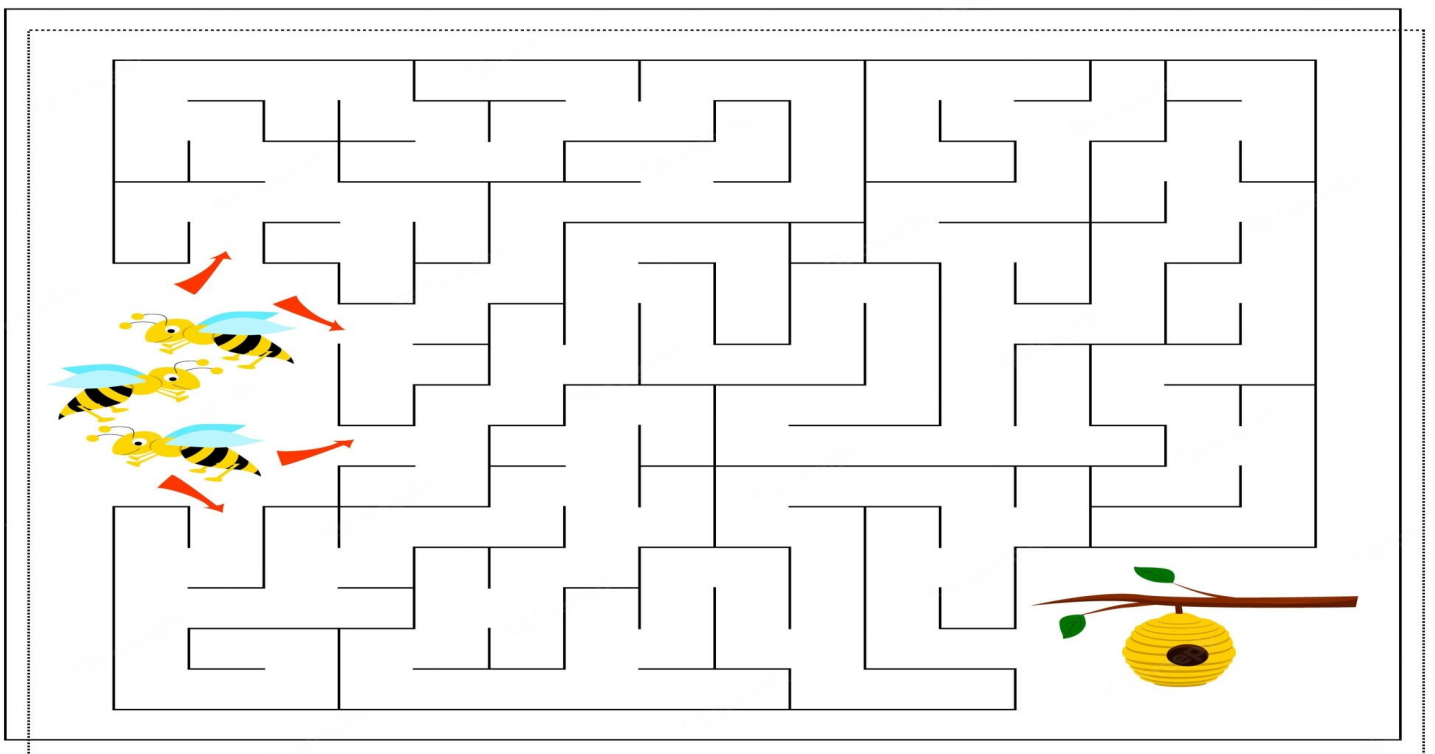
- ◆ Baskets (on the larger side) that you could donate
- ◆ Shredded colored paper (to be used as filler)
- ◆ Filled baskets for the raffle
- ◆ If you do not feel comfortable in assembling a basket, we have a team that does an excellent job of putting stuff together to make it look nice. Can't decide what to put in a basket?? Money always works - we can use it to buy items to fill or supplement a basket!
- ◆ Please have donations in by Wednesday, March 3rd. They can be dropped off at the Church office.

PLEASE ladies, be generous!! With numbers dwindling at Zion, we rely on our one and only fund raiser to offset donations to various organizations and worthy causes in the community throughout the year.

Ps: IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE LUNCHEON, A DONATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Thank you for helping us to help others!

Darlene Gansmann
Secretary





Please keep the Fellowship Park and Hall in mind for your upcoming events. Call the office or stop by for a reservation form today!



2023 Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Book Bazaar

Wed, April 5	\$5.00 Admission	Opening Day	9am-7pm
Thurs, April 6	Free Admission	Special Discounts	9am-7pm
	\$5.00 OFF \$25 \$10.00 OFF \$50 \$15.00 OFF \$75 \$25 OFF \$100		
Fri, April 7	Free Admission	½ Price	9am-7pm
Sat, April 8	Free Admission	Bag Day	9am-1pm
		\$5 PER BAG!!!!!!	

Location: Belle-Clair Fairgrounds 200 S. Belt East Belleville, IL 62220

For more information please contact the Auxiliary Office at 257-5545 or memauxiliary@bjc.org



Saturday, May 6th

Drop off Tuesday mornings starting **March 1st**
or call the Church Office (476-1778) to
schedule a pickup for bigger items.

Please NO:

TVs, mattresses, couches, recliners



Millstadt Tin Man Half Marathon and 5K Run

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Corner of East Madison &
South Breese by the Tin Man

**Half Marathon and 5K
Starting at 7:30 a.m.**

Register On-line at

<https://millstadttinmanhalfmarathonand5krun.itsyourrace.com/register>

For more information, call 618-719-1911 or 618-476-7326

Or email millstadttinman@gmail.com

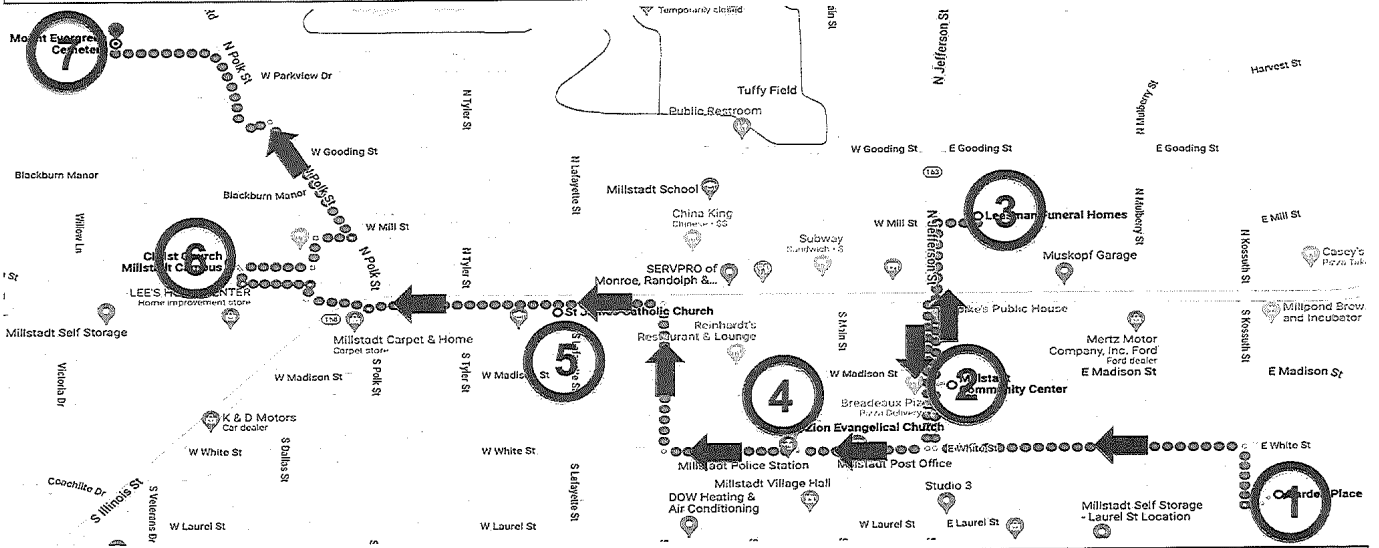


After party at Ott's
Tavern, 20 East
Washington, Millstadt

All proceeds to benefit
the Friends of the Old
Millstadt Water Tower,
and to be used for the
maintenance of the Old
Millstadt Water Tower.



Millstadt Community Cross Walk



1. Garden Place LLC
Rev. Joan Mier - Concordia UCC
Luke 23:32-38

2. Millstadt Senior Center
Deacon Bill Mueller
Luke 23:39-43

3. Leesman Funeral Home
Pastor Matt Friz – St. Paul UCC
John 19:25-27

4. Zion Evangelical Church
Pastor Bill Saverig
Matt. 27:45-49

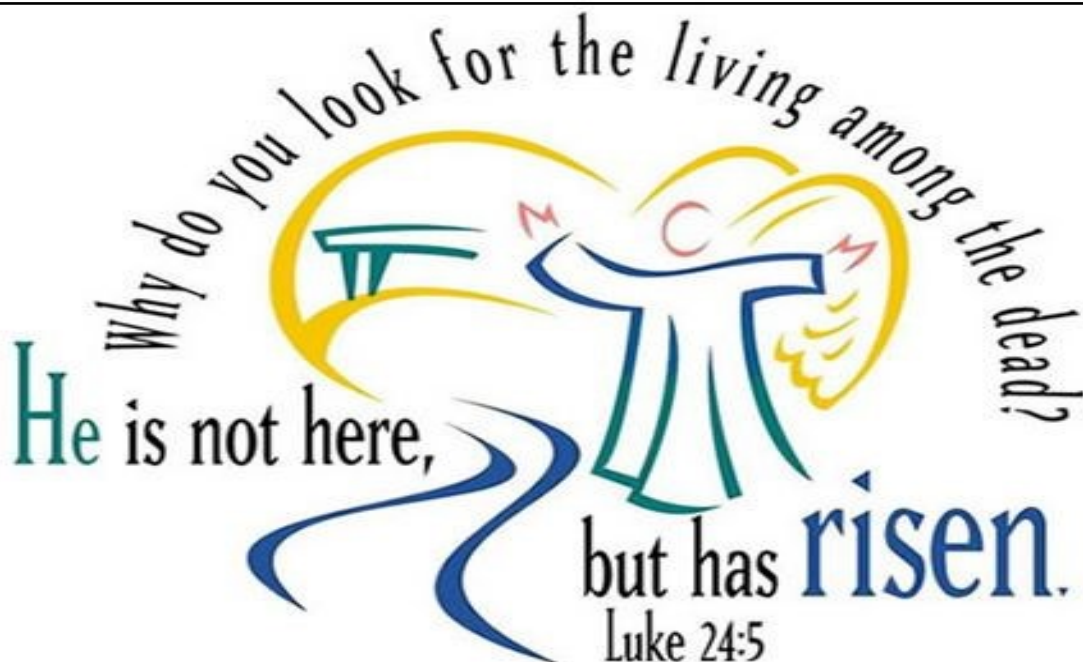
5. St. James Catholic Church
Father Marvin Volk
John 19:28-29

6. Christ Comm. Church
Mr. or Mrs. Jon or Amber Weems
John 19:30

7. Mt. Evergreen Cemetery
Pastor Darrell Weber
Luke 23:44-49

Good Friday, April 7th, 2023 @ Noon

About 1.6 miles



Easter Word Search

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Zion Evangelical Church

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sisters in Faith

Meets Sept., Oct., Nov., March, April and May at 12:00 p.m.

President - Charlotte Mehrtens - 476-1267

Z Team

Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

CHURCH COUNCIL

(Every Second Monday of the Month - 7:00 p.m.)

Darren Doerr	(26)	618-980-5055
Rich Hoffelmeyer	(24)	702-499-7371
Annette Hund	(25)	618-719-6306
Charlotte Mehrtens	(24)	618-978-2655 (Secretary)
Kurt Pellmann	(25)	618-781-0903 (President)
Mary Lou Peter	(24)	618-719-8077
Barb Scharf	(25)	618-973-0289 (VPresident)
Betty Keller Timmer	(26)	618-476-7326
Sherry Wynn	(26)	618-615-7915

(00) indicates the year that the Council Member's term expires.

Worship Schedule

10:15 AM - Worship Service

9:00 AM - Adult Bible Classes/SS/Conf

Office Hours

Amanda Frierdich

Monday through Thursday

From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 - 12:30

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.