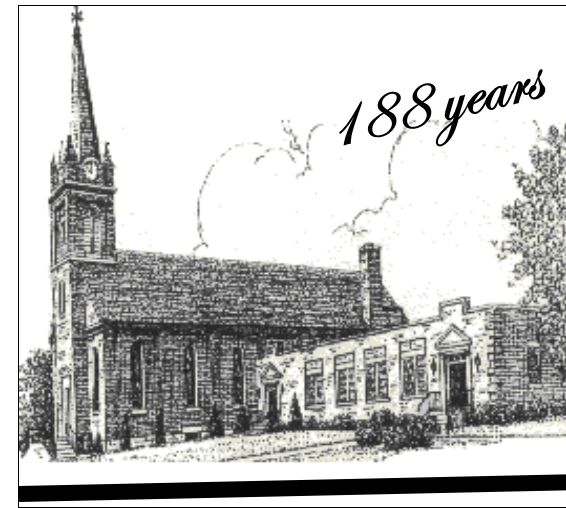


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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

Worship the LORD!!! Worship in Spirit and Truth

Worship Services begin with "A Call to Worship." Some of the following (in italics) is taken from "The Call To Worship," by Jarryd Foreman.

The corporate worship gathering is a vital part of the weekly rhythm within the body of Christ. The Call to Worship urges people to turn from worldly distractions and set their minds, hearts, and attention on the glory of God.

In his book called Christ-Centered Worship, Bryan Chappell shows that the call to worship actually begins with God's calling us to worship Him. The Greek word Ekklesia is used in the New Testament and commonly refers to "a called out assembly or congregation." In this, the church consists of people who are called out by God into the perfect salvation He offers through the atoning work of Christ. We are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people for His own possession" (1 Peter 2:5) that God has purchased, redeemed, and secured.

Before we can call God's people to worship we have to arrive at the understanding that it is initially God Himself who has called us to worship. Only through this invitation are we able to respond as His people and "proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). Through this realization, when we worship, we are doing what God has ultimately called us to do as His people.

God Himself calls you and me, and all who are reading this, in fact all people, everywhere to come and Worship Him. For He, the LORD alone, is God. He alone is "one God, spirit, life, light and love." He alone is "eternal, unchangeable and ever present." He alone is "true, all-knowing, all-wise, holy, almighty and just." He alone is "blessed, good, gracious and merciful." He is "one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." These attributes are laid out for us in questions 6-10 of our 1929 edition of the Evangelical Catechism.

God Himself is calling you to Worship Him, even as Jesus said in John 4:23, "***But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.***"

Do you hear His call? Do you hear His call as the first and most important calling upon your life – "***To seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness,***" (Matt. 6:33 which answers the 1st question of the Evangelical Catechism. More importantly, are you answering His call by actually coming to Worship Him?

Are you a true Worshipper? Worshipping Him in spirit and in truth?

To worship Him in spirit is to have your spirit led by His Holy Spirit. For He alone can give you "***a new spirit***" and "***a new heart***" (Ezekiel 11:19, 18:31 and 36:26) that is devoted to God.

To worship Him in truth is to Worship Him according to His Word, not according to our own thoughts, ideas or traditions. The second person of the Trinity is the Word as explained in John chapter 1 "***in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.***" And, the Word written is the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Bible.

We at Zion seek to Worship God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in spirit and in truth. According to His calling, we call each of you reading this to come and Worship the LORD (Psalms 95).

May each of you reading this be moved by His Spirit to make His Worship the first and most important aspect of your life. May this be most certainly true! Amen and Amen!

Yours in Worshipping the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
 Pastor Darrell Weber

May 2023

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

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Z Team

Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.
 Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

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

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(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.



Lay Liturgist Schedule for May

We have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrstens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Savering, 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.

May 7	Joyce Tastad	618-660-6259	jtastad51@charter.net
May 14	Marjie Weber	618-972-5532	weber_ddw@charter.net
May 21	Dave Woehlke	618-719-3616	dlwoehlke1959@Charter.net
May 28	Dave Harres	618-806-9567	twigsharres@hotmail.com



“HOLY SPIRIT, Light Divine,” by Andrew Reed (1817)

194 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

He . . . shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit. Rom. 8:11

MERCY 7777

Louis M. Gottschalk, 1854
Arr. by Edwin P. Parker, c. 1880

Andrew Reed, 1817, alt.

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Power di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;

Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn my dark - ness in - to day.
 Long hath sin with - out con - trol Held do - min - ion o'er my soul.
 Bid my man - y woes de - part, Heal my wound - ed, bleed - ing heart.
 Cast down ev - ery i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone. A - men.

I chose this hymn for the month because we will celebrate Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2**), 50 days after Easter, on Sunday, May 28.

The following is taken from **101 More Hymn Stories**, by Kenneth W. Osbeck, published by Kregel Publications in 1985. The hymn was originally titled “Holy Ghost, with Light Divine.” But *because of the preference that many have today for the term “Holy Spirit” rather than “Holy Ghost,” the hymn text has been changed in many of the present hymnals to this form, “Holy Spirit, Light Divine.”*

One of the marks of spiritual maturity in any believer’s life is the growing awareness of the Holy Spirit’s presence and power for daily living. How natural it often seems to attempt to live our lives and even minister for God in our own strength. The words of this hymn can serve as a worthy prayer for personal devotions, as we begin each new day.

“Holy Ghost, With Light Divine” has been, for many years, one of the church’s important, teaching hymns regarding the Holy Spirit’s ministry in a Christian’s life. In a very simply-stated manner, the text tells us that we need a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit’s presence, in order to have clear directions for our lives (verse one). Then, we are reminded that we need the Holy Spirit’s ministry to enable us to live lives of purity and power (verse two). We also need the work of the Holy Spirit to balance the emotional sorrows of life with “joy divine” (verse three). Finally, we need the all-prevailing control by the Holy Spirit, if our lives are to be totally committed and conformed to God (verse four).

Zion Evangelical Church

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 AM Preschool	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Sr Center BS 12:30 PM MCS 6th Grade Tour 7:00 PM Council Mtg	8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	9:00 AM Quilting 11:30 AM NDOp Service 12:00 PM Sisters of Faith	8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH – Chair Yoga	8:00 AM Community Wide Yard Sale
7 Communion 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool 12:00 PM Spring Luncheon	9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM G.P. Worship	8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH – Chair Yoga	13
14 Mother's Day 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool – End of Year Party 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	Acension Day 9:00 AM Quilting	9:00 AM VBS Decorating 10:00 AM FH – Chair Yoga	20
21 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM New Member Meeting	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM VBS Decorating	10:00 AM FH – Chair Yoga	27
28 Pentecost Food Pantry 10:15 AM Worship	8:30 AM Z-Team 9:00 AM VBS Decorating 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study 7:00 PM VBS Decorating	8:30 AM Z-Team 9:00 AM VBS Decorating 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study 7:00 PM VBS Decorating	11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study			

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)

The Evangelical Catechism

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 8th of 52 weeks in the catechism. This continues the explanation of "The 10 Commandments" (weeks 3 through 13).

Week 8 is composed of questions 19 through 22.

19. What is the sixth Commandment?

You shall not kill.

20. What does God forbid in this Commandment?

God forbids murder, also every deed, word and thought, whereby my own life or the life of another person is shortened or embittered. Gen. 9:6; Rom. 12:19; Matt. 5:21-22; 1 John 3:15; Matt. 5:44-45; Luke 21:34-35.

21. How is this Commandment further seriously violated?

This commandment is seriously violated when we injure the soul of another person, or our own soul by enticement or negligence. Matt. 18:6-7; Prov. 24:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14-15.

22. What does God require in this Commandment?

God requires that we assist our neighbor in every need and aid him in his earthly life and eternal well-being on all occasions. Isa. 58:7; Heb. 13:16; 1 Peter 4:10; Eph. 4:32; Isa. 1:17; Matt. 5:7.

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

Lenten / Confirmation / Easter Service Attendance

Below is the in-Sanctuary attendance for our Lenten, Confirmation and Easter Services. Covid hit March 20, 2020, and we switched to online services till May 31. So online attendance (/ in italics) has been added. Note: Livestreaming and video recording Worship in the Park Services was extensively used in 2020 and 2021.

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lent	114 / 117 \$2314	120 / 141 \$3256	207 / 36 \$2742	198 / 24 \$2941
Confirm-ands	1	3	3	1
Presenta-tion Sunday	0 / 61 \$2810	68 / 17 \$3620	90 / ? \$4487	88 / 11 \$2855
Palm / Conf. Sun-day	0 / 53 \$5519	112 / 20 \$4678	97 / 13 \$3265	98 / 11 \$2984
Easter	0 / 155 \$3393	143 / 34 \$4783	153 / 4 \$5393	166 / 11 \$5549

New Members Meeting, May 21

We have "not yet" members of Zion attending our Worship Services who have expressed interest in joining Zion. So, we will have a New Members meeting following Worship on Sunday, May 21. If you are, or someone you know is, interested in joining Zion, then come, or have them come, to that meeting. If that date and time don't work, then come by to visit Pastor Darrell in his office. Call first (618-476-1778) to make sure he is in.



Pastor's Vacation, May 5-8 and May 21-24

Pastor Darrell and Marjie will be on vacation Friday through Monday, May 5-8. We plan to be camping at Camp-A-Lot near Willisville, IL. We will come back for the Worship service on Sunday, May 7.

We will also be camping on Sunday through Wednesday, May 21-24. We will leave after Worship and head to Carlyle Lake and camp at Dam West campground.



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 planning on 4 special activities.

1.) Our 2nd through 5th graders will be building model rockets. We intend to fly them at the Zion Church Park. Date and time to be determined.

2.) We will have an evening of Telescope viewing at the Church Park. We will observe Mars and Venus and various stars and clusters. There will be an 8" and a 10" telescope there. If you have a telescope, bring it as well.

3.) Friday is water day. We will again have a large inflatable water slide from Mid America Moonwalks.

4.) Friday ends with a closing program and lunch. If possible, it will be held at the Zion Church Park.

We are still 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.

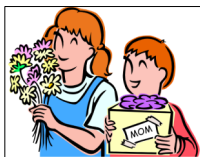


National Day of Prayer, May 4

National Day of Prayer (<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>) is on the first Thursday in May - May 4. The prayer service starts at 11:30 a.m. and will last about 30 minutes.

We will have a special Prayer Service for: 1) Government (Federal, State, and Local), 2) Military, 3) Media, 4) Business, 5) Education, 6) Church, and 7) Family.

In this time of national chaos, confusion, division and instability, pray for our nation by joining us at Zion as we take our concerns to the LORD. Remember **1 Timothy 2:1ff**, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way."



Mother's Day, May 14

Mother's Day (May 14) is a special day to honor our MOTHERS, which is in accord with the fifth commandment (**Exodus 20:12**, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you"). We will lift up our mothers as well as our women of faith in Worship and give each of them a gift of love to show our appreciation.

I encourage you to open your Bible to **Proverbs 31:10-31** and read it. Listed below are just 2 of the verses (28-29) listed above:

*"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
'Many women do noble things, but you surpass.'"*

Mother's Love

<i>Her love is like an island In life's ocean, vast and wide, A peaceful, quiet shelter From the wind, the rain, the tide.</i>	<i>By tender Counsel on the South And on the East by Rest.</i>
<i>'Tis bound on the North by Hope, By Patience on the West,</i>	<i>Above it like a beacon light Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer; And through the changing scenes of life I find a haven there.</i>
	Author Unknown



Pentecost / Memorial Sunday, May 28

Come to worship on May 28 as we celebrate Pentecost and Memorial Sunday.

Pentecost is 50 days after Passover (in the Old Testament), which has been superseded by Good Friday / Easter (in the New Testament). In the Old Testament God's people gathered at Mt. Sinai and received the gift of God's Law (**Exodus 19-20**). In the New Testament, followers of Jesus gathered in the Upper Room and received the gift of the Holy Spirit - who writes the Law of God upon the hearts of Jesus' followers (**Acts 2**).

We will also celebrate Memorial Sunday, honoring those who gave their lives in service to the United States, through our Military - Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Air Force.

Worship in the Park - Sunday, June 4



On Sunday, June 4, Worship will be at the Church Park (note the time - at 11:00 a.m. - and the location - at the Church Park, just south of town at 840 S. Jefferson St.). Note: Bring your lawn chairs to worship.

After worship, we will have a picnic in the park. Council will provide the meat, bread, condiments, paper plates, plastic ware, napkins, lemonade, ice tea, and water. So just bring a side dish to share. If your last name begins with the letter **A through H**, please bring a dessert. If it begins with the letter **I through Z**, please bring a side dish.

A variety of games & activities for the kids are being planned. The snow cone machine will be there. And we will have a piñata full of candy.

We also are planning games and activities for adults. Sign up is in Riess Hall. Other games will include washers, dominos and a variety of card games. Please add your ideas to the suggestion sheet in Riess Hall, and add if you would be willing to organize a specific game or activity.

Plan on enjoying a wonderful day at our Church Park, worshipping and praising our Lord God, and enjoying good fellowship, food, and fun with brothers and sisters in Christ.

PS - Please bring a canned good or another item for Millstadt's Food Pantry.



Summer Worship in the Park Starting June 11

Worship in the Park is so successful that Zion's Council has decided to return to the Park for this summer, starting June 11 at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we "Praise the LORD from the earth," (**Psalm 148:7ff**). Indeed, read all of **Psalm 148** as inspiration to Worship Him in the Park.

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2023 Millstadt Community Stellar Vacation Bible School
June 5th - 9th
Monday - Friday: 8:45 - noon
Closing Program at noon on Friday, June 9th
at the Church Park (840 S. Jefferson St.)
(more details to follow)

3 years of age (must be toilet trained) thru 5th grade
Cost: \$15 first child; \$10 second child; \$5 for third child

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games • Super-fun snacks •
Surprising adventures • Incredible music

2nd thru 5th graders will build and fly model rockets!
An evening of star and planet (Venus and Mars) viewing!
Water Slide on Friday!

It would be very helpful to have this form returned to us as soon as possible to aid us in planning for VBS and to expedite registration on the first day. We're looking forward to having your child join us!

Parent(s): _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Second Contact Person, if any: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Phone of second contact: _____

Church affiliation, if any: _____

1. Child's name: _____ Tee Shirt Size: _____

Grade Completed: _____ Date of Birth: _____

My child would like to be with his/her friend: _____

Allergies/pertinent medical issues: _____

2. Child's name: _____ Tee Shirt Size: _____

Grade Completed: _____ Date of Birth: _____

My child would like to be with his/her friend: _____

Allergies/pertinent medical issues: _____

Available Shirt Sizes: YXS, YS, YM, YL, YXL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2X, A3X

Put additional children on back



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**CHURCH
COUNCIL**

**Council Meeting
April 10, 2023**

Meeting opened in a prayer by Pastor Darrell at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Sherry Wynn, Rich Hoffmeyer, Mary Lou Peter, Charlotte Mehrrens, Annette Hund, Barb Scharf, Kurt Pellmann, Betty Keller Timmer; guest Randy Eckert, Pastor Darrell, and Office Administrator Amanda Friedrich. President Kurt Pellmann called meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report Office Administrator Amanda Friedrich presented the Treasurer's Report. Everything was found to be in order. Barb made a motion, Annette seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Guest Randy Eckert presented checks for \$80,195.26 for the church, park, and cemetery from the Jim and Mary Eckert Estate. Their name will be added to the In Loving Trust Window.

Minutes Rich made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou to accept the minutes; motion carried.

Pastor's Report Pastor has been busy during Holy Week preparing for Palm Sunday and Confirmation for Jacob Doerr, Maundy Thursday, and the Good Friday Cross Walk with other area churches. Sisters in Faith filled over 600 Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning.

Pastor did 7 Nursing Home and 9 Easter home visits, serving Communion, during March. He did Bible Studies at Garden Place and the Senior Center. He does Worship/Communion service the second Tuesday at Garden Place. He performed the baptism of Mabry Grace Timmerman, son of Zachary and Mallory (Scharf) Timmerman. He did the funeral service for Anna Lee Fischer.

On Wednesday, April 19th, the Evangelical Association Pastors and Church Leaders will be meeting at Zion for a get-together. Barb Made a motion to accept Pastor's Report, seconded by Sherry; motion carried.

Volunteer Ministries Sherry reported that the church will have a cake stand at the Millstadt Fireman's Picnic June 9th & 10th. Members are asked to donate cakes. More information will follow or contact Sherry or Kathy Pellmann.

Missions Mary Lou reported that giving is very good. She also reported that the Mission for Compassion for Kids needs \$912 per year to support the 2 children we support, or \$76 per month.

Property rich reported that 5 new smoke detectors have been installed, the trees have been planted at Freivogel Cemetery, and the fence will be added soon. The fence is being paid for by the Jim and Mary Eckert Estate.

The tower lights both need to be replaced. The total cost is \$2,945.00 with Glaezer Electric doing the work. Rich made a motion, and Annette seconded to take the funds from the Marilyn Fischer fund; motion carried.


Old Business Discussion about the Lenten Service meals and the attendance was held. We discussed what we need to do in the coming year.

New Business It was decided that Council will start taking up the offering again. We will start on Sunday, April 23rd.

There was also discussion on a Community Easter Egg Hunt by Zion on the Saturday before Easter next year.

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Rich; motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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



The restrooms at the Park have been opened. The water has been turned on, but we found a water leak. A fitting was cracked and is now repaired. We have not been able to work on the bridge - too wet and muddy to get to it. Be we hope to get to it soon.

The guys planted 8 trees on the south side of the Cemetery. We had big help from Michael Kleinschmidt for digging the tree holes with his digging machine. Saved a lot of work. Thanks Michael!

The metal commercial shelves have been installed in the shed. We want to thank Danny Doerr for giving us the spare parts that we needed to finish the job.

We were invited to come out to Kathi and Rich Trent's to pick up items out of their garage. About 3 pick-ups should work. Well, after 6 pick-ups and a trailer, we were done. But we did get some sheets of plywood and 10 folding tables. Must thank them for lunch.

The new riding mower has been ordered. It will be here in a few weeks. It will be paid for out of the Mower Fund which got the money from Z Team fundraisers like the Yard Sale, Trivia Nights, and private donations.

Remember the Yard Sale on May 6th. Call the office (476-1778) if you have items that need picked up or bring them to the church garage Tuesday mornings.

The Z Team and Freivogel Cemetery received a generous memorial donation from Mary and Jim Eckert Estate.

It is good to hear that Ginger Bourn, Anne Tegtmeier, and Gary Helfrich are all back home.

We miss Ray Hohlt and hope you are back soon!

Gary Shondy



Sisters in Faith

Sharing our love for God and each other.

Sisters in Faith Meeting
April 6, 2023

Our April meeting had 16 ladies in attendance. Bredeaux pizza, salad and dessert was served for lunch. Linda Hopfinger read the devotional

“Faith and Good Works” to open the meeting.

Pastor Report: Ginger Bourn was home from the hospital; Gary Helfrich was at Memorial Hospital in the ICU suffering from dehydration; Ann Tegmeier was in the hospital with a respiratory infection.

Easter Agenda is as follows: Maundy Thursday dinner/service; Good Friday will be the Cross Walk; Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM, followed by 8:00 AM breakfast, 9:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt and then 10:00 AM Service.

Treasurer’s Report: Recent expenses included the purchase of two new Church banners and supplies for the May Spring Luncheon. Raffle ticket sales from Trivia night totaled \$86.

Committee Reports:

Bereavement: Mary Lou Peter said that they ran out of food for Anna Lee Fischer’s funeral luncheon but was able to order more from IGA.

Food Pantry: Patti French reported that finances are good.

Cards: Elaine Morris said she sent out anniversary cards and thanked everyone for their VBS donations

Old Business

Spring Luncheon:

Linda Hopfinger reported a lot of things were done in advance. There was discussion regarding the luncheon menu and it was decided it will be: fried chicken, potato salad, slaw, a skewer with fruit, and dessert to consist of cookies, lemon poppy seed bread and mini cupcakes. The raffle boutique baskets will be put together and anyone can donate cash if they choose not to donate a basket. The \$15 luncheon fee should be paid by May 1 and it will include the meal plus one ‘free’ raffle boutique ticket.

New Business

Our May 4th meeting is election of officers. All seats are up for replacement.

May 6 will be the Village Yard Sale. Rather than price every single item it was decided that a ‘free will offering’ be made on the smaller stuff with larger items having a price attached.

Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 PM there will be a Tea Party at the library. The \$25 ticket includes three courses and can be purchased at Zion.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 4th at noon. We will have subway sandwiches with members bringing sides and desserts.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Merhtens, Substitute Secretary

We are the
Hands of Christ



Missions Article for May

Our May mission is **Feed My Starving Children**, which we began in September of 2022.

Feed My Starving Children (www.fmssc.org) **Feeding kids. Feeding spirits. Empowering communities.** Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old. From this data, we estimate at least 6,200 children die each day from causes related to undernutrition. This is heartbreaking

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.

FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

FMSC’s MISSION - Feeding God’s starving children hungry in body and spirit.

THE APPROACH - Our process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved!

Since our founding in 1987, Feed My Starving Children has given hope in Jesus’ name in the form of nutritious Manna Pack meals to so many who are hungry around the world. We ask His blessing and your support in the years ahead as we continue on, until all are fed.

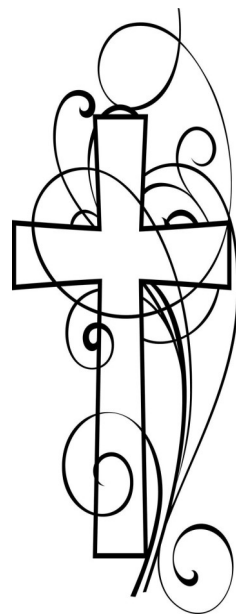
Thank you for your generous support of our April mission, **Compassion International**. We support 6-year-old Derick from Guatemala and 8-year-old Johayris from the Dominican Republic. Our support totals \$76 a month, for a total of \$912 a year.

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.



HAPPY Mother’s DAY



Jacob Doerr



CLASS OF 2023



Congratulations to all our Graduates!
Preschool, kindergarten, grade school,
high school, and college!
Congratulations on a job well done!



Dear Zion Church,

Thank you for the \$508 donation to the Millstadt Food Pantry. Your constant devotion has touched many lives in the Village. You are truly the hands of Christ doing good work for his people.

Blessings,
The Pantry

PRESCHOOL

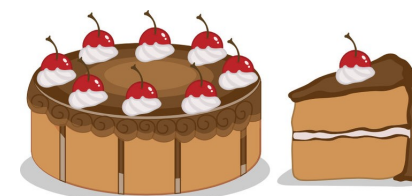
We are currently accepting registrations for our 2023-2024 preschool year. Enrollment is limited to children who will be 3 or 4 by September 1, and who are fully potty trained.

Sessions are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Monthly fee: \$200

Non-refundable registration fee of \$50 and one time supply fee of \$50.

Call the Church office at 618-476-1778 for more information.



Sherry Wynn and Kathy Pellmann are co-chairing a “Win a Cake” Stand at the Millstadt Fireman’s Picnic on June 9th and 10th. They will need volunteers to bake cakes and volunteer workers. All proceeds will go to Zion. More details to come!

Upcoming Events

Yard Sale	May 6
Sisters in Faith Spring Luncheon	May 10
Church in the Park/Picnic	June 4
VBS	June 5-9
Start of Summer Worship Schedule	June 11
Z Team Barbeque	June 25



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



Saturday, May 6th

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Looking to declutter your home?

Send unwanted items our way.

Drop off Tuesday mornings or call the Church office (476-1778) to schedule a pickup for bigger items.

Zion Church is located at:

117 West White Street, Millstadt

Worship and Picnic in the Park



Sunday, June 4

11:00 a.m.

Church Park: 840 S. Jefferson St

What to bring:

Lawn chairs

Dessert (last name A-H) or

Side Dish (last name I-Z)

Something to drink



Join us for Worship in the Park on Sunday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m. followed by a church picnic. Meat, paper products, cutlery, condiments, lemonade, iced tea and water will be provided. There will be a variety of games and activities for young and old - please plan on joining us for fun and fellowship!

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 MAY

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Pray for strength and healing for the following:

Bruce Alberter, Donna Altemeier, Wanda Basse, David Becherer. Marilyn Beil, Roche Beine, Cindy Bertelsmann, Roberta Billhartz, Ginger Bourn, Lindsay Bourn and Family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Eileen Brovan, Bob Cotter, Roger Davis, Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother), Wayne and Tricia DeCloux, Bill Ditch, Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-In-Law), Mark Eckman, Gary Franke, Fritz Fritzingler, Lynn Gass, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Greg, Pearl Griebel, Baby Adalyn Harres, Bart Hood, Mary Hund, 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 Mehrtens, Lindsay Mueller, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketaut, Bruce Reese, Dottie Rickard, Joesphina Riemann, 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. 54

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.

May

Cornbread Mix
Canned Vegetables
Paper Towels
Jello or Pudding

June

Laundry Supplies
Cake Mixes/Frosting
Hamburger Helper

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.



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



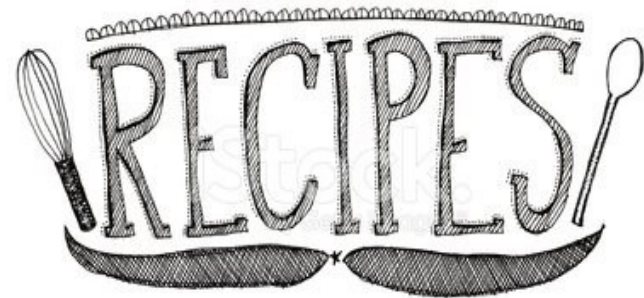
After party at Ott's Tavern, 20 East Washington, Millstadt

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.



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	\$17,094.66	\$19,876.48	\$ (2,781.82)	\$ 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	\$ 55,804.84	\$ 76,805.89	\$ (21,001.05)	\$ 245,304.00	\$ 233,946.94	\$ 291,197.25



Easy Apple Coleslaw

- 3 cups chopped cabbage
- 1 unpeeled red apple, cored and chopped
- 1 unpeeled Granny Smith apple, cored and chopped
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- Dressing:
 - 1/3 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/3 cup brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Mix all dry ingredients together; mix dressing. Combine until evenly coated. Enjoy!



ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

MONTH	ONLINE AVE. 2023	IN PERSON AVE. 2023
January	10	68
February	8	69
March	5	70
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Christmas Eve		
Year-to-Date	8	69



May Birthdays



Lucy Mehrtens	05/01	Alex Pellmann	05/13	Christopher French	05/20
Larry Muskopf	05/02	Debbie Gibson	05/14	Kurt Tegmeier	05/20
Alexandra Watson	05/05	Roger Keim	05/14	Patricia Dillon	05/22
Darren Gruenewald	05/06	Paula Scharf	05/14	Robert Yagge	05/22
Eric Wolfmeier	05/07	Brian Smallwood	05/14	Charlene Faulbaum	05/24
Stephen French	05/08	Dominic Caponi	05/15	Brayden Vogel	05/24
Mya Wirth	05/08	Paige Mundy	05/15	Logan Weaver	05/24
Lester French	05/10	Jodi Stumpf	05/15	Emily Fulton	05/26
David Harres	05/10	Jeri Arnold	05/16	Adam Hubbs	05/26
Joan Lang	05/10	Angela Dickerson	05/16	Rachel Little	05/28
Wayne Muskopf	05/12	Regena Pauketat	05/19	Carli Tastad	05/31

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

The Rehab. Institute Of So. IL

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