

A photograph of a field of daisies with a red polka-dot pitcher in the foreground. The pitcher is filled with a bouquet of daisies. The background is a lush green field with more daisies and trees.

Sisters in Faith

*Sharing our love for God
and each other*

All Creation Sings God's Praise

Officers 2023 – 2024

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THE LADIES SOCIETY HISTORY

Always in the history of the church, devoted Christian women have made contributions of inestimable value to the cause of the Kingdom of God. They have willingly given of time, talent and material resources. Their interest and consecration have been a strong sustaining influence in the life of many congregations. This is true also at Zion. Since 1870, under the pastorate of Rev. Zeller, the ladies society has been the right hand of the congregation and has laid many an offering on the altar for the advancement of the Master's work.

The early minutes are not available and the exact time of its organization is not known. It is certain, however, that the Ladies Guild has existed and been active for a period of over 150 years. Prior to that there were certain charitable activities that had been promoted by women of the congregation but they did not seem to have been formally organized.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Faith,

Our God is an Awesome God!

It is an exciting time at Zion to grow in our faith and share our hopes and love in Christ. We begin 80 years of serving our lord through our work here at Zion.

We are always ready to help with whatever needs to be done and we deeply appreciate everyone helping. This past year we had some new members come and join us and we are very happy to have them be a part of our Sisters in Faith.

Our rotating meeting schedule of 3 months on and 3 months off has been working great. We don't have to worry about the ladies getting out in bad weather and we have the summer months off. We invite the ladies of Zion to come join in the fellowship and share your love of Christ with us. Many things are planned for this coming year and we look forward to you being a part of them.

We will again be having our Cabin Fever Retreat on January 20, 2024. Plan on being a part of socializing with other ladies from our area who join us for a fun and relaxing girl's day out. Come learn and enjoy a day planned just for you.

We will be having our Spring Luncheon on May 8, 2024. The theme for this year will be decided at the September meeting, so come to the meeting and share your ideas with us.

So, can we count on you to come and be a part of our group in serving the Lord at Zion Church? There is always something that we can do together and share our love of the Lord. Hope you will come and join us.

Grace, Peace and Blessings to each of you,

Charlotte Mehrtens, President

SISTERS IN FAITH

We welcome all who wish to join us as the Sisters in Faith is open to all women. The format is inspirational, informational, and entertaining. We are thankful to God for every year we have had our women's ministry, serving Him for 80 years. We also thank all church members who help us carry out our ministry with their support, time, talent, and prayers. Any donations and all monies go toward church missions, including youth activities, Fellowship Hall and kitchen equipment. Our fiscal year is from June to May. We are open to any ideas or suggestions.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held in autumn (September, October, and November) and spring (March, April, and May). This is easy to remember: 3 meetings, 3 off, 3 meetings, 3 off. We enjoy both a summer and a winter break. All meetings are held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month and will begin at 12:00 noon. Each meeting will include a lunch followed by devotions and the business meeting. Socializing will follow. Dates and times of meetings are enclosed in this booklet, but may be subject to change.

DUES

Dues for the year 2023-2024 year should be paid by November, 2023. Amount of dues is voluntary by each member.

SISTERS IN FAITH PURPOSE

To unite all women of Zion Church in Christian Fellowship while sharing, caring and giving in our homes, church, community, nation and world.

SISTERS IN FAITH COLORS

Along with a new name, comes new colors! The Sisters in Faith colors will be magenta and green ~ vigor and new life.

- ◆ Magenta, being the complimentary color of green, is vibrant and alive. It is meant to demonstrate our love for God and each other.
- ◆ Green symbolizes new life and rebirth. Our fellowship in Sisters in Faith should awaken us to the endless possibilities of reviving love, hope and caring in our church and community.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES 2022-2023
With Chairpersons Identified

ALTAR FLOWERS

Charlotte Mehrtens (618-978-2655)

--Members change the altar decorations on a monthly basis. Per your discretion, new flowers can be purchased and will be reimbursed by Sisters in Faith. Make sure the altar is clean and free of wax.

Jan/Feb	Patti French	Sept/Oct/Nov	Linda Hopfinger
March/Apr/May	Judy Sutter	Dec	Christmas Decorations
June/July/Aug	Debbie Doerr		

QUILTING

Judy Sutter (618-806-2925)

--This group meets Thursdays at 9AM in the quilting room off Riess Hall. They will call our attention to any needs they require.

CHURCH KITCHEN

Ginger Bourn (476-7418)

--Maintains kitchen equipment, utensils, dishes and supplies.

BEREAVEMENT

Mary Lou Peter (618-719-8077) & Committee

--This committee handles funeral luncheons for families of church members upon request. They will contact the family in order to plan a menu and tell the family what our organization provides. This committee provides kitchen help, drinks, paper supplies, table setup, serving and clean up.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH / FOOD PANTRY Patti French (618-660-4255)

--This committee oversees the collection and distribution of donated items to our church for the benefit of the Millstadt Food Pantry.

CREATIVE SOULS

Elaine Morris (476-7414)

--This group makes and sends cards (birthdays over 65, certain anniversaries, get well, and sympathy) to active Zion Church members.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Kay Mehrtens (618-792-3138)

USHERS

Mary Lou Peter (618-719-8077)

--This person is responsible for getting ushers to hand out bulletins and pass the collection basket the 4th Sunday of each month.

SISTERS IN FAITH FALL MEETINGS AND SCHEDULE

September 7, 2023 12:00 Noon

- Luncheon -- Committee will provide; members bring dessert
- Devotions -- Kay Mehrrens or Pastor Weber
- Business Meeting
 - Welcome
 - Minutes of previous meeting, Correspondence, Treasurer's Report
 - New, Old or Unfinished Business
 - Member Donations and Member Information Up-dates
 - Review of Program and Committees
 - Other Business / Open Floor
 - October Luncheon / Ushers - 4th Sunday of month / Sept. Birthdays

October 5, 2023 12:00 Noon

- Luncheon -- Committee Choice
- Devotions -- Kay Mehrrens or Pastor Weber
- Business Meeting
 - Minutes of Previous Meeting, Correspondence, Treasurer's Report
 - New, Old or Unfinished Business
 - Other Business / Open Floor
 - November Luncheon/Ushers - 4th Sunday of month/ Oct Birthdays

November 2, 2023 12:00 Noon

- Luncheon -- Committee Choice
- Devotions -- Kay Mehrrens or Pastor Weber
- Business Meeting
 - Minutes of Previous Meeting, Correspondence, Treasurer's Report
 - New, Old or Unfinished Business
 - Other Business / Open Floor
 - December's Christmas Party
 - Ushers - 4th Sunday of month / Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb Birthdays

December 7, 2023 12:00 Noon
Christmas Party with entrée provided by IGA
Members bring sides/cookies and \$10 gift for exchange

WINTER BREAK
BACK MARCH 7, 2024 FOR SPRING SESSION

January 20, 2024 9:00 - 2:00
Cabin Fever Retreat - "Old Hags Doing New Hacks"

March 4, 2024 12:00 Noon

Luncheon -- Committee Choice
Devotions – Kay Mehrtens or Pastor Weber
Business Meeting
 --Minutes of Previous Meeting, Correspondence, Treasurer’s Report
 --New, Old or Unfinished Business
 --Other Business / Open Floor
 --April’s Luncheon / Ushers - 4th Sunday of month / Mar Birthdays

April 4, 2024 12:00 Noon

Luncheon -- Committee Choice
Devotions – Kay Mehrtens or Pastor Weber
Business Meeting
 --Minutes of Previous Meeting, Correspondence, Treasurer’s Report
 --New, Old or Unfinished Business
 --Other Business / Open Floor
 --May’s Luncheon / Ushers for 4th Sunday of month / Apr Birthdays

May 2, 2024 12:00 Noon

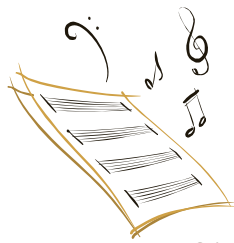
Luncheon -- Committee Choice
Devotions – Kay Mehrtens or Pastor Weber
Business Meeting
 --Minutes of Previous Meeting, Correspondence, Treasurer’s Report
 --New, Old or Unfinished Business
 --Discussion of Ladies Spring Luncheon
 --Other Business / Open Floor
 --Ushers for 4th Sunday of month / May, Jun, Jul, Aug Birthdays

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:00 Noon
Spring Luncheon

SUMMER BREAK
BACK SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 FOR FALL SESSION

The Lord's Prayer

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



Sisters in Faith Closing Song

Heavenly Father we beseech thee.
Grant Thy blessings as we part.
Take us in Thy care and keeping.
With thy love fill every heart.