

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Finding Our Way to New Beginnings

Please visit our website at zionhuron.org for “everything Zion” and our Facebook page for general updates and streaming of Sunday services. Check the bulletin boards for information, flyers, and sign-up sheets for all current events!

WHAT’S NEW!

Flowers

Today’s altar flowers are dedicated with thankfulness by the Ways and Means Committee to our Zion family for sharing in God's blessings.

Thanksgiving Offering Boxes will be available in the narthex of the church beginning October 22. Fill your boxes with coins and return the Thank Offering box to church the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26th. Lutheran Social Services and LIRS will be the beneficiaries of your generosity!

Commitment Sunday

The Ways and Means Committee thanks all who participated and helped with the breakfast last week. The Holy Spirit was working overtime. We appreciated the report from the Transition Team outlining the progress and preparation for a pastoral call.

Dartball League!

The first match for the dartball team is on Monday, October 23 at 7:30pm. We will be playing against Venice1 at Venice. Games begin at 7:30pm. If anyone is interested in playing, please contact Paul Nabors at 440-315-5078 or Ed Hula at 419-706-4643.

All Saints’ Sunday is November 5. As we honor the saints who have gone before us on All Saints’ Sunday, we will name those who have died since our last All Saints’ Sunday and ring a bell in their honor. To add a name, please let the church office know by Thursday, October 26 via phone or email. In addition, if you would like to honor anyone who has died (in any year) you are invited to bring a picture to place on a table at the front of the sanctuary. During worship all present will be encouraged to light a candle of remembrance, if they choose. Together, let us honor the saints and all they have taught us.

Council Elections

There are 3 Council positions on the ballot in January: president, treasurer, and member-at-large. Persons currently holding these positions can run for re-election, but new volunteers are welcome and encouraged to run. Volunteers are also needed for the Trust Fund, Audit, and Nominating committees. These positions have a 2-year term. Please give this opportunity prayerful consideration and contact a council member for more information.

Newsletter Deadline

The submissions for the November Newsletter are due Monday, October 23 by noon.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Flower Chart 🌸 The 2023 Sign-up Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. For flowers celebrating a special occasion or in honor or memory of a loved one, please notify the church office so it can be properly listed in the bulletin. There are three options: (1) provide your own arranged flowers, (2) call Sweet Pea Florist (440-554-7984) for live floral arrangements at \$37.36 per side, or (3) have a set of our newly created silk flower arrangements placed on the altar for \$25.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY

Prayer is how we communicate with God. Those we hold in our fervent prayers include: Amber, Elyse, Jean Baughman, Merle Boldman, Joyce Boyes, Patty Eberhard, Kay Gilbert, Bryan Grigsby, Gary Harmon, Marge Harrold, Ben Hasenmeier, Shirley Hasenmeier, Kelly Klingelsmith, Sandie Kvasnika, Robin Landrus, Joe Lyren, Emma Mauric, Donna Morefield, Roger Munsterman, John Neuman, Dick Schenk, Pat Tomazic, Mathew Ward, those at risk for illness, health care workers, first responders, “essential” workers, and the homeless.

Circle of Love prays for our Zion families. Thank you to Jayne Battle and all our volunteers for being a part of this ministry. Our God listens and answers!

EVENTS & UPDATES

Transition Team Update

A subset of the Team, consisting of Tom and Sheila Preston, Leslie Foxworth, Mary Hahn, and Carol Opalka, studied Zion's mission statement. They discussed the purpose of a Mission Statement and the difference between a mission and vision statement. Zion's Mission Statement was read and analyzed for “action” words and repeating themes throughout. Other area churches’ mission statements were surveyed, as well as some from other parts of the United States. The revision was respectfully submitted at the October meeting, where Zion's Church Council approved the newly worded mission statement and addition of a vision statement.

Mission Statement:

“Love God by keeping His word and doing His work with our hands.”

Vision Statement:

"To continue to grow in worship, Christian education, fellowship, service to others, and to be welcoming to all."

HOW CAN I HELP?

Worship Volunteers Please sign up to help serve on Sunday morning! We would love to add more Greeters, Readers, Ushers, Communion Servers, and Technology Assistants! Contact Forrest Airhart at 419-366-2900 or Zion office 419-433-4711 or zionhuron@gmail.com with willingness or questions!

Thrivent members your Choice Dollars are such a blessing. These may be designated for the Sonshine Fund ministry to help the people of the Rye Beach area or for Zion Lutheran Church.

Osters Fund

Larger donations for the Oster relocation project may be made to the Erie County Community Foundation, Sandusky, to help pay for the larger expenditures. All funds will directly benefit the residents. You may donate online at Eriefoundation.org and click Oster/Rye Beach Assistance Fund.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Office hours are 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday - Thursday. If you need assistance after hours, please call 419-433-4711 and leave a message. You may also send an email to zionhuron@gmail.com. Messages and emails will be returned by the next business day. ***If you have need for pastoral care***, please contact the church office at 419-433-4711 or President Sean Resley at 419-515-3255.

Volunteers for 10/15/23 and 10/22/23

October 15, 2023

Mike Riggle	Greeter
Leo Kaufman	Reader
Forrest Airhart	Usher
Joyce Keane	Usher
Howard Carruthers	Tech. Assistant
Cindy Carruthers	Worship Monitor
Sue Ann Schmidt	Communion Wine/Juice

October 22, 2023

Joyce Keane	Greeter
Sigrid Ludemann	Reader
Sean Resley	Usher
Leslie Foxworth	Usher
Carol Opalka	Tech. Assistant
Forrest Airhart	Worship Monitor
Karen Munsterman	Communion Wine/Juice