



## A Message from Pastor Mathew

It was a nice summer evening. A man and his wife decided to go out and relax on their wrap around porch, each choosing to sit on opposite sides. On the wife's side, she could hear the neighboring church choir practicing a gorgeous rendition of an old hymn. On the husband's side, he looked out into an open field and was peacefully listening to the crickets chirping merrily. The wife called out, "Isn't that just the finest sound you ever could hear?" Her husband called back, "Yes, you're absolutely right. And to think they do it all by rubbing their legs together."

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Ah, yes, the sound of two choirs giving praise to their creator. The re-sounding praise echoes across our planet and, if you think about it, never stops. It may be a quiet night on one side of the world but on the other, it is well and loud with the music of creation. As we get back into the fall season here at Zion, I'm ever mindful of what brings us back together. Is it Sunday school? Is it Bible studies? Is it the choirs starting up again? Is it just coming back to church after a long summer of vacations? Partly, yes. But, more importantly, what brings us back is our desire to give our thanks and praise to our creator. After a time of rest, it is time to pick up once again where we may have left off and let our song of praise in worship be renewed. We renew it each time we confess our sins, each time we profess the creed, each time we kneel in prayer, and each time we join in singing a hymn together.

Psalm 98:4 says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Break forth into joyous song and sing praises." I'll let you in a secret of mine. I'm a lover of sound and there are a few sounds in worship that speak especially to me and they are probably not ones you think of. When the congregation stands and you hear the creaking of pews, the shuffling of feet, the deep breaths that give power to move, I love that sound. There's another sound in worship that I love. You can hear it during the readings. It's the synchronized page turning as our eyes are fixed on the Word of God. It's a beautiful sound. You'd think I'd love the sound of singing, the sound of the organ or keyboard. Oh, I do love those sounds. But I love the sounds that often get passed over too, sounds that remind all of us that we are gathered as one together to give honor and praise to our God who created us, who has come to us, who has redeemed us through Jesus, and who has called us to live out lives of joyful praise even outside of worship. Let's do that. Let's gather together as the fall begins. Let's go out making a joyful noise of praise to the Lord.

God's peace,

Pastor Mathew



*Come, let us sing for  
joy to the LORD; let  
us shout aloud to  
the Rock of our  
salvation.*

*Psalm 95:1*

### **OUR MISSION: WHY WE EXIST**

To bring people into a covenantal relationship with the Lord (Matthew 28:19-20), and to equip them for personal growth and impact.  
Ephesians 4:11-26



Children's Sunday School (Age 0 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
in Fellowship Hall – beginning September 10

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ADULT CLASSES BEGIN 10/1/23



## Angelus Ringers & Zion Voices

Rehearsals are MONDAYS, beginning  
**September 11** – 6:00 & 7:15p.m.

## Prayer Concerns

Eric Bedont  
Corey Fischer  
Bill Greiner  
Pat Jason  
George Langford  
Shirley Mosticone  
Janice Reed  
Glenn Ribblett  
Suzanne Roberts  
Pat Sheridan

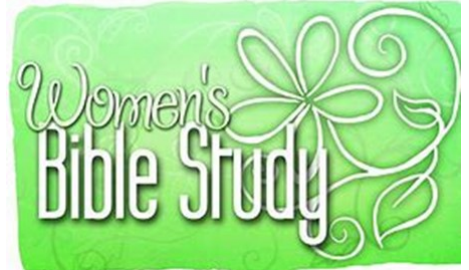
## YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth ministry held an Ice Cream Social “**Youth is Going Places**” on Sunday, August 27 following the Worship Service. Those who attended had the opportunity to learn more about Zion's new Youth Ministry for grades 6-12. If you are interested in learning more, there is a handout and calendar available and information will be shared in next month's newsletter.

## SEPTEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Alexander Reck	September 4, 2011
Lola Hast	September 5, 2021
Peyton Hill	September 13, 2020
Bennett Buechel	September 24, 2016
Bailey Reck	September 25, 2016

\*If we are missing your child's baptism date, please advise the church office.



### Women's Weekly Evening Bible Study

Sept 7— Oct 26, 2023  
7-8 PM

This study will be based on Jesus Calling by Sarah Young, focusing on trusting Jesus to meet our needs.

### Gathering in the Word

Register for 1 or both studies on Zion's website or by calling the church office.

Books may be picked up at the church office with no charge.

### Women's Monthly Daytime Bible Study

Starts Sept. 14, 2023  
2nd Thursday of the month  
10—11 AM

This study will focus on rejoicing in the Lord throughout the book of Philippians.

*Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.*

*Proverbs 3:13*



**School Kits for Lutheran World Relief**

Many children around the world cannot go to school unless they provide their own supplies. Please help the Zion Quilters fill the 100 backpacks they made by providing school supplies or a monetary donation. Checks should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church with "LWR School Kits" written on the check or envelope. Thank you for your prayers and donations.



**Each School Kit Contains**

4-70/80 page spiral notebooks	1-blunt scissor
5-blue or black pens (no gel),	1-2 1/2 inch eraser
5-#2 unsharpened pencils with eraser	1-12 inch ruler
1-box of 24 count crayon	

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

If you are a parent of a student beginning or returning to college, please provide the office with his/her address so that Zion may keep in touch and provide your student with a small gift.

## Ministry of Disciple Life *Karen Stoddart*

The newly formed Ministry of Disciple Life has been very busy this spring/summer.



After the NALC Packing Event on Palm Sunday, we hosted two Community Clothing Exchanges, (June and August), two Saturday Night Cookouts, Life-to-Life Disciple Training and our continued support of the Stewart Ave Food Bank.

The Community Clothing Exchanges were well received. We have over 80 families that participate in this event. The kindness is overwhelming. A **big thank you** to our members who help with this event, and also to BMF for supporting this event with funding for clean underwear.

Our Saturday night cookouts are becoming a real social event. Everyone attending appreciates the good food and new relationships made, and old relationships deepened. Again, **thank you** to all the volunteers, whether you brought food or helped in setting up or cleaning up.



The [Life-to-Life](#) Disciple Training is [an intense](#) course about Discipleship. This is the first time Pastor Mathew has led this series. Part 1 was held in the spring and Part 2 will start in August. This is what the NALC says about this training:

"The DNA of the NALC is to make disciples. As it has been said: "We should walk so close to the master, that we wear the dust of his footsteps upon our robes..." This describes well what following our Lord Jesus ought to look like. In this chaotic and thorn-filled world, it is not difficult to be distracted and lulled away from intimacy with the Lover of our souls, to that of the world. It is always healthier and life-giving when we walk alongside each other in mutual edification and consolation. It is always better to have a fellow traveler with you."

The Ministry of Disciple Life is truly a worthwhile Ministry. Come, join us. If interested in becoming a member, please seek out Vicky Thatcher or email her [@disciplelife@zlc Brentwood.org](mailto:@disciplelife@zlc Brentwood.org).

## ZION GOLF OUTING Sunday July 30 at Lindenwood Golf Course



Michael and Matthew Hast were the repeat winners. They chose to donate their winnings to Zion's air conditioning fund. THANKS!



*Thanks to the Morrows for sharing a picture of their trip to Hocking Hills, Ohio with Zion's newsletter!*

### **CONFIRMATION MINISTRY**

**With Pastor Mathew**

**GRADES 6-8**

**YOUTH ROOM  
SUNDAYS AT 9 AM**



## Grandma's Attic Saturday, August 5, 2023



With your donated treasures and our dedicated volunteers, our Grandma's Attic was a success, raising \$2102.00. This money along with last years' proceeds will be used to update the main floor bathroom.

As in all other years, the event required a good amount of volunteer time and energy to setup, organize, sell, and clean up after the event ended. Our remaining treasures were given to Spencer Methodist Church for their Fall Flea Market and to the Blessing Board, an organization who Zion supports.

Many thanks are given to the following people that worked to make the event a success: Linda Betler, Jan Capozzoli, Michelle Dodson, Dan Fisher, Valerie Fisher, Carolyn Giovannitti, Jim Hindes, Marilyn Hindes, Jan Kubit, Jean Mann, Glen Miske, Jennifer (Schlessman) Miske, Cara Mittenzwey, Harold Mittenzwey, Dani Richey, Joyce Riedl, Gary Schlessman, Craig Stauffer, Betty Jane Szydowski, Margie Tomasic, and Mary Watkins.

Thanks again to all who supported this annual event, and hopefully the 2024 sale will be an even bigger success.

Sandra Schlessman

### **ADULT MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY—October 15-20, 2023**

The Mid-Northeast Mission District is offering a mission trip to Kentucky to help rebuild with NALC Disaster Response after damage from tornadoes in 2022. The contribution for meals is \$150.00. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mathew for more information.

# ZION'S SUMMER PICNIC

August 13—South Park





## BRENTWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS (MOW) PROGRAM

The Brentwood Meals on Wheels (MOW) program has been operating for 53 years, and Zion has supported this program for many of those years. During 2022 our church donated \$4,000 from the BMF, and anticipates that our support will continue. Zion member Carol Succop has been involved with this program for many years and she offered insight as to where these funds are used. This program has five routes which deliver to Carrick, Baldwin, Brentwood, Whitehall and Pleasant Hills, and they typically deliver 50 meals per day to their clients. They serve both hot and cold meals to those clients, five days a week. The charge is \$6.00 per meal, but the program actually costs \$9.50. The difference is made up through donations from churches like Zion, and other organizations and individuals. The program has no government support. The only paid person for Brentwood MOW is the cook, all others are volunteers like Carol and Nancy Angelo. Rent to run this program is \$600 per month.



Zion members delivering the \$4000 donation to the MOW program on 12/14/22. From left to right: Pastor Mathew, Sandy Valenson (BMF Member), Mary Ruth Lachner (Brentwood MOW Treasurer, Nancy Angelo (MOW volunteer and Zion member), Carol Succop (MOW Volunteer and Zion member)