

# ZIONNEWS

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### PASTOR'S DEVOTIONAL

***"Thus says the LORD God: I will soon lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulder."*** (Isaiah 49:22)



The highlight of every summer in my hometown in New Jersey was our annual Fourth of July parade. It featured marching bands, floats, fire trucks, antique cars, and all sorts of marvelous sights and sounds. The parade route was always crowded, and if you didn't arrive before dawn chances are you wouldn't get a good place to view the parade. That's why my parents would always wake me up early every July 4<sup>th</sup> so that we wouldn't miss a single moment of this wonderful event. But even though we almost always got a good spot along the parade route, as a young boy I still had a problem seeing everything in the throngs that were standing at the side of Front Street (yes, there was a time when I wasn't this tall!); but this dilemma was solved when my father picked me up and placed me on his shoulders, so that I could see everything that was coming down the street on that great celebration day. Perched atop my father's shoulders, I was able to witness and appreciate what I could not have seen on my own.

I quickly outgrew being able to sit on my father's shoulders, but in many ways I am still being blessed by all that my parents – and so many other adults in my life – allowed me witness when I was a child. They were the people who raised me up so that I could see the wonders of God's creation; they were the ones who gave me a vantage point from which I could see that I was a part of a community that loved and supported each other; and they were my teachers and mentors who gave me a firm foundation in life and in faith so that I might be able to grow in stature and in understanding of who I am and what my place was to be in God's world. Even though I can physically stand on my own and witness with my own eyes all of the wonders that surround me, I am still standing on the shoulders of those who first lifted me up and carried me so that I could

experience all that they knew God had in store for me as one of God's beloved children.

As we celebrate our national holidays this month (and yes, we will be celebrating on both July 1 and July 4!), we give thanks for all of those people in our nation, in our community, in our families, and in our churches who were the ones who placed us on their shoulders, the ones who allowed us to witness all of the wonders of God's creation, and the ones who have given us the foundation upon which we have been able to build our lives. We give thanks for our ancestors who built our nation, our father and mothers who nurtured us and gave us a home and a heritage, and our ancestors in faith who gave us the ability to see and hear all that God has in store for us. As we celebrate with fireworks and parades, we also celebrate the saints who still carry us on their shoulders, even as we are now the ones to give our children the same opportunity to witness for themselves that we are truly living in a wonderful country, where we can see and hear for ourselves all of the wonders that God has in store for all God's children.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Jeff Laustsen



### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Though Zion's Sunday School is on summer break that doesn't stop people from preparing for the upcoming year which begins in September. Plans are already well underway and there will be lots of new events and activities to look forward to, not to mention some curriculum changes to meet our needs.

Of course, we need some new teachers. To say "yes" to teaching or for more information before you say yes, our Sunday School co-ordinators would love to hear from you. Please contact Mitzi Podann at [mitzianddoug@sympatico.ca](mailto:mitzianddoug@sympatico.ca) or 519-662-4856 or Tina Small at [tinasmall@gmail.com](mailto:tinasmall@gmail.com) or 519-273-3860.



### OPEN HOUSE!

The Walter Mueller family invite their neighbours and friends to celebrate with them Gisela's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Saturday, July 12 from 2-4 PM at the Griffith Auditorium, 643 West Gore St., (Spruce Lodge)

Best wishes only, please.

## JULY AND AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers assist with our Sunday morning worship services. Listed below are those who serve in July and August as a reminder and as a thank you for serving.

| Date    | Communion Assistants                | Greeters                | Readers         | Usher Captains   | Counting Captains |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| July 6  | Judith Hammond & Wayne Hinz         | Ed & Darlene Illman     | Bill Sylvester  | Brian Wilker     | Linda Weitzel     |
| July 13 | N/A                                 | Steve & Marg Lamont     | Marg Lamont     | Brian Wilker     | Linda Weitzel     |
| July 20 | Darlene Illman & Fritz Steigmeier   | Tim & Susan Iredale     | Mary-Lou Drown  | Fritz Steigmeier | Andrew Ehgoetz    |
| July 27 | N/A                                 | Paul & Janet Jeffery    | Liz Bomasuit    | Fritz Steigmeier | Andrew Ehgoetz    |
| Aug 3   | Sister Anne Keffer & Linda Springer | Gerald & Isabel Cook    | Melissa Tuer    | Steve Lamont     | Nancy White       |
| Aug 10  | N/A                                 | Robert & Bev Keutsch    | Bob Gladding    | Steve Lamont     | Nancy White       |
| Aug 17  | Sister Jean Widmeyer & Wayne Young  | Fred & Deb Kindler      | Kurt Gough      | Ed Illman        | June Junner       |
| Aug 24  | N/A                                 | Jeanette Lamb           | Linda Springer  | Ed Illman        | June Junner       |
| Aug 31  | N/A                                 | Wayne & Linda Faulhafer | Stephen Fischer | Wayne Hinz       | Audrey Miller     |

## FROM YOUR TREASURER...

As the summer holiday season fast approaches, we find we are looking at a deficit in our Current fund. Please keep in mind that the ministry and the day to day operations at Zion continue, uninterrupted, over the summer months and we need your continued support.

We do have a monthly "pre-authorized offering" program which is currently being used by many of our members; perhaps it might be of interest to you as well. Simply call the church office for more information.

Thank You and God Bless



**ZION GARAGE SALE**  
Zion is holding its annual  
**Garage Sale**

**Friday, July 11 at 12 noon**

Contributions of books, glassware, jewelry, dishes, tools, toys, games, etc. would be gratefully accepted.

Last day for donations is Monday, July 7, 12 noon.  
Please call church office 271-8527 any weekday morning for more info.

All proceeds of the sale will be to our Seniors Group.  
Thank You to all who have donated and helped out with the sale!!!