

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

### E100 Begins January 9<sup>th</sup>!

Please join us each Sunday during worship for the Essential 100 Challenge

Also, please join one of the discussion groups *currently* available:  
(More information is available on pages 2-3 of this newsletter)

Sundays @ 10:00AM in Zion's Adult Ed/Quilter Room

Mondays @ 7:00AM at the Coffee Gallery in Waterville

Wednesdays @ 6:30AM at Dino's Restaurant in Maumee

Thursdays @ 7:00AM in Zion's Conference Room

Thursdays @ 5:00PM in Zion's Library

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday January 30

11:45 after worship

### WORSHIP HOURS

Traditional Service 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:50 am

Contemporary Praise Service 10:45 am

### MOMENTUM! SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship with us every Sunday at 7:00 pm

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The E100 challenge is quickly approaching! As a reminder, E100 will begin January 9, 2011. E100 is a Bible reading plan built around 100 carefully selected, short Bible passages — 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. It is designed to help us get the big picture about God's Word and get into the habit of reading the Bible on a daily basis. E100 will last for 20 weeks, with five readings assigned each week. The readings are normally 1-2 chapters and can be completed in around 10 minutes. We will be talking about each week's readings on the following Sunday (so the first 5 readings titled "In the Beginning" will be covered on January 16).

A Bible and the E100 reading plan is all you need to participate in the E100 challenge. However, we strongly encourage everyone to take this challenge with at least one other person or as part of a small group, so that you can process your readings and help keep each other on track. Zion will offer several different small group opportunities throughout the week for people who are interested in taking the E100 challenge. So far, we have five discussion groups available, but more should be forming soon and will be announced in January. (Please remember that you can also start your own group or discuss the weekly readings with your family, friends or neighbors).

#### E100 Small Group Meeting Times and Locations:

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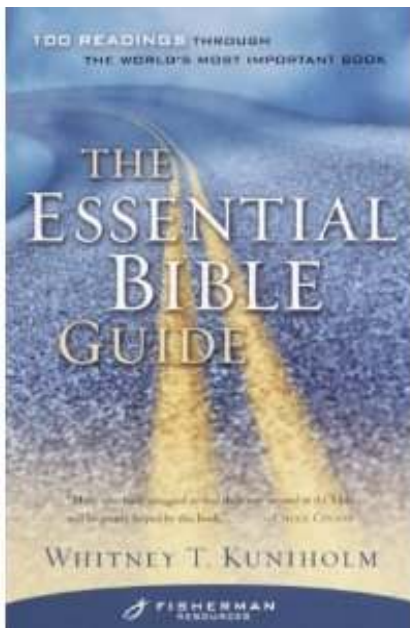
PLEASE READ THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE NOT SURE ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN E100. If you don't think you have time to join us on the E100 challenge, I pray that you will reconsider. No matter how busy we are, all of us can take 10-15 minutes, five days a week to spend time with the Lord by reading the Bible. If you are intimidated by the Bible or have struggled reading it in the past, look for a different Bible translation that is easier to read or check out an audio Bible from the Library to help you do the readings. It can also be helpful to join a discussion group so you see that everyone has questions and struggles, and everyone also has insights as we come together to talk about God's Word. Some of you have mentioned being reluctant to sign up for E100 due to travel and missing some of the 20 Sundays. If this is you, please know that you are still very much encouraged to sign up, as you can do the readings wherever you travel. You may even want to discuss the readings with others if you are traveling in a group. Also, Pastor Steve and I can email sermons that you missed so that you are able to 'catch up' with the discussion.

Our goal is to have at least 80% of the congregation involved in the E100 challenge (we currently have around 90 people signed up). Please help us reach this goal by letting us know that you are willing to participate in E100. You can call the office 419-878-0266, email [pastordan@zionwaterville.com](mailto:pastordan@zionwaterville.com), sign up on our website [zionwaterville.com](http://zionwaterville.com), or use the signup sheet in Zion's Family Life Center. Everyone who signs up will receive an E100 reading plan guide that includes a punch card to track your weekly readings. We hope that each person who takes the E100 challenge will also be part of a small group- either at church, at home or in our community, so that you will be able to talk through questions and help encourage each other to keep up with the reading. The challenge begins on Sunday January 9, so please sign up today and invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Trusting in God's Amazing Grace,

Pastor Dan

p.s. I have begun reading through the Essential Bible Guide and found it to be a very useful tool to enhance the daily readings, explain Scripture and challenge me to respond to God's Word. I highly recommend people picking up a copy of this book if they want to get the most out of E100.



*The Essential Bible Guide* is a great tool to enhance your experience with the E100 challenge. If you are someone who likes to have background information, guided questions and space for notes, this book is for you. *The Essential Bible Guide* takes you through the Old and New Testaments in 100 carefully selected readings so you'll see the big picture of the Bible. Each reading includes insightful reflections written in a warm and inviting style to help you reflect on what the Bible has to say to you today. It also includes overviews of the major Bible themes and an interactive review journal to record personal insights.

***The cost for the Essential Bible Guide is \$13.00.*** If you would like to place an order for the E100 Bible guide, please write your name on the signup sheet at Zion's Welcome desk or call the church office at 419-878-0266. Once again, this book is totally optional, but some people may wish to buy it to help them better understand and process the E100 readings. You will be contacted when the books are available for pickup.

## Same Lord, Same Faith, New Bible, New Hymnal

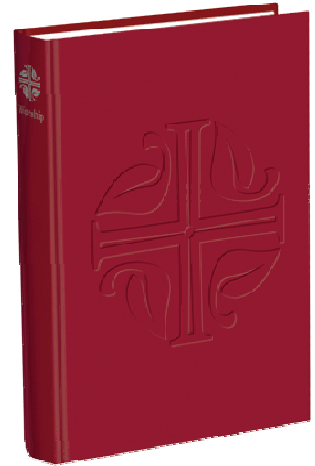
Many of you are aware that endowment funds were awarded in the fall of 2010 for the purchase of new NRSV Bibles and Evangelical *Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnals. Zion's Music and Worship committee recommended the purchase of new NRSV bibles and ELW hymnals to replace the existing LBW hymnals and RSV bibles. The LBW and RSV bibles have served us well for many, many years, but have long been in need of repairs or replacement. We were able to give away the RSV bibles to other churches this fall and held a dedication service for the new NRSV bibles on Reformation Sunday--the day we celebrate the Word of God being released for all people to read. Since that time, we have enjoyed reading from the new pew Bibles each Sunday morning. On January 9, we will finish this project by dedicating the new 'cranberry' colored ELW hymnals and retiring our green LBW and blue WOV hymnals. We are currently looking for a ministry that is in need of hymnals, so that we can donate the hymnals that are still in good condition to another congregation. However, if any of you are interested in taking home a LBW or WOV hymnal after January 9, you are welcome to do so. We pray this transition into a new hymnal will go smoothly and will enhance the worship life of our congregation.

We realize that with any change comes some level of anxiety and confusion, so we want to do all we can to make this an easy and even exciting transition for all of you. If you are concerned about the hymnal change, please take time to read through the summary article or the more detailed introduction to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which highlights the purpose and background of the ELW hymnal and lists what has and what has NOT changed. First, let us assure you that while the hymnal is new, the message is the same: we are here to worship Jesus Christ who died for us so that we could have eternal life and share his love with the world He created. Second, we want those of you who attend our traditional service to know that you will not need to suddenly learn an entirely new liturgy. The worship settings we currently use from the LBW are included in the new ELW.

Third, let us summarize what you will find in the ELW. More content: ELW has 10 communion settings – settings I and II from the LBW are carried over and eight brand new ones encompassing a wide variety of musical styles are added. It also includes all 150 psalms with new psalm tones for congregational singing, newly commissioned art work, 15 additional services (for morning, evening, and many other worship occasions), over 700 hymns and songs from traditional to brand new, and Martin Luther's Small Catechism. More emphasis on mission: The ELW has new prayers, hymn texts, and liturgies which invite us to a renewed emphasis on God's mission in the world-- Reminding us that our worship life does not just take place on Sunday mornings, but continues outside of our walls each day of the week. More weight--thankfully- NO. You won't need a wheel barrow to lug around a huge book, because of improvements in paper and printing technologies. It's a huge book (in terms of content) but the ELW is actually the same size as the LBW and printed in a larger font. It's a beautiful book. It's an amazingly diverse book. It's a book with something in it for everyone. For a more detailed explanation of the ELW, see the attached article titled "Introduction to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*."

New Year's Blessings--- Pastor Dan & Pastor Steve

## Introduction to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*



**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**, the cranberry hymnal, was published in October, 2006. Why a new hymnal? The Introduction (pp. 6-7) states, “The Christian assembly worships in the midst of an ever-changing world. And because the worship that constitutes the church is also the fundamental expression of the mission of God in the world, worship is regularly renewed in order to be both responsible and responsive to the world that the church is called to serve.” The Church is always in the process of translating the gospel into the vernacular. The green hymnal switched from “Thee” and “Thou” to “You” and “Your” when praying to God. This hymnal expands our worship language by using a variety of biblical images for God. All 150 Psalms in the book are a fresh translation by biblical scholars from our seminaries and elsewhere. Luther’s Small Catechism (pp. 1160-1167) was translated by Timothy Wengert in 2000. These and other changes are done to make this worship resource fresh and timely.

There are 10 musical settings to the basic text used for Holy Communion in our new hymnal. Why so many? Doesn’t this just confuse people? The Introduction to **ELW** (p. 7) states, “A growing awareness of the interrelatedness of the world, coupled with new understandings of the world’s diverse cultures, has had implications also for the church as the one body of Christ throughout the world. The use of language continues to develop in response to context and societal change, as does the use of more than one language in worship. Forms of musical expression have blossomed, and churches have embraced many of these forms for use in worship.” The 10 musical settings reflect this diversity. Congregations may choose the musical settings which they feel are best for them. African American Lutherans may choose Setting 6 which includes music from their heritage. Spanish speaking Lutherans might choose the Spanish words and music of Setting 7 (pp. 175-183). Congregations with a “contemporary service” might choose Setting 8 (pp.184-192) which presents the most well-known examples from the recent generation of this type of music together with music especially composed for **ELW**. The intent is to offer diversity and yet have a basic unity as we worship one Lord.

Our new hymnal uses the word “assembly” instead of “congregation”. Why? It’s because the Lutheran confessions describe the church in terms of the worshipping assembly. Article VII of the Augsburg Confession states, “It is also taught that at all times there must be and remain

one holy, Christian church. It is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel". "Assembly" expresses well the nature of the church as *ekklesia*, a Greek biblical word for the church, that has at its root the meaning "called out". The word "assembly" is also practical. Not everyone attending worship on a Sunday morning is a member of the congregation. Some are inquirers; some are visitors from other congregations. The word "assembly" includes them. The book is also used in the settings of a college campus, retreats, or church gatherings where people from many congregations are represented.

Our new hymnal may be confusing in regard to its organization. It is actually two volumes in one. The **first part** is resources for liturgical worship. Numbering in this part of the book is at the bottom of each page, and red tabs on the outside edge of the pages divide the major sections. The **second part** consists of resources for assembly song. It begins with all 150 psalms and then has service music and hymns with some national songs appended at the end. The numbering in this part of the book uses large numbers at the top of each item: red numbers for the psalms and black numbers for the service music, hymns and songs.

Are you aware that most of the liturgy in our new hymnal is grounded in Scripture? A section called SCRIPTURE AND WORSHIP (pp. 1154 – 1159) lists key biblical passages that shape the whole of the language through which God's people pray, sing and address both God and one another. For example, in the liturgy of Holy Communion we sing "Glory to God" with the angels from Luke's gospel or "This is the feast" using images and language from the Book of Revelation. We sing psalms and pray the Lord's Prayer which Jesus taught us. We gather around the table remembering "the night in which he was betrayed". We share the peace of Christ and with that same peace we are sent to "share the good news." Just as biblical preaching participates in the creating and transforming power of God's own word, so biblical language, imagery, and action draw us into God's saving story.

Our new cranberry hymnal provides us with new resources that were not included in the green hymnal. It provides the complete liturgies for Ash Wednesday, Sunday of the Passion, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. In addition there is a service of Healing, a service of Welcome to Baptism for those preparing for this sacrament, expanded prayer resources, informative introductions to services, and appendixes such as Luther's Small Catechism and a three year daily lectionary. Over 200 new hymns and worship songs have been

added. This doesn't mean that congregations need to use all of these, but the hymnal is a collection of materials that will provide most or all of what is needed for the assembly's worship.

Prayers are an important part of our new hymnal. A new three-year cycle of Prayers of the Day offers fresh ways of connecting with the biblical and liturgical context of every Sunday and festival. The Prayers of the Day appear as a separate section on pp. 18 – 63. Prayers for Worship are printed on pp. 64 -71 and Additional Prayers relating to Worship, the Church, Congregational Life, Mission, Civic Life, Government, Nations, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Creation, Life Passages, Daily Life, Healing, and Spiritual life are printed on pp. 72 – 87. Consider using some of these for your private devotions or when leading devotions for your family or a small group.

Our new hymnal includes over 700 hymns and songs. About three-fourths of them have the complete musical accompaniment so that we can sing them in harmony. A smaller number of the hymns have just the melody and text. Why? Some hymns are intended to be sung in unison rather than in parts. Also with just the single notes, the melody is easier to follow. Our hymnal contains more hymns for Holy Communion than in earlier resources. Some hymns have a refrain which lend themselves to meditative singing, for instance, as people are gathering or as Holy Communion is shared. Some hymns have at least one stanza of a second (usually original) language such as “Silent Night” (German) and “Children of the Heavenly Father.” (Swedish) Some hymns come from the international Christian community of Korea, China, and Africa. Our hymnal includes about 30 bilingual Spanish/English hymns, reflecting the fastest-growing part of our church today, and enriching us all.

In conclusion, there is an immense amount of resources packed into this relatively small hymnal. The **ELW** provides congregations with an incredible amount of flexibility, enabling them to shape their worship services in a way that matches their unique contexts. While much has changed from the LBW, the central things remain the same. While this new hymnal will be used in a variety of different ways, it will still be used for the same purpose- to give glory, honor and praise to God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE~

1. **Serve by helping take down Christmas decorations** on January 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am.
2. **Serve by singing or playing an instrument with Zion's Praise Team.** Practices will be Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm beginning in January.
3. **Serve by offering assistance to the elderly or homebound** – shoveling, painting, lifting etc.

**Please contact the church office if you have questions at 419-878-0266.**

### ATTENTION

**The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2011 following the 10:45 service. Annual Reports will be available in the Family Life Center on Sunday, January 16.**

### Keeping you posted...

- The ZLCW board unanimously voted to withdraw from the WELCA. We now meet for a monthly bible study on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in the conference room. Please join us!
- Because of HIPPA Privacy Laws, it is sometimes difficult for the church to know when someone is in the hospital. Please call the church office if you or a family member wishes to receive a pastoral call.
- Don't forget the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade hang out night on Wednesday evenings at the Youth House from 6:30-9pm.
- The Anger Management Support Group will now meet weekly on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the library. Men and women are welcome to join in fellowship of sharing experiences and learning methods for recovery. For more information contact Ken at 419-878-2559.
- Parents Helping Parents support group meets at 6:30pm every Thursday in the conference room.
- Compassionate Friends, a support and bereavement group for parents who have lost a child, meets in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade discipleship room the first Thursday of every month at 7pm.
- Just a reminder - council minutes and LBNs are available in the FLC for your review.

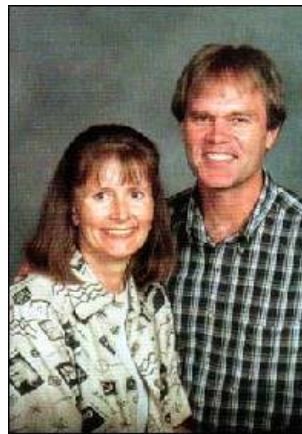
**Zion Lutheran Dartball** is underway! If you would like to play dartball or have questions, please contact Ron Danhauer at 419-877-0277.

January 10 – Maumee Methodist Purple – Home  
January 17 – Haskins Community – Away  
January 24 – Maumee Methodist Gold – Home  
January 31 – St. John's - Home



We are looking for people to volunteer to sign up for Sunday morning coffee hours. If you are interested or have questions please see or call John & Carol Rosebrock at 419-754-3751.

### MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT~



**Dr. Steve, Bethany, Shalai, Nyika, and Zaka Friberg**

**Dr. Friberg** is a pediatrician, and his mission assignment is "Rural Health Care." He travels from clinic to clinic throughout Tanzania providing medical care for all in need. His degree in pediatrics enables him to provide special care for children. He was raised in Africa, and his father was a Lutheran missionary. He plans to make mission ministry his lifetime work. Bethany coordinates a beadwork project with about 50 Maasai women that allows these women to support themselves and their children. Steve and Bethany have three children, twin boys Nyika and Zaka age 9 and a girl, Shalai, age 7.

Global Health Ministries, 7831 Hickory Street, NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432 763-586-9590 / [ghmoffice@cs.com](mailto:ghmoffice@cs.com) – [www.ghm.org](http://www.ghm.org)  
Please ask that your funds be directed to Maasai Dispensary Operations 79MD-P0001

## Community Corner~

- Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek will provide a free seminar for loved ones suffering from Dementia on Tuesday, January 11 @ 6:30pm. A flier is posted in the FLC.
- Creekside Independent Living will have an Open House Wednesday, January 19 from 1-3pm.

### Zion's Active Adults

11:30AM Thursday, January 13, 2011

A planning luncheon for 2011 will be held in Zion's Fellowship Hall at 11:30AM, Thursday, January 13, 2011. Provided for lunch will be a variety of soups, bread and beverage. You are asked to bring a dessert to share. A freewill offering to defray 2011 expenses will be taken. A tentative schedule has been prepared by cochairmen Sherry Moon and Norrene Torres. Bring any ideas you may have so that the activities can be finalized for the year.

After setting the schedule, plan to remain and enjoy a game of cards, dominos or a game of your choice. It's a great venue to enjoy the afternoon and partake in Christian fellowship.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR--SEE YOU THERE!!**



Dear Friends in Christ~

Thank you so much for all your generous donations to my upcoming medical mission trip to Haiti. I truly appreciate all the support and prayers throughout this journey. With all the devastation in this third world country, from the earthquakes last spring to the recent cholera outbreak and hurricane, many people are left helpless and in need of medical assistance. From March 4-12, 2011, I will be travelling to Les Cayes and Ile-a-Vache, Haiti and setting up a mobile health clinic. Thank you all for helping to make this trip a reality. I cannot wait to tell you all about my trip upon my return.

Thank you!  
Yours in Christ & Mission,  
Kensey Schultz



A BIG THANK YOU goes to all the generous people who helped make our angel tree ministry a huge success again this year! God bless you all in helping to make the families' wishes come true!

## I Am Getting Older

*Multitude of years should teach wisdom.*

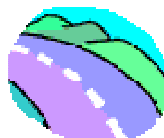
**Job 32:7**

An old prayer, purportedly from a seventeenth-century nun, says: "Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am getting older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but You know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end."

**Recommended Reading**  
Isaiah 46:3-4

Sometimes we think young people are more subjected to the temptations of life. But we encounter new sets of temptations at every stage and age. Satan tempts senior adults as mercilessly as he tempts seniors in high school, though the allurements may be different. That's why it's so important to keep growing throughout life.

Job 32:7 says that as our years advance, our wisdom should increase. We can't outgrow temptation, but we can overcome it with increasing strength as we age gracefully in the Lord.



## Looking for someone to take over the "Adopt a Highway" program

For the last 12+ years Dick and Sheri Luedtke have been in charge of the Adopt a Highway Program for Zion. The highway location is route 65 from the Waterville Bridge two miles East toward Perrysburg. This clean-up is done in the Spring and in the Fall. Dick and Sheri are no longer able to take on this project and are looking for someone interested in taking charge of it. It takes two people about 1 ½ hours to do the clean-up in the Spring and in the Fall. This is not a project for young children. The cars drive fast on this route and the berm is narrow.

## COMING IN FEBRUARY~

Life Pointe Church will be hosting a 6 week session titled "Marriage Built to Last" beginning February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. More details will follow.

## Altar Guild Duties

### Baptisms & Dust Chapel & Altar:

Janet Wyandt  
Joan Heinz

### Communion Filling:

Denise Knox  
Barb Hall

### Altar Hangings:

Dorothy Danhauer  
Carol Wiemken

### Candles:

Diane Baker  
Jan Macera

### Flowers & Vestments:

Harriet Lehman

### Communion Washing:

Debra Duetemeyer  
Sherry Moon

### Communion Filling & Washing Praise:

JoAnna Umlauf

### Banners:

Trudy Scheiding

### Altar Flowers:\*

Jan 2-

Jan 9-

Jan 16-

Jan 23-

Jan 30-

\*Please sign up in the Narthex

### Greeters for Praise Service:

Jan 2- Schwanz Family

Jan 9- Kosanka Family

Jan 16- Livingston Family

Jan 23- Tom Glanz Family

Jan 30- Matt Wielinski



Dennis Batdorf

### MISSION FOCUS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

5% of Zion's benevolence for January and February will go towards Threshold. Threshold is a mission church of the ELCA called to bring the Kingdom of God to Toledo through word and action so that our city may be transformed by the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. In pursuing this, God has given us a special giftedness and passion to do ministry in, with, and for young people. This manifests itself in ministry that is highly relational and highly missional. We are a church grounded in the belief that the God of the Bible is still the God of today. We expect God to be present and active in our lives. On Sunday, the Church gathers to praise God for whom He is and what He has done. This is key to our understanding of worship. We do not "go to church". The Church gathers to worship God. In the midst of this worship, God shows up and blesses us and equips us to be the Church in the world. For more information about Threshold call Pastor Tom Schaeffer at 419-740-5314 or visit [www.crossthethreshold.com](http://www.crossthethreshold.com).



Jan 11 – Lynn Dennie

Jan 19 –

Reader: Roy Heinz

### Acolytes:

Jan 2\*- Jeff Goatley

Jan 9- Chris Summersgill

Jan 16\*- Andy Summersgill

Jan 23- Hanna Reddington

Jan 30- Garrett Sellers

### Crucifers:

Jan 2\*- Tegan Hack

Jan 9- Sally Summersgill

Jan 16\*- Jesse Podiak

Jan 23- Kennedy Miller

Jan 30- Lindsey Smith

\*Communion