

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

J100 Begins January 8th!

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

A sign-up sheet for the Essential Jesus book is available at the welcome desk in Zion's Family Life center or by calling the church office at **419-878-0266**. Zion is also offering several J100 discussion groups that will run throughout this 20 week challenge. A list of specific meeting times and locations will be posted in the Family Life Center and the church office. If you would like to join or lead a J100 discussion group, please contact the church office by calling 419-878-0266.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday January 29
11:45 after worship

WORSHIP HOURS

Traditional Service 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:50 am
Contemporary Praise Service 10:45 am

THE GREAT COMMISSION *Matthew 28:19*

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The Essential Jesus Challenge begins this month- on Sunday January 8, 2012!

The wait is over and our quest to learn more about the most important, influential person in the world has begun. Starting on Sunday, January 8, we will be taking the 20 week long J100 or Essential Jesus challenge. The Essential Jesus Challenge will lead us through 100 carefully selected Bible passages that give us the storyline of Jesus Christ—25 from the Old Testament and 75

from the New Testament. To take the Challenge, you'll need a Bible translation that you understand (we recommend NIV, NRSV, New Living & the Message). If you want to explore a variety of Bible translations to see what would be best for you to use, feel free to stop by the church office or library and read through some of the many Bible translations we have on hand. We also highly recommend you also purchase *The Essential Jesus* guidebook. While it is possible to take the J100 challenge without the book, we cannot stress enough how helpful it is to have the book in front of you throughout our J100 journey. The book serves as a guide for your daily readings, providing discussion questions, reflections, and space to journal your daily and weekly highlights. Those who used the E100 guide book last year said it was incredibly helpful and made E100 both easier to finish and more meaningful. It's one thing to quickly read through a few Bible verses each day, it's an entirely different experience when you take time to pray, reflect on the reading and consider how it applies to your life today. So, please consider buying a copy of the book "The Essential Jesus," or at the very least, check it out from the library. Discounted copies of the book are available for those who need assistance.

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Our Sunday morning sermons will focus on the weekly readings throughout the J100 challenge, but we want to stress that the best way to take the J100 Challenge is with another person or as part of a discussion group. At the end of each 5-reading section in *The Essential Jesus*, you'll find a page of discussion questions. Each week, read through the five readings on your own. Then, get together with your friends, family or discussion group to talk about what you've learned. (It would be wonderful for families to form their own in-home J100 group as some did last year with the E100 Challenge). When you get together, start by encouraging each person to share their questions/insights from the readings. Then, use the discussion questions to help continue your conversation. You'll find that reading through the Bible with others creates a positive motivation to keep going and makes your experience of God's Word more meaningful. Anyone who was part of an E100 discussion group can tell you that it was a very valuable experience that made E100 much better than trying to do it alone.

Please join us on this Bible reading adventure beginning January 8, 2012 as we seek to learn more about the most influential person in history--our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



J100 Bible Reading Plan for 2012

	Essential Jesus	
Jan 8- Jan 14	WHO IS JESUS?	Stories 1-5
Jan 15- Jan 21	The Need for a Savior	Stories 6-10
Jan 22- Jan 28	Previews of a Savior	Stories 11-15
Jan 29- Feb 4	Psalms About a Savior	Stories 16-20
Feb 5- Feb 11	Prophecies About a Savior	Stories 21-25
Feb 12- Feb 18	More Prophecies About a Savior	Stories 26-30
	NEW TESTAMENT	
Feb 19- Feb 25	The Birth of Jesus	Stories 31-35
Feb 26- Mar 3	The Beginning Ministry of Jesus	Stories 36-40
Mar 4- Mar 10	The Sermons of Jesus	Stories 41-45
Mar 11- Mar 17	The Parables of Jesus	Stories 46-50
Mar 18- Mar 24	More Parables of Jesus	Stories 51-55
Mar 25- Mar 31	The Miracles of Jesus	Stories 56-60
April 1- April 7	The Crucifixion of Jesus	Stories 76-80
April 8- April 14	The Resurrection of Jesus	Stories 81-85
April 15- April 21	More Miracles of Jesus	Stories 61-65
April 22- April 28	The Prayers of Jesus	Stories 66-70
April 29- May 5	The Hard Sayings of Jesus	Stories 71-75
May 6- May 12	The Early Church of Jesus	Stories 86-90
May 13- May 19	The Second Coming of Jesus	Stories 91-95
May 20- May 26	WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?	Stories 96-100
May 27- June 2	Ending Celebration	YOU DID IT!



Who is Jesus?

1. Truth Beyond Facts: John 1:1-18
2. Living Like Jesus: Philippians 2:1-11
3. It's All About Jesus – Colossians 1:15-23
4. What is God Like? Hebrews 1:1-4
5. The Big Church: 1 Peter 2:4-10

The Need For a Savior

6. It's Sin! Genesis 3:1-24
7. Stupid Sin: Exodus 32:1-33:6
8. Not Just the Bad Guys: Psalm 14:1-7
9. He's Against It: Isaiah 59:1-21
10. Ho, Ho, Ho? Amos 5:1-27

Previews of a Savior

11. Significant Symbols: Exodus 12:1-30
12. True Bread: Exodus 16:1-35
13. The Snakes: Numbers 21:4-9
14. The New Temple: 1 Kings 8:1-21
15. Running on Empty: Jonah 1:1-4:11

Psalms About A Savior

16. The Case for Christ: Psalm 2:1-12
17. At the Cross: Psalm 22:1-31
18. Deep Waters: Psalm 69:1-36
19. Who's Talking? Psalm 110:1-7
20. Try to Remember: Psalm 118:1-29

Prophecies About a Savior

21. Chosen People: Genesis 12:1-9
22. The Good Shepherd: Jeremiah 23:1-9
23. O Little Town of Bethlehem: Micah 5:1-5
24. The Humble King: Zechariah 9:9-17
25. Future Clues: Zechariah 12:1-13:9



More Prophecies About a Savior

26. God With Us: Isaiah 7:1-25
27. Hope for the Future: Isaiah 9:1-8
28. Chosen Servant: Isaiah 42:1-9
29. Man of Sorrows: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
30. Mission Statement: Isaiah 61:1-11

The Birth of Jesus

31. Favor With God: Luke 1:26-56
32. Just the Facts: Matthew 1:18-25
33. Blockbuster Truth: Luke 2:1-40
34. Searching for Jesus: Matthew 2:1-23
35. His Father's Son: Luke 2:41-52

The Beginning Ministry of Jesus

36. This is My Son: Matthew 3:1-17
37. Deliver Us From Evil: Luke 4:1-13
38. Who's He Think He Is? Luke 4:14-30
39. With Authority! Luke 4:31-44
40. The Leadership Style of Jesus: Luke 5:1-11

The Sermons of Jesus

41. The "New" Reality: Matthew 5:1-48
42. Hungry For God: Matthew 6:1-34
43. The Great Communicator: Matthew 7:1-29
44. No More Mr. Nice Guy: Matthew 23:1-39
45. The End: Matthew 24:1-51

The Parables of Jesus

46. Have Mercy! Luke 10:25-37
47. Rich Toward God: Luke 12:13-21
48. Happy Meal: Luke 14:1-24
49. Sinners Welcome! Luke 15:1-32
50. Uncommon Prayer: Luke 18:1-14



More Parables of Jesus

- 51. It's Like...: Matthew 13:1-58
- 52. The Generous Landowner: Matt 20:1-16
- 53. I Wanna Be Ready: Matthew 25:1-46
- 54. One Way: John 10:1-18
- 55. The Vineyard Church: John 15:1-17

The Miracles of Jesus

- 56. New Wine: John 2:1-11
- 57. Fear Factor: Mark 4:35-41
- 58. Miracle Meal: Matthew 14:13-21
- 59. Seeing and Believing: Matthew 14:22-33
- 60. Serious Fruit: Matthew 21:18-22

More Miracles of Jesus

- 61. Lord I Believe: John 9:1-41
- 62. Band of Brothers: Luke 5:17-26
- 63. Scary Story? Mark 5:1-20
- 64. At His Feet: Mark 5:21-43
- 65. Resurrection Power: John 11:1-45

The Prayers of Jesus

- 66. How Did Jesus Pray? Mark 1:29-39
- 67. The Joy of Prayer: Luke 10:1-24
- 68. The School of Prayer: Luke 11:1-13
- 69. A Defining Prayer: John 17:1-26
- 70. Pray Hard: Mark 14:32-42

The Hard Sayings of Jesus

- 71. Soul Food: John 6:25-71
- 72. A House Divided: Mark 3:20-35
- 73. Prayer Guarantee: John 14:1-14
- 74. Serious Forgiveness: Matthew 18:15-35
- 75. Get Serious: Mark 8:31-9:1



The Crucifixion of Jesus

- 76. Busted! Matthew 26:47-56
- 77. Kangaroo Count: Matthew 26:57-68
- 78. Courtyard Debacle: Matthew 26:69-27:10
- 79. It's All About You, Jesus: Luke 22:66-23:25
- 80. Remember Me: Luke 23:26-56

The Resurrection of Jesus

- 81. Resurrection Thriller: Matthew 28:1-20
- 82. Gospel Power: Mark 16:1-20
- 83. The Third Disciple: Luke 24:1-49
- 84. Follow Me! John 20:1-21:25
- 85. Fact and Hope: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

The Early Church of Jesus

- 86. A Vision for the Emergent Church: Rev 1:1-20
- 87. Unfaithful of Faithful? Revelation 2:1-11
- 88. Hold On--Until I Come: Revelation 2:12-29
- 89. The Dead Church: Revelation 3:1-13
- 90. Lukewarm for God: Revelation 3:14-22

The Second Coming of Jesus

- 91. The Greatest Sequel of All Time: Acts 1:1-11
- 92. If I Should Die Before I Wake: 1 Thes 4:13-5:11
- 93. Don't Be Alarmed: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- 94. Waiting for...? 2 Peter 3:1-18
- 95. Only the Beginning: Revelation 21:1-22:21

Who is Jesus to You?

- 96. The Rich Do-Gooder: Matthew 19: 16-30
- 97. The Bottom Line: John 3:1-21
- 98. No More Shame: John 4:1-42
- 99. Angry Young Man Acts 9:1-19
- 100. The Essential Jesus Challenge: Luke 9:18-27



THE FAITH 5: FAITH ACTS IN THE HOME

We want to equip and empower parents to connect what is happening at church to their lives at home, showing their children that faith is not just a "church thing," but a relationship with God that involves everything we do, everywhere we go, every day of the week. To help families to accomplish this, we have embraced the Faith 5 concept created by *Faith Inkubators*. We encourage families to incorporate a 5-10 minute "family huddle" into their evening routine that includes these five simple faith acts:

1. *share* highs and lows of the day (Name something good and bad you experienced today. Can't think of a personal one? Check out the headlines from the news and teach empathy and compassion for the broader world).
2. *read* a daily Bible verse (Each month Zion will provide a Faith 5 calendar with daily Bible readings- or pick your own Bible verses)
3. *talk* about how the daily Bible verse relates to your life, (Explore the verse a bit. What does it mean in your own words? How might it relate to where you are today in your highs and lows?)
4. *pray* for each other's highs and lows, for your family, and for the world. Simply talk to God, thank Jesus for the good, and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in specific problems.
5. *bless* each other. (make a cross on your forehead, say God bless you, Jesus loves you, or come up with your own blessings to use).

This simple five-step process not only helps parents to maintain great relationships with their children, but also helps to ensure that they raise kids who turn out to be strong, thoughtful, empathetic, positive and caring Christians. Who wouldn't want that?

People interested in learning more about Faith 5 may contact Pastor Dan at 419-878-0266 or pastordan@zionwaterville.com.

FAITH 5 BIBLE READING CALENDAR

~ January 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Galatians 4:4-5	2 I Peter 5:7	3 Leviticus 19:32	4 Leviticus 19:11	5 I Corinthians 13:6	6 John 14:15	7 Luke 18:7
8 Mark 4:24	9 I Corinthians 2:5	10 Mark 1:15	11 Isaiah 42:9	12 John 16:33	13 Isaiah 40:1	14 Mark 16:15
15 Mark 8:36	16 Deuteronomy 11:16	17 Ephesians 4:15	18 Isaiah 33:22	19 Psalm 106:1	20 Colossians 3:17	21 Matthew 6:14
22 John 8:31-32	23 I Timothy 1:15	24 Hebrews 10:24-5	25 Genesis 24:7	26 I John 5:20-21	27 Psalm 26:1-2	28 2 Corinthians 12:10
29 Psalm 121:5-6	30 Isaiah 38:16	31 Malachi 1:6	Notes:			

1. SHARE highs and lows of the day
2. READ a daily Bible verse
3. TALK about how the daily Bible verse relates to your life
4. PRAY for each other's highs and lows (you may include other prayers as desired)
5. BLESS each other (make a cross, say God bless you, you are a child of God, or create your own Blessing)

2012 Endowment Applications Now Available!

Do you know about a great program or cause that could use a financial boost? Or what about a capital project within Zion that needs funding? As we start a new year, Zion members may again apply for grants from the Mission Endowment Fund and the Capital Improvement Endowment Fund.

Over the last seven years, the Mission Endowment Fund has granted a total of \$760,500 to over 100 different organizations representing a broad spectrum of mission projects throughout our community, across the country and around the world. Over that same period, the Capital Improvement Endowment Fund has provided \$84,500 for a number of improvements to Zion's facilities and additions to its furnishings.

Applications for the 2012 funding year are now available in the church office, in the family life center and on line from Zion's website at www.zionwaterville.com. If you download the application from Zion's website, you can enter all the information on the form using your computer. It is a "fill in the blanks" document that can be saved on your computer. After you have typed in all the information and saved the file, you may mail a printed copy to the church office, or attach the document file to an email addressed to the office.

All applications must be submitted and sponsored by an active member of Zion. Each Capital Improvement application must be accompanied by a Mission application from the same sponsor. Applications must be received by the church office no later than March 12, 2012. Apply early - now is the time to get involved in "bringing mission to life!"

Zion Endowment
"Bringing Mission to Life"



Adopt a Bill and Trader Offering Update

God has been good to us as a congregation! Over 100 people participated in the E-100 Bible reading program. We will be starting J-100 Bible reading January 8, 2012. Volunteers spent a day working a Kids Against Hunger "build" packing food to feed over 10,000 people. We had 25 Baptisms in the last year and a half, 30 weddings since 2010, and 150 children in Vacation Bible School. The Pockets of Hope tutoring program and our weekday pre-school program are highly appreciated by our community. The list goes on and on.

Since God is so good to us, we want to share His goodness with others. Those of you who were at Youth Sunday on September 18, know that we were truly blessed by our youth as we watched and listened to them share their gifts of faith and music. Their theme for the day was "Becoming a Trader" (Not traitor). The youth encouraged us to trade in our focus of "me, me, me, for the life of Christ." As a result, new and unexpected things would happen. They also reminded us that as traders we should "act swiftly."

Zion's leadership wrote to you in October and explained our financial situation. We were \$47,196.73 behind in outstanding obligations. In the letter, we showed you where we had saved \$62,000 in the last two years, but we are still behind. Some of you asked us how you can act swiftly. Two ways were provided by your leadership.

First, on December 4th and 11th you were invited to **Adopt a Bill**. Following services on those days, a list of outstanding obligations were available in the Family Life Center for you to view and "Adopt" to help us become current with our obligations. **You adopted \$10,281.09!**

Second, on Sunday, December 18th, we continued the "Trader" theme that our youth have challenged us with, and a "**Trader Offering**" was received as a birthday present to Jesus. **The funds you "traded" amounted to \$12,690! From this special offering we were able to pay \$2,614 to Cherry Street Mission, and \$10,076 toward Zion's financial obligations.**

THANK YOU FOR GIVING SO
GENEROUSLY!

Announcement

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2012 following the 10:45 service. Annual Reports will be available in the Family Life Center on Sunday, January 15. If you have not turned in your report, please contact Lynne in the church office at 419-878-0266.

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!



...comes from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for our gift of \$622 to the ELCA World Hunger appeal. "Your faithful generosity makes a life-changing difference for people in need around the corner and around the world. Your gift is appreciated now more than ever." The entire thank you letter is posted in the FLC.

Community PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Prepared by the ZMC (Zion Men's Club)

The First Saturday of the Month
from 8:00am to 11:00am

- Pancakes • Scrambled Eggs • Sausage
- Fresh Fruit • Coffee • Juice
- \$ 5.00 per person \$ 4.00 - 12 yrs. and younger

2012: January 7th - February 4th - March 3rd

**** This season we have a goal to raise \$2500. When we do, we will partner with Kids Against Hunger and package 10,000 meals. 5000 will be delivered to local charity groups, and 5000 will be sent overseas.**

Thanks.

MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT~ Brian and Kristen Konkol



Brian & Kristen serve with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (E.L.C.A.) Global Mission unit. They have a son names Khaya which means 'home' in Zulu. They are currently residing in Pietermartizburg, South Africa, and serving as Country Co-Coordinator of the South Africa based Young Adults in Global Mission Program (Y.A.G.M.) They also facilitate the ELCA's Ministry Upstream & Downwind (M.U.D.) program which provides one-year service and learning opportunities in South Africa for E.L.C.A. young adults (between the ages of 21-30). As the young adults offer themselves in service, they also learn more about themselves, their relationship with God, and their place in God's world. Young adults are transformed by their experiences, equipping them to take on responsibilities within the E.L.C.A. and to provide a global perspective on issues facing the church and society.

You can find much more information and regular updates on the Konkol family by visiting their blog <http://briankristenkonkol.blogspot.com/>.

KEEPING YOU POSTED~

- The office will be closed January 2nd. Happy New Year from the staff at Zion!
- Don't forget to recycle your old ink cartridges at Zion in the marked bin upstairs in the Family Life Center. The Waterville Community Fund (a fund designated for local families with emergency needs) receives money from these old cartridges and they get properly recycled.

Adult Forum January 3rd @ 10:30

The Adult Forum will be meeting Tuesday, January 3rd in the conference room. The speaker will be Waterville's new Mayor elect Lori Brodi. Please join us.

New 2012 Altar Guild Schedule



Dennis Batdorf

Baptisms & Vestments:

Janet Wyandt
Joan Heinz

Communion Filling:

Diane Baker
Jan Macera

Seasonal Altar Hangings:

Denise Knox
Barb Hall

Candles:

Harriet Lehman

Communion Washing:

Dorothy Danhauer

Back-up Support:

Debra Duetemeyer
Sherry Moon

Communion Filling & Washing Praise:

JoAnna Umlauf

Banners:

Trudy Scheiding

Baptism Banners:

Kari Whitmer

Altar Flowers:*

Jan 1-

Jan 8-

Jan 15-

Jan 22- Given by Roy Heinz in honor of
Joan Heinz's 80th birthday

Jan 29-

***Please sign up in the Narthex**

Greeters for Praise Service:

Jan 1- Schwanz Family

Jan 8- Kosanka Family

Jan 15- Livingston Family

Jan 22- Tom Glanz Family

Jan 29- Matt Wielinski Family

MISSION FOCUS FOR JANUARY & 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.



Jan 1 –

Jan 15 –

Reader: Kevin Pool

Acolytes:

Jan 1*- Alexis Lange

Jan 8- Jesse Podiak

Jan 15*- Hannah Kania

Jan 22- Payton Tucker

Jan 29- Kelsey Nelson

Crucifers:

Jan 1*- Megan Goatley

Jan 8- Megan Perry

Jan 15*- Harrison Kania

Jan 22- Garrett Sellers

Jan 29- Kyle Michaelis

*Communion