

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday October 2
From 8-11am in Fellowship Hall

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday October 10
During both worship services

MISSION ENDOWMENT SUNDAY

Sunday October 17

TAVERN TALK

Thursday evenings
Shawn's Irish Tavern at 8:30pm

WORSHIP HOURS

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

MOMENTUM! SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship with us every Sunday at 7:00pm

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Dear Partners in Mission,

God's grace, peace, love, joy and blessing be with you all!

Those of you who were able to join us for Rally Day on September 12, know that our focus this year is "Digging into the Word of God." On the morning of Rally Day, people arrived at church to see a large loader- backhoe parked in the front yard of our church, signaling the beginning of a construction project. While we did not talk about bricks and mortar, we spoke of a much more important and long lasting type of construction- the construction of our faith. I reminded the congregation that there is work to be done in all of our lives- whether we are a new Christian and are just starting to build up the foundation of our faith, or we've been following Christ for many years- and need some repairs, support and nourishment. Wherever we are, the primary way we build up and maintain our Christian faith is by digging into the Word of God, the B.I.B.L.E.

Our Bible reading for the morning was the parable of the sower, where Jesus talks about the seed of God's word falling on many different kinds of soil. Some soil produced nothing but weeds, but the good soil produced a miraculous harvest-- 30, 60 or even 100 fold! I said that the good news is that no matter what type of soil you are- you can be tilled and weeded and watered and cared for- so that you will become good, rich soil and produce good fruit.

What we want to do this year, is to give everyone at Zion as much opportunity as possible to hear, read and experience the word of God. We want to sow the seed of God's Word all over the place, but not stop there. We also want to help each of us become good soil- by encouraging disciplines like Bible study, regular worship, small groups, daily devotions and accountability.

So let's dig in!! How? The most basic, fundamental way we dig in is by learning to read the Bible daily- and take time to let God's word soak into our souls and affect our lives. If we don't know the story of the Bible, we have no foundation for our faith, no map for our journey, no light for our path. It's so important for every Christian to clearly understand the message of God's word- for it is the foundation upon which we build everything else in the Christian life. That's why we are returning to the basics and providing the opportunity to lay a strong foundation as we go through E100 in January.

Our congregation will join a number of other churches in town to go on a 20 week journey through the Bible together as we read the essential 100 Bible stories. You will hear much more about E100 in the coming weeks and you may have already noticed that we placed 100 red dots in the Family Life Center to give us a visual countdown to the beginning of E100.

But don't wait until January, begin a habit of digging into the word today! If you need some help or guidance, please read the articles about Bible reading attached to this newsletter. Zion has also added Bible studies and daily devotions to our website www.zionwaterville.com. Click on the Spiritual Formation box and you will see the online Study Bible, daily devotions, weekly discipleship plan, and a description of Life Transformation Groups- or LTG's. If you do not have internet access, come into the office and we'll print them out for you and answer any questions you may have. You are

also invited to join in a time of Bible study during our Adult Forum which will take place each Sunday morning from 10:05 to 10:35am. This new time will allow people from both first and second service to participate. If you are interested in helping to facilitate the adult forum once a month, please call 878-0266 and let us know.

Before, I end this letter, I want you to be warned that Digging is hard work- especially if you keep digging day after day- which is why we all need help, support and encouragement. We need to be challenged and held accountable to our goals, and we need to be prayed for and forgiven when we struggle and fail. That's why it is really important to build relationships with a few other Christians that we can come to know and trust and depend upon. One great way to do this is in small groups. New Discipleship groups and LTG's are forming this fall. Many people are involved in these small groups and enjoy them very much. They are a time to come together every week to read the Bible, share your lives, and receive encouragement, challenge and prayer. The goal is to support each other and help each other to better follow Jesus.

Some of us need a plan- suggestions to help us grow in faith- that's why we developed the weekly discipleship plan. This plan has activities and suggestions for every day of the week designed to help us to dig into God's word and live out the Word as we seek to follow Jesus in our daily life. You can find the weekly discipleship plan on our website or on the welcome desk in the Family Life Center.

Finally, please let me stress again how important it is for all of us to truly Dig into God's Word. Don't let Digging in be something you heard about at Rally Day or in a newsletter and then dropped. Commit to seeking God through His Word. Give daily devotions and new Bible reading methods a try. Plan to join us for the E100 in January and invite a friend. And in case you are tempted to forget, we will continue to highlight the many opportunities we have to Dig Into God's Word and grow in faith as the year progresses. Friends, I know it's easy to get stuck in a rut and do the bare minimum, but let this year be different- a year we chose to thrive, and not just survive, a year we commit to doing the hard work of digging into God's word together--so that a year from now we are able to look back at the last 12 months and say, "That sure was a lot of work, but it was worth it," as we see the incredible harvest around us. So what do you say, are you ready to DIG IN?

(As a reminder, please read the following two articles on Bible Reading titled "The Scripture Union Bible Reading Method" and "The Seven Habits of Effective Bible Readers." Both of the articles come from the E100 website and offer good ways to establish daily Bible reading and prepare for our E100 challenge in January).

Trusting in God's Amazing Grace,

Pastor Dan



The Seven Habits of Effective Bible Readers

I'm sure you'd agree with me that establishing and maintaining a regular time of Bible reading and prayer can be a real challenge. We've already talked about some of the obstacles. We may well be hungry to know God better but with all the pressures and distractions of modern life, sometimes it's just easier to live on spiritual snack food rather than a healthy diet of God's Word.

How can we satisfy that deep hunger for real spiritual nourishment?

How can we overcome the challenges and enjoy the many benefits of daily Bible reading and prayer?

Let me offer seven simple suggestions to help you develop a more effective and meaningful time with God in his Word.

1. Begin with the Basics

Your most basic "tool," of course, is the Bible. There are many different—and very good—translations of the Bible available today. For years, my favorite has been the New International Version (NIV). But depending on your church tradition, you might enjoy the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB) or the New American Bible (NAB). It's also helpful to visit a Christian bookstore to browse through the Bible section. But no matter which translation you choose, the key is to select one that's easy for you to read and understand. In addition, you might want a notebook and pen to write down insights you gain from the Bible, or answers to prayer.

2. Pick a Spot

Then, choose a convenient time and place for your meeting with God. It doesn't have to be lengthy, perhaps just 15 minutes. Find a quiet place where there are minimal distractions so you can concentrate. This could be a quiet corner of your house while you have your morning cup of coffee (that's my preference!), in your office before the workday begins, or during your lunch break. Give some thought to the time and place that works best for you.

It's true that maintaining a regular Bible reading habit will take some discipline. But remember that a habit is only a means to an end. Your higher goal is to transform your Bible reading and prayer habit into a meeting with God. Think of it as an appointment with God. If you do, Bible reading and prayer will become less of a discipline and more of a dialog with God.

3. Don't Feel Guilty

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm having trouble keeping a regular quiet time with God? I know I ought to but ..."? Maybe you've felt that way. As we've already acknowledged, maintaining a "spiritual discipline" like Bible reading can be a challenge. Even so, we should be careful not to think of it as "paying our dues to God" or assume that God is waiting to "zap" us if we fail to read the Bible for a period of time.

The important thing to remember is God loves you and he wants to meet with you (John 4:23-24)! Don't let guilt over what you haven't done in the past rob you of the joy of meeting with God in the present. With whatever time you do have, focus on enjoying God's Word today. If you do that, you'll soon find yourself feeling less guilty and more excited about meeting God every day.



4. Find a Plan that Works for You

I've heard people say, "I love to cook but I hate to decide what's for dinner every night." The same is often true when it comes to daily Bible reading. That's why I've found it helpful to use a daily Bible reading plan or guide. Scripture Union has two guides for adults: *Discovery* and *Encounter with God*. (For more information on these see pages 31-32 in this booklet, or go to www.ScriptureUnion.org.) There are many other good Bible reading plans available from Christian publishers. Perhaps your church deaconation offers one too. Different plans will appeal to different people. The key is to find one that gets you into the Bible and stick with it. Then, you won't have to spend your quiet time in "menu planning" and can focus more on "the joy of cooking."

5. Be Creative, Add Variety!

Even good things can become routine. We all go through times when our walk with God feels dry and lifeless. When that happens, it helps to remember that those feelings are normal; you won't see spiritual fireworks every time you open your Bible. But the way to overcome them is to try something new. Here are some ideas that have worked for me.

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It's a simple change, but I've found it helps to read the day's passage in a different Bible translation than usual. Perhaps you could try the New Living Translation (NLT), the Contemporary English Version (CEV), or even a paraphrase like *The Message* (MSG). Another helpful technique is to keep a journal of my reflections; I don't write in it every day, only when something especially stands out. Every so often I'll try a through-the-Bible-in-a-year reading schedule; it's good to read "the whole thing" at least once. Sometimes I'll read through one book of the Bible and try to study it in depth using a commentary. Other times, after I've read a Bible passage, I'll also read a few pages from a classic Christian book. A little variety can make a big difference.

6. Give the Distractions to God

It's a noisy world out there! Even the most disciplined Bible reader faces plenty of distractions: unexpected phone calls, family interruptions and pet emergencies. I've also learned that the biggest distractions come from within: my fears, frustrations, temptations and worries.

Unfortunately we can't always control or avoid these distractions. So when they come, use them for good! Incorporate them into your time with God. If young children interrupt, invite them up on your lap and read the Bible together. If the phone rings, pray for the caller after you hang up. If your thoughts wander to worries and concerns, give those thoughts to the Lord in prayer. Don't get too frustrated by the distractions. They may be the very things God wants you to pray about.

7. Learn to Listen

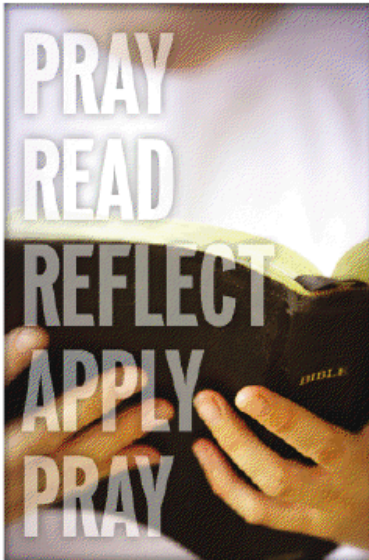
My wife Carol and I have been married for more than 30 years. Over the years we've learned that listening to each other is essential to a healthy relationship. The same is true in developing a relationship with God. Prayer isn't just reciting a laundry list of requests. Prayer also involves listening to God. The question is, how can we do that?

Begin by taking time to quiet yourself in God's presence. You might imagine that your cares and burdens are packages and you are handing them to God. Then think back on the prior day. Recall the ways you saw God at work in and around you. When you feel that your heart is still, some call it "centered," then slowly read a passage of the Bible. After you read, wait in silence, reflecting on the verse or phrase that jumps out at you. What do you sense God is saying to you from this Word? How does it apply to the specific issues you face now? When you love someone, you listen to them. Practice the art of listening to God.

The Best Time to Start... is Now!

There's no better time to begin reading the Bible than today. Decide on a time, a place and a Bible reading plan. Ask God to give you a hunger for him and his Word. Use these seven steps and the other ideas and resources in this Bible Reading Start-Up Guide to begin. Soon, you'll discover that those few quiet minutes with God will become the most meaningful part of your day!

The Scripture Union Bible Reading Method



“A time-tested, effective way to help you get the most out of reading the Bible.”

Now that we've reviewed the basic steps needed to establish a successful daily appointment with God—you've decided on a time, a place and a plan—you're ready to “dig in” to the Bible itself. The Scripture Union Bible Reading Method is a simple, 5-step method that has been used by millions of people around the world for over 100 years. It's a time-tested, effective way to help you get the most out of reading the Bible. Here's how it works.

PRAY

Prayer is the starting point; remember, you're beginning a dialog. Before you read the Bible, ask God to help you understand the passage for the day. God, through the Holy Spirit, is the “author” of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21). He's given us his written Word to communicate his eternal truth. So ask God to speak to you as you read. As the boy Samuel was taught to pray “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:9), so let that be your prayerful attitude as you start your time with God.

READ

Next, read slowly and carefully through the Bible passage. Sometimes, you'll want to read the passage more than once. You may also find it helpful to read the preceding or following passages to get the context. Take the time to read it as thoroughly as you can, expecting God to answer your prayer for understanding of his Word.

REFLECT

This is a key part of the process, reflecting or meditating on what you have just read. First, ask these questions: What does this passage say? What is its main point? What does it reveal about God, or about me? What does it require of me now, in thought, word or action? These questions will help you “dig deeper” into the meaning of the passage as you study and reflect. Many people find it helpful to write their answers in a journal or notebook. Next, it helps to read the thoughts of someone else who's studied the same passage. That's why so many people like Scripture Union's Bible Guides Discovery or Encounter with God, they provide helpful commentary from Christians around the world.

APPLY

God gave us his Word for “teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). Its purpose is not only to give us information about God, but, also to help us live in the proper relationship to him and others. If we are willing, the Holy Spirit can use God's Word to shape our lives in the direction of greater godliness. That's why this step is so important. After you've reflected on the meaning of the passage, ask yourself this: How can God's Word apply to my life today; my situations at home, at work, school or church? Your goal is to use what you've learned to become more like Jesus. The application questions and exercises suggested in Discovery or Encounter with God are very helpful for this.

PRAY

End your time in God's Word as you began, in prayer. Make your discoveries from the Bible the basis of your prayer time. Ask God to help you live out and apply what you learned that day. Thank God for meeting with you and sharing his Word with you. There are other suggestions for prayer each day in the “Prayer Journal” on the inside back cover of Discovery and Encounter with God. As you can see, the Scripture Union Bible Reading Method is simple, but it's also effective. In the worldwide Scripture Union network, we have a phrase that sums up our approach to Bible reading: Pray it in; live it out. That's the way to make God's Word come alive every day.

EARLY TO RISE

About GOD and JESUS
living through Older Adults

*O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life. (LBW
#230)*

UP EARLY NOT: **EVELYN LUSCH**

Methuselah, move over. Evelyn Lusch is in pursuit.

Evelyn is very happy to “get up.” Never mind that she doesn’t get “up early.” Taking your good old time is entirely in order when you are 99 years old. That milestone arrives on October 3 for Evelyn. Then she launches the 100th year of her life.

It could have ended for Evelyn some 60 years ago. She was hospitalized with internal bleeding no doctor could diagnose. Old Pastor Stellhorn prayed at the foot of her bed and the next doctor to enter the room had the answer.

You’ll never see Evelyn on a street corner holding up John 3:16. However she has her own ministry as a leader of Zion’s Prayer Chain. She spoke encouragement on the telephone almost daily with Gertrude Denker up to Gertrude’s death this past January.

Evelyn, God bless you on your upcoming 99th birthday! May you be blessed with a wonderful 12 months to follow.

STILL UP: **SAM MACERA**

The Mirror for September 9 reported that Sam Macera has been inducted into the Ohio Community Theatre Association’s Hall of Fame, recognized for his excellence in the direction of local community theater productions. Congratulations, Sam!



OLDER ADULT FORUM

“The ‘Business’ of Older Adults”

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Mr. Mark Horlick

October brings a special edition of the Older Adult Forum. Mark Horlick from Thrivent will be on hand to discuss important issues for older adults including:

- Impact of new health legislation
- Long-term health care
- Ways to invest when the return is so small
- Your additional questions

Even if you have never attended an Older Adult Forum this is one you will not want to miss.

ZION’S ACTIVE ADULTS

Daytrip to Coshocton County
October 21st

Active adults who have made reservations with Star Tours of Ohio will spend Thursday, October 21st in Coshocton County, where they will spend the day visiting the Monticello II Canal Boat, Annin Flag Company, Pearl Valley Cheese, Raven’s Glenn Winery, and other points of interest.

Those folks making the trip will be contacted with final information.

LOOKING AHEAD—Be sure to mark your calendar for a day of fun on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, when Zion’s Active Adults and friends will travel to Bryan, Ohio for a tour of the Spanglar Candy Co., followed by lunch at Rita’s on the Square. An afternoon stop at Stoney Ridge Winery is tentatively planned. Be on the lookout for more details.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 2nd
8:00am – 11:00am

Proceeds to support
AW Food Pantry



Keeping you posted...

- There will be a Prayer Shawl meeting Saturday, Oct 2 at 10am in the conference room.
- **Honor Flight change in date!** The date is now Wednesday, October 6. The send off is at 7:30a.m. and the return welcome home is at 8:00p.m. We would love to see more people join us as we send off our American heroes and welcome them home. We have goodie bags for all of them and a check to present to help offset the cost of these flights. For more information or to sign up, please contact Paula Monroe at 419-878-8091, Karen Meyer at 419-345-0957 or the church office at 419-878-0266. Thank you for all your support.



Community Corner~

- An Anger Management Support Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm here at Zion 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.
- A Divorced & Separated Support Group has begun a Fall Session at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the FLC.
- Don't forget the 40 Days For Life campaign from Sept 22 to Oct 21. A flier is included at the end of this newsletter.
- Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek has the following events scheduled:
 - Flu Seminar Oct 5
 - Craft Show Oct 9
 - Chicken Dinner Fundraiser & Nursing Care Open House Oct 17
 - Creekside Independent Living Open House Oct 20
- Employment Opportunities for Lutheran Homes Society are posted on the bulletin board in the FLC.



Thank you for the many prayers and cards we received from the congregation on the death of Rolland.

Thanks to the pastors that assisted at the funeral and to Zion ladies who made desserts and helped with the dinner at the Presbyterian Church.

It's a comfort to know we can count on each other through whatever life brings.

In His Name
The Rolland Moosman Family

MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT



Tim & Carol Imbrock, along with their children, Grant (19), Grace (18), and Claire (7), are missionaries with Mission Aviation Fellowship, who have worked in Papua, New

Guinea, with MAF-Australia for the last 15 years. A special verse to them is Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, 'plans for good and not for disaster, to give you hope and a future.'"* Their two oldest children are now married and they are now in Idaho where they are working with MAF headquarters to train new pilots that will be sent out all around the world.

If you would like to support the Imbrocks, make checks payable to Mission Aviation Fellowship & mail to: Donor Services, Mission Aviation Fellowship, P.O. Box 47, Nampa, ID 83653. Please include a note indicating that this check is for the support of Tim and Carol Imbrock (MAF account # 9062).

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

Lord please 'feed' this multitude of creditors with the few loaves (my wallet) and fishes (my check book)... AMEN!



Once again Bill's budget was in need of a miracle.

YOUTH NEWS

Taking Donations

Want to donate snacks or drinks to the youth group? Contact Kevin and see what we need right now. We always take donations of snacks and drinks.

Staying Connected

Please remember to check the youth group's website, ZionChurchYouth.com for all of the latest updates, calendars and everything about Zion's youth ministry. Also be sure to keep your eye on the youth board that is in the Family Life Center for more info pertaining to the youth group.

Interested in helping?

We are currently looking for leaders on Sundays at our new Momentum service. Positions needed include tech support, as well as people to come and hang with teens. If you are interested, please contact Kevin.

Momentum

Momentum has started! Momentum is a new high school focused worship service happening at Zion. It takes place in the sanctuary every Sunday night at 7 PM. The worship service will include times of prayer, offering and worship with great music to go with it. After the service each week, there will be a time for the youth to hang out over at The Youth House next door. Please come check it out, and invite your friends!

Youth Sunday

Be sure to join us on October 10 for Youth Sunday at Zion. On this morning, the youth of Zion will lead the worship service, and the music will be led by the new Momentum group, Look Alive. You will hear testimony from teens on this morning as well! It is sure to be a great service, so please come and worship with us!

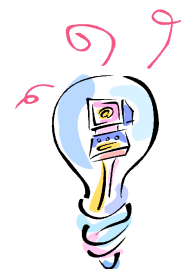
2010 Mission Sunday will be Celebrated October 17 at Both Services

Zion will celebrate the sixth year of distributing awards from its Endowment Fund toward mission projects and capital improvement projects during both worship services on October 17. Representatives of 20 mission programs and six capital improvement projects will be present to acknowledge these gifts.

The guest speaker will be Rev. John Edgar, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church for All People, a diverse congregation of low income residents in inner city Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Edgar also serves as the executive director of Community Development for All People ("CD4AP"), sister organization of the Church for All People. CD4AP develops affordable housing, provides a variety of direct services, and partners with Mt. Carmel Hospital to operate a primary care health station at its ministry center on the south side of Columbus. The Free Store, a flagship ministry of CD4AP, provides free clothing and household items to more than 25,000 residents in the area.

Rev. Edgar holds a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University and a Bachelors degree from Miami University. An ordained pastor for over 30 years, he previously served as a district superintendent and dean of the cabinet in the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

This year the Endowment Fund is awarding \$96,075 toward mission projects and \$15,025 toward capital improvement projects at Zion. The Endowment Committee thanks all of Zion's members who have embraced this program by submitting applications and participating in the voting process. Please join us in celebrating these gifts that benefit our church, community, and global neighbors. Your involvement helps "Bring Mission to Life."



Endowment Distributions for 2010

Mission

A. Recommendations from Northwestern Ohio Synod

\$ 3,500	1.	St. Mark Lutheran Church
\$ 4,925	2.	The Old South End Lutheran Ministry
\$ 8,400	3.	St. Paul's Lutheran Church, McClure

B. Local community outreach

\$ 4,900	4.	The Autism Model School
\$ 2,450	5.	Joyful Connections
\$ 3,000	6.	McCord Road Christian Church
\$ 7,500	7.	Mobile Meals of Toledo, Inc.
\$ 4,700	8.	The Victory Center

C. One-time costs of Zion outreach initiatives

\$ 3,000	9.	All About Him Ministries
\$ 4,000	10.	Awake to a Safe and Healthy Community Coalition
\$ 2,000	11.	Capital University Campus Ministry
\$ 5,900	12.	Special Commission on Relief and Education
\$ 6,350	13.	Waterville Fire Association

D. Seminary education/funding

\$ 7,300	14.	Trinity Lutheran Seminary (scholarships)
\$ 4,000	15.	Trinity Lutheran Seminary (travel costs)

E. ELCA Churchwide ministries

\$ 5,000	16.	Fundaninas Home
\$ 9,000	17.	ISOH/IMPACT
\$ 3,300	18.	Lutheran World Relief
\$ 4,500	19.	Missionary Aviation Fellowship
\$ 2,350	20.	Word of Life International
\$ 96,075		Total Mission

Capital Improvements

\$ 2,000	1.	Adult Education Materials
\$ 3,500	2.	Bibles for Worship and Youth
\$ 2,500	3.	Evaluate/Replace Sound Equipment
\$ 2,725	4.	Hymnals for Worship
\$ 2,100	5.	Padded Folding Chairs and Rack
\$ 2,200	6.	Preschool/Sunday School Furnishings
\$ 15,025		Total Capital Improvements

The Congregational voting is complete and the Endowment Committee has finalized the 2010 distributions. All projects are listed above, just as they appeared on the voting form, along with the amount awarded to each project. Thank you to all who voted and congratulations on "bringing mission to life" in our community and beyond! Endowment recipients will join us for recognition and celebration during Mission Sunday services on October 17, 2010. Please contact any Committee member if you have questions (Scott Libbe, Mike Scheiding, Andy Torres, Pam Naumann, Kevin Pool or Pastor Steve).

Altar Guild Duties
Baptism & Dust Chapel:

Dorothy Danhauer
Carol Wiemken



Ron Danhauer, Captain
Jim Hagemeyer
Paul Pickering
Al Billow

Communion Filling:

Denise Knox
Barb Hall

Altar Hangings:

Janet Wyandt

Banners:

Ellen Weihl

Vestments:

Harriet Lehman

Candles:

Mary Billow
Paula Monroe

Flowers:

Debra Duetemeyer
Sherry Moon

Communion Washing:

Diane Baker
Jan Macera

Altar Flowers:*

Oct 3-

Oct 10- Firestone Family

Oct 17-

Oct 24-

Oct 31-

***Please sign up in the Narthex**

Bulletin Covers:**

Oct 3- Open

Oct 10-

Oct 17-

Oct 24-

Oct 31-

****Please sign up in the Family Life Center**

MISSION FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

5% of Zion's benevolence for September and October will go towards Campus Ministry at the University of Toledo – TribeOne. TribeOne is a community of faith that seeks to live missionally in the world. They believe God is at work and they, in turn, have a role to play in God's kingdom. It is God's grace that makes them a "tribe" – an extended family that is connected through common traditions, values, perspectives and faith. While God is at work through the campus ministry of students, faculty and staff at UT, the mission is always being called "out" into the world around them. On campuses across the country, only 16% of students claim any sort of faith. Therefore, it is a privilege and challenge ministering to students in these formative years with all the questions they carry within themselves.



Oct 3 – Katie Lauer

Oct 17 – Katie Lauer

Reader: Julie Gyurgyak

Acolytes:

Oct 3*-Allison Johnston

Oct 10-Garrett Sellers

Oct 17*-Payton Tucker

Oct 24-Madison Enderle

Oct 31-Megan Perry

Crucifers:

Oct 3*-Nick Pool

Oct 10-Lindsey Smith

Oct 17*-Evan Kania

Oct 24-Josie Wielinski

Oct 31- Cody Perry

*Communion


Church Council Membership

Do you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a member of our Church Council? Do you feel that God is calling you to “Lead our congregation in Mission?” If you do, and want to know more about what this important task of Church Council Leadership is, please read through the following “Church Council Commitments” and contact Jon Schwanz, our Church Council President, one of the Pastors or a member of council if you are interested. Thank You.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL COMMITMENTS

Zion’s Church Council plays a vital role in the life of our church. As a member of the Council you are asked to make a commitment to the following:

- Confess to and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior
- Worship regularly
- Be Active in Bible Study
- Seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service and support
- Be examples, individually and collectively, of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.
- Maintain supportive relationships with the pastor (s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling, appointment, or employment.
- Know and support Zion’s Mission Statement, to do long range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
- To oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.
- To promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.
- To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor.
- To emphasize partnership with the synod and church wide organization of the ELCA as well as cooperation with other synods, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran, subject to policies of the synod and the ELCA.
- To seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the gospel.
- To be responsible for financial and property matters of this church.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This fall, from September 22 – October 31, our community is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history: the **40 Days for Life** campaign. Recognizing that “with God all things are possible,” people of faith are praying that this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign made up of 3 components:

- **Prayer and Fasting** for an end to abortion
- **Peaceful Vigil** outside the Center for Choice abortion facility at 328 22nd St, Toledo, OH
- **Community Outreach** to spread the message that life is sacred

Lives are saved when people are simply praying outside abortion clinics. Many who intend to abort just drive by when they see the prayer volunteers - having seen the “sign” they were looking for to keep their baby. Will you be that sign?

Learn how you can help save lives here in our area by contacting Ann at (419) 708-9497 or info@ProLifeConnection.com. Someone's life may depend on **YOU!**

Visit www.ProLifeConnection.com for the most current information.

SEPTEMBER 22
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