



# Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne Street  
Saint Marys, Ohio 45885

Zion Lutheran Church is a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)  
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## Grabbing on to Joy!

I am really tired of Covid-19 and all the restrictions and changes it has brought about. How about you?

School, no school, on-line school. Worship, no worship, on-line worship, worship in the Sanctuary again. Social distancing. Sunday School, no Sunday School. 70 and Over dinner On, 70 and Over dinner Off. No Masks, masks. Some people very sick, others hardly any symptoms. Hand-shakes, no hand-shakes. Hugs, no hugs. Hospital and nursing home visits, no visits. And it looks like it will be this way through Christmas at least.

It's all very depressing, and it has been working hard to steal my joy. What about you? Is it stealing your joy, too?!

Well, have I got some good news for you! On October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4– 9 p.m., in St. Marys Memorial Park, there is going to be a Community Worship event you're going to want to attend. This is an outdoor Christian Concert and Worship service.

Five community pastors (including yours truly) using Ephesians 6 as their touchstone, three live Christian bands - preaching, singing, and praying from the Gazebo, and all of us having a good time outdoors in the faith.

On top of that, there will be free water, free pop, and free prepackaged individual snacks provided for as long as they last.

Signs will be up that ask everyone to observe social distancing.

We have the necessary permits and the Ministerial Association is looking forward to seeing you there!

Please mark on your calendar and join us.

Blessings,

*Pastor Bill*

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*"The greatness of God rouses fear within us, but his goodness encourages us not to be afraid of him. To fear and not be afraid — that is the paradox of faith."*

—A.W. Tozer

## Mission Action Projects for 2020

Thank you for all the donations we were blessed with. We were able to get the following kits etc. assembled for the NALC Disaster Response needs, even though we were shut down for three months.

- 83 blankets of various sizes
- 39 personal kits
- 40 school kits
- 34 baby kits



*Help those in need*

Thanks to the women that helped to assemble the kits. Thanks to Sheila Westrick for picking everything up on July 31, and taking the supplies to Greenville for the nearest NALC drop off site.

We will continue to work on Lutheran World Relief kits during the month of September and have them ready for drop off on October 1<sup>st</sup>.



### September Member Birthdays

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members of Zion Lutheran Church.

1–William Greber Jr., Leslie Laman, Adam Poe, Ruth Warner, Dillon Slaven

2–Jillian Anderson, Jared Rose

3–Katie Freewalt, Jeffery Knatz

4–Brenda Brooks, Philip Langsdon, Kurt Rodeheffer

6–Adam Johns, Carol Knatz, Logan Holtzapple, Ann Morris, Cameron Prater, Preston Prater

8–John Meinerding, Jason Schmehl, Susan Vogel

9–Allison Brady

10–Robert Austin, Kara Sharp

11–Kimberlee Kiel

12–Cheryl Howard, Kathleen Langsdon, Brent Miller, Michael Opperman, Deborah Smith, Lillian Slaven

13–Nora Nolan, Cody Sharp, Isaac Torsell

14–Valerie Kemmann

15–Alicia Wilson, Dale Sprague

16–Roberta Daugherty

17–Thelma Kellermeier, Jon Rohrbach, Edward Yahl, Daniel Block

18–Clay Quellhorst, Donald Diers

19–John Schultz, Jr.

21–Linda Yahl

22–Scott Cisco, Morgan Hirschfeld, Lori Lutz

23–Carrie Stetler

24–Pastor Bill Maki, Meredith Elking, Daniel Lemmerman

25–Joyce Cook, Audrey Chisholm

26–Karen Kemmann, Aaron Masonbrink, Andrew Masonbrink, Ryan Yahl

27–Kelly Sprague

28–Allison Perry

29–Colin Meckstroth

30–Sandra Wierwille, Kathleen Miller, Judith Schultz, Erica Keysor

If your name was omitted or a correction needs to be made in this list of birthdays, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

*You can't make a hit with a bat on your shoulder.*

## October Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for our October Newsletter is Tuesday, July 15. Please submit all articles to the church office by 3:30 p.m. Here are the various ways to submit your articles to us:

- Fax: 419-394-1239
- Bring it to the church office by the deadline.
- Write us a note on the "I Worshiped Today"
- Leave a message on our answering machine: 419-394-3115 after 4:30 p.m.
- Send your article by e-mail: [kbishir@hotmail.com](mailto:kbishir@hotmail.com)



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## Flood Buckets

NALC Disaster Response: The Men in Mission of Zion are collecting supplies for flood buckets.—this is an ongoing project. They are planning ahead, before a disaster happens. The supplies for flood buckets are as follows:



- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
  - 2 large trash bags
    - Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid floor cleaner
  - Bleach
    - Scrub Brush
- N-95 dust mask
  - rubber gloves

Donations can be placed by the bench beside the elevator. You may donate one or more items or assemble a bucket yourself. Some buckets have supplies in them for you to complete the remaining requirements.

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## 2020 Flower Chart

The 2020 Flower Chart is available on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and contact the church office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Altar flowers left after the weekly 10:30 a.m. worship service and will remain on the altar until Wednesday; unless they are picked up by the person who placed them there. If they haven't been picked up by Wednesday by 12 noon, they will be removed. Upcoming dates still available:



- *October 11 & 18*
- *November 1 & 22*
- *December 6 & 13*

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## News for Zion Women of the NALC

Thanks to all of you who have been coming to Workday every Thursday in July and August. We have been able to put together many kits and knotted many quilts. We also want to thank Miriam and Kraig Johns, Chris White, and possibly others whom we are not aware of for all the extra time spent! Also thanks to the many donations that have come in to combine kits. We are still seeking some supplies for school kits, baby kits, and personal care kits.

Our yearly elections will take place after each of the services on Wednesday, September 9, and Sunday, September 13. The names on the ballot for Chair are Jane Hiles and Nora Staunton; the names on the ballot for Secretary are Deb Brown and Sandy Wierwille. Pastor will introduce each of them at the services on the day of the voting process. Women will be given a ballot when entering the church, and then they can place the ballot in the box upon leaving the service.



Bible studies are starting again in September. The James/Apostles Creed Bible study will start on Wednesday evening, September 16, at 7 p.m. and Thursday afternoon, September 17, at 2 p.m. The Fellowship Bible study, The Cross, will be meeting September 14, at 7 p.m. Watch for details about the place of the studies in the bulletin.

~~The Over 70 Dinner has been planned for October 4, at 11:45 a.m. Watch the bulletin for more details! This event has been cancelled.~~

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## Thank You Notes . . .

- from Water Mission for our recent gift of \$2,681 and \$379. [www.watermission.org/church](http://www.watermission.org/church)
- from Pre-Born for our recent gifts of \$292.80, \$30, \$50, \$50 & \$111, \$1050, in memory of Mary Hinschlager. *"We are grateful for your sacrificial, caring generosity for these moms and their babies. God Bless! Cameron"*
- from Rebecca Stetler for the college scholarship funds awarded to her.
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- from Bella Torsell for the college scholarship funds awarded to her.
- from National Fire Safety Council, Inc. and your local fire department for our recent donation of \$75 for teaching children about fire safety and burn prevention.
- from John Hiles for his "beautiful prayer shawl."
- from the Auglaize County Agricultural Society for our support of the Gospel Tent at the fair.

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## Memorial

A gift was given in the memory of Mary Hinschlager by Louis & Linda Mucci to PreBorn.

## Tentative September Calendar 2020

*Activities may change following our Congregation Council meeting.*

T/1	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Dorcas Quilting Trustee Meeting Congregation Council Mtg.		6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Worship Confirmation Class James Bible Study
W/2	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Bulletin Info. Deadline Wednesday Worship* Confirmation Class	T/17	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Workday James Bible Study
S/6	8 & 10:30 9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Services* Adult Sunday School	S/20	8 & 10:30 9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Services* Adult Sunday School
M/7	Office Closed to Observe Labor Day		M/21	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Study
T/8	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting	T/22	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/9	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting# Bulletin Info. Deadline Wednesday Worship*# Confirmation Class	W/23	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Bulletin Info. Deadline Wednesday Worship* Confirmation Class
S/12	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study	S/27	8 & 10:30 9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Services Adult Sunday School
S/13	8 & 10:30 9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Services*# Adult Sunday School	M/28	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Study
M/14	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Study	T/29	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
T/15	9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Dorcas Quilting Newsletter Article Deadline Youth Board Committee Mtg.	W/30	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Bulletin Info. Deadline Worship Confirmation Class
W/16	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Women's Council Meeting Staff Meeting Bulletin Info. Deadline	<i>*Holy Communion</i> <b>#Women to Vote for Officers</b>		

### Member Address Changes

MRS AMY BERNER  
1110 CHISOLM TRL  
DAYTON OH 45458-9410

MRS KIMBERLY PEYTON REYES  
6238 26<sup>TH</sup> ST UNIT 210  
BERWYN IL 60402-5403

MISS GENEVIEVE BROWN  
11056 STATE ROUTE 364  
SAINT MARYS OH 45885  
740-924-5401

MR MARK HEGEMIER  
10966 SCHROEDER RD  
SAINT MARYS OH 45885

*"When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure."*

—Peter Marshall

## Prayer List

Please include the following people in your prayers, they are family and friends of our members:  
*Larry Wilkins, Janet Dicke, Tanner Fortman, Judy Von Blon, Marvin Opperman, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Jo Ann Cooper, Becky Olberding, Adam Poe, Judy Howell, Terry Teeters, Debbie Fishbaugh, Jack Rouhier, Carol Singleton, Don Deitsch, Carla Sprague, Kevin Schipman, Sandi Deerhake, Lisa Sergent Tackett, Connie Claybaker, Gary Katterheinrich, Dylan Koenig, Bonnie Binkley, Rob Poe, Bob Lutz, Janice Daugherty, Rick Moyar, Nancy Vogel, Harold Knatz, Stephanie Lukac & baby, John Hesse, Barbara Franks, Phyllis Lutterbeck, and all those living with or around the Corona virus.*

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Eli Handy, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Brad Platt, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV who are in the service and in active duty. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

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## Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for **YEAR-TO-DATE**, June 29, 2020.

- 1/1/2020 Beginning Balance - \$5,483.62
  - August YTD Income - +201,873.66\*
  - August YTD Expenses - (-138,325.52)
  - Payroll WH/Benevolence - (12361.55)
  - August Ending Bank Balance - \$66,670.21
  - Roof Principal Balance YTD - \$125,650.41
  - (PPP Money - \$45,000.00)\*
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## Annual Congregation Meeting

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 1, from 9:15-10:15 a.m., (between services) in the sanctuary. No meal will be provided, social distancing will be observed.

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## Sunday School News

The normal Sunday school schedule and Kick-off for September has been postponed until a later date (TBD). The Sunday school is looking into other options for our youth to hear/read the word of God. Watch for more details.

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*"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."*

—Stanley Horowitz

