

Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne Street
Saint Marys, Ohio 45885

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and a congregation of the Northwest Ohio Mission District.

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A Change of Seasons and an Increase in Activity

The secular calendar shows that we have entered September and the month that Fall officially arrives. It is my favorite time of the whole year. I love the cooler days, the chillier nights, and open windows in the house. As Fall progresses, the trees begin to wear colorful coats of yellow and burnt orange and red leaves among the green hold outs, that paint a vibrant picture of God's glorious creation, punctuated in the evening by the smell of burning fires with a bright amber glow in the dark.


Walking arm in arm with September's appearance, the activity of Zion picks up its pace as activity increases. I would like to highlight a few activities you might be interested in.

- 1) All the new carpeting should be installed by the beginning of September.
- 2) The new blinds for the Education Building and some office areas should be installed in the first half of September.
- 3) Confirmation has already started for 7th and 8th graders. It began August 24th. If you missed it and your child should be in Confirmation, please call the office or show up with your child outside of the Chapel this month on any Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m. This year class will only be 1 hour long.
- 4) Several Bible Studies will begin.
 - a. A Bible Study on ***Jeremiah*** – led by Becky Harvey once a month on a Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m., and a Thursday afternoon, at 2 p.m. The first sessions are Wednesday, September 14th, and Thursday September 8th.
 - b. A Bible Study on the ***Book of Genesis*** – Women's Fellowship Group, Mondays, at 7 p.m., in the Lounge.
 - c. Pastor Maki's, Monday night Bible Study meets, at 7 p.m., in the All-Purpose Room. The topic we begin with in September is: ***"Is the Bible Really the Word of God?"*** There are 8 sessions: ¹⁾ ***The Speaking God;*** ²⁾ ***Writing the Bible;*** ³⁾ ***Manuscript Evidence;*** ⁴⁾ ***The Word Made Flesh;*** ⁵⁾ ***The Canon of Scripture;*** ⁶⁾ ***Understanding the Bible;*** ⁷⁾ ***Battles for the Bible;*** and ⁸⁾ ***Drifting from the Word.*** There is additional materials and maps as well.
- 5) Sunday School Begins with a Kick-Off Event on Sunday, September 11th, at 9:15 a.m., in the Zion Auditorium, for ages Pre-K through 8th Grade.
- 6) Crossroads Sunday School begins meeting on September 11th, at 9:15 a.m., in the Lounge. Crossroads is a multi-generational Sunday School (9th grade thru adult). We use DVDs to assist us with our topics. On Sunday, September 11th, we will begin a 5-week examination of ***"The Case for Heaven [and Hell]"*** – by Investigative Journalist, Lee Strobel, a former atheist, who will discuss the evidence for Life after Death. The sessions are: ¹⁾ ***Can We Really Know There's a Heaven?*** ²⁾ ***What's the Evidence for Heaven?*** ³⁾ ***What will Heaven Be Like?*** ⁴⁾ ***Is There Really a Place Called Hell?*** ⁵⁾ ***How Do We Live with an Eye on Eternity?***
- 7) The Adult Sunday School class will meet at 9:15 a.m., in the All-Purpose Room, and is open to any age adult.

As you can see, Zion's activity level increases this month. It is my hope that you will be part of the increased activity and participate in Sunday School each week, and that one of the Bible Studies being offered sparks some interest/desire in you so that you will attend one.

Thanks be to God for our many blessings,

Pastor Bill



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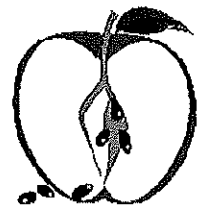
September Loose Offering

The loose offering for the month of September each Wednesday & Sunday is earmarked for the North West Ohio Mission District of the NALC

The North West Ohio Mission District - NALC is part of the North American Lutheran Church, the fastest growing Lutheran church body in North America.

The Ohio Mission Region (OMR) was formed on May 9, 2015, to maintain state-wide unity when the former Ohio Mission District split into its current 5 districts. The OMR Council consists of the 5 deans of the new Ohio Mission Districts, 5 lay people (one from each district), a treasurer and a secretary. Deans acts as a convener for the meetings and annual convocation, but all share in the duties of the region.

The purpose for the regional council is to maintain contact between and among the districts located in Ohio and to serve as a coordinator for joint efforts. There are some outreach efforts and discipleship projects which require more than a few churches. When this is the case, the region serves as a point of organization and communication.



October Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for our October Newsletter is **Thursday, September 15th**. 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.
- Call the church office and leave a message on our answering machine. (After six rings)
- Write us a note on the "I Worshiped Today"
- Send your article by e-mail: kbishir@hotmail.com or zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net

Address Changes

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Lorain OH 44053-3830

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Cincinnati OH 45212

September Birthdays

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

1–Leslie Laman, 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,
Leeann Merricle
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, Genevieve Brown
16–Roberta Daugherty
17–Thelma Kellermeyer, Jon Rohrbach, Edward
Yahl, Daniel Block

18–Clay Quellhorst, Donald Diers
19–John Schultz, Jr., Shirley
Rismiller
21–Linda Yahl
22–Scott Cisco, Morgan Hirschfeld, Lori Lutz
23–Carrie Stetler
24–Pastor Bill Maki, Daniel Lemmerman
25–Joyce Cook, Audrey Chisholm
26–Karen Kemmann, Aaron Masonbrink, Andrew
Masonbrink, Ryan Yahl
27–Kelly Roth,
28–Allison Perry, Zane Lampert
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.

Staff E-Mail Addresses

Zion is linked to the Internet. We are currently receiving e-mail service provided by bright.net. Staff e-mail addresses are:

•Pastor Bill Makiwem1@aol.com
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Memorial

Gifts were given in memory of Rick Broyles by Vic Von Blon and Harry & Nora Staunton.

Live Radio Broadcast

Our 8 a.m. worship service is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast–St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. It is not a difficult job, but we would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

“Faith walking in the dark with God only prays him to clasp its hand more closely, does not even ask him for the lifting of the darkness.” —*Phillips Brooks*

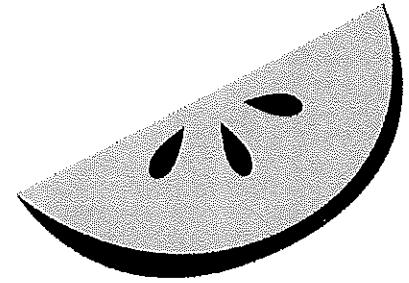


70 and Over Dinner

The 70 and Over Dinner will be held October 2nd in the auditorium, at 12 noon. If you are 70 or over, come for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. All spouses are welcome. The menu will include cube steak. Alexa Kemmann will speak on Music Therapy and will perform. Please sign up on the "I Worship Today" by September 25th or call the church office.

Altar Flower Chart

The 2022 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. Upcoming dates available:



- October 16
- October 30
- November 6

- November 20
- November 27
- December 4

- December 11
- December 18



Prayer List as of August 11

We invite you to include the following people, who are family and friends of our members, in your daily prayers:

Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Mark, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, Ken Ankerman, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Deb Ranly, Linda Diers, Mike, Bernie Shaddock, Ron & Sandy Suchland, Diane (Applegate) Swartz, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Courtney Spencer, Brandye Patterson, Dave Felwisch, Beth Olberding, Eileen Zimmerman, Bill Nuss, Mark Torsell, Bruce Pannabecker, Kristin Hemmelgarden, Emily Henkle, Ginny Loyer, Gene Kuck, Lillian, Mary Willmann, Edward Adams, Merilee Miller, Joan Stetler, Brenda, victims of the flooding in Kentucky, our students going back to school, Family of Craig Raney, Family of Ron Landin, Family of William DeMora. Family of Joyce McCann and Members of Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

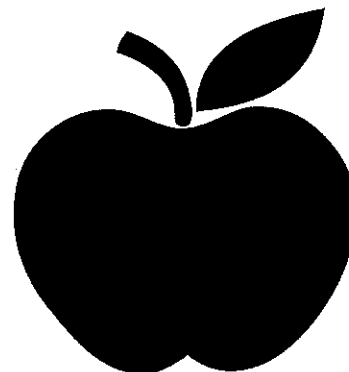
Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Ron Landin, brother-in-law of Jason & Elizabeth Johnson.

Year-to-Date Financial Information

Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month, August 11, 2022.

- 1/1/2022 Beginning Balance--\$81,668
- August 2022 YTD Income--\$166,302
- August 2022 YTD Expenses--(\$172,389)
- Payroll WH/Benevolence--(\$1,178)
- August 2022 Ending Bank Balance--\$74,403



Sunday School Kick-Off

If you attended VBS this summer, you would continue to grow in friendship with Jesus with the

Hay Day! Plan to attend our Sunday School kickoff on Sunday, September 11, at 9:15 a.m.! Don't worry! If you didn't get to attend VBS this summer, you will be up to your elbows in farming fun as we explore our friendship with Jesus! We will plow through

hog wild games, moo-sic and more! Get moo-ving on the morning of September 11 and join us in the Auditorium!

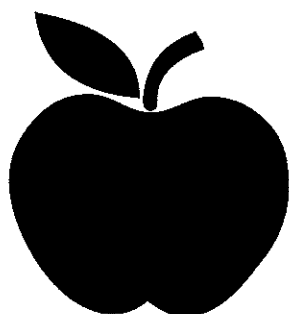


Table Runner

Creative Crafters will meet on Sunday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m. Each person will make and take a table runner, for \$10. Different pattern choices will be available—Miriam Johns will be our instructor. She will help us make our table runners using a “Quilt-as-you-go” method. If you are interested in this craft, sign up in the binder, in the Narthex. See the example in the Narthex.

Thank You Notes

- From Savannah Slater for the scholarship funds. “I am honored to be part of this congregation and has been nothing but welcoming and good to me. I hope that I have been able to properly show my gratitude, and that I will continue to.”
- From the Cancer Association of Auglaize County for our recent gift through our monthly offerings. “Your money goes to clients for Boost, gas mileage reimbursement, wigs, breast forms, bras, and other services.”
- From Bobbi of Water Mission, “Each gift you make saves and transforms lives and draws hearts heavenward. Thank you for allowing God to use you for His purpose and His glory.” Our total gifts were \$5087.10, to be given to Safe and Living Water Mexico-Chiapas Region and Where Most Needed.



News for the Women of Zion

School has started, football is in the air, and harvest season is upon us. Changes are happening here at Zion, also. The kitchen remodel is complete. Organization of the cupboards still needs to be done. The electrical updates will be done by Buschur Electric. The carpeting has been installed in the Chapel, the altar area of the Sanctuary, and B & B Carpeting will be working on the Sanctuary carpet under the pews when it arrives. The shades will be installed the first part of September. Thank you to Joyce Finke, Becky Harvey, Nina Spencer, Diane Uhlenhake, Sue Vogel, and Chris White for cleaning the windows and sills, so the shades can be installed. It was a dirty job, but the windows look so nice and clean now. They just sparkle! Also, thank you to Kurt Rodeheffer, Dwayne Hoenie, and Ed Yahl for taking down the old drapes and curtain rods.

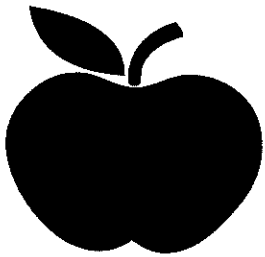
Women's Fellowship will start meeting on Monday, September 12, at 7 p.m. They are still studying the book of Genesis. The Thursday Bible study will start on September 12, at 2 p.m., and the Wednesday night study will start September 14, at 7 p.m. Both will be studying the book of Jeremiah.

Workday is September is Thursday, September 15, at 9 a.m. Kitchen duty for September is Kathy Bishir and October is Rebecca Harvey.

The 70 & Over Dinner is Sunday, October 2, at 12 noon. Alexa Kemmann is the speaker on the subject of Music Therapy. Sandy Wierwille is in charge, be sure to RSVP to the church office, if you are planning to attend.

Our women's board elections will be held in October during the Sunday and Wednesday services. No dates have been set in October, watch the bulletin for more details.

The Book Club will meet Wednesday, September 7th, at 1 p.m. Sue Nuss will lead the discussion on the book "Greyhound" by Steffan Piper. October book is "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon G. Brown and led by Sue Hecht on Wednesday, October 5th, at 1 p.m.



Creative Crafters will meet on Sunday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m., to make a quilted table runner. Miriam Johns will instruct us using the "Quilt as You Go" method. The cost is \$10. On Sunday, October 9th, at 1:30 p.m., we will meet to paint using the Diamond Art kits. There will be a fee of \$15, which will include the canvas, acrylic diamonds, tools, picture frame, storage containers, etc. Be sure to sign up in the binder in the Narthex.

Lots of events are happening in September and October, please try to include some in your schedule.

Remember you are a part of a team that doesn't let players sit on the bench.

When kindness rains, happiness grows. Bill Gray

Nora Staunton, Chair of Zion Women of the NALC

"Prayer is thinking deeply about something in the presence of God."

—Wayne Cordeiro

One Warm Coat Drive to Begin

Warm Winter Coat & Gloves Drive: Agape is accepting donations of New & Gently Used adult and children's winter coats and new winter waterproof gloves from September 19—October 31. Drop off coats in the barrel provided in our portico or take them to the Agape Client Services Building, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. If dropping the coats off at Agape Thrift Store, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive.



Ways to Walk

If you think walking is boring or repetitive, read *52 Ways to Walk*. Author Annabel Streets shares dozens of variations on this healthy pastime. From walking in the cold or at altitude to walking along a river or barefoot (or even backward!), each technique offers different benefits and new perspectives. Other ideas include a sensory walk, a silent walk, a foraging walk and singing while strolling. As Christians know, walking can be a great time to connect with God in prayer too.



Scripture speaks often about our spiritual walk: We are to walk "faithfully" with God (Genesis 5:24, NIV), walk "in all his ways" (Joshua 22:5, NRSV), walk "humbly" with God (Micah 6:8), walk "while you have the light" (John 12:35), walk while praising God (Acts 3:8), walk "by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7), walk "by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16) and walk "in the same way" as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6, NRSV).

As we walk — even through dark valleys — we're never alone. God promises, "I will walk among you and be your God" (Leviticus 26:12, NIV).

—Stephanie Martin

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The *prayer shawl* symbolizes being wrapped in God's love, enveloped with hope and comfort.

Prayer Shawls/Lap Robes are currently available in the church office. If you know of someone (man, woman or child) who is in need of comfort, stop by the church office to pick up a shawl/lap robe today. They are free and recipients do not need to be members of Zion to receive a lap robe or shawl. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Kathy Bishir, 419-778-9640.

