

"I came
that they may
have *life*
and have it
abundantly."

John 10:10, NRSV

Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne Street
St. Marys, OH 45885

May 3, 2023
6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Pianist: Miriam Johns

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

#502

CONFESSION / ASSURANCE

L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Hear us O God.

C: We confess to you Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word and deed; we pray you have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

L: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all of your sins and give you time to amend your life.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

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PSALM 23

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

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GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Insert

SONG

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

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OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

SONG

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

#774

POSTLUDE

Pianist: Miriam Johns

Memory Verse

John 10:9

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2023

*“Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me..”*

-Psalm 23:4-

As I have grown in years, I find that I see Scripture in new light. Psalm 23 is no exception. It does not deny the fact that as believers and defenders of God’s Word, we will indeed endure trial and hardship. Notice that the psalmist does not write: *“If I should possibly walk through the darkest valley...”* No, he writes, *“Though I walk through the darkest valley...”* It is not a matter of *if* we will endure trials and hardships, it’s simply a matter of *when* we do. And when we do, then what? Well, we have no reason to be afraid, do we? And that’s because we have our Good Shepherd there to guide us through, comforting us with his promise of life and salvation.

Some years ago we had a terrible storm go through our area where we lived in South Dakota at the time. Our youngest wasn’t born yet, so we had a six-year-old and two-year-old at home. The power went out and everything was pitch black! My husband found some little tea-light candles. When he got the first one lit, our six-year-old son exclaimed with excitement, *“Wow! I can see the whole hallway!”* He was right. Just the tiniest flame from a tea-light was able to enlighten the entire pitch black hallway, bringing much comfort to our little ones.

One of the benefits of traveling through darkness is appreciating the brilliant light whenever it arrives. We sinful humans are all too quick to forget our Lord’s blessings. Until... until whatever challenge or hardship comes our way. Then we remember how uncomfortable and scary the darkness can be. We cry out to God to calm our fears and help us through. He seems so far away, and yet, he is never far from us. God promises to never leave us nor forsake us. If God says it, it’s true. We must trust in his promises for us. When we do, we find that even when the scary darkness comes upon us, our Good Shepherd is there, ready to help us through, guiding us toward the light once again.

Prayer: Gracious and loving God, thank you for always being with us. Forgive us when we lose sight of the power of your Light and your promise to keep us safe and close to you always. Help us to keep our eyes upon you. In Jesus’ name, amen.



I Worshiped Today

Please assist us in our effort to acknowledge your presence here by completing this form and passing it to the side aisle. Thank you!

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	May 3, 2023
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Name	Member? Y/N
Address	Change? Y/N
City, State, Zip	
Phone	Change? Y/N
E-mail	Change? Y/N

Visitor? Please list the following information . . .

Home Church Name
Address
City, State, Zip

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<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like a call or visit from Pastor Bill.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would be interested in membership at Zion.
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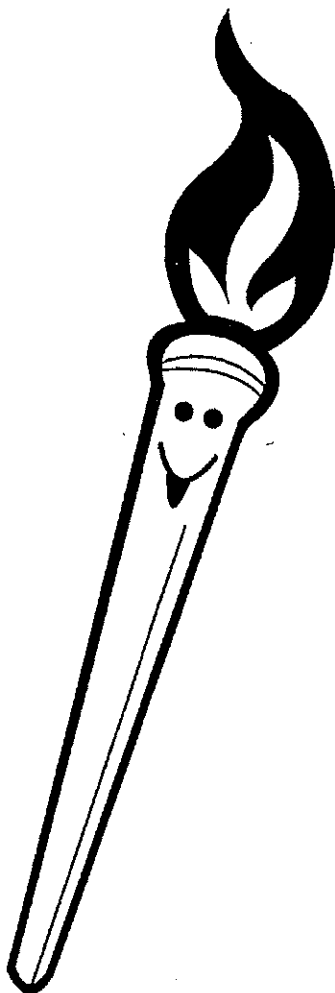
Zion Men's Workshop

PAINTERS, START YOUR
BRUSHES!!!

The Zion Men's Workshop (ZMW) is busy making toy cars for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and you can help. Would you (adult or supervised child) like to paint a few cars for this project? It can be your own design and colors - whatever you think a boy or girl would like.

If this sounds like fun, you may sign out a group of five car bodies to take home and custom paint them with durable acrylic or enamel paint. Then, return your five bodies, within a week, to ZMW at church, and we will complete the cars by adding wheels. The cars will then be available in the fall to go into shoeboxes.

Packages of bodies will be available after church in the narthex for sign out. They must be returned within a week. . Please put your name on the bags when you return the car bodies. Adults and kids, don't miss this fun and creative way to bless our shoebox kids.



Calendar for May 7-21, 2023

S/7	8:00 a.m.	Worship**
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Year End Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters, Church Kitchen
M/8	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Meeting, Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Elder's Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/9	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council Meeting
W/10	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	11:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Jeremiah Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
T/11	2:00 p.m.	Jeremiah Bible Study
F/12	11:25 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/13	9:00 a.m.	Men In Mission Bible Study
S/14	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
M/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
T/16	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/17	11:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship

T/18	9:00 a.m.	Women's Workday/Warehouse Pick Up
F/19	11:25 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/20	10:00 a.m.	Trustee Outdoor Workday
S/21	8:00 a.m.	Worship**
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Scholarship Recognition Reception, Narthex
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*

**Holy Communion*

**Livestreamed on www.zionstmarys.org & on WCSM 96.7 Radio*



ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 31
 Sunday 8 a.m.: 50, 10:30 a.m.: 38, Total for the Day: 88
 Total for the Week: 119

We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ann Morris, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Amelia Green, Dwight & Carmen Axe, Doug Mucci, Kelsey, Karen Vornholt, Brenda Purdy, Sandee Burd, Lisa Suchland, Dane Newlove, Elaine Marbaugh, Debbie Parker, Shawn Schoen (Shane) & Family, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Eileen Schamp, Emily Henkle, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Deborah Yahl, Markham Hodge, Linda Suchland, Ronald Suchland, Josh Meeker, Kenneth Dean, Steve Opperman; family of James Reinhart and Eileen Zimmerman.

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 James Reinhart, father to Debbie (Stan) Brown.

We welcome, on Sunday, May 7, into the Family of God today Elizabeth Florence Ann Yates, daughter of Jimmy & Donna Yates by baptism.

Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of **May** is earmarked for the Oesterlen Services for Youth in Springfield, Ohio. Since its founding in 1903, Oesterlen's single objective has been to serve children and their loved ones. For more information on this organization, check out the May Newsletter.

Thank you to Heidi Yahl for leading worship on Wednesday, May 3.

May Creative Crafters: Our May Make & Take Craft is focusing on making stained glass ornaments. This can be a mother and child activity or anyone wishing to make the ornaments. Each person registered will make and take two stained glass ornaments, on **Sunday, May 7**, at 1:30 p.m. Meet in the church kitchen. Supplies are limited to the first six people who register. The cost is \$10, payable the day of the event.

Keepers of the Kingdom, Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth VBS will be held at Zion, **Monday-Thursday, June 5-8**, 6 - 7:30 with a pool party planned for Friday, June 9, for all families. Currently, teen and adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Mindy for more information or to volunteer. The next planning meeting is **Monday, May 8, (date change from May 1)** at 5:30 p.m., in the lounge. All volunteers are invited to attend.

The Trustees have set aside **Saturday, May 20**, to do landscaping for the church. Help is needed to trim shrubs, edge sidewalks,

mulch, and weed. Volunteers are asked to show up at 10 a.m., on that Saturday with your own tools to help with the landscaping.

We will be recognizing our college scholarship recipients on **Sunday, May 21**. They will be presented with their scholarship funds at both services on that day. A coffee and cookie fellowship reception will be held between the two services for the students and congregation, in the Narthex. The reception will be held between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m., on the 21st. Join us at the reception, where we will greet and meet the students and their family. The recipients are: Carrie Stetler, Savannah Slater, Liz Ackroyd and Morgan Hesse.

Registration is coming soon for the Community VBS, Keepers of the Kingdom, Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth! Stay tuned for more information to register your preschool (ages 3 - KG) and elementary aged children (grades 1-6)! This VBS will take place at Zion, **June 5 - 8, 6 - 7:30 p.m.**, with a pool party planned on **Friday, June 9**.

Zion is the site for a Lifeline Screening event to be held on **Tuesday, June 6**, from 8-4. See the posters and flyers for more details on scheduling your appointment or call 800-679-5192.

NALC Ohio Mission Trip from June 11 to June 15. There will a mission trip to Eastern Kentucky to help repair homes destroyed by flash flooding in 2022. Church groups and individuals will provide home maintenance, repair, and other help for families in crisis, disabled, widowed, elderly, seniors, and Veterans. Learn how to repair and rebuild homes and families destroyed by disasters. This mission trip will take part from the evening of Sunday, June 11 to Thursday morning, June 15. There will be daily devotions and recreation. Cost: your travel expenses and food. Registration and Medical Release forms will be emailed upon request. Registration

contact: Pastor Michael Koch at 330-635-8008 or mekock46@gmail.com.

We have installed equipment for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services can be found on our Facebook page. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this ministry.

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. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church Office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

Weekly Budget	18 Week Budget	18 Week Income	Received April 30
\$6,133--Current	\$110,394	\$95,520	\$4,770
\$290--NALC Offering	\$5,220	\$2,775	\$92

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