

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

May 7, 2023 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

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PRELUDE

Softly Jesus Calls Us

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

#765

GREETING

P He is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

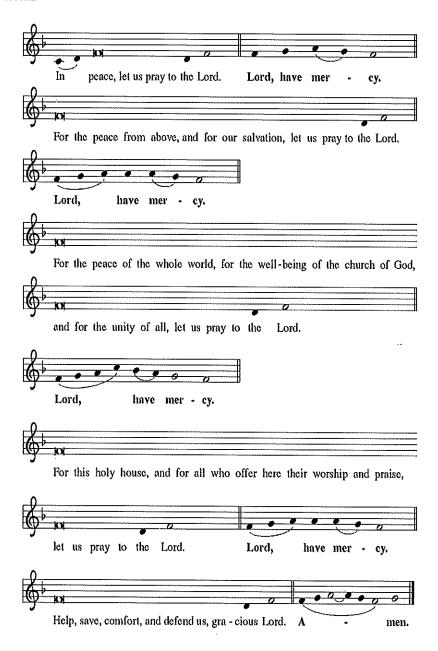
P: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

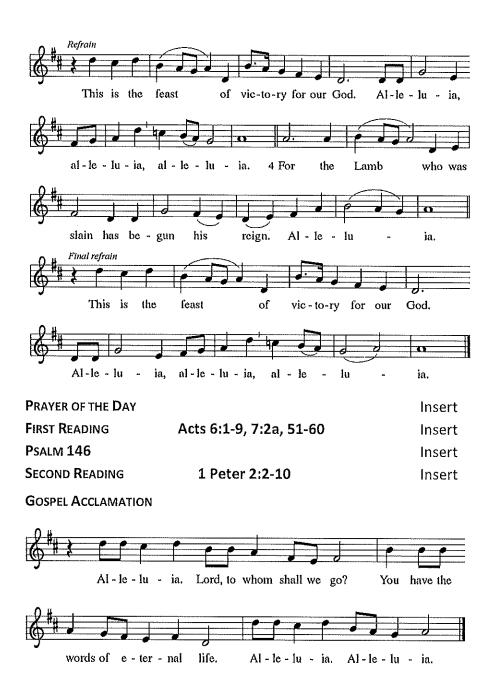
C: And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE





- P: The holy gospel according to Saint John the fourteenth chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843

HOLY BAPTISM OF ELIZABETH FLORENCE ANN YATES (8:00)

NICENE CREED (10:30)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

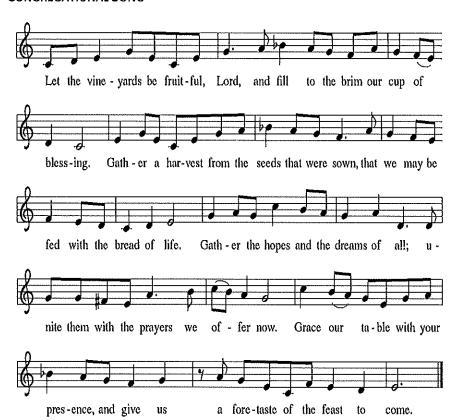
OFFERING

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Solitude

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CONGREGATIONAL SONG



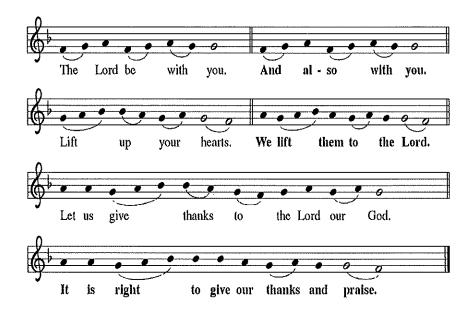
OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

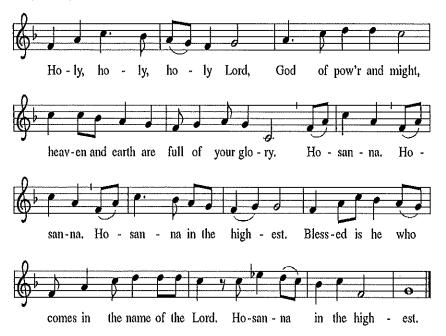


PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels,

cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

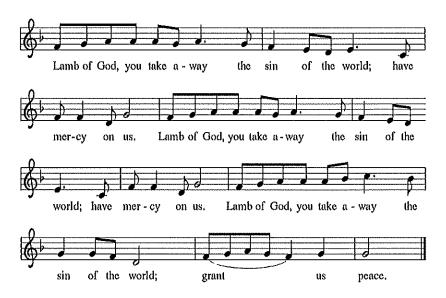
Lord's Prayer

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.

COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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COMMUNION HYMNS

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#502

#656

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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POSTLUDE

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Memory Verse:

Act 6:2

And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Marion & Josie Slater's 26th Wedding Anniversary on May 3rd.

Today, May 7*

Acolytes: 8AM: Makenna Meinerding

10:30am: Grady Hughes

Communion 8AM: John Hesse

Assistants: 10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie **Crucifers:** 8AM: Genevieve Brown

10:30AM: Will Ross

Ushers:

8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Deb Henning,

John & Amy Hesse

10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Mark Torsell,

Stan & Deb Brown

Fellowship

8AM: Doug & Martha Stetler

Table:

10:30am: Sandy Wiewille

Greeters:

8AM: Becky Harvey, Nora Staunton

10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille

Readers:

8AM: Linda Decker

10:30: Debbie Brown

Next Sunday, May 14*

Acolytes:

8AM: Hunter Coldiron

10:30am: Allison Ankerman

Ushers:

8AM: Ryan, Brandi & Eliza Yahl, Chris White

10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Keith Fledderjohann,

Dana Cook, Sandy Wierwille

Fellowship

8AM: Nora & Harry Staunton

Table:

10:30am: Nora & Harry Staunton

Greeters:

8AM: Nora Staunton, Judy Schultz

10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille

Readers:

8AM: Doris Cook

10:30: Ruth Hoenie

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Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 7, 2023

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

- John 14:2 -

When I was a little girl, I would dream of a castle in heaven, and it would be MY home! These opening verses of John 14 are what painted that picture for me. Jesus is gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room celebrating the Passover, and he is trying to prepare them for the events that are to come. This chapter of John is part of what's often referred to as Jesus' Farewell Discourse (Jn. 14-17). Jesus is hours away from his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. So he strives to reassure his disciples that if they believe in God, they believe in him. And really, the disciples have no reason to fear.

Jesus assures them, he promises them, that he will come back and take them with him. The time of separation between Jesus and his followers is only temporary. Then he goes on to say that there are many rooms in his Father's house that will be prepared for each of them. A house with many rooms. It's understandable that we'd think of a mansion or castle. But is that really how God operates? Does God do things in a flashy manner? If he did, why would the newborn Savior have been born in a barn and laid in an animal's feed trough? No, God does things in a most humble way.

We get caught up on what our home in heaven might look like. But does it really matter what it looks like? What matters most about this discourse is that Jesus promises that once he has atoned for our sins, there will be plenty of room for everyone in his Father's

house. The One, whose parents were turned away from the inn because there was no room, has died in our place, taking our sin upon himself. And because of this greatest act of love and sacrifice, you and I and all other believers have a place in heaven. The interior and exterior design are merely afterthoughts. We will be in the presence of our Savior forever! And even now as we await that day, God has given us his Holy Spirit, that we may dwell with him while here on earth.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ. May we be ever mindful of the price it took for us to have a place with you in your heavenly home. Forgive us, Lord, when we become fixated on minor details, and may we rejoice in your love and promises. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Holy Baptism of Elizabeth Florence Ann Yates

PRESENTATION

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

(Godparents, Nathan Brown and Nicole Pohlman, present Elizabeth Florence Ann Yates)

S: We present Elizabeth Florence Ann Yates for baptism.

(The minister addresses the parents, Jimmy & Donna Yates.)

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Elizabeth Florence Ann Yates* baptized into Christ?

M: I do.

P: As you bring Elizabeth Florence Ann to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and
the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Elizabeth Florence Ann may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.
Do you promise to help Elizabeth Florence Ann grow in the

M: Ido.

Christian faith and life?

(The minister addresses Godparents.)

- P: Godparents of *Elizabeth Florence Ann*, do you promise to nurture *her* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *her* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
- S: Ido.

(The minister addresses the assembly)

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Elizabeth Florence*Ann and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(The minister addresses the parents and Godparents of Elizabeth Florence Ann.)

- P: Parents and Godparents, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- R: I renounce them.
- P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- R: I renounce them.
- P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- R: I renounce them.

(The minister addresses everyone gathered.)

- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: 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.

- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (Pour water)

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you have set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

- P: Elizabeth Florence Ann, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. You belong to Christ; in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

(Laying a hand on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays.)

P: Sustain *Elizabeth Florence Ann* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

(The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized in oil.)

P: Elizabeth Florence Ann, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

(A baptismal candle is lit and presented to the newly baptized by a Godparent.)

S: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(The minister and the baptismal group face the assembly.)

- P: Let us welcome *Elizabeth Florence Ann Yates* into the family of God.
- C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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/1	.0 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	l 2:00 p.m.	Jeremiah Bible Study	
F/12	2 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/1	.5 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/1	.7 11:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline	
	6:30 p.m.	Worship	
T/18	3 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
To	tal for the Week: 1	19

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 330-635-8008 at 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
\$6,133Current	\$110,394	\$95,520	\$4,770
\$290NALC Offering	\$5,220	\$2,775	\$92

Council Organization 2023

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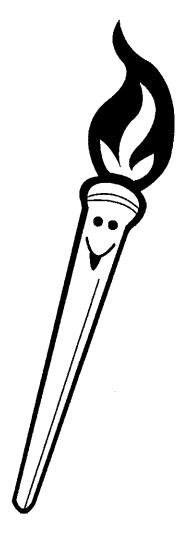
*Chairperson

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.