



## Ascension of Our Lord

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

May 21, 2023  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**PRELUDE**                      *O God, The Rock of Ages*                      Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION**

*Carrie Stetler, Savannah Slater, Liz Ackroyd, Morgan Hesse*

**GATHERING SONG**                      *"God Is Here!"*                      #526

**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.**

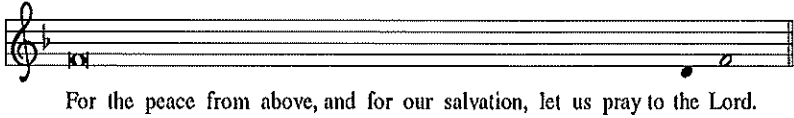
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

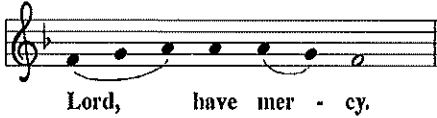
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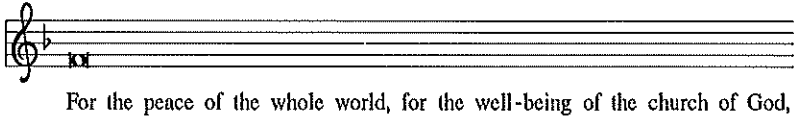
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



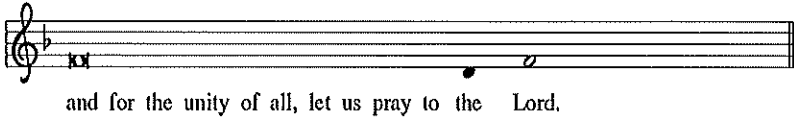
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



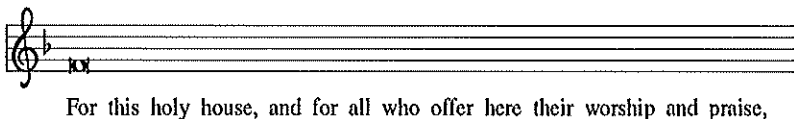
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



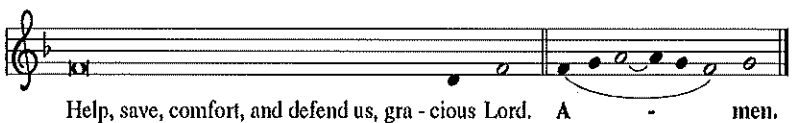
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Insert

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 1:1-11**

Insert

**PSALM 47**

Insert

**SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

Insert

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

**Luke 24:44-53**

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The Church's One Foundation"*

#654

NICENE CREED

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**

**OFFERTORY**

*Through a Sunlit Window*

Simone



## CONGREGATIONAL SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

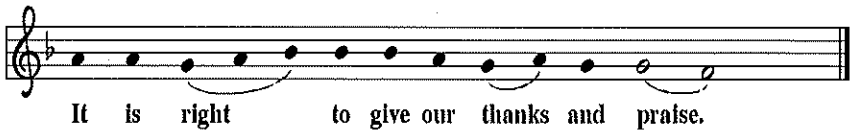
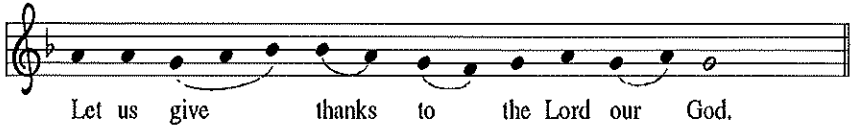
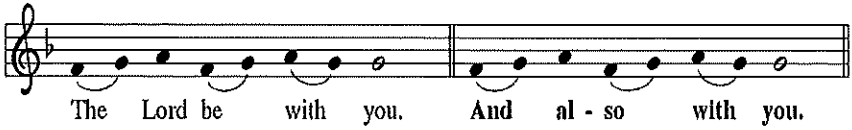
## OFFERING PRAYER

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; who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

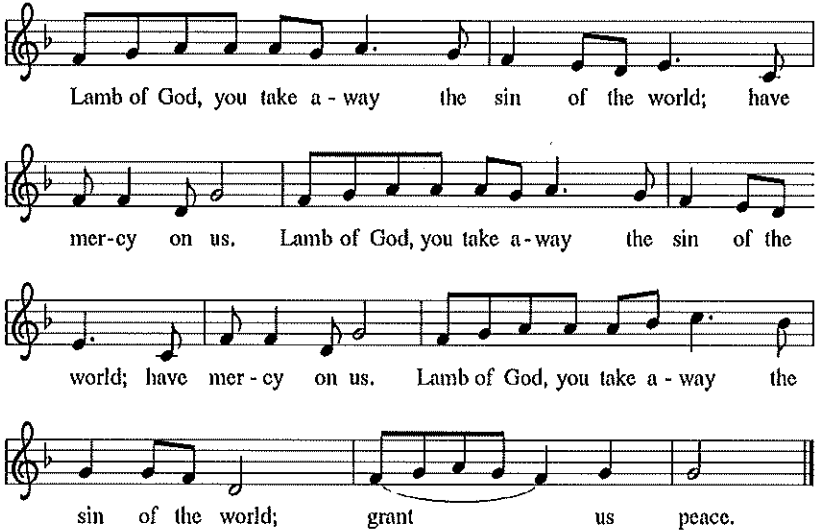
## LORD'S PRAYER

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*"Day by Day"* #790

*"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* #484

## 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 *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* #545

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

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

## POSTLUDE

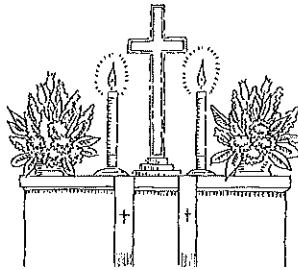
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### Memory Verse:

Luke 24:52-53

*And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.*

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*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of our four college scholarship recipients and their families who support them.*

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Samantha Ackroyd's graduation from Xavier University.*



*There are also spring flower arrangements in honor of anniversaries.*

- *Tom & Sandy Bergman's 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 20<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *Richard & Sue Hecht's 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 20<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *Steve & Linda Opperman's 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 22.*
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***Today, May 21\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Lampert  
10:30am: Maylee Fischbach
- Communion** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster  
**Assistants:** 10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Jake Sharp  
10:30AM: Bennett Glass
- Ushers:** 8AM: Rhonda Weaver, Judy Schultz,  
Dianne Uhlenhake, Bob Hinschlager  
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Darl Bishir,  
Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Fellowship** 8AM: Scholarship Committee  
**Table:** 10:30am: Scholarship Committee

**Greeters:** 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl  
10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie  
**Readers:** 8AM: Steve McAfee  
10:30: Darl Bishir

*Next Sunday, May 28\**

**Acolytes:** 8AM: Noah Torsell  
10:30am: Jessi Eberle  
**Communion** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster  
**Assistants:** 10:30AM: Dan Macklem  
**Crucifers:** 8AM: Zoey Henning  
10:30AM: Braylon Lampert  
**Ushers:** 8AM: Jody Slemmons, Steve & Dora McAfee,  
Doug Stetler  
10:30AM: John & Amy Hesse, Mark Torsell,  
Keith Fledderjohann  
**Fellowship** 8AM: Joyce Ross  
**Table:** 10:30am: Stanley & Debbie Brown  
**Greeters:** 8AM: John & Amy Hesse  
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille  
**Readers:** 8AM: Linda Yahl  
10:30: Dwayne Hoenie

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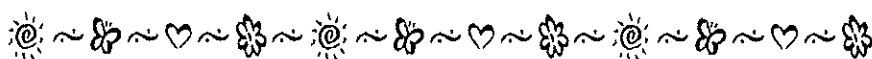
ATTENDANCE ..... Last Wednesday: 28  
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 45, 10:30 a.m.: 41, Total for the Day: 86  
..... Total for Week: 114  
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CHURCH OFFICE.....419-394-3115

## Calendar for May 21—June 4, 2023

|      |            |  |
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| 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*                                       |
| M/22 | 7:00 p.m.  | Women's Fellowship Group                       |
|      | 7:00 p.m.  | Pastor Led Bible Study                         |
| T/23 | 9:00 a.m.  | Dorcas Quilting                                |
|      | 9:00 a.m.  | 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Meeting |
| W/24 | 12:30 p.m. | Bulletin Information Deadline                  |
|      | 6:30 p.m.  | Worship*                                       |
| F/26 | 11:25 a.m. | Middle School Bible Release Time               |
| S/27 | 7:00 p.m.  | Tri-Squares                                    |
| S/28 | 8:00 a.m.  | Pentecost Worship*                             |
|      | 9:15 a.m.  | Adult Sunday School                            |
|      | 10:30 a.m. | Pentecost Worship*                             |
| M/29 |            | Memorial Day/Office Closed                     |
| T/30 | 9:00 a.m.  | Dorcas Quilting                                |
| W/31 | 11:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting                                  |
|      | 12:30 p.m. | Bulletin Information Deadline                  |
|      | 6:30 p.m.  | Worship*                                       |
|      | 7:00 p.m.  | Boy Scout Leadership Meeting                   |
| Th/1 | 10:00 a.m. | OCC Packing Party                              |
| S/4  | 8:00 a.m.  | Worship**/HS Graduate Recognition              |
|      | 9:15 a.m.  | Adult Sunday School                            |
|      | 10:30 a.m. | Worship*/ HS Graduate Recognition              |
|      | 11:45 a.m. | VBS Meeting                                    |

*\*Holy Communion*

*\*Livestreamed on [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org) & on WCSM 96.7 Radio*



**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, Ronald 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, Steve Opperman, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Linda Suchland, Sandee Burd, Eileen Zimmerman and Family of John Vulgamott.

**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.

**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.

**Thanks** to Doris Cook for being our librarian over the years. Doris has resigned her position and Sue Hecht & Betty Hussey have volunteered to reorganize the library and catalog the books by author. The library will not be available (effective immediately) with the anticipation date of reopening on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

**We are recognizing** our college scholarship recipients **today:** Carrie Stetler, Savannah Slater, Liz Ackroyd and Morgan Hesse.

**On Sunday, May 28, is The Day of Pentecost.** The main sign of Pentecost is the color red. It **symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.** Join us in wearing red to worship next Sunday.

**The church office** will be closed **Monday, May 29**, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 30, at 8:30 a.m.

**An Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party** is planned for any elementary aged kids on **Thursday morning, June 1**, at 10a.m. Bring along a friend (not from Zion) and help pack boxes. All boxes and items will be provided as well as the fun, free T-shirts and snack or pizza. Please sign up on "I Worshipped Today".

**On Sunday, June 4**, at both services we will recognize our high school graduates. We will recognize them and present them with a gift from the congregation. Our graduates: Amelia Ankerman, Tayler Berner, Elnora Glass, Morgan Hesse, Kaj Miller, Haylee Opperman, Kendra Rothe, and Isaac Torsell.

## **Community VBS, Keepers of the Kingdom, Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth!**

- This VBS will take place at Zion, **June 5 - 8**, 6 - 7:30 p.m., with a pool party planned on **Friday, June 9**.



- Registration is now open. Register your preschool (ages 3 - KG) and elementary aged children (grades 1-6)! Click on graphic on the homepage of our website ([www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org)), to register online or use QR code here.

- *Teen and adult crew leaders are desperately needed for preschool and elementary groups. Mark your "I Worshiped Today" if you are able to help or contact Mindy.*
  - There will be a VBS volunteer meeting on **Sunday, June 4**, at 11:45 for anyone who has questions or needs to be directed to the activity rooms.
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**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.

**St. Marys Canal Walk** for Water 2023 will be held on **Saturday, June 10**, at 10 a.m. Meet at the Mill Park Shelter House. There is no fee to walk. Pets on a leash are welcome. Donations to Water Mission may be placed in our weekly offering, made through our website or brought into the church office.

**The congregation** will be celebrating Zion's 174<sup>TH</sup> anniversary on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. At 5 p.m., we will host an Ice Cream social to celebrate our anniversary, in the auditorium. A light meal and ice cream will be served. Please watch to sign up on your "I Worshiped Today", so we may plan for enough food and beverages. We hope to see you there!

**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 [mekoch46@gmail.com](mailto:mekoch46@gmail.com).

**The congregation** will be celebrating its 174<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **Sunday, June 11**, at 5 p.m., with an Ice Cream Social. A light meal and ice cream will be served in the auditorium. Sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" if you plan to attend.

**Creative Crafters** will meet on **Sunday, June 25**, at 1:30 p.m., in the all-purpose room. We will use our wood burning kit to make one of the items included in the kit. The fee for the kit is \$15. Sign up in the notebook in the Narthex.

**The NALC Convocation** will be from **Wednesday, August 9-Friday, August 11**, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Two delegates are still needed. Some cost will be covered. If you are interested, please call the church office.

**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        | 20 Week Budget | 20 Week Income | Received May 14 |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| \$6,133--Current     | \$122,660      | \$106,162      | \$6,717         |
| \$290--NALC Offering | \$5,800        | \$3,006        | \$153           |

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| <b>Council Organization 2023</b> |
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*President:* ..... Neal Brady  
*Vice President:* ..... Cheryl Macklem  
*Secretary:* ..... Jeanne Wurster  
*Assistant Secretary:* ..... Genevieve Brown  
*Treasurer:* ..... Stanley Brown  
*Assistant Treasurer:* ..... Andrew O'Bryan

**COUNCIL AT LARGE:** Pete Ackroyd, Stan Brown, Thelma Kellermeyer, Cheryl Macklem, Andrew O'Bryan, Doug Stetler

**BOARD OF DEACONS:** John Hesse, Dwayne Hoenie, Dan Macklem, Judy Schultz, Jody Slemmons, Dianne Uhlenhake, Rhonda Weaver, Jeanne Wurster\*, Ryan Yahl

**BOARD ELDERS:** Darl Bishir\*, Kathy Lampert, Brandy Yahl

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Dana Cook\*, Ed Flora, Eric Langsdon, Kurt Rodeheffer

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**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** Genevieve Brown

**MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND:** Darl Bishir, Doris Cook\*, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer, Marion Slatner

*\*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.

