

Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne Street
Saint Marys, Ohio 45885

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You Can Help Others Get the Fresh Water they Need to Live!!

On Saturday, June 10th, at 10am, a group of people concerned about the quality of water many in the world are forced to drink and the dangers involved just to get that water in order to live, will meet at the Mill Park Shelter House in an effort to raise money for those in Mexico to have clean, safe, drinking water and proper sanitation facilities.

WaterMission is a non-profit organization that exists to provide expertise to communities that only have unsafe, unclean water to drink. Since 1998 the founders of WaterMission have been actively working to educate and train communities about the dangers of unsafe water and of the water purification systems they have developed for those communities. WaterMission has provided water purification systems all over the world and the local communities operate and manage each of those systems. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been saved because of the systems WaterMission has put in place around the world, including Mexico.

Mexico is home to 128 million people as of the 2020 census. It is made up of 32 States. I personally visited several communities in the State of Chiapas, Mexico several years ago. I visited with the people in those communities, I worshipped with them, and I saw the poor and dangerous quality of the water they had to drink, until the fresh, safe water that a WaterMission purification system provided them. It was amazing to hear the personal stories of many and to witness the difference fresh, safe water made in their lives and to the health and vitality of those communities as a whole.

Additionally, WaterMission also has safe affordable sanitation systems for the population in those communities to utilize, if they choose.

But, poverty is everywhere in Mexico and it is often difficult for communities to be able to afford the purchase and initial start-up of the water systems. This is where your donation helps. The money we send to WaterMission is earmarked for WaterMission Mexico to use for water purification or for safe sanitation, whichever a community is in need for and would like.

Walk with us on June 10th. We will start at the Mill Park Shelter House off of High Street in Saint Marys at 10am. We will walk north alongside of the canal till we reach State Route 33. We will then fill our buckets with water from the canal and walk back to the Shelter House. The walk is approximately 1 mile long. There are many in the world who walk 3-5 miles to their nearest water source to get even dirty water from rivers, streams and bad wells. Along the way there are many dangers ranging from wild animals to robbers and thieves to murderers and infected outcasts. WaterMission water purification systems located right in the community makes getting fresh water safer and more convenient to everyone.

Ask your family and friends and those in your neighborhood or various clubs to help by walking with us and also by their generous contribution to help. Our goal this year is \$5,000. I hope we can reach that goal. With your help I know it is possible.

Pastor Bill

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We update our church directory on an annual basis. Please contact the church office, with any or all of your household changes. Name...address...phone number...cell phone...etc. Changes can also be made by making a note on your "I Worshiped Today". Deadline to make it into the new directory is Friday, June 30th, at 3:30 p.m.

June Loose Offering

Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of June is earmarked to support Water Mission International of N. Charleston, SC. Water Mission, a nonprofit Christian engineering organization, was awarded Charity Navigator's four-star rating for the 15th consecutive year. Charity Navigator is America's largest independent charity evaluator, and the four-star rating is earned by only 1% of all charities rated by the organization. This top distinction reflects Water Mission's commitment to accountability and transparency.



St. Marys Canal Walk for Water 2023

St. Marys Canal Walk for Water 2023 will be held Saturday, June 10, at 10 AM, at Mill Park Shelter house. We will walk 1 mile. There is no fee for walking. Pets on a leash are welcome. Bring your own bucket. Donations are welcome.

We will walk one mile along the canal, fill or partially fill your bucket, and return to the shelter house. Bring your friends! Bring your donation! Our goal this year is \$5,000, for Water Mission.

Water Mission is a non-profit, Christian engineering organization based in North Charleston, South Carolina, USA that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Join us and watch God bless our vision and our church as well as the lives of those we will change forever. This is your opportunity to provide comfort in the face of suffering and bring people to Christ. I hope to see you there! Use the donation button is on the front page of our website: www.zionstmarys.org, and it will direct you to the Water Walk donation button.

"The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image."
—Thomas Merton



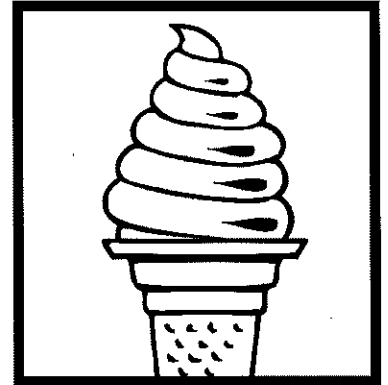
Life Line Screening

Zion is the site for a Life Line Screening event to be held on Tuesday, June 6th. See the posters and flyers in the Sunday bulletins for more details on scheduling your appointment, or call 800-679-5192.

Annual Ice Cream Social

The congregation will be celebrating Zion's 174th anniversary on **Sunday, June 11th**. 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!



June Birthdays

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members of Zion Lutheran Church. We invite you to pray for the following people on their special day.

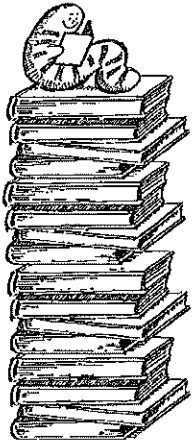
- 1-Taylor Rohrbach
- 2-Stephanie Ross, Ashley Rothe
- 3-Lilly Ruvoldt
- 4-Jaeleen De Hays
- 6-Jared Clark, Makenna Meinerding
- 7-Tim Schrader, Trent Hughes
- 8-Georgia Grunden, Kristina Schnell Nicolo, Leslie Wobler
- 9-Linda Erb, Maggie Halbert, Debra Henning, Sylvia Katterheinrich, William Kellermeier, Mason Moorman
- 11-Constance Kiel, Alma Kuffner, Theodore Hart
- 12-Terry Henning, Betsy Ruvoldt
- 13-Gregory Broyles, Kimberly McDermitt
- 14-Annette Leonhard
- 15-Matthew Tangeman, Dow Wagner

- 16-Pete Ackroyd, Wilhelmina Klosterman, Emily Miller, Jo Rouhier
- 17-Heather Glass, Sandra Henkle, Sophia Henning, Sally Sands
- 18-Jaret Ankerman
- 19-Ryan Rohrbach, Juli Sprague, Ben Torsell
- 20-Samantha Franklin, Kalli Hughes
- 22-Darcy Storer
- 23-Bentley Huttis
- 24-Noah Torsell
- 25-Barbara Kovar, Kent Miller, Haydon Wenning
- 26-Katelyn Ackerman
- 27-Tess Hague, Melanie Rose
- 28-Vanessea Hayman, Pamela Hobler
- 30-Kathy Bishir, David Now

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.

"Rest is not idle, is not wasteful. Sometimes rest is the most productive thing you can do for body and soul."

—Erica Layne



Church Library News

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.

Vacation Bible School Announcement

- Keepers of the Kingdom, Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth VBS will be held at Zion, June 5-8, 6 - 7:30 p.m., 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.
- Registration is now available online. Use the link on our Facebook page or our web page: zionstmarys.org.
- Register your preschool (age's 3-KG) and elementary aged children (grades 1-6)! VBS will take place here at Zion.



Prayer List

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, and Eileen Zimmerman.

*Let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker!*
Psalm 95:6

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.

"God has not called you to your life mission in spite of who you are; he has called you precisely because of who you are."

—Reggie McNeal, *Practicing Greatness*

“You shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.”

—Maya Angelou

2023 Flower Chart

The first part of the 2023 Flower Chart is 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 still available:



*July 2, 16 & 30

*August 6, 13, 20, & 27

*September 3 & 10

Staff E-Mail Addresses

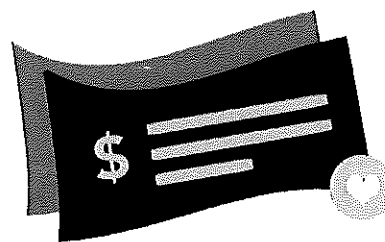
Zion is linked to the Internet. We are currently receiving e-mail service provided by bright.net. Staff e-mail addresses are:

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Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month March, 5/15/2023.

- 1/1/2023 Beginning Balance--\$86,923
- May 2023 YTD Income--\$106,162
- May 2023 YTD Expenses--(-\$132,612)
- Payroll/Interest Adjustments—\$122
- May 2023 Ending Bank Balance--\$60,595



Special Dates

- Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023
- Flag Day, June 14, 2023
- Father’s Day, June 18, 2023
- Juneteenth, June 19, 2023
- First day of summer, June 21, 2023

Agape Ministry School Supply List

Agape Ministries will not accept school supplies for their client's children this year. Instead they are asking organizations and individuals to sponsor a child for just \$15 per student. **Agape will provide each student with:** crayons, notebook, markers, headphones, glue, index cards, glue sticks, scissors, dry erase markers, tissues, pink erasers, wipes and sandwich bags.

The financial donations may be sent or dropped off at Agape. Please designate school supply program. Any questions or concerns, please contact, Kris Raseneor, 419-394-8700.

News for the Women of Zion

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Lenten Fundraiser. We collected over \$1,200. There was also a special donation of \$500 for personal care kits. These donations really help fund our mission projects. Again, Thank You for your generosity!

Doris Cook has been Zion's librarian for many years. She has decided it is time to retire. We really appreciate all her time and work providing reference and reading materials for our Zion family. Sue Hecht and Betty Hussey are taking over the task of cleaning and updating the library, therefore, the library will be closed until the project is completed.

Mary Bates came in May and picked up the many boxes of diapers, a box of baby wipes, a box of Bibles, 13 bags of blankets and quilts, 5 boxes of kitchen kits, 29 boxes of personal care kits and 2 flood buckets.

We are working on cleaning the church refrigerators, ovens and will clean and inventory the kitchen sometime after Vacation Bible School. Kitchen duty is June is Kathy Bishir. Cheryl Macklem has it in July. Reminder—if supplies are running low please let Kathy know and anything placed in the refrigerator or freezer should be labeled what it is for and the date.

The Bible study groups will be ending for the summer and will start back up in the fall. Watch for details in the newsletter and bulleting.

Book Club has picked their books for the next six months. On June 7th, Sue Nuss will lead discussion on "The Measure" by Nikki Erlich. July 5th, Allison Brady will present "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith. Everyone is welcome to come!

Creative Crafters project for June is a wood burning kit, where seven projects are included, but only one will be done on Sunday, June 25, at 1:30 p.m. Men, women and children are welcome to participate. Please sign up in the notebook in the Narthex.

Quote of the month—The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes. --*Marcel Prouse*

Nora Staunton, Chair of Zion's Women of NALC



Brain Blips

Through outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

--2 Corinthians 4:16

An elderly husband and wife both keep forgetting things. The man gets up to go into the kitchen. The wife asks, "Where are you going?"

He says, "To the kitchen."

She asks, "Will you be so kind as to get me a small bowl of vanilla ice cream? With strawberries?" Then she adds, "Do you think you should write this down?"

He says, "No, I can remember that."

"But I'd also like some whipped topping," she says, "so maybe you better make a list."

"No, no, no" he says, I've got it. "Vanilla ice cream, strawberries and whipped topping."

When he returns to the living room, he hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.

"Oh my goodness," she cries. "You forgot the toast!"

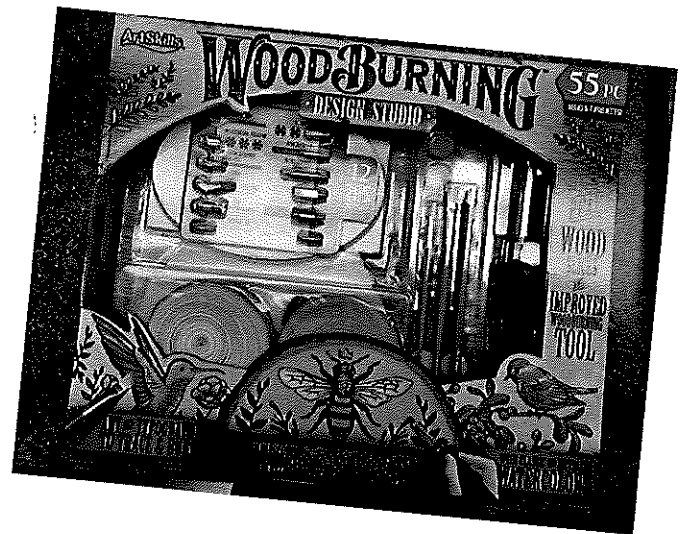
Moral: Every time we forget something, we're reminded that "outwardly we are wasting away." But thank the Lord that "inwardly we are being renewed day by day."

Celebrate your inward renewal today with some strawberries—or bacon. And don't forget the toast!

Creative Crafters

Creative Crafters will meet on Sunday, June 25th, 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.

Any questions concerning this craft, contact Kathy, 419-778-9640.



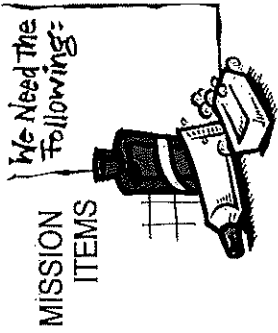
Church Office Closed

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.

Packing Party

An Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party is planned for any elementary aged kids on **Thursday, June 1**, at 10 a.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 Worshiped Today".





Items Needed for
NALC Health Care Kits &
Samaritan Purse Christmas
Child Boxes

Health Care Kits:

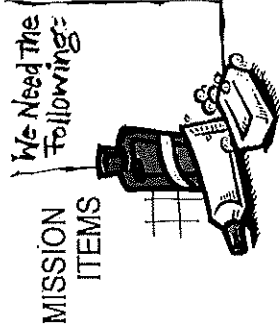
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- Wash Cloth
- Shampoo (2 if travel size)
- Bar of Soap (2 if travel size)
- Toothbrush
- Pack of Floss
- Toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- Comb
- Deodorant

Spring Items

- Marbles
 - Yo-Yos
 - Coloring Books
 - Sunglasses
 - Jump Ropes
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- Bandanas
 - Jewelry
 - Hot Wheels
 - Chalk
 - Shoeboxes

Place the donations listed above in the Women's box by the elevator.

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