

“Peace” BE WITH YOU!

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
210 North Wayne Street
Saint Marys, OH 45885

April 17, 2024
6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Pianist: Cindy Hanover

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

“When Peace like a River” (1&2)

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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.

GOD'S WORD TO US

Luke 24:36—49

Insert

SERMON

Pastor Bill

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.

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POSTLUDE

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Memory Verse:

Luke 24:36 ESV

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"

Calendar for April 21—May 5, 2024

S/21	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	6:30 p.m.	The Underground
M/22	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
T/23	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	1:30 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline
W/24	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
TH/25	11:30 p.m.	Middle School Bible Release
S/27	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/28	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School—Fun Day
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Celebration
M/29	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
T/30	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	9:30 a.m.	Anniversary Committee Meeting
	1:30 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline
W/1	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
TH/2	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release
F/3		Ohio Mission Region Convocation
S/4		Ohio Mission Region Convocation
S/5	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

**Holy Communion*

**Livestreamed on 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, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ronald Suchland, Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, Faith Williams, Don, Warren Hoenie, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Vicki Homan, Donna Maynard, Analisa Bouscaren, Carol Eshelman, Forrest Cooper, Kelsey, Anthony (Tony) Hardeman, Lisa Suchland, Eileen Zimmerman, Kate Elsass, Dyne Hoenie, Vic Von Blon, Teresa Roode, Heather, Christina Schelby, Connor Schelby, and the Family of Doug Coolidge.

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

Thank you to our Act Up performers: Xander Meinerding, Liza Yahl and Zaila Yahl. A special thanks to Sandy Wierwille for making the ladybug costume for the Act Up groups' performance.

Thank you to Stan & Debbie Brown and Family for hosting the Easter Breakfast for our congregation on Sunday, March 31.

Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of April are earmarked for the NALC Disaster Response Fund. The Disaster Response Fund provides resources for: respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur, alleviate human suffering,

provide transitional assistance, and enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process. For more information check out the April newsletter.

Auglaize County Crisis Center's pantry is depleted. They are asking for donations. The women will be collecting donations in April and May to help restock their shelves. A list of needed items was posted in the newsletter. Please place donations in the tub by the elevator. Thank you!

The trustees are announcing the part-time paid position, as Office Assistant, is now available. Inquiries and resumes are to be submitted to the church office.

We are looking for a Trustee, someone to complete an 8-month term, as member of the Board of Trustees. If you are interested, contact the church office or Dana Cook.

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Women's Lenten Fundraiser. We collected \$1,113 to go towards our programs and mission activities. If you forgot or still want to give, please drop off your donation at the church office. Thank you from the Women's Board for participating.

Monday, April 22, is the last day to purchase tickets to the Women's Celebration on Sunday, April 28th. Come celebrate the Women of Zion, young and old, or in-between, where ever you fit in! The Kitchen of Prayer is open for everyone.

The 2024 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 date: **April 28**.

Sunday Funday is **Sunday, April 28**, for grades PreK - 5. Join us in the Auditorium, at 9:15 a.m., for a day filled with fun activities!

Zion's Women Celebration is **Sunday, April 28**, at 2 p.m., in the Auditorium. A light lunch will be served. "Tie on Your Apron in the Kitchen of Prayer" Is the program. Wear your favorite apron to the event. Tickets are on sale now before church services or in the church office until, Monday, April 22. Cost is \$7.

Please save the dates for this year's North American Lutheran Church OHIO MISSION REGION ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND MISSION EVENT.

Dates: Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Place: Saint John Lutheran Church in Grove City.

Who's invited? Every pastor and member of our North American Lutheran Church congregations in Ohio!

This annual gathering brings together members and pastors not just to transact the business we do together in our Region (the state of Ohio) and our five mission districts (Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, North Central, and Southwest Ohio), but also is a time to worship together, fellowship together, learn together, pray together, and plan together. This year the focus of **mission event on Friday, May 3**, will be on **senior adult ministry**, from ministering to seniors and their families to empowering senior adults to share the Gospel of Jesus with others.

Sunday, May 5, is the annual year-end Sunday School breakfast for students and parents. Join us at 9:15 a.m., in the Auditorium. Come hungry! **Thank you to Mindy Thiebeau** for her years of service as Board of Parish Education Director. Her last day will be Sunday, May 5. Help us shower her with cards in thanks. Send the cards to the church or her home.

Creative Crafters will meet In May we will have a guest speaker, Jeannine Roediger. She will present "The Art of Fiber" on Sunday, **May 5**, at 1:30 p.m. **Free**. Let's fill the auditorium. This is open to all—men, women and children.

Friday, May 10th, we will be hosting a Mother's "Day "Cards and Crafts" event. Children will make a card and a sweet surprise to give to their mothers for Mother's Day. This event will be held in the auditorium, at 7 p.m. A light snack will be provided. Cost is \$5 per child, please sign up by Monday, May 6th. (1st—12th Grade Youth).

SCUBA, Diving into Friendship with God VBS will take place at Wayne Street Church on June 3 - 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m. and volunteers are needed! Teen and adults are needed for all positions. Need not commit to all week! If interested, please let Mindy know ASAP.

We will be collecting new or good used Bibles, to be given to the NALC warehouse. The NALC warehouse distributes the Bibles to those who have experienced a natural disaster. *We will no longer collect ink cartridges.*

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.

Our Church History--For most of Zion Church history the pastor would occupy the parsonage, a house provided by the congregation. The upkeep and cost of this home was the obligation of this congregation. Pastor Wilck who served Zion from 1997-2002 occupied the last parsonage provided by the church. It was located where the parking lot is currently located, facing Wayne Street. This parsonage, was a Sears home, and needed extensive updates. It was determined that it would be torn down. Starting with Pastor Maki in 2004, Zion pastors are provided with a housing allowance.



Weekly Budget	16 Week Budget	16 Week Income	Received 4/14/2024
\$6,271--Current	\$100,336	\$85,810	\$6,507
\$290--NALC Offering	\$4,640	\$2,207	\$182

Council Organization 2024

ORGANIZATION:

President *Neal Brady*
Vice-President *Cheryl Macklem*
Secretary *Sandy Wierwille*
 Assistant *Melanie Rose*
Treasurer *Stanley Brown*
 Assistant *Doug Stetler*

- **COUNCIL AT LARGE:** *Thelma Kellermeyer, Cheryl Macklem, Doug Stetler, Melanie Rose, Dwight Schramm, & Stanley Brown*
- **BOARD OF DEACONS:** *Dianne Uhlenhake, John Hesse, Dan Macklem, Judy Schultz, Dwayne Hoenie*, Ryan Yahl, Deb Henning, Jody Slemmons & Rhonda Weaver*
- **BOARD ELDERS:** *Kathy Miller, Darl Bishir* & Brandy Yahl*
- **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** *Eric Langsdon, Jeremie Houser & Dana Cook**
- **BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION:** *Sandy Wierwille*, Kerri Masonbrink & Ann Maki*
- **BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION DIRECTOR:** *Mindy Thiebeau*
- **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** *Genevieve Brown*
- **MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND:** *Doris Cook*, Darl Bishir, Marion Slater, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer*

***Chairperson of the Board**

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: **17**
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: **46**, 10:30 a.m.: **58**, Total for the Day: **104**
.....Total for Week: **121**
Pianist Miriam Johns
Organist Merilee Miller
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION.....
..... Mindy Thiebeau, zionbpe@gmail.com
OFFICE MANAGER Kathy Bishir, kbishir@hotmail.com
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LAY LEADER..... Heidi Yahl, heidiyahl@yahoo.com
PASTOR.....William Maki, wllmmaki@yahoo.com

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Third Sunday of Easter— April 14, 2024

“And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’”

- Luke 24:41a -

This is such an odd statement. How can they be happy about something they can't believe is happening? Yet, haven't we all experienced that at some point in our lives? Have you ever been so joyously happy and yet at the same time questioned how you could be so lucky? Have you ever received an award you didn't think you deserved and yet accepted it with joy that you were the recipient? Have you ever seen a test result thinking that you surely failed only to discover that you did very well? Everyone can remember a time they have received something with joy but also disbelief.

That's what happened to the disciples after the resurrection. They were so grief-stricken over the death of Jesus that his appearances probably did not make a difference at first. Imagine the conversation that was going on at the beginning of today's Gospel lesson: “You saw Jesus? But He's dead!” “Was it a ghost?” They were probably arguing about what was seen and experienced. Perhaps the witnesses saw someone that looked like Jesus. The witnesses' testimony was rejected because it was ridiculous and downright impossible. One by one they began to see the truth when they witnessed Jesus with their own eyes. One by one they realized that they could no longer ignore the reality: Jesus was alive.

It is no surprise, then, that Jesus' followers were both joyous and disbelieving. After all, this was beyond their understanding. The disciples who had seen Him probably said “See! We told you so!” Yet, even those disciples were probably scared and confused. How do you respond to a physical being that is a man and yet not a man? Even though Jesus had promised that He would be raised from the dead, the disciples never expected this turn of events. They were worried about the future; they were worried about their lives. Jesus was back among them, but how?

The disciples' questions were answered with a simple request from Jesus, “Have you anything here to eat?” He wanted them to know that it was all true. He was alive again. He was different, yet He was the same. In joy as well as in happy disbelief, the disciples shared another meal with their Master.