



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

Sunday, August 10th, 2025
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

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PRELUDE

"Beautiful Savior"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

#856

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

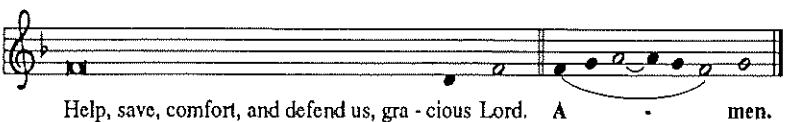
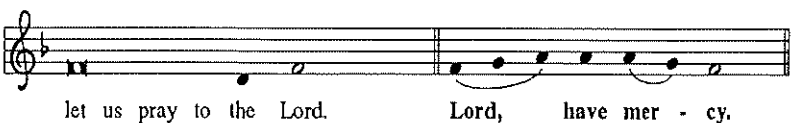
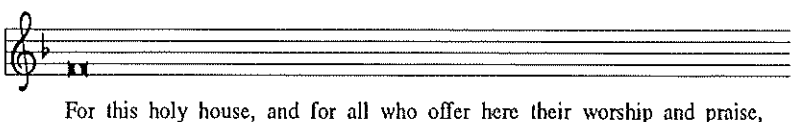
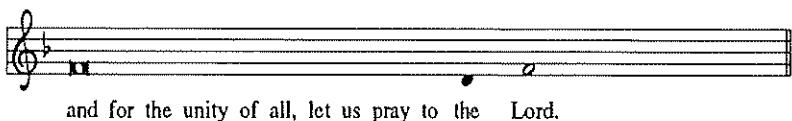
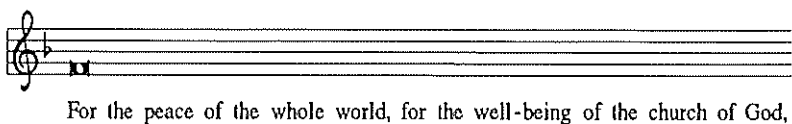
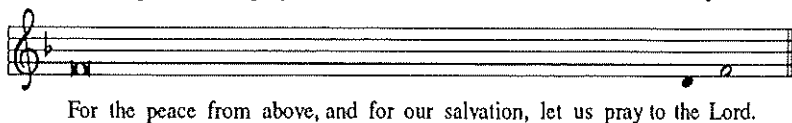
P: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of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

C: Amen.

P: 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.

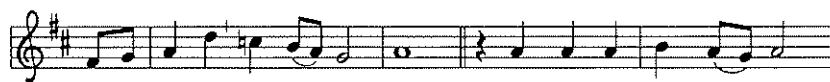
KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



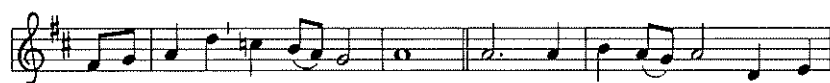
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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



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



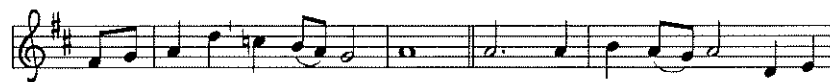
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



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



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

Genesis 15:1-6

Insert

PSALM 33:12-22

Insert

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-16

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 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

LUKE 12:22-34 [35-40]

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Paul Gruetter

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Have No Fear Little Flock"

#764

NICENE CREED

C: 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

P: 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

"Gracious"

CONGREGATIONAL SONG



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



bles - sing. 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

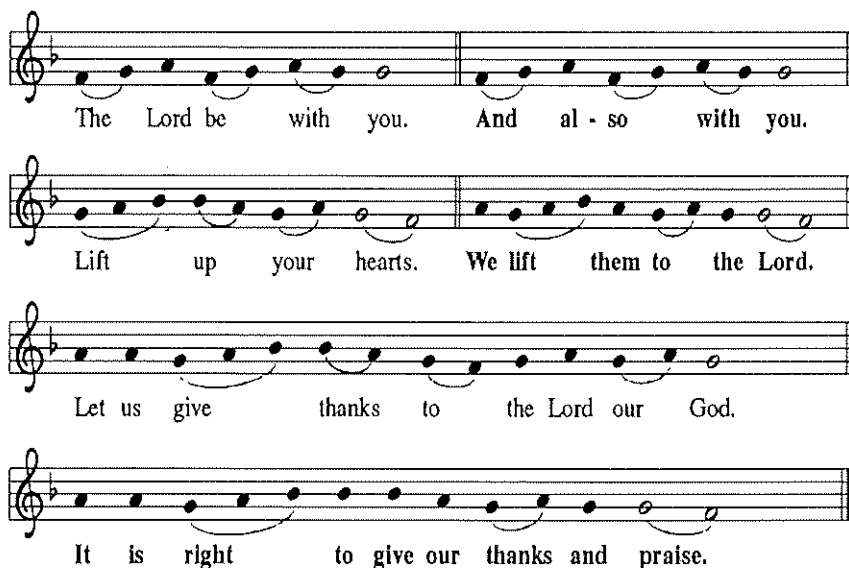
P: Let us pray.

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

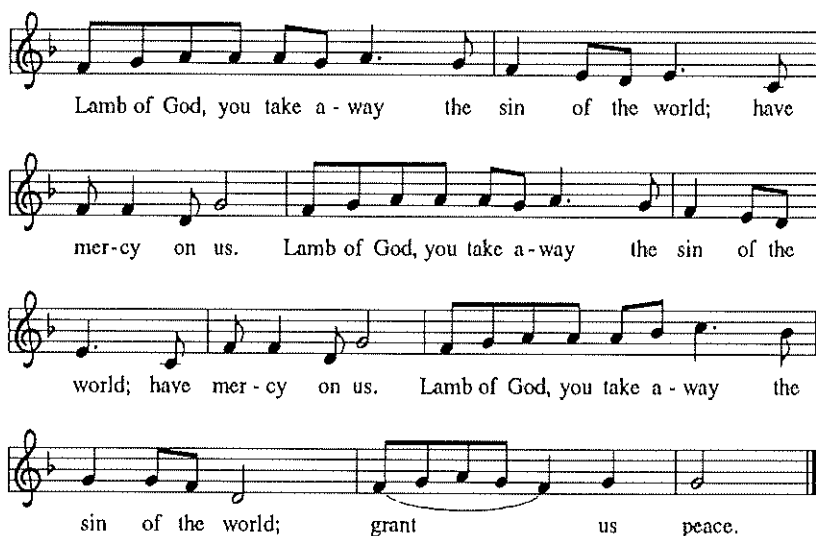
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

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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

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"O Bread of Life From Heaven"

#480

"Come Let Us Eat"

#491

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

P: 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: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Jesus Still Lead On"

#624

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Lamb of God"



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Terry Finke given by his wife, Joyce Finke.



The two baby roses on the altar for the birth of twins
(Ivy and Aiden) to Joshua & Kayla Cisco.

Memory Verse: Luke 12:22
“Do not be anxious about your life.”

Sunday, August 10th, 2025

Acolytes:	8 AM:	A. Brady
	10:30 AM:	B. Ross
Crucifers:	8 AM:	G. Brown
	10:30 AM:	C. Bond-Awls
Communion Assistants:	8 AM:	J. Slemmons
	10:30 AM:	R. Hoenie
Ushers:	8 AM:	J. Schultz, J. Wurster, D. Uhlenhake, R. Weaver
	10:30 AM:	C. & D. Macklem, K. Fledderjohann, D. Cook
Fellowship	8 AM:	K. & M. Johns
	10:30 AM:	S. Wierwille
Greeters:	8 AM:	A. & J. Hesse
	10:30 AM:	D. & R. Hoenie
Readers:	8 AM:	D. McAfee
	10:30 AM:	D. Bishir

Sunday, August 17th, 2025

Acolytes:	8 AM:	N. Brady
	10:30 AM:	B. Ross
Ushers:	8 AM:	D. Henning, D. Stetler, D. McAfee, J. Slemmons
	10:30 AM:	D. Hoenie, D. Bishir, S. & D. Brown
Fellowship	8 AM:	R. Merrimen
	10:30 AM:	S. & J. Vogel
Greeters:	8 AM:	J. Schultz, S. Wierwille
	10:30 AM:	J. Immenschuh, S. Wierwille
Readers:	8 AM:	D. Cook
	10:30 AM:	D. Macklem

**The schedules above are tentative and may be subject to changes. Up-to-date when the document was printed.*

ATTENDANCE Wednesday: **12**
 Sunday: 8 a.m.: **31** & 10:30 a.m.: **34**
 Total for the Day: **65**
 Total for Week: **77**
 Organist Merilee Miller
 Pianist Miriam Johns
 OFFICE MANAGER Kathy Bishir, kbishir@hotmail.com
 OFFICE ASSISTANT..... Samantha Franklin, sbishir@hotmail.com
 LAY LEADER Heidi Yahl, heidiyahl@yahoo.com
 LAY LEADER ASSISTANT Ruth Hoenie
 PASTOR..... Vice-Pastor Paul Gruetter
 MINISTERS All Members of Zion
 CHURCH WEBSITE www.zionstmarys.org
 CHURCH OFFICE..... 419-394-3115

Calendar for August 10th – August 24th

S/10	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Worship Service*
T/12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
W/13	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service*
F/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Info Deadline
S/17	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
	1:15 p.m.	Creative Crafters
T/19	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
W/20	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service

	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Information Meeting
S/23	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/24	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

**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, Brent Paulus, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Vicki Bishir, Warren Hoenie, Carolyn Slemmons, Vicki Homan, Eileen Zimmerman, Paul Leasor, Amy Berner, Kurt Deitsch, Loretta Scott, Peggy Fowler, Victoria Hoenie, Ray Timmerman,

Karen Rodgers, Ray & Becky Adams, the needs of two young adults, Tony Hardeman, Donna Maynard, Arie, Bethany, and Kenzie, and The Family of Richard Klinger, Sympathy to the Family of Christopher Brown and the Family of Eva Oxenreider.

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

Pastor Paul Gruetter, serving as Zion's vice-pastor, can be reached at 567-201-3455 or paulgruetter@gmail.com. On the Wednesdays when Pastor Paul is leading our Wednesday evening worship service, he plans to arrive in St. Marys early and be available for visits and pastoral consultation, so feel free to contact him. August 13th, is the next Wednesday that Pastor Paul will be here, by 3:30 p.m.

We are 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 and no longer have a Bible. Bibles can be placed in the container on the cart by the elevator.

Our loose offering for the month of **August** is earmarked to support the mission of the church, in supporting the college scholarship program for our youth. The scholarship money assists our college students with tuition fees, through an application process set up by the church at the St. Marys Community Foundation website.

The Women of Zion are collecting bars of soap for Personal Care Kits. The soap may be placed in the blue tub by the elevator.

Donations Needed: We have a family of five who is in need of groceries in our congregation. If you find it in your heart to donate boxed or canned goods, please place your donations earmarked "Five" by the elevator.

The Trustees wish to thank everyone who helped with the landscaping around the church last Saturday. Thank you for all of your hard work pulling the weeds, trimming and mowing, etc. We are truly grateful for the time you took to make the exterior of our church look great!

Congratulations to Debbie Green, who was the highest bidder on the quilt which was on display in July. Proceeds will go to local charities, designated by the Dorcas Quilters.

The 2025 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*, by 12:30 p.m., to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. The first six months of 2025 flower chart has been posted by the elevator. **Sign up early. Next available date is August 31st and September 7th & 28th.**

Zion's 2025 pulpit supply schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, August 10th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Wednesday, August 13th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Sunday, August 17th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, August 20th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl

- Sunday, August 24th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, August 27th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Sunday, August 31st, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Wednesday, September 3rd, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl*
- Sunday, September 7th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Wednesday, September 10th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Sunday, September 14th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, September 17, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl

**Holy Communion Service*

Summerfest is this weekend August 8-10. A community worship service, sponsored by the St. Marys Ministerial Association, will be held on August 10, at 10 a.m., in the pavilion. Zion will be having our regular worship services that day at 8 & 10:30 a.m. We recognize that this service may impact some and the council decision is to continue to provide worship for those who wish to worship here that day.

Kingdom Harvest News It's almost time for the annual Jericho Prayer Walk at Memorial High School. This year's dates will be **Monday August 11th through Sunday August 17th**. We will gather each evening at 6:30 behind the school at the entrance to the Commons. After a short devotional you can either sit and pray or walk around the school and pray. Please join us as many nights as you are able. Each night will last 30 - 40 minutes. Children and teens are especially encouraged to join us! This is sponsored by Kingdom Harvest Ministries. Please join us!

The Creative Crafters: The August Craft includes a lanyard and key ring, perfect for back to school. The lanyard is something simple to make, and you can say "I made it myself". The date we will assemble the lanyards and key rings is **Sunday, August 17th at 1:15 p.m.**, in the craft room (second floor of the education building). The fee will be \$5 for fabric and materials. Sign up in the binder on display table in Narthex. This craft is for all ages.

The Board of Parish Education will be holding a short Sunday School Teachers meeting on **August 17th at 11:45 a.m.**, in the

lounge. All teachers please try to attend. Materials and information will be handed out at that time.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN It's time for Confirmation! Confirmation is a special ministry with and for 7th and 8th graders. It's a two year program to teach the basic beliefs of the Lutheran church and to help strengthen relationships with Jesus and each other.

There will be an information meeting about Confirmation on **Wednesday, August 20, at 7 p.m.**, in Zion's auditorium. You'll learn the schedule for the year, as well as expectations of the students for service and worship.

A letter has been sent to the prospective students that we know about. The congregation can help to make sure we don't miss anybody! If you know of someone in this age group who could be in Confirmation, invite them. Or pass their name and info along to the church office.

We're excited about this new year of teaching and learning. If you'd like more information, you can contact lay leader Heidi Yahl (heidiyahl@yahoo.com) or Pastor Paul Gruetter (paulgruetter@gmail.com).

We will have a blessing of the Backpacks at both services on Sunday, August 17th. All youth and college students are invited to bring your backpacks to worship. As our students carry their backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

Women's Fellowship will resume on **Monday, September 8**. Everyone is welcomed to join our group on **Monday evenings at 7 p.m.**, in the church lounge! Our 8-week study for the fall will be, The Augsburg Confession. For those who wish to participate in this study, please contact the church office by **8/25/25** to sign up so that a study guide can be ordered for you. You may also sign up on the "I Worship Today" bulletin insert. The cost of the study guide will be determined after the order is placed (typically around \$12-15). In addition to the

study guide, you will need to purchase for yourself (if you don't already have, or can't find a copy to borrow), the book, Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions. The Concordia will be used along with the study guide and the Bible. Add to Pam's Monday night Bible study announcement: The church office will have 2 copies of the Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions to purchase for the Monday night Bible study. \$20 each. Let the office know if you are interested in this paperback book to go along with your Bible study. If you have any questions, please contact **Pam Fledderjohann, 419-953-2334**.

Members of Zion Lutheran are invited to our sister congregation First English Lutheran in Wapakoneta for a gathering of our Mission District on **Saturday, September 6th**, from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The event will include worship, lunch, and many opportunities to learn more about our common mission-and to meet people from the 11 congregations in our Mission District. More information, including a full schedule for the day, is available in the church office. (First English is located at 107 West Mechanic Street, Wapakoneta.)

The Board of Parish Education is announcing our **Sunday School Kick Off**, Sunday, September 7th, at 9:15 a.m., in the auditorium. The theme will be "**Wonder Junction. Marvel at Jesus, Live for His glory**". Children ages 3 through 8th grade are invited to attend. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday School. Please join us for a year of learning, crafts, games and snacks. The following weeks will meet in their classrooms.

The Women of Zion will be starting back up in September on **Wednesday, September 10th** (7 p.m.) and **Thursday, September 11th**, (2 p.m.) with a Bible study "The Wise & The Foolish." Study books are \$10 each. Please register on the "I Worshiped Today" by **Wednesday, August 27th**.

Agape Ministries will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on **October 18**. 50th Anniversary t-shirts are on sale at Agape. Plans are to have an open house and tour for their anniversary activities. Agape is also accepting financial gifts to purchase school supplies.

Craft Crop We are taking registrations for our crop to be held at Zion Lutheran Church on **Friday, Nov. 14, at 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 15, at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

If you have a change in the Acolyte, Communion Assistant, Crucifer, Deacon/Usher, Fellowship Table, Greeter or Reader schedule, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115. We invite you to leave a message, let the phone ring **5 times**, then leave your message.

Just a Reminder if you have a meeting to be held here at the church, please contact the church office to get it on the calendar. This makes sure the building and rooms are open and available for you to meet.

Our weekly bulletin deadline is Tuesdays, at 12:30 p.m. Our newsletter is the 15th of each month by 3:30 p.m. In order to submit articles to the church office you can:

- Fax: 419-394-1239
- Bring it to the church office by the deadline
- Write us a note on the "I Worship Today"
- Send your article by email: kbishir@hotmail.com
- Leave a message on our answering machine: 419-394-3115, after 4:30 p.m. (Let it ring 5 times, then you will get the answering machine)

Please contact the church office when you or your family member experiences a death in the family, hospitalization, baptism, marriage or if you wish to speak to a pastor. The church office will assist you in getting you the proper care you and your family need. Call 419-394-3115.

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, about this ministry.

Weekly Budget	31 Week Budget	31 Week Income	Received 8/3/2025
\$7,038--Current	218,178	150,509	5,529
\$290--NALC Offering	8,890	3,855	20

Council Organization 2025

ORGANIZATION:

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Assistant *Melanie Rose*
Treasurer..... *Stanley Brown*
Assistant *Amy Hesse*

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**Chairperson of the Board*