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LUTHERANS KNOW GOOD NEWS

Dig Deeper with Pastor Tim

Pastor Tim's Sunday Morning class, called "Digging Deeper," is located during the Sunday School hour in the Lower Level (L1-2). In this 500th Anniversary month of October, Pastor Tim will use four Bible Studies that came from the Lutheran World Federation Assembly held this year in Namibia. Using the themes, "Creation Not For Sale!" "Humans Not For Sale!" and "Salvation Not For Sale!" the class will explore key elements in contemporary Lutheran theology as centered on the Bible. The Fifth Sunday, Reformation Sunday, will be a look at what is distinctive for Lutherans, as well as what ties Lutherans with all the Baptized. Join Pastor Tim for this informative and inspiring class and learn more about what makes Lutherans the third largest Protestant group in the world. The Lutheran World Federation represents 72 million Lutherans worldwide.



"The LORD is like a strong tower, where the righteous can go and be safe."

— Proverbs 18:10

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from Pastor Tim

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It's all about Jesus

Just listen to your calendar on the last day of October, and you will hear, "A mighty fortress is our God!" On October 31, just 500 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther posted 95 statements for discussion (the 95 Theses) on the Church bulletin Board (the front door) for discussion. The Reformation had begun.

The presenting problem for Martin was that the Church in his day was offering people a way to pay to get out of purgatory. Yet Martin's whole heart reading of Scripture, told him that only in Jesus is there



salvation, hope, and life.

For Dr. Luther the work of God in Jesus on the cross from the empty tomb completed the work of salvation. Nothing more needs to be done. God is grace, and that "underserved love of God for us" is the way God works in the world. We cannot do anything to "earn" God's love. It is freely given, purchased with a great cost, granted out of God's fully loving heart. It's all about Jesus.

Today we rejoice that many of the divisions between the Lutherans and Roman Catholics have been resolved, the key issue being that we are justified by grace through faith and Reformed onto this document of yet. The Church needs the separation of the supremacy, the the have-nots, the uncharitable actions so forth. We have a



for all, because we have been given grace and love, freely.

So, how about you? The good news of God's love in Jesus is freely given to you, to offer you healing and restoration of relationships. In the midst of all that you are, Jesus comes with arms wide open, with fullness of love. And it is this good news that our world desperately needs to hear from us. Only in God's love through Jesus will this world of division and suspicion find peace, and hope, and community.

This 500th Anniversary really takes us back farther, to the cross and grace, and back to creation, and beyond that to the heart of God. May this anniversary spark in us such love that the world may know that it really is "all about Jesus."

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Global Church Sunday

October 22

On October 22, Zoar will have a special service of blessing and dedication for the quilts made by Zoar hands. These quilts will be sent around the world to comfort millions of people affected by war and storm.



Lutherans are known for many wonderful things around the world, not the least of which are quilts. Wherever there are people crushed by natural disasters and humanitarian and refugee crises, Lutherans are there in mass through the Lutheran World

Relief. Combining the compassion and resources of 72 million Lutherans worldwide, LWR brings lasting aid to the suffering world. One of the most visible gifts LWR delivers are the quilts, handmade by individual Lutheran churches around the world. These provide comfort, shelter, and protection from the elements for people who are displaced from their homes. Recognizing that “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” and that Zoar holds a small but key place in God’s global community, worship will lift up themes of thanksgiving for our worldwide communion.

REFORMATION WORSHIP

Get Your 500 On!



October 28

6:00 — 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Reformation
Worship with the
Muskingum Chorus
and Brass

October 29

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Academy Brass Quintet
Children Sing at 11:00 a.m.



from
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Organist

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As we commemorate the 500th year of the posting of the 95 theses at Wittenberg, we are invited to reconsider our grammatical habits. Reformation, after all, is a noun designating a historical event. Re-formation, the verb, on the other hand, turns out to be a more immediate and intimate construct affecting how we live our lives. How are we re-formed? Week after week we *gather* as God's children. We bask in the Word of God as we *grow* together, and are sent into the world to *give*. As we look to the future with expectant openness, I pray that we learn to keep words such as repentance, renewal, reconciliation, re-orientation and yes, re-formation closer to our hearts.





We continue to pray for the Youth Minister Search Committee and their work in calling our next Youth Minister.

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And on the Zoar Kids and Zoar Youth pages of our website!



FALL FUN WITH TRUNK OR TREAT

Great Fun for the Entire Family

Sunday October 29th 5:00-8:00 PM



Grab your friends, put on your costumes, and join in the fun!
Food, games and treats for all!

- 6:00** — dinner in the Family Life Center— hotdogs, chips, veggies
- 6:30** — children's games and a cupcake decorating contest in the FLC
- 6:45** — deadline for cars planning to pass out goodies to park in main lot
- 7:00** — trunk or treat begins in the main parking lot

Car decorating is encouraged!!!



Adult costumes are encouraged!!!

FALL FAMILY RETREAT

A Two Hour Drive A Lifetime of Memories

Nov. 17, 18, 19

Friday (4:00) — Sunday (12:00)

Calling lovers of the outdoors to Camp Mowana in Mansfield, OH. Join other families from Zoar to build faith, forts, and friends.

Lodging will be in the Fleming Falls Retreat Center, a very nice hotel-like facility. Meals are provided. The cost is a \$50 contribution to Zoar designated for Feed Our Families. Otherwise, the weekend is free. Please sign up at the church office by calling 419-874-4346, or by emailing Pastor Mike at pastormike@zoarlutheran.com. Bring clothes appropriate for the weather and season and walks through the woods. The staff at Camp Mowana will provide all programming which includes a campfire experience with singing campfire songs.



YOUTH HELP TRUNK OR TREAT

Cup Cake Wars On the Front Line

Looking forward, can you believe we're already in October? And you know what that means... Trunk-or-Treat! It is a true joy to announce that the Youth Council will be hosting the second annual Cupcake Wars during Zoar's Halloween event! If you remember from last year, we had a small corner of the FLC in which kids could come up and decorate their own spooky cupcakes. Well, this year we are expanding! A full list of supplies is ready-to-go, and on October 1st the Youth Council will finalize the extent to all of our plans. You can expect to see a much more organized event, with tons of options for decorations, way more cupcakes, and a larger area to work in. Trunk-or-Treat will run from 6 to 8pm on Sunday, October 29th in the FLC and parking lot, with Cupcake Wars and other activities from 6 to 7pm. Kids can go out for the main event at 7, then around 7:45 everyone will come back in for the results of the Cupcake Wars! Winners will receive special prizes, which may be a bit different than what you might have seen last year... Happy Halloween!

We are looking for help with the Cupcake Wars event, which could include supplying cupcakes, running tables, or anything else. Depending on how things go at the 10/1 Youth Council meeting, as well as the YAYA meeting, needs for this event may change. If you would like to help out, no matter who you are or what you have to offer, please contact the Youth Council's Event Coordinator, Emily Haar, with the YAYA address: zoarlutheranyouth@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events



The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in Houston, Texas June 27-July 1 2018.

Registration will open in early September. Interested in signing up or more information? Email zoarlutheranyouth@gmail.com



**Zoar Youth Meetings
Every Sunday
4:00-6:00
9th –12th Grades**

**Each 3rd Sunday of
the month
5th — 12th grades**



from

Pastor Mike

Community Pastor
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Duty and Delight

Stewardship is one of my favorite things to talk about. It's all about expressing love to Jesus in how we live our lives. For me, it's a lot like being a parent. From the time my kids were born, it has been a delight to use my time, abilities, and finances to bless them. It has also been a duty. It is, for me, what it means to be a father. To me, this what it means to be a Christian: a delight and a duty. It is our great joy to use all that we have to express love to God for who he is. It is also our duty, a responsibility that God entrusts to us. May you be similarly blessed during this stewardship emphasis.



CELEBRATE

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, FAITH, AND LOVE

October 1, 8, & 15

During the first three Sundays in October, Zoar will drink deeply from the well of the Bible's teaching on stewardship calling all to put Jesus first in their lives. Each service will feature personal stories, inspiring Zoar videos, music, and an invitation to commitment. Because the Bible says that "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7), as we teach, discuss, and celebrate the call to stewardship, there will be no guilt, pressure, and shame. For Zoar, stewardship is about Jesus. He is the beginning and end for who we are and what we do. In teaching stewardship, we call people to join Jesus' vision for the world. We teach stewardship to invite each other to experience the good news in all aspects of our lives. When we talk about using our time, talents, and financial resources, we do it to lead each other into growing in our relationship with Jesus. This worship emphasis is for church members, friends, and guests.

PERSONAL STORIES

Dave Matthews—Grace in the Fire

On the weekend of October 1, Dave will share his experience of the total loss of his home by fire in last year and how he experienced the presence of Jesus and his grace during the whole ordeal.

Karen Mathison—Faith through Cancer

On the weekend of October 8, Karen will talk about her experience of battle with cancer during a time she was unemployed and how faith carries her through every day.

Megan Williams—Love in Family

On the weekend of October 15, Megan will share her experience as a mother of young children and how she sees signs of God's love.

GOD'S GOODNESS



Transformed by
**GRACE
FAITH
& LOVE**

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

— 2 Corinthians 9:8

IN-GATHERING

Saying “Thank you” to God

October 14/15 is the weekend all Zoar members and all guests are encouraged to affirm their gratitude for what Christ means in their lives. This is done by filling out a pledge card showing how you will use your time, talent, and financial resources to express gratitude to God for his gifts in Jesus Christ.

The pledge cards are not a “contract” with the church but a thank you note to Christ that we offer during worship. After the pledge cards are gathered they are disposed of confidentially. No records are kept of the pledges or contents by the church office. No one is going to call to remind people of pledges. The In-Gathering is a beautiful and powerful expression of spiritual maturity.

VIDEOS

Come and see the exciting Zoar videos Gather, Grow, and Give during worship the first three weekends in October. These videos will be played at all four services.



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THE EYES SAY IT ALL

Zoar Makes Quilts for Mission



Above, a young boy in what could be a Zoar-made quilt for Lutheran World Federation

The Lutheran World Relief quilt ministry at Zoar has been active since its inception in 1945 when women around the country collected quilts for fellow Lutherans living in post-WWII Europe. By the 1960s, Lutheran World Relief expanded their mission from serving the needs of those in Europe, to working in agriculture and food security in the developing world. Eventually the ministry included emergency and disaster relief in areas with widespread devastation, as well as longer-term relief and recovery efforts around the world.

It is impossible to know how many quilts from Zoar Lutheran have been added to these relief efforts in the past 72 years, but on October 22, almost 200 quilts completed in 2017 alone, will be packed for shipment. Zoar congregation acknowledges the efforts of the “Quilt Ladies” in a special Global Church Weekend that includes a blessing of the quilts during church services on Oct 21 & 22. When the colorful array of bed-sized blankets are packed, a shipping barcode is applied to the box, allowing the group to know where their quilts have traveled in the world. First and foremost, recipients use their LWR quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother’s back. “There is, indeed, a transforming moment when a quilt passes from our hands into another’s, and they embrace it,” comments Kirk Betts upon distributing LWR quilts in Niger. Fabric is donated by members and friends of Zoar, then cut and sewn by individual members of the quilt group. Assembling the quilts, tying tops, bottoms and adding a warm layer of batting, is done by the group several times per month.



Just a few of the people who make Zoar quilting a success!

KITCHEN OF HOPE

A Home-style Meal for All Starts 13th Year



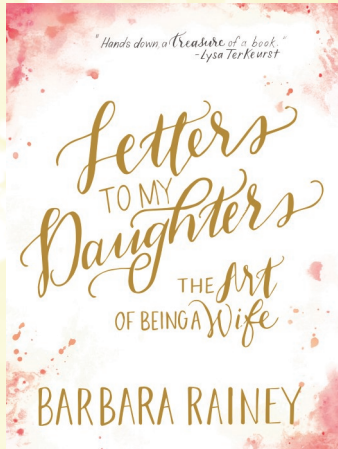
Zoar’s Kitchen of Hope began its 13th year of service to the community this Fall. KOH welcomes everyone, particularly seniors in Wood County. Not only does KOH provide a full home cooked dinner but also personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, toilet paper, etc. for those who need them. Funding for KOH is provided through the kind donations from the members of Zoar so there is no charge to attend Kitchen of Hope.

These are the dates for KOH:

2017
October 27
November 23
December 15
2018
January 26
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 25

BOOK CLUB

November 3
Noon (Bag lunch)



NEW NANA'S & PAPA'S

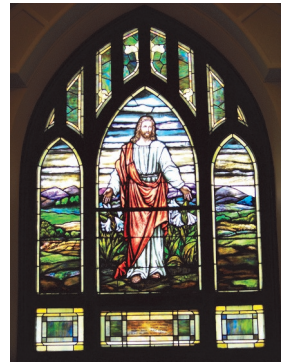
Back by popular demand we will continue our once-a-month meeting for those who have grandchildren ages 10 and younger. Explore what it means to be modern grandparents. What are the challenges? What do we want to preserve for our grandchildren? We share tech-savvy apps, new recipes for toddlers and nursing moms, review children's books and discuss "what works". Find support and grow your grandparent act with prayer and new ideas! Meet in the Conference Room 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. 4th Sunday each month September 24, October 22, November 26 (no meeting in December)

PORTRAITS IN FAITH

Stories of the Zoar Stained Glass Windows

Sunday, October 1 at 4pm

A very special program will be held celebrating the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary and stained glass windows. Historical material has been assembled and reviewed several times in the past ten years as part of our Zoar Archive project. The fascinating stories of Zoar's earliest history will be told by a cast of narrators, accented by multi-media photos, humorous vignettes and hymn-singing. Our student members will receive a stained glass window coloring book designed by Jeri Madsen. A commemorative booklet, designed by Jeff Artz, will be available in December for adults.



Did you know our first building was built by freed slaves? Which window was donated by a stow-away escaping from Prussia? What pieces of music caused heated discussion at a 1924 council meeting? Have you noticed we have TWO different sets of stained glass windows? Join us and grow in a deeper appreciation of our beautiful, historical surroundings!

CONVOCATION ON OPIATES

Prescriptions for the Drug Epidemic

October 22nd, Sunday

Zoar Lutheran Church Family Life Center

12:30 Complimentary Lunch

1:00 Presentation featuring: Dr. Tom Clemmons,
Wood County Alcohol/Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services

The presentation, sponsored through Zoar's Social Outreach Ministry Committee, features Dr. Tom Clemmons, Executive Director of Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Services Board. This two hour presentation offers valuable information on this Drug Epidemic, including data on opiate drug usage at the national, state and local levels, testimonials from addicts, and resource information for prevention/rehabilitation. A question/answer period will follow, along with discussion on how the church/community can engage in the fight against opiate/prescription drug abuse. This presentation will be open to members of all churches in the Perrysburg area. Parents/grandparents/young adults/teens are encouraged to attend.



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7:15
October Tom Vesey
Bill King

8:30
Ken Widdel
Debbie Widdel

11:00
Dave Matthews
Dan Bartels
Tom Berkebile
Nancy Jack

SATURDAY USHERS

7 Judy Cooper, Gloria Odegaard
14 Jim Laine, Charlie Rinker
21 Ken & Carolyn Vajen
28 Dave & Sue Gogel

LECTORS

7:15
October 1 Judy Schult
8 Dorothy Beyer
15 Ray Ruswinkle
22 Janis Stein
29 Dorothy Beyer

8:30
Marie Obrock
Alice Coy
Chuck Ackerman
Claire Ackerman
Rick Rettig

11:00
Heidi Meyer
Jason Scasny
Kristen Scasny
Jameson Czech
Dan Taylor

ACOLYTES

8:30
October 1 Ben Robeson
8 Calista Grantham
15 Jakob Rickman
22 Aubrey Arndt
29 Raegan Thurn

11:00
Chase Saneholtz
Mitchell Smith
Grant Knowlton
Andrew Swoap, Tyler Swoap
Leah Schroeder

ASSISTING MINISTERS

7:15
October 1
8
15 Ray Ruswinkle
22
29 Dorothy Beyer

8:30
Roger Geffe

Scott Geffe
Carole Bohn

11:00
Don Lieder

Roger Shoffner

GREETERS

8:30
October 1 Paul & Nancy Smithers, High School Youth
8 Tom & Margie Iserman, Karen Lundholm
15 Terry & Rhonda Jones, Cindy Silvis
22 M/M Glenn Abke, M/M Tom Easterwood
29 Arlene Hustwick, High School Youth

11:00
Ruth Alteneder
J. Henzler, E. Emmert, D. Beyer
Dave & Denise Matthews
Roger & Pam Shoffner, Cynthia Blubaugh
Don & Ann Lieder, Keith Robeson

SATURDAY GREETERS

7 John & Becky Hoge
14 Dave & Sue Gogel
21 Ken & Carolyn Vajen
28 Dee Lowrie

SOUND

8:30
October 1 Chuck Ackerman
8 Dave Sudman
15
22 Vince Krolak
29 Russ Baker

11:00
Russ Baker
Spencer Tye
Greg Tye
Peter Cooper
Tom Trimble

SATURDAY SOUND CREW

7 Ryan Williams
14 Dough Williams
21
28 Carl Habekost

COUNTERS

October 1 Glenn & Mary Ann Abke, Alice Coy
8 Carole Welling, Joyce Williams
15 Russ & Nancy Heckman, Brian & Jane Tomko
22 Jim Kwasniak, Tom Dayton
29 Chuck & Nancy Elvers, Derek & Heidi Meyer

ALTAR GUILD

7:15
October 1
8
15
22
29

8:30

11:00

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/3 Virginia Sargent
10/5 Margaret Bellner
10/6 Arline Cornelius
10/18 Elva Ault
10/29 Don Lieder
10/31 Merritt Higbie





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Custodian: Paul Cannon

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

WORSHIP
SATURDAY 6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 7:15 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 a.m.
(September—May)

Directions

From I-75 South:

Take the US-20/US-23 exit
(exit number 193) toward
PERRYSBURG/FREMONT.
Then Turn left onto N.
Sandusky St. (US-23/US-20)
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the right side of the road.

From I-75 North:

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