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SUNDAY 7:15 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

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

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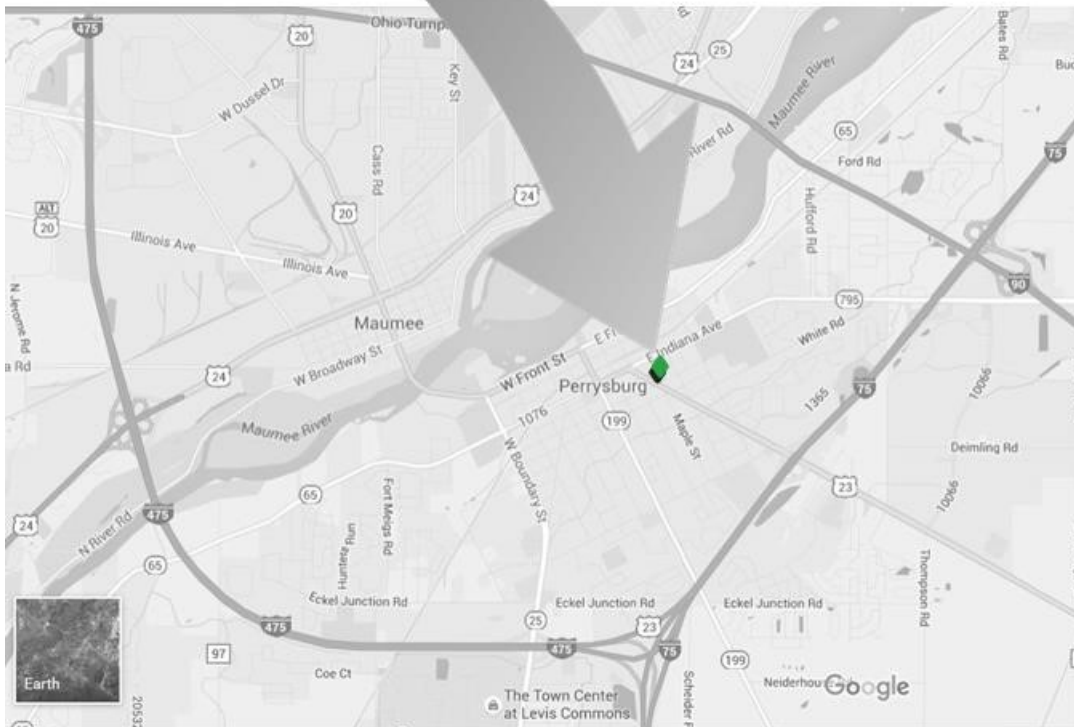
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ZOAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

NAILING IT IN THE KINGDOM

Martin Luther swung the first hammer for what became the Lutheran

church when he nailed the 95 theses on the church door in Wittenburg, Germany on October 31, 1517. Almost 500 years later in Perrysburg, Ohio, Zoar wields the hammer of building a more graceful and just world. A presence in the community for over 150

years, Zoar has an impact around the world. Everyday world media outlets report on the plight of refugees fleeing their war-torn world. Without shelter, food, water, and

safety, these refugees struggle for life while they are exposed to the harsh realities. As a church, we are there. Through Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief, we are helping to meet basic humanitarian needs and upholding the rights of those fleeing war and crisis.

Over the years, Zoar has made thousands of quilts that are sent around the world to refugees such as these. Along with the quilts, Zoar gives a portion of its monthly offerings for Christ's work in the world. Because of these offerings, hurting and innocent people are receiving comfort, food, water, shelter, and medical attention. As a church, when we feed the hungry and provide shelter, you could say we "NAILED IT." Always on the move, Zoar must keep on "nailing it" for the glory of God.



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from
Pastor Tim

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Some amazing things are happening in the Church — you could say that the Holy Spirit is moving! Alleluia!

It was just 499 years ago, on October 31, that Dr. Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses, articles of discussion regarding the usage of indulgences in the Roman Catholic Church. In the years following, Luther was condemned by the Pope and hidden away by his protector Frederick the Wise of Saxony. During that time he translated the Bible into German, and clarified the theology of the reformation movement. His plan was not to separate from the Roman communion, but to offer it reform. Instead, coming at the time of new nationalistic

aspirations, the Germans (and others) separated from the Holy Roman Empire and from the Pope.

For most of these years since there has been division between Rome and the rest of the Protestant (those who protested) Church. Years of separation, anger, distrust, invectives, and pain have passed. But, as I wrote at the beginning, the Spirit is moving!

“it is now time for the Church of Jesus to come together”

A major step took place fifteen years ago when the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation signed *The Joint Declaration on Justification by Grace*. This document set forth the truth that both Churches recognize that we are saved by grace through Jesus Christ. The World Methodist Council also signed on to this document in 2006. Since then, subsequent documents have strengthened our awareness of what we share in common.

Now, this year, on Reformation, the Lutheran World Federation will come for worship in Lund, Sweden, for this 499th Commemoration. Pope Francis will be joining them / us! The Spirit keeps moving!

Whereas the divisions of the Reformation era were necessary, it is now time for the Church of Jesus to come together, to provide common witness of God’s love to all of God’s people. Great strides have been made also with the Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, and others. It’s time for us to witness and worship together again!

So, my challenge to you is that when you see or encounter someone who is different, let the first response from you be one of God’s love. Whether they are Christian or not, whether they look like you or not, let God’s love flow through your words and spirit. Each of us becomes a spirit of disunity or of grace in all we say and do. And also, pray for the day when all of God’s children will be united in God’s grace. Alleluia!



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USHERS		7:15	8:30	11:00	SATURDAY USHERS	
		Tom Vesey Bill King	Ken Widdel Debbie Widdel	Dave Matthews Dan Bartels Tom Berkebile Nancy Jack	October 1	Cheryl Williams
					8	Terry & Rhonda Jones
					15	Jim Laine, Charlie Rinker
					22	Dave & Sue Gogel
					29	Ken & Carolyn Vajen
LECTORS		7:15	8:30	11:00		
October 2		Dorothy Beyer	Roger Geffe	Hazel Deuble		
9			Claire Ackerman	Roger Shoffner		
16		Judy Schult	Marie Obrock	John Henzeler		
23		Janis Stein	Alice Coy	Elizabeth Emmert		
30		Dorothy Beyer	Leigh Ann Meinecke	Lee Rupert		
ACOLYTES		7:15	8:30	11:00		
October 2			Marissa Thomas	Deakon Cady		
9			Connor Haar	Allison Meyers		
16			Brody Schuppenies	Peter Erlenbusch		
23			Nicholas Pett	Charlotte Keller		
30			Mark Baroncini	Sierra Staltzer		
ASSISTING MINISTERS		7:15	8:30	11:00		
October 2		Dorothy Beyer	Roger Geffe			
9			Steve Hill	Don Lieder		
16						
23			Scott Geffe	Roger Schoffner		
30		Karen Lundholm	Carole Bohn			
GREETERS		7:15	8:30	11:00	SATURDAY GREETERS	
October 2			Smithers, Marcia Amstutz	Ruth Alteneder, Bill & Marti Bair	October 1	Mark & Jeri Lathrop
9			Tom & Margie Iserman	Henzler/Emmert, Sondra Alexander	8	Becky & John Hoge
16			Terry & Rhonda Jones, Cindy Silvis	Matthews, Hetricks	15	Dave & Sue Gogel
23			Abkes, Easterwoods	Shoffners, Judy Cooper, Gloria Odegaard	22	Ken & Carolyn Vajen
30			HS Youth, Arlene Hustwick	Don & Ann Lieder, Keith Robeson	29	Dee Lowrie
SOUND		7:15	8:30	11:00	SATURDAY SOUND	
October 2			Chuck Ackerman	Tom Trimble	October 1	Carl Habekost
9			Chuck Ackerman	Vince Krolak	8	Doug Williams
16			Dave Sudman	Spencer Tye	15	Doug Williams
23			Russ Baker	Tom Trimble	22	Steve Doughten
30			Vince Krolak	Greg Tye	29	Carl Habekost
COUNTERS						
October 2		Chuck & Nancy Elvers, Heidi & Derek Meyer				
9		Jim Kwasniak, Tom Dayton				
16		Glenn & Mary Ann Abke, Alice Coy				
23		Carole Welling, Joyce Williams				
30		Russ & Nancy Heckman, Jane Tomko				

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Virginia Sargent
- 5 Margaret Bellner and Bill Brooks
- 6 Arline Cornelius
- 18 Elva Ault
- 26 Hugh Sautter
- 29 Don Lieder
- 31 Merritt Higbie



ZOAR CHILDREN’S CHOIRS

Rainbow Choir (ages 5-8) Practices 4:30 p.m. Sundays
Cantorei Junior (ages 8-13) Practices 5:30 p.m. Sundays



A MYSTERY SOLVED:
The Sunday Readings

Where does the list of readings for our Sunday worship come from? The lectionary system authorized for use in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is called the Revised Common Lectionary. Several other church bodies have adopted this lectionary system. The result is an ecumenically-shared use of the same readings in a growing number of Episcopal, Presbyterian, United Methodist, Catholic and other churches.



The Revised Common Lectionary is divided into three annual cycles of readings. In year “A” the gospel readings come primarily from Matthew, in year “B” primarily from Mark, in year “C” primarily from Luke. Readings from John are used in all three years. Each cycle begins on the First Sunday in Advent and ends on Christ the King Sunday. The Old Testament, Psalm and Epistle readings are also determined by the lectionary system. There are a number of **benefits** of following the lectionary.

- **Worshippers in a large number of congregations will hear the same texts and can share teachings and insights.**
- **Pastors develop discipline in preaching on selected texts and work together with pastors of other churches to share resources and insights while preparing for their preaching.**
- **Planning can be done well in advance for all areas of the church to coordinate with the Sunday Lessons.**
- **Members can read, study and pray through the Bible in tune with the church’s readings and preaching.**
- **Through the three year cycle the congregation hears much of the gospels and other New Testament writings which are chosen to highlight the unique and saving ministry of Jesus.**



from
Omaldo
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“God extends an invitation” was last month’s rallying cry for the start of our musical activities. Now we are in October, and while we continue this motto, allow me to add what a joy it is to see children growing in faith through musical participation. We would like to see more children involved: Rainbow Choir (for ages 5 - 8), and Cantorei Jr. (for ages 8 -13) are looking for more singers! With your help, we look forward to seeing the children of Zoar have a more active role in worship by exhibiting musical leadership. Skills such as reading music and proper singing technique are only a small part of what we do: the main benefit for our young is the development of a faithful disposition through singing. Check us out and let’s sing!





from Madeline

Director of Youth Ministry
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We're back in the swing of Fall ministry! It is so amazing to have a building full of energetic youth—on Sunday mornings at Sunday School, worship, and JAM time, Sunday evenings at Youth Group, Rainbow Choir, and Cantorei Jr, and Wednesday nights during Confirmation classes. Still, one of the most beautiful things is to see our youth interacting with and learning from congregational members of all ages! Please join us for Trunk or Treat, the Advent workshop next month, or even our All Zoar Campout in November. You're never too old to be a part of Zoar Kids and Youth activities. Your presence would be a blessing.



FALL FUN AT TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday October 30th 5:00-7:00



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

- 5:00** — Dinner in the Family Life Center— hotdogs, chips, veggies
- 5:30** — Children's games and a cupcake decorating contest in the FLC
- 5:45** — Deadline for cars planning to pass out goodies to park in main lot
- 6:00** — Trunk or treat begins in the main parking lot

Stay tuned for a unique way for kids to forward the blessings! All ages encouraged to participate. Car decorating is especially encouraged!!

Questions? Contact Maddie at mthomas@zoarlutheran.com or 419 270 6233.

#TentCityLove

Are you a young person interested in getting outside of your comfort zone and listening to the stories of people currently experiencing homelessness? Want to serve locally in a meaningful way? Interested in living into discomfort by spending a night in a tent in downtown Toledo?

Be a part of Tent City 2016!

October 21-23

Civic Center Mall



Tent City is sponsored by 1Matters, a local non-profit organization with a powerful mission: "With dignity first, to return individuals and families with children to domestic autonomy."

There are lots of opportunities for our 5th-12th graders to get involved! Overnight participation is not required. We have volunteer spots for serving food and other areas as well! If you can't make it that weekend, you can participate in the winter clothing drive throughout October or the youth prayer vigil on the evening of the October 23rd at Zoar. Contact Madeline via text or email at 419.270.6233 or email mthomas@zoarlutheran.com. Or check out the youth bulletin board in the gathering area for more information!



MEET THE INTERN

Hello, people of Zoar! I am Kevin O'Bryan, the new intern here for the next two years. I come from Michigan, north of Detroit, where I went to school for Philosophy from Oakland University. While there, I married my wife Meghan, and we recently celebrated our 4th anniversary. After graduating from OU, we moved to Columbus and began my seminary program. While in Columbus, Meghan and I adopted 2 rescue cats who fill out our little family. I am really passionate about pets, baseball, current events, and all things beautiful, especially people. I believe that it is this beauty that we see in others that brings us closer to God, and the Holy Spirit that leads us toward the cross in our everyday lives. Always looking forward to conversations, I encourage all to come and introduce yourselves while I am here so we can get to know one another better. My door is always open!

NEWS FROM THE FRONT LINE



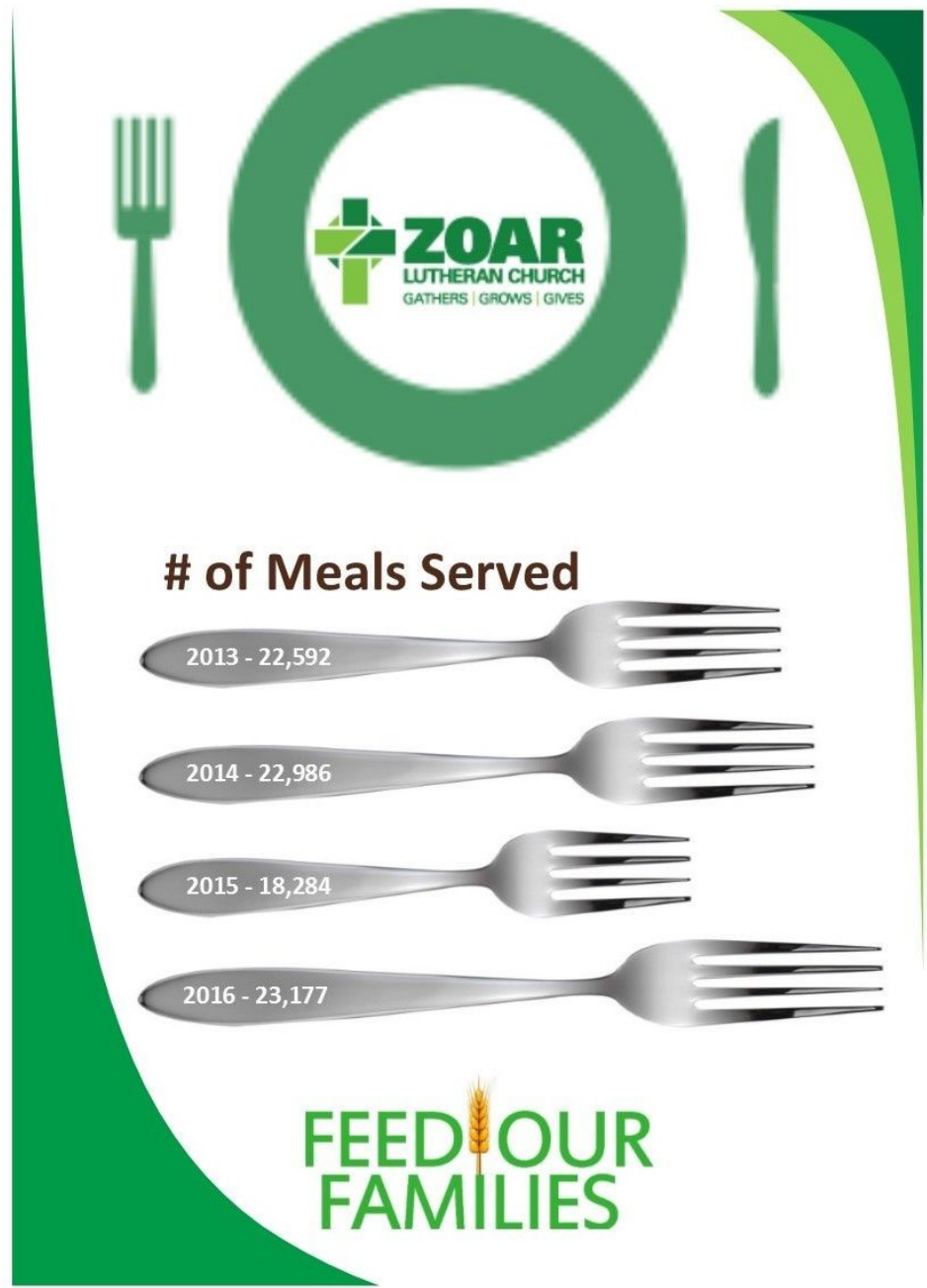
Redeemer Lutheran is an urban church with a small membership, but a mighty outreach. Zoar is a mission partner helping provide the ministry that happens out of this neighborhood church for those who are struggling with the issues of poverty. Redeemer members and those who are served are very thankful.

God is moving and things are happening at Redeemer through Art & Soul, a faith-based after school program. This ministry serves neighborhood youth ages 4-12 providing free meals, homework help, and opportunities for creative development. The mission is to provide a safe place for children after school that feeds them physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Since opening just after Labor Day, 22 children have registered—a record since the program began. Outreach into the community continues by talking to interested folks at pantry day, walking the neighborhood, passing out flyers in area schools, and through word-of-mouth. The strong response confirms that there is a need in this neighborhood. On a typical day we offer an hour of homework help/reading time for elementary youth and quality game time for preschoolers. Second hour is filled with creative activities designed to encourage self-expression and an outlet for the stress of growing up in poverty. Everyone at Zoar is invited to be involved on a more personal level. The hours are 4-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The most help is needed during the first hour for tutoring/ mentoring because of the range of ages and abilities. If you can read, you can help! Thank you, Zoar, for all your support!

Contact Leigh Ann Meinecke at:
leighann.meinecke@gmail.com, cell 419.356.6123



RECORD YEAR FOR MEALS: Zoar's Feed Our Families



Feed Our Families is a summer program and continues through the beginning of the school year. *Feed Our Families* is part of the Zoar effort to end local hunger. Families and children on the reduced lunch program during the school year are eligible to participate in this program. The number of meals served has increased by nearly 10% since 2013.



YARNS OF LOVE GETS FUNDS FOR NEW PROJECT

Zoar's Yarns of Love group has received money from Thrivent Action Team to make fleece-tied blankets for St. Luke's Cancer Center. All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. Watch future newsletters and the Zoar website for upcoming days to join in the fun and fellowship, where individuals are asked to bring scissors and a sack lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided. If you are not able to join in on the scheduled days Yarns of Love gathers but are looking for a way to help, we need donations of fleece, any color or print , 2 yards in length. All help with this very meaningful project is appreciated.



HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ONE PANCAKE AT A TIME

Take your "sweetie" to breakfast on Sweetest Day, Saturday, October 15. The Exchange Club of Perrysburg is sponsoring a pancake breakfast at Zoar Lutheran Church. The event takes place from 8-11:00 a.m.



The menu includes ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-PANCAKES, 2 sausage links, orange juice, milk and coffee. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and children over 12, \$3.00 for children 3-12, and children under 3 eat free.

All proceeds go to the Perrysburg Exchange Club Foundation to support efforts to prevent child abuse. Non-perishable food items will also be collected for the PCU Food Pantry that day.



Zoar's youth and children's ministries are undergoing some beautiful changes with growth and vitality. See for yourselves:

- ◆ 14 youth laugh and conquer fears together while praising God at Cedar Point's PointFest
- ◆ 61 kids in Preschool - 12th grade learn about God and our call as people of faith in Sunday School classes
- ◆ 25 children receive a backpack blessing
- ◆ 10 "God's AmaZing Kids" youth host social hour between 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship on Sunday morning
- ◆ 16 kids grow in God's word at **J**esus **A**nd **M**e time during the 11 a.m. worship hour
- ◆ 16 Junior High and High School youth gather to pack 100 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief during youth group

This is something to celebrate! Your child's presence at these events has exponentially increased the potential for life-changing ministry moments.

ZOAR YOUTH HOST WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Zoar Youth are collecting winter clothing donations from now through October 16. Donations can be placed in the marked collection box near the elevator on the ground floor. Our youth will be able to help hand out these items at Tent City in Toledo later this month. Here are the requested items:

- Jeans
- Coats
- Sweatshirts
- Hats
- Gloves
- Shoes
- Sweaters

There is a special need for men's and plus-size items.

New, unused socks and underwear can also be donated!





from
Pastor Mike
Community Pastor
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One of the first things Jesus did in ministry was to form a small group. There were crowds, for certain. There were many large crowd gatherings for Jesus and his disciples. But the majority of their time was spent in the intimacy of a small group.

Following the Lord's example, Zoar is forming more and more small groups. The purpose of the groups is to create a sense of community that is hard to experience in a large crowd. Zoar does draw a large crowd. As the weeks, months, and years roll on, give some thought to how you can become involved in a small group.

Let's Get Connected

Join a Small Group



Zoar has a number of small groups established to meet around special interests. For women, there are the circles like Rachel, Ruth, and Naomi. They meet each month for Bible study. For men there is the Men's Bible Study, Men's Bridge Group, and Men's Golf. Zoar also has a Book Club, and a Mom's club meeting each month. Of course, we can always consider the choirs and handbells small groups, even though they are a little larger than the typical small group. The same is true of the Social Ministry Group and Prayer Partners. Light-house Keepers is a support group for people affected by a loved one with mental illness.

Small groups are a way that Zoar helps people connect with each other. This brings the large size of the church to a personal manageable level. As the time marches on, we will be launching several more small groups. These will be groups organized around stage of life kinds of things. There will be several groups for married parents and a group for single parents.

YOUNG ADULTS



Nicole & Brian Downey

Young adults and newly married people make up one of the fastest growing populations of people at Zoar. Often, the size and beauty of the church facility draws people in as they are looking for a wedding venue. Once young adults visit a worship service, it is not unusual for them to decide to make Zoar their church home. With a combination of traditional worship and a wide welcome of all people, Zoar is an ideal place for young adults eager to start adulthood on a firm footing. To support this growth, Zoar is starting a small group for Young Adults and Newly Marrieds. If you know of someone who could benefit, please contact Pastor Mike at pastormike@zoarlutheran.com.

MARRIED WITH YOUNG KIDS

There are currently two groups of married couples with young kids meeting. There is a once a month Monday evening group and a once a month Wednesday evening group. These groups gather around the dinner hour to share in light snacks, beverages, and meaningful conversation. Oftentimes, a short video helps start conversation in an interesting direction.



Lon & Kristin Muir

Because these parents often face similar issues around the same time, meeting once a month gives them a chance to process and debrief what life brings their way. And since they are parents with young kids, childcare is provided. If you are married with young children at home and would like to get connected with other Zoar parents with young children, contact Pastor Mike.

SINGLE PARENTS



For information on a newly forming small group for single parents, contact Pastor Mike at pastormike@zoarlutheran.com