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SATURDAY 6:00 p.m.  
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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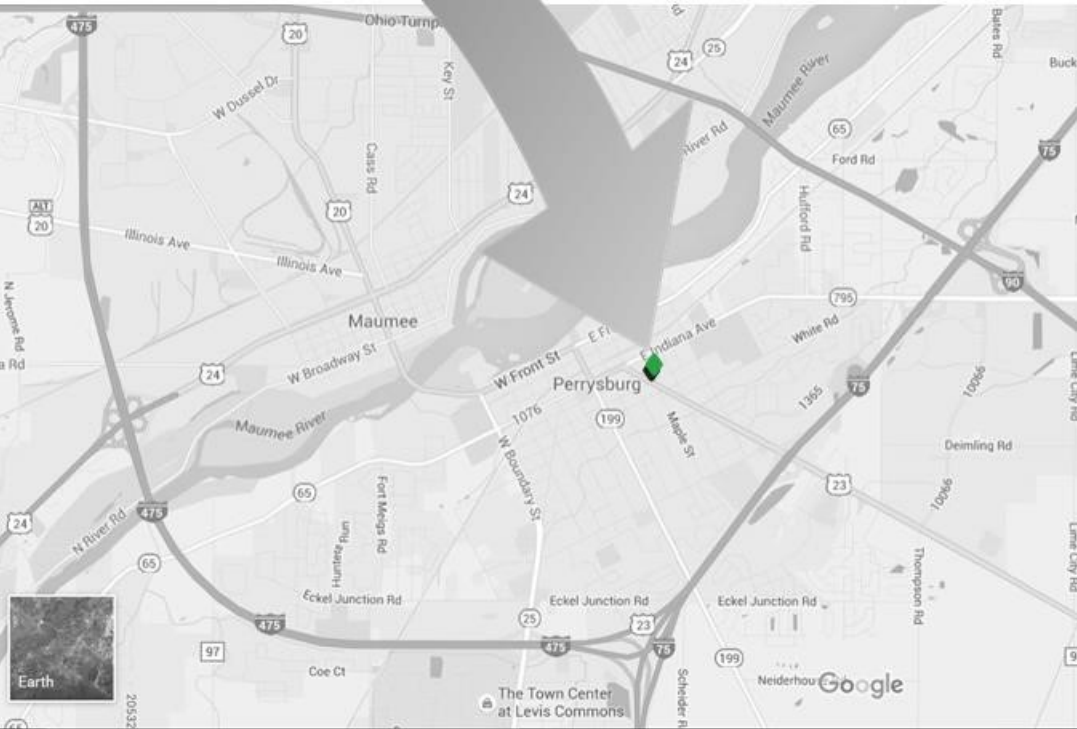
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Trust is the key to being a Christian. This is often one of the most difficult habits of all to learn. For many of us, it's easier to trust God for our eternal salvation than it is to trust God in our daily living. When it comes to practical things like putting food on our table or making the mortgage payment, we often operate as if we are on our own. As a result, we often worry and experience anxiety. This actually causes some of us to stockpile assets beyond all reason. Other times worry about every possibility of loss, including health issues, layoffs, and economic collapse. There's a big difference between constructive planning – and destructive worry. There is no reason for us to be bound by anxiety. We can and need to put our trust in God and to commit both our faith and our finances to Him.

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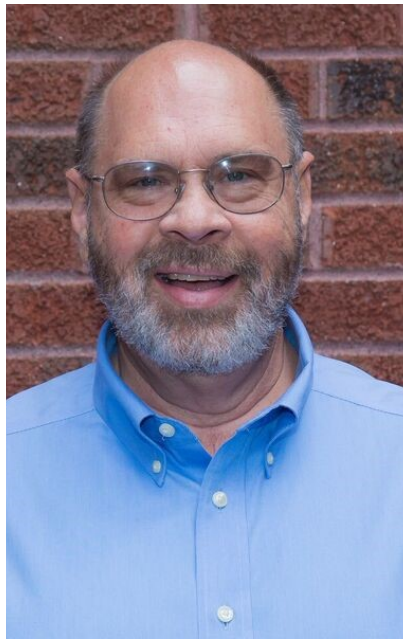


*"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not. . .  
to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy"  
— I Timothy 6:17*



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from  
Pastor Tim

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Change. Sometimes the word and the process is something I love. Sometimes it causes my whole body to shiver! Change.

This past Christmas much of my family was here in Perrysburg I love seeing the growth and change in my grandchildren, nieces, and nephew. I love seeing my children as parents. This is good change. But still, it seems to be change that is too fast. So also as the world spins – friends getting older, new politics bringing change, weather/climate changes, involvement and commitment in this community changing, amazing changes in technology. The world is getting smaller and faster.



Change also happened to each of us in our Baptism. Not only am I a Philabaum, with all of the history and stories of that set of families, but I am a Christian, claimed and named by Jesus, with all of the history and stories of that huge set of families. Luther reminds us that in this change, we are both “saint and sinner.” We continually choose at us through the brothers and change is that and even though love, to forgive, to



the wrong, but God looks light of the Cross, as sisters of Jesus. The Jesus works through us, we sin, we are moved to serve, to offer hope.

So, now to a Bible story. For almost three years the disciples had been with Jesus, watching the miracles, listening to the teachings. Then one day Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain, where he was “changed” (Transfigured). They saw Him in all of His eternal glory, seeing Jesus as He truly is. This really wasn’t a change in Jesus, but a change in the way the disciples viewed Him. Beauty, light, glory, heaven.

As I work my way into this no-longer-new year I can become overwhelmed with the grey-ness of life, with the activities that need to be done, with grief and sorrow all around. But before me (us) is Jesus, not just changed into His heavenly form, but present with hands still scarred by the nails of the cross. Center to all that is going on is the presence of God in Jesus, love, grace, peace, and hope.

So, sisters and brothers, as you experience change in your life, hold on to the One whose love for you never changes, who holds all things in hands of grace.



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February	5	Tom Dayton; Greg Williams		Tom Berkebile	
	12	"	Mark Lathrop	Matt Obrock	4 Jim Laine; Charlie Rinker
	19	"	Kevin Rohrs	Nancy Jack	11 Ken & Carolyn Vajen
	26	"	Connie Teare	Judy Cooper	18 Judy Cooper; Gloria Odeggaard
					25 Terry & Rhonda Jones
					28
LECTORS		7:15	8:30	11:00	
February	5	Dorothy Beyer	Chuck Ackerman	Lee Rupert	
	12	Judy Schult	Rick Rettig	Nathan Englehart	
	19	Ray Ruswinkle	Ken Meinecke	Neil Englehart	
	26	Janis Stein	Scott Libbe	Melissa Miller	
ACOLYTES		8:30	11:00		
February	5	Peter Erlenbusch	Connor Haar		
	12	Nicholas Pett	Brody Schuppenies		
	19	Charlotte Keller	Sierra Stalzer		
	26	Allison Myers	Marissa Thomas		
ASSISTING MINISTERS		7:15	8:30	11:00	
February	5			Roger Shoffner	
	12	Dorothy Beyer	Roger Geffe		
	19		Carole Bohn		
	26		Scott Geffe	Don Lieder	
GREETERS		8:30	11:00		SATURDAY GREETERS
February	5	D. Sahloff; D. Current; S. Cook	C. Teare; R. Hazle; D. Beyer		4 Dave & Lisa Richard
	12	M/M Ackerman; Cindy Silvis	J. Henzler; E. Emmert; J. Cooper; G. Odeggaard		11 Sondra Alexander
	19	M/M Karnes; M/M Heselup	Joan Moulton; High School Youth		18 Becky & John Hoge
	26	High School Youth; M/M Easterwood	M/M Lieder; M/M Shoffner		25 Dee Lowrie
SOUND		8:30	11:00		SATURDAY SOUND CREW
February	5	Martha Amstutz	Russ Baker		4 Steve Doughten
	12	Chuck Ackerman	Spencer Tye		11 Doug Williams
	19	Dave Sudman	Vince Krolak		18 Paul Yarian
	26	Carl Habekost	Tom Trimble		25 Ryan Williams
COUNTERS					
February	5	Carole Welling, Joyce Williams			
	12	Chuck & Nancy Elvers, Heidi & Derek Meyer			
	19	Russ & Nancy Heckman; Jane Tomko			
	26	Jim Kwasniak, Tom Dayton			
ALTAR GUILD		7:15	8:30	11:00	
February	5	Nadine Johnson; Jane Schroeder	A. Rex; V. Karnes; T. Young	L. Hoverson; D. Besly; S. Todt	
	12	Linda Hagedorn	Karon Lundholm	Pat McNutt	
	19	Jane Schroeder; Nadine Johnson	Connie Bricker	Carolyn St. Meyers	
	26	Linda Hagedorn	Mary Ann Abke	Elaine Coutcher	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Wilma Jimison

11 Janis Higbie

12 Ruth Morgan

12 Paul Sargent

15 Alice Parrish

16 Carol Henschen

20 William Ault
- 23 John Brady

26 Helen Dimick

26 Gerald Hazel

28 William King



epiphany hymn sing  
sunday feb 12 4pm



March 1

Lent begins the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March. On that Wednesday, the day of ashes, you are welcome to come to begin the 40-day journey of faith. Confession, ashes, Scripture, and Holy Communion will be central on this day, with worship services at 7am, 11am, and 6:30pm. This being the 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Anniversary year, the other Wednesdays in Lent will center on Luther’s Small Catechism. Both at 11am and at 6:30pm worship will be in the Family Life Center, around tables and a simple meal of soup and bread. The change in time and focus will help us center in on the teachings of the Catechism, as well as lenten-simple fellowship. This will be the time of the meal as well. Catechism devotional booklets will be passed out for you to use during this Lenten journey.



from  
Omaldo

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Just a few days from now, on February 12<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome organist virtuoso and director of the National Lutheran Choir David Cherwien, who is coming to lead us in one of the great traditions within the Lutheran church: a service of hymns and spoken meditations. Called *An Epiphany Hymn Festival*, this will be a celebration of Christian vocation in music and words. I have no way to convey how excited I am. David is one of the great improvisers of our time as well as one of the most prolific composers working in the church today. I can promise you that you will be delighted to spend the afternoon of the 12<sup>th</sup> with us. I look forward to seeing you all. And please bring friends.





## from Madeline

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As the Church, we often talk about “taking church outside the walls.” Our young families small groups are a great example of this concept: meeting in homes and sharing in life together outside of weekend worship. It’s a reminder of our call to live out the Gospel both inside and outside of physical church buildings. However, I also love the fact that our physical building is a place within the community for people regardless of Zoar membership. Zoar hosts Mom’s Club, Girl Scout Troop meetings, ACT Tutoring, adult support groups, and pick-up basketball teams. Sharing our physical space...what a blessing!

# ZOAR KIDS: BIRTH → AGE 3 and their families

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH  
12:00PM– 1:30PM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**



*Connect with other families over lunch*

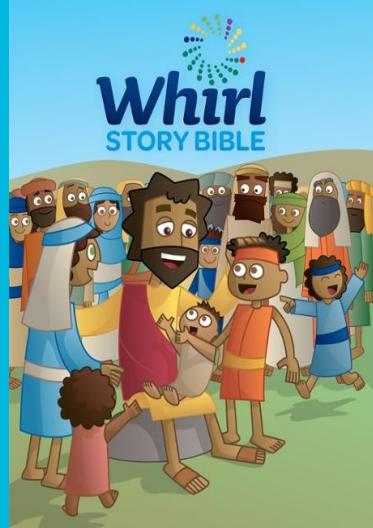
*Learn about Faith 5 Family Devotionals*

*Receive a Storybook Bible for your pre-reader*

## LUNCH MENU:

**MAC AND CHEESE  
FRUITS & VEGGIES**

**RSVP WITH  
MADELINE**



## Women of the Old Testament



All are welcome to come and explore some of the lesser known female characters in the Old Testament. These characters challenge traditional thought about the role that women had in ancient Judea, showing us courage, strength, and authority.

Shining light on such important characters through open, candid discussion we will explore a variety of topics through the lenses of these women, both in their context of ancient Judea and in today's world.

This 4 week Bible Study series will take place on each Saturday in February at 4:30 p.m. at Zoar. All participants will be invited to stay after discussion to attend 6:00 p.m. worship. I am very excited to lead this group and will see you all for our first session on February 4th.

--Intern Kevin O'Bryan

## Grant Deadline Changed for Proposals to Zoar Foundation

The deadline dates to submit proposals to the Zoar Foundation are **March 30** and **September 30**.

The Zoar Foundation invites the boards, committees, staff and individual members of Zoar to submit proposals for support of new or expanded ministries of the Church. More than \$70,000 in grant money is available in 2017. Guidelines, application form and instructions for submitting proposals are available on the Zoar website or in the church office.

Funds support projects that will expand or enhance the ministries that our congregation offers to its members, its community and the wider work of the church.

In 2016 the Zoar Foundation receive 31 requests. Funds were available to fill the above 19 of those requests at \$76,385. In addition, \$21,356 fulfilled 10 requests from the Kurfis Youth Fund. The Zoar Foundation thanks everyone that took the time and effort to submit grant requests.

The Zoar Lutheran Church Foundation was established in 2007. The Zoar Foundation oversees the Zoar Endowment Fund, Kurfis Fund for Youth Ministry, and the Kazmaier Fund for Theological Education.

Additional information about the Zoar Foundation is available on the Zoar website ([tinyurl.com/zoarfoundation](http://tinyurl.com/zoarfoundation)) or by contacting Glenn Abke, Foundation President at 419-874-2978.





# 3 CHEERS FOR ZOAR!



Because of your gracious giving some very fun things are happening with youth at Redeemer Lutheran Church!

- We held the church’s first Christmas pageant in many years on December 18. Things you need to know about that pageant...
- ◆ For nearly all the children it was the first pageant they had ever been in (not to mention the first time they heard the whole story).
  - ◆ They LOVED the costumes! (We borrowed them from Zoar.)
  - ◆ Several children played hand bells for the first time.
  - ◆ I wish you could have seen their faces the first time they heard those bells ring!
  - ◆ Jose’ read his line!
  - ◆ Cookies from Zoar became cherished gems in the arms of little preschooler, Jaliyah, who immediately took one bite out of each of ten cookies and hugged them to her chest all the way home.

I was asked in a recent Bible study when I have left my home, like the Magi, to search for God. Today. And each day I leave the comfort of my suburban home to travel to a ministry that is so different than anything I have ever experienced. So, Thank you, Zoar, for your support and sharing of time (Shout out to Nick Pett and Judy Cooper who also give their time to tutor) and cookies and costumes and care.

Also, know that I am looking for leaders high school age and older to help with our Summer Youth Program. If you are interested, please contact me! I can’t promise that it is easy, but I can promise it is rewarding. Contact: Leigh Ann Meinecke at 419.356.6123 or leighann.meinecke@gmail.com.



# NEW GROUP



Dante & Sarah Flores

Hello, my name is Dante Flores and I am part of a new group called Vision for Ministry. Our main purpose is to understand our current parish involvement in community ministries and what new ministries we would like to participate in. We will be taking an inventory of our current ministries and want to understand what impact we are making to the community. Also we will be inquiring on the parish involvement and how we can help our current ministries flourish.

We want to make Zoar an integral part of our growing community. The committee is excited for this opportunity to help shape the future of Zoar. We look forward to working with our current ministry leaders and ministry participants.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at [Dantejflores@yahoo.com](mailto:Dantejflores@yahoo.com)

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REUNION

We will once again be hosting a Vacation Bible School Reunion for everyone who participated in last summer’s event! This is also an exciting opportunity to introduce this summer’s VBS theme and welcome all children interested in a fun preview of what Vacation Bible School is like!

All Children age 2 through 5th grade  
Friday February 24th  
6:00-9:00 PM in the FLC

- ★ Dinner and Childcare Provided
- ★ Games, Crafts, Science Experiments!
- ★ Fellowship for parents at Buffalo Wild Wings!



SAVE THE DATE!  
VBS 2017  
JULY 10TH-14TH  
9:00 AM-NOON

# SUMMER YOUTH TRIP 2017

This summer, there are lots of exciting opportunities for our junior high and high school youth!

Summer in the City (June 22nd-24th), Feed Our Families (every Friday) , youth group fellowship events, and a week of camp at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado! This trip will be July 16-21st. Registration is open now for all 6th-12th grade youth. Interested in more information? Contact Madeline as soon as possible! We’re looking forward to an amazing summer of ministry! Join us and let God define your summer!



# Youth Group Update



- Sunday February 5th  
High School Youth Group 5-7  
Top Floor Renovations  
Super Bowl Pre-Party
- Sunday February 12th  
Epiphany Hymn Sing at 4:00  
High School Youth Group 5-7  
Top Floor Renovations
- Friday February 17th  
Food for Thought  
PB & J Making  
All Ages
- Saturday February 18th  
Food for Thought  
PB & J Distribution  
All Ages
- Sunday February 26th  
High School Youth Group  
Zoar 5-7 PM







from

Pastor Mike

Community Pastor  
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One of the first lessons Jesus taught his disciples was the need to have a small group. For Jesus, it wasn't simply a luxury, it was a necessity. He hardly went anywhere without "The Twelve". Being part of a large worship gathering at Zoar is certainly powerful and enriching.

But it is only part of the equation for a full Christian life. New groups are emerging at Zoar. Give serious thought and prayer to a commitment to a small group this year. You will not be disappointed.



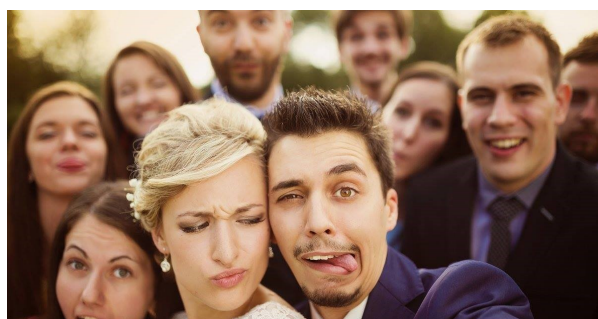
# ZOAR AT THE MOVIES

THE SHACK

SUNDAY  
MARCH 5  
4pm

Discussion and potluck  
about *THE SHACK* in the  
FLC.

Based on the award winning novel, the movie co-stars Tim McGraw singing "Keep Your Eyes On Me" with other soundtracks featuring Lady Antebellum, Brett Eldredge and Dierks Bentley. Watch as a group or at a time convenient to you.



In 2016 Zoar saw three new small groups develop, one weekly and two monthly. The weekly group meets for Bible Study for on Wednesday mornings. The monthly groups gather parents of young kids. In 2017, four more groups are forming. We'll see a small group form for single parents, for young married couples, for weekly Bible study, and another group for parents of young children. Watch and listen for coming announcements!

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### LENTEN MEALS

It is hard to believe, but it is already time to begin planning our Wednesday Lenten meals. This year, our Wednesday meals and services will be slightly different. After Ash Wednesday (March 1), the services will be in the Family Life Center, around the tables, as we eat and study various aspects of our Lutheran faith. The meals will be simple, soup and bread, and the discussions, led by our pastors, will be filled with spiritual nourishment. If you or a group or committee you are involved in would like to prepare several soups for one of the meals, please contact Tom Iserman at [iserprsn@bex.net](mailto:iserprsn@bex.net) or 419-874-5215.

As always, the meals are free, but a freewill offering will be taken. For several years, the focus has been on an international level (farm animals for third world countries, tilapia farm in Haiti). This year, we are thinking locally and focusing on our Mission Partner, Redeemer Lutheran Church, to help fund its Summer Youth Program.

