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TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS

Zoar Hits the Pavement for the AmaZing! Cause

We're hittin' the pavement to spread the AmaZing! news of Jesus Christ in a few short weeks with Harrison Rally Day. This full day of fun for the whole family features a grand celebration and exhibition of area businesses, community groups, cottage industries, churches, art, craft booths, children's activities, live entertainment, games, food, and a parade (steps off at 10 am).

Join the Zoar cause at the Harrison Rally Day festival Saturday, September 16th from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Plans are underway now for Zoar's entry in the parade: the Human Roller Coaster. Sign up this month to help Zoar make a splash! There are several ways you can help. 1) Join the human roller coaster. If the thought of being a human roller coaster is too much to stomach, then consider 2) helping in Zoar's booth. Stand or sit there and simply say "hello" to people who walk by and pick up a pen or Zoar information. 3) Help collect and assemble the materials for the roller coaster, or help transport the Zoar booth. However you want to help, please contact Pastor Mike at "pastormike@zoarlutheran.com" and thank you!



"It is an example of what a small town is all about — the community coming together."
— Cindy Silvis

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from Pastor Tim

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Greetings, sisters and brothers, in the Name of our loving Lord Jesus. In my early days, I found a difficulty living in a right-handed world. Most desks in my school were on the wrong side; writing on the chalk board was impossible, erasing my words or figures as I wrote them; scissors were impossible; even mugs for coffee had the insignia on the wrong side.

Left handedness has had a bad rap. The Latin word for "left" is the same as for "sinister." And, of course, "right" is always "right!" When brain research found out that there was a correlation between



left-handedness and the right side of the brain (more creative, more in touch with feeling. We are the only ones in our right minds!) I was pleased. Now I rejoice that August 13 has been declared as "Left-Hander's Day," devoted to us who live in a right-handed world. Well, actually, this is rather unimportant, and left-handed people are able to accomplish as much, if not more, than right-handed people. Not a bad problem to have.

But it does point to one of the amazing qualities of God. God loves diversity, and delights in differences. One of my favorite non-Christian philosophers, Mr. Spock (Star Trek) once said, "The glory of creation is in its infinite diversity, and together in perfect completed creation declared His creation David sang in Psalm telling the glory of proclaims His and in everyone we delight and beauty. you! The theme for been, "Created by



You and I have been knit together with God's grace, and I am convinced that God delights in who we are. The eyes of God, gazing through the cross of Jesus, forgive and look past our brokenness, sin, and un-health, seeing us as we truly are. You are one of God's beloved children. You carry the image of God in you: creativity, forgiveness, love, worship, service. With all the pain that also swirls in your heart, your heart is wrapped in grace, and God's hands will never let go. In you, God delights! Thanks be to God!!

how that diversity works harmony." When God (Genesis 1:31) God to be "very good." King 19, "The heavens are God, and the firmament handiwork." Everywhere see the stamp of God's That even means in me, in our July Bible School has God, built for a purpose."

A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES

We're Making Great Progress

*Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry,
we do not lose heart. — Corinthians 4:1*

Hello, my name is Dante Flores and I am part of a new committee called Vision for Ministry. We have been working on an improved strategy to help our current Ministries Gather, Grow, and Give. We started off by collecting information about the 28 ministries we currently have at Zoar. We asked questions on what activities they perform and how many people participate. The answers all varied from ministry to ministry. We also received some feedback on what Zoar could do better to help keep these ministries Gathering and Growing. So the committee is taking this feedback to heart and developing ideas for how to re-Energize our current ministries. We are working on ways to better support these ministries, as well as how we can improve the communication among the ministries, the congregation, new members, and council. In addition, we are looking for ways to engage more of Zoar's congregation in participation. The ministries are always looking for new participants. This is a wonderful way give back to Zoar and our community. One of my fondest memories as a high schooler was volunteering at a local library reading books to children. Seeing their eyes filled with wonder and excitement as I read books to them made me

appreciate the parents that I have. It also has shaped me into the parent I am today. I look forward to passing this feeling of giving on to my children as they grow into adults. The committee and I are excited for this opportunity to help shape the future of Zoar. We look forward to working with our current ministry leaders, current ministry participants, and FUTURE ministry participants. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at Dantejflores@yahoo.com



from Omaldo

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It is my hope this newsletter finds us all strengthened in the faith. It is also my hope we all may have found an opportunity to reflect on our corporate future, as well as for physical and spiritual refreshment. As part of our renewal, Zoar's Worship and Music Committee has begun to discern the implications of a visionary document called *The Nairobi Statement on Worship and Culture*, published by the Lutheran World Federation in 1996. In it, there are key parameters Christians are called to ponder as part of our witness in worship. We are very excited about our prospects and look forward to sharing the results of our stimulating conversations. Peace!



WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Consider using these readings in your daily devotions. The daily Bible readings for Monday—Wednesday reflect on the readings from the previous Sunday. The readings for Thursday—Saturday look forward to the coming Sunday. Many Christians find the daily readings to be a helpful tool throughout the week.

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Psalms 119:121-128
1 Kings 4:29-34
Ephesians 6:10-18

Mark 4:30-34

Thursday, August 3

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21
Proverbs 10:1-5
Philippians 4:10-15

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Psalms 119:121-128
Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33

Friday, August 4



Thank you, Maddie, for serving so faithfully and wonderfully here! God bless you in Colorado! We love you and will miss you! Good job!

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



THANK YOU VBS TEAM

Our Vacation Bible School team was comprised of over 35 youth and adult volunteers who each donated over 20 hours of their time and talent! That, combined with the generous donations of supplies from congregation members, enabled us to host over 100 youth for a free week of Christian education and community outreach. Wow, God! Thank you all!!

SUMMER POOL PARTY

Monday August 7th 9-11 PM

All are welcome to join in late summer fun at the Perrysburg Municipal Pool after hours. Admission is covered by Zoar. Pool lifeguards will be working during the pool party. Open swim for all ages with diving boards and water slide. Wear a swimsuit bring a towel. Friends welcome. Adult supervision required. This is not a drop-off event. Bring your own snacks!



Sunday August 13th at 11:00 worship

Students and teachers at all levels are welcome to come forward for a special blessing on your teaching and learning. We as a church support your endeavors and thank you for sharing your gifts with the world. A special thank you to our Sunday School teachers who serve throughout the year as a light for our young people. Your ministry is so important!

SAVE THE DATE Rally Sunday is September 10th

Inflatables, face painting, games, and more! Get back in the Sunday School spirit! Open registration for all Sunday School levels, age 3 through 12th grade.

SKY RANCH YOUTH TRIP

31 youth ventured to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in northern Colorado the third week of July. There, they encountered Christ on the Mountaintops through worship, Bible study, community building, and wilderness adventures such as high ropes, white water rafting, and Rocky Mountain hiking. They have returned to Perrysburg with renewed spirits and excitement for the year of youth ministry ahead! Thank you to the amazing adult leaders who cared for our youth throughout their experience. And thanks to our youth for being brave and trying new things—willing to grow closer to each other and to God!

Thank you to the following additional stockholder's not mentioned in last month's newsletter: Dawn Dennis and Julie Winder. We appreciate your support!



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 4:4-7
Sky Ranch Summer Theme Verse

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



Registration will be open to incoming high school through college freshmen for 2018-2019 school year. Cedar Point PointFest Saturday September 16th Sign up now!

Cost: \$50

Covers amusement park admission and Christian concert ticket. Carpool transportation provided. Adult leaders and drivers needed. Contact Intern Kevin for details.





from

Pastor Mike

Community Pastor

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Almost exactly one year ago, my wife, Karin, and I purchased a home in Perrysburg. Since then we've been settling-in, greeting the neighbors, and making the home our own. As I look out on our communities, that is pretty much how I would describe what I see. People in Perrysburg, Maumee, Rossford, Waterville, Oregon, etc. seem to really settle-in, greet the neighbors, and make the communities their own. It's a unique place to call home. It's what makes events like Harrison Rally Day such a great day for Zoar to mingle with the crowds and share what is AmaZing about Zoar.



GET YOUR

September 9
6:00 — 10:00 PM

To celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Zoar is having German-Fest on Saturday, September 9 from 6pm – 10pm. The evening will be full of family fun including live German music and dancing. The fantastic Sorgenbrechers from Frankenmuth will lead a great night of polka and other dance music. Food will include authentic German fare such as bratwurst, sauerkraut, potatoes and streudel, catered by the Black Forest Café located in Oak Shade Grove (Toledo German-American festival). The brats are smoked and the entertainment is abounding! Dig out that pair of lederhosen from the back of your closet and get ready to celebrate Bavarian style! Tickets go on sale mid-August from the church office. All ages and dance abilities are welcome! Ein Prosit!!! Ziggy Zocky Ziggy Zocky Oi! Oi! Oi!!!

HALL OF FAMER COMES TO ZOAR

Zoar's Germanfest party on September 9 will enjoy the hall of fame talents of Tommy Schober and the Sorgenbrechers which plays many different types of music and maintains a distinct "traditional" German influence. Tommy Schober is a 2016 inductee into the Ohio Oktoberfest Hall of Fame.



DEUTSCH ON!!



Reformation

Five Hundred Years 1517-2017

Catch the spirit of the Five Hundred Years Anniversary of the Reformation with these upcoming events.

- Saturday Sept 9 6:00pm
German Band and Dinner
- Sun Sept 10 4pm
Ecumenical Reformation Service
- Sun Oct 1 100th Anniversary of Stained Glass Windows
- Sun Oct 21
Northwest Ohio Synod Reformation Crawl
- Sat/Sun Oct 28 and 29
Reformation Service



The Black Forest Café is catering Zoar's Germanfest celebration. Here are some Trip Advisor Reviews of their food:

- "Excellent! Food is wonderful."
- "German dining in Ohio"
- "Good German food"
- "Authentic German style food"



FEELING FULL FEELS GOOD

Let's Feel Good Together



If there is one thing God knows how to do it is create a great spread. Food fills the pages of the Bible from beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation. Sharing a meal is one of the building blocks of the earliest Christians. They knew that feeling full feels good, especially as brothers and sisters in Christ. Mark your calendar now for a great spread. On September 17 (from 5-7), September 27 (6-8pm), and September 30 (11-1pm), Zoar is hosting a series of three meals at the French Quarter at the Holiday Inn. In addition to the fantastic food, and great company, you will experience the wonderful inspiration of Zoar new videos.

EXPLORE THE GOSPELS

Intern Kevin Leads the Tour

Ever wonder why we have different stories about Jesus Christ in our Gospels? How is it that we profess these accounts as being true when there are apparent contradictions? Join us in the Conference Room.

August 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 9:45 am

We'll explore these questions and many more. Each Sunday in August, we will be exploring Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and their four very different ideas and perspectives surrounding the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. What we will find is that each Gospel looks upon this holy story from a different angle, and when read together we get a more holistic picture of Jesus Christ's ministry.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Isaiah 51:17-23
Romans 9:6-13

Saturday, August 5

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Isaiah 44:1-5
Matthew 7:7-11

Monday, August 7

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Romans 1:8-15

Tuesday, August 8

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Deuteronomy 26:1-15
Acts 2:37-47

Wednesday, August 9

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35
Matthew 15:32-39

Thursday, August 10

Psalm 85:8-13
1 Kings 18:1-16
Acts 17:10-15

Friday, August 11

Psalm 85:8-13
1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40
Acts 18:24-28

Saturday, August 12

Psalm 85:8-13
1 Kings 18:41-46
Matthew 16:1-4

Monday, August 14

Psalm 18:1-19
Genesis 7:11-8:5
2 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, August 15

Psalm 18:1-19
Genesis 19:1-29
Romans 9:14-29

Wednesday, August 16

Psalm 18:1-19
Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24
Matthew 8:23-27

Thursday, August 17

Psalm 67
Isaiah 45:20-25
Revelation 15:1-4

Friday, August 18

Psalm 67
Isaiah 63:15-19
Acts 14:19-28

Saturday, August 19

Psalm 67
Isaiah 56:1-5
Matthew 14:34-36

Monday, August 21

Psalm 87
2 Kings 5:1-14
Acts 15:1-21

Tuesday, August 22

Psalm 87
Isaiah 43:1-13
Romans 11:13-29

Wednesday, August 23

Psalm 87
Isaiah 66:18-23
Matthew 8:1-13

Thursday, August 24

Psalm 138
Ezekiel 28:11-19
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday, August 25

Psalm 138
Ezekiel 31:15-18
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Saturday, August 26

Psalm 138
Ezekiel 36:33-38
Matthew 16:5-12

Monday, August 28

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
1 Samuel 7:3-13
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, August 29

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Deuteronomy 32:18-20
Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday, August 30

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Isaiah 28:14-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday, August 31

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 14:13-18
Ephesians 5:1-6

PREPARE TO BE “DAZZLED”

Book Club To Meet for Food and Art

The Zoar Book Club will meet Friday, August 4th at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck picnic at the home of member Mitzi Tamirisa, 516 Riverside Dr. in Eagle Point Colony, Rossford 43450 (419-410-4898). Please bring a dish of food and a beverage to share along with a book suggestion for the Fall and Winter. Non-members and friends are welcome, but please inform Mitzi. If you have not contacted her that you will be attending please do so soon so she has an accurate count. Group leader, Bill Kahlenberg is also working on plans to attend the Berlin Painters Exhibit and Lecture at the Toledo Museum of Art on Friday, September 8th at 2:00 p.m. Professor Alan Shapiro from New York City will be speaking in the Little Theatre. Zoar friend, Adam Levin, assistant director of the museum, says it will "dazzle" you. Bill Kahlenberg is available to answer any questions at 419-873-8295.

A HUMAN ROLLER COASTER?!

We want you to be part of the Zoar Human Roller Coaster for this year's Harrison Rally Day parade! This intergenerational and interactive "ride" will follow the parade route, calling attention to all the thrilling and amaZing things happening at Zoar. We're looking for wardrobe boxes to complete our coaster construction. Please contact the church office or Pastor Mike by email (pastormike@zoarlutheran.com) to donate boxes or to volunteer to be part of the craziest ride ever! Harrison Rally Days are a Perrysburg tradition and a great opportunity to meet people in the community.



HEARTFELT THANKS

Dear Zoar Foundation, We wish to extend our sincere gratitude for your financial support with the purchase of our "new" bus at Abundant Life. Without your generous gift we would have spent weeks holding fund raisers which would have taken away from the mission of serving the residents. Already the bus has brought joy to residents who have never been able to travel with us to Kitchen of Hope, lunch outings, grocery stores, and trips to the parks. God has used you to bless us. Thank you for your kindness. In his love, The Residents and Staff of Abundant Life

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR AUGUST

USHERS

7:15
August Tom Vesey
Bill King

8:30
Scott Libbe
Kevin Rohrs
Rick Rettig

11:00
Terry Harris
Scott Loehrke

SATURDAY USHERS

5 Dave & Lisa Richard
12 Steve Doughten
19 Cheryl Williams
26 Jim Laine, Charlie Rinker

LECTORS

7:15
August 6 Dorothy Beyer
13 Judy Schult
20 Ray Ruswinkle
27 Janis Stein

8:30
Claire Ackerman
Rick Rettig
Ken Meinecke
Scott Libbe

11:00
Nathan Englehart
Teri Laurer
Melissa Miller
Sonia Perez

ACOLYTES

8:30
August 6 Ben Robeson
13 Raegan Thurn
20 Aubrey Arndt
27 Mitchell Smith

11:00
Jenna & Sydney Rettig
Andrew & Tyler Swoap
Sydney Doughten
Jakob Rickman

ASSISTING MINISTERS

7:15
August 6
13 Dorothy Beyer
20
27 Ray Ruswinkle

8:30
Roger Geffe
Carole Bohn
Scott Geffe

11:00
Don Lieder
Roger Shoffner

GREETERS

8:30
August 6 M/M Karnes, M/M Easterwood
13 M/M Weaver, D. Sahloff, D. Current
20 M/M Jones, Arlene Hustwick
27 M/M Heckman, M/M Bricker

11:00
M/M Matthews, Dorothy Beyer
Kathi Saleh, J. Saleh, L. Hoverson
M/M Ninke, High School Youth
J. Henzler, E. Emmert, C. Blubaugh

SATURDAY GREETERS

5 Dave & Sue Gogel
12 Ken & Carolyn Vajen
19 Dee Lowrie
26 Mark & Jeri Lathrop

SOUND

8:30
August 6 Dave Sudman
13 Chuck Ackerman
20 Carl Habekost
27 Russ Baker

11:00
Vince Krolak
Peter Cooper
Greg Tye
Tom Trimble

SATURDAY SOUND CREW

5 Martha Amstutz
12 Ryan Williams
19 Doug Williams
26 Doug Williams

COUNTERS

August 6 Russ & Nancy Heckman, Brian & Jane Tomko
13 Jim Kwasniak, Tom Dayton
20 Chuck & Nancy Elvers, Derek & Heidi Meyers
27 Glenn & Mary Ann Abke, Alice Coy

ALTAR GUILD

7:15
August 6 L. Hagedorn, J. Schroeder
13 Karen Lundholm
20 Marcia Amstutz
27 Linda Hagedorn

8:30
S. Todt, V. Karnes
Andrea Rex
Tina Young
Vicki Karnes

11:00
Donna Besly, Elaine Cutcher
Lisa Hoverson
Carolyn St. Meyers
Nancy Jack

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Marilyn Cotner
8/8 Dale Moser
8/10 William Priest
8/13 Mary Ellen Jameson
8/15 Mary Layman
8/20 Margaret Miller
8/22 Betty Grolle



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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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From I-75 South:

Take the US-20/US-23 exit
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Then Turn left onto N.
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Zoar is about a mile ahead on
the right side of the road.

From I-75 North:

Merge onto Sandusky St/US-
20 (exit number 193) toward
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