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FLAT OUT FAITH: Where We & Jesus Hit the Road

The dictionary defines the term “flat out” like this: “as fast or as hard as possible; without hesitation or reservation; unequivocally; hard, as hard as possible, for all one’s worth, to the limit, all out.” It’s a good way to describe the kind of drag racing Zoar member Greg Siebold does regularly. Having raced since he was 18 years old, Greg has a knack for going “flat out.”

Of course, Jesus’ disciples didn’t have cars to use in their work. But his instructions were the same as saying “flat out.”

He said, “Love the Lord your God with *ALL* your heart, and with *ALL* your soul, and with *ALL* your mind, and with *ALL* your strength” (Mark 12:30-31). Colossians 3:23 repeats Jesus’ words “*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord,*” basically: GIVE ALL YOU’VE GOT! POUR IT ON! LEAVE IT ALL ON THE COURT! LEAVE IT ALL ON THE TRACK! HOLD NOTHING BACK! Jesus invites you to a life that is flat out full of wonder. Over the next few weeks we will talk and learn together what it means to have a Flat Out Faith.



Greg Siebold guns it at the start, achieving this impressive lift. Come see this car at the Flat Out Faith Festival on 9/11.

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from
Pastor Tim
Senior Pastor

In our life we continually re-evaluate the question, “What’s most important?” We may seek the answers in terms of family, job-goals, recreation, taking care of children/parents, security, or health.

But what becomes most important is the love of God that has been given to us freely in the gift of Jesus, whose death and resurrection on our behalf gives life and hope to the whole world.

Flowing from this gift of life in Jesus is His call to each of us, “follow,” to be the gift of God’s love to those around us, to be healing forgiveness, to share the Good News of God’s constant love.

So, what does it mean, in 2016, to follow Jesus? Shall we forsake the world, and enter a secluded

community? Shall we go to far-away places on this earth, preaching the Gospel? Maybe so! Maybe God is calling you to pursue leadership or ministry in the Church!

But it is also as important to see that we fulfill our calling to follow Jesus right where we are. When we see our center in the amazing grace that God has for the whole world, poured out at the cross, erupted in the resurrection, and breathed into our lives, everything becomes different.

Our relationships with others become ways in which God’s love is expressed; the ways we use our possessions, money, assets, and time are expressions of our gratitude for God’s grace in our lives; the ways we interact with “the stranger” are colored by how God’s love and peace open our eyes to see God’s presence in them; and even we begin to see ourselves as we truly are: God’s beloved .

In each of us is a God-shaped-hole, which only God can fill. But we try to fill it with things that we think will give us pleasure, or meaning, or purpose. The key to life is to live into the truth that only God’s love can make a difference in our lives and then to share that love. As Scripture has recorded, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

In these crazy days of struggle, of sorrow, of busyness, of national problems and of personal issues, God’s love for you is really what is most important. And all sorts of people around you need to know about that love from you. Follow Jesus.



**In each of
us is a
God-shaped hole.**

SINGING IN WORSHIP IMPROVES OVERALL HEALTH



News outlets like Huffington Post, National Public Radio, and even the ELCA magazine, *Living Lutheran*, are sharing the news from researchers in Sweden. What they have discovered is that singing in choir and in worship is a form of physical/spiritual therapy. “When you sing the phrases, it is a form of guided breathing,” Bjorn Vickoff, a musicologist who led the research told NPR. “When you exhale, the heart slows down. Members of the choir and congregation synchronize externally with the melody and the rhythm, and now we see it has an internal counterpart.”

The internal counterpart is the actual heart being influenced by singing. Heartbeats gradually synchronize, eventually beating as one, with the song’s tempo as a guide. It is a real way to reduce stress, much like yoga. People often report that they “feel better” for having gone to worship. Not only can you lift your spirits, but reduce stress through singing in church. Praising God with others has tangible benefits. Don’t you deserve to feel better? Come sing with us.



Sharronda says church singing helps her feel “gratitude and joyful.”

COME ON IN! THE WATER IS GREAT!



Scheduling a baptism is as easy as making a call to the office at 419-874-4346 or emailing information@zoarlutheran.com. Baptism is a beautiful experience of grace for infants and adults. If you or someone you love has not been baptized but is seeking it, please contact the church office.



about **Omaldo**

*Director of Music
Ministries, Organist*

For the last two years Omaldo Perez has been a contributor to the publication *Sundays and Seasons*, a worship reference and resource used by most churches in the ELCA. This annual publication is put together and published-both in physical and electronic formats - by **Augsburg Fortress**, the printing arm of the ELCA. As a contributor, Omaldo was in charge of selecting music under the category of *Contemporary Worship and Praise Music* (2016, 2017). For the 2018 edition of S&S, he has been asked to be its Choral Contributor. Omaldo has also been invited to be part of the team of musicians leading worship at the national Lutheran Churchwide Assembly, held in New Orleans from August 7th to the 14th. Congratulations Omaldo! You are a blessing!





from
Madeline

Director of Youth and Children

*THANK YOU to everyone who
made Cave Quest Vacation Bible
School possible!*

We had a team of over 50 volunteers who gave time, talents, and energy to provide a week-long VBS for over 70 children from Zoar and the community. Wow! We are blessed by their generosity and dedication. Also, thank you to those who allowed their children and grandchildren to attend. We loved having them here with us to explore God's love!



RALLY DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Sunday School begins at 9:45
All children Preschool - grade 12 are welcome to register!

Watch this space for more
news of Rally Day activities as
plans are finalized!

TOP REASONS ADULTS BRING KIDS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. We want our children to be surrounded by Christian community.
2. We want our children to be Biblically literate.
3. We want our children to know sound doctrine.
4. We want our children to develop the life-long discipline of turning to God.
5. We want our children to make good choices.
6. We want our children to be witnesses for Christ.
7. We want our children to have a healthy sense of self-esteem.
8. We want our children to know that Christ and His kingdom are the greatest priority and the sole purpose for our lives.
9. We want our children to have the emotional resources to successfully transition into young adults.
10. Above all, we want our entire family to honor God.



*Thank you Joe Wagner for
teaching Junior High
Sunday School*

ZOAR FOUNDATION SUPPORTS SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Thanks to generous funding from the Zoar Foundation, four youth and family-centered activities were made possible. In addition to a VBS Ice Cream Social, Rock Wall, and a Family Olympics and Pool Party, Paint a Canvas Night had over 50 participants with both adults and kids going home with smiles and new artwork!

Summer in the City gave our Junior High and High School youth experience with inner city mission right here in Toledo!



The Gage Family at Paint-A-Canvas Night



Zoar Youth along with youth from St. Mark's, BG and Epiphany Lutheran Church at Summer in the City.

YOUTH GROUP

We meet from 5:00-7:00 in the top floor youth rooms. Join us for games, snacks, and community fun!

Sunday, August 7 High School

Sunday, August 14 High School

Sunday August 21 Third Sunday is 5th - 12th grade

Sunday, August 28 High School



AMAZING GENEROSITY

Close to 30 years ago, some very forward-thinking leaders at Zoar had a vision of creating an endowment for the church. Not only did they create the bylaws and governing documents, but they also funded the fund by purchasing life insurance policies on themselves. This fund has been growing ever since.

Now in excess of \$2 million, the Foundation has three main funds. The Kurfis fund generates income yearly for youth specific ministries. The Kazmaier Fund generates income for persons preparing for ordained ministry in the ELCA. The Regular Fund generates income for a wide variety of initiatives and projects.

It is a testament to a profound understanding of stewardship as a way of life that created these funds. Men and women long before today's present members laid a financial foundation for Zoar ministries well into the future.

It is a lesson Zoarites can learn over and over again. Who are the next people God is going to touch to leave a legacy gift for Zoar's future?





from
Pastor Mike

Community Pastor

Before we hit the pedal to the metal with stewardship let's say it aloud: stewardship is first about our relationship with God. Stewardship is about us giving ourselves to God. In 2 Corinthians 8:5, the apostle Paul says that the churches in Macedonia "gave themselves first to the Lord."

When we talk about being generous, we are talking about giving of ourselves to God. At Zoar, we would say that that is AmaZ-ing! news. What makes it so Amazing! is what happens when you place something in God's hands. New life! Blessing! Abundance! Goodness! As we hit the gas and go "FLAT OUT" at Zoar, may the blessings of God rain down upon you.



SERMON SERIES

September

September 11

Playing It Safe Is the Most Dangerous Way to Live

September 18

You Can Survive the Race Without Becoming a Rat

September 25

You Gain When You Give Yourself Away

WIN A RIDE IN THIS FORD GT

Meet and talk to the owner and driver of this Ford GT, former race car driver Michael Murray. Even more, enter a drawing to go for a ride in this beautiful car. Michael Murray is a former professional sports car owner and driver. This 2005 Ford GT was Ford's 100



Anniversary car and commemorated Ford's historic win over Ferrari in 1966 at the 24 Hours at LeMans France. The 2005 Ford GT has 650 hp and a top speed of 212mph.

OUT FAITH



“Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind and with ALL your strength.”

—Mark 12:30-31

A GIFT FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD

Thanks to a generous gift from Thrivent Financial, each Zoar household will receive a free copy of the book *Your New Money Mindset*. Few people, the authors say, have really escaped the credit card trap or freed themselves from the worries of financial security.

This book will help pinpoint what attitudes about money you could work on in order to develop an

openhearted attitude to life. With over

Foreword by Ben Wills, Founding Director of Kingdom Advisors

YOUR NEW MONEY MINDSET

CREATE A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH MONEY

BRAD HEWITT | JAMES MOLINE



200 pages of wisdom and insight, the book has won praise from financial planners, pastors, counsellors, young adults, and maturing adults. 500 copies will be delivered to Zoar to distribute to each household.

You may pick up a copy for your home beginning September 11. You won't be sorry you did.

Thanks Thrivent!

SUNDAY FESTIVAL

Commodore Park

Sept. 11
12:00

- Pony Rides
- Classic Cars
- BBQ Brisket
- Sweet Corn
- Home made pie
- Drag Racing Car
- Ford GT
- Live Music
- Bounce Houses



BLOCK PARTY FOR REDEEMER

Sunday, August 28, at 1:00 p.m.

The Social Ministry Committee with support from Thrivent Financial is sponsoring the annual Block Party held at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Our involvement at Redeemer as their Mission Partner has been a major commitment for Zoar for over ten years. Many of you may know Pastor Lori from the many pulpit exchanges that have happened over the years, and you may have met some of the Redeemer members when they have attended worship at Zoar or served a Lenten Supper.



Pastor Lori Strang

The Block Party is an opportunity for us to share our friendship with the impoverished community that is served by Redeemer. There will be BBQ chicken served for lunch, games to play, and, most importantly, time to just talk with and get to know our partners in faith in inner-city Toledo. Whether you stop by just to say hello or stay to eat lunch and talk to the people served at the party, you will be strengthening the relationship that exists between Zoar and Redeemer and bring smiles to the faces of the Redeemer members who work so hard to carry on their ministry in Toledo. We hope to see you there!

Redeemer Lutheran Church is located at 1702 Upton Avenue
between Bancroft and Dorr Street



Letters of thanks have been received from several organizations that have been recipients of donations of time, financial support, and goods from Zoar during these first summer months. Among them are

- ◆ Lutheran World Relief for the quilts that were made by the Piece Corps volunteers and the kits that were assembled with donated items from congregation members.
- ◆ St. Paul's Community Center in downtown Toledo for the meal that was recently prepared and served to residents. Zoar partners with other area churches to serve Saturday meals to Toledo's homeless population.
- ◆ The Cocoon shelter for financial support of their mission to help victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The Cocoon was the recipient of our Special Offering in early spring.



Why Zoar?

Terry & Rhonda
Jones

“Zoar’s worship service brings us peace and puts life into perspective with a message to reflect and act upon all week. It provides many opportunities to worship God by serving others.”

Terry and Rhonda Jones are regular ushers at the Saturday service, greeters for 8:30 worship, and key volunteers for Zoar’s Feed Our Families

WHEN YOU NEED A MIRACLE Casey & John Moser Share on Facebook

After living in a whirlwind the past 3.5 days, we are coming to all of you for prayers. John and I are at the University of Michigan's Mott's Children's Hospital with Chloe. She was diagnosed with coarctation of the aorta on Thursday at Toledo's Mercy Hospital, and we were brought here Thursday night to the best pediatric cardiac surgeons in the country. We met with our surgeon this morning, and were told she additionally has some other narrowing in her aortic arch, so he has to repair that as well. Surgery will be tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. Will last between 4-6 hours. Please, please, pray for our baby girl. We love her SO much! All of you know how perfect, beautiful and sassy she is! God has a plan for her and we pray he helps get her thru this and back home with us soon! (Posted May 15)



Casey smiles wide after Chloe's heart surgery.

"God has such a way with performing miracles." -- Casey



Casey and John huddle around Chloe.

Want to share our good news!! Everything went as planned!! Hurray!! He removed the coarctation and widened her narrow aorta arch. Now to watch her blood pressure. It's high right now because of the fact the blood flow was restricted before. Once they get blood pressure under control, they can work on reducing the sedation and taking her off the vent. Not out of the woods yet, but a major hurdle cleared today!!! Rejoicing with the family and praising God!! Thank you to EVERYONE in Chloe's Corner who has sent prayers for her the past three days! We are feeling

all of your love and support! (Posted May 16)

The BEST feeling in the world! After an entire week, we were finally able to hold Chloe again! Removed her breathing tube this morning. Now to get her chest tube out and wean her meds down and get her back to eating good! Been a whirlwind of a week, but we are just grateful Dr. Si was able to fix her heart! The road to recovery will be long, but she's made great strides the past 2 days! (Posted May 19)

Chloe is 3 months old today. The past 2 weeks have been the toughest of her little life, but she has amazed everyone with how brave and strong and sassy she is! 1 in 120 babies are born with a congenital heart defect. Many get diagnosed at birth or a few short weeks after. We will never know how she made it 11 weeks. God has such a way with performing miracles, and John and I are so glad Chloe is one of them. (Posted May 25)

ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY



August 8-13, 2016

DID YOU GET YOURS IN THE MAIL?

The first mailed edition of Zoar News was mailed on July 5 with many reporting they received theirs. The hope is to put a newsletter each month in the mailbox of every member and prospective member of the church. As we all know, mailing lists are never perfect. Some wonderful people are accidentally not on the mail list. Other wonderful people who moved away can still be on the list.

Here's where you can help. If you know of someone who is not receiving the mailed newsletter, but wants to, please email info@zoarlutheran.com or call the office at 419-874-4346. Or if you know someone who would like not to receive the news, contact us.



What is the ELCA Churchwide Assembly? As many of you know, the Northwestern Ohio Synod holds an assembly every year to conduct the business of the church in its expression as a synod. (This year, part of that business was to elect a new bishop.) The Churchwide Assembly is now held every three years, and will be held in New Orleans in August. Those elected to attend either the synod or churchwide are called voting members. They are not delegates because when these assemblies are in session, they are the church. (Three expressions – congregation, synod, churchwide. Reminds me of the trinity...)

I have had the honor and privilege of being a voting member at both synod and churchwide assemblies, and I encourage everyone to consider serving your church in this manner. The Presiding Bishop manages the assembly, and according to the ELCA website: When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

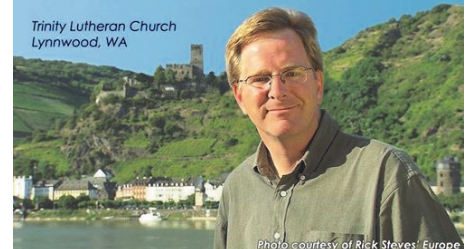
- *Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- *Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- *Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the Constitution or Bylaws; establish ELCA churchwide policy; worship together;
- *Adopt a budget; and Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

When members of the assembly participate in and make decisions about the mission and ministry of the ELCA: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world. Churchwide and synod assemblies provide information about how the ELCA impacts individuals in the church and in the world!

I'm a Lutheran because it fits my personality—
pack light; keep it simple; embrace life;
celebrate diversity; jettison needless rules;
stand up to authority when the truth needs a
hand; and dance through the blessing of life
on Earth like a child in God's eyes.

- Rick Steves

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lynnwood, WA



Article by Diane Ninke

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR AUGUST

Ushers 7:15

August Tom Vesey
Bill King

8:30

Scott Libbe
Kevin Rohrs
Rick Rettig
Dick Cox

11:00

Terry Harris
Scott Loehrke

Saturday Ushers

Aug. 6 Dave & Lisa Richard
13 Terry & Rhonda Jones
20 Cheryl Williams
27 Jim Laine, Charlie Rinker

Lectors 7:15

August 7 Ray Ruswinkle
14 Dorothy Beyer
21 Judy Schult
28 Janis Stein

8:30

Chuck Ackerman
Claire Ackerman
Rachel Abke
Ken Meinecke

11:00

John Henzler
Lee Rupert
Nathan Englehart
Neil Englehart

Acolytes

August 7 Brody Schuppenies
14 Connor Haar
21 Peter Erlenbusch
28 Marissa Thomas

11:00

Mark Baroncini
Nicholas Pett
Charlotte Keller
Deakon Cady

Assisting Ministers 7:15

August 7 Dorothy Beyer
14 Ray Ruswinkle
21 Karen Lundholm
28

8:30

Steve Hill
Roger Geffe
Carole Bohn
Scott Geffe

11:00

Don Lieder
Roger Shoffner

Greeters

August 6/7 Karnes, Carol, & Tom Easterwood
13/14 Weavers, Dorothy Sahloff, Denise Current
20/21 Jones, Arlene Hustwick
27/28 Heckmans and Brickers

8:30

Karnes, Carol, & Tom Easterwood
Weavers, Dorothy Sahloff, Denise Current
Jones, Arlene Hustwick
Heckmans and Brickers

11:00

Matthews, Dorothy Beyer
Salehs, Lisa Hoverson
Jim & Diane Ninke
Cynthia Blubaugh, Bairs

Saturday Greeters

Dave & Sue Gogel
Ken & Carolyn Vajen
Dee Lowrie
Mark & Jeri Lathrop

Sound

August 6/7 Chuck Ackerman
13/14 Dave Sudman
20/21 Russ Baker
27/28 Carl Habekost

8:30

Chuck Ackerman
Dave Sudman
Russ Baker
Carl Habekost

11:00

Peter Cooper
Greg Tye
Spencer Tye
Tom Trimble

Saturday

Paul Yarian
Doug Williams
Steve Doughten
Doug Williams

Counters

August 7 Jim Kwasniak and Tom Dayton
14 Carole Welling and Joyce Williams
21 Glenn & Mary Ann Abke and Alice Coy
28 Chuck and Nancy Elvers

Altar Guild 7:15

August 7 N. Johnson, L. Hagedorn
14 Nadine Johnson
21 Linda Hagedorn
28 Karen Lundholm

8:30

V. Karnes, S. Todt, J. Springer
Vicki Karnes
Connie Bricker
Andrea Rex

11:00

L. Hoverson, N. Tamlyn
Sharon Schadek
Carolyn St. Meyers
Nancy Jack

AUGUST 85+ BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Marilyn Cotner 546 Willow Lane, Perrysburg
8/5 Betty Hunt 3561 Truman Rd. #193, Perrysburg
8/10 William Priest 910 Bexley Dr., Perrysburg
8/13 Mitzie Jameson 1455 Stratford Way, Wooster, OH 44691
8/15 Mary Layman 7393 Anchorage Dr., Maumee, OH 43537
8/20 Margaret Miller 200 Zoar Dr. #39, Abundant Life #2, Perrysburg
8/22 Betty Grolle 8670 Meadowland Ct., Saline, MI 48176
8/30 Katherine Hartman Abundant Life 2, 200 Zoar Dr. #22, Perrysburg





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Custodian: Paul Cannon

WORSHIP
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 (exit number 193) toward PERRYSBURG/FREMONT. Then Turn left onto N. Sandusky St. (US-23/US-20) 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 PERRYSBURG/FORT MEIGS. Keep going straight. Zoar is about a mile ahead on the right side of the road.

*Zoar is an inclusive
barrier-free community*



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