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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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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:

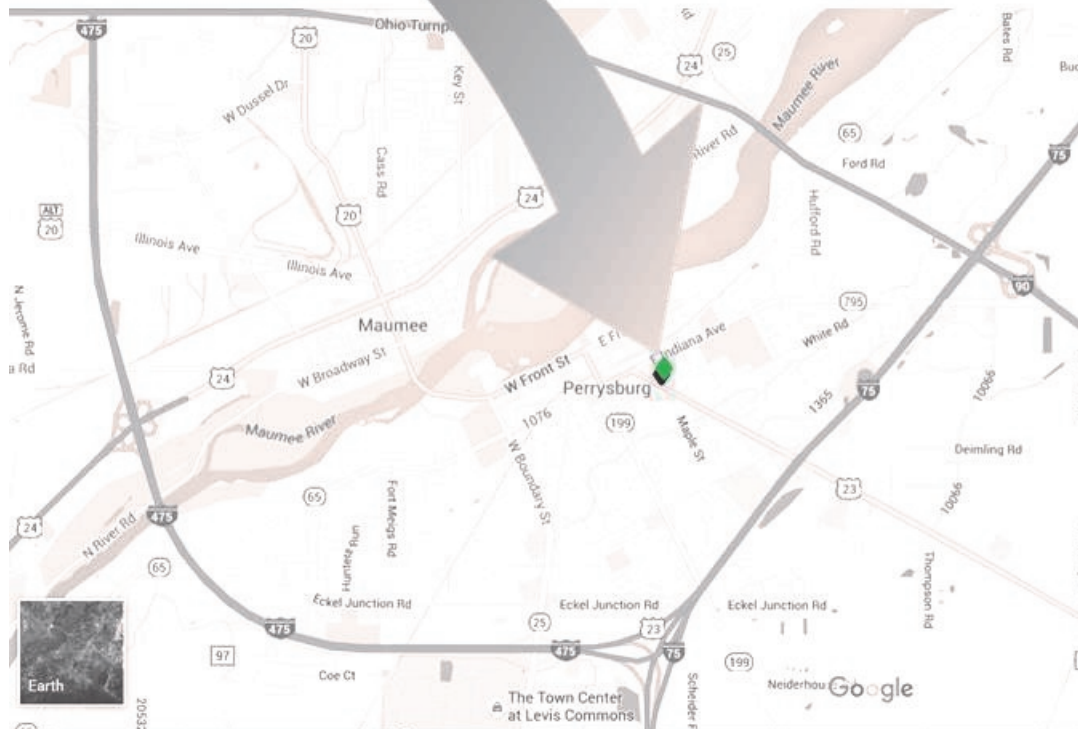
Merge onto Sandusky St/US-20 (exit number 193) toward PERRYSBURG/FORT MEIGS. Keep going straight. Zoar is about a mile ahead on the right side of the road.

*Zoar is an inclusive
barrier-free community*



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314 E Indiana Ave, Perrysburg, OH

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



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THE THREE “G’s”: ZOAR’S HEARTBEAT

William Löhe was a Lutheran pastor from Neuendettelsau, Bavaria in the mid-1800’s and major promoter of missions in America. He once wrote that ‘mission is nothing but the one church of God in motion.’ The “church of God IN MOTION” is a great way to describe the life of Zoar Lutheran Church especially as you consider the Zoar mission statement: “Energized by Jesus, a grateful Zoar gathers, grows, and gives!”



*Zoar's Cave Quest VBS Kids offer
a charming pose*

Zoar is catching a real sense of that old time missionary energy. We understand that being church is about being on the move. We are a church IN MOTION. We are a church that is GOING PLACES! We are a church that is ON THE MOVE!

But it’s not enough to just make such statements. There is more to church than saying the right words. Church means becoming the right kind of community. It means *gathering* people from our families, friendships and neighborhoods to celebrate God’s tremendous love. It means *growing* together in the spirit of grace and in numbers through our programs. It means *giving* God’s grace and God’s resources to each other for the sake of our common cause in Christ.

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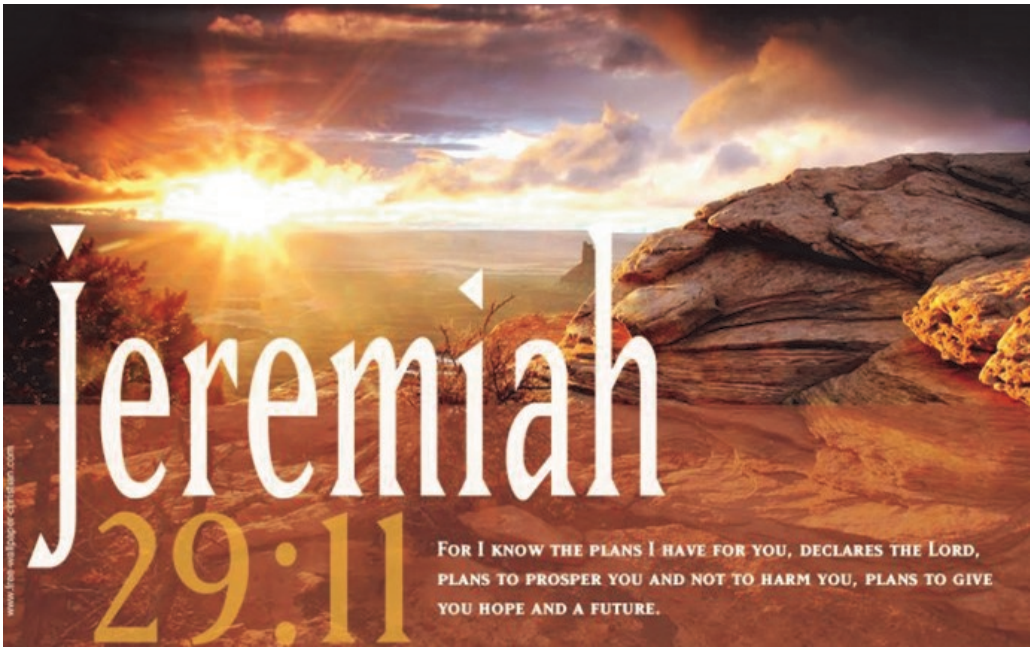


from
Pastor Tim
Senior Pastor

Here we are, moving into September. What happened to the summer? Yes, it was hot, and had long days and too little rain, but it is now coming to a close, and the autumn is arriving. Too fast.

Change is one of the few constants in our lives. Changes are constantly moving in the globe, in our families, on the political stage, in our own bodies, in the culture. And yet, the amazing hand of God moves through all the changes.

I enter this new fall with some exciting changes. Personally, Kate and I are now grandparents to two granddaughters, 4th grade in Denver and 4 months in California, and one grandson, one month in Philadelphia. Awesome!



I also enter this fall with a full staff at Zoar! Alleluia! Pastor Mike is with us as Community Pastor, Kevin O’Bryan is with us for two full years as our Intern, Madeline begins her first fall here as our Director of Youth and Education ministries; Carolyn Hill concludes her 20 year ministry in the Zoar Office at the end of September (thank you, Carolyn!), but another will come to work with us in the Office: and Director of Music Omaldo, Office Manager Dale, and Custodian Paul continue on. Zoar will keep on moving on into the future God is preparing for us. Awesome!

But some things have not changed, things that cause me also to be grateful. Zoar continues to be the place where we, *energized by Jesus, a grateful Zoar gather, grow, and give.* We gather as the community of the Triune God here in this place, grateful for the grace and love of God in Jesus that fill and guide us. And we gather, all kinds of people, all kinds of differences, all kinds of gifts, all kinds of expressions of God’s Image. Awesome! Here too we grow, learning constantly of the ways we are loved, and the ways we love. Here too we give of our time, our talents, and our treasures. Here Jesus is glorified in worship and music, in word and deed. Here people are fed, the Gospel is proclaimed, and the Holy Spirit breathes. Awesome!

So, people of God, the Good News is this: Jesus Christ, the fullness of God’s love, is working through the changes, molding us as disciples, calling us to give of ourselves, gifting us to serve, and building us up together so that the whole world may know of this awesome love. I am *amaZed* at where God is leading us. Amen!

Here
we
grow!

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Ushers 7:15 Tom Schult Judy Schult		8:30 Randy Bohn Ralph Debbe Ted Weaver Dick Cox	11:00 Jim Ninke Matt Obrock Bob Obrock Judy Cooper	Saturday Ushers 3 Dave & Sue Gogel 10 Ken & Carolyn Vajen 17 Steve Doughten, Cheryl Williams 24 Jim Laine, Charlie Rinker
Lectors 7:15 4 Dorothy Beyer 11 Judy Schult 18 Ray Ruswinkle 25 Janis Stein		8:30 Karen Lundholm Scott Libbe Mary Richter Rachel Abke	11:00 Melissa Miller Teri Laurer Cynthia Blubaugh Brian Wheelless	
Acolytes 4 11 18 25		8:30 Allison Myers Mark Baroncini Nicholas Pett Charlotte Keller	11:00 Chad Henderly Brody Schuppenies Connor Haar Peter Erlenbusch	
Assisting Ministers 4 11 18 25		7:15 Dorothy Beyer Ray Ruswinkle Karen Lundholm	8:30 Roger Geffe Steve Hill Carole Bohn Scott Geffe	11:00 Roger Shoffner Don Lieder
Greeters 3/4 10/11 17/18 24/25		8:30 Ackermans, Carole Everhardt Johnsons, Marilyn Brossia Heslups, Doris Henline Lida Ryan, Sharla Cook	11:00 C. Teare, R. Hazle, S. Alexander Lieders, J. Cooper, G. Odegaard Jo Moulton, Keith Robeson Meyers, High School Youth	Saturday Greeters Janet & Bill Smith Dave & Lisa Richard Sally Freund Gary & Carol Panzero
Sound 3/4 10/11 17/18 24/25		8:30 Vince Krolak Peter Cooper Dave Sudman Russ Baker	11:00 Greg Tye Spencer Tye Carl Habekost Tom Trimble	Saturday Doug Williams Steve Doughton Paul Yarian Steve Doughton
Counters				
Altar Guild 4 11 18 25		7:15 N. Johnson, L. Hagedorn Nadine Johnson Linda Hagedorn Nadine Johnson	8:30 V. Karnes, S. Todt, T. Young Vicki Karnes Emily Ehrmin Anne Downs	11:00 D. Besly, S. Warren Carolyn St. Meyers Elaine Cutcher Sharon Schadek

SEPTEMBER 85+ BIRTHDAYS

4	Phyllis Spoerl	P.O. Box 962, Perrysburg, OH 43551
8	Harold Wolf	11367 Five Point Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551





*The following items are needed for kits. Items marked with an * are desperately needed.*

- Baby t-shirts or onesies,
- Hand towels (light weight, dark colors),
- *Baby gowns/sleepers without feet,
- Receiving blankets,
- Baby jackets, Sweaters with hat or hood
- Cloth diapers
- Baby socks (up to 24 month size),
- *Individually wrapped bars of soap,
- *Bath size towels (light weight, dark colors),
- *Combs, wide tooth
- Nail clippers,
- *Toothbrushes
- 2-1/2" erasers
- Blunt scissors,
- 70 ct. spiral notebooks, wide or college ruled
- *12" Ruler with metric measurements,
- Ball point pens (black or blue)
- Crayons (16 or 24 count)



School Kits



BRINGING RELIEF TO THE WORLD



Above, a mother and child in India cozy-up to what could be a Zoar-made quilt for Lutheran World Federation

As the civil war in Syria continues, the number of displaced people and refugees continue to grow into the millions. Zoar is there on the scene through Lutheran World Relief. With thousands of Lutherans around the world, we provide quilts and kits to bring comfort and warmth to many thousands of families fleeing their homes. In the past few months, Lutheran World Relief has shipped quilts and kits to Peru, Tanzania and India to distribute to people in need.

Last year, Zoar contributed 129 quilts, 76 baby care kits, 4 fabric kits, 96 personal care kits, 115 school kits, and 28 pounds of soap. ***Our goal for this year is to exceed those numbers.***

And on Saturday, **October 15th** starting at 9:00 a.m. we will pack the quilts and kits so they can be delivered by more Zoar volunteers in trucks and vans to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pemberville, OH . They then arrive at one of 2 collection points in the US, either Baltimore or Minneapolis for further distribution.

Thank you Zoar for following the call to turn ordinary items into extraordinary gifts and to help LWR transform lives around the world.

Questions: Lois Staber 419-872-7232 Jackie Springer 419-872-9689
Cathy King 419-874-5067



Cathy King and Alice Coy busy at work on a Zoar quilt

TO LIVE LONGER WORSHIP MORE OFTEN

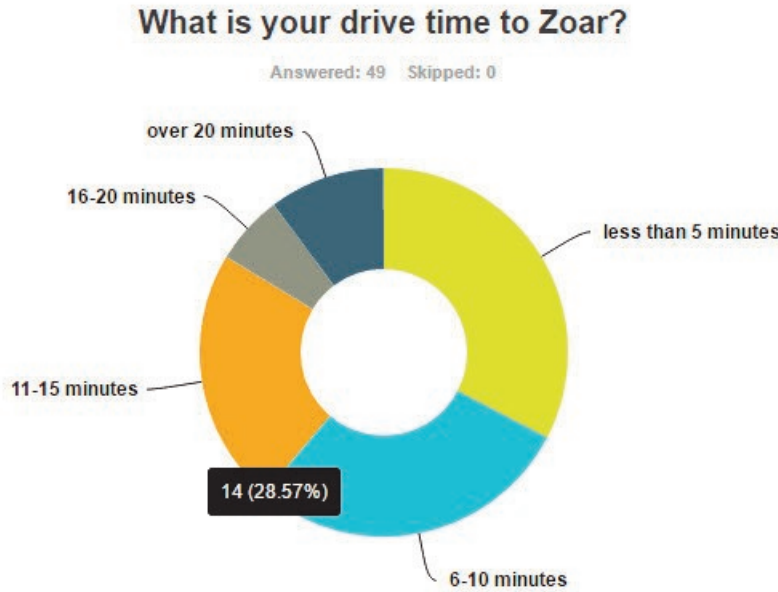
In May of this year, the Journal of the American Medical Association released a new study that says church services are not just good for your soul, they are also good for your health. Tyler VanderWeele, a researcher at Harvard's school of public health who co-wrote the story, said those who attend church services more often actually have a better chance of staying alive in the long run. The positive effect of church attendance diminished as study participants decreased their service attendance. The



study's authors reached a surprising conclusion: "Religion and spirituality may be an underappreciated resource that physicians could explore with their patients, as appropriate." VanderWeele said that other studies have pointed to a similar link between service attendance and decreased mortality, but his team aimed to prove that service attendance actually causes better health outcomes. After studying more than 76,000 female nurses over a 20 year period, the women who attended services weekly showed a 33 percent chance of living longer.

SURVEY SAYS!

Last month the Zoar Facebook Group page featured a survey asking about people's drive time to Zoar. With 49 responding, a third (33%) drive less than 5 minutes; 29% drive 6-10 minutes; 24% drive 11-15 minutes; and everyone else that responded drives over 15 minutes.



from
Omaldo

Director of Music Ministries, Organist

Our hymnal, —called Evangelical Lutheran Worship or ELW for short—contains a treasury of wonderful music and beautiful devotional poetry. Many times, while seeking inspiration, I leaf through its pages looking for an enlightened thought to dwell on. Thinking of the fact that our program year is about to take flight, I came across the precise sentiment I wanted to convey to our community of faith. Here it is: *God extends an invitation to the table of creation, Where there's wine and light and bread. Here we gather in thanksgiving and we offer all our living. Here the feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread. (ELW 486)*

Welcome to another year in ministry: Let's spread the feast!





from Madeline

Director of Youth Ministry
mthomas@zoarlutheran.com

Wow! We are blessed with so many dedicated and involved parents and volunteers here at Zoar. Youth Ministry at all age levels is a team effort and I am so thankful to be part of such an amaZing team. From carpool driving, to food providing, chaperoning, teaching Sunday School, leading Vacation Bible School, and more, there is a community of people here who are investing time, energy, financial resources, and prayer in youth faith development. To those who have been apart of this ministry the past 8 months of 2016, thank you! And if you feel that you have gifts you would like to share with out youth and young people, please let me know and we will find a way to get you involved as well!




Save the Date!

RALLY DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**Sunday School
begins at 9:45**

All children Preschool - grade 12 are welcome to join us!

Zoar Youth build community at end-of-summer lock-in

Eighteen Zoar Youth gathered in early August for a lock-in at Zoar. The night was filled with a First Friday scavenger hunt, games, and small group activities, and of course, limited sleep! The next morning we carpooled to the Toledo Zoo to practice our community building on the aerial challenge course and zip line. It was so amazing to see all of our youth overcoming fears, testing their physical limits, and encouraging each other in their growth. We returned to Zoar for 6:00 worship with our own youth writing and reading the Prayers of the Church! Special thanks to our team of chaperones/ drivers: Tom, Marianne, Jerry, Josie, Anne, and Jen! And thank you to the Zoar Foundation Kurfis Fund for making this experience possible.



Thank you Carolyn

Secretary

Carolyn Hill will retire at the end of September. We will miss the compassion, knowledge, and understanding that were trademarks of her work here at Zoar. During her twenty years of service, she has demonstrated a commitment to Zoar and the people who worship here.

Suzanne Delaney, a member of our church, has been hired as Zoar's new secretary. She will begin her training on August 29th.

Please join us in wishing Carolyn the warmest of wishes as she embarks on the next phase of her life and in welcoming Suzanne to our staff.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE Foundation Reports

Thanks to the generosity of three decades of donors, the Zoar Foundation provides a yearly cash infusion into the ministries, programs, and imagination of the our congregation. In June, 2016 the Zoar Foundation approved \$24, 925.90 in grant requests. That is a good amount. But, there is still \$51, 527.10 available for the remainder of 2016. Requests are due by September 30. 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.



Glen and Mary Ann Abke

Over the past five years the Zoar Foundation has awarded grants to:

- Fight to End Hunger
- Protect Refugees
- Shelter the homeless
- Strengthen inner-city ministries
- Upgrade and Update Zoar facilities
- Improve Zoar communication
- Support Zoar Music

**Submit your
proposal.
Change your
world.**

Combining the financial resources of the Zoar Foundation and the imaginations of the people, so much has been accomplished. There is still so much more that can be accomplished.

Guidelines, application form and instruc-

tions for submitting proposals are available on the Zoar website or in the church office.

The Zoar Foundation invites all boards, committees, staff and individual members of Zoar to submit proposals for support of new or expanded ministries of the Church. The Zoar Lutheran Church Foundation considers considers proposals until October 10 for this year.

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) or by contacting Glenn Abke, Foundation President at 419-874-2978.

For a full list of all the important projects the Zoar Foundation has funded, visit the Zoar website. It is truly *AmaZing!*





Picking the President:
A Discussion About Ohio's Privileged Position in the 2016 Election
**September 14, 2016
7:00 PM**

Should Ohio voters have disproportionate influence over the outcome of presidential elections? After all, it's clear that...

- ...presidential candidates care more about voters in Toledo than Texas
- ...presidential candidates hold more rallies in Cleveland than California
- ...presidential candidates advertise more on Dayton stations than Delaware

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton clearly have Ohio in their sights. Each is well aware that Ohio has picked the winner in every election since 1960. So who will Ohio pick in 2016? This talk will cover the current state of the race, dissect Ohio's "battleground state" status, address whether democracy is well served when a handful of states determine who takes the oath of office, and provide tools for navigating the 2016 campaign – all in a lively, nonpartisan format.

SPEAKER



Melissa Miller

Dr. Melissa Miller is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Bowling Green State University. She is an expert on American politics with a specific focus on elections and voting behavior, women in American politics, public opinion, and the media. Dr. Miller teaches courses in American Government, Political Parties, Voter Behavior, Women in American Politics, and Research Methods. In addition to her research and teaching, Dr. Miller frequently provides political analysis for local, regional, national, and international media. She has appeared in/on CNN, ABC News, Fox News, Al Jazeera, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *The New York Review of Books*, among others. Dr. Miller's research on American politics appears in *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics & Gender*, and *PS: Political Science and Politics*, among others.



STEWARD OF THE BODY

One of the direct ways we can respond to God's love in Jesus is to care for our bodies. Caring for our bodies is good stewardship. The Bible says "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19). When we take care of the body, we honor God. Admittedly, some are more adept at the process than others. Pretty much everyone has an Achilles heal of some sort when it comes to body care.

That's why it helps to be encouraged on our journey with care for our bodies. Encouragement is precisely the word that Paul Smithers uses to describe his personal practices for body care.

He has had a lifetime of physical activity. So much so that, he has earned a spot at the National Senior Games in 2017 in Atlanta, GA. The sport he will compete in is 3 on 3 basketball for the 80 year olds and older. Paul thanks God for his body and for the goodness of Jesus' love. Congratulations, Paul! And, good luck!



Paul Smithers has won several medals.

HELP PACK PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Any Zoar Youth in 5th Grade through 12th Grade are invited to Third Sunday Youth Group on September 18th for a special project. We will be working with the Lutheran World Relief adults group to pack Personal Care Kits. After the kits are completed, we will pray a litany of blessing over them before sending them to those in need. This is a Thrivent Financial Action Team and all participants will receive a t-shirt. We are asking each youth to bring one dark-colored lightweight bath towel that is 20" X 40" to 52" X 27".



**Sunday
September 18th
5:00-7:00 PM
Zoar Top Floor**

5th-12th Grade Youth

Bring a towel to donate!
(dark colored, lightweight,
size 20" X 40" to 52" X 27")



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

7th— Parent information meeting for all Confirmation students at 6:00 PM

11th— Sunday School begins for all ages at 9:45 AM

17th— Cedar Point trip for those registered (see Madeline for info)

18th— LWR Service project —Third Sunday Youth Group 5-7 PM

21st— Confirmation classes begin for 7th/8th Grade 6:00-7:30 PM

24th— Family Service Project— Apple Picking for Toledo Food Bank at Johnston's Fruit Farms Swanton, Ohio. Details to come!

Confirmation Classes Begin

All current 7th graders are invited to join in a two-year commitment to Confirmation/Catechism Education.

During the confirmation process, the church partners with parents to help them fulfill these promises made at baptism. Students learn the basics of faith and have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss faith with peers and adults. Students are encouraged to engage in service. Confirmation connects students to pastors and mentors to support them in their spiritual journey. This preparation enables students to be grounded in faith, love, and knowledge of God's Word so that they are ready to be confirmed.

Wednesday night sessions are lead by Pastor Tim, Pastor Mike, Intern Kevin, and Youth Director Madeline.

If you would like to register as a 7th grader for confirmation, please contact Madeline at mthomas@zoarlutheran.com or 419 .874.4346

There will be an important parent information meeting on Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. Classes begin Wednesday September 21 and continue through April.





from
Pastor Mike
Community Pastor

When I accepted the call to Zoar in March of this year, I knew the transition would be uneven. Uneven, I mean, in the sense that I would move to PBurg during Holy Week while Karin, my wife, joined me some months later. She stayed behind to see our youngest child, Aaron, through his last year of High School and sell our house. That has all taken place, and we are excited to have purchased a house and helped each of our three kids move into their colleges. It has been uneven. What has not been uneven is the love and support we have received from staff and members of Zoar. Thank you! Thank you for your kindness, your patience, your hospitality, and your grace. You have been AmaZing!



NEW DAY AT ZOAR

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

September 18, 25
 October 2, 9
 7:00 PM

New Member Sunday
 October 23

YOUNG MARRIEDS DATE NIGHT



*Mike, Kelly,
 Owen and Liya Johnson*

The “Young Marrieds with Young Kids” are forming small groups focused to maintain intimacy, romance, and spiritual health in marriages. A great threat to modern marriage is simply the calendar. All too often, it crowds out time for couples to spend on each other. All couples with young kids are invited to be a part of this exciting program. Childcare is provided.

September 12

Meeting Monday at 7:00 at the home of Dante/Sarah Flores
 850 Brookfield Ln. PBurg Call to RSVP 356-9842

October 26

Meeting Wednesday at 7:00 at the home of Jason/Kristen Scasny
 9913 Parliament Pl, PBurg Call to RSVP: 308-4550

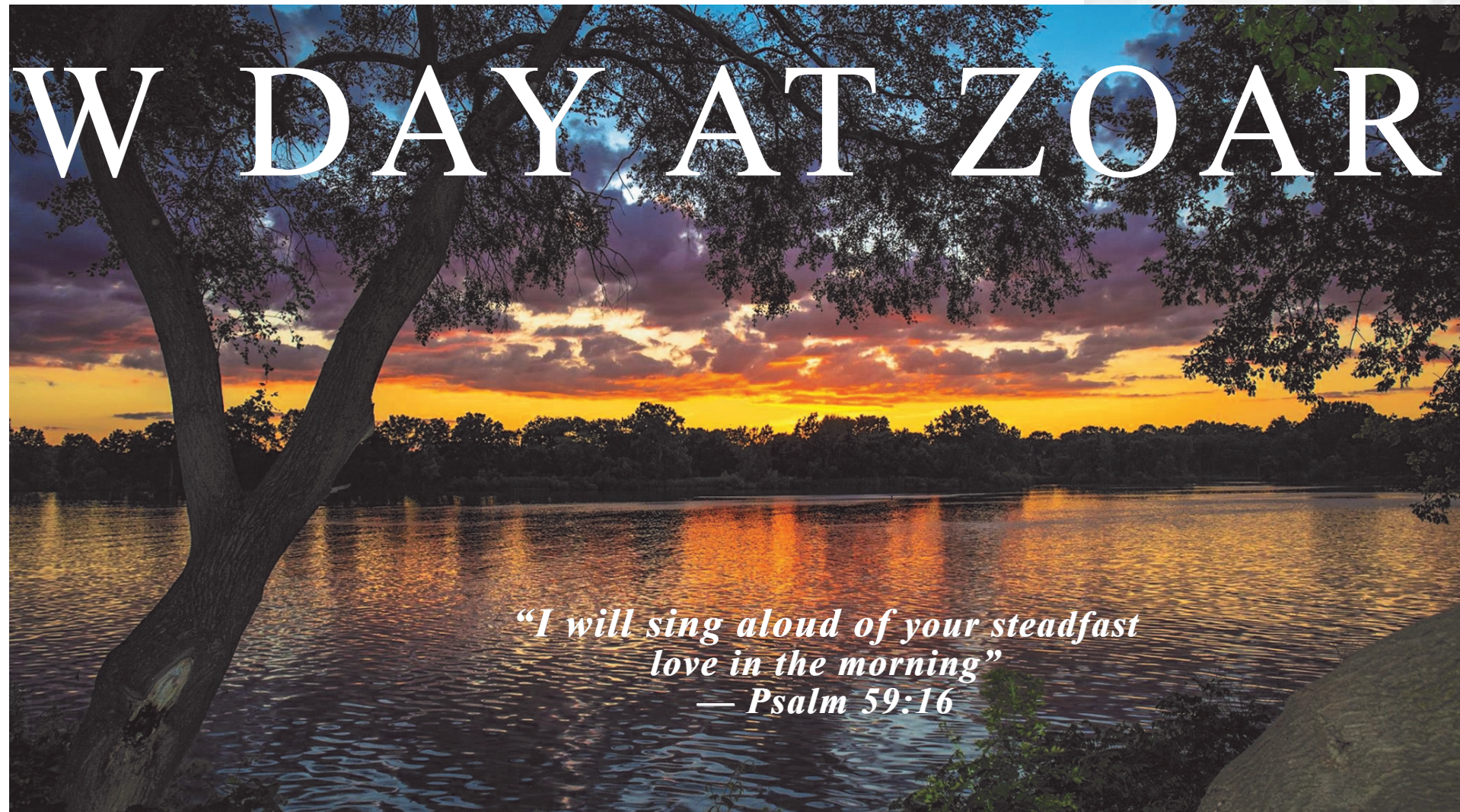


Photo above is of the Maumee River at dawn by local photographer Norman Fairman

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings for men and women
Team taught by Pastor Mike and Selinda Schultz
Beginning September 7th at 7:00 AM

This Bible study will be heavy on group discussion. Each of us has something important to say. The group will focus on the upcoming readings in worship. People have often commented about how helpful it is to discuss the readings before the sermon is given.



Enjoy a home-cooked breakfast at 6:30 AM.

Eggs, bacon, ham, biscuits, gravy, fruit, pancakes, coffee, juice, and more. For those who desire, contributions for breakfast may be made at the time of breakfast. A basket will be placed out for this purpose.

PASTOR TIM CLASSES

Sunday Mornings
9:45-10:45 am
Isaiah
Begins September 18

Sunday Evenings
6:00—7:00 PM
Prayer
Begins September 25

