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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



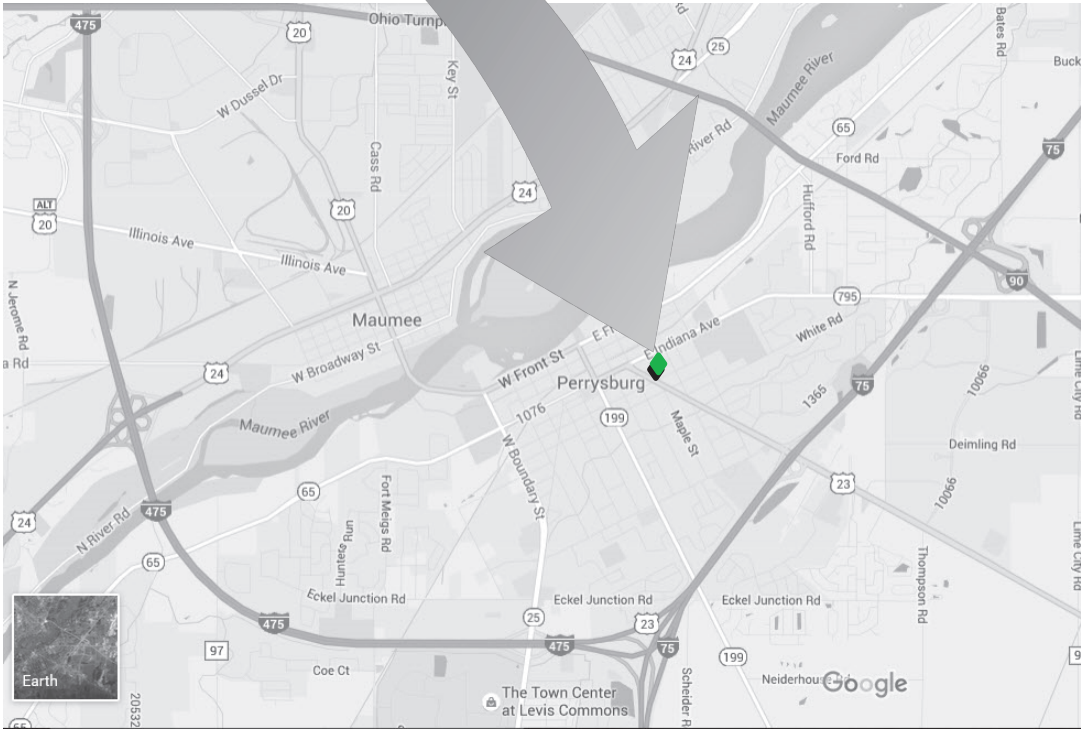
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Philabaum
Community Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mike Brown
Seminary Intern: Todd Milner
Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Omaldo Perez
Director of Youth Ministry: Madeline Thomas
Administrative Manager: Dale Nordahl
Secretary: Carolyn Hill
Custodian: Paul Cannon

WORSHIP
SATURDAY 6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 7:15 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
(September—May)

Just Minutes from Everything & Everyone

ZOAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



JUNE 2016

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RUB SOME DIRT ON IT!
Getting Into the Earth with Jesus

One of the nicest things people say about Lutherans is that we are “earthy.” This is true of the people of Zoar in at least three ways. First, people of Zoar are earthy in the sense that they are “down to earth.” This means they are easy to be with, generous with grace, and have a healthy sense of humor. Second, it is true in the sense that people of Zoar appreciate the earth. Realizing and cherishing the earth as good stewards of its resources, Zoar people are concerned for the care of the creation.

A third way it can be said that people of Zoar are “earthy” will be on full display in July when Zoar’s Vacation Bible School is underway. *Cave Quest* is the theme for this year’s weeklong event. With caves as a backdrop, children and adults will learn about *Following Jesus: the Light of the World*. There is an almost universal adventurous appeal to caves. They have treasures tucked away in mysterious places. Do you remember the Mark Twain book *Huckleberry Finn*? Did you see the Stephen Spielberg movie *The Goonies*. Caves are places of discovery. What great discoveries Zoar is going to provide this July! *Cave Quest* is for all who love adventure, caves, Jesus, and discovering things.



*“Miners hammer away at the rock, they uproot the mountains. They tunnel through the rock and find all kinds of beautiful gems. They discover the origins of rivers, and bring earth’s secrets to light.”
—Job 28:1-11 The Message*

314 E. Indiana Ave. Perrysburg, OH 43551



from
Pastor Tim
Senior Pastor

**Zoar: Leader in Leadership
Training for Christ’s Church**

Throughout my years at Zoar I have been blessed to supervise interns, men and women who are preparing for pastoral ministry. I love working with these faithful people, some of whom are straight out of college, and others who come to this calling from other tasks. Their freshness, their willingness to learn, and their calling of ministry has enlivened my ministry, and my spirit. The first 9 that I have worked with were all one year interns, with this congregation the whole year. Presently, Todd Milner is serving as a two-year part-time intern, serving with us as well as working a “secular” job. He will complete his ministry at Zoar this July, and then be called to serve a congregation as Pastor.

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WHY ZOAR?



Sarah, Dante, Greyson, Chloe, & Riley Flores

*“Attending Zoar each week
reminds us what’s important in life
and to appreciate the people
and things we are blessed with.”*
— Sarah

Thanks to our Perrysburg business partners



For providing shopping carts for the Feed Our Families Program

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR JUNE

Ushers		7:15	8:30	11:00	Saturday Ushers
June		Tom Dayton Greg Willams	Mark Lathrop	Dan Bartels Tom Berkebile Donna Besly Tom Trimble	June 4 Terry & Rhonda Jones 11 S. Doughten, C. Blubaugh 18 Dave & Lisa Richard 25 Dave & Sue Gogel
Lectors	7:15	8:30	11:00		
June 5	Janis Stein	Mary Richter	Kathleen Hetrick		
12	Dorothy Beyer	Ken Meincke	Don Lieder		
19	Judy Schult	Rachel Abke	Ann Lieder		
26	Ray Ruswinkle	Alice Coy	Steve Hill		
Acolytes	8:30	11:00			
June 5	Brody Schuppenies	Connor Haar			
12	Nicholas Pett	Deakon Cady			
19	Peter Erlenbusch	Charlotte Keller			
26	Allison Myers	Mark Baroncini			
Assisting Ministers	7:15	8:30	11:00		
June 5	Dorothy Beyer	Roger Geffe	Don Lieder		
12	Ray Ruswinkle		Roger Shoffner		
19		Scott Geffe			
26		Carole Bohn			
Greeters	8:30	11:00	Saturday Greeters		
June 5	Heckmans, Easterwoods	J .Henzler, E. Emmert, D. Beyer	Ken & Carolyn Vajen		
12	Smithers, A. Hustwick	Kathi & Jordan Saleh, L. Hoverson	Gary & Carol Panzero		
19	Heslups, Brickers	Ruth Alteneder, Hetricks	Dee Lowrie		
26	Lida Ryan, Marilyn Brossia	Joan Moulton, J. Cooper, G. Odegaard	Janet & Bill Smith		
Sound	8:30	11:00	Saturday		
June 5	Chuck Ackerman	Carl Habekost	Steve Doughten		
12	Dave Sudman	Greg Tye	Paul Yarian		
19	Russ Baker	Peter Cooper	Doug Williams		
26	Vince Krolak	Tom Trimble	Doug Williams		
Counters					
June 5	Carole Welling & Joyce Williams				
12	Russ & Nancy Heckman & Jane Tomko				
19	Glenn Abke & Alice Coy				
26	Chuck & Nancy Elvers				
Altar Guild	7:15	8:30	11:00		
June 5	Nadine Johnson, Linda Hagedorn	T. Young, V. Karnes, S. Todt	N. Jack, D. Besly, M. Habekost		
12	Linda Hagedorn	Jackie Springer	Carolyn St. Meyers		
19	Karen Lundholm	Andrea Rex	Anne Downs		
26	Nadine Johnson	Dee Ehrmin	Lisa Hoverson		





welcome

Tammy Muncy

Director of Communications

Tammy Muncy is pleased to serve Zoar Lutheran Church as Communications Director. Bringing more than 30 years of marketing and public relations experience, she has focused on two key projects since coming to Zoar late last year. The first was the survey conducted among members and those who formerly attended the church. The next big initiative, which was very much driven by what was learned in the survey, was a complete redesign of the church website, which launched on May 22nd. "It is an honor to join Zoar Lutheran Church and share the stories of the rich heritage of this congregation," said Tammy. "I am very excited about the things happening at Zoar and I look forward to introducing many ways in the months ahead to promote how we Gather, Grow and Give and allow the Perrysburg community to Be AmaZed!" Do you have an idea to share? Or a comment? Contact Tammy at tmuncy@zoarlutheran.com or 614-867-7605.



ZOAR COUNCIL UPDATE

Preserving the Past for the Future

Last summer the Property Committee began the process of evaluating the condition of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. In November, the Property Committee submitted a request to council to hire Bigelow Glass of Findlay, Ohio, to evaluate the stained glass windows of the sanctuary and prepare a quote for the repair of the windows. At the April Council meeting, Gary Panzero presented the recommendation of the Property Committee explaining the findings about the windows, as well as the quote for repair of the windows. Last fall it was estimated that the cost of repairing the windows could be as high as \$85,000. The quote presented to council from Bigelow Glass was for \$70,000. This quote included a discount of \$8,000 if the work was completed during 2016. Tom Schult, our Treasurer, informed the council we have about \$67,000 in the major repair fund to cover the cost of this project. In keeping with past practice, the council determined this did not require a vote of the congregation. The additional funds needed to pay for the repairs will be borrowed from our surplus funds and will be paid back as new gifts are received. Therefore, in the interest of keeping the congregation informed of major council decisions, Ken Meineke shares this information that the council passed a motion to accept the bid from Bigelow Glass and hire them to complete the work in 2016. Because the project will take several weeks to complete, there will be some disruption of the sanctuary while the work is in progress. Our plan is to have the work completed by early fall, and we ask for your patience and support as we work to protect the future of our stained glass windows. As always, we appreciate your continued support and if you would like to contribute specifically to this project in memory of a loved one, please contact the office.



ZOAR OPENS WIDE THE DOOR: Houses Students 5,000 Miles From Home

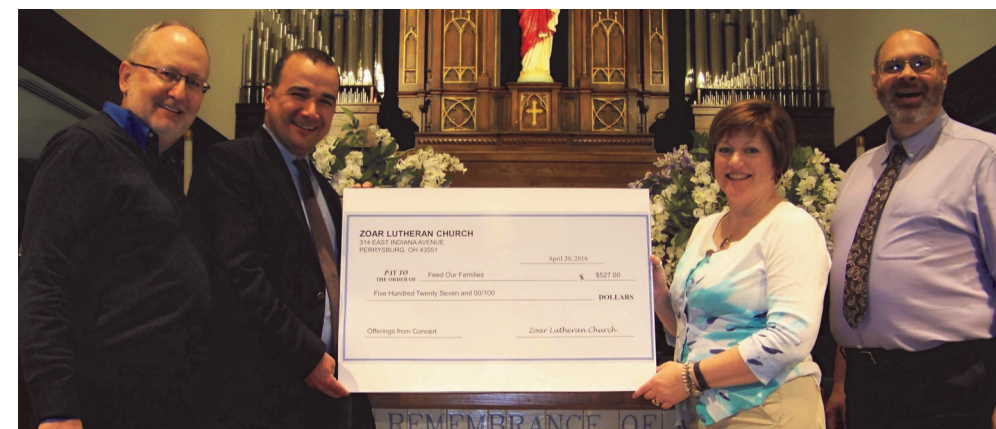
Music with a Mission invites you to be part of a great cultural exchange event taking place here at Zoar on Friday, July 1st. On this date, *The Young Swedish Singers* will be presenting a concert at 7:00 p.m. benefitting *Shepherd's Canyon Retreat*. We are looking for 25 hosting families who are willing and able to accommodate two people each and provide a bit of local hospitality for one evening. The responsibilities are very few and the potential for novelty is great: making friends from a distant land, and possibly learning a couple of phrases in Swedish in the process. Please contact Omaldo (917.570.6085) at your earliest convenience.



Zoar's Music with a Mission presents

The Young Swedish Singers Friday, July 1, @ 7:00 PM

FROM MUSIC TO THE EARS TO FOOD FOR THE TABLE



On April 15, Zoar's *Music with a Mission* turned "music to the ears" into food for the table. Pictured above, Pastor Mike (far left) and Pastor Tim (far right) watch as Omaldo Perez, presents a check of \$527 to Tracy Rickman for Zoar's *Feed Our Families* ministry. A similar check in the amount of \$527 was presented to the Perrysburg Christians United Food Pantry.



from

Omaldo

Director of Music
Ministries/Organist

Generally speaking, keeping the fourth commandment is not something at which we are very good. Both in the book of Exodus and Deuteronomy we read, "Thou shalt remember the Sabbath and keep it holy." While we can easily become overwhelmed by the dizzying pace of our commitments and all of our pressing responsibilities, we need to remember we are biologically wired to have "down time." Fortunately, the biblical witness reminds us that "living to work" is not the same as "working to live." So here is my pitch: let us think of summer as a time when we can practice our Christian Sabbath. Let's make this summer a time when we can put aside our normal busy routines and usual running around and instead, retreat. May this time be rich with blessings as we take time to recharge for a new year of ministry.





from Madeline

Director of Youth Ministry

This summer at Zoar promises to be one full of fun and intentional time together for youth and families. Thank you to Zoar Foundation's Kurfis Fund, for generously approving our grant request. There will be many opportunities to stay involved at Zoar throughout June!

Are you a parent wanting to relax and reconnect with a spouse or other Zoar parents? Come to *Paint-a-Canvas Night*!

Junior High or High School youth looking to have fun and give back? Join us at youth group or sign up for a week of local service through *Summer in the City*! Want some old fashioned summer fun? All are invited to *Gather* around the campfire once a month following Saturday evening worship. And don't forget to mark your calendars for VBS in July!



PAINT-A-CANVAS NIGHT

Friday June 17th
6:30-8:30 PM
Family Life Center

FREE fun for parents and young adults!
Dinner, childcare, and canvas painting provided free of charge with generous support from Zoar Foundation's Kurfis Fund.



Parents and young adults are invited to join us in the FLC for a fun night of fellowship and creating together. Adults and kids will gather for pizza at 6:30. Following dinner, children will go downstairs for activities lead by Junior High and High School youth. Adults will remain upstairs for canvas painting. All painting supplies and instruction will be provided, free of charge. No art experience required!

RSVP with Madeline at mthomas@zoarlutheran.com or 419.874.4346.



Join us in the parking lot following 6:00 P.M. worship at Zoar for old-fashioned summertime fun! There will be stories and songs, as well as hotdog and marshmallow roasting! All generations are welcome!
Save the date for:

Saturday June 11th
Saturday July 9th
Saturday August 13th

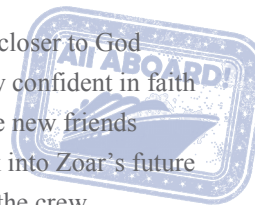
ALL ABOARD!

Pastor Mike comments regularly on how diverse and rich life is at Zoar. It is truly an exciting time of renewing and recharging. The engines are firing up. Accommodations are prepared. But there is one key resource we need more of at Zoar: **crew members!**

For a church the size of Zoar to move forward to new ports of call to pick up new people for the adventure that is Zoar, we need more hands on deck. It is for just this reason that Pastor Mike has custom designed a program for Zoar to help all people at Zoar find their niche on deck. This "onboarding" class will last six weeks. In this course, you will

- Feel closer to God
- Grow confident in faith
- Make new friends
- Look into Zoar's future
- Join the crew

Onboarding classes will be offered at three times: 1) Starting June 25, six consecutive Saturdays at 4:00; 2) Starting June 29 six consecutive Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00; 3) Self-paced. This online onboarding class is offered for people with work or life schedules that make it virtually impossible for you to work the class into your calendar. You can help by pre-registering via email to pastormike@zoarlutheran.com.



Cont'd from Pastor Tim

At that time we will receive another Intern, Kevin O'Brien. He will be the first in the new Internship program out of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, serving with us full time for two years. At the conclusion of his time with us, he too will be called to a congregation as Pastor.

Those who have served here at Zoar during my time include (these all are serving a congregation as their pastor):

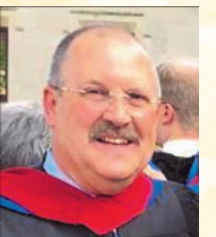
Todd Milner	Scott Benolkin	David Kamphuis
Adam Ruschau	Jessica King	Ed Strietelmeier
Dan Keck	Cindy Getzinger	Sharon Van Dam
Rick Ohsiek		

Part of the blessing for our interns is that this congregation called Zoar is so welcoming, so safe for a new intern, so loving, and so grace-filled that the intern is able to express himself/herself and grow in grace. I am thankful both for our interns, and for these amazing people, through whom the gospel of Jesus is lived out. And, this is not new! In my years in Seminary (back in the late 1970's), Zoar was known as a fruitful internship site, under Pastor Tom Wolfe's leadership. The interns that served Zoar in that time include Frank Payne, Mick Althaus, John Walker, and Paul Zietlow.

May the Holy Spirit continue to lift up faithful leaders for the Church! May the Holy Spirit inspire more of Zoar's men and women to hear the call to pastoral ministry! And may God bless all those in leadership positions in this congregation.

Dear People of Zoar,

It's hard to believe that I have been serving my internship at Zoar for 22 months! The time has gone fast, and I will be concluding my time with you on Sunday, July 31. Serving at Zoar has been a true honor for me and Dawn. You have warmly received us. I have learned a great deal from Pastor Tim and Pastor Mike. I am grateful for Carolyn, Dale, Omaldo, Maddie, and Paul. I am thankful for Ray Gottschling and all the internship committee members for their faithful support. Zoar is a vibrant community which glorifies God with its many ministries and rich worship tradition. I have felt your support and your prayers, and I sincerely thank you. As an example, I felt your support and prayers when I learned of my prostate cancer. I have decided to have my prostate removed at the Cleveland Clinic on June 30. I humbly request your continued prayers.



Todd Milner

As the people of God, we never know where God may be calling us. We listen carefully as the Holy Spirit speaks to us deeply in our souls. We expect to continue to be surprised by God's grace. After my graduation and the conclusion of my internship, my next step will be attending the ELCA approval meeting on August 19. I hope to stay within an hour of Toledo so that Dawn can maintain her job at Lourdes University. We look forward to where God is calling us next.



YOUR HANDS GOD’S WORK

Zoar joins Lutherans around the world coming to the aid of people Jesus called “the least of these” through Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Here we provide tied quilts, soap, baby layettes, school kits and health kits to those in urgent need around the world. We have always been major contributors in providing these items. Unfortunately, the number of Zoarites helping has diminished due to death, illness and moving away from the community. Reinforcements are greatly needed. You can make a difference in the world! We’ll show you how.



Tying quilts together takes place on the first Tuesday from 9-11:00 a.m. and the 3rd Wednesday from 12:30-2:30. No special skills are needed. If you are interested in cutting squares for the quilts from your home or sewing the squares together, that can be arranged too. People willing to sew infant gowns, school bags, receiving blankets and diapers are also needed.



Watch this inspiring video on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lzgi553fLHA>

We are collecting Ivory Soap and deodorant soap and new, colored hand towels to use in the kits. These items can be placed in the LWR container near the elevator. **For more information contact Lois Staber 419-872-7232 or Jackie Springer 419-872-9689.**

WE NEED YOUR MUSCLE TO FIGHT HUNGER

Feed Our Families begins June 10 in the Family Life Center. The program continues through the summer until the beginning of school. *Feed Our Families* is part of the Zoar effort to end local hunger. Families and children on reduced meals during the school year are eligible to participate in the experience. Remarkable in many ways, *Feed Our Families* combats hunger by providing a meal on site at the FLC for all who come. Even more, the FLC is stocked as a grocery store where people use shopping carts to gather a week’s worth of groceries for their family. Last year, *Feed Our Families* provided 18,000 meals to the local community. You can help end hunger. Join the *Feed Our Family* crew by calling Tracy Rickman at 419-206-7927 or email at Tracyrickman@hotmail.com. Simply ask Tracy, “How can I help?”



REDEEMER SUPPLIES NEEDED

If you weren’t able to volunteer for the Summer Youth Program, here is another way you can support our Mission partners. The following items are needed in crafts, kitchen, and for general cleanliness during summer camp. There is a tote in the gathering space near the mailboxes where items can be placed. Thanks in advance for your help! (Also, it’s not too late to volunteer!)

- 8.5 x 11-inch cardboard (75)
- Magazines with appropriate photos for collage work
- Recycled glass jars
- Yarn, bright colors
- Brown paper bags



- Stick-on name tags
- Masking tape
- Markers
- Pipe cleaners
- Glue sticks
- Scotch tape
- Construction paper
- Large jars temptra paint
- Sidewalk chalk

- Also needed:
- Toilet paper
 - Swiffer wet mopping cloth refills
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Kleenex
 - Dish soap

SUMMER THROWDOWN:

Sunday, June 5th

6:30 P.M. at Grace United Methodist Church

LYTE (Leading Youth Towards Eternity) is an ecumenical group of Perrysburg-area youth directors and youth pastors. This group sponsors various youth events throughout the year, such as last month’s Global Youth Service Day. All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to kick off the summer with *Summer Throwdown*, a game night hosted at Grace Church. Bring a friend and a snack to share! Join us for volleyball, gaga ball, and a dodgeball tournament. **See Madeline before June 3rd to register a dodgeball team.**

SUMMER IN THE CITY:

Monday June 20-Friday June 24

Toledo, Ohio

This year Zoar Junior High and High School students are participating in a week of local mission partnership with urban Toledo congregations. What a great opportunity to put everything they are learning about local service and justice into action! All costs for youth to register and participate will be covered by the Zoar Foundation’s Kurfis Fund. Activities include poverty simulation, worship and devotions, community meals, and assistance with important local ministries such as Cindy’s Corner Café, The Giving Store, the Summer Youth Program at Redeemer, and St. Paul’s Feed Your Neighbor. Evening fellowship activities, snacks, and reflection will also be a part of the week’s programming. There’s still time to register in early June! **Please contact Madeline at mthomas@zoarlutheran.com or 419.270.6233 for more information.**

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group continues throughout the summer! Join us for fun and fellowship! Friends are always welcome.

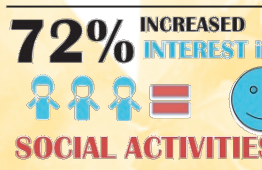
- Sunday June 5th Summer Throwdown at Grace at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday June 12th High School meets 5:00-7:00 Zoar Top Floor
- Sunday June 19th Third Sunday (5th—12th grade) meets 5:00-7:00 Zoar Top Floor
- Sunday June 26th High School meets 5:00-7:00 Zoar Top Floor
- Sunday July 3rd NO YOUTH GROUP



Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio offers many options for summer camp fun! Check out their website for more info: lomocamps.org

\$100 discounts from LOMO are available for all new campers. There are additional \$150 discounts available to 1st time campers from Zoar through the Zoar Foundation. Please see Madeline for details on how to obtain these discounts.

A recent Yale study measured the actual results of camping experiences for children and youth. The results? Quite AmaZing!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thursday

July 14th

6:30-8:30 P.M.

Zoar Family Life Center

*All VBS families are invited to
celebrate!*

**Ice cream
Inflatables
Climbable Rock Wall**

Laugh, have fun, and conquer
your fears as we join together to
live out the daily memory verses
from this year's Cave Quest
VBS.



Climb the wall at Zoar July 14

ZOAR VACATION BIBLE

July 11th-15th from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Join us for a week of fun summer activities as we learn
more about Jesus, the Light of the World!

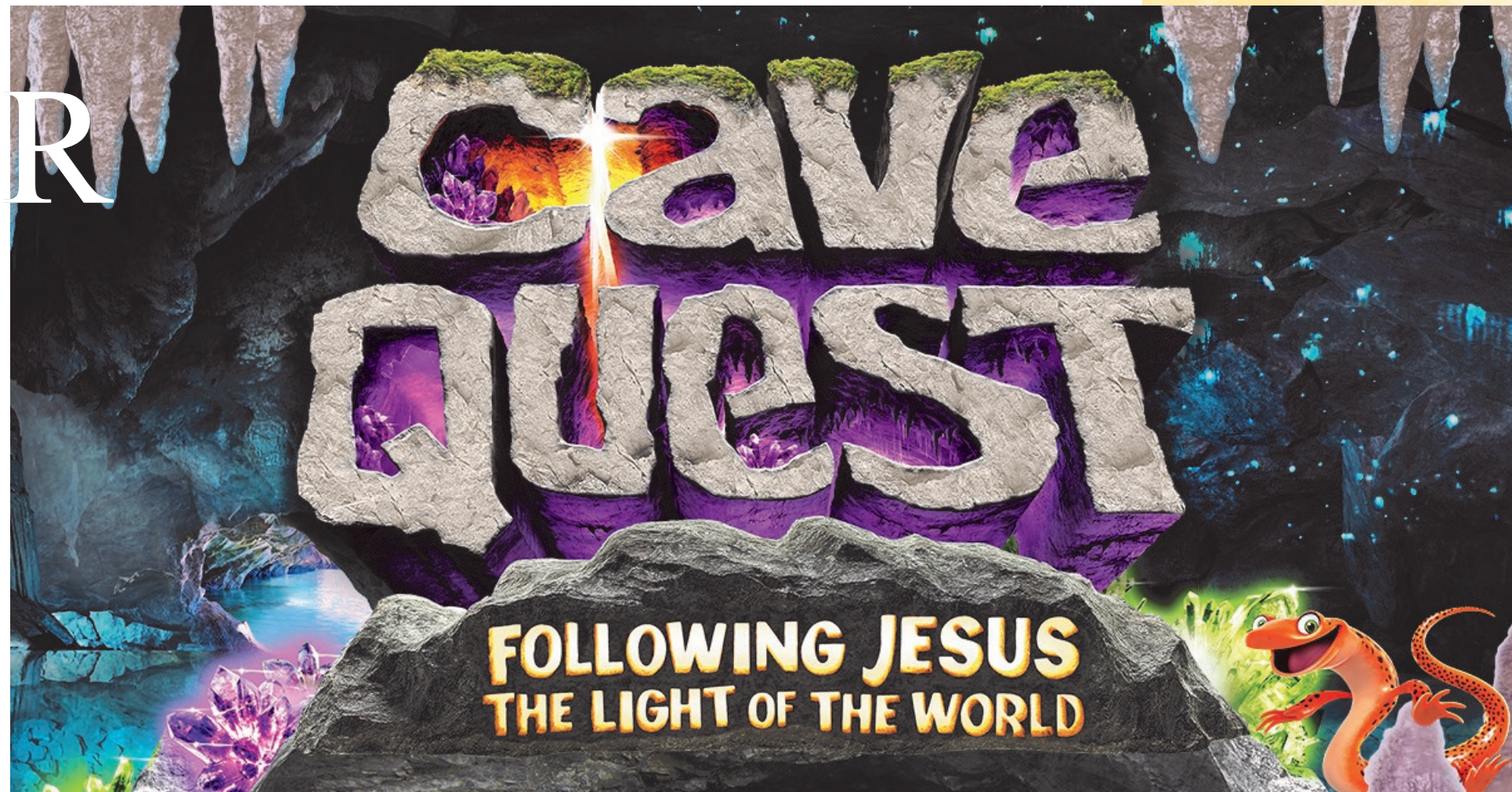
Vacation Bible School is open to all children in Preschool
(age 3) through 5th grade. Free online registration is now
available via our redesigned website at
www.zoarlutheran.com. Middle School through High School youth and parents
are always needed and welcome to volunteer!

*Contact Madeline at mthomas@zoarlutheran.com to be a part of this
great spiritual adventure.*

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Vacation Bible School is an important community outreach ministry. We need your
help to make it possible! Want to help throughout June? Check out the donation list
for supplies and materials in the Gathering Area. Available to assist with program-
ming the week of July 11-15th? Anyone entering 6th grade and older is welcome
to volunteer!

Contact Madeline at mthomas@zoarlutheran.com or 419.270.6233.



UNEARTHING GOD'S TREASURES

Day 1

Jesus Gives Us Hope

Memory verse

*"O Lord, you alone
are my hope."
— Psalm 71:5*

Day 2

Jesus Gives Us Courage

Memory verse:

*"Take courage I am here."
— Matthew 14:27*

Day 3

Jesus Gives Us Direction

Memory verse:



*"He will show you which
path to take."*

-- Proverbs 3:6

Day 4

Jesus Gives Us Love

Memory verse:

*"We know what real love is
because Jesus gave up his life
for us."*

— 1 John 3:16

Day 5

Jesus Gives Us His Power

Memory verse:

*"Our great power is from
God, not ourselves."
— 2 Corinthians 4:7*

ADULT VBS

Devotional Prayer Booklet

Now you can follow along with what the
Bible lessons at Vacation Bible School!
Adult devotionals that complement each
day's theme verse are coming soon.

Rocks, Gems, Fossils

Many people collect rocks, gems, and
fossils. If that is you, talk to Pastor Mike
and bring yours for a Zoar display.

Cave Exploration Trip

July 16, Saturday. Sign up at Zoar.

