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NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

NOVEMBER 12th

11 AM WORSHIP, 12 PM BBQ

Join the fun and excitement in celebrating Zoar's newest members. Did you know that Zoar Lutheran Church is a bright spot on the map of American Christianity? Each year close to 5,000 US churches close their doors for the last time. Yet, Zoar is growing today adding member after member. On November 12, 35 people will make Zoar their spiritual home during the 11:00 service. One key reason people give for joining is the warm and welcoming spirit of the congregation. Come help make this a grand occasion for all members, new and old. Following the 11:00 service, we will be having a giant BBQ with slow cooked brisket and all the sides, prepared by some of the men of the church. And for the kiddos, there will be horse rides, a petting zoo, and games from 12:00-1:00.



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WHAT HAPPENS ON OCTOBER 32ND?

Once we have reached November, we have passed the remembrances of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. It is so important to our history, and yet even better are the ways that Christians who once fought are gathering together to witness to the glory and presence of Jesus.

One of the leaders in the ELCA once quipped, “so what happens on October 32nd?” When I first heard this my mind got stuck on the reality that there is no 32nd. But as she talked, her concern focused on what happens now, the “day after the Reformation,” as we move into the future.

I have become convinced that we (Lutherans) really like them (the Roman Catholics, the Episcopalians, the Methodist, the Evangelicals, etc). We have become good friends, and we like doing things with them. But as I read John 17:20-24 (you may look it up – I know you have a Bible!) I see that the prayer of Jesus is not just that we be “friends” with Christians of other denominations, but that we “date,” and someday even “get married!” The day will come when Jesus returns, and in God’s eternal Kingdom there will not be “Lutheran” tables or “Methodist rooms” or “Roman Catholic parties,” but all together we will be, giving our common and joyous praise. So, if that’s the goal, then that’s what I think we still need to work toward. Tough task ahead, but I believe the Holy Spirit is leading us toward that goal.



A “great cloud of witnesses” have gone before us, those who have taught us of God’s love, and how God’s love reaches to all people. Many of them we will remember on the 1st weekend of November, giving thanks for all the saints in Jesus. In addition a great gathering of men and women gave of themselves on behalf of freedom and democracy, so on Veterans’ Day we give thanks for their witness. Then, on the 23rd, we pause to give praise to our awesome God, who has blessed us and this land and this with bountiful gifts and abundant love.

November. As with two heads, one looking back at those who have gone before us, and the other looking ahead at what God has in store for us together, we stand in grace. The One who created and blessed us, the One who died and then rose from the dead, the One who moves in our midst pushing us into God’s future is The One God to whom we witness.

May we grow even stronger in the ways of God, so that the world may know the healing grace of God through our words, our deeds, our forgiveness, our peace making. May the world see the Church of Jesus as “one,” and the love of all of God’s people shared indiscriminately. And, may Jesus come soon! Amen!

Pastor Tim
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ALL THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN

Hear! Hear! God has been good to the people of Zoar!

God has placed in our hands the most amazing treasures. What treasures, you may ask? According to Martin Luther, all the treasures of heaven. Because of your relationship to Jesus Christ, God opens the vaults of heaven for you to enjoy and share. First and foremost among these treasures is the gospel, the news that in Jesus Christ God has overcome all that would rob us of ultimate joy, peace, and life. This is a treasure that each of us receives individually and as part of the congregation. Another treasure God has given to you is the opportunity to be a part of a dynamic and thriving church. What other church has the kind of dynamic worship we have? What other church gives you the same kind of gospel centered teaching we have? What other church offers you the same deep acceptance? What other church is as deeply committed to impacting the community? There are few, if any, good friends, that offer the same combination as you find here at Zoar. When you have a great treasure, you want to take care of it. When you have great treasure, you want to build on it. When you have great treasure, you want to do what Jesus did and offer it to others. Thank you for your commitment to the Lord.

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FALL FAMILY RETREAT

Nov. 17, 18, 19

Friday (4:00) — Sunday (12:00)

A Two Hour Drive, A Lifetime of Memories

Calling lovers of the outdoors to Camp Mowana in Mansfield, OH. Join other families from Zoar to build faith, forts, and friends. Lodging will be in the Fleming Falls Retreat Center, a very nice hotel-like facility. Meals are provided. The cost is a \$50 contribution to Zoar designated for Feed Our Families. Otherwise, the weekend is free. Please sign up at the church office by calling 419-874-4346, or by emailing Pastor Mike at pastormike@zoarlutheran.com. Bring clothes appropriate for the weather and season and walks through the woods. The staff at Camp Mowana will provide all programming which includes a campfire experience with singing campfire songs.



PRAY FOR THE REBELLION

re·bel·lion

the action or process of resisting authority, control, or convention.

The rebellion we are seeking isn't rooted in hate or violence. The rebellion we are seeking is rooted in Christ's Kingdom. In Christ's Kingdom the sick are healed, the mourning find joy, the homeless find shelter, and the oppressed are lifted up. Christ has set us free to be a light to others. This is the rebellion we seek.

Zoar High School Youth and Young Adults age 18-25 are attending The Rebellion, December 27-30 in Lansing, Michigan for four days of service, leadership, and community.

Worship will be led by Rev. Neichelle Guidry, the creator of shepreaches, a virtual community and professional development organization that aspires to uplift African-American millennial women in ministry through theological reflection, fellowship, and liturgical curation. She was recently listed as one of "12 New Faces of Black Leadership" in TIME Magazine and featured in the New York Times. Artists Ase and Rachel Kurtz will lead the worship music.

During The Rebellion there will be time for fellowship during recreational activities. Activities this year include a talent show, a gaga ball tournament, pick-up-game sports and more!

As our Youth and Young Adult grow in Christ through fellowship, small groups, service projects, and worship pray for them to deepen their understanding of God's love in their life.



ALTAR GUILD

Thanksgiving time is near. Altar Guild will be decorating the chancel for Thanksgiving on November 14th. We are in need of non-perishable canned and boxed food items. We could also use harvest decorations such as Indian corn, gourds and pumpkins. Please place the items in the Sacristy before Tuesday, November 14, 2017. The food items will be donated to Perrysburg Christians United. Any help the congregation can give us with food items and decorations will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help!

Altar Guild Members, please plan to meet on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for a short meeting and to decorate the chancel for Thanksgiving. If you can not attend please drop off any donated food items in the Sacristy. We will meet again on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to bag the food items for PCU and take down the decorations.

YOUTH STORIES

This month we have some exciting events for junior high and high school youth! We start off with the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation Retreat, November 3 - November 4 at Widewater Retreat Center. The Confirmation Retreat finally makes it's return after quite a few years without it.

The next evening (which is going to be really fun for Intern Kevin) is our Autumn Lock-in for HS youth. We'll enjoy a midnight worship session with intense devotions, warm-fuzzies, and other activities to challenge us to be vulnerable and deeper in our conversation. That Sunday we will not be having youth group as a result. On the twelfth of November we will be enjoying Bowling Night for 5-12th grade kids. Normal youth group follows afterwards that next week, but on the weekend of Thanksgiving we will be having a very special celebration of the Church New Year! In other words, we've got a month of some pretty awesome events ahead of us.



The Youth Council will be meeting on November 4th at 6pm just before the lock-in. This will be a logistics-focused meeting, but we should be able to delve into event planning as well. All information from that meeting will be made public shortly afterwards that week. In order to receive constant information from the Youth Council, please join the Zoar Youth Slack group. All parents and youth are invited to join this new communications channel. An invitation should have been sent to your email during September and October, but if you need a new one sent, please let us know. We have about 80 out right now, and in order to get the JH kids in we have to get those 80 in first, so please join as soon as possible! You can install Slack on your phone or computer for no cost.

THANKSGIVING DINNER



Zoar Lutheran Church is partnering with Bob Evans Restaurant on Route 20 in Perrysburg to provide a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. This meal is open to all who are regular guests of Zoar's Kitchen of Hope and to anyone else who might not be with family on Thanksgiving Day and wishes to partake of a wonderful dinner on the holiday. The meal will be served at 12 noon in Zoar's Family Life Center on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017. There will be NO COST for this meal, however, donations will be accepted that day.

Reservations are absolutely necessary and can be made by calling the Zoar Office at 419-874-4346 by Thursday, November 16.

LEAVES WILL FALL

"Oh, praise persistent truth that opens fisted minds and eases from their anxious clutch the prejudice that blinds: We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one." (ELW 651)



A few weeks ago, one of our parishioners passed away. She was very involved in our music ministry and was very giving of her time. All in all, in the almost three years that I had the privilege of knowing her, she possessed a quiet positive energy and a generous disposition to all around her. These qualities were clearly evident in her memorial service -held here at Zoar, a serenely beautiful service that spoke in no uncertain terms of a confident faith: a fortifying example of Christian witness. I say this because one her gift to us in passing was her Christian testimony: she chose two songs that she learned and sang only in the last two months of her life. These songs -ELW 808 and 637- spoke to her in her final weeks and days, and by having us sing them, she testified to us

about the power of music and of inspired devotional texts, about the nature of communal testimony, and about death and resurrection. We will miss Jan, but her memory will live on in her witness to us.

As we go through November, leaves will fall, and nature will enact its own form of death. I pray that we can be as confident and faithful in our witness as we are sure that spring will return.

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DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

"Immediately" That word is so important to the Gospel writer, Mark. Immediately Jesus goes somewhere, or does something, or says something. This word is sprinkled through his telling of the Gospel of Jesus. So, we will explore this word, and Mark's telling of the Gospel

Beginning in Advent (December) the Digging Deeper Bible study class, meeting in the Lower Level during Sunday School, will begin to work through the Gospel according to Mark. His telling of the Gospel-story is the primary reading we will hear in worship this next year. Join Pastor Tim and others for this reading-through of the Gospel According to St. Mark.

ALL SAINTS DAY

We have been blessed by amazing people who have come before us. Some have taught us faith in our God of love. Some have lived as witnesses to this faith. So, on All Saints Weekend November 4/5, we will remember those who have died in the arms of Jesus this past year, and give thanks

ALL SAINTS

Franklin Potts	Catherine A. Belt	Avery Mae Murphy
Rosemary Tymiak	Robert Hayden Ansted	Hubert M. Lontz, Sr
Susan Helmke	Todd Owen Morgan	William T. Dudley
Robert L. Swanson	Katherine Hartman	Rebecca Ballenger
Roger C. Power	Harold "Ted" Emch	Dorothy Samson
Richard D. Moser	Barbara Easterwood	Kenneth Karl Miller
Duane Haas	Evelyn Campbell	Nancy Kopp-Glanzman
Jeanne Gantz	Verna Miles	Andrew Wells Barron
Ronald W. Moenter	Margarita Lessig	George J. Williams
Charles Robinson	Orville Denker	Janet Winters-Seeman
Christine Risner	Jeri Shick	Kenneth J. Palicki

We also are blessed by the way our loving God continues to move in our midst, to give us energy and life, and to promise His presence in the future. So, on this weekend we will also remember and give thanks for those who have been baptized this past year, beginning their life of discipleship in Jesus.

BAPTISMS

Kylie Stout	Avery Mae Thomas	Brian Baroncini
Halden Barber	Cole Allen Shackelford	Autumn Elizabeth Klewer
Marc Baroncini	Tanner Joshua Williams	Juniper Luisa Philabaum
Blake Piekarczyewski	Evan Huprich Stuckey	Evan Randy Kaiser
Milan Bernard Shah	Austin Michael Stein	Emma Jane Haas
Audrey Grace Zylka	Charles Elliot Brown	Annie Grace Williams
Millie Elizabeth Abke	Parker Anthony Hentges	Calahan Martin Hammond
Hayes Ross Muir	Piper Elizabeth Whalen	Kade Andrew Drummond
Zita Louise Decker	Cassidy Brea Kroger	Ellison Ann Szozda
Chase J. Tazzi	Anderson David Czech	Nicholas Brian Heil
Pamela Sue Heil	Alexander Bradley Heil	Sara Jane Ellis
Brenden Ellis	Natalie Ellis	Ruby Rose Folk
John Ryan Rauscher	Augustus Leon Underwood	Blakely Elizabeth Price
Nora Ann Meyer	Ellie Renee Falter	Justin Wehr
Isabella Wehr	Layla Wehr	
Brecken William Murphy	Audrina Daisy Kurth	

GATHERGROWGIVE



Yarns of Love

Second Saturday

10-11:30 AM

Last Monday

7-8:30 PM

Contact: Dorothy Beyer at 419-874-3826

Yarns of Love meets twice monthly on the second Saturday and on the last Monday to crochet or knit items for members of Zoar Lutheran Church and the Perrysburg Community. This giving group has blessed residents of Kingston facilities, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg Commons and Heartland. No prior experience is necessary to knit and crotchete chemo caps, lap robes, etc and all are welcome to join this meaningful ministry. Many members are happy to teach newcomers.

Each meeting opens and closes with a devotion, and each completed item receives a blessing from one of the members. Yarns of Love is always accepting donations of yarn and needles.

Piece Corp Quilters

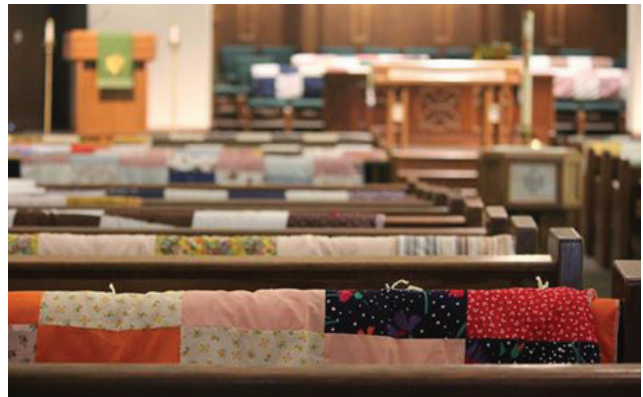
First Tuesday

9 AM

Third Wednesday

12:30 PM

**Contact: Cathy King at 419-874-5067 or
Jackie Springer at 419-872-9689**



The Piece Corp Quilters have been in existence for nearly 50 years and are a part of Zoar Lutheran's efforts to support Lutheran World Relief. This group meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 9 AM and the third Wednesday at 12:30 PM to tie quilt tops to backs and to make kits that include school bags, diaper bags, baby gowns, etc. All are welcome to join in this rewarding work, no matter what age or skill level. Quilting tips are shared among the group.

Donations are also always welcome. These can include fabrics, clean gently-used t-shirts, blankets, mattress pads, etc.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Men's Breakfast	3 Zoar Book Club Confirmation Overnight	4 High School Lock In
5 All Saint's Sunday Digging Deeper	6 Festive Flutes	7 Piece Corps Men's Disciples Bible Study	8 Bible Study Rachel Circle	9 Men's Bridge	10 Follow Your Heart Songs of Broadway Concert	11 Yarns of Love
12 New Member Sunday Sunday School	13 Ruth Circle Popcorn Gang	14 Altar Guild Decorate	15 Quilters Confirmation	16 Naomi Circle	17 Fall Family Retreat	18 Fall Family Retreat Prayer Partners
19 Fall Family Retreat Jr. & Sr. High Youth	20 Festive Flutes Solomon's Porch	21 Quilters	22 WORSHIP	23 Thanksgiving Dinner	24 Office Closed	25 WORSHIP
26 WORSHIP New Nanas & Papás Group	27 Flute Choir Practice	28	29 Recorders	30 Agape Bells Chancel Choir Practice		

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS VISIT
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WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

ACOLYTES	8:30		11:00	
11/5	Andy Engelhart, Joey Jacoby		Brian Baroncini, Joshua Clark	
11/12	Emma Erlenbusch, Gabi Myers		Carley Milligan, Cassidy Milligan	
11/19	Katie Redd, Janie Wagner		Regan Thurn, Calista Grantham	
11/26	Jenna Rettig, Sydney Rettig		Jacob Rickman, Jacob Benington	
ASSISTING MINISTERS	7:15	8:30	11	
11/5		Roger Geffe		
11/12	Dorothy Beyer		Don Lieder	
11/19	Ray Ruswinkle	Carole Bohn	Roger Shoffner	
11/26		Scott Geffe		
USHERS	6 PM	7:15 AM	8:30 AM	11 AM
Sunday		Greg Williams, Tom Dayton	Lon Muir, Tom Downs, Lisa Scheider, Richard Scheider	Chris Cooper, Dave Buenting, Patrick Boyer, Dave Prue
Saturday	Terry and Rhonda Jones			
LECTORS	7:15	8:30	11	
11/5	Judy Schult	Ken Meinecke	Roger Shoffner	
11/12	Ray Ruswinkle	Scott Libbe	Don Lieder	
11/19	Janis Stein	Leah Ann Meinecke	Elizabeth Emmert	
11/26	Dorothy Beyer	Mary Richter	Ann Lieder	
GREETERS	Saturday, 6 PM		8:30	11
11/4	Janet & Bill Smith	11/5	Ted & Shannon Weaver Connie & Ray Bricker	Nancy & Jeff Wilbur
11/11	Dave & Lisa Richard	11/12	Vickie & Larry Karnes Marilyn Brossia	Connie Teare, Richard Hazle Judy Cooper, Gloria Odegaard
11/18	Sondra Alexander	11/19	Dorothy Sahloff, Denise Current Marcia Amstutz	High School Youth Lisa Hoverson
11/25	Becky & John Hoge	11/26	Russ & Nancy Heckman Sharla Cook	Jim & Diane Ninke Vivian Corbin
COUNTERS				
11/5	Glenn & Mary Ann Abke, Alice Coy			
11/12	David Sudman, Dan Bartels			
11/19	Carole Welling, Joyce Williams			
11/26	Russ & Nancy Heckman, Brian & Jane Tomko			

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11/9	Joan M. Moulton
11/15	Dorothy Beyer
11/21	Ruth E. Molter
11/24	Marcelyn Moser
11/28	Thomas Seeman



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Custodian:	Paul Cannon

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Worship	
Saturday	6:00 PM
Sunday	7:15 AM
	8:30 AM
	11:00 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM September - May

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