

Be AmaZed!

HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY

# ZOAR NEWS

MAY 2016

## COMING UP

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5  
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### MOTHER'S DAY

May 8  
8:00 a.m. — noon  
Relax, recharge, renew  
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### FAMILY EVENT

Sunday School Breakfast  
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### MUSIC WITH A MISSION

Friday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
Strings, brass and voice  
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**ZOAR**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## HOW ABOUT A BOOST? Welcome to Zoar's New Newsletter

Whether you are a parent of a young child, an adult child caring for aging parents, or a blended family trying to make it through the day, sometimes you just need a boost. The days get long, the nights short, and vacations further out. Enter *Zoar News*! This newly updated monthly newsletter will carry part of the load for us as we get the word out about the fabulous things God is doing here. Beginning this May, the monthly newsletter will serve as an outreach tool in print and online. Members and friends of Zoar should use this newsletter to share what Zoar is doing and why everyone needs to be a part. It will be well put together with interesting and helpful news.



*"The Lord gives sleep to those he loves."  
Psalm 127:2 (The Message)*

Share it with confidence with friends, neighbors, and family members. Every Zoar household will receive a black and white copy in the mailbox each month. Color copies will be available at church. If you prefer to get your news online, we've got you covered. The Zoar News will be published online as a full color HD flipbook that you can enjoy and share via social media. The flipbook newsletter also allows embedded videos that we will use to add depth and creativity. So come on, people of Zoar! Let us go public with our zeal for the Lord and his work through Zoar! Share the Zoar News!

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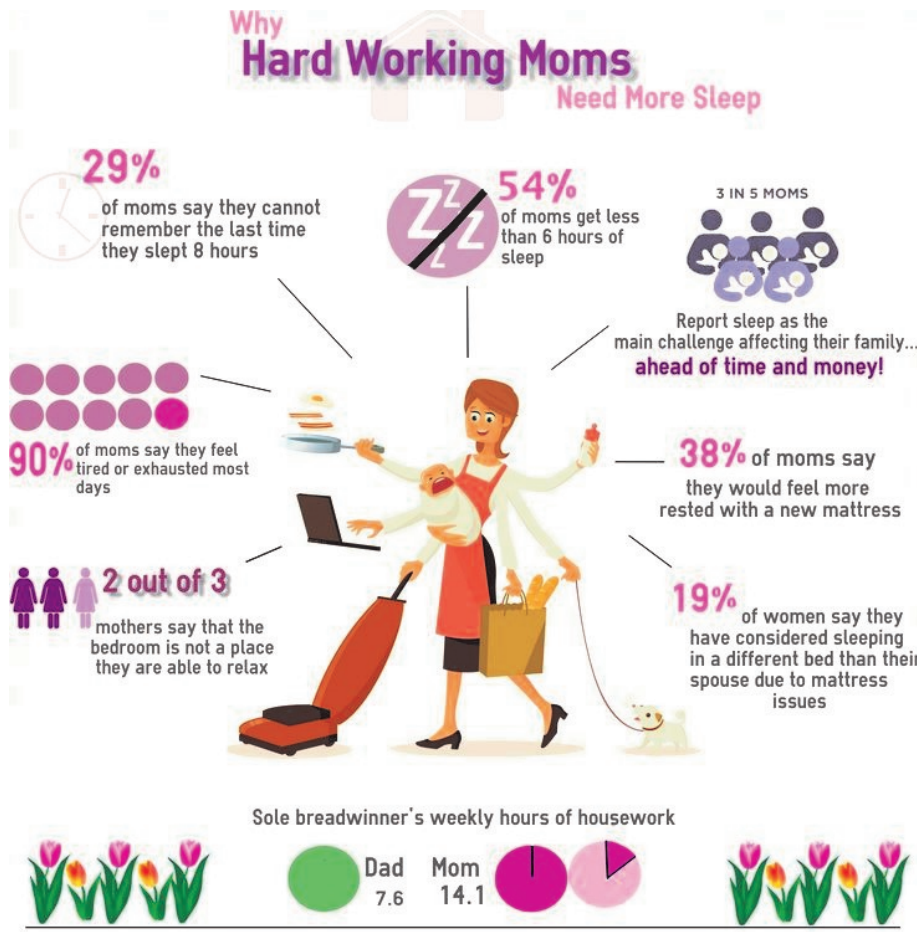
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## from Pastor Tim

Happy Mother's Day! So many things come to my mind on this day: my prayers abound for those of you who have children (of any age). The calling you have to be mother is one of the best vocations that God has given us; to those of you who would like children, or those of you who have lost children, we sit with you in grief and silence, knowing that our loving God holds on to you with grace and hope. I also know of several dads who now are alone, called to care for their child with fatherly and motherly nurture and guidance. God is with you too! And to each of you, all with mothers: some are blessed with mothers who brought nurture and care; others struggle with issues your mother may have brought to your life. Know also that we surround you with God's



amazing arms of grace and healing love!

It's now been over a year since my mother died. We were very blessed that her time of dying was short, and that she knew she was surrounded by the family that loved her. The promise I hold on to is that someday I will be with her and all the amazing, faithful women in my life, in the presence of Jesus, forever in joy! Even though it was my dad who was Pastor, it was my mom who taught me faith. The prayers at mealtimes and bedtimes, the conversations and love, the ways I watched her care for my siblings, her amazing cooking, baking, sewing, "treats for school birthday parties," and even the hectic "almost late" Sunday morning preparations instilled in my awareness the importance of the mothering call from God and how well she fulfilled that call. One of the gifts I have from my mother is that of music. Throughout her days she would sing. She would bring music into the dish soap, in the car, around the house, always singing. And then she would sit and play the piano. Early on, about third grade, she became my first piano teacher, sharing with me the life-lessons of music and discipline. Of course, the time came when I didn't want to practice, and another teacher was employed. But the lessons learned never departed from my spirit. I am grateful for her gifting me with music. So I approach this Mother's Day with combined gratitude and loss. I approach this day with joy as I see children lovingly supported and cared for. And I approach this day knowing the greater truth that God, in God's mothering love, gathers us and loves us unconditionally. Sometimes we see a glimpse of God in the mothers around us, and we are blessed. Thanks be to God!





## Arresting Performances at Zoar to Help Those in Need!

On April 15th, Zoar's "Music With a Mission" concert series met its first goal of raising over a thousand dollars to help in the local fight to end hunger. From Darkness into Light was an extraordinary musical evening that included singers, ringers, strings, trumpet, bassoon, organ, piano and the generosity of the wonderful audience. Thank you for a successful launch!

Now, comes the second installment, the proceeds of which will aid the victims of sexual trafficking in Northwest Ohio. On Friday, May 20th, at seven o'clock, the Select Strings of the Perrysburg High School Orchestra under the direction of Michael Smith, soprano Sonia Perez, and the Academy Brass will bring us a rich musical feast -- an event not to be missed. Soli Deo Gloria!



*Sonia Perez, Soprano*



## Praying for the Nations

Zoar will join in the National Day of Prayer with a prayer vigil in the sanctuary. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for our nation. Zoar aims to have at least one person in the sanctuary praying from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.. Individual commitments of a half hour are invited on that day. Please sign up for a time slot in the Gathering Space. If you are unable to make a specific time commitment, simply come as you are able. Join people of all faiths around the country in prayer who are praying for their nation and nations around the world.



*from*  
**Omaldo**

Dear Friends,

This year, May 15th marks the third great feast in the church calendar: Pentecost. For this special occasion, our Chancel Choir will sing a lively and powerful masterpiece written by a precocious thirteen-year-old who went by the name of Wolfgang Amadeus. We will also hear many other riveting musical treats. And to add to the celebration, and in the spirit of unanimity and Christian solidarity, I would like to invite you to don the colors of fire in your attire: let us come to church wearing reds, oranges, and yellows to honor the third person of the Trinity, the Paraclete!

And speaking of the helper, did you know that one does not need to be a member of Zoar to be a participant in our ensembles? As you speak with others, encourage them to be a part of our dynamic musical ministry.

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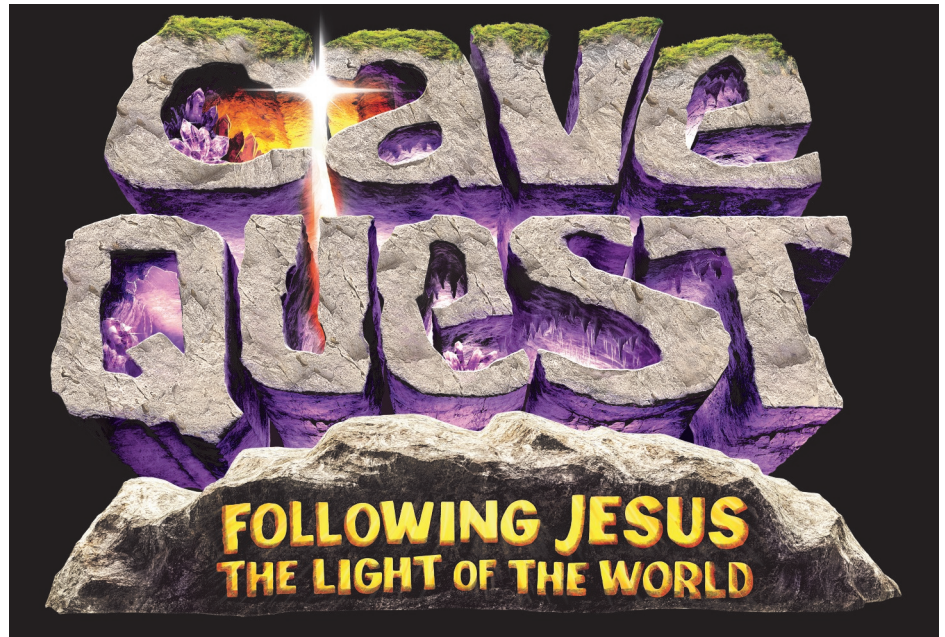
## from Madeline

As the school year winds down and Sunday School and confirmation come to an end, transition is in the air! We are so excited for all of our children and youth as they grow older, taller, wiser, and closer to God.

Both the Life Long Learning and Youth and Young Adult committees have exciting plans to keep families and youth of all ages connected to Zoar during the summer months. Upcoming events will include group service projects, Paint a Canvas Night, Family Olympics, and Gather, a series of family campfires.



## Vacation Bible School



July 11 - 15 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Free online registration will be available soon via our website at [www.zoarlutheran.com](http://www.zoarlutheran.com). Middle School through High School youth and parents are always needed and welcome to volunteer! Contact Madeline at [mthomas@zoarlutheran.com](mailto:mthomas@zoarlutheran.com) if you are interested.

Family Ice Cream Social on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 P.M.

## Sunday School Breakfast

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

All Sunday School students, teachers, and families are invited to join us in the Family Life Center for a special celebration! There will be breakfast, musical performances from Sunday School students, and a photo slideshow with highlights of this year's great accomplishments. This event will be held during the Sunday School hour from 9:45-10:45. This will be the last day of Sunday School until September 11th.





# Zoar Youth Meets Weekly

Youth Group is a great opportunity for junior high and high school youth to spend time in fellowship, laughing, growing, and learning together. During the past few months we have focused on building community and group bonding. Youth come from many area schools including Perrysburg, Northwood, Maumee, St. John's, Notre Dame Academy, and Rossford. There is a strong underclassmen presence, and we are so excited for our current confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> graders to join us for high school group this summer. Any incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us on the Third Sunday of each month. On these weeks, the high school youth lead games and activities. Friends are always welcome to join in the fun! Snacks are provided, and if you need to arrive late or leave early due to other commitments, it's never a problem!

May youth group dates are as follows:

- Sunday May 1 5:00-7:00** Zoar Top Floor (incoming freshman through outgoing seniors)
- Sunday May 8 5:00-7:00** Zoar Top Floor (incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors)
- Sunday May 15 6:00-7:00** Zoar Top Floor (incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders through outgoing seniors)
- \*Note time change due to PHS Baccalaureate service\***
- Sunday May 22 5:00-7:00** Zoar Top Floor (incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors)
- Sunday May 29** NO YOUTH GROUP due to Memorial Day Weekend



# Zoar Youth Feed the Hungry

On April 16th, nine Zoar Junior High and High School youth participated in Global Youth Service Day. This event was sponsored locally by the United Way of Greater Toledo and other area organizations. Zoar Youth partnered with groups from Grace Church and First Baptist Church to collect canned food door-to-door in area neighborhoods. The students were met with generous donations and neighborly smiles. Some people even saw our group coming and had a bag of food ready to donate by the time our youth reached their front door. Zoar youth returned to the Perrysburg Christians United Food Pantry to sort the food they collected in hopes of restocking the pantry shelves. Longtime volunteer Ruth said that summer is a slow time for donations and that this event's collections would help to replenish selections for local families in need of food and nutrition. We are thrilled that our youth have the opportunity to gather together and work with local agencies to give back to the community for the glory of God!

# Save the Date

## Summer in the City June 20-24 in Toledo

This is our summer service project/trip in partnership with the Northwest Ohio Synod and local ELCA congregations. More information coming soon!

## Summer Throwdown Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Grace Church 6:00 p.m.

Join with other Perrysburg area youth groups for snacks, games, and fun in the sun as we celebrate the beginning of summer! All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited! Join us for a dodgeball tournament, volleyball, gaga, and more! Invitation to follow.

Here are a few places to check for updates regarding future youth and family events:

**-New Zoar Website!** The new site is mobile friendly! Check it out at [www.zoarlutheran.com](http://www.zoarlutheran.com)

Find youth programs and events under "Ministries" then Zoar Kids, Youth and Young Adults, or Fellowship/Activities Calendar

**-Youth Facebook group:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/146545499832/>

**-Youth bulletin board** in the Gathering Area

**-Future newsletters**

**-Event-specific email and text updates:** Want to be added to a mailing list? Contact me at

[mthomas@zoarlutheran.com](mailto:mthomas@zoarlutheran.com) or 419 270 6233.



Welcome Dorothy  
and Jim Mease!



The Meases come to us from Grace Lutheran Church in Toledo where they were active members for many years. Since moving to Perrysburg, they have been looking for a church closer to home where it will be easier for them to get involved. They came to Zoar after hearing from friends in the community that Zoar was a friendly place with many opportunities to participate in its active ministry. Prior to her retirement, Dorothy worked for seventeen years as a secretary in the Toledo Public Schools. Following seven years of military service in the Air Force and Army, Jim was employed by Toledo Edison for twenty-five years and the Toledo Water Department for another ten. The Meases enjoy nature walks in the metro parks, travel, and spending time with their twin grandchildren. They have three grown daughters, two in the Columbus area and one in Solon, Ohio.

Dorothy and Jim are looking forward to learning more about and contributing to the Zoar community of faith.



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## MOTHER'S DAY

*Sunday, May 8*

*8:00am—noon*

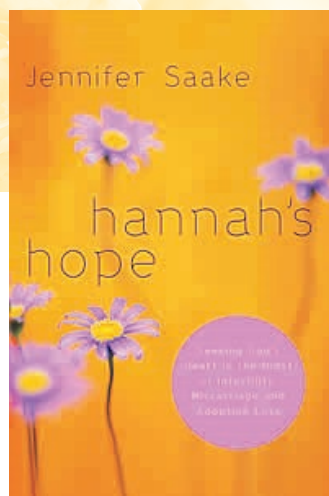
*Relax, Recharge, Reflect*

Massage for hands, feet,  
or shoulder  
Soothing Music  
Fruit bar  
Smoothie Parfait  
Fruit Bowl

Homemade Muffin  
Herbal tea  
Prayer Room with scented candles  
Flower petals  
Homemade soaps  
Essential Oils

In the Family Life Center

## SUPPORT FOR GRIEVING HEARTS



***Hannah's Hope: Seeking God's Heart in the Midst of Infertility, Miscarriage, and Adoption Loss.***

This is a book for all who long for a child yet to be conceived, grieve for a baby too soon passed from the womb, or have lived through the loss of failed adoption. It is intended as a guide to assist you in making wise decisions as you struggle through your grief. And by the end of the journey, God may surprise you by the ways he uses to answer your heart's cry. Compassionately written by a woman who knows well these painful struggles, Hannah's Hope will direct you to the Source of strength, whose name is "the God of all comfort." Order on Amazon.com for \$15.



# PA FOR WOMEN



## LIGHT A CANDLE FOR MOM DURING WORSHIP

Mother's Day can be bitter-sweet for both mothers and children. Because it is the "hardest job in the world," many mothers long simply for a good night's sleep or some comfort for aching backs. For other mothers, it can be hard because of certain losses in life, or abusive situations. For some, it can be hard because they do it alone as a single mom. For some, it is hard because the children are far away either geographically or emotionally. Mixed feelings are common on this day for many moms.

Mother's Day can also be bitter-sweet for



children for many of the same reasons. Add to that the fact many children have had to bury their mothers due to illness, age, accident or other. There's never simply one message or meaning or sentiment on Mother's Day. There are dozens, hundreds, thousands. Yet, at Zoar we are a church, a single body. We are one.

Recognizing our oneness and our varying feelings, you are invited to light a candle in worship in memory of your mother or mother-like figure. Whatever she means to you will rise from the flaming candle to mix and mingle with the memories and feelings of others around you. In this way our prayers rise to God as one.

## HELPING ABUSED WOMEN

**Presentation: The Cocoon Shelter**  
**Sunday, May 8, 9:45 a.m.**  
**Sanctuary**

Women along with men are made in the image of God. That means there is something good and divine about women. Unfortunately, many women are abused and in hiding. Come learn what people in our community have been doing to help bring healing and hope to victims of domestic violence.



# Feed Our Families To Begin June 10

Plans are being made and items set into place for our Feed Our Families summer feeding program which will begin on June 10<sup>th</sup> and continue til school starts in August. Families with children on reduced cost meals during the school year are eligible to participate in this program. Watch the bulletin for opportunities to help with this worthwhile project. The delivery truck will need to be unloaded on a weekly basis, and food items need to be organized into our “grocery store” in preparation for clients shopping

the next day. Help with the Friday lunch preparation and serving is also needed. Even if you can help only one day, please contact Tracy Rickman at [Tracyrickman@hotmail.com](mailto:Tracyrickman@hotmail.com) or 419-206-7927.



## Tilapia Fish Farm Support A Grand Success

Jan and Jay Neilson are amazed by our generosity in support of the planned Tilapia Fish Farm in Haiti. During Lent, special Sunday School offerings were collected in a blue pvc tube, donations from many Lenten meals were given, and many adults included offerings in their weekly envelopes in support of the Tilapia Fish Farm that will be constructed through Missions International of America in the Savannette, Haiti.

Through all our hard work and generosity we were able to send a check for **\$3553.00** to the Neilsons. Sales of their hand-made bracelets and necklaces and wall art provided another **\$680.00** to support workers in Haiti.



## Zoar Makes a Difference

In recent weeks, Zoar members have been a part of several amazing works for Jesus. As Jesus told Peter to “feed my sheep,” Zoar has been doing the leg work.

**\$1,000**

**Contributed**

to end local hunger through Music with a Mission

**\$4,233**

**Contributed**

to stock a Tilapia Fish Farm in Haiti through Lenten meals and Sunday School offerings.

**Hundreds of lbs. of food collected**

through door to door canvassing by Zoar youth for local food pantries

**Dozens of Teddy Bears collected**

for traumatized children and forgotten elderly

**Tip of the Iceberg**

The difference Zoar makes doesn't begin and end with this list. Because, of course, all people of Zoar are working to make a better world in countless unseen ways. Much of the time, the good you do for Christ goes unnoticed and unrecognized. To that, let's just say AmaZing! Thank you for giving to the Lord. Keep up the good work!



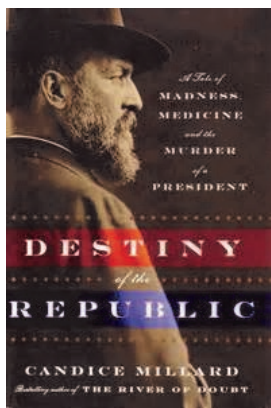
## For those who love a good book

Zoar's Book Club will meet again on Friday, May 6th, at noon. Our selection will be "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President" by Candice Millard.

Join us as we discuss the aftermath of the assassination of President James A. Garfield. Ruth Alteneder will be our facilitator, and we'll meet in the Conference Room.

Bring a sack lunch and a friend who loves to read. This will be our last meeting until Fall.

Call Bill Kahlenberg for more details.  
419.873.8295



Jameson and Lindsay Czech

## Young Marrieds to Gather

May 26 6 PM

As Zoar reaches full staffing, we look for great programs to continue multiplying across the board. This includes programs enriching the lives of young married couples with and without children at home. Jameson and Lindsay Czech are hosting an informal gathering to dream and strategize. They and other young (ish) couples, some with some without children, will meet for a cook-out and play-date for the children. If you are a young married couple or a parent of young children and are interested in being a part of the exciting conversation, please RSVP to [jamesonrczech@gmail.com](mailto:jamesonrczech@gmail.com) or [lczech@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:lczech@perrysburgschools.net). Meat/buns/condiments are provided. Please bring a side dish and a beverage your kids would like.

## Onboard with Zoar

*There's no doubt about it.* Zoar is the kind of place where you want to belong. The enthusiasm is contagious. So much is going on that we need every hand on deck. If we are not careful, wonderful people could slip through the cracks. We're not about to let that happen. To help all people at Zoar find their place within the Zoar community, Pastor Mike will offer an "onboarding" class. With this six week experience you will:

- feel closer to God,
- be more confident about your faith,
- make some new friends,
- glimpse at what's planned for the future,
- and explore ways to contribute

The course will begin in June at a time to be announced. You can help by pre-registering via email to [pastormike@zoarlutheran.com](mailto:pastormike@zoarlutheran.com). This is a great way for new members and people considering membership to take a sail with Zoar.





## the AmaZing Riley 5 years old

Life Happens! Fortunately at Zoar we can help make the life that happens for you *AmaZing*!

As you can see in the Zoar News, people are being regularly touched by Christ. He is here! Jesus Christ is reaching through Zoar into the community to lift up, love, and heal people.

Life happens! As your life unfolds, we at Zoar offer ourselves to you. We are here for you for all the turning points. From the birth of a baby to the death of a loved one, from the excitement of a renewed faith to the struggle to believe, from abundance to scarcity, Zoar is here for you. We'll celebrate with you. Support you.

*AmaZing!* is headed your way!



# Birthdays and Letters

## These Zoar members celebrate 85+ birthdays this month!

May 14 Rosemary Tymiak 6935 Monclova Rd. #513, Maumee, OH 43537

May 21 Jenny Sorgenfrei 200 Zoar Dr. #45, Perrysburg, OH 43551

May 22 Ruth Emch 22320 LeMoyne Rd., Luckey, OH 43443

Dear Zoar Friends,

I was surprised when Lois Staber knocked at my door. I received a cute cupcake. I certainly think everyone was just wonderful about my 86th birthday. Thank you all.

Rosemary Stange

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continuing support of Redeemer and our mission. We thank God for blessing us with your continuing support and caring. The Feed Your Neighbor program continues to supply much needed food for hungry folks and the after-school program is doing well thanks to Leigh Ann Meinecke. You are in our prayers!

The Redeemer Family

Dear Zoar Family,

My family and I wanted to declare our gratefulness for the support given so generously to us. Without the Zoar congregation, my brother Rick Royce would have passed away without a proper funeral service. Your kindness and graciousness allowed our entire family a chance to grieve and say goodbye. The Zoar family is truly a blessing and will always be appreciated.

Sincerely, Michelle Bittner

Dear Social Ministry Committee,

My thanks for the delicious birthday cake delivered to me by Amy Thornton. I enjoyed the cake and the visit with Amy very much.

Margaret Lusher

Dear Members of Zoar,

We want to thank you for your participation in the Thrivent Action Team Project of collecting and giving teddy bears to traumatized children and the forgotten elderly. This project will help many lives and hearts be impacted by the teddy bears collected and given. We collected a total of 322 teddy bears!

Thank you "beary" much! May all honor and glory of this project be given to God.

Blessings to all of you,  
Jeri Madsen and the Popcorn Gang



# Worship Servants for May

## Ushers 7:15

May Judy Schult  
Tom Schult

## 8:30

Jim Kwasniak  
Russ Heckman  
Glenn Abke  
Mary Ann Abke

## 11:00

Lee Grinnoneau  
Richard Sipp  
Judy Cooper  
Bill Bair

## Saturday Ushers

May 7 Terry & Rhonda Jones  
14 Cheryl Williams  
21 Jim Laine, Charlie Rinker  
28 Ken & Carolyn Vajen

## Lectors

### 7:15

May 1 Janis Stein  
8 Dorothy Beyer  
15 Ray Ruswinkle  
22 Judy Schult  
29

### 8:30

Rachel Abke  
Scott Libbe  
  
Marie Obrock  
Karen Lundholm

### 11:00

Nathan Englehart  
Roger Shoffner  
Elizabeth Emmert  
John Henzeler  
Terri Laurer

## Acolytes

### 8:30

May 1 Deakon Cady  
8 Connor Haar  
15 Marc Baroncini  
22 Charlotte Keller  
29 Marissa Thomas

### 11:00

Peter Erlenbusch  
Brody Schuppenies  
Nicholas Pett  
Sierra Stalzer  
Allison Myers

## Assisting Ministers 7:15

### May 1

8 Dorothy Beyer  
15  
22 Ray Ruswinkle  
29

### 8:30

Steve Hill  
Roger Geffe  
Carole Bohn  
Scott Geffe

### 11:00

Don Lieder  
  
Roger Shoffner

## Greeters

### 8:30

May 1/2 Isermans, Marcia Amstutz  
7/8 High School Youth, Doris Henline  
14/15 Karnes, Ackermans  
21/22 D. Sahloff, D. Current, Cindy Silvis  
28/29 Weavers, Karen Lundholm

### 11:00

Cynthia Blubaugh, Bairs  
C. Teare, R. Hazle, K. Robeson  
Meyers, J. Cooper, G. Odegard  
Ninkes, Vivian Corbin  
Lieders, Jo Moulton

## Saturday Greeters

Sally Freund  
Dave & Sue Gogel  
Cheryl & Ellen Williams  
Becky & John Hoge

## Sound

### May 1

7/8  
14/15  
21/22  
28/29

### 8:30

Chuck Ackerman  
Dave Sudman  
Russ Baker  
Carl Habekost  
Dave Sudman

### 11:00

Spencer Tye  
Vince Krolak  
Tom Trimble/Peter Cooper  
Greg Tye  
Tom Trimble

## Saturday

Paul Yarian  
Steve Doughten  
Doug Williams  
Doug Williams

## Counters

### May 1

Glenn & Mary Ann Abke, Alice Coy  
8 Carole Welling, Joyce Williams  
15 Russ & Nancy Heckman, Jane Tomko  
22 Chuck & Nancy Elvers  
29 Jim Kwasniak, Tom Dayton

## Altar Guild 7:15

### May 1

N. Johnson, L. Hagedorn  
8 Linda Hagedorn  
15 Nadine Johnson  
22 Linda Hagedorn  
29 Nadine Johnson

### 8:30

S. Todt, V. Karnes, D. Ehrmin  
Mary Ann Abke  
Andy Rex  
Connie Bricker  
Vicki Karnes

### 11:00

N. Jack, D. Besly, P. McNutt  
Karen Lundholm  
Carolyn St. Meyers  
Anne Downs  
Elaine Cutcher

## Directions

### 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:

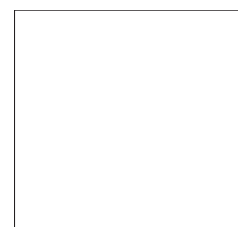
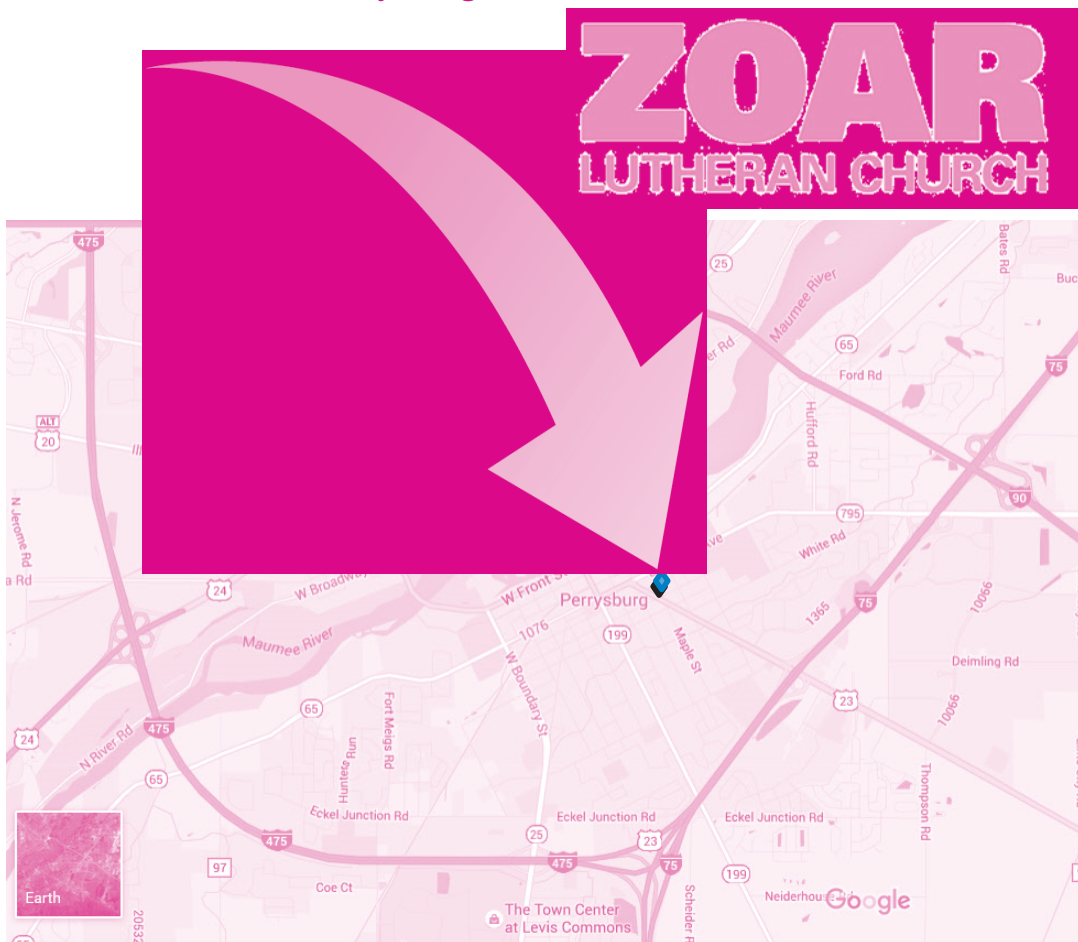
Merge onto Sandusky St/US-20 (exit number 193) toward PERRYSBURG/FORT MEIGS. Keep going straight. Zoar is about a mile ahead on the right side of the road.

*Zoar is an inclusive  
barrier-free community*



# Just Minutes from Everything & Everyone

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Senior Pastor: Tim Philabaum  
Community Pastor: 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)  
9:45 a.m.

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