



Be
AmazEd!

APRIL 2017

ZOARNEWS



INSIDE

EASTER EGG HUNT

Pg. 4

FIRST COMMUNION

Pg. 5

THE GATHERING

Pg. 6

THE AMAZING RACE

Pg. 8

40 JOIN ZOAR

Pg. 9

BABY BOOM!

Pg. 9

THE EASTER DIFFERENCE

There's a myth that says you've got to clean up your act before you can come to God. People tell themselves "I've got to get it all together. There are a few things I've got to get right in my life first, and then I'll come to God." That's like brushing your teeth before going to the dentist to have your teeth cleaned or washing the dishes before you put them in the dishwasher or picking up the house before the maid gets there! Why do we do this?



The truth is, God doesn't expect us to clean up our act before we approach him. The death and Resurrection of Jesus is God's statement on that. Jesus spread out his arms and said, "I love you this much. Now, just come as you are." In Psalm 57:3, the Bible says, "*He will send down help from heaven to save me because of his love*" (TLB). That's what Jesus did on Easter. And that's why we can bring our messes and failures to God. There are people you know who think God will never love them because they've made such a mess of their lives. But you know God wants them to come as they are. Help them hear the Good News from Jesus. Invite them to come to church with you this Easter. It's such a simple thing to do, but it can make a difference that will last for eternity.



314 E. Indiana Ave. Perrysburg, OH 43551

419.874.4346 www.zoarlutheran.com



from

Pastor Tim

Senior Pastor

pastortim@zoarlutheran.com

Forty

Since the beginning of March there have been 40 days (plus Sundays), leading up to the crux, the climax, the center. We have journeyed these 40 days, hearing of our mortality, growing in faithfulness (the 10 Commandments), growing in faith (the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed), centering on washing (Holy Baptism) and eating (Holy Communion), as well as learning with Adam & Eve, Nicodemus, the woman at the well, the man born blind, and others in scripture. Now, in the middle of April, the week becomes Holy.



Our steps take us with the crowd as Jesus rides into Jerusalem, and we too shout, "Hosanna!" We sit in the Upper Room, with washed feet, and receive the gift of Jesus given "for me." We stumble to the Garden, sleep, watch, and then in fear see Jesus taken from us. In shock we experience His trial, His beatings, His cross, His words of grace. And then Jesus dies. So with Mary Magdalene and others we go in silence to His tomb. On Saturday we sit with all the anguish of the world. (Is this the end?) Then early on Sunday, still in grief, we mount the hill with Mary, to finish the burial. But No! God has chosen a new way! Life #BeAmazed! Jesus, once dead is now alive, as we too shall days. The world is



Many have tried to give an explanation as to what God really was doing in all of this. For me it comes down to one thing: love. There was no other way God could enter the evil in my life, or in the life of all in the world, except through Jesus. There was no way God could bring us to Him except through the sacrificial love of Jesus on the cross. As Paul would write (Romans), "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ."

This is the foundation and bedrock of our faith. This is the center and joy of our faith. This is what makes sense in a world of senselessness. This is Love, stronger than death, stronger than fear, stronger than me or you, love for all eternity.

Sisters and brothers, as spring delights all around us, let that love flow through your broken heart, filling you with grace, and peace and joy in Jesus! Amen!



Schedule

Passion Weekend, April 8 (6pm) and 9 (7:15, 8:30, and 11)

We explore the last days of our Lord.

Special Monologue by the Centurion (Michael Searle)

Holy Monday – Maundy Thursday, April 10 -13

Early Morning Holy Communion at 7am

Maundy Thursday 11am and 7pm

Jesus washes feet and begins the gift of Holy Communion

Good Friday 7am

Ecumenical Morning service outside at Zoar's Cross

Ecumenical Noon Service at 1st United Methodist Church

Evening Good Friday Worship Service at 7pm

Holy Saturday, 6pm

First hints of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday

Sunrise at Ft. Meigs Cemetery, 6am

Easter Worship, 7am, 9am, 11am

THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

On Friday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. Zoar will present its Spring concert, The Triumph of the Cross: A Musical Journey to the Resurrection. Our Chancel Choir and several guest musicians will share their gifts and provide ample food for thought!



from

Omaldo

*Director of Music Ministries,
Organist*

operez@zoarlutheran.com

Dear Friends,

The center of the liturgical year is upon us: in less than two weeks, our Lenten journey will reach its zenith, and we will have a chance to behold the mystery of faith - Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again—in its purest and clearest form. In order to re-tell this glorious story, Zoar's music ministry is going to pull out all the stops. But keep in mind that regardless of what we do, we cannot do it well without you. To do our part, we need you to join us in worship: lend us your voices and your presence, so together we can affirm our faith and worship God with our whole being, together. Soli Deo Gloria.





from Madeline

Director of Youth Ministry
mthomas@zoarlutheran.com

This Lent, I have taken up a new practice of something completely outside of my comfort zone. Every Tuesday night, my 7 year old classmates and I gather in a room at the Y for guitar lessons. So far I've mastered "Ode to Joy." It's a humbling and often hilarious journey. But think back to when you were a child learning something for the first time... The newness, the excitement, the struggles, and the joys are all so much more lively as children, and sometimes we let it wear off over time. Trying something new as a family is a great way to connect with each other on a child's (or teen's!) level. Maybe even try a new spiritual practice together, such as bedtime prayer, faith walks, or family devotionals. Let me know how it goes!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 15th 10:00AM– Noon

The Easter Egg Hunt is open to children age 2 through 4th grade. No RSVP is necessary. This year will also feature an Easter celebration for Zoar youth in 5th grade and up! Join us for a fun family morning full of resurrection surprises. Light snacks will be served. The egg hunt portion will be separated by ages. Bring your own basket! All are welcome!



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

All 4th graders and any 5th graders who have not yet received First Communion are invited to participate in a series of classes to learn about this important Sacrament.

Classes will be held on the following dates:

Sunday April 2nd: Lesson 1 with 4th Grade Sunday School Teachers and Madeline in L4 classroom

Sunday April 9th: Lesson 2 and 3 with 4th Grade Sunday School Teachers in L4 Classroom

Sunday April 16th: No class, Easter Sunday

Sunday April 23rd: Preview of God's Amazing Kids (5th/6th Grade program) in Top Floor classroom

Sunday April 30th: Lesson 4 with Pastor Tim, 4th Grade Teachers, Madeline, and parents in L4 Classroom

Saturday May 6th/Sunday May 7th: First Communion and Bible Distribution at all worship services

To register for First Communion, email Madeline at mthomas@zoarlutheran.com or call 419 270 6233



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date for this summer's VBS!

MAKER FUN FACTORY
July 10th-14th 2017
from 9:00 AM to Noon



Online registration opens May 1st , 2017!

Visit www.zoarlutheran.com for details in late April

Stay tuned for exciting new offerings this year!

SUPPORT ZOAR YOUTH



This summer, 32 youth have committed to a summer of service and adventure. In the coming months, as a group they will complete 780 hours of service and show increased commitment to youth event attendance. These young people will also be immersed in a week at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado in order to grow their faith and connection to Creation and one another.

In the meantime, our youth need your support!

Congregation members (or visitors, friends, etc.) have the option to select 1 of 100 envelopes with a dollar amount between \$1 and \$100. The envelope will have a form to input name, address, and a request for a service to be provided by Zoar youth (cleaning, yardwork, babysitting, social media assistance, etc.) Service is optional, but once requested, it will be scheduled and completed by our youth before the July youth trip. Stock envelopes will also include an invitation to a Stockholder's Luncheon to be held Sunday July 30th, a free meal, served by youth, at which youth will share about their Sky Ranch experience.

See the youth bulletin board in the Gathering Area to select an envelope or to find out more about this interactive fundraiser.

Youth Group Update

Sunday April 2nd
Community Ecumenical
Youth Night at Fort Meigs
YMCA 6-8 PM

Sunday April 9th
No youth group– Holy Week

Sunday April 16th
No youth group– Easter

Sunday April 23rd
Youth Group Movie Night
5th-12th Grade

Sunday April 30th
High School Youth Group
Service Project– Humane
Society

Sunday May 7th
High School Youth Group
Humane Society Field Trip

Sunday May 14th
No Youth Group
Mother's Day

Sunday May 21st
Third Sunday Youth Group
5th-12th Grade
Putt-Putt and Go-Karts

Sunday May 28th
No Youth Group
Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday June 4th
Community Game Night at
Grace





from

Pastor Mike

Community Pastor
pastormike@zoarlutheran.com

I always like it when complicated things are made simple but still retain their truth. That's why I like the idea that the entire Bible can be boiled down to a single word:

RELATIONSHIP. God created us so that we could share in God's life. We are meant for life-giving relationships with God, with ourselves, and with each other. That can be hard. It takes effort. It takes time. But you will discover that as you make the effort and set aside the time for cultivating relationships, there is a great reward. Your faith begins to be reborn. And you are alive again in the Spirit.



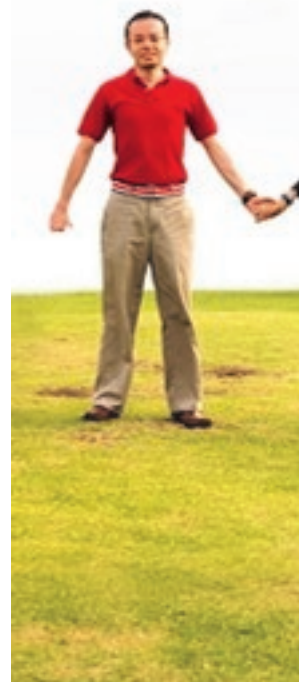
AT ZOAR:

Something New!

Starting April 2

9:45

The Gathering is Zoar's newest program, designed to help people develop more and better friendships within the church. In a church as large as we have, it is far too easy to walk in and walk out of worship without talking to anyone in a meaningful way. *The Gathering* promises to help people build friendships, learn something about the Bible, laugh, and wanting to come back. While *The Gathering* is perfect for parents with kids in Sunday School, all ages will find it a welcome experience. Grab a cup of joe, a treat, and just walk through the double doors into the Family Life Center. There are plenty of round tables and chairs.



COME AND LAUGH



Short videos like those from the "the skit guys" will be a regular feature of *The Gathering* on Sunday mornings. The Skit Guys have a knack of dealing with important and serious issues with a great sense of humor.

THE GATHERING

Casual Sunday Morning Adult Discussion

9:45 In the Family Life Center



Begins April 2

IMPROVE YOUR LIFE WITH ZOAR FRIENDS

A recent Mayo Clinic report highlights the incredible value healthy friendships can add to your life. Of course, it's not always easy to build or maintain friendships. But a first step is understand the importance of friendships and what the blessings of friendships are.

Good friends are good for your health. Friends can help you celebrate good times and provide support during bad times. Friends prevent loneliness and give you a chance to offer needed companionship, too. Friends can also:

- Increase your sense of belonging and purpose
- Boost your happiness and reduce your stress
- Improve your self-confidence and self-worth
- Help you cope with traumas
- Encourage you to change or avoid unhealthy lifestyle habits



Karen Mathison



THE AMAZING RACE: AN OPEN INVITATION

Summer Youth Program at Redeemer Lutheran Church is in its 13th year! We provide enrichment programming and two meals per day to youth from 4 to 15 years old. We are currently looking for a multigenerational staff able to join us in providing program in the following areas:

- Music
- Arts & Crafts
- Recreation
- Bible study
- Group leaders
- Preschool leaders
- 1st aid providers
("camp nurse")
- Kitchen help
- Lead enrichment activities
(skills or hobbies such as dance, cheerleading, watercolor, music, drama, karate, yoga, pottery, etc.
This list is unlimited!)



The work is rewarding and especially valuable to anyone thinking about or involved in a career in education, counseling, or youth work of any kind. Community service requirements can be met, too. Some positions come with a small stipend.

We run two 4-week sessions: June 12 through July 7 (with a break on July 3rd/4th) and July 10 through August 4. Hours are 8:00am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday. Enrichment leaders are needed from 11:20 to 12:50 and can arrange days/times as available.

Applications available at www.redeemertoleado.com. Interested people can contact Leigh Ann Meinecke, (419) 356-6123 or email leighann.meinecke@gmail.com

This summer set your sights on the race set before us! Join us in providing summer enrichment to the youth at Redeemer!

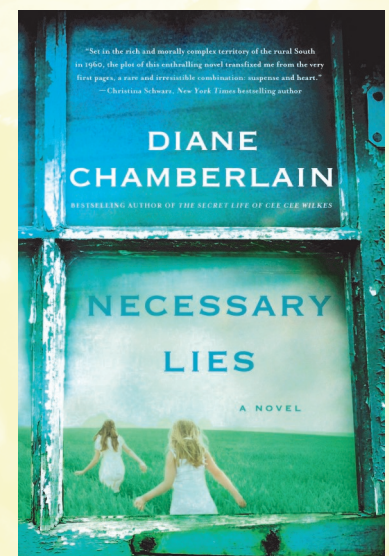


Leigh Ann
Meinecke

BOOK CLUB

**April 7
12:00
Friday**

Zoar's Book Club meets on the first Friday of each month at noon. Bring a sack lunch and thoughts for a lively discussion on the book of the month. *Necessary Lies*, by Diane Chamberlain, has been chosen for the April 7 gathering by leader Ruth Alteneder. Set in rural North Carolina in a time of state mandated sterilizations and racial tension, it is the compelling story of two women, seemingly worlds apart, yet both haunted by tragedy. They must ask themselves: can you act on your belief that something is right, when everyone is telling you it's wrong?



BABY BOOM!

A fascinating fact of life at Zoar these days has been the number of women who are in various stages of pregnancy. At any one time for the last several months, Zoar has had close to ten women expecting new babies. If you have been to Sunday worship, especially at the 11:00 service, you may have noticed several expecting moms or moms who have recently delivered.



Rachel Abke
(pictured above)

Carla Kaiser
Megan Williams

Laura Zylka
Ferren Duprae
(pictured above)

Kristin Muir
(pictured above)
Sarah Drummond
(pictured above)

Lindsay Czech
(pictured above)

Heidi Meyer
(pictured above)

Please keep these moms and their spouses in your prayers as well as those whose pregnancies are not included here.

FORTY JOIN ZOAR FEB 26



Welcome to Zoar!

Matt/Jean Whelan; Jimmy Chen/Mariana Mereoiu/KatieChen; Emily Curtis; Matt/Becky Liebrecht; Bruce Maxwell; Sean/Megan McNulty & Margot; Robin Nicholson & Arianna; Carol Pankratz; Neil/Jacqueline Taylor; Adam/Andrea Welch & Samantha, Connor, Derrick; Rachel Harberson; Brandi Fasnaugh; Don/Michelle Christie & Ryan, Olivia, Michaela; Dwight/Shannon Paul; Shawn/Ferren Duprae; Dennis/Maureen Murphy & Patrick, Joseph; Renee Murphy & Lane, Sloan.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's Bible study called Disciples of Christ begins a 10 week period of sessions, starting the first full week after Easter, ending the last Tuesday of June. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 PM each week at the church to discuss material chosen by the group. We'll either read, view or discuss the topic on hand. There is no homework involved nor preparation needed, just show up to be part of a fascinating group of men interested in learning more of God's Word in our personal lives. Come, check us out to see if this is something you might find enriching in your spiritual life. Contact the church office or Paul Smithers at 419-265-0203

(pcsnas@aol.com) with any questions. Also, follow our schedule listed in each Sunday's bulletin. We may start with a cookout at Smithers home for the first session on 4/26, again, check out the weekly bulletin for details. Come, bring a friend and enjoy.



WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR APRIL

USHERS

April Ray Ruswinkle
Larry Anning

8:30

Dale Brown
Lon Muir
Randy Bohn
Jim Dollar

11:00

Terry Harris
Scott Loehrke
Jim Ninke

SATURDAY USHERS

1 Ken & Carolyn Vajen
8
15 Terry & Rhonda Jones
22 Dave & Lisa Richard
29 Steve Doughten

LECTORS

April 2 Dorothy Beyer
9 Judy Schult
16 Ray Ruswinkle
23 Janis Stein
30 Dorothy Beyer

8:30

Marie Obrock
Alice Coy
Chuck Ackerman
Claire Ackerman
Rick Rettig

11:00

Derek Meyer
Dante Flores
Tom Berkebille
Heidi Meyer
Jason Scasny

ACOLYTES

April 2
9
16
23
30

8:30

Charlotte Keller, Sierra Stalzer
Aubrey Arndt, Sydney Doughten
Grant Knowlton, Jakob Rickman
Connor Haar, Brody Schuppenies

11:00

Marissa Thomas, Allison Myers
Nicholas Pett, Marc Baroncini
Jenna Rettig, Sydney Rettig
Deakon Cady, Peter Erlenbusch

ASSISTING MINISTERS

4/2
4/9
4/16
4/23
4/30

7:15

Dorothy Beyer
Ray Ruswinkle

8:30

Roger Geffe
Carole Bohn
Scott Geffe

11:00

Don Lieder
Roger Shoffner

GREETERS

April 2
9
16
23
30

8:30

M/M Weaver, Marilyn Brossia
M/M Johnson, Karen Lundholm
M/M Paul Smithers, Shar Cook
M/M Glenn Abke, M/M Easterwood
M/M Tom Iserman, Marcia Amstutz

11:00

Kathi & Jordan Saleh, High School Youth
J. Henzler, E. Emmert, D. Beyer
Ruth Alteneder, Judy Cooper, Gloria Odegaard
Dave & Denise Matthews, Keith Robeson
Roger & Pam Shoffner, Cynthia Blubaugh

SATURDAY GREETERS

1 Dave & Lisa Richard
8 Cheryl & Ellen Williams
15 Ken & Carolyn Vajen
22 Karen Schlatter
29 Bill & Janet Smith

SOUND

April 2
9
16
23
30

8:30

Chuck Ackerman
Peter Cooper
Doug Williams (7am) Tom Trimble (9am)
Chuck Ackerman
Carl Habekost

11:00

Vince Krolak
Spencer Tye
Russ Baker (11am)
Carl Hebekost
Tom Trimble

SATURDAY SOUND CREW

1 Ryan Williams
8 Doug Williams
15 Doug Williams
22 Steve Doughten
29 Ryan Williams

COUNTERS

April 2
9
16
23
30

Chuck/Nancy Elvers, Heidi /Derek Meyer
Glen/Mary Abke, Alice Coy
Carole Welling, Joyce
Russ/Nancy Heckman, Jane Tomko
Jim Kwasniak, Tom Dayton

ALTAR GUILD

April 2
9
13
16
23
30

Johnson/Schroeder
Johnson/Hagedorn (7am)
Amstutz
Bricker

8:30

Ehrmin/Warren/Karnes
Johnson/Todt (9am)
Rex
Abke

11:00

Jack/Besly/Todt
Johnson/Cutcher (11am) Abke/Hoverson (7pm)
Besly/Hoverson
McNutt
Meyers

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/3 Mary Ellen Kohl
4/6 Gerald Moser
4/7 Charles Fansler
4/12 Richard Hazle
4/15 Pat Buenting
4/16 Jacques Everhart
4/18 Carrie Osgood
4/21 Don Thornton
4/23 Roy Lessing
4/30 Phyllis Belch



NEWSLETTER SPONSORS



Witzler-Shank Funeral Homes
Providing Personal Pathways to Celebration and Healing
Perrysburg **Walbridge**
 419-874-3133 419-666-3121
www.witzlershank.com



Bill Rickman
 President/Owner
 419-360-2636
brickman@tutordoc.com
 Trusted In-Home Tutoring
www.tutordoc.com
Schedule a consultation today!
 419-318-5995

To place an ad in the Zoar News flier,
 Please contact Pastor Mike.
pastormike@zoarlutheran.com
 419-345-2836

www.edwardjones.com

We Understand Commitment.


For decades, Edward Jones has been committed to providing financial solutions and personalized service to individual investors.

You can rely on us for:

- **Convenience**
Locations in the community and face-to-face meetings at your convenience.
- **A Quality-focused Investment Philosophy**
A long-term approach that focuses on quality investments and diversification.
- **Highly Personal Service**
Investment guidance tailored to your personal needs.

Call or visit today.

Lee Odegaard, CFP®, AAMS®
& Loren Odegaard, AAMS®
 Financial Advisors
 215 Louisiana Avenue
 Perrysburg, OH 43551
 (419) 874-8504



Edward Jones®
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Member SIPC



Chris Baroncini
 RE/MAX Executives
 #1 Company Sales Leader
 2013 - 2015 3rd Year Straight!
 13 Years Licensed Realtor
 Tel: **419-283-9752**
baronsells@bex.net
www.baronsells.com

Member Zoar Lutheran Church
 Resident Perrysburg, Ohio

Thinking of Selling Your Home?

Save Time & Money with Chris Baroncini

SAVE THOUSANDS
on the sale of your home

- ◆ 2.5% Total Comm. - I Find Buyer.
- ◆ 5% Total Comm. - Any Realtor Brings Buyer.

Why Pay More To Sell Your Home??
 Sell Your Home For As Low As...

2.5% Total Commission!

- ◆ No Hidden Fees
- ◆ No Surprises
- ◆ FULL RE/MAX SERVICE!
- ◆ **Including Aggressive Marketing:**
 - Multiple Listing Service
 - Dozens Of The Top Internet Sites
 - Paper Advertising (Blade + Others)
 - & Much More!



"Free Market Evaluation on your home"

Outstanding Agents. Outstanding Results.



Different commission rates, fees, and listing & marketing services may be offered by other RE/MAX franchisees and sales associates serving this market area.



NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 49
Perrysburg, Ohio

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Philabaum
Community Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mike Brown
Seminary Intern: Kevin O'Bryan
Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Omaldo Perez
Director of Youth Ministry: Madeline Thomas
Administrative Manager: Dale Nordahl
Secretary: Suzanne DeLaney
Custodian: Paul Cannon

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

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.

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
314 E Indiana Ave, Perrysburg, OH

ZOAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

