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THREE TRUTHS FOR LIFE

God is the source of everything. Everything you see in the world and everything you can't see in the world and in the universe, God made. He's the source of every good thing, for you and for the world. As you live from God's goodness, there are three basic truths you need to remember.



First, everything is a gift from God. Nothing you have, have you earned. It's all a gift of God's grace. The Bible tells us in James 1:17, *"Every good and perfect gift is from above"* (NIV). That's why in the Lord's Prayer we use the word "give." "Give us this day our daily bread." Why? Because it is a gift. You can't earn it.

Second, there's nothing you need that God can't provide. You don't know what you're going to need the rest of this year. But whatever it is, God has the power to supply it. The Bible says this in Philippians 4:19: *"My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."* Glorious resources means as lavish as only God can lavish. God has unlimited resources.

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from Pastor Tim

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This past May, the Lutheran World Federation (a world-wide association of Lutheran churches) met in Namibia, at which the Lutheran Namibian Archbishop, Musa Panti Filibus, was elected as President of the Federation. Interestingly, they met not in Wittenberg, Germany, on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, but in an area in which there are more Lutherans than in Europe or the U.S. The Lutheran movement has become so much more than just brats and kraut (or lutefisk and lefse). It remains centered on God's grace seen in the cross and empty grave of



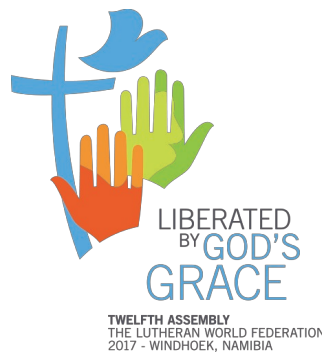
Jesus.

The theme for the convention focused on three items that are “not for sale:” salvation, human beings, and creation. “Salvation - not for sale,” is the key understanding of the Reformation, that salvation is a gift of the love of God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We cannot earn God's favor, it is free. God does not promise us “happiness” if we are perfect enough. God freely gives us love.

“Human being – not for sale” calls us to see in each person the presence of God. Each is to be integrity. So, as human trafficking, prejudice, working out, in need, away not for sale” calls home as loving uncaring owners. justice are tied disciple.

All this as we in celebrate the closer sisters and brothers in other denominations. In the John's Gospel Jesus prayed that all His followers be one. May that unity come yet in my life.

So, how does all of this connect with you and me? Discipleship in Jesus is so much more than just my needs. We are part of a community around the world, and from all time. We are led by an amaZing God who not only loves completely, but calls us to love as God does. And we have this good news of Jesus to share. And right where we live, we are gifted to serve in the name of Jesus, bringing God's love. God's gifts are not for sale, but we are blessed to share them. May you be strengthened in your love, service, and awareness of God's love for you!



this Lutheran movement ties we have with our

SACRED ART SHOW



The Liturgical Arts committee has assembled a **SACRED ART SHOW** to be viewed Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11 between 4pm – 8pm or before any church service. This collection includes works of twelve artists from across the country. One goal of the Arts Committee is to secure a legacy of fine art throughout the building to enrich our surroundings, promote thought and discussion through the interpretation of art, and to glorify God through the creations made by religious artists. We have identified several areas where artwork would be appropriate: Gathering Space, Sanctuary entrances and Children's hallway. This collection includes many styles and themes. Prices range from \$50 - \$2000. Our hope is that members of Zoar will purchase a piece of art that engages them, and donate it to the church. For larger, more expensive pieces, donations may be "bundled together". It is also possible to commission a piece of art, based on the style represented at the show. Members of the Arts Committee will be available to talk about the pieces and answer questions about the artist and their work. Printed programs will include statements from each artist and the inspiration for their piece. Some of the artists represented include:

John Stewart, (Minneapolis)

artist for Augsburg bulletin covers, graphic, bold style

Hope Wilmarth (Spring, TX)

renowned fibre artist, abstract collage on spiritual themes

Dee Baker (Napoleon)

painter and ceramic communion vessels, Tree Of Life themes

Kirsten Malsom Berry (central Iowa)

offset printing on New Testament themes

Thomas Gelsauliter (MI)

ceramic tile cross designs

Robyn Sand Anderson (Decorah, IA)

acrylic on paper inspired by texts of sacred music

Teresa Hodgson (northern CA)

fiber artist, themes of prayer and spirit, large pieces

Gary Wilson (Monroe, MI)

ceramic artist, 3-D plates based on Biblical parables



from
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It is June, and like a song says, "the sheep aren't sheepish anymore!" Here at Zoar, we are wrapping up the first half of our 2017 program year, and we will do so by commemorating our 500 years of heritage with one more opportunity to sing together. On Sunday, June 11 at four o'clock, several of the musicians who led worship at the New Orleans ELCA's triennial Churchwide in August 2016 will join us. Our guests will come from different parts of the US and will lead Zoar in a Hymn Festival. A hymn festival is a venerable tradition where a congregation gathers to celebrate and meditate on God's word as experienced in hymns, music, and short meditations. The title of the event is *Called by the Spirit; Embracing the Dance*. Do not miss it!



Come enjoy these beautiful works of art! This event coincides with the hymn



from Madeline

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Summer is officially here! Our summer theme for youth ministry is “A summer of service, a summer of adventure, a summer of letting God fill in the blank. There are lots of live out this mission this summer at Zoar! Our Young Families small groups have gatherings on the calendar– don’t miss out! VBS preparation is in full swing– invite neighbors and friends, we are expecting a big crowd this year! Bike rides will be abundant for all ages! Feed Our Families serves meals, groceries, and smiles every Friday! Relaxing days might be here but Zoar is still a busy place! Join in the fun, meet someone new, and let God fill in the blank!

Register NOW for Vacation Bible School!



**July 10th-14th 2017
9:00 AM- Noon**

**Register at:
www.zoarlutheran.com**

New this year at VBS!

We have some special plans for Vacation Bible School this year!

-Mixed age crews! This family-style set-up empowers older kids to be leaders and keeps our youngest kiddos well-cared for. Have a request for certain kids to stick together? Let Madeline know before July 1st.

-We're planning some fun partnerships with Imagination Station! More information to come! This programming will be for those registered for VBS only.

-Ice Cream Social featuring SpokeFolk! Our annual staples of ice cream and inflatable fun will be joined by a special performance by SpokeFolk, a traveling bike ministry by high school and college age youth. Their music, skits, and more will have important messages for our youth and families!



Online registration is now open for this summer's Vacation Bible School! Visit www.zoarlutheran.com for the registration link. It's quick and easy!

Click on the orange scrolling banner on the home page.

For youth and adult volunteers: 5th grade and up We need lots of volunteers! Use your gifts to make VBS a success! Volunteer registration is online, too!

ZOAR YOUTH CAMPOUT

Love Zoar Lock-Ins but ready to try something new? Ready for a night of adventure? Sign up now for the youth campout! We will be tent camping at the group campsite in Oak Openings Metropark. Join Madeline and adult leaders Tom and Jason for a night of fun in the woods! Not an outdoors person? No worries, metropark restroom facilities are close by. Activities include games, dinner and worship around a campfire, and a morning hike through God's Creation! As always, friends are welcomed and encouraged. To register: contact Madeline by June 6th. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, hiking shoes, a Bible, and a tent if you have one!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Youth Stock Sale raised **\$2,373.00** and counting!

Many thanks to those of you who have supported our youth as they prepare for their summer trip to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. Your contributions toward the Stock Sale have been generous and abundant and we are so grateful! If you contributed to the Stock Sale by purchasing an envelope, but have not yet received confirmation, please see Madeline. We want to make sure we have a complete list of supporters in order to send Stockholder Luncheon invitations later this month. The Luncheon will be Sunday July 30th after 11:00 worship. Youth will share photos, stories, and music from their week of Encountering Christ on the Mountaintops throughout this event. Thank you for sharing in our excitement and anticipation of this faith-filled experience!

STOCKHOLDER'S LUNCHEON
Sunday July 30th at Noon in the FLC



Youth Group Update

Sunday June 4th
Community Game Night at Grace
5th-12th Grade
Gaga Ball, Volleyball, Dodgeball
Time TBD

Youth Overnight June 10th-11th
Oak Openings Metropark Group Camp Site
Meet at Zoar at 4 pm
Return to Zoar at noon
Check youth board for details

Summer in the City Service Week
June 22-24th
Day camp style, leave from Zoar each morning
See Madeline to RSVP

Sunday June 25th
Water Balloon Extravaganza
5-7 pm
Campfire at Lutheran Church of the Master
7-9 pm

July 10th-14th
Vacation Bible School
Volunteering





from

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As a kid, I always had a special love for bikes. I loved to ride them, modify them, and race them. Like many of you, I would clip playing cards onto the bike frame with clothes line clips so that when I rode it, it would make an exciting sound. I had a bike that looked like a “chopper.” Another had a “sissy bar” with a steering wheel instead of handle bars. What great times! My favorite was the “dirt” bike that I used to ride, race, and jump on the tracks near where I lived. Revive your memories with me starting in June with the Zoar Slow Roll Bike Ride. It is one thing sure to make you smile.



SLOW ROLL

Every Thursday

June 1-Aug 24

Grilled Hot Dogs 5:30 PM

Roll Out 6:00 PM

And the survey said. . . .!!!

Thursdays in Perrysburg are better than ever! In addition to the fabulous downtown Farmers Market, we invite you to stop by Zoar at 5:30 for a grilled hot dog, followed by a Slow Roll through the streets of historic Perrysburg. Bikers will leave at 6pm and enjoy a ride that ends at the Commodore just in time for Music at the Market at 7pm. Riders that choose to skip the concert, can head back to Zoar.

Bicyclists of all ages are welcome to join our ride through the Burg. Routes have been prepared by Charlie Gris, founder of Perrysburg Slow Rollers. We will have a leader each week, ready to take you on a fascinating journey of



historic homes, hidden surprises (urban chickens, anyone?) and relaxed conversation with Zoar members

and friends.

Dust off your bike, find your helmet and begin a new summer tradition! Thursday. . . Market. . . Zoar. . . bike ride!! Rides will run every week (unless weather is severe) from June 1 – August 24. Join us for an amaZing night of summer fun!

LL BIKE RIDE



SCIENCE PROVES BIKING BENEFITS

You probably thought that biking was just a fun pastime. As it turns out, several scientific studies have revealed a wide variety of benefits that come to you while you ride. For example, consider these benefits straight from the halls of Harvard Research: Increasing Your Brain Power, Living a Longer Life, Sleeping More Deeply, Preventing Some



Cancer, Losing Fat, Improving Your Heart, Boosting Your Bowels, Feeling Better About Yourself, Getting a

Legal High, Making Friends, Recharging Your Energy, Recovering Faster From Injuries, Making

Creative Breakthroughs, Increasing Family Time, and Improving Sex Life.

PETS WELCOME!



Many bike owners have discovered the joy of including their pet on a bike ride. If you would like to bring your canine companion on the Zoar Slow Roll Bike Ride, please feel free to do so. But please review pet safety and etiquette guidelines at petmd.com for a successful experience.



COMFORT FOR THE HURTING

Zoar joins Lutherans around the world in 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. 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. 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 cabinet along the wall near the elevator. **For more information contact Lois Staber 419-872-7232 or Jackie Springer 419-872-9689.**



NOISY BUCKET OFFERING!



Thank you, Zoar! Your generous noisy bucket collection went a long way to making the Summer Youth Program at Redeemer a reality! Look at all the kids on those steps! Total is \$5107. Registrations are starting to come in and staff is ready to go. I will share stories and keep you posted during the program! For now... on behalf of the families in the neighborhood...

Thank you!

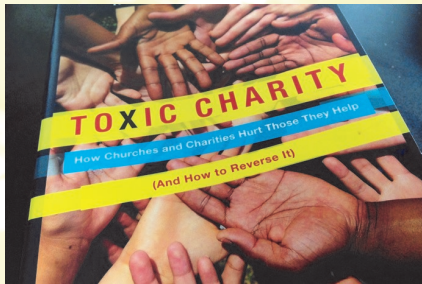
Sincerely,
Leigh Ann Meineke

SUMMER MEANS VACATION

For many of us summer-time means taking time off from our normal routines and work schedules for some very necessary rest and recreation. Why not? You deserve it. You work hard to provide for yourself and your loved ones. Even more, the Bible values rest and recreation so much that there is even a command for it: “Keep the Sabbath, holy.” Regular time off is a gift that God wants us to enjoy. Through rest and recreation, God resupplies us with greater mental health, increased creativity, a better outlook on life, improved relationships, better sleep, and improved thinking. Let’s encourage each other to embrace a time of rest and recreation.

Not only that but let’s also be encouraged to continue our regular offering and support of the church through the summer. While we may take vacations, the work and ministry of Zoar does not take a vacation.. You can always mail in your weekly offering, walk it into the office, or use the online giving portal on Zoar’s webpage: <http://www.zoarlutheran.com/give-financially>.

DO MORE BY DOING BETTER



Toxic Charity Book Study

**Beginning Thursday
June 8th
7:00 pm**

Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee Books can be purchased on Amazon or Shar Cook will have a supply. Please have the first 2 chapters read for our first meeting. For more information contact: Sharla Cook at 419-874-5808 or shar.cook.3@gmail.com

In this important work, Lupton reveals the shockingly toxic effects that modern charity has upon the very people meant to benefit from it. *Toxic Charity* provides proven new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve. *Toxic Charity* shows us how to start serving needy and impoverished members of our communities in a way that will lead to lasting, real-world change.

FEED OUR FAMILIES BEGINS JUNE 9

Feed Our Families begins June 9 in the Family Life Center. The program continues throughout 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 meal 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 over 23,000 meals to the local community. You can help end hunger. Simply ask Tracy, "How can I help?"



In addition to helping with the weekly distribution for those in need, we are asking for your help in collecting non-food items. For the month of June, we are requesting donations of shampoo and conditioner. Please place your items in the marked bin in the Gathering Space. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact Tracy Rickman at 419-206-7927 or Cynthia Blubaugh at 419-376-1851.



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Third, God wants to give you everything you need. Matthew 7:11 says, "If you ... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" God wants to meet your need.

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR JUNE

USHERS

June Tom Dayton
Greg Williams

7:15

8:30

Mark Lathrop

11:00

Dan Bartels
Tom Berkebile
Donna Besly
Tom Trimble

SATURDAY USHERS

3 Terry & Rhonda Jones
10 Dave & Lisa Richard
17 Steve Doughten
24 Cheryl Williams

LECTORS

June 4 Judy Schult
11 Ray Ruswinkle
18 Janis Stein
25 Dorothy Beyer

7:15

8:30

Roger Geffe
Leigh Ann Meinecke
Marie Obrock
Alice Coy

11:00

Don Lieder
Elizabeth Emmert
Ann Lieder
John Henzeler

ACOLYTES

June 4 Aubrey Arndt
11 Grant Knowlton
18 Jenna Rettig
25 Chase Saneholtz

8:30

11:00

Sydney Doughten
Jacob Rickman
Ben Robeson
Andrew Swoap

ASSISTING MINISTERS

June 4
11 Dorothy Beyer
18 Ray Ruswinkle
25

7:15

8:30

Roger Geffe
Carole Bohn
Scott Geffe

11:00

Don Lieder
Roger Shoffner

GREETERS

June 4 M/M Heckman, M/M Easterwood
11 M/M Smithers, Marcia Amstutz
18 M/M Heslup, M/M Bricker
25 Lida Ryan, Marilyn Brossia

8:30

11:00

John Henzler, Elizabeth Emmert, Vivian Corbin
Kathi and Jordan Saleh, Lisa Hoverson
Ruth Alteneder, High School Youth
Jo Moulton, Judy Cooper, Gloria Odegaard

SATURDAY GREETERS

3 Sondra Alexander
10 Karen Schlatter
17 Dee Lowrie
24 Ken & Carolyn Vajen

SOUND

June 4 Chuck Ackerman
11 Dave Sudman
18 Carl Habekost
25 Vince Krolak

8:30

11:00

Russ Baker
Greg Tye
Spencer Tye
Tom Trimble

SATURDAY SOUND CREW

3 Ryan Williams
10 Doug Williams
17 Martha Amstutz
24 Doug Williams

COUNTERS

June 4 Jim Kwasniak, Tom Dayton
11 Chuck & Nancy Elvers, Heidi & Derek Meyer
18 Russ & Nancy Heckman, Jane Tomko
25 Carole Welling, Joyce Williams

ALTAR GUILD

June 4 N. Johnson, L. Hagedorn
11 Marcia Amstutz
18 Nadine Johnson
25 Jane Schroeder

7:15

8:30

Denise Ehrmin, J. Springer
Jane Schroder
Mary Ann Abke
Vicki Karnes
Andrea Rex

11:00

Nancy Jack

Lisa Hoverson
Carolyn St. Meyers
Marcia Amstutz

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/4 Mary Meier
6/6 Shirley Cannon
6/17 Gloria Weidner
6/18 Hazel Deuble
6/23 June Flaughter
6/23 Dorothy Whitacre
6/23 Marvin Widdel
6/27 William Fisher



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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
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