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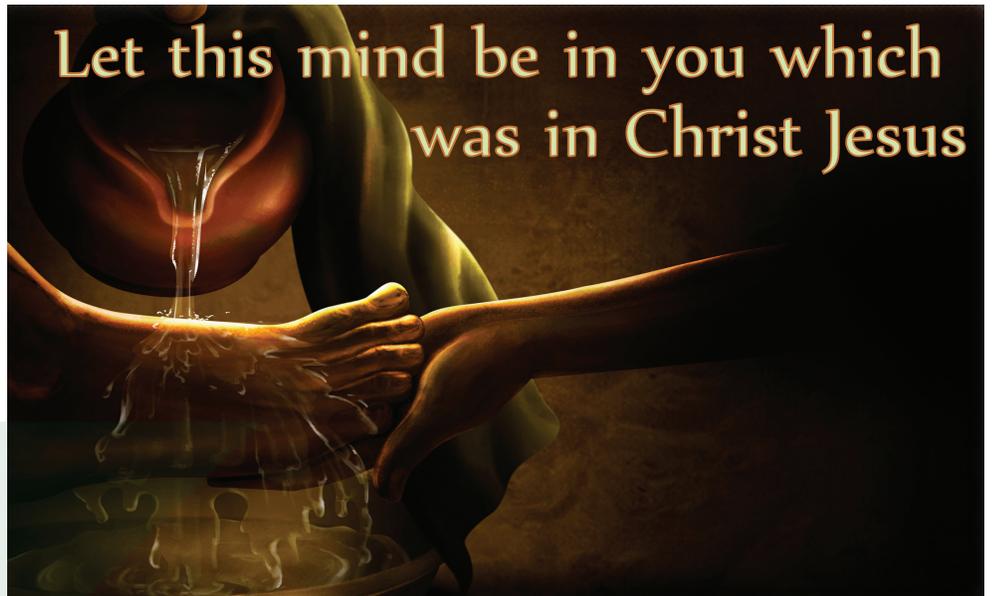
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ZOAR UPDATES CONSTITUTION QUALITY CHURCH LEADERSHIP

One of the highlights of a trip to Washington DC is to go see the US Constitution. On the website of the US Archives it is called the Document of the People. It has undergone change and revision since its debut. Amendments have been added. Laws and court rulings to interpret and apply the amendments add even more layers. It is a living document that evolves with time. The same can be said of a church constitution. Every church in America has some sort of governing document. And as the times change, so too, do the needs of a church's governing documents. It has been many years since Zoar has updated its constitution. That is why Zoar's church council made it a major priority to update the constitution and present it for approval to the entire congregation at the 2019 annual meeting. The task force charged with this task does not start from scratch but from a template, or model constitution, provided by the ELCA's national church office. That template, includes what are considered best practices for Lutheran churches. There will be several opportunities for members to view, read, and discuss this Document of the People before adoption.



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DOES GOD TAKE A VACATION?

July is an awesome month. Yes, it's true that that I really love winter, that I love cold, that I love outside when it's not hot. But July is awesome.

There's that sense that summer could go on forever. The sun coming up early and going down late, the gatherings around water-places, the fruits and veggies, family gatherings and parties, and even the celebration of freedom and this country. July is awesome.

Schedules change, even on Sunday mornings. July can be the time for renewal and refreshment and family in all sorts of places, helping us as we prepare for the upcoming school and schedule year. But, it's short – just 31 days.

Does God take a vacation? What does God do to renew God's self? Does God get tired? Of course, God is not human. God not only has energy, God is energy. With no beginning and no ending, God is constant in God's giving. And this energy is love.

We do know, from Paul's letter to the Philippians, that Jesus "emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant." In all of

God's godliness, Jesus became one of us, totally human (yet, as we know from church history, Jesus was not only totally human but also fully divine). In Jesus' death and resurrection, all of life was reconciled to God, all of life restored, all of life set on the correct path of God's amazing love.

So, enjoy this month! Change your routine! Breathe in the gifts of the middle of summer! Remind yourself of the warmth of God's love. And in the midst of all of this, remember, as St. Paul wrote in Romans, "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Nothing. Not where you are. Not what you have done. Not what others say about you. Not how you feel about yourself. Not what's happening in your life. Nothing.

You are God's beloved daughter, beloved son. Celebrate this good news in the midst of July-joy!



WORSHIP ON THE LAWN JULY 1ST AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Once again we will gather with Lutheran Church of the Master to celebrate the gift of God's grace, and the gifts of this country. On Sunday, July 1, the 242nd Birthday of the United States, there will be only one worship service, at 10am, outside behind Master's building. Songs, thanksgivings, God's Word, and Holy Communion will be the focus, as we offer our praise to our amaZing God. You are invited to bring your lawn chairs or blankets for this time of worship. There will be the normal Saturday worship at Zoar on June 30, 6pm.



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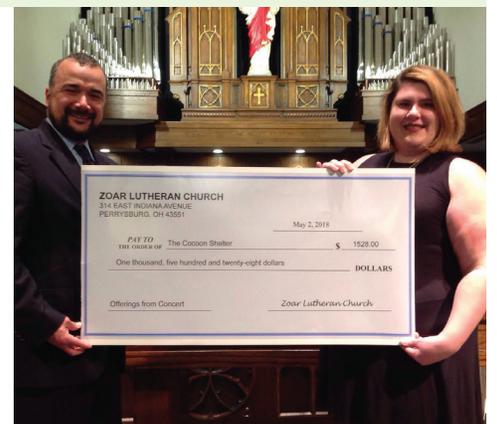
As I write these words, I am amazed it is already July. 2018 has been an incredibly busy and successful year of ministry, and I would like to thank you for your support. It was only a few weeks ago that we performed Handel's Oratorio La Resurrezione to much fanfare. In the process, our latest Music-with-a-Mission project helped raise \$1,528 for Cocoon Shelter. Zoar's concerts make a difference for the better in the world.

Speaking of the future, you will notice that our very own Music-with-a-Mission is Zoar's designated Special Offering for July. We hope we can count on your financial support to help us bring to Zoar many great concerts that live up to our motto: **Zoar Gathers, Grows, and Gives!**



YOU'VE GOT TALENT A TIME & TALENT UPDATE

Wow! Zoar members have talents and time to share! Huge thanks to those who completed the recent time and talent form. We are working behind the scenes to organize, and enter all the rich gifts that you are offering up to increase our ministries. Keep your eyes here for further information soon especially focused on our worship opportunities! Haven't filled out your time and talent form yet? Stop by the church office anytime! Thanks Shar Cook and Karen Mathison

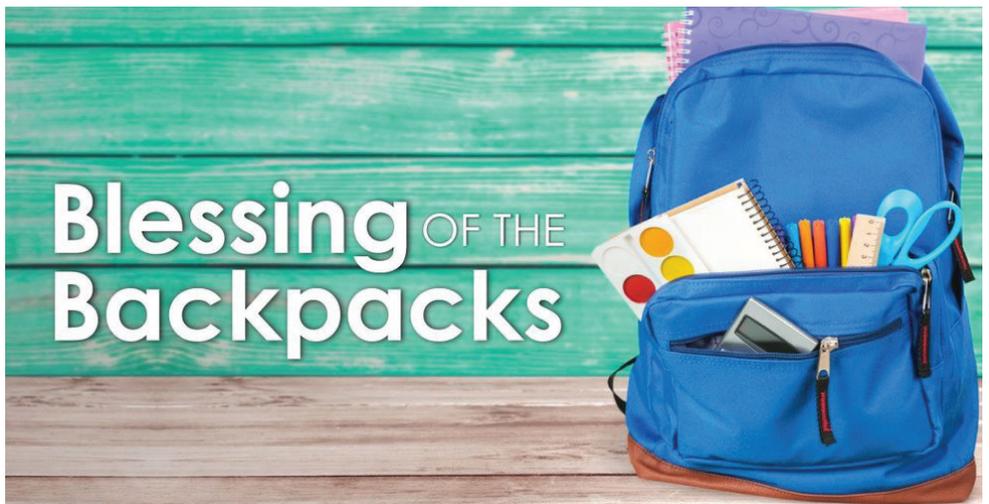


CAMP MOWANA
5TH - 8TH GRADE
SUMMER RETREAT

AUGUST 10TH - 12TH

Join us for a weekend in the wilderness in beautiful Camp Mowana. Experience hiking, games, a campfire (with s'mores), crafts, worship and more with other amazing Zoar youth!

RSVP by July 27TH with Amanda at ARICH@zoarlutheran.com



EARLY AUGUST
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
AUGUST 5TH 11 AM SERVICE

Join us for Blessing of the Backpacks August 5th at the 11AM service. Children of ALL AGES are encouraged to bring their backpack or work bag for a blessing for the new academic year.

SHIPWRECKED: SAVED BY JESUS VBS
July 9TH - 13TH 9 AM - 12 PM

There is still time to register for Zoar's summer Vacation Bible School for kids! Register online at www.zoarlutheran.com/vbs-2018. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings.

IF YOU THINK CHURCH IS JUST FOR FAMILIES

REMEMBER JESUS WAS SINGLE

Church can certainly seem geared to married types, whether with or without children. For singles, it can be hard to know exactly how to fit in. That's odd given the fact that the founder of the faith was single his entire life.

Pastor Mike is looking for singles 20-40 to start a new group. Please contact him in person, at 419-345-2836 or at pastormike@zoarluthean.com if you or someone you know might benefit from this group.





from

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It has been a fabulous summer so far here at Zoar! Our youth programming kicked-off this month with the Annual Summer Throwdown Dodgeball Event at Grace Church. Both of our Zoar teams played very well! In fact "Team AmaZing" even took home the second place prize. It was a wonderful time to share in fellowship with our friends in the Perrysburg community.

Our youth attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX will be sharing their stories for their Stockholders and friends July 22nd at 12PM for a Stockholder Brunch. Please join us to hear about the youth's trip and their wonderful experiences while serving together.

That time is finally here! This month we hold our annual Vacation Bible School July 9th-13th. We are excited to journey through bible stories, crafts and more with you all as we journey through this year's theme: Shipwrecked. In addition to VBS, Zoar youth will be participating in Summer in the City, a week devoted to service in Toledo.

I look forward to spending time with you all very soon!

SUMMER IN THE CITY

JULY 26TH - 28TH

Youth of Zoar will be joining other youth and families in serving in the heart of Toledo. In the past youth have served alongside our friends at Redeemer Lutheran and Salem Lutheran Churches.

Interested in joining us? RSVP with Amanda at ARICH@zoarlutheran.com

JULY 3RD SUNDAY

JULY 15TH

MS/JH/HS join us for mini-golf and go carts on 3RD Sunday, July 15TH!

Stay tuned for more details from Amanda on this upcoming event!





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During my first year at Odessa Junior College, I played a lot of tennis. I wasn't on the team. Those days were long behind me. But, I took the tennis physical education class each semester just to have the best access to the courts and coach. One week was especially rainy, unusual for West Texas, so the coach took us into the gym where we learned to play Pickleball. I thought I was in heaven! It felt like a combination of my favorite two activities, tennis and ping pong. We only had one class session to play this new game but it sure did make a strong impression on me. I always thought if I ever got the chance to play it again, I would jump at it. We've had Pickleball at Zoar now for several months and I have haven't yet "jumped at it." But, I am about to venture out. Won't you join me? Keeping our bodies moving is a great way to feel better and keep sharp. The Bible tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:9). And as we care for these temples, we will experience the movement of the Spirit more strongly through our days.

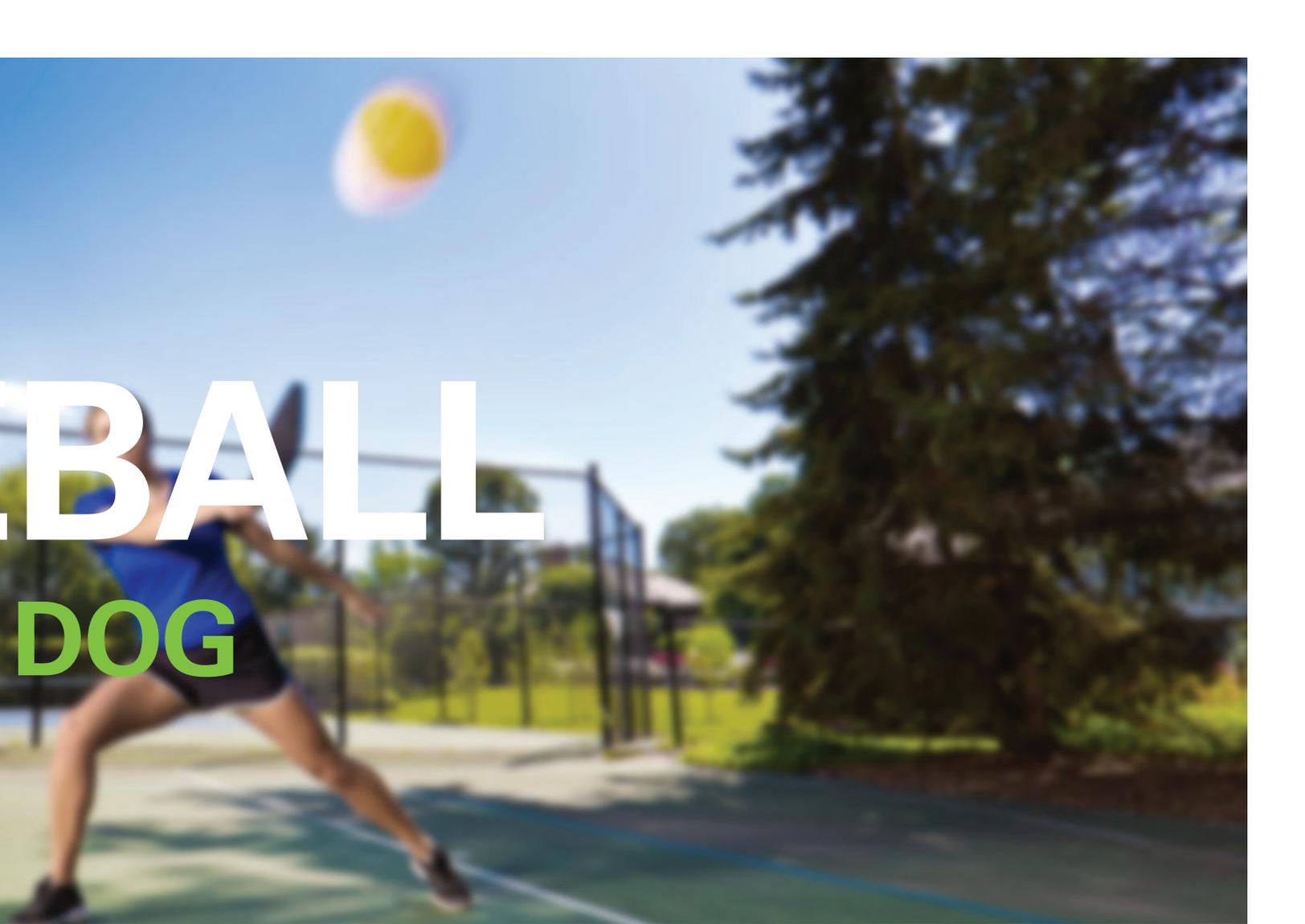


AMERICA'S FASTEST GROWING SPORT NOW AT ZOAR

For a sport named for a family pet (Pickles), it's hard to imagine that Pickleball would become America's fastest growing sport. Played on indoors and outdoors courts, it has taken the country by storm.

Now, it has come to Zoar. With two courts outlined on the floor of the Family Life Center, a dozen people meet each Tuesday afternoon and evening for an hour or two of healthy exertion. Pickleball rules are similar to ping-pong. It can be easy for practically anyone to learn how to play the game. Pickleball is a social activity and because the court is smaller than a tennis court, gameplay allows players to be close enough to one another that they can hold conversations. Playing Pickleball allows you to work on your balance, agility, reflexes, and hand-eye coordination without putting excessive strains on your body.





BALL DOG

JOINING ZOAR'S PICKLEBALL A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The great thing about Zoar's Pickleball group is that it is geared for beginners. You don't need to know a thing about the sport, have any equipment, or have a partner. Simply show up on Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 pm or 6:00-9:00 pm and someone will take the time to teach you. Most of the players are over 60 years old. The one thing to do is wear good shoes and comfortable clothing. There is always room for more!



CONTACT PAUL TO JOIN



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GATHER/GROW/GIVE

SCHOOL KITS PAVE A BETTER PATH FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

SCHOOL KIT ITEM COLLECTION

JULY - OCTOBER

If you had to choose between feeding your children and buying them school supplies what would you choose? What if not attending school put your children at risk for future unemployment and gang involvement?

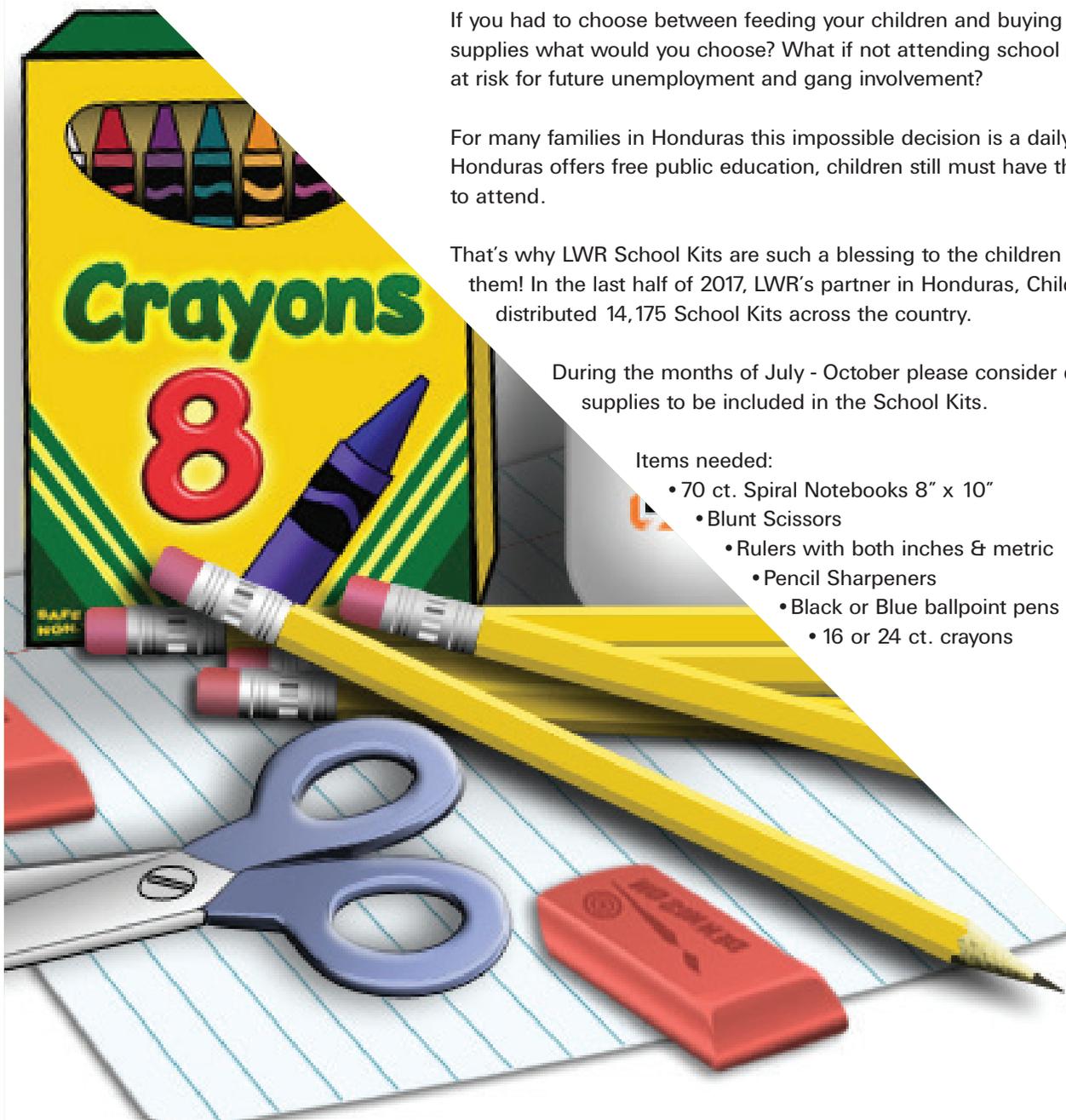
For many families in Honduras this impossible decision is a daily reality. While Honduras offers free public education, children still must have the proper supplies to attend.

That's why LWR School Kits are such a blessing to the children who receive them! In the last half of 2017, LWR's partner in Honduras, Children's Gift Ministry distributed 14,175 School Kits across the country.

During the months of July - October please consider donating school supplies to be included in the School Kits.

Items needed:

- 70 ct. Spiral Notebooks 8" x 10"
- Blunt Scissors
- Rulers with both inches & metric
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Black or Blue ballpoint pens
- 16 or 24 ct. crayons





A YEAR OF CREATIVE THINKING VISION EMERGES FOR COURTYARD

Over the past year the Memorial Garden Task Force has been exploring the possibility of creating a space in which loved one’s ashes may be interred. During June, in Bulletin Announcements and at a Temple Talk, the Task Force has been offering the proposal that The Courtyard, between the south wall of the Sanctuary and the Music wing, be renovated. Flower beds and brick walkways will give access to interred ashes, as well as to worship services, concerts, children’s activities, and a reflective place of beauty. Bricks lining the walkway may be purchased with names of loved ones imprinted on them.

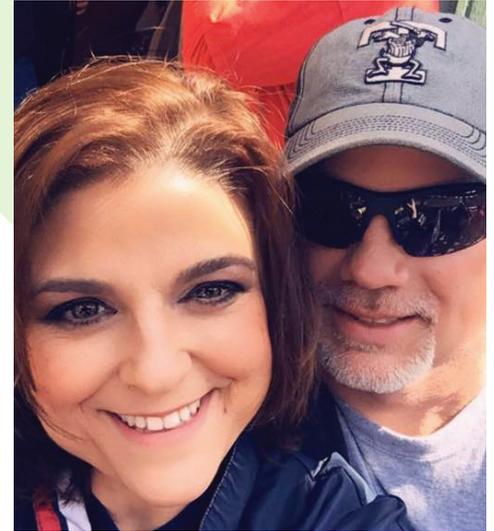
Cremation is one of the ways to care for a loved one’s body. When the Day of Resurrection comes, God will be able to take all remains, and create for each of us our new body for eternity (even as we confess that “we believe...in the resurrection of the body...”) Interest in such an interment has been expressed from Zoar members, who wish to be interred close to the congregation that has been so important to them. All information gathered will be presented at the July 17th Council Meeting for further decisions. Questions and conversations are welcome!

HELP REFURBISH A HOUSE JULY 16TH - 19TH



Come help refurbish a house in the Perrysburg community! It’s a wonderful time of fellowship and fun as we reach out and help those in need in our community and live what it means to be the body of Christ!

To join the crew, call Jim Kwasniak (419-704-0762) or Ken Meineke (419-764-9526). All the materials and lunch are provided thanks to a grant from Thrivent Financial.



MEET A NEW MEMBER // CARRIE WHALEY & TIM TOUHY

Carrie and Tim joined Zoar in April of 2018. Carrie has worked as the Treasurer/Controller of Duffey Concrete Cutting in South Toledo for over 20 years. Tim works for Pepsi. He is a mechanic / line technician. Has been an employee there for 9 years.

Describing what drew them to Zoar, Carrie says, “I had attended Zoar a few times when my sister was getting married a few years ago. I honestly loved the first service I attended. When I Tim and I started dating, our faith and building a relationship strong in our faith, became very important to both of us. We started attending Zoar and honestly couldn’t believe how welcoming and friendly everyone was! We enjoy attending service and it’s refreshing to laugh and sometimes even cry when needed too, but I think seeing the younger generations so involved in the church was overwhelmingly heartwarming to us. It makes us want to help and be part of encouraging them to continue that involvement. Tim and I both feel very thankful that God’s plan for us led us to Zoar and the wonderful community here. We are right where we belong and are thankful for it.”

We’re thankful you belong too, Carrie and Tim!

ZOAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------|
| 1 Marilyn Brossia Birthday | 2 | 3 Youth Return from Houston Office closed at noon | 4 Office closed | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Vacation Bible School | 10 Vacation Bible School | 11 Vacation Bible School | 12 Vacation Bible School | 13 Vacation Bible School Nadine Hartzog Birthday | 14 |
| 15 MS/JH/HS Youth Group | 16 Robert Naveaux Birthday | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 M. Gaye Dauer Birthday | 21 |
| 22 Stock Sale Appreciation Dinner Neil Thomford Birthday | 23 | 24 Adult VBS | 25 Adult VBS | 26 Adult VBS | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Betty Henry Birthday Marian Meyerholtz Birthday | 30 | 31 | | | | |

for a complete list of events, please visit
zoarlutheran.com/calendar

ZOAR STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Philabaum
 Community Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mike Brown

Director of Music/Organist: Omaldo Perez
 Director of Youth Ministry: Amanda Rich
 Director of Communications: Mollie Rauscher

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Contact Mollie at communications@zoarlutheran.com for pricing and availability.

Deadline is the 5th of the preceding month!



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Worship times:
6 PM Saturday,
7:15, 8:30 & 11 AM Sunday

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 AM

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The LORD rescues the godly; he is their fortress in
times of trouble. The LORD helps them, rescuing
them from the wicked. He saves them, and they
find shelter in him. — Psalm 37:39-40