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OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN JULY

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH 10 AM

On Sunday, July 7th at 10 AM, we will gather with Lutheran Church of the Master for our annual 4th of July Worship service. This year we will meet by the shelter house at Woodlands Park. Guest musicians will include Hepcat Revival, bringing their extra talent of joy and jazz. In addition, there will be several food trucks present, so that after worship we may not only enjoy the continuation of Hepcat music, but good food and great fellowship.

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us at Woodlands Park, 429 E Boundary St, Perrysburg, OH 43551. We will have the traditional Saturday (July 6th, 6 PM) worship service at Zoar.





from
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JESUS IN EVERY MOMENT

Sly and the Family Stone sang out, "Hot Fun in the Summer Time." (How's that for an intro?!) Away with the long (but beautiful) spring! Away with the memory of winter (which will be coming again, alleluia!) Away with too much rain! Time for fun in the summer time! Days of warmth and long sun are all around us. The crops have been growing and the outside activities are plentiful.

The most explosive holiday in July is Independence Day, during which we gather with friends and families, have some awesome summer foods, listen to patriotic music, and watch the beauty of fireworks. For me this holiday is not only one in which to give thanks for our country, and for the men and women who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces, but also to remember the common human bond we have with all people everywhere, all who also deserve freedom.

In addition, this holiday is the time to reflect on the freedom given freely to us in the costly gift of Jesus. Here is the center of our joy. In Jesus is the reason for the joy in this and each season. In Jesus all the world is welcomed into God's embrace and given this amazing grace as gift. Wow!

This season is also therefore the time to be reminded of our call. If God's warmth surrounds us as gift, then we too are called to share that warmth and joy. With the neighbor and stranger, with those nearby and those far away, with those who know Jesus and those who don't. This good news in Jesus is the joy that we can bring to this hurting, divisive world.

One more word in these days of summer, and that word is "thanks." It would be a great season if at every moment we could give thanks; thanks for the beauties of this time; thanks for the gift of family and friend; thanks for the presence of God in the midst of struggle and un-health; thanks for the deep joy that is a gift from Jesus; thanks.

So, sisters and brothers in Christ, may this summertime be not just a "Hot-Fun-Time" for you, but a time in which you see Jesus in every moment, and give thanks. Blessings!

WORSHIP IN JULY

August 4, Common Revised Lectionary 18

We wonder what a “new self, renewed in knowledge” might be in the context of today’s gospel. The pointlessness of pursuing worldly possessions is made explicit (as the first reading tells us, “all is vanity and chasing after the wind”). As we set our minds of things above, we pray with the psalmist for “a mind of wisdom and a heart of understanding.” The hymn *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793) will encapsulate our assembly’s proclamation.

August 11, CRL 19

Continuing his teachings on true discipleship and against greed, Jesus admonishes his followers to “make purses... that do not wear out.” On this weekend, we hear how we have been given Christ as our heavenly country. Knowing that in him God has freely given us the kingdom, we will praise with thankful hearts, trusting that in all things God works with us, as our Hymn of the Day, *Have no Fear Little Flock* (ELW 764), cheerfully reminds us.

August 18, CRL 20

In this day’s Gospel, Jesus’ fiery words speak of broken relationships. We will have a chance to meditate on how paradoxical it seems that even in ministry life conflict is born out of Jesus’ peace-filled activities. Even then, we are to lay aside our anxiety and greed and to turn our hearts to the treasures of God’s promised kingdom, where Christ takes division upon himself on the cross. On this weekend, we will pray fervently for God’s compassion and the restoration of right relationships. Our community will round out this message by singing ELW 788 *If God My Lord Be for Me*.

August 25, CRL 21

A wise man once said: if your religion forces you to choose between your faith and your neighbor, always choose your neighbor.” In today’s reading Jesus calls hypocrites those who put regulations and the law in front of and above others’ needs and suffering. Means and ends are not only the stuff of utilitarian philosophy but of Christian living. We, like the cured woman, may say, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name” (Psalm 103). We will consider what it means to praise and bless the Lord, with and in everything we do. Our Hymn of the Day will be *How Firm the Foundation* (ELW 796).



from
Omaldo

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This past May, Zoar’s Concert Series finished another busy year of musical engagement with our community. Looking back, I can only be grateful for your enthusiasm and support: thanks to you, at our May 3rd concert, Zoar donated \$555 to Mom’s House which provided a whole month of day-care for a child. Similarly, earlier in the year we donated \$1,300 to the Cocoon Shelter, from collections at our *Bach Epiphany Vespers* on January 6th, and *Holy Light*, Zoar’s Advent collaboration with Saint Rose on December 9th.

Soon we will be rolling out the details of our 2019-2020 season, one that promises to bring to Perrysburg our most varied lineup to date. However, before we release our list of events, we would like to inform you that all future offerings at our concerts will be for the acquisition of a new grand piano for Zoar’s sanctuary.

As always, we covet your prayers and support in this new chapter in our communal life. Should you have any questions about our future projects, please do not hesitate to ask. Thanks!



LUTHEROCK ADVENTURE TRIP

JULY 7TH - 13TH

Nineteen Zoar youth and their adult leaders will be traveling to Camp Lutherock Newland, North Carolina. Lutherock is an ELCA Lutheran camp through NovusWay Ministries, Inc. While attending Zoar youth will experience a week of team building, bible study, homemade ice cream, white water rafting and more! We hope that during this week of adventure our youth grow together in faith, while spending time together in God's beautiful creation.

Please keep the following youth, their adult leaders and the Lutherock Camp Counselors in your prayers:

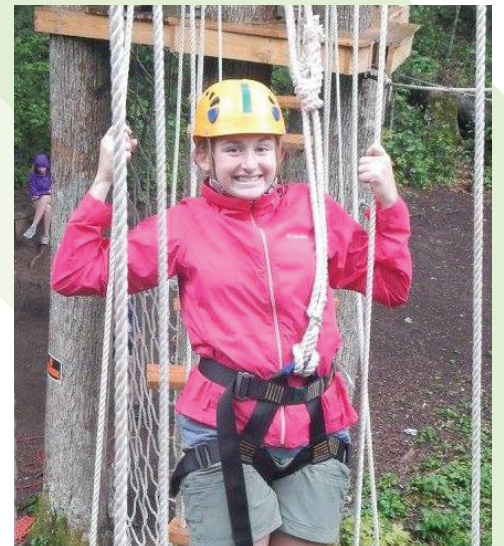
Zoar Youth:

Jacob Benington
Chelsea Brewster
Lydia Clark
Josh Clark
Averi Cline
Lauren Cline
Emma Erlenbusch
Peter Erlenbusch
Connor Haar

Joey Jacoby
Patrick Jacoby
Carley Milligan
Anna Patnode
Jakob Rickman
Jordan Saleh
Claire Schroeder
Leah Schroeder
Myra Smith
Betsy Wagner

Adult Leaders:

Amanda Rich
Bill Rickman
Patty Haar
Camp Counselors of Lutherock



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JULY SCHEDULE

July 7TH-13TH: Lutherock Adventure Trip
July 14TH: No Youth Group
July 21ST: Waterpalooza! Third Sunday Youth Group 2 - 4PM
July 28TH: High School Youth Group 4 - 6PM

WATERPALOOZA

SUNDAY, JULY 21ST, 2 - 4 PM

5th-12th Grade Youth and their friends are invited to join us from 2-4PM for an afternoon of games! We will also be extending an invitation to our friends from other ELCA churches in our area. Join us for a water balloon fight and MORE!



LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST YOUTH EVENT PREVIEW 2019 - 2020

AUGUST 4, FOLLOWING THE 11 AM WORSHIP

Parents and youth are invited to join us immediately following 11AM worship on August 4th for a preview of upcoming events and opportunities for our youth here at Zoar! Looking to get more involved or not sure what opportunities are out there? This event is for you!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 11 AM WORSHIP

Join us again this year on August 11th during the 11AM Service for our annual Blessings of the Backpacks. Children and teachers of all ages are welcome to participate. Please bring your work bag, backpack or purse and come for a blessing and to welcome another exciting school year.



from
Amanda
Director of Youth Ministries
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Dear Friends,
I am thrilled about the adventures we are about to take at Zoar and beyond! Alongside their fearless leaders several of our youth will be going on a journey to Lutherock in Newland, North Carolina. Last fall our youth voted on possibilities for this year's adventure trip. White water rafting ranked at the top of the list! At Lutherock, our youth will be given the opportunity to do this, in addition to bible study, team building, kayaking and more. This is possible because of the generous support of the Kurfis, Zoar families and our loving congregation members.

Third Sunday youth group will feature a water games at an event we call Waterpalooza! We hope that friends from other ELCA churches and others come to join us for the fun!

This month our Lifelong Learning Committee and Sunday School Team will begin to plan, discuss and dream about what we can do to continue to develop and grow our Faith Formation opportunities for all ages here at Zoar, starting with a review of the ELCA's Recommended Practices for Lifelong Faith Formation. Thank you for all you do to support our youth and children here at Zoar.



from
Derek Meyer
Council Member

Greetings!

My name is Derek Meyer and I am presently serving a second term as an at-large council member, acting as the liaison to the Stewardship Committee. My wife, Heidi, and I were raised in the Lutheran tradition where we were blessed to have many mentors as we grew up. We saw the joyous giving of time, talents, and treasures by those in our respective churches. One of the reasons we joined Zoar was to give back the blessings we had received growing up. Through serving on committees, volunteering for events, and teaching Sunday school, we have learned that serving has great intrinsic rewards. These experiences have allowed us to feel the Spirit moving in our congregation and community. We also know there are programs and outreach opportunities that don't align with our time and talents. We happily give of our treasure to Zoar help support such causes. this fall to see what opportunities you may want to get involved in!

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GIVING FAITHFUL

In the 1980's the ELCA conducted an eye opening activity for three synods of youth in Wisconsin. Each youth was given \$50 to spend however they chose. The purpose of the exercise was for the youth to experience how Christians decide to use the money God has given them. More information about the activity is available online through the ELCA titled 10-10-80. Why to give? Where does it go? How to give? Like the youth in the activity these are questions many adult Christians have contemplated. Through answering these questions we become more intentional about giving.

WHY TO GIVE:

Stewardship is the way we say, "Thanks." We give from the blessings that God in Christ has given us. Giving thanks is one of the most important responses of the Christian, because all we have is gift from our loving God.

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

-2 Corinthians 8:9

WHERE DOES IT GO:

When you give at Zoar, a portion of offering goes to support the building and the Staff, those who are coordinating and leading the ministry. A good portion goes to supporting programs like Redeemer, Feed our Families, Kitchen of Hope etc. By funding these programs we are ensuring the health of our community. We are called to give to those in need in Proverbs.

A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

Proverbs 11:25



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HOW TO GIVE:

Give Online:

Using the secure, online payment platform, you can set up a recurring payment or give a one-time donation.

Text to Give:

Giving to the church via a text message is fast, easy and versatile. You can make a weekly offering or respond to a specific need in seconds. Zoar's Text to Give number is 330-427-3506.

Give+ Church App:

Give+ Church is a free mobile app available for download on Apple and Android phones.

Give by Cash or Check:

If you wish to present your gifts and offerings in person, we offer a "passing of the plate" during worship services. To learn more about when and where we meet see our worship section. If you would prefer to send your contributions by mail, you may do so by making your check out to "Zoar Lutheran Church" and mailing it to: 314 East Indiana Avenue Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Donate Appreciated Securities. Donate Real Estate.

Zoar Lutheran Church is also able to receive donations of stocks and securities, as well as real estate. If you would like to donate to Zoar Lutheran in this manner, email the church office for further instructions.

Gifting Through Estate Planning to the Zoar Foundation:

In addition to filling an important role in providing for the future financial security of your family and others, your will or living trust can offer a way to make a thoughtful charitable gift to Zoar Lutheran as part of your long-range estate and financial plans. It can be satisfying to know that a portion of your property will be put to good use in the future. A gift made through a will or living trust can be convenient to arrange. A simple provision or amendment prepared by your attorney at the time you make or update your will or trust is all that is necessary. To plan a charitable bequest, inform your attorney of your wishes and ask for advice regarding the best form for your gift. All contributions are secure and tax-deductible.

You will receive a year-end giving statement for your records. To request a giving statement, contact the church office.

GATHER/GROW/GIVE

MEN'S GROUPS

Each week we see men of Zoar work to connect with others and grow in their walk with the Lord. Through men's bible study, special interest groups and giving groups the men of Zoar are invited to join together in fellowship.

Golf

Every Thursday, spring through fall – and as the weather permits – men from Zoar Lutheran and their friends gather to play golf. They meet at the church and travel to various golf courses in the area. Check out the previous week's trifold announcements for weekly course and times.

Zoar Men's Disciples

Disciples of Jesus is a G3 small group ministry, open to men interested in Bible study. Please consider joining the group, who faithfully come to study what God has laid out for us in His Great Plan.

Men's Breakfast

This group of dedicated men meets the first Thursday of each month at Scrambler Marie's Restaurant in Perrysburg at 8 AM for fellowship and breakfast. All are welcome.

Men's Card Group

The men's card group meets every Thursday afternoon from 1 till 3 PM at the church. They welcome any level of play and are more interested in having a fun time and fellowship.

CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP:

THANKING THOSE WHO SERVE

Thank you for your time and commitment to the following 2019 Committee Volunteers, on behalf of Stewardship and your Zoar Congregation.

Acolytes

Brian Baroncini
Joshua Clark
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Emma Erlenbusch
Joseph Jacoby
Graham Michael
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Cassidy Milligan
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Assisting Ministers

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Carole Bohn
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Don Lieder
Roger Shoffner

We thank you for volunteering and serving Zoar and the community. If we have missed anyone in this list, we humbly apologize and ask your forgiveness. Please contact the church office so that your name and service can be recognized.

from
Derek Meyer
Council Member

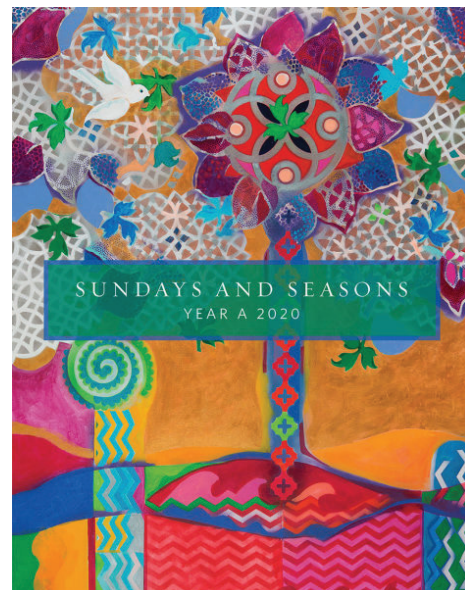
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The Stewardship Committee is always working to make sure individuals are aware of opportunities to give of their time, talents, and treasures at Zoar. We want to celebrate the gifts God has given us and, in return, use them to help spread the Good News. It is our goal to find a time each year to focus on giving of time, talents, and treasures to renew, refresh, and re-energize our congregation. Zoar has been truly blessed with a myriad of talents and we want to encourage everyone to find their niche in our church to joyfully give what God has first given us. Keep an eye out for our next time and talents survey this fall to see what opportunities you may want to get involved in!

CONNECTING TO THE LARGER CHURCH

As a result of national elections this past May, Omaldo Perez was retained to serve for two more years as a member of the national board of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM). ALCM is a pan-Lutheran organization with over three decades of institutional history and serving over 1,500 church musicians and leaders. Its mission is "to nurture and equip musicians to serve and lead the Church's song." ALCM, founded in 1985, has a long history of training and mentorship for Lutheran music ministers in the USA. While the organization has grown, its charter goals have remained constant: strengthen Lutheran liturgical heritage, define the role of the church musician, espouse professional standards, and encourage spiritual growth. ALCM has been a big part of Omaldo's journey as Cantor. He is delighted to continue to serve in this distinguished organization. His reappointment was at the national conference in Portland, OR, this past June.

Furthermore, the month of April saw the publication of the 2019 - 2020 edition of Sundays and Seasons, the resource of choice for worship planning in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). This latest edition, Omaldo's fourth collaboration with Sundays and Seasons, saw him in the role of Choral Contributor. Omaldo was asked to provide choir anthems suggestions that would fit the needs of choirs across the country while reflecting the themes of the upcoming year, the year of Matthew, also known as Lectionary Year A. This particular project called for 256 carefully curated selections from more than 25 publishing houses. Omaldo is grateful for another opportunity to serve the larger church family and be part of this useful resource for other musicians and worship leaders.



Z O A R C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S H I G H L I G H T S

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Marilyn Brossia Birthday	2 Piece Corps Pickleball	3 Bible Study	4 Men's Breakfast	5 Feed Our Families	6
7 Outside Worship Youth Leave for Lutherock	8 Ruth Circle Adult VBS	9 Adult VBS	10 Bible Study Adult VBS	11 Festive Flutes Adult VBS	12 Feed our Families Adult VBS	13 Faith, Science & Technology Nadine Hartzog Birthday
14	15 Adult VBS	16 Council Meeting Adult VBS	17 Bible Study Adult VBS	18 Men's Cards Group	19 Feed our Families Painters Group	20 Prayer Partners
21	22 Neil Thomford Birthday Yarn's of Love	23 Pickleball	24 Bible Study	25 Men's Golf Group	26 Feed our Families	27
28	29 Betty Henry and Marian Meyerholtz Birthday	30	31 Bible Study			

for a complete list of events, please visit
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Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Philabaum

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Deadline is the 5th of the preceding month!



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In all this I have given you an example that
by such work we must support the weak,
remembering the words of the Lord Jesus,
for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to
give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35