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FIVE GIFTS OF DISCIPLESHIP DURING PENTECOST

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

The Festival of Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter Sunday and typically falls between mid-May or early June. It is the longest season of the church year, extending to the season of Advent. Whereas the other seasons of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter) emphasize some aspect of the life of Jesus, Pentecost emphasizes the life of the Spirit-infused church—disciples in action. Pentecost is an ideal season of the church year to emphasize living our baptism and to discover the five gifts of discipleship.

The five gifts of discipleship can be divided into two categories:

Inward Gifts of Discipleship: MY life is blessed!

- Live among God's faithful people.
- Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper.

Outward Gifts of Discipleship: MY life blesses others!

- Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.
- Serve all people, following the example of Jesus.
- Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

- Living Our Baptism, ELCA



from
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HOW DO WE STAND?

What must it have been like? The disciples had been gathering for several weeks following the resurrection of Jesus. They met to remind each other of the power of life in Jesus; they met to find strength in each other; they met for worship. Then on Pentecost the Holy Spirit came. In all of God's fullness the Spirit brought comfort, joy, strength. These women and men were empowered to live the love of Jesus. Each of them left the comfort of the Upper Room and spread throughout the world with good news – God's love was for all God's people, and that nothing would ever be able to separate them from this love!

As it happened, they told someone, who told someone, who told someone, down through the ages, until it came to my grandparents and parents and teachers and pastors and neighbors who shared this good news with me. It was a chain of grace from the first disciples, bringing me the amaZing truth of Jesus and the resurrection. I grew up in this love, and in the culture that supported the telling of this good news. Thank you, God, for these Spirit-inspired saints!

Things have changed. Today's culture no longer is so Christian-pervasive. "Regular" attendance at worship has dropped in all churches. There are a multitude of Sunday activities that call to our youth, our families, our seniors.

The fastest growing group in our country are the "nones," those who profess no faith at all. Is this, therefore, a time of despondency, a time to want to return to the "good-old days?"

The story of Pentecost sings to us of the reality of God. God will bring God's Church to the right place to accomplish God's mission. The Holy Spirit still breathes through us, with forgiveness, with joy, with empowerment. And, even in the midst of all of the changes God is the One who is constant. As with the past, God holds the future – even my future.

So, Church, how do we stand? We stand on the solid rock of God's love in Jesus! We support and uphold all whose families are growing and changing, all who hurt, or are estranged, or bullied, or hungry. The same Spirit breathes in us, calling us to share this good news, to be ambassadors of love. In your Baptism you were so commissioned. Now, let that light shine!

MUSIC IN JUNE

As it is our habit, we gather each week to proclaim the Good News. The word for Gospel in Greek, (Ευαγγέλιο) is not a noun, but a verb which implies the action of proclamation and our need to gospel each other as a community of faith. Having this in mind, we would like to share with you a preview of what that proclamation looks like in the month of June.

On Easter 7, June 1 and 2, Jesus intercedes on our behalf to his Father: He prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God also means to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

On Pentecost, June 8 and 9, though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them. We will explore how this indwelling presence manifests itself in our lives.

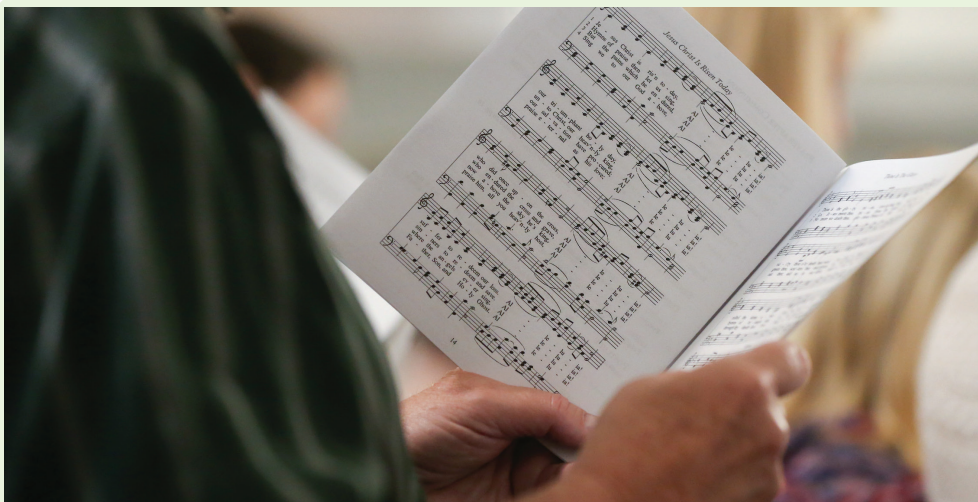
On Holy Trinity, June 15 and 16, as we come together around the mystery of the Trinitarian nature of God, we are again reminded that Jesus' ongoing presence with his disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

On June 22 and 23, we hear how Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and how his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Jesus tells us today, just like said to the possessed man: "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

Finally, on June 29 and 30, Jesus voices his unwavering commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and how he will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples (and us) to a similar single-mindedness.

May we find our proclamation -be it in speech or song- rich and our witness to the Good News fruitful in everything we do.

Soli Deo Gloria!



from
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Cantor

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I write these lines having just returned home from four days at the Institute of Liturgical Studies in Valparaiso, IN, where the focus of this year's conference was how the Eucharist or the Holy Supper forms us as Christians. With this experience fresh in my mind, I find it difficult not to share with you my enthusiasm for a perspective I did not have before.

While at the Institute, I was struck by the idea of the connectivity of the Altar and how every week we encounter a revelation of the divine, in the very breaking of the bread, by consuming the broken body of Jesus Christ. At the Table, when we receive the body of Christ, we become intimately connected to God and each other. The breaking of the bread is more than reminder and a memorializing of Jesus' sacrifice, but that an action that links us profoundly as active participants in God's economy: by eating bread and drinking wine God claims us. At the altar, we, like Mary, are transformed into vessels of the divine. You and I, my friends, like Mary, are a God-Bearers! Let us never forget that.



ZOARYOUTH & FAMILY WEEK OF SERVICE

JUNE 9TH - 15TH

Looking for ways to make a difference or find out how you can help out in our community? On June 9th-15th congregation members and youth are encouraged to join us for our first Zoar Youth and Family Week of Service! Each day a different service opportunity will be available! The week will kick off with our June Monthly Mingle and will also include a trip to the Friendly Center in Toledo and more. Join us everyday or just those that work for you and your family! Please RSVP to arich@zoarlutheran.com with your intentions to attend.

SCHEDULE

- June 9TH: Monthly Mingle, Zoar Lutheran Church 4 - 6PM
- June 10TH: Assist with the kick off of Redeemer Lutheran Church's Summer Youth Program 8AM - 5PM
- June 11TH: VBS Decoration Construction at Zoar
- June 12TH: Project TBA
- June 13TH: Marketplace for All People: Toledo, Ohio 9:30 AM - 12 PM
*Breakfast will be provided by our friends at Kingston
- June 14TH: Marketplace for All People: Toledo, Ohio 9:45 AM - 12:45 PM
- June 15TH: Just Pancakes, Salem Lutheran Church: Toledo, Ohio 8:30 AM - 10:30AM



Redeemer Summer Youth Program 2017

JUNE SCHEDULE

- June 2ND: Lutherock Adventure Trip Meeting 12PM
No Youth Group
- June 9TH - 15TH - Zoar Youth and Family Week of Service**
- June 16TH: Father's Day Ice Cream Social, Immediately following 11AM Worship
No Youth Group
- June 23RD: VBS Decoration
Immediately following 11AM worship. Lunch will be provided
- June 24TH - 27TH: Zoar Vacation Bible School, 9AM - 12PM**
- June 27TH: Vacation Bible School Family Fun Night 6 - 9PM
- June 30TH: 5th and 6th Grade Youth Group

FATHERS DAY ICE CREAM TREAT

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH, FOLLOWING 11 AM WORSHIP

Sunday School Children, Dads, Grandpas and loved men are invited to join us for ice cream immediately following 11AM worship! Grab an ice cream bar to celebrate the wonderful men in our lives!

VBS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Bring the whole family to celebrate with us after a fantastic week of Roar VBS! The event will begin with family faith stations highlighting what VBS participants have studied and learned throughout the week followed by an hour of ice cream and inflatables! We hope you can join us for the celebration!



LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY LUTHEROCK ADVENTURE TRIP

JULY 7TH - 13TH

Please join us in prayer as our 6TH - 12TH graders, volunteers and Amanda travel to Lutherock summer camp located on the south slope of Sugar Mountain near Boone, North Carolina. At Lutherock they will be immersed in a Christian community exploring God's creation through daily adventures and exploring their faith through Bible studies. They will get to experience rafting and high ropes activities as well as growing in their relationship with God and one another. Please pray for safe travels and a meaningful experience.



from
Amanda
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the exciting month of June here at Zoar! I am so excited to share with you our first Zoar Youth and Family week of service AND our annual Vacation Bible School! Have you ever wanted to serve the community but you just weren't sure where to start? Each day during the week of June 9th you and your families are invited to join us in several different service projects to help out in the community and here at Zoar. All are welcome! Come serve with us and learn about several organizations in the Toledo area who help make our community a great place to be! Finally the month will round out as we Roar at Zoar with Vacation Bible School! My FAVORITE week of the WHOLE YEAR!

Peace,
Amanda



from
Dante Flores
 Council Vice President

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace

Hello! My name is Dante Flores and I am currently serving as Vice President on Zoar's Church council. I want to take a moment and tell you a little bit about myself and why I chose to be involved with Zoar. I have been a member of Zoar for 10 years. I became a member when I married my beautiful wife Sarah Myers Flores. We have three children Chloe (19), Riley (8), and Greyson (5). In those 10 years I have participated in the Married with Children group activities, chaired the Vision for Ministry special committee, became a reader at 11 AM service, a Council member for 1 year, and now Vice President. I have enjoyed meeting new friends and the relationships I have made. This has filled me with incredible joy.

Ten years ago I was going to service but sporadically now I am an active member in a leadership roll. I encourage you to seek out ways to get actively involved in Zoar. Trust me, its AmaZing!!!

SERVICE WITHIN



In life it is easy to get in a routine. Get up, get ready, go to work, come home, make dinner, go to bed. On the weekends you may mix it up a little, spending time with family or going on a trip out of town. Attending church can become routine too, dress in your Sundays best, come and listen to a moving sermon and awesome music. Leaving service on Sunday you may feel rejuvenated and ready to face the week ahead. But life can wear on you and by the time the next Sunday rolls around, work and kids and stress have tired you out and you are ready for the next sermon and hoping it resonates with what you have going on.

Being filled spiritually doesn't have to be a Sunday only event though. You can grow closer to God in so many ways. Whether that is through weekly bible studies, fellowship time or giving of your time to the church and your community. Volunteering at church benefits Zoar and your community but it benefits you too.

One of the main benefits to volunteering is it causes you to grow closer to those around you. When you join a committee, serve at Kitchen of Hope or greet people on Sunday morning you learn more about the people of Zoar and they learn more about you! Serving helps you to use your talents to grow Gods kingdom. Every one of you has talents and abilities. Due to jobs and family commitments, you may not be able to use those talents and interests in everyday life. If you are passionate about quilting, there is a ministry for you to serve on. If you are a handy-man (or woman) and enjoy getting your hands dirty and fixing things, there is a ministry for you. If you are passionate about children and making sure that faith formation is a part of their entire lives, there is a ministry for you. Serving at church gives you the unique ability to seek out your passion and use it to serve God. What better way to use your talents?



SERVICE BEYOND

SERVICE WITHIN

Zoar Lutheran offers a variety of committees for people to help the church carry out several ministry areas. Each committee consists of at least six elected members plus a council liaison. Most committees also welcome “walk-in” members to assist with the various ministries under their care. If you are interested in getting involved with one of these committees, please contact the designated chairperson or the church office at 419-874-4346 or info@zoarlutheran.com.

Committees:

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Budget & Finance Committee

Communications Committee

Courtyard Committee

Personnel Committee

Property Committee

Heritage Committee

Life-Long Learning Committee

Social Ministry Committee

Stewardship Committee

Vision for Ministry Committee

Worship and Music Committee

Youth and Young Adult Committee

SERVICE BEYOND

The people of Zoar Lutheran travel far and wide to bring our mission to life. We serve the community of Perrysburg, residents of our state, country and beyond to serve those who are not as fortunate as us and to bring them the word of God.

Ministries that serve beyond:

Kitchen of Hope

Feed Our Families

Perrysburg Christians United

Focus Families

Yarns of Love

Piece Corps Quilters

Family & Youth Week of Service

Monthly Mingle

Nursing home visits

GATHER/GROW/GIVE

ESTHER: SATIRE AND SURVIVAL

WEEKDAYS MONDAY JULY 8TH - JULY 17TH 7 - 8:30 PM

HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 200 E 2ND ST. PERRYSBURG, OH 43551

The book of Esther never mentions God, is wildly violent, and exaggerates beyond belief. What is it doing in the Bible? Why was such a story important to the ancient community? How are we to read it now? And what possible difference can it make in our various communal contexts?

In this year's Adult VBS we will explore how the story of Esther is told. We will focus in particular on the book's constructions of religious, ethnic, social, and gender identity, its depictions of violence and genocide, how it functions as a tool for survival under Empire, and the ways in which it might be read in contemporary culture. Our time together will conclude Wednesday July 17TH with a meal and a special Purim spiel play.

Join us for 8 Days of Adult VBS: Weekdays 7 - 8:30 PM beginning Monday, July 8TH through Wednesday, July 17TH.

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OF ESTHER
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kingdom, which was in
palace,
obeying
the days of
is Ā-hăṣ-ū-
from In'di-ā

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.
(# indicates the full year when term of service ends)

Communication Committee

Appointed by Council

19 Kristie Upton - Chair
20 Jeff Artz - Council Liaison
19 Nicole Downey
19 Chuck Ackerman
20 Rachel Abke
20 Joe Wagner
Mollie Rauscher - Communication Director
Amanda Rich - Director of Youth Ministries

Life Long Learning Committee

20 Jeff Abke - Chair
19 Vicki Karnes - Council Liaison
19 Lynn Cooper - Secretary
19 Sue Todt
20 Dennis Jacoby
20 Heidi Meyer
20 Megan Williams
Carla Kaiser
Amanda Rich - Director of Youth Ministries

Social Ministry Committee

19 Leigh Ann Meinecke - Chair
20 Tom Iserman - Council Liaison
19 Jim Kwasniak
19 Gay Miller
20 Rhonda Jones
20 Tracy Rickman
20 Karen Schlatter
20 Ellen Williams
Shar Cook - attends no vote
Linda Hagedorn - attends no vote
Lois Staber - attends no vote

Stewardship Committee

20 Lon Muir - Chair
19 Derek Meyer - Council Liaison
19 Shar Cook - Volunteer Coordinator
20 Chuck Ackerman
20 Sarah Flores
20 Diane Ninke
20 Marie Obrock
20 Ken Widdel

Courtyard Committee

Appointed by Council

20 Dawn Dennis - Chair
19 Dave Matthews
19 Joanne Sudman
19 Janet Smith
20 Neil Taylor
20 Jacqueline Taylor
20 Doug Williams
Kate Philabaum
Pastor Tim - Senior Pastor



MEET A MEMBER

SHAR COOK

Sharla Cook has been a Zoar member for 42 years. She is married to Doug who sings in the choir and plays in the bell choir. Shar's two daughters are married and live in Columbus. Her first grandson Everett, sees Grandma weekly when she goes to babysit.

At Zoar Shar has had many roles, president of the church women, Sunday school teacher for kindergarten, 4th grade, 6th grade and Junior High, church council member and congregation president. Currently Shar is on the Social Ministry committee and can be seen greeting or helping with the social hour refreshments. She is also a member of the current Nominating Committee and for the past year has been Zoar's first Volunteer coordinator, helping to ensure that your interests expressed on the "time and talent" sheet are fulfilled.

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.

ZOAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Marilyn Brossia Birthday
2 Lutherock Meeting	3	4 Piece Corps Men's Disciples	5	6 Men's Breakfast Bible Study	7 Feed our Families	8 Faith, Science & Technology Yarns of Love
9 Zoar Week of Service	10 Zoar Week of Service Popcorn Gang	11 Zoar Week of Service Men's Disciples	12 Zoar Week of Service	13 Zoar Week of Service Nadine Hartzog Birthday	14 Zoar Week of Service Feed our Families	15 Zoar Week of Service
16 Father's Day Ice Cream Social	17	18 Council Meeting Men's Disciples	19	20 Men's Golf Group Marianne Dauer Birthday	21 Feed our Families	22 Neil Thomford Birthday
23	24 VBS Popcorn Gang	25 VBS Last Men's Disciples	26 VBS	27 VBS VBS Ice Cream Social	28 Feed our Families	29 St. Pauls Soup Kitchen Betty Henry & Marian Meyerholtz Birthday
30 5 TH & 6 TH Youth Group						

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

ZOAR STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Philabaum

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7:15, 8:30 & 11 AM Sunday

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They answered, "Believe on the Lord
Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your
household."

Acts 16:31