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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

On, Sunday August 25TH immediately following the 11 AM worship join us to walk the surrounding neighborhood. Our hope is to blanket the streets surrounding the church, pray for our neighbors and welcome them at Zoar.

On Saturday, September 21ST the annual Harrison Rally Day Festival will be held in downtown Perrysburg. The festival is filled with business booths, Food Trucks, family-friendly activities, entertainment, a parade, and ZOAR! Are you passionate about spreading the good news and telling people all about Zoar Lutheran? Then we need you! We need volunteers to man the Zoar booth and participate in the parade.

If you are interested in representing Zoar at during the neighborhood walk on August 25TH or at Harrison Rally Day on September 21ST please contact Mollie at communications@zoarlutheran.com. We hope you join us in reaching out to the Perrysburg community.



from
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CONSTANT

Greetings, sisters and brothers, in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus! In this God of grace we find hope and joy. The Triune God is one in whom love is constant.

Constant. Well, at least with God. Nothing remains constant in our world. As we move from July into August we see the changes in the weather, from a wet spring to a toasty mid-summer. This past mid-spring Pastor Mike was called to serve another congregation, and we continue to pray blessings and joy for him and the people of Bethel Lutheran Church. Vacation Bible School is over, our youth trip to LutherRock has been completed, and soon our children will be back in school. And the move into August signals a slide into Autumn, and the months that follow.

Constant. At least our God is constant! Life everywhere is developing and growing. Weddings, baptisms, and funerals all remind us of the importance of family, and the ways our Constantly-loving God works in our changing lives.

Constant. Hmm, change is everywhere. One change in which to rejoice is that Pastor Cindy Ritter has joined our pastoral staff. Her last call was as Interim Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Stoney Ridge. She will be offering her gracious gifts to this congregation in the months to come.
Welcome, Pastor Cindy!

Constant. Even this spinning world teaches us about change. It seems that brokenness and power continue to be in charge, the promise from our Constantly-present God is that all things are in God's loving hands. There is always the future ahead with God's blessings. There are always new people to meet, new ministries in which to share, new ways to give of our time, our talents, and our treasures. New ways to serve. New ways to see how the Love of Jesus transforms our own hearts, as well as the world around us.

Constant. I keep using this word because it is central to what I hold on to. In the midst of all the change, growth, and newness, God is. From before the beginning of time and into eternity this One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, have been, are, and will be constantly in love with us and with all creation. The very "heart" of God beats in the rhythm of grace, hope, joy, and promise. "For God so loved the world..." This will never change. Constant-promise. Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP IN AUGUST

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).

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 9 - 12 PM

On Saturday, September from 9 - 12 PM join us for a volunteer training. Learn how to work the dishwasher, set up for communion and more. If you are interested in attending please contact Tom Iserman iserprsn@bex.net. Please monitor your weekly bulletins for more information.



from Omaldo Cantor

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I am fascinated by how the word “Gospel” in the original Greek, is not a noun but a verb. As an action word, it suggests the activity of passing around the Good News. I am enthralled because it means our community can be seen as a living vessel; a community whose members embody this message of hope within and beyond its walls. I am excited when I visualize this community as a lively place of “gospelling” activity!

So I want to share with you a simple note of grace: “God’s judgment has already come upon you, and it turns out this judgment was decreed in your favor on the day of your baptism.” Glad tidings: when it comes to receiving God favor, we all have “been there, done that!”

So, what comes next? Ephesians 2: 8-10 presents us with a helpful corollary: ‘For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.’ My friends, we are saved not by good works, but for good works. Alleluia!



AUGUST SCHEDULE

- August 4TH: Youth Event Highlight for 2019 - 2020 12 PM
August 11TH: Blessing of the Backpacks at 11 AM Worship
Mini Golf at Sportway of Toledo 12:30 PM
August 18TH: Monthly Mingle at the Maumee Indoor Theatre 4 - 6 PM
August 25TH: High School Youth Group 4 - 6PM

YOUTH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2019-2020

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH, FOLLOWING THE 11 AM WORSHIP

Parents and youth are invited to join us immediately following 11 AM 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 DURING THE 11 AM WORSHIP

Join us again this year on August 11TH during the 11 AM Service for our annual Blessing 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 as we welcome another exciting school year.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

It is that time again! This year's Sunday School Registration will be held online. Visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/sunday-school-2019-2020> to register for the 2019 - 2020 Sunday School year. Sunday School is held from 9:45 - 10:45 AM every Sunday, beginning September 15TH through the end of the academic year.

MINI-GOLF

AUGUST 11TH, FOLLOWING THE 11 AM WORSHIP

All youth entering 5TH - 12TH grade are invited to join us at Sportway of Toledo for Mini-Golf and Go Karting fun. We will carpool from Zoar immediately following the 11AM worship service. Hope to see you there!

Sportway of Toledo
5950 Angola Rd, Toledo, OH 43615

MONTHLY MINGLE

AUGUST 18TH, 4 - 6 PM

This month's Monthly Mingle event will be held at the Maumee Indoor Theatre. Come enjoy a movie, popcorn and fellowship time with our friends from Woodlane, Luther Home of Mercy, Sunshine and more!

If you plan to volunteer please sign-up with Amanda or Shar Cook and Ellen Williams before August 14TH.

Maumee Indoor Theatre
601 Conant St, Maumee, OH 43537

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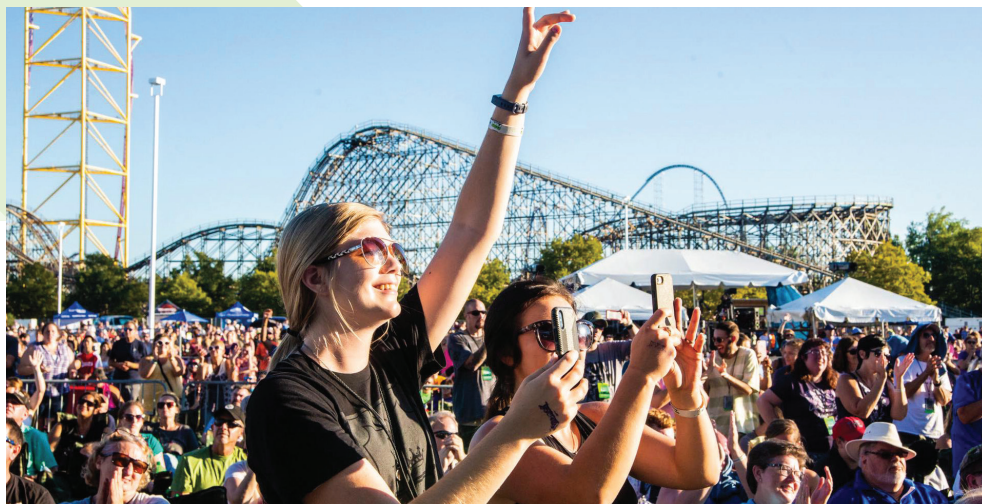
LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

POINTFEST 2019

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Mark your calendars for Pointfest 2019 on September 14TH! Join us for a day of rollercoasters and top Christian artists all at Cedar Point!

Please RSVP to Amanda by August 10TH if you plan to attend!



from
Amanda
Director of Youth Ministries
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Dear Friends,

What a wonderful summer it has been here at Zoar! From being God's hands and feet during Zoar Youth and Family Service Week, to learning just how GOOD God is during Vacation Bible School, to Lutherock and BEYOND! We have a LOT to be thankful for! Just like that it is time for a new and exciting school year! We will mark the occasion by holding our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on August 11th at our 11AM worship service. Bring your backpack or workbag to worship for a blessing! I can't wait to share the moment with all of you!

Blessings,
Amanda Rich

EXPLORE ZO

Zoar will host a Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 8, from 9:30 to 12:30 in the Family Life Center. All Zoar members, as well as visitors hoping to learn more about Zoar's ministry programs, are invited to attend. Attendees will be able to "EXPLORE ZOAR" and its unique opportunities to Gather, Grow and Give. The fair will include information booths from a variety of ministry opportunities at Zoar as well as opportunities to join in, learn more and receive regular updates on ministries that meet personal needs and interests. The event will also offer fair-themed food, carnival games and children's activities. In addition, a special Sunday School Preview will be held from 9:45-10:15, where students will be able to meet their Sunday School teachers and get a taste for the upcoming year's activities.

Why a Ministry Fair?

Zoar has historically offered many ministry opportunities. Still, many longtime members, as well as new members, are unaware of this wide range of offerings.

Pastor Tim, said the purpose of this fair is two-fold, to provide awareness and connection. "We want to highlight the ministries of Zoar, to make people aware of what is available, but also help people connect with the various activities and ministries here."

Why Rally Sunday?

The ministry fair coincides with a longstanding Zoar tradition, Rally Sunday. Historically, this day has marked the beginning of fall Sunday

School. Pastor Tim likened it to a baseball game in which the mascot strives to renew enthusiasm within the crowd, in order to encourage a hitting spree and rejuvenate the team's score. He explained, "Rally Sunday serves as a call, with the summer vacation over, to come back together as a family and get back involved with life at Zoar."

Though Sunday School will officially begin the following Sunday, children will begin the ministry fair by meeting their Sunday School teachers, exploring their classrooms and getting a preview of what they'll learn this year. In addition, those who have not yet registered for Sunday School will be able to do so on site.

Why Connect?

Why would Zoar members desire to get involved beyond weekend church attendance? "Because as a community, we are in this ministry together," said Pastor Tim, "and Jesus calls us to connect with each other within this community and the greater world." The intent of the EXPLORE ZOAR Ministry Fair is to allow everyone to find a place within Zoar's ministry offerings, no matter their reason for getting involved.

Les Buker, a member of the property support team, desired to put some actions behind his faith, referring to James 2:26, which reads, "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead." (NRSV) He found that helping with the property team fit well with his talents and strengths. "I'm not a real social person, but mowing the lawn

and working on the grounds was what I could do." He also mentioned the added benefits of Saturday morning donuts and fellowship.

Jodi Cline and her family joined a small group with not much prior knowledge, just a desire to become more involved at Zoar and meet families with similar-aged kids. "We love it," she said. "First we were strangers, and now we are friends. It's a great way to meet other people and for their kids to get to know each other as well."

Visitors to the fair will be able to explore a variety of ministries and choose one that best fits their interests and strengths and also adjusts to any perceived barriers to becoming involved.





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A MINISTRY FAIR SEPTEMBER 8

Buker, who considers himself introverted, encourages others who may have similar feelings to give it a try. "I have to work hard to work with others, but at Zoar it wasn't that hard," he said. "People make it easy to work with others."

Cline said her group understands the hectic and ever-changing schedules of families with kids, and she encourages others to not let that deter them from becoming more involved or joining a group. "If it's a time thing, our group kind of works it out where we can still meet together," she said, referencing working around various activities from month to month in order to schedule a time that works for all.

Why Reach Out?

While the ministry fair is a great chance for members to become more involved at

Zoar, those unfamiliar with Zoar will also find this to be a great time to check out what Zoar has to offer.

"There's something about the immediate neighborhood that should be a primary place for letting people know of God's love." Pastor Tim said. "In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, 'You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' So there's this Biblical precedent of the most immediate home being where we start."

In the weeks leading up to the fair, current Zoar members will be asked to pray for those who live nearest to our building and extend a personal invitation to them by participating in a door-knocker canvassing event. (More details to come.) Be sure to join us at EXPLORE ZOAR and learn all that Zoar has to offer.

MINISTRY LEADERS

Do you lead a small group, a interest group or a bible study? If you have not been contacted yet about EXPLORE ZOAR or need help with your booth please contact Mollie at communications@zoarlutheran.com as soon as possible.

- ARTICLE BY RACHEL ABKE

GATHER/GROW/GIVE

WOMENS GROUPS

Throughout each month the women of Zoar Gather in Fellowship, Grow in their faith and Give back to the community. Consider joining one of these meaningful groups to become more connected with the women of Zoar.

Women's Circles

Throughout the month several women's groups meet in bible study. The Rachel Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1 PM, the Ruth Circle meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1 PM and the Naomi Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:15 AM.

Popcorn Gang

Popcorn Gang meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 PM and is a group of women of all ages getting to know each other through sharing or listening.

Yarns of Love

Started nine years ago, this group meets monthly to knit or crochet a variety of items for Zoar Lutheran members who are shut-ins or ill, as well as those in both Kingston facilities, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg Commons and Heartland. Items include chemo caps, lap robes, etc. The group gathers on the second Saturday of each month from 10 - 11:30 AM and on the last Monday of each month from 7 - 8:30 PM.

Piece Corp Quilters

The Piece Corp Quilters Group has been in existence for nearly 50 years and is a part of Zoar Lutheran's efforts to support Lutheran World Relief. The group meets to tie quilt tops to backs and to make kits that include school bags, diaper bags, baby gowns, etc. All are welcome to join in this rewarding work, no matter what age or skill level. Quilting tips are shared among the group. The Piece Corp Quilters Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9 AM as well as the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM. Donations are also always welcome. These can include fabrics, clean gently-used t-shirts, blankets, mattress pads, etc.

Solo Again - Widow Support Group

September 2018 began a new ministry of Zoar – to support women whose husbands have died recently. The first years after a death are very difficult to maneuver emotionally and financially. Solo Again offers a safe place to share emotions, ask questions, share helpful tips and information with others in the same situation and offer support to make a new life easier to handle. Loss can be harder than we think, and more beautiful than we imagined. Not the loss itself, but what comes from it. The collateral beauty. The treasure unearthed from the rubble left behind from the unexpected reactions of this experience. Grief and resilience live together at this time and Solo Again exists to help navigate these new experiences to see the beauty left behind.

There are many new books on dealing with grief and death of a spouse in the Library down stairs on the top right shelf that can be checked out for a month at a time.

Meetings are the second Friday of the month at 1 PM in the Conference Room at Zoar. Some also meet for lunch at Cracker Barrel at 11:30 AM prior to the meeting. If you would like more information about Solo Again, contact Sharla Cook – 419-874-5808 or shar.cook.3@gmail.com

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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.

2019 - 2020 TIME AND TALENTS

Included in your August newsletter is the 2019 - 2020 Time and Talents survey. In the survey, is listed all the ways to participate and serve at Zoar. Looking for a way to get connected? This is a great first step! Please return your Time and Talents survey to the church office, email to sdelaney@zoarlutheran.com or turn them in on September 8 at Explore Zoar - A Connections Fair. Please return your survey by October 1, 2019.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Men's Breakfast Men's Golf Bible Study	2 Feed Our Families Marilyn Cotner Birthday	3 Worship
4 Worship Youth Event Highlight		6 Piece Corps Pickleball	7 Bible Study	8 Men's Golf Men's Cards Dale Moser Birthday	9 Feed Our Families Solo Again	10 Worship Faith. Science & Technology Yarns of Love
11 Worship Blessing of the Backpacks Mini Golf		13 Pickleball Mary Ellen Jameson Birthday	14 Bible Study	15 Bible Study Choir Rehearsal Mary Layman Birthday		17 Worship Prayer Partners
18 Worship Monthly Mingle		20 Piece Corps Pickleball Council Meeting	21 Bible Study	22 Men's Golf Men's Cards		24 Worship
25 Worship Neighborhood Walk		27 Pickleball	28 Bible Study	29 Men's Golf Men's Cards		31 Worship St. Pauls Soup Kitchen Barbara Ayers Birthday

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

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life."

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