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## WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER! GIFTS AROUND

From the beauties of summer come abundance in fruit and field. We are grateful for the gift of those who till the soil, those who sort and sell produce, and those who prepare food. September sings of the gifts of the field!

From the great bounty of green all summer changes to reds and yellows and browns, preparing for the season to come. September sings of color.

In these Covid-days we are distanced, yet many are closer to significant others than before. This used to be a "back to normal from summer" month. Even though life is not "normal," September sings to us of change in schedule and routine. We pray for our teachers, students, and parents in these school days.

Another holiday! We pause to give thanks for the gift of labor, even when all labor has been rearranged. September sings in gratitude for those who work and have worked in our society.

What gifts do you see? Sing together with September to the amaz!ng God of love!



from  
**Pastor Tim**  
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# GRACE AND GRATEFULNESS

We have made it to September! Wow! This start-up to the new school year is normally full of activities and events. But, back in March, I certainly did not think that we would still be affected by Covid-19! So many things have changed and may never get back to "normal." Regardless, I am grateful for the life of the Zoar community.

Even though we are not meeting in-person for Sunday School, our youth, through the direction of Amanda Rich, will have Sunday School each week on the Zoom platform, with large group and small group session. Our Adult classes that usually meeting on Sunday Morning also meet at Zoom (Pastor Tim's at 2pm Sunday, Pastor Cindy's at 8pm Wednesdays, 10am Thursdays). Confirmation will also begin on Zoom at 6:30pm on Wednesdays, at least through this month.

Even though we are not meeting in full groups, ministry continues. "God's Work Our Hands" is a way you as individuals or families can care for others during the week of Labor Day. Those students without enough to eat are fed through "Feed our Families." And you, through your words and deeds are proclaiming Christ in your neighborhoods. Thank you!

Even though we are not offering our worship, nor singing, nor touching in the Sanctuary, we meet for worship, safely, in the Family Life Center each Saturday at 6pm, and Sunday at 8:30, 9:45, and 11am. It is not the same, but it is good to be together, and I know that Jesus is present! You may also worship with us using the You Tube or Facebook formats.

You are also asked to keep the future of Zoar in your prayers, especially at 3:14pm (or am if you are awake!).

Even though choirs are not gathering and singing and preparing for Worship, Omaldo is "zooming" each week with both the Chancel Choir and the Youth Choir for music and fellowship.

Even though we are not "passing the plate" I am grateful for the generosity of the disciples of Jesus at Zoar. Offerings and gifts continue to be given, as we support the ministries of our community and of the ELCA.

Even though we are not yet meeting together, I am grateful for the technology that allows us to stay connected – both with our Zoar family and with our personal families.

I long for the day when homebound members may be visited. I long for the day when in worship we can sing, pass the peace, and be together. I long for the day when no one is affected by Covid-19. But in all of this I am most grateful for the ways our loving God continues to work through these days, with comfort, guidance, and community. We are the Church, regardless of where we meet and what it looks like, and we will make it through!

And I am grateful for you, the people of Zoar. Your perseverance, faith, humor, partnership, and dedication grace this community, and Jesus is honored. Blessings to you all as we enter into this most-unusual autumn, one in which our amaZing Lord is already present!

**Pastor Tim Philabaum**



## HYMNS AND HOTDOGS FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC, AND FOOD!

Join us for the outdoor music event of the year! Hymns and Hotdogs will be held at Woodlands Park on Sunday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m. Participants can expect favorite hymns such as “Blessed Assurance”, “Amazing Grace”, “How Great Thou Art”, “Open The Eyes of My Heart”, and “This Little Light Of Mine”. A wide variety of styles and instrumentation with introductions by local clergy and community members ensures this will truly be an event to be enjoyed by all ages. Bring lawn chairs and wear masks. Social distancing will be enforced. We hope the broad outdoor venue will allow us to experience the joy and love of hymn singing in a safe and inspiring way. Parking at Woodlands Park is reserved for handicap parking. Additional parking is available at Grace Church or Woodlands Elementary School. We hope to see you there!

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**COMING SOON!  
VIRTUAL WORSHIP  
SING-ALONG**



In the near future, be on the lookout for posts on social media that will ask about your favorite worship hymns. Led by Omaldo Perez, Zoar will be putting together a virtual sing-along video that will include songs chosen by the congregation!



from  
**Omaldo**  
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For the most part, Lutherans, if not in always in practice, at least in theory, understand and are comfortable with the role of growth and change in the Church. After all, it was a laundry-list of 95 theological disputations posted by a German priest in the town of Wittenberg in the year 1517 that started our proverbial ball rolling.

Given that the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (or ELW for Short), our primary denominational resource, is almost 15 years old, I am delighted to share that the Fall of this will see a small but timely publication added to the great lineage of worship resources in American Lutheranism.

“All Creation Sings,” as the prospect describes it, “is a new worship book designed to expand upon and complement the ELW by offering a fresh and diverse selection of contents to enliven worship and the people’s song in a new day.”

The creation of this new supplement took over two years of preparation and the work of dozens of people in multiple committees made up of pastors, musicians, and theologians.

I look forward to exploring and sharing in the prayers, rituals, and, eventually, the music of this new and exciting supplement.

As we move forward, let us keep in mind what our dear friend Chuck Lundholm used to say:

“If it is not growing, it’s dead.”





## SUMMER FUN! YOUTH FELLOWSHIP IN COVIDTIMES

Zoar Youth participated in multiple Pop-Up events this summer. Activities included shirt tie-dyeing, ice cream socials at Mr. Freeze, a picnic table build, and more! Our youth were able to engage in volunteer and social events while staying safe and adhering to health guidelines. More Pop-Up events are to come! For more information, look to the next page or check your email for updates about youth activities at Zoar.



## NEW TO ZOAR? THE ZOAR YOUTH EXPERIENCE



Zoar Lutheran Church welcomes you and your family into a community of fellowship, worship, and service. Sunday, September 13 is our Sunday School kick-off day that concludes with a Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social afterwards from 12-2PM. If you have questions about Sunday School registration, getting onto the Zoar Youth email list, or any other Youth-related questions, contact Amanda Rich, Director of Youth Ministries, at [arich@zoarlutheran.com](mailto:arich@zoarlutheran.com). We are so happy that you have decided to join the Zoar family!



# RALLY INTO SERVICE WEEK AND CELEBRATION

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year's Rally Day Weekend will look a little different! ALL members of the congregation are invited to join us for RALLY into Service Week! September 9th-12th members and their families are invited to sign up for small service projects, donation drives and more! These events will end with a special celebration! More information and the latest details can be found in the Z-Blast or by following Zoar on our Social Media pages.

## RETURN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday School will be back in action Sunday, September 13th from 9:45-10:45AM. We will begin the year virtually. To register please visit:

## SEPTEMBER YOUTH POP UP EVENTS!

**SEPTEMBER 20TH** – Picnic Lunch and Hike @ W.W. Knight Nature Preserve  
1PM-2:30PM

**SEPTEMBER 27TH** – Popsicles in the Park @ Woodland Park 1-2PM



from  
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### Dear Friends,

As we continue to navigate these times we continue to find creative ways to journey together in faith. This month we will celebrate our Rally Day in a new way, making it Rally into Service Week! I invite you to join us in signing up to serve as we partner with our friends from: Let's Build Beds, Lutheran World Relief, Perrysburg Christian's United and more. In addition, a celebration will be held the weekend of September 12th and 13th. The latest information, sign ups and specifics on these events can be found in your weekly Z-Blast OR by following our social media pages. These events are open not only to youth, but to all members of the congregation.

Sunday School will return on September 13th! We will begin our year virtually on Zoom in hopes that we can soon be together again in person as soon as the time is right! Registration is now open and can be found in this newsletter!

I look forward to serving and growing with you all this fall!

Many blessings,  
**Amanda Rich**



from  
**Pastor Cindy**  
Interim Associate Pastor  
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### **Greetings Zoar Folks!**

Autumn is here. A time for children to go back to school and for churches to begin new programs after the summer season. This year is different in many ways due to the Coronavirus and the changes it has brought among us. Yet, at Zoar we are still focusing on new beginnings for fall. Rally day this year has an emphasis on service projects with the youth and their families...but there will be opportunities for other folks to give their support. Stay tuned.

Especially since we are all enduring changes and challenges, it is vital for us to be more intentional and observant to the needs of others and to lend a helping hand as we are able. Many folks are struggling in a variety of ways. How might we be the hands and feet of Jesus during these challenging times...in our families, our church and our community?

To be spiritually strengthened Zoar will continue to offer in person worship 4 times a weekend plus online worship too. Our Lord is with us always and dedicating time to worship and pray and serve others is a way to stay close to the Lord and to thank God for our many blessings.

Another way to be spiritually strengthened is to participate in learning more about the Lord. There are numerous opportunities to gather virtually on Zoom for Bible studies at Zoar. Please read the Trifold to find a class for you. Last fall, winter and spring I led a class at "9:53" on Sunday mornings for our Zoar folks and we enjoyed studying a variety of topics. At this time we have a worship service at 9:45am, so, the "9:53" class will not be held. However, have no fear, there is another opportunity to gather and study together.

Beginning on September 16th and 17th on Wednesday evenings at 8pm or Thursday mornings at 10am I invite you to attend a 7-week class to be held on Zoom. The study is called, "The Book of Acts, Participating in God's Mission." This study has been prepared for us by Bishop Daniel Beaudoin of the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the ELCA. He has designated 2020 as: The Year of Mission.

I hope you will consider joining this class (taught by Diane Ninke and Pr. Cindy Ritter) for learning and fellowship and the chance to better understand that God has a mission and God's mission has a church...and that's us folks! We are the church and God invites us to join God's mission. More than ever before we are called and sent to participate in the world to help our neighbors. Contact the church office #419-874-4346 to sign up and receive an invitation to Zoom together as we study the Book of Acts. See you in class.

**Have an awesome autumn.**

**Always remember you are beloved by God.**

**Peace and Blessings,  
Pr. Cindy Ritter**



# RALLY INTO SERVICE WEEK!

## LISTING OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 8TH | 6-8PM

### PCU FOOD DRIVE

Volunteers are asked to bring non-perishable food items to Zoar to be donated to PCU from 6-8PM.

SEPTEMBER 9TH | 6-8PM

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PACKING

Volunteers will be packing care kits for friends who help those in need through Lutheran World Relief. Sign up is required using the provided link and limited to follow COVID-19 guidelines.

SEPTEMBER 10TH | 6-8PM

### LET'S BUILD BEDS!

Volunteers will be assisting our friends from "Let's Build Beds!" by building beds in the Zoar parking lot for children in Toledo who are currently sleeping on the floor. New twin sheet sets and pillow donations are also welcome. Sign up is required using the provided link and limited to follow COVID-19 guidelines.

SEPTEMBER 11TH | 6-8PM

### PERRYSBURG CITY PROJECT

Volunteers will be planting mums starting at Hood Park and in various other locations. Volunteers are asked to bring their own work glove and shovel. Sign up is required using the provided link and limited to follow COVID-19 guidelines.

SEPTEMBER 13TH | 12-2PM

### RALLY DAY DRIVE-IN CELEBRATION

Drive By Ice Cream Social! Join us in celebration of our church family and Zoar by visiting us for a drive by treat!

## ZOAR STAFF BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

**Pastor Tim Philabaum**

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

**Pastor Cindy Ritter**

*Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Hartke

**Omaldo Perez**

*New and Selected Poems* by Mary Oliver

**Amanda Rich**

*Untamed* by Glennon Doyle

**Sonia Krolak**

*The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

# 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

## SEPTEMBER // 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	1 3:14PM Prayer with Staff	2 6PM Confirmation Class	3 9AM Men's Golf Group	4	5 6PM Worship
6 8:30, 9:45, 11:00AM Worship	7	8 3:14PM Prayer with Staff  Rally into Service Week" 6-8PM	9 6PM Confirmation Class  Rally into Service Week" 6-8PM	10 9AM Men's Golf Group  Rally into Service Week" 6-8PM	11  Rally into Service Week" 6-8PM	12 6PM Worship
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27 8:30, 9:45, 11:00AM Worship 10AM Zoom Sunday School ★	28	29 3:14PM Prayer with Staff	30 6PM Confirmation Class	<b>OUR 85+ MEMBER SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b> September 4    Phyllis Spoerl September 8    Harold Wolf September 12    Mary Cremer September 14    Ruth Alteneider September 17    Sharon Guest September 18    Marilyn Halbert		

### \*Additional Events:

13th: 12PM Ice  
Cream Social

20th: 12:30PM Youth Lunch & Hike  
6PM Hymns and Hotdogs

27th: 1PM Popsicles  
in the Park

for a complete list of events, please check  
the Z-Blast for weekly announcements

### ZOAR STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Philabaum  
Interim Associate Pastor: Rev. Cindy Ritter

Cantor: Omaldo Perez  
Director of Youth Ministry: Amanda Rich

Administrative Manager: Dale Nordahl  
Secretary: Suzanne DeLaney  
Custodian: Paul Cannon  
Communications Assistant: Sonia Krolak



# WE WISH TO THANK OUR SPONSORS

Would you like to place a birthday announcement or congratulatory message in the Zoar monthly newsletter? Send an email to [communications@zoarlutheran.com](mailto:communications@zoarlutheran.com) for pricing and availability.

**Deadline is the 5th of the preceding month!**

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Our Synod's Verse of the gift of peace and our call to mission:

**"Jesus said to them again,  
'Peace be with you. As the  
Father has sent me,  
so I send you.'" — John 20:21**

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**Worship times:**

Saturday: 6 PM

Sunday: 8:00am Virtual Worship,  
8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM

Youth Sunday School at 9:45 AM

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**AmaZed!**



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