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Let the Message of Christ Dwell in You Richly

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly
as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom
through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit,
singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

~ Colossians 3:16

Grace and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

As this month's newsletter arrives, Beth and I are celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary on a river cruise in Europe. We are so thankful for all of you and this opportunity to share in this time apart. Long before our anniversary (which was actually a year ago February), we began planning, and are so looking forward to seeing those plans fulfilled and recognizing once again the amazing blessing of God in the gift of being married for these three decades. (I know, a bare beginning compared to some of you!)

And it really is that rich blessing that I want to talk about. In Colossians 3:16, Paul writes, "Let the message of Christ dwell in you richly..." Now, the richness

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from
Pastor Paul

Senior Pastor

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COME GROW WITH ZOAR

Stewardship Talents and Treasure Campaign



"He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

~ Ephesians 4:11-13

Welcome to the Stewardship season of giving! The focus of our theme, **Come Grow with Zoar**, is to promote growth in faith with the Church, its ministries and its people.

We are grateful for the countless members who have generously supported our ministries through the years. Our success is only possible with the congregation's generous gifts of talent and financial contributions.

In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about how you can **Come Grow with Zoar**:

- The week of **October 3** you will receive in the mail the first appeal letter. In it, you will read how we are gathering together in support of growing the reach of God's love. We ask you to pray for our common work together.
- The week of **October 24**, you will receive in the mail the second appeal letter along with a Talent Offerings form and a Statement of Intent card. Please prayerfully consider these requests and identify where God is leading you to give of your talents and give of your treasure.
- Then, on the weekend of **November 5-6**, alongside All Saints Day, we will celebrate **Stewardship Sunday** by submitting our pledge forms during all worship services. If you are not able to attend, we ask that you please mail your forms to the church office.

We encourage you to think about how our congregation's ministry can be strengthened by your financial commitment and your talent offering. Be assured that your offering – whatever amount you give – will be appreciated and is important to Zoar's ministry!

Thank you for being part of the Zoar congregation! Together we are on a mission that we can fulfill, Zoar's mission:

Amazed by God, Energized by Jesus, Zoar Lutheran Church Gathers, Grows and Gives.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Paul Reichert and the Stewardship Committee



"So, tell me your story!"



from
Pastor Rich
Visitation Pastor

That's how I begin most every visit I make with Zoar's nearly 40 homebound members. And they all have stories! After our conversation, we transition to worship and Holy Communion. As I leave them, after about an hour's visit, they invariably tell me how much our time together meant to them.

I'm pleased that the congregation values our older members...enough to provide for their spiritual welfare when they can no longer attend worship because of age or impairment. Some of these folks have served on Council, taught Sunday School, served funeral luncheons, or did other important volunteer ministries. One gentleman showed me the usher's guidebook he received back in the 1940's and reminded me of the day long gone when ushers had

to remember where folks sat, and then personally escort them to their pew and hand them a bulletin!

The challenge for all churches today is to look to the future and plan ministries that invite and welcome new people. This is essential if the church is to thrive.

At the same time, churches need to be attentive to the needs of those who attend and participate in our ministries. They, too, have their stories, and they need to be heard.

But, we also treasure our homebound members, and those who live in congregate housing in the community and seldom (if ever) attend worship services. They remain important members of the Zoar family.

Thank you for inviting me into this ministry! And I thank Pastor Paul Reichert and his staff for their warm welcome and collegial support.

If you would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church office at 419-874-4346.

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of God's kingdom breaking in is mentioned long before Paul. Psalm 19 calls the decrees of the Lord more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. Isaiah 25 speaks of God providing a feast of rich food for all people who put their trust in the Lord. But I think Paul is talking about something more.

Paul isn't specifically talking about the rich blessing of the message of Christ; the good news that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, was born in a stable in Bethlehem, grew and lived and taught, did signs and wonders revealing God's kingdom; the message of Jesus who suffered and died on a cross, was buried and rose again for our hope and redemption. Paul is writing to the church in Colossae who already knows the Good News. Paul says, "let the message of Christ dwell in you richly..."

A lot of times, we think about the Gospel the same way we think about rich food. It's wonderful and amazing and best in really small doses. You wouldn't have a piled plate of caviar or big old bowl of black truffles. But Jesus Christ didn't die and rise for you so that you could have a sip of salvation; Jesus didn't send the Holy Spirit so you could have a few hours a week or month or year of hope. Jesus gave his life and rose that you might have abundant life, a life packed full of the hope of salvation; so that, the Good News would so fill and overflow your life that you couldn't help but have people notice. In that way, it is like a great garlic packed Italian meal, you know, and those around you know, for days as that garlic works through even your sweat.

That's what Christ wants. For you to be so full, so indwelt richly, with the promise, comfort and joy of the Gospel that wherever you are and whatever you do, people can't help but know the amazing love of God reflected in your life. Don't limit yourself to a taste of salvation. Grow in faith; grow in giving; grow in celebrating being part of the Body of Christ. Let the love of Jesus Christ fill your life to overflowing.

Peace,
Pastor Paul

GUEST PREACHER



MARK YOUR CALENDARS — SHARE THE NEWS!

Pastor Mark Brocker will be Zoar's guest preacher the weekend of October 8-9, 2022. An expert in the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer — the German Lutheran pastor, resister to the Nazis, and martyr — Dr. Brocker will lead a presentation, sermons and forum.

Please join us!

Saturday, October 8 | 10AM Presentation

Saturday, October 8 | 6 PM Sermon

Sunday, October 9 | 8:30 & 11 AM Sermon

Sunday, October 9 | 9:45 AM Adult Forum

Be
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Zoar Youth — *Hope. A simple, powerful word.*



Karen with two of her colleagues, Ben and Gabe along with Adora from Malaysia and Eduarda from Brazil.

Recently, I had the amazing opportunity to connect with six young women from countries around the world. They are all attending ELCA Lutheran Universities here in the United States as International Women Scholars of the ELCA. In my position, I help uplift this program across the region that I serve. These women, like our own young women at Zoar, are determined, spirited, full of energy, wicked smart and fun. I love that I get the chance to engage with these young women in person at Zoar and in my “day job.”

When Anghy from Nicaragua, who is attending Luther College in Decorah, IA, was asked what

it means for her, her family, her home church and country to attend college in the United States, she said, “Attending college here brings my family and my homeland hope.”

Wow. Hope. A simple, powerful word. Hope. A word that changes minds, hearts and lives. We do that together here at Zoar for our young people every time we engage with them and show up in their lives. I love that we are a church that has a place for everyone, the young and the young at heart. We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person questions – complexities and all.

Join us as we do God’s work in Christ’s name for the life of the world. Both your Life Long Learning and Youth and Young Adult Committees are working behind the scenes to move our children’s and young adult ministries forward. More to come.



Karen Mathison
Chair of Youth and
Young Adult Committee

*See you at Trunk
or Treat on Sunday,
October 30 at
6:00 pm!*



Worship and Music — *It’s about Faith!*

October has been the month of frost, with a killing frost in our area more likely around the third week. Leaves turn color; some fall. Harvesting of corn and soybeans begins. We know this time of the year as we know the other seasons. We know what to expect. Many of you know what to expect in our services this month as well. Knowing what to expect is a matter of faith.

We continue in liturgical autumn throughout this month. We hear about mustard seeds, faith and obligation, about persistence in the face of injustice, about humility in all that we do. We do what God calls us to do, trusting and expecting that God brings some good out of our doing. You have heard it said that the good we do is not our doing, but God working through us. This is our faith.

This October 8-9 you may hear that God has done good through Dietrich Bonhoeffer, teacher, martyr, 1945. This is six months after his official day of commemoration which is April 9. But this is when Bonhoeffer scholar Rev. Mark Bocker of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, Oregon, will be with us. Mark earned a Ph.D. in Theology (University of Chicago Divinity School). His dissertation is entitled “The Community of God, Jesus Christ, and Responsibility: The Responsible Person and the Responsible Community in the Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.” Whoa! You really wanted to know that; didn’t you? He really is a Bonhoeffer scholar. He is delightful in conversation. And he has a small Ohio connection: his dad was a seminarian intern at St. John’s Lutheran in Fremont.

Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. is Rev. Bocker’s presentation “Embracing the Fullness of life.” His sermon at all services is “A Miracle of Divine Mercy.” Sunday, October 9 at 9:45 a.m. is an adult forum “What Does It Mean to Tell the Truth?”

On October 29-30 you know what to expect: Reformation Sunday. It’s about faith.



Lee Rupert
Chair of Worship and
Music Committee

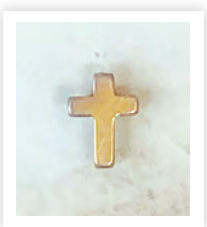
*Join us October 8-9
for guest preacher
Pastor Mark Bocker
as he speaks about
Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
German Lutheran
pastor and martyr.*

A look back at... Confirmation

As Catechism classes begin for 2022-2023, the Heritage Committee would like to share a few items and memories of past Confirmations at Zoar Lutheran Church. These precious items, along with many other books, photos and materials can be found in the Archive Room.



*Confirmation class from 1932
on the stairs outside at Zoar.*



This tiny cross gold pin is attached to a handwritten note that reads, "The cross was given to me by my teacher Ruth Caldwell when I was about 11 years old (1937) for perfect attendance for one year in her class." Signed Harold J. (Jed) Emch

"Church Book" that belonged to Edna Artz. Inside is a handwritten note that reads, "In memory of Edna's Confirmation, by Grandpa. March 31, 1912."



Communications Corner

Social media has become an everyday part of our lives. It certainly is fun to see photos of friends and family and to laugh at silly memes. Social media also offers us a great way to reach out and connect, maintain friendships and create relationships. But let's be honest, sometimes that innocent scroll can lead us down the wrong path and suddenly you find yourself feeling frustrated, jealous or maybe even gossiping. The Bible reminds us in Philippians 4:8:

"...whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Did you know that you can choose which pages and posts take priority in your Facebook feed?! Let's keep this verse in mind and walk through a few simple steps to make sure your social feed is offering you as many uplifting and amaZing posts as possible. This is a quick and easy way to make sure that, when we are using Facebook, we are doing our best to fill our minds with things that are good and praise worthy!

1. Sign into Facebook. (That was easy!)
2. Search for the Zoar Lutheran Church page; click on the page; and, make sure that you like the page.
3. Click on the box that says "Following." If you don't see the word "Following," then click on the "... " and choose "Following Settings" from the dropdown menu.
4. Click on "Favorites."
5. Voila! You did it! Pat yourself on the back for making a great choice with your time spent on social media today!

It's that simple! Now your feed will prioritize the uplifting messages that Zoar and God are eager to share with you! I encourage you to take the time today to edit additional Facebook page/friend settings so that you prioritize the pages and friends who offer posts that are motivational and uplifting. You can do this through your "Settings and Privacy" and "News Feed Preferences." From there, you will be able to make changes to your feed preferences. Let's join together and shepherd our social media feed down the right path. I have a hunch that we will see the amaZing changes that God makes in our social media experience!

Blessings,

Nicole Downey
Zoar Council Member
Chair of Communications Committee



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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For a complete list of events, please check announcements in weekly Z-Blast email.

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2 8:30, 11AM Worship 9:45AM Sunday School	3 5:30PM Property Committee Meeting 7PM Social Ministry Committee Meeting	4 9AM Quilters 3:14PM Prayer w/Staff 7PM LLL Committee Meeting	5 8AM Bible Study 11AM Staff Mtg 1PM Zoar Bridge Club 3:30PM Abundant Life II 7PM Resilient - Zoom 7:30PM Uncorked Faith	6 9AM Men's Golf @ White Pines 10AM Resilient Book Study - Hybrid 7PM Chancel Choir	7 9AM Quilters 1PM Zoar Book Club	8 10AM Mark Brocker Presentation 6PM Worship
9 8:30, 11AM Worship 9:45AM Mark Brocker Adult Forum 6:30PM YAYA Committee Meeting @ Panera	10	11 9AM Quilters 3:14PM Prayer w/ Staff 7PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	12 8AM Bible Study 11AM Staff Mtg 1PM Zoar Bridge Club 1PM Rachel Circle 7PM Resilient - Zoom	13 10AM Resilient Book Study - Hybrid 7PM Chancel Choir	14 8AM Men's Breakfast @ American Table 1PM Solo Again	15 6PM Worship
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Fall is a time to inspire and be inspired. And Zoar is a place that has inspired faith and loving service to our neighbors for more than 170 years. There is a place here for you to grow in faith and action, so

Come Home to Zoar this Fall!

Weekend of October 8-9

Guest Preacher Mark Brocker

Sunday, October 30 at 6PM

Zoar Trunk or Treat

November (Date TBD)

Organ Concert with Dr. Gail Archer

Wednesday, November 23 at 7PM

Thanksgiving Eve Service

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Weekly Z-Blast Email for more!**