

ANNOUNCEMENTS: OCTOBER 4 & 5

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday – Sunday: Closed

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ongoing Prayers: Pam Studer (aunt of Melissa Kocis), Barb Hendel, Diane Calcamuggio, Cathie Tyree, Mike Kleinfelt, Jim Gleason (brother-in-law of Jeanette Gleason), Julia (mother of Melissa Kocis' friend), Samuel McNeir (son of Patrick and Naomi McNeir), Al Gaige (brother of Jan Baker), David Buenting, Brian from Kenya, Linda Smith (wife of Gary Smith), Kay Baird (sister of Ted Weaver), Jason Scasny (husband of Kristen Scasny), LaVerne Edwards, Roger Peinert (husband of Sandy Peinert), Janis Stein (wife of Robert Stein), Carol Hancock (cousin of Naomi McNeir), Steven Laine (brother of Jim Laine), Judy Modene, Sue Hughes, Cary Wise, Judy Schramm, and all those we name in our hearts.

***Please contact the church office or one of the pastors with any prayer list additions or changes.**

SPECIAL OFFERING

The special offering for October will help to support **LWR-Shipping**. Please use your special offering envelope, or a pew envelope marked "special offering." In September we collected and donated \$357 to **WAM (Wood Area Ministries)**.

PCU FOOD PROGRAM

Zoar's item for October will be **peanut butter**. Please place items in the cupboard by the elevator. During the month of September, we collected and donated **389 cans of soup** to PCU. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - 193

PRAYER PARTNERS INVITE YOU TO PRAY

On October 4th, our new presiding bishop, Yehiel Curry, will be installed and will accept leadership of the ELCA Lutheran Church. It is a difficult time to be the church. Please pray for Bishop Yehiel this week. Pray that he will know God's strengthening, God's guidance, and God's amazing love as he assumes this role. Pray that we can all work to spread God's caring to those around us.

AUGUST MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<i>Preliminary report of Operating Funds</i>	YTD Actual 2025	YTD Budget 2025	August Actual 2025	August Budget 2025
Total Income	\$538,863	\$609,518	\$54,679	\$87,074
Total Expense	<u>\$603,514</u>	<u>\$609,518</u>	<u>\$79,997</u>	<u>\$87,074</u>
Income less Expense	-\$64,651	\$0	-\$25,319	\$0

BIBLE STUDY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 8th AT 8:30 AM

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

OUR 85+ MEMBER SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Arline Cornelius 10/06 Joseph Huber 10/15
Elva Ault 10/18 Darla Gearig 10/30

OFFERINGS TO ZOAR

Please consider continuing your offerings to Zoar:

- Give online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM4T/home> to set up scheduled gifts or designate your gift to a specific fund.
- Download the free **Vanco Mobile app** available for Apple and Android phones to make your gift.
- Mail offering to Zoar Lutheran Church, 314 E. Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

VISITING GUEST PREACHERS

Zoar will be hosting a variety of guest preachers throughout the year. Mark your calendars to come and worship with our guests.

Mick Althaus 10/4 & 10/5

Denise Russell 10/11 & 10/12

John Walker 10/18 & 10/19

ZOAR BOOK CLUB

The Zoar Book Club will meet on **Friday, November 7th** at 12:30 pm in rooms L1/L2 at Zoar Church (bring a brown bag lunch). Our eleventh book for the year will be "James: A Novel" by Percival Everett (2024) (Fiction). An action-packed reimagining of **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**, both harrowing and darkly humorous, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Jan Trease will be the discussion facilitator. Book Club members can pick up this book at Way Public Library (Zoar Book Club Box). The Book Club is open to all interested people. For further information, contact Ellen Williams (ewillia@bgsu.edu).

UPCOMING MUSICIANS VISITING ZOAR

Mark your calendars as we have some amazing musicians coming to share their talents with you!

October 12th – Omaldo Perez (8:30 and 11 am)

COMMUNION EDUCATION

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, November 8th** Zoar will be holding a communion education class from 10 am – 2 pm in the FLC. This class is open to people of all ages. RSVPs are required. Please follow the link below to be taken to registration.

<https://forms.gle/j4ZXZ6FUm99QTrmE6>

BLESSING OF THE PETS

We'd love for you and your furry friends to stop by the Zoar parking lot from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm on **Sunday, October 19th** for a pet blessing. For the safety of everyone we do ask that you have your pet on a leash (if applicable).

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

We will be hosting a new member luncheon for all new members and those potentially interested in church membership. The luncheon will be held on **Sunday, November 9th** following the 11 am worship service (approximately 12:15 pm). This gathering offers the opportunity to receive an overview of our faith and ministries at Zoar as well as participate in open Q&A and explore the building with a tour. New members will then be received on Sunday, November 23rd during our one service Sunday worship at 10 am.

Scan the QR code below or call the church office to register for the luncheon.



CARING COMPANIONS NEEDED

We are seeking members who would like to join our team of Caring Companions. This ministry provides communion and conversation to members who are unable to attend worship. Anyone can participate, and your gift of time will have a large impact on our church community. Call Sondra Alexander at 419-206-9432 to learn more about spreading God's love with this ministry.

2025-2026 YOUTH REGISTRATION

Registration is NOW OPEN for youth and youth volunteers for the 2025-2026 program year! Registration links are available on the Zoar website and on the fliers posted in the Gathering Space. Youth who are interested in youth ministry programming, including Sunday School, Confirmation, etc. must have a registration form on file. Adult volunteers who are interested in helping with youth events should register as well-no prep and no prior experience needed! Please see Corryn if you have any questions or concerns!

YOUTH TIME CAPSULE

On **November 22nd**, Zoar will be opening our 175th anniversary time capsule. Youth in grade 12 and younger are invited to fill out a time capsule sheet to place in the NEW time capsule to be opened in 2050! Some kids have already filled one out at Sunday School or youth group, but if you missed out, click the link found in the Zblast to download a copy or pick one up in the church office.

YOGA FOR EVERY BODY

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 12th** from 4-5 pm in the FLC as we spend time connecting our mind, body and spirit with yoga instructor Kasey Kilmer. Bring a yoga mat (if you have one) or a towel. Chairs will be available for anyone choosing chair yoga. Thank you to the Zoar Foundation for sponsoring this event. A free will offering will be collected in support of Sierra Club. Sign up by following the link below:

<https://forms.gle/xFvxqiDKoNWDzD198>

KITCHEN OF HOPE LUNCHEONS

Kitchen of Hope is back providing meals and playing bingo on the fourth Friday of each month. Meals are held in Zoar's FLC and start at noon. These meals are free and open to everyone. We do ask that you call the church office at 419-874-4346 to sign up if you plan on attending.

2025 Season: Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

2026 Season: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will be held on the third Sunday of each month from 1 pm-3 pm. The next class is **October 19th**. This year's classes will focus on the main beliefs of Lutherans, including the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles Creed, etc. Several off-site faith-based learning experiences will also be scheduled throughout the year.

While youth often participate in confirmation during their 7th and 8th grade years, we welcome their discernment (together with their families and the pastors) around when to begin this experience, and invite conversation about what this might look like. At the conclusion of two years, they will be invited, not expected, to affirm their faith publicly in community.

If you know a young person who is planning to attend Confirmation classes this year, please make sure you have filled out a Zoar Youth Participation and Liability Release Form and fill out the short Confirmation sign up form available on the church website. Both forms are accessible via the QR codes posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering space and the links posted in the Zblast or on the Zoar website.

ZOAR YOUTH GROUP CEDAR POINT TRIP

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, October 18th** Zoar's youth in grades 5-12 are invited on a field trip to Cedar Point. There will be two groups leaving at different times to better accommodate everyone's schedules. Please note that adult chaperones and drivers are also needed. Follow the link below for more information and to access the registration form.

<https://forms.gle/V7MEvaQ15wq3zUmy6>

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Saturday, October 25th** and **Sunday, October 26th** immediately following each worship service, a special congregational meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Vice President for church council. The person elected will serve as VP for the remainder of the 2024/2025 term (ending the end of January 2026) and then will serve as Council President for the 2026/2027 (beginning the end of January 2026) term. We hope you will join us for more information and your input.

YOUNG ADULT CONNECTION

Young Adult Connection is a group for Zoar young adults (post-high school, ages 18 – 30ish) who live locally or far away and are looking to connect with others in your age group and/or stay connected to Zoar! Follow the link below to sign up today!

<https://forms.gle/Z9zYCNTKrWbM6UNs9>

BUY POPCORN AND SUPPORT SCOUTING

Pack 110 will be selling popcorn after church service on **Sunday, October 5th**. In addition to popcorn there will be a variety of pretzels and trail mix. This is part of their annual fundraiser. Cash, check and credit card accepted. Stop by and meet some young scouts and get some yummy snacks.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ALTAR GUILD

October 5 8:30 am Vicki Karnes
 11:00 am Sue Todt

USHERS

October 5 8:30 am Bob Obrock; Paul Dodge

LECTOR

October 4 6:00 pm Kelly Andrews
October 5 8:30 am Bruce Maxwell

SOUND CREW

October 4 6:00 pm James Jaqua
October 5 8:30 am Carl Habekost
11:00 am Doug Williams

MUSICAL GUESTS

October 4 6:00 pm Jennifer Martinez

SOCIAL HOUR SETUP

October 5 8:00 am Pam Kwasniak

COUNTERS Chuck and Nancy Elvers

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Saturday, October 4**

9:00 am Altar Guild
6:00 pm Worship – Sanctuary

Sunday, October 5

8:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
8:30 am Boy Scout Popcorn Sale – Gathering Space
9:45 am Social Hour – Gathering Space
9:45 am Sunday School – SS Room
11:00 am Worship – Sanctuary
5:00 pm Thrivent Luncheon – Abundant Life I & II
5:00 pm Girl Scouts - Lounge

Monday, October 6

5:15 pm Basketball – FLC.
5:30 pm Property Committee – L1/L2
7:00 pm Pack 110 Leader Meeting – SS Room
7:30 pm Basketball – FLC

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 am Quilters – L1/L2/L3/L4
11:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
11:00 am Pickleball – FLC
1:00 pm Pickleball – FLC
3:00 pm Intermediate Pickleball - FLC
3:14 pm 314 with Pastor Melanie – Facebook Live
5:30 pm Pickleball – FLC

Wednesday, October 8

8:30 am Bible Study – Conference Room
1:00 pm Bridge Club – Third Floor
1:00 pm Rachel Circle - Lounge
4:00 pm Pickleball Lessons – FLC
6:30 pm Girl Scouts – SS Room
7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study - ZOOM

Thursday, October 9

10:00 am Genesis Bible Study – L1/L2
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1338 – SS Rooms
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Friday, October 10

9:00 am Painters – L1/L2
1:00 pm Solo Again – Conference Room
4:30 pm Confirmation Kids Field Trip – Offsite