

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

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, Lynn Kruse, 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 September will help to support **WAM (Wood Area Ministries)**. Please use your special offering envelope, or a pew envelope marked "special offering." In August we collected and donated \$224 to **US Together**.

PCU FOOD PROGRAM

Zoar's item for September will be **soup**. Please place items in the cupboard by the elevator. During the month of August, we collected and donated **735 packages of bathroom tissue** to PCU. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - 235

PRAYER PARTNERS INVITE YOU TO PRAY

There are certainly a lot of things to be afraid of in this world. And yet God has promised to be with us, day in and day out. So let's pray for what scares us this week. Whatever is keeping you awake nights, whatever makes you anxious during the day, pray about it. Ask God for God's presence in the midst of whatever is happening in your life. Know that God hears us when we cry out. And so we pray, and we trust that God is there for us. Pray.

VACATION TIME!

Pastor Paul and his wife, Beth will be celebrating their 35th anniversary on a cruise from September 20th – October 8th. While in his absence if you need any pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Melanie or the church office.

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 1st AT 8:30 AM

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

OUR 85+ MEMBER SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Spoerl	09/04	Joyce Dauer	09/07
Betty Shufeldt	09/08	Harold Wolf	09/08
Marilyn Halbert	09/18		

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.

Ed Strietelmeier 9/27 & 9/28

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, October 3rd** at 12:30 pm in rooms L1/L2 at Zoar Church (bring a brown bag lunch). Our tenth book for the year will be "Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon (2024) (Historical Fiction). An 18th Century historical mystery that follows Martha Ballard, a midwife in Hallowell, Maine, who finds herself trying to solve a murder that possibly connects to her friend's violent rape. This is a multilayered slice of life and a glimpse of the times. Arlene Hustwick 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 14th – Omaldo Perez (8:30 and 11 am)

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.

UPDATES TO CHURCH COUNCIL

After prayerful reflection, Derek Meyer has resigned as council president; we give thanks for his dedicated service and care for the congregation. Tom Easterwood has assumed the role of president; we give thanks for his willingness to serve in this capacity and his care for the congregation.

ZOAR FOUNDATION GRANT REQUESTS

The Zoar Foundation invites boards, committees, staff and individual members of Zoar to submit proposals for support of new or expanded ministries of the Church. Guidelines, application forms, and instructions for submitting proposals are available on Zoar's website or in the church office.

Application deadline is **September 30th**.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will be held on the third Sunday of each month from 1 pm-3 pm, starting on **September 21st**. 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.

NORTHWEST OHIO WELCA SYNODICAL GATHERING

Mark your calendars! You are invited to join the Northwest Ohio Synod Women of the ELCA on **Friday, September 26th** from 1 pm - 7:30 pm and **Saturday, September 27th** from 9 am - 3 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 315 College Drive, Bowling Green, OH. There will be bible study, breakout sessions, worship, fun, food and fellowship as well as a silent auction. Hotel accommodations will also be available. We'd love if you would consider being a conference rep or officer. Watch for more information through the SonLight, your church mail, and also on our Facebook page, **Northwestern Ohio Synod Women of the ELCA**.

CARING COMPANIONS NEEDED

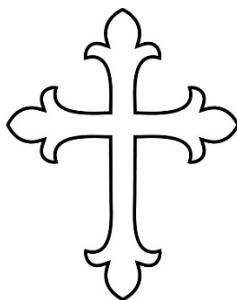
We are seeking members who would like to join our team of Caring Companions. This ministry provides communion and conversation to members who are unable to attend worship. Anyone can participate, and your gift of time will have a large impact on our church community. Call the church office or email secretary@zoarlutheran.com 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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am **Worship – Sanctuary**
9:45 am Social Hour – Gathering Space
9:45 am Sunday School – SS Room
11:00 am **Worship – Sanctuary**

Monday, September 29

5:15 pm Basketball – FLC
7:30 pm Basketball – FLC

Tuesday, September 30

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 Paul – Facebook Live
5:30 pm Pickleball – FLC

Wednesday, October 1

8:30 am Bible Study – Conference Room
1:00 pm Bridge Club – Third Floor
3:30 pm Abundant Life II - Offsite
4:00 pm Pickleball Lessons – FLC
6:30 pm Girl Scouts – SS Room
7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study - ZOOM

Thursday, October 2

10:00 am Genesis Bible Study – L1/L2
5:30 pm Foundation Meeting – Conference Room
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1113 – SS Rooms
6:00 pm Girl Scouts – FLC and Lounge
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Friday, October 3

9:00 am Painters – L1/L2
12:30 pm Book Club – L1/L2

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ALTAR GUILD

September 28 8:30 am Sue Gordon
11:00 am Donna Ohls

USHERS

September 28 8:30 am Robin Maxwell
11:00 am Evelyn Forrey

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

September 27 6:00 pm
September 28 8:30 am
11:00 am

ACOLYTES

September 27 6:00 pm
September 28 8:30 am
 11:00 am

ASSISTANT MINISTER

September 27 6:00 pm
September 28 8:30 am
 11:00 am

LECTOR

September 27 6:00 pm Kelly Andrews
September 28 8:30 am Bruce Maxwell
 11:00 am

GREETERS

September 27 6:00 pm
September 28 8:30 am
 11:00 am

SOUND CREW

September 27 6:00 pm James Jaqua
September 28 8:30 am Carl Habekost
 11:00 am Tom Trimble

MUSICAL GUESTS

September 27 6:00 pm Sharon Bitter
September 28 8:30 am
 11:00 am

SOCIAL HOUR SETUP

September 28 8:00 am Jim and Pam Kwasniak

SOCIAL HOUR COOKIE DONATIONS

September 28 8:00 am Nadine Johnson; Lynn Cooper

COUNTERS Jim Kwasniak; Tom Dayton; Dan Bartels