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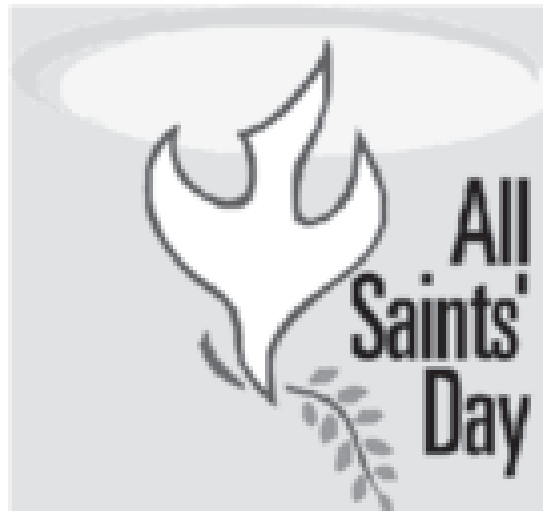
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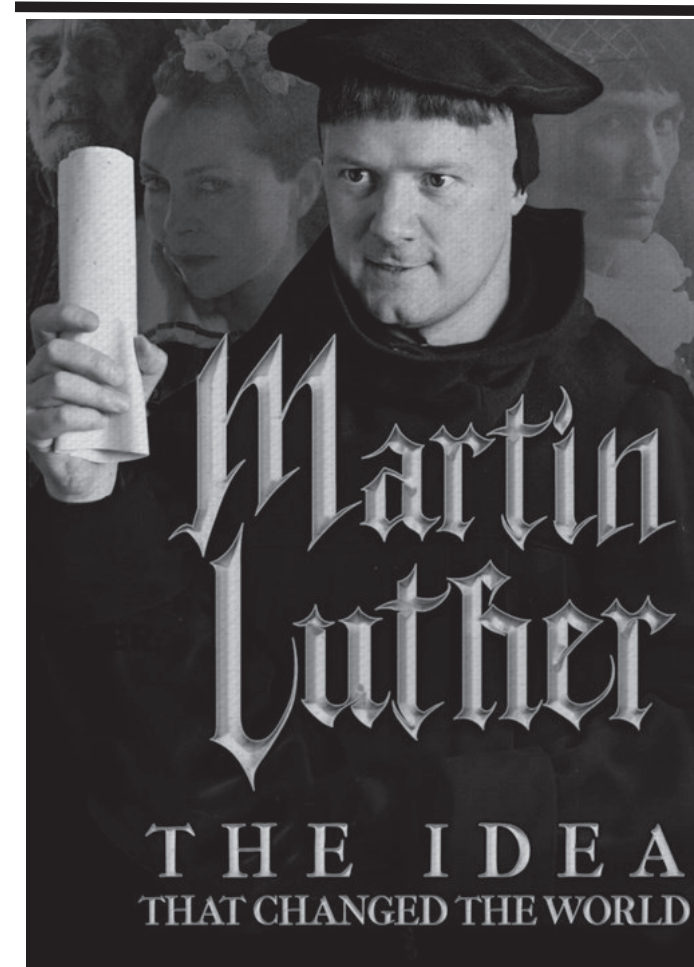


The Herald

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Observed November 4 & 5, 2017



**Presenting:
Free Lunch &
a Movie
at Zion !
October 15**

Lunch at 12:30
Movie at 2:00

A Free-will offering will
support the 2018 Youth
Gathering in Houston.

October 2017

**Reformation 500th Anniversary at Zion &
Northwestern Ohio Synod:
SAVE these DATES!**



Sunday, Oct. 1, 1:30-5:30 p.m. -- *The Great Reformation Faire:*

Reformation Lutheran Church, 4543 Douglas Rd., Toledo – moments of medieval drama (in costume), craft bazaar, food, games for kids, and animal visitors from The Toledo Zoo – Fun!!

Sunday, OCT. 15 -- LUNCH & A MOVIE: freewill donations to benefit 2018 ELCA Youth Convention – Worship: Regular times, Lunch: 12:30, Movie: 2 p.m.

Martin Luther: The lea That Changed the World

Feature length: Combination of drama and commentary, c2016
Invite your friends and relatives. Come for one or come for all.
Don't Miss It!!

Saturday, Oct. 21 -- The Rev. Dr. Sam Payne presents *Growing up Lutheran in Africa* -- 10:00, 11:30, or 1:00 p.m. at St. Matthew, Cridersville (a Northwestern Ohio Synod event) Don't miss this engaging story from one of our own--Pastor Sam.

**Sunday, Oct. 29 – ZION'S REFORMATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION!
Regular Worship Times: a special recognition of this *once-in-500-years'* event .**

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 4 p.m. – *Great Hymns of Faith, Choral Festival:*
Sandusky State Theatre, Sandusky, OH – Registration free and open to all singers. More info to come.**

What's the Reformation? The Reformation was basically a mass religious movement throughout Europe in the 16th century that was largely sparked and driven by a monk named Martin Luther. It originally started as a bit of a *protest* against the Catholic Church of that time. To this day non-Catholic churches like Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and more are considered "Protestant" churches because we all came out of that *protesting* movement that was an attempt to *reform* the church.



Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Martin Luther's Small Catechism - "Its Status "

Though Luther was justifiably proud of the catechism, his letters indicated that he never intended it as a confessional writing. His view was that it was a convenient and practical summary of Biblical teachings.

The catechism initiated no violent upheavals from the past practices of the Church. Luther numbered the commandments in the way traditional in the Western Church since the time of Augustine, omitting the one against graven images. He used the traditional shortened forms of the First, Second and Fourth Commandments.

He did not print the doxology to the Lord's Prayer. The practical and devotional items he added were common to medieval handbooks, such as the morning and evening prayers, table prayers, Bible verses and the table of duties for various occupations.

What did make Luther's catechism significant and different was his emphasis on faith as the key to the meaning of life with God. This faith is commanded by the First Commandment, because God wants us to trust His love and not our own merits.

Luther was not satisfied merely to define the historical faith for his fellow Saxons, or to have them simply recite the facts of salvation. He wanted them to understand what it means for God to come alive among them at a given moment; how He creates, sustains, redeems and pursues His creatures with an unconditional love. Thus the God who was once the God of Israel is also the God of the people of Saxony. Like the Bible, the catechism preaches and also like the Bible it demands a personal response.

Worship Helpers

Position	Sept . 30 October 1	October 7-8	October 14-15	October 21-22	October 28-28
Saturday Asst. 5:00 pm	Sue Fifer	Bud Linton	Carrie Schepman	Sue Fifer	Diana Schneider
8:30 Assist. Minister	Diana Schneider	Matt Young	Diana Schneider	Chuck Eichelberger	Matt Young
10:45 Assist. Minister	Darrell Ball	Curtis Young	Richard Schneider	Chuck Eichelberger	Cathy Lehman
Greeters Saturday	Cinda Rismiller	Buzz and Karen Long	Linda Boop	Sue and Dan Fifer	Tom and Carrie Schepman
Saturday Offering Assistants	Cinda Rismiller Linda Lindstrom	Buzz and Karen Long	Linda Boop Linda Lindstrom	Sue and Dan Fifer	Tom and Carrie Schepman
Projection Input	Diana Schneider	Diana Schneider	Dave Miller	Dave Miller	Cindy Linton
Outdoor Sign	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley
Head Usher 8:30	Roger Fessler	Dan Schulz	Dave Hieneman	Roger Fessler	Dan Schulz
Ushers 10:45	Gary Howell Jim Maley Ed Baden Joel Perrin Dave Morman	Gary Howell Stan Vandemark Mark Cellar Sam Bassitt Dick Schneider	Gary Howell Jim Maley Dave Morman Joel Perrin Ed Baden	Gary Howell Stan Vandemark Mark Cellar Sam Bassitt Dick Schneider	Gary Howell Jim Maley Joel Perrin Ed Baden Dave Morman
Bread Bakers	Connie Glancy	Pam Raabe	Pam Raabe	Sue Fifer	Sue Fifer
Altar Guild	Diana Schneider Becky Scott Kim Manning (Sat)	Diana Schneider Becky Scott Kim Manning (Sat)	Diana Schneider Becky Scott Kim Manning (Sat)	Diana Schneider Becky Scott Kim Manning (Sat)	Diana Schneider Becky Scott Kim Manning (Sat)

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that many of you were able to attend the Celebration/Farewell Potluck on October 1 to help us thank Pastor Kent Wilson for his 12 years of service to this congregation and to wish him all the best in his new call at the Northwestern Ohio Synod in Findlay. As difficult as it can be to say goodbye to someone who's been such an important influence on our spiritual lives, we can be confident in the knowledge that all of us together with God are still the church and He will continue to work in, with, and through us for the sake of the kingdom.

The following is a general "schedule" of our next steps as we move through this next chapter in the history of Zion. **(Please also read the Covenant of Separation on Pg 6.)**

Exit Interview/ Review of Call Process - (This took place during the September Council Meeting on Sept.12) The departing pastor, congregation council, and a representative from the Office of the Bishop participate in the Exit Interview. The pastor is then excused for the Review of the call process.

Transition Team - The congregation council appoints the Transition Team to prepare the congregation for a new pastor. This Team includes the council president as an *ex-officio* member, plus four to six additional members, one of whom is a member of council.

Interim Ministry - The Office of the Bishop appoints an interim pastor to minister within the congregation during the call process. **Until an interim is appointed, the church office is working to provide supply pastors for weekend services.**

Healthy Congregation Workshop - Congregation leaders participate in this workshop as scheduled by the Transition Team and conducted by the Congregational Resource Team, a Team established by the Office of the Bishop.

Five Developmental Tasks - Using the means (i.e., survey, workshop, etc.), established by the Transition Team and the Interim Pastor, congregation members determine God's mission for the congregation to determine the qualities of the pastor best suited to accomplish God's mission in the congregation.

Call Committee Membership is established as specified in the constitution of the congregation . The Call Committee works with council to complete the Ministry Site Profile. Among other responsibilities, the Call Committee interviews candidates and makes recommendations to council.

Mutual Ministry Committee This committee is appointed by congregation council to succeed the Transition Team, and may include some members of the Transition Team, the Call Committee, and others. This Team not only supports and prays with the new pastor, but facilitates ministry within the congregation.

Looking Forward to the Growth Groups...

The new Growth Groups will start meeting during the week of October 8.

You can choose between:

1. A video series on Rebuilding Your Broken World - Monday night (6:30);
2. A discussion of the previous weekend's scriptures - Tuesday morning (10:00);
3. or Martin Luther & and Reformation - Tuesday night (6:00) meeting times.

Here's some key points about how these new Growth groups will operate.

- * Short-term (just 10-12 weeks)
- * Once/week for 75-90 minutes
- * Great size (group size limited to about 15 people)
- * A group service project once per semester
- * Time well spent (fellowship, prayer, refreshments, service, fun!)

If you haven't signed up for a group already, now's the time. Just call Diana at 419-224-9951 or send her an email at schneider.diana@rocketmail.com and let her know which group you want to check out (Sundays at 6:00 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am, or Wednesdays at 6:30 pm). Looking forward to seeing you there! Oh, and feel free to sign up a friend to bring with you. The more the merrier!

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WHAT'S UP AT CUP?

The Serve Team is asking for your continued support thru the summer months. We are focusing for the remainder of the year on canned vegetables, spaghetti fixin's and soup. In addition, we can also use any non-perishable food. Be sure to check your grocery ads for specials. Also, Ruler and Aldi's always have very competitive prices.

Please continue to help fill the shelves at the Pantry. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

The Treasurer of CUP Board is retiring this month. The Board is currently looking for a replacement. The requirements for this position are as follows:

1. Pass a background check
2. Possess computer skills
3. Possess organizational skills

The position requires approximately 5 hours per month. Contact the church office for more information.

Thank you, Sandra Knarr

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SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS ! We continue to collect **Chief's Receipts**.

Remember that the receipt must say **COMMUNITY CASH** across the top. These may be placed in the bin on the table inside the north entrance. Thanks to Linda Wensole who takes care of this project for us. Reminder: Meijer has ended their awards program so we no longer collect their receipts.

Contact Information, Etc.

Scheduled Activity	Contact Person	Phone Number
Men's Breakfast	Gary Howell	419-236-7275
Out-to-Lunch Bunch	Marie Lawrence	419-225-7071

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e-mail: churchoffice@zionlima.org

web site: www.zionlima.org

Facebook: zionlima

Childcare phone number: 419-224-7719

Worship:

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:45 am

Sunday School - 9:35 am

Administrative Coordinator: Diana Schneider: schneider.diana@rocketmail.com

Church Secretary: Norma Penn: churchoffice@zionlima.org

Church Treasurer: Diana Schneider: schneider.diana@rocketmail.com

Stephen Ministry Leaders: Carrie Schepman & Diana Schneider

Contacts: Carrie Schepman (419-233-9081)

Organist: Mary Jane Eichelberger

Adult Choir Director: Marilyn Roth Basinger

Bell Choir Director: Jonathan Lischak

Saturday Night Music Leader: Open

Child Care Director: Lesa Brown: zionchildcare45805@gmail.com

Church Council:

President – Matt Young

President-elect – Cindy Linton

Secretary – Kim Manning

Members-at-Large: Jackie Loescher, Lisa Price, Kurt Knott, Jim Raabe, Terry Boop

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2017</h1>						30 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
1 <u>Celebrate Pastor Kent</u> 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir practice 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School Noon Potluck	2	3 6:00 pm Welcome Team / Bldg & Property	4	5 7:00 pm Choir practice	6	7 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service Soar Retreat thru Sunday
8 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir practice 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	9 5:30 pm Finance Committee	10 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Church Council	11	12 7:00 pm Choir practice	13	14 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
15 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir practice 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School 12:30 Lunch & a Movie	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 6:30 pm Childcare Board	18 Noon Out to Lunch Bunch	19 7:00 pm Choir practice	20	21 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
22 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir practice 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	23	24 Noon Online Worship 5-6:30 pm Community Meal		26 7:00 pm Choir practice	27	28 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
29 <u>Reformation</u> 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir practice 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	30	31	November 1	2	3	4

All Saints' Names

At Zion we have a tradition of collecting the names of departed loved ones/saints and reading them aloud during worship on the first weekend in November (in honor of All Saints' Day). Names (preferably with date of death) can be submitted via the bulletin insert or emailed to: churchoffice@zionlima.org. Also, if you're interested in being one of the lay readers at one of the services, please indicate that as well. Thank you for helping make All Saints' Weekend such a special time at Zion.

Community Meals being offered again at Zion

After taking the summer off, Zion is once again hosting community meals on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 5 – 6:30 pm. The planning committee includes: Carrie Schepman, Jackie Loescher, Sue Fifer, Mary Knott, Diana Schneider, and Robyn King. If you'd like to help serve the meals, contribute toward the meals or otherwise participate in this ministry of welcome, just contact Diana at: 419-224-9951 or schneider.diana@rocketmail.com (or just stop by as early as you can on the 4th Tuesday of the month).



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH - We will be meeting Oct. 18th at 12:00 noon at The *Golden Corral*, 2620 Elida Rd. Come join us for the fun and fellowship with your Zion Family. We had a great time last month. Sign up on the red bulletin board located in the North Exit Hallway or call Stan or Marie Lawrence, 419-225-7071



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - We will be meeting Oct. 10th at 1 p.m. in the library. Shawl season has started with beautiful shawls being blessed and produced. Our Shawls are created by a dedicated group of ladies through prayer and hard work. Come join us! All knitters or crocheters are welcome to attend. We are truly blessed to have this ministry at Zion. See you on the 10th!

Blessings - Marie Lawrence and Sally Parker

November's Thanksgiving Pot Luck will be on Sunday, November 5, at noon. The turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish and your own table service and join us. We ask that you sign-up on the north hallway bulletin board so that we have an idea how much food to prepare. If you have questions, feel free to call me at 419-233-2149 and I will do my best to answer them for you.

Cathy Lehman

Children's Sunday School is underway. Each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. children age 3 through grade 6 are invited to join us. We share in music, drama, Bible story prep and video for the first 25-30 minutes. Then, the students break into three age groups for the Bible story and age-appropriate activities. Returning teachers are Cheryl Grant, Pam Raabe, Fawn Schultz, and Teacher/Coordinator, Carol Gibson



Parents are welcome to join the Adult Sunday School class or hang out in the Hospitality Room during the Sunday School hour. Anyone with questions about Zion's Sunday School may contact Coordinator, Carol Gibson, at 567-204-0985, or bobcarol.gibson@woh.rr.com.

Financial Update:

At the end of August, the budget expenditures are anticipated to be at 66.7% or less in each budget category. However, Three categories are more than 66.7% over budget as of August 31:

- 200 Utilities** is at 67.4% due to Line items 203-Water and Sewer at 73.6% and 204-Telephone/Communications which is at 76.8%
- 500 Serve** is at 69.9% due to Line item 506-Churchwide Mission Support (Synod tithe) which is at 75% of the budgeted allocation.
- 1100 Ordained Administration** is barely over at 67% due to Line items 1107 Pastor's Professional Expenses at 76.2% and 1109-Supply Pastor Salary which is at 101.3% of the budgeted allocation.

COVENANT OF SEPARATION (Signed by Pastor Kent & Matt Young on 9/12/17)

According to the constitution of the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the ELCA: S14.14 *Ordained ministers shall respect the integrity of the ministry of congregations which they do not serve and shall not exercise ministerial functions therein unless invited to do so by the pastor, or if there is no duty called pastor, then by the interim pastor in consultation with the Congregation Council.*

If invited to participate in a pastoral role by a member of the congregation which they are not called, the pastor is not at liberty to accept this invitation. The congregation will receive pastoral care whether by the newly called pastor or by the interim.

This covenant is offered to the people of Zion for the sole purpose of strengthening mission and ministry in the future. It grows out of a deep gratitude for the past years of the significant ministry in this church.

October Celebrations



Wedding Anniversaries

Day		Years	Day		Years
14	Terry and Virginia Snow	41	26	Tom and Carrie Schepman	49



Birthdays

Day		Day		Day	
1	Dennis Morris	9	James Raabe	24	Brittani Daily
2	Ann Best	11	Sam Best	24	Velma Fries
2	Ellen Joseph	13	Julie Hagen	27	Austin Conaway
2	Jim Weinman	13	Mary Knott	29	Michelle Hieneman
3	Pam Leonard	14	Nevaeh LeVan	29	Joanna Vandemark
4	Michael Kleman	14	Linda Wensole	30	Adam Swick
6	Matt Young	17	Tammy McDonnell	31	Dick Hagen
7	Amanda Markely	18	Jim Thatcher	31	Mark Shull
9	Kurt Knott	19	Meredith Fessler		

If we've missed your anniversary or birthday, or if we have the wrong date, please call the Office - 419-224-9951