

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Herald

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Please plan to join us:

February 14 7:15 pm - Ash Wednesday Service
February 21 6:00 pm - Lenten meal; 7:15 pm Lenten Service
February 28 6:00 pm - Lenten meal; 7:15 pm Lenten Service
March 7 6:00 pm - Lenten meal; 7:15 pm Lenten Service
March 14 6:00 pm - Lenten meal; 7:15 pm Lenten Service
March 21 6:00 pm - Lenten meal; 7:15 pm Lenten Service
March 29 7:15 pm - Maundy Thursday
March 30 8:00 pm - Good Friday Traditional Tenebrae service
March 31 5:00 pm - EASTER SERVICE
April 1 8:30 & 10:45 am - EASTER SERVICES



Lent

Begins February 14
with Ash Wednesday
Service at 7:15 pm

February 2018

Friends in Christ,

The weekend of February 3 & 4, we will welcome the interim pastor team that will serve Zion over the next months. Each service will include a brief welcoming litany, and Sunday's potluck will be an additional opportunity to get acquainted with our "lead interim" Pastor Chuck.



We look forward to working with Pastor Chuck and to his getting to know this congregation. We are triple-blessed with Pastor Don Pletcher and Pastor Sam Payne teaming with Pastor Chuck.

Of course, we are extremely appreciative for all the supply pastors who have served Zion every weekend since mid-September: Pastors Art Wilde, Mark Bauer, Sharon Stonerock, Mike Hughes, Sam Payne, Clyde Singh, and Cindy Ritter, as well as Mr. Jim Martin and Dr. Perry Bush.

But the biggest thanks goes to all of you who are "carrying on" by faithfully worshipping with and serving this congregation.

In Christ,
Zion Church Council

Here is some biographical information on the Interim Pastors.

Pastor Charles E. Boomhower (Pastor Chuck):

Pastor Chuck is a native of Troy, NY. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Midland University (an ELCA college), Fremont, NE and a Master of Divinity degree from Hamma School of Theology at Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH (since merged to form Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH). He is also a graduate of the Appalachian Regional School for Church Leaders at West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV. He was ordained in 1973 at First Lutheran Church, Albany, NY which is the oldest active congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, founded in 1649.

He retired after 40 years of active Word and Sacrament Ministry in 2013. He served as Pastor of several congregations in New York and Ohio, most recently as Pastor of the Wabash Cooperative Ministry in Mercer County, OH. In retirement he has served as a supply worship leader for various congregations in the Northwestern Ohio Synod.

Pastor Chuck has been married to Rosemary for 46 years and they have 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law and 4 granddaughters. In their retirement Pastor Chuck and Rosemary love to spend time with family and to travel.

General Information

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Childcare phone number: 419-224-7719

Worship:

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:45 am

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charles Boomhower

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) or Pastor Kent Wilson

Children's Sunday School Coordinator — Carol Gibson (567-204-0985)

Organist: Mary Jane Eichelberger

Adult Choir Director: Marilyn Roth Basinger

Bell Choir Director: Jonathan Lischak

Saturday Night Music Leader: Open

Childcare Director: Lesa Brown (419-224-7719)

Scheduled Activity

Men's Breakfast

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Contact Person

Gary Howell

Marie Lawrence

Phone Number

419-236-7275

419-225-7071

Church Council:

President – Matt Young

President-elect – Cindy Linton

Secretary – Kim Manning

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

February Celebrations



Wedding Anniversaries

Day		Years
5	Jim and Marlene Brown	62
7	Derrick and Jessica Long	3
18	Ron and Nancy Klausung	23



Birthdays

Day		Day		Day	
2	Spencer Knott	15	Dan Fifer	22	Colleen Wilson
7	Janice Comeskey	16	Thomas Calvelage	24	Ross Bowsher
8	Glenna Jennison	17	Don Knarr	24	Margaret Blanchong
10	Lorelei Ball	17	Cinda Rismiller	25	Sue Morman
10	Judy Hagaman	17	Karis Wilson	25	Tim Stambaugh
14	Elijah Mather	21	April Bates	25	Cody Wiese

If we have missed your anniversary or birthday, please call the church office at 419-224-9951.

Pastor Don Pletcher (Pastor Don):

Pastor Don grew up in the Youngstown, Ohio area. He attended Youngstown State University and then graduated from Capital University in Columbus, and also from Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary (now Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus) in 1974. He was ordained at his home congregation, Martin Luther Lutheran Church, in Youngstown. The first seven years of ministry Pastor Don served in the two-point parish of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ft Recovery and St. James Lutheran Church, Salamonia, Indiana. These two congregations are now part of the Wabash Cooperative Ministry. He next served at Faith Lutheran Church, Columbus for 8 years and retired in 2009 after serving St. John Lutheran Church, Cardington, Ohio, for over 20 years. Following retirement he has been interim pastor for three congregations and also has been the supply pastor for congregations in the northwestern Ohio area



Pastor Don and Alida, whom he married in 1971, have two sons and four grandchildren. Alida is a retired elementary vocal teacher (26 years) and church organist (53 years), who began playing in her junior year of high school and is currently serving her home congregation St. Peter Lutheran Church in Delphos.

Both Pastor Don and Alida enjoy their grandchildren, working outdoors, gardening, camping and travel.

Rev. Samuel Sumo Payne was born in Republic of Liberia West Africa to the late Bishop Roland J. Payne and Nowai Galawulu Payne of Newtown Lofa County, Liberia. Sam's biological mother died when he was 7 years old, and he was raised by his aunty Mamalon Nowai Payne whom Sam has known as his mother.

In 1989, Harland and Judy Schauer of Fremont, Nebraska brought Sam to the United States to give him a new home and a new opportunity to achieve his dream. Sam graduated from Midland Lutheran College at Fremont in 1992 with a BA in Psychology, Sociology and Philosophy. He completed his Master of Divinity degree (M. Div.) in May 1996. He served Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Gary, Indiana from 1996-2004 and New Creation Lutheran Church at Lima from 2004-2016. In 2014, Sam completed the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) Program with special focus in Congregational Mission and Visionary Leadership from Winebrenner Therological Seminary at Findlay, Ohio. He currently works as a part time chaplain at St. Rita's Medical Center and Mercy Health at Lima Ohio.

Sam is a single father of 3 children; two boys and a girl. Galawulu Sumo Payne 16 of North Dakota, Judy Yandia Sumo Payne, 15 and Jonathan Harland Sumo Payne (JJ). 10 years old of Lima.

Sam loves reading literature, fishing, playing soccer, and games such as scrabble.

Lenten Services

Lent is the gift of an entire season (40 days, not including Sundays) when we are invited to focus more intently on the nature of God's relationship with us as expressed through the life and death of Jesus. It's the natural time of the year to do the deep, personal, inside work of coming to terms with and confessing our brokenness. Why? So that the forgiving nature and work of God through Christ might be more fully embraced for its true worth.

The season of Lent begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday. Every Wednesday evening from February 14 through March 21 we will join together in a time of reflective worship beginning at 7:15 pm. If you'd like to come between 6:00 and 6:45 p.m., you can also grab a nice bite to eat at our Wednesday night Lenten meals (starting on February 21).

2018 is a year of Prayer. Therefore, throughout Lent we will focus on :
"Living The Lord's Prayer"

Weds., Feb. 14 -- Ash Wednesday

Sermon theme: "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" (Romans 8:12-17)

Weds., Feb. 21 -- 2nd Weds. in Lent

Sermon theme: "Thy Kingdom Come" (Luke 17:20-21)

Weds., Feb. 28 -- 3rd Weds. in Lent

Sermon theme: "Thy Will Be Done" (John 6:35-40)

Weds., March 7 -- 4th Weds. in Lent

Sermon theme: "Give Us This Day our Daily Bread" (John 6:25-34)

Weds., March 14 -- 5th Weds. in Lent

Sermon theme: "Forgive Us as We Forgive" (Matt. 18:21-35)

Weds., March 21 -- 6th Weds. in Lent

Sermon theme: "Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil" (Matt. 4:1-11)

The Lenten meals from 6:00 - 6:45 each Wednesday are being provided by various groups within our congregation. It is always delicious ! There will be soup, sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Check out the next page where you'll find a recipe for one of the dishes being prepared for our first dinner on February 21. Please join us when you're able and enjoy the fellowship as well.

From Bishop Beaudoin:

"2018 is the Year of Prayer", and my prayer for the new year is that we grow strong in the practice of Daily Prayer. Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith; Prayer and Scripture are the foundation stones for a life of discipleship. 2018 will be devoted to prayer. Our Year of Prayer memory verse will be Philippians 4:6 **"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."** Bishop recommends the book "Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home" by Richard Foster. Bishop states that this is a classic primer on prayer - divided into 3 parts. Part 1, Moving Inward: Seeking the Transformation We Need; Part 2, Moving Upward: Seeking the Intimacy We Need; Part 3, Moving Outward: Seeking the Ministry We Need.

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Sunday School - Children age 3 through grade 6 are invited to Zion's Kids Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. We share music, a video and various other activities before breaking into three classes for the Bible story: Pre-K/K, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6. Each Sunday, the lesson is tied to one of the lessons from Scripture used in Worship that day (based on the three-year rotation of the Lectionary). This means that Sunday School is directly related to the content addressed during worship! We hope this works to strengthen our students' understanding of the Good News proclaimed each week at Zion. (Adult caretakers are welcome to join the Adult Class or have fellowship with others in the Hospitality Room during the Sunday School hour.) Hope we can see both old and new faces every week!

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A Message From Childcare

Lesla Brown, Childcare Director



The new school year brings snow and many inside activities to keep the little ones busy. We will be making valentine boxes for our Valentine party on February 14. This month our crafts and circle time activities will focus on Valentines Day, the winter Olympics and dental health month. We are planning on bringing a dental hygienist in to discuss good dental health and proper brushing techniques.

I would also like to thank everyone, once again, for all the help and support from church members with preparation and help with our annual Christmas play. I am still getting feedback from parents with the fact that the church was so beautiful and the Zion church members were so friendly. We are grateful for all the help and support.

Worship Helpers

Position	Feb 3-4	Feb 10-11	Feb 17-18	Feb 24-25
Saturday Asst. 5:00 pm	Diana Schneider	Sue Fifer	Carrie Schepman	Bud Linton
Asst. Minister 8:30	Diana Schneider	Matt Young	Diana Schneider	Chuck Eichelberger
Asst. Minister 10:45	Curtis Young	Cathy Lehman	Darrell Ball	Darrell Ball
Greeters Saturday	Garry and Rose Theis	Tom and Carrie Schepman	Kim Manning	Cindy Linton Sue Fifer
Saturday Offering Assistants	Garry and Rose Theis	Tom and Carrie Schepman	Kim Manning Linda Boop	Cindy Linton Sue Fifer
Projection Input	Diana Schneider	Diana Schneider	Dave Miller	Dave Miller
Outdoor Sign	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley
Head Usher 8:30	Roger Fessler	Dan Schulz	Dave Hieneman	Roger Fessler
Ushers 10:45	Gary Howell, Jim Maley, Joel Perrin, Richard Schneider, Ed Baden	Gary Howell, Stan Vandemark, Sam Bassitt, Curtis Young, Mark Cellar	Gary Howell, Jim Maley, Joel Perrin, Ed Baden, Dave Morman	Gary Howell, Stan Vandemark, Richard Schneider, Curtis Young, Darrell Ball
Bread Bakers	Marie Lawrence	Diana Schneider	Diana Schneider	Phyllis Simon
Altar Guild	Diana Schneider Joanna Vandemark Kim Manning (Sat)	Diana Schneider Joanna Vandemark Kim Manning (Sat)	Diana Schneider Joanna Vandemark Kim Manning (Sat)	Diana Schneider Joanna Vandemark Kim Manning (Sat)

Ash Wednesday, February 14
 Asst. Minister: Richard Schneider
 Ushers: Gary Howell, Stan Vandemark, Ed Baden, Sam Bassitt

Cauliflower Salad - Joan Baden

1 lb. bacon	1 c. celery
1 head lettuce	2 c. mayonnaise
1 head cauliflower	1/3 c. sugar
1 large onion	1/4 c. grated cheese

Fry bacon until crisp. Break into bottom of a large salad bowl. Add other ingredients in order given. Spread mayonnaise over all and sprinkle sugar over all, then cheese over the top. Let set several hours or overnight. Mix well just before serving.

Easter is April 1!

That's right, Easter is on April 1 this year and that day/weekend will be here before we know it! So here's what you can start doing now...PRAY for the kind of Easter at Zion that inspires the faithful and captivates the hearts of our guests!

And speaking of "guests," Easter is the very best time for YOU to invite someone to join us for worship at Zion! With your help I'm praying that we can have more first-time guests at Zion on Easter than we've ever had before!

Which means that NOW is the best time for all of us to start praying for help in deciding whom we can invite to join us for Easter worship at Zion. Please begin praying now for the Lord to help you decide who you can invite to Easter at Zion. Thanks so much for doing your part to help Zion reach out to one person at a time.

Special Congregation Meeting

Church Council has scheduled a **special** congregation meeting for Sunday, February 18, following the 10:45 worship service. The only issue to be decided is the recommended approval of a contract for repairing and resealing of the parking lot. Congregation approval is required before Council can enter a contract that exceeds \$10,000.

C.12.05.c: The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to \$10,000 for items not included in the budget. This cannot be circumvented by splitting a contract that exceeds the above amount.

Zion's Congregational Constitution

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	29	30	31	1 7:00 pm Choir practice	2	3 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
4 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School Noon — Potluck	5	6 6:00 pm Welcome / Bldg&Property Team	7	8 7:00 pm Choir practice	9	10 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
11 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir practice 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	12	13 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm Finance Board 7:00 pm Council Mtg	14 7:15 Ash Wednesday	15 7:00 pm Choir practice	16	17 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
18 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir practice 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	19 March Newsletter Deadline	20 6:30 pm Childcare Board	21 10:00 am Serve Team Noon Out to Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:15 Lenten Service	22 7:00 pm Choir practice	23	24 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
25 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	26	27 5:00 pm Community Meal	28 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:15 Lenten Service	1	2	3 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service

February 11 - Transfiguration of Our Lord. It's an astounding scene: Jesus on the mountain with Peter, James, and John. Elijah and Moses appear. Jesus' appearance is transformed. This is not an ordinary day with Jesus! Then the cloud fogs everything up—which is perhaps more similar to our experience of faith than beholding Jesus in all his glory.

Churches United Pantry - 2017 Report

"Thank you for supporting CUP in 2017 with your volunteers and your financial gifts. We share a strong commitment to serving the hungry people of the Lima, and we often hear how grateful they are for CUP. 2017 has been a busy year, with 25,257 people served in the pantry and in the parking lot during Produce Days.

Our expenses for the year have been \$48,725.43 for groceries and \$1,635.84 for personal care items, along with rent, equipment, utilities, insurance and other necessities, for a grand total of \$54,874.62.

We received \$1,560.73 from fund raisers and \$3,096.19 from grants. Our donations added up to \$39,691.19, with \$2,992.19 coming from other churches and organizations. The balance, \$36,699, came from our ten member churches. Yes, that total fell short of our need. We are hopeful that each congregation will find a way to increase its giving in the coming year."

Special Note: Zion's own Gary Howell will be taking over as the treasurer of Churches United Pantry this year.

The **Serve Team** is asking for donations of peanut butter, soup, and canned fruits and vegetables throughout February, March and April for Churches United Pantry. Please place your donations on the table in the narthex or in the big "CUP" in the hallway outside the Hospitality Room. Thank you for your generous support.



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH - We will be meeting at **Golden Corral**, 2620 Elida Road on Feb. 21st at 12:00 noon. Come join us for fun and fellowship with your Zion Family. Sign up on the Red Board in the North Exit Hallway or call Stan or Marie Lawrence, 419-225-7071.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - We will be meeting **February 13th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Library. Our meeting last month was well attended and shawls were blessed.

If you crochet or knit, come join us and help fulfill this wonderful outreach ministry. Hope to see you!



Blessings and Prayers - Marie Lawrence and Sally Parker