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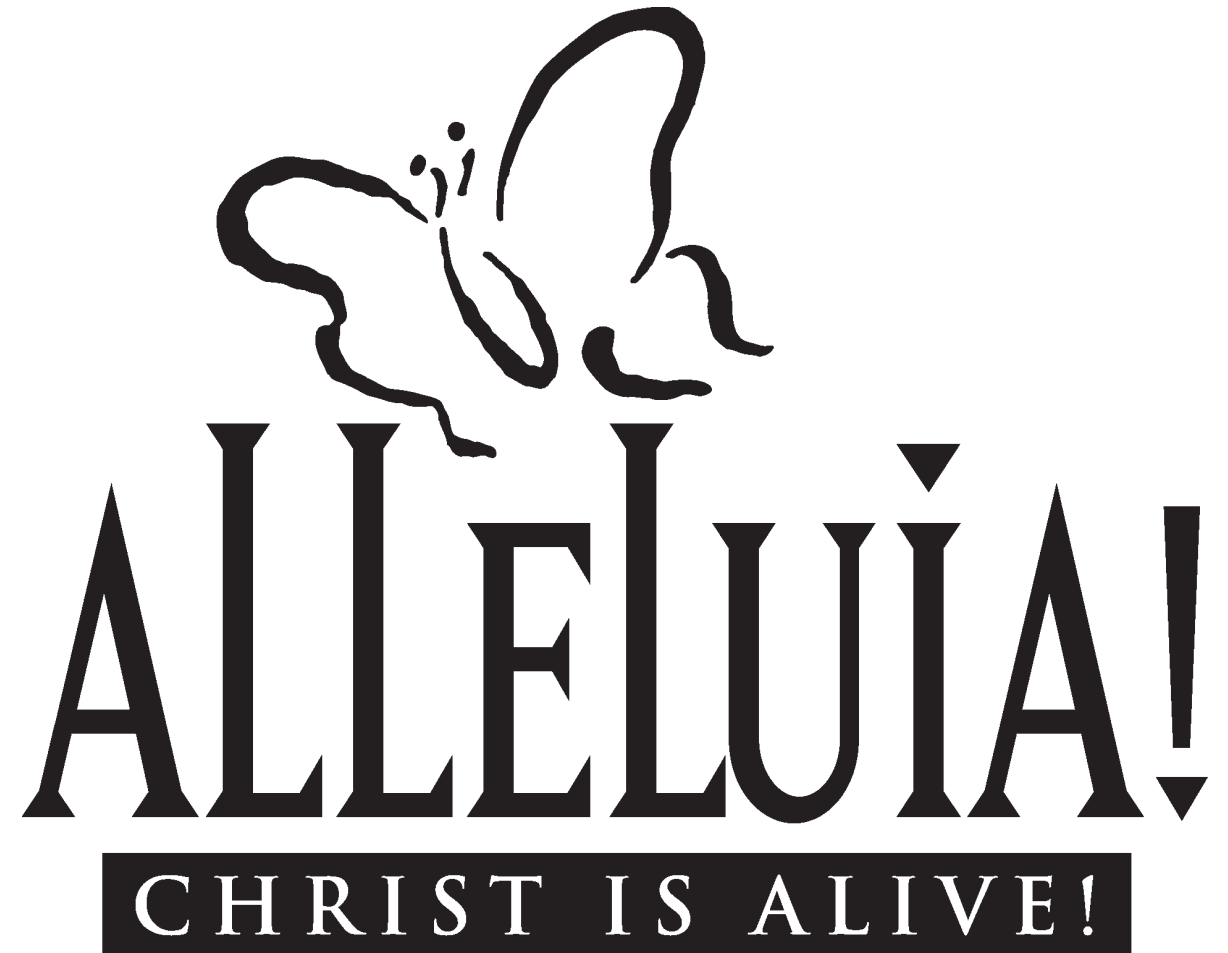
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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR:

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples.” (Mark 16:6-7a)

Napoleon said, “Battles are won, not by men, but by a man.” He was right in more ways than one. Victories are won, not by Christians but by Christ. And it is our privilege and joy to share in Christ’s victory. Like the small boy who jumped up and down shouting, “We’ve won, we’ve won!” at a basketball game, even though he was not a member of the team or of the school represented by the team. We too rejoice in a victory with which we associate ourselves. We can live in joy and triumph. We can shout, “We’ve won, we’ve won!” over the victory that was accomplished by our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary over 2000 years ago.

This is the truth proclaimed by the Church throughout the centuries, through the Cross and Resurrection of Christ we now have eternal victory over all that would seek to separate us from God. Martin Luther in an Easter sermon given in 1530 said,

“Know you, then sin, death, devil and everything that assails me that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you.”

The victory is ours already, a victory we can proclaim each and every day in our words and deeds. Praise the Lord for His glorious victory! Happy Easter!

Faith, love, peace and joy,
Pastor Chuck

Worship Helpers

Position	March 30- April 1	April 7-8	April 14-15	April 21-22	April 28-29
Saturday Asst. 5:00 pm	Bud Linton	Mary Smith	Diana Schneider	Sue Fifer	Carrie Schepman
Asst. Minister 8:30	Diana Schneider	Matt Young	Diana Schneider	Chuck Eichelberger	Matt Young
Asst. Minister 10:45	Carol Gibson	Curtis Young	Cathy Lehman	Richard Schneider	Darrell Ball
Greeters Saturday	Ted & Mary Smith	Cinda Rismiller	Buzz & Karen Long	Dixie Coffman	Kim Manning
Saturday Offering Assistants	Ted & Mary Smith	Cinda Rismiller Cindy Linton	Buzz & Karen Long	Dan & Sue Fifer	Kim Manning Cindy Linton
Projection Input	Dave Miller	Dave Miller	Cindy Linton	Cindy Linton	Diana Schneider
Outdoor Sign	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley
Head Usher 8:30	Dave Hieneman	Roger Fessler	Dan Schulz	Dave Hieneman	Roger Fessler
Ushers 10:45	Gary Howell, Stan Vandemark Curtis Young Mark Cellar Ed Baden	Gary Howell Jim Maley Joel Perrin Darrell Ball Sam Bassitt	Gary Howell Stan Vandemark Ed Baden Mark Cellar Richard Schneider	Gary Howell Jm Maley Curtis Young Sam Bassitt Dave Morman	Gary Howell Stan Vandemark Richard Schneider Ed Baden Joel Perrin
Bread Bakers	Sheila Leppla	Joyce Bowsher	Joyce Bowsher	Phyllis Simon	Phyllis Simon
Altar Guild	Linda & Callee Young Sharon Myers Sue Fifer (Sat)	Linda & Callee Young Sharon Myers Sue Fifer (Sat)	Linda & Callee Young Sharon Myers Sue Fifer (Sat)	Linda & Callee Young Sharon Myers Sue Fifer(Sat)	Linda & Callee Young Sharon Myers Sue Fifer (Sat)

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 - 9:30 am

Catechism - 9:40 am

Lead Interim Pastor: Chuck 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)

Organist: Mary Jane Eichelberger

Adult Choir Director: Marilyn 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: Terry Boop, Jackie Loescher, Lisa Chivington (Price), Jim Raabe, Kurt Knott,

Transition Team Update

The Transition Team members met on March 27 to plan next steps.

Details are not yet available as of the date of this mailing, however, action steps will include surveys, cottage meetings, and interviews. Details will be shared this month.

The following areas will be addressed as we move forward through this time.

Focus areas:

- a. Heritage - Who are we?
- b. Leadership - What do we do?
- c. Mission - How do we do it?
- d. Connections - Where do we do it?
- e. Future - What kind of pastor do we need to move on?

Developmental Tasks: Over the coming months, the Transition Team will:

Assist the congregation to appreciate their heritage and to be aware of the issues and concerns of the past that may need to be dealt with in order to move into the future.

Assist the congregation in understanding who they are in the present and what it is that God is calling them to be.

Assist the congregation in the changes of leadership, patterns and procedures which may occur and to welcome leadership gifts from the entire congregation.

Assist the congregation to renew its relationship to the wider church and appreciate its denomination heritage.

Assist the congregation to prepare for and become committed to new pastoral leadership and a new future.

The Team consists of Pastor Chuck, Matt Young, Cindy Linton, Cathy Lehman, Kara Behnfeldt, Tom Wiese, Dave Miller, and Diana Schneider. They are in the process of planning the most efficient and effective ways in which to involve the congregation members in the above tasks.

Please pray continually for the team, the congregation and this process as we strive to continue being the congregation God is calling us to be.



News from Childcare

April is here and our summer program is filling up quickly. We will begin our summer program June 4 and will continue through August. We will be providing care for ages 18 months through 12 years of age.

Every day children can enjoy our playground ,riding bikes ,water fun, bubbles, chalk and outdoor fun. There will also be several “fun outings” through the summer. We will continue registration through May. Please contact the Child-care office at 419-224-7719 if you know of a family looking for a placement for their children this summer.

We also will be preparing evaluations for children in the four and five year old classes. Teachers will discuss the students’ social, emotional, and academic performances with parents. We work throughout the year with our five year-old students to ensure that they are well prepared to enter Kindergarten in the fall. The conferences will take place at the beginning of May.

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Community Garden - Year 3

Because of the success of Zion’s above-ground gardens for the past 2 summers, we are looking forward to continuing the project again this year.

We will be contacting the people who participated last year, but in case we have a garden plot not spoken for, you might be interested in having one. All plants will be provided through a Thrivent grant obtained by one of our members. Please contact Jim Maley at 419-331-0412 if you would like to be added to the waiting list or if you have questions.

Again this year, two of the gardens will be used by our Childcare so those students can participate in the gardening experience.

We anticipate planting on Saturday May 19 starting at 10:00 a.m. If you can help in any way, it would be very appreciated. This project is funded through a Thriven Action Team grant.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL 2018				29 7:15 pm Maundy Thursday Service	30 8:00 pm Good Friday	31 Happy Easter 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
1 HAPPY EASTER 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship 9:30 am Easter Breakfast	2	3 6:00 pm Welcome/Bldg and Property 7:00 pm Lot Discussion	4	5 7:00 pm: Choir practice	6	7 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
8 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship 9:30-10:30 am Bell Choir Practice 9:35 am Sunday School 9:40 Catechism	9	10 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm Finance Board 7:00 pm Council	11 10:00 am Serve Team 7:00 pm Endowment Board	12 7:00 pm: Choir Practice	13	14 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
15 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship 9:30-10:30 am Bell Choir Practice 9:35 am Sunday School 9:40 Catechism Class	17	17 6:00 pm Childcare Bd	18 Noon Out to Lunch Bunch	19 7:00 pm: Choir practice	20	21 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
22 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship 9:30-10:30 am Bell Choir Practice 9:35 am Sunday School 9:40 Catechism Class	23	24 5:00 pm Community Dinner	25	26 7:00 pm: Choir practice	27	28 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
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April Celebrations

Wedding Anniversaries

Day		Years
2	Gary and Pat Howell	51
21	Carol and John Kiley	18
24	Mike and Sheila Leppla	47
27	Bart and Ann Best	27

Birthdays



Day		Day		Day	
2	Kim Manning	12	Katherine Moenter	22	Tracey Thatcher
2	Robert Watts	12	Tom Schepman	23	Matthew Cellar
6	Bob Gilson	12	Janice Schneider	25	Drew Neidemire
9	Brian Crawford	16	Betty Schultheis	26	Madison Fifer
10	Marilyn Basinger	17	Liam Sullivan	27	Khloe Bailey
10	Kara Behnfeldt	19	Carol Gibson	29	Kristina Fifer
10	Ali Best	20	Kolten Scott	30	Jennifer Wickard
10	Denny Scott	21	Jayden Maier	30	Joanne Barga
11	Cortlyn Schulz				

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - We will be meeting **April 10th at 1 p.m.** in the Library. Last month's meeting was well attended with shawls blessed and new ideas exchanged. Come join us to knit or crochet these wonderful gifts for all in need of comforting. All are welcome to attend. See you in April! *Blessings - Marie Lawrence and Sally Parker*

Zion Youth Prepare for National Youth Gathering

A small but excited group of youth is busy preparing for the ELCA National Youth Gathering to be held in Houston, Texas, this summer. The gathering will take place from June 26 - July 1, 2018. This year's theme is, "This Changes Everything: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." - Ephesians 2:8.

Participants will experience three components during the gathering. There will be a day of service to the community, a day of experiential faith-based learning and activities, and a day spent with the other participating youth from the Northwestern Ohio Synod. The Zion group will be meeting regularly throughout the next few months in order to prepare for the gathering. As is tradition, the group will share its experiences with the congregation once it returns from Houston. Please keep everyone participating in your prayers as they prepare for a memorable and faith-building experience this summer .

Please join us for Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 1.

Let us save you time and make your Easter morning preparations more enjoyable! The breakfast will be sponsored by the youth who will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. With serving from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., there will be hot breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit salad, bagels, donuts, and other breakfast items available in the Genesis Room. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted to help defray the expenses of the youth gathering. We look forward to serving you!



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH- We will meet **April 18th** at 12:00 noon at the *Olive Garden Restaurant*, 1936 Roschman Avenue. Come join us for fun and fellowship with your Zion family. Please sign up on the red bulletin board located in the north exit hallway or call Stan or Marie Lawrence, 419-225-7071.

Spring Congregational Meeting - April 29

Each year we have two regular Congregational meetings. One is in the fall and the second is in the Spring. This year’s Spring meeting will be held after the 10:45 service on the 29th. Zion’s constitution addresses these meetings, in part, as follows:

The semi-annual meeting of this congregation shall be held at times specified below:

a. One congregational meeting shall be held in November or December to approve the budget for the coming year. Business requiring congregational approval must be presented in writing to the Church Council one week prior to the preceding Council meeting.

b. A second meeting shall be held in March or April to elect council members for the coming year and to receive reports on the previous year’s ministries. Business requiring congregational approval must be presented in writing to the Church Council one week prior to the preceding Council meeting.

More information about congregation meetings can be found in Chapter 10 of Zion’s most recent constitution and bylaws readily available at: www.zionlima.org by clicking the button “Forms and Policies.”

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Endowment Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 11

Four to five times/year our Endowment Board meets to monitor fund performance and to consider applications for ministry funds. Applications for Endowment Fund monies can be found online under the “policies and forms” tab on the left-hand side of our website (www.zionlima.org). Applications are requested in the office one week in advance of the meeting.

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Potluck Treasures

Never underestimate the value of a great potluck dinner! On the first Sunday of almost every month Zion hosts a pot-luck lunch with great food and fellowship. The next feast is scheduled for May 6. We hope you can be a part of it all!

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A **Community Meal** will be served on Tuesday, April 24. As always, we appreciate the dedication of all our volunteers and welcome all new helpers. Please continue to pray for this outreach and all those who bless us by allowing us to serve them.



Bedrock Beliefs of Zion:

(Principles that we cling to in times of stress)

- * *Christ Jesus is Lord.*
- * *We are saved by grace through faith.*
- * *Nothing can separate us from the love of God.*
- * *We trust our Lord to guide us on our journey through this life and into the next life’s wonders.*
- * *God hears our prayers.*

Core Values of Zion

(Positive, predictable behavior patterns that the people of Zion can reasonably be expected to model spontaneously and intentionally in life)

SPIRITUALITY

Prayer, Worshipping Together, Personal Devotions, Spiritual Growth and Sharing

SERVANTHOOD

Outreach, Think of Others First, Compassion, Love, Serving Others Anytime, Anywhere

JOY

Praise and Thanksgiving, Hope, Excitement, Enthusiasm, Sense of Humor

COMMUNITY

Acceptance, Flexibility, Trust, Respect, Communication, Diversity, Forgiveness

COMMITMENT

Eager Participation, Generous Giving, Integrity, Stewardship

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Recognizing, Encouraging, Developing, Supporting, and Training current and potential leaders for responsible service.