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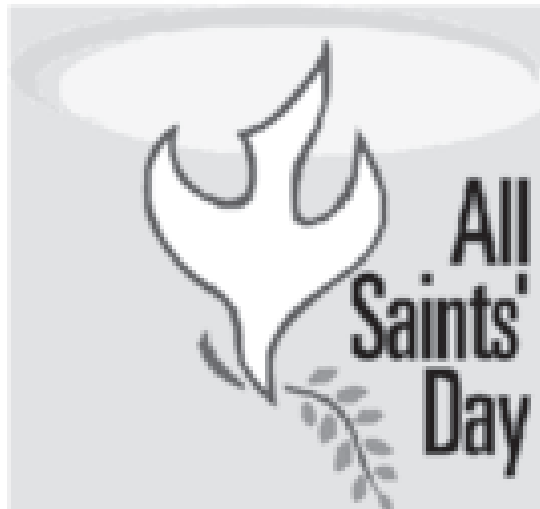
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“Zion’s mission is to serve all God’s creation in faith and love.”



Observed November 3 & 4, 2018

October 2018



Reformation Weekend - Oct. 27-28

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FROM INTERIM PASTOR CHUCK:

"Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the "land that I will show you"

When the Lewis and Clark Expedition reached the Continental Divide and realized that there were what seemed to be endless mountain ranges ahead of them everything that they had planned for this journey went out the window. The water borne trip with a couple of minor portages they had planned for now looked like an overland trip through the mountains. It was not what they signed up for, not what they were prepared for.

They had a choice, turn around return to Washington DC and report their failure, or figure out how to press onward into the unexpected unknown.

I borrow this illustration from *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger which is not a travel guide but a study on Christian leadership in uncharted territory.

We as a church in both the large and small senses are in uncharted territory. We can no longer assume that when families have children they will automatically return to the church to be regular participants; We can no longer assume when people say that they are active members of the church that they will attend most Sundays. We can no longer assume that "the church" has a prominent role in the community. This is case all across our nation though it may be a bit more advanced in the "rust belt" of the industrial mid-west.

We are in uncharted territory like Lewis and Clark, we are heading to a new land like Abram and Sarai.

This is not gloom and doom. We have been and are being blessed. At Zion we have a beautiful sanctuary, a great location, active ministries, dedicated leaders and caring members.

Our congregation is changing though. One example, demographically, we are becoming an older congregation than we were. By the way that is not a bad thing, but it is a different thing, and it is important to recognize who we are.

Contact Information, Etc.

Scheduled Activity	Contact Person	Phone Number
Men's Breakfast	Stan Vandemark	419-890-2169
Out-to-Lunch Bunch	Marie Lawrence	419-225-7071

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Facebook: zionlima

Childcare phone number: 419-224-7719

Worship:

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:45 am

Lead Interim Pastor: Charles Boomhower

Assisting Interim Pastors: Don Pletcher and Sam Payne

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 – Cindy Linton

President-elect – Kim Manning

Secretary – Jim Raabe.

Members-at-Large:

Kurt Knott, Terry Boop, Linda Wensole, Mike Leppla, Stan Vandemark, Pastor Chuck Boomhower

WHAT'S UP AT CUP?



Once again, peanut butter, rice, and canned soup are in short supply, along with the need for basic staple items. Personal hygiene items are greatly appreciated. Bar Soap, Shampoo, Lotion, Toothpaste are on the list of things we have not been receiving.. Monetary donations can be placed in the church offering plate and will be forwarded to CUP. The Ruler, Aldi's. and Save A Lot for every day prices. Watch your favorite grocery ads for sale items. Your commitment and generosity in support of CUP is greatly appreciated.

Sandra Knarr, CUP Board Member



Lesa Brown, Director

Zion Childcare is in the process of becoming Star Rated for the state of Ohio through "Step Up." This allows our program to provide better care and learning standards for our children. Teachers will have ongoing training to be able to teach through the guidelines of Ohio standards. "Step Up" requires Childcare to provide learning centers in each classroom: dramatic play, art, housekeeping, a building blocks area, and a reading area. We'll provide more information as we progress in this process.

This is an exciting step for us and we are looking forward to this new experience.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH



We will meet October 17 at 12:00 noon at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2150 Harding Highway. Come join us for fun and fellowship with your Zion Family. Please sign up on the Red Bulletin Board in the north exit hallway or call Stan or Marie Lawrence at 419-225-7071



Prayer Shawl Ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will be meeting **October 9 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Library. We started off with a great meeting in September with many shawls blessed. If you crochet or knit, we would love to have you join us to fulfill this Ministry here at Zion. We supply the yarn and the patterns. Hoping to see you ladies or gentlemen in October.

Blessings - Marie Lawrence and Sally Parker

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If you have been here more than a few years, you can probably point out some other changes.

So, what are the lessons from Lewis and Clark, and from Abram and Sarai?

-----Keep focused on your mission.

-----Adapt to the changing context. (This is a big one, and it involves more than a tweak here and there!)

-----Work together collaboratively.

-----Trust in the faithfulness of the Lord.

I look forward to our continuing conversation as we journey together through this transition to calling a new pastoral leader.

Faith, Love, Peace and Joy,

Pastor Chuck

Growth Group:

In anticipation of our Northwestern Ohio Synod's "The Year of Scripture" in 2019, Pastor Chuck will be leading a Growth Group on the Bible, each Tuesday, from November 6 to December 11, 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Our focus on the scripture through the use of videos and discussion will include introductions to the Old Testament, New Testament, Jesus, the Apostles Peter and Paul and an account of women in the early church. Martin Luther said, "The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ in laid." So please join with your family and friends at Zion in this group as we expand and continue to grow together in our faith. We will meet in Zion's library. Please indicate your plan to join us by checking the box on your connection card.



**INTRODUCING:
PASTOR TIMOTHY ANDREW KNEUSS**

In 2012, Zion welcomed Tim as our Seminary Intern. For one year, he worked with Pastor Kent and Zion's congregation to learn and grow in his preparation to become ordained in the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament. The congregation enjoyed Tim's youth and energy as we and Pastor took him "under our wings." When his time with us ended, he returned to his studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus and then on to a second internship in Crestview Hills, KY. After graduating seminary in 2015, his journey took him to supply preaching in numerous locations in northeastern Ohio. In addition, he served as a Chaplain Resident at the Cleveland Veterans Hospital at Wade Park from 2016 to 2017 and completed five units of Clinical Pastoral Education. This past August, Tim accepted a call to serve the people of the Low Country in Fairfax, South Carolina.

This past Saturday, Sept. 22, a few of our members, along with Pastor Kent, were privileged to witness Tim's ordination in his home church - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Brunswick, Ohio. It was an awesome celebration, and we conveyed Zion's pride and love to him on behalf of the entire congregation. The shirt he's holding in the above picture is one of the gifts from Zion, along with two stoles - one for Pentecost and one for Christmas. If you wish, please send your personal congratulations to his temporary address at 1127 Confederate Highway, Fairfax, SC 29827. He expects to move into a parsonage once work is completed on the renovations. If you'd like to keep updated on Tim's ministry, follow him by subscribing to his YouTube channel: "Because God First Loved Us." There you'll hear sermons, reflections, and storytelling, as told by Tim.



October Celebrations

Wedding Anniversaries

Day		Years
14	Terry and Virginia Snow	42
26	Tom and Carrie Schepman	50

Birthdays



Day		Day		Day	
1	Dennis Morris	9	James Raabe	24	Brittani Daily
2	Ann Best	10	Diana Bevington	24	Velma Fries
2	Ellen Joseph	11	Sam Best	27	Austin Conaway
2	Jim Weinman	13	Julie Hagen	27	Ted Smith
4	Michael Kleman	13	Mary Knott	29	Michelle Hieneman
6	Matt Young	14	Nevaeh LeVan	29	Joanna Vandemark
7	Amanda Markely	14	Linda Wensole	30	Adam Swick
7	Jodie Schrolucke	18	Jim Thatcher	31	Dick Hagen
9	Kurt Knott	19	Meredith Fessler	31	Mark Shull

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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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30 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Healing Services 9:30 am Bell Choir, Adult Sunday School, Catechism	1	2	3	4 7:00 pm Choir Practice	5	6 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 Gas Buy-Down (Wally's) 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
7 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship 9:30 am Bell Choir, Adult Sunday School, Catechism Noon - Potluck	8 7:30 pm Call Committee	9 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm Finance Bd 7:00 pm Church Council	10	11 7:00 pm Choir Practice	12	13 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
14 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship 9:30 am Bell Choir, Adult Sunday School, Catechism	15	16 6:30 pm Childcare Board	17 10:00 am SERVE team 12:00 Noon Out To Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm Endowment Bd	18 7:00 pm Choir Practice	19	20 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
21 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship 9:30 am Bell Choir, Adult Sunday School, Catechism	22	23 5:00 pm Community meal 6:00 pm Welcome / Bldg & Prop.	24	25 7:00 pm Choir Practice	26	27 3:30 pm Praise Team practice 5:00 pm Worship
28 Confirmation 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship 9:30 am Bell Choir, Adult Sunday School, Catechism	29	30	31			

**CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO:
PASTOR ALEX RAABE**

Alex is the son of Zion members Jim and Pam Raabe. He was ordained June 20, 2015, in Austin, Texas, where he started a Lutheran Church called Table of Mercy. Unfortunately, that church ended in May of 2017, and he has been waiting for God's call to his next congregation. In August, he was called as pastor to Oceanside Lutheran Church in Oceanside, NY, on Long Island. His first Sunday as pastor will be October 7, 2018. As of this time, his installation has not been scheduled. Jim and Pam have been happily helping with his move from Texas to New York. God's blessing on you, Alex, and on your congregation !

HEALTH & SCHOOL KITS will soon be on the way to various destinations where they will be appreciated and well-used by 160 people in need. Through the generosity of this congregation, Serve Team members have assembled 92 health kits and 68 school kits (complete with book bags from Pam Raabe and Alida Pletcher). In 2017, Lutheran World Relief was able to provide 214,490 school kits and 153,560 health kits to 576,669 individuals in 21 countries around the world. We can be very proud of the contribution Zion members make to this mission year after year!!!



Over 60 tickets were sold for the Vietnamese Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 22. Zion member Mai Nguyen prepared a delicious meal that included egg rolls, crab rangoon, stir-fried vegetables, and chicken with fried rice. Several ladies provided cakes for dessert. Much thanks to the Serve Team for scheduling and organizing this event and to all who participated ! And Thank You, Mai & Duc.

Zion's Call Committee

We are progressing through the Call Process toward the day when we will welcome a new pastor.

The Call Committee is working to complete the Ministry Site Profile. Once done, the profile will be shared with our Call Facilitator, Pastor Sharon Stonerock. She will review it with the committee, offer any helpful suggestions and then submit it to the Synod. The Synod will then link with candidates who most closely fit our profile. Candidates' names will be shared with our Call Committee and the interview process will begin.

The committee is very thankful for your input through the Leadership Survey and, before that, through the Cottage Meetings last spring.

If you are aware of an ordained Lutheran pastor that you feel would make a good candidate, please contact a member of the Call Committee. Please do not approach the pastor yourself. All names must go to the Synod, and they will contact that person to inquire about his/her interest, availability and qualifications.

Please continue to have faith that God is in charge and is preparing the way for whoever will be called to Zion. Keep the process, the committee, and this congregation in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION

On October 28, Reformation Sunday, we will be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation with two young men from our congregation.

Spencer Knott is the son of Kurt and Mary Knott.

Connor Neidemire is the son of Amy and Sean Neidemire.

Both are 9th-grade students at Shawnee High School this year where they are excellent students and soccer players.

“ Confirmation, which is now commonly called Affirmation of Baptism, is the time when young people declare for themselves that they will live out the promises made for them by their parents and sponsors in their baptism (that is, of course, assuming that they were baptized as an infant). The years spent in confirmation classes are intended to continue, more intentionally, the exploration of faith, faith and life, and faith and the church so that students can make that affirmation of baptism statement of faith in the hope and trust that God will continue to lead and guide them in all the aspects of their lives now and in the future.”

(Living Lutheran” magazine; August 2014)

We celebrate this milestone in their faith lives and welcome them into the congregation as fully engaged members of Zion and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Worship Helpers

Position	October 6 & 7	October 13 & 14	October 20 & 21	October 27 & 28
Saturday Asst. 5:00 pm	Sue Fifer	Bud Linton	Carrie Schepman	Mary Smith
Asst. Minister 8:30	Diana Schneider	Matt Young	Chuck Eichelberger	Diana Schneider
Asst. Minister 10:45	Chuck Eichelberger	Richard Schneider	Cathy Lehman	Darrell Ball
Greeters Saturday	Ted & Mary Smith	Cindy Linton Kim Manning	Dixie Coffman	Linda Boop
Saturday Offering Assistants	Ted & Mary Smith	Cindy Linton Kim Manning	Linda Lindstrom Buzz Long	Linda Boop Sue Fifer
Projection Input	Cindy Linton	Diana Schneider	Diana Schneider	Dave Miller
Outdoor Sign	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley
Head Usher 8:30	Dave Hieneman	Roger Fessler	Dan Schulz	Dave Hieneman
Ushers 10:45	Jim Maley Curtis Young Joel Perrin Mark Cellar Richard Schneider	Sam Bassitt Ed Baden Chase Dotson Stan Vandemark Darrell Ball	Jim Maley Curtis Young Joel Perrin Mark Cellar Richard Schneider	Sam Bassitt Ed Baden Chase Dotson Stan Vandemark Dave Morman
Bread Bakers	Sue Fifer	Sue Fifer	Marie Lawrence	Marie Lawrence
Altar Guild	Janice Schneider Linda & Callee Young Kim Manning (Sat)	Janice Schneider Linda & Callee Young Kim Manning (Sat)	Janice Schneider Linda & Callee Young Kim Manning (Sat)	Janice Schneider Linda & Callee Young Kim Manning (Sat)