



Advent Schedule

Bring School Supplies to the Manger

***November 27 - Bring Crayons, Markers,
Pencils and an Ornament***

December 4 - Bring Glue Sticks

December 11- Bring Paper

***December 18 - Bring Dry Erase Markers
and "Trader Offering"***

Christmas Eve

December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 Traditional Service - Bring school supplies

7:00 Praise Service - Bring school supplies

11:00 Traditional Service - Bring school supplies

Christmas Morning One combined worship service at 10:00 a.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day

Bring school supplies



**Wake up & join the fun! It's time for
Holiday Hats Off to Waterville Celebration
December 3, 2011
Downtown Waterville**

- 🌲 Hats Off to Waterville Community Sing Along at Clock Tower 1:00 to 1:30
Wear a holiday hat (the crazier, the better) - Be part of a Waterville YouTube video!
- 🌲 Santa will arrive by horse drawn carriage and will stroll downtown 1:30 to 2:30; Then visit Santa at Wellness Center and Day Spa of Waterville, 40 S. Second St. 2:30 to 5:00 - photos available
- 🌲 Community Pancake Breakfast - at Zion Lutheran Church 22 North Second - 8:00 to 2:00
Prepared by the ZMC (Zion Men's Club) \$5 per person; \$4 - 4-12 yrs.; free - under 4 yrs.
To benefit Kids Against Hunger providing 10,000 meals to needy
- 🌲 Outdoor Live Nativity at Zion Lutheran Church 22 North Second - 2:00 to 4:00
- 🌲 Lunch with the Grinch at Smedlap's Smithy Peddler's Alley, 205 Farnsworth 11:30 to 4:00
- 🌲 Scavenger Hunt throughout downtown 1:30 to 5:00 - pick up a game card at any business - solve the riddles and visit each business to get card stamped. Turn in completed card to enter SUPER prize drawing for adults & kids
- 🌲 Musical performances at Peddler's Alley 2:00 to 4:00
- 🌲 Open mic time at Peddler's Alley 4:00 to 5:00
- 🌲 Free ornament art project for kids at Peddler's Alley
- 🌲 Knollman Singers at Waterville Hardware Store 3:00 to 4:00
- 🌲 Christmas Tree Lighting and youth singers at Hall of Framers 5:30
- 🌲 Free horse drawn carriage rides
- 🌲 Strolling Waterville Playshop Carolers throughout the downtown
- 🌲 Working Ice Sculptors
- 🌲 Dog sled demonstrations
- 🌲 Free cocoa, cookies AND EVEN MORE HOLIDAY FUN!!!!

Soon and very soon, The Essential Jesus Challenge will begin--January 8 to be exact!

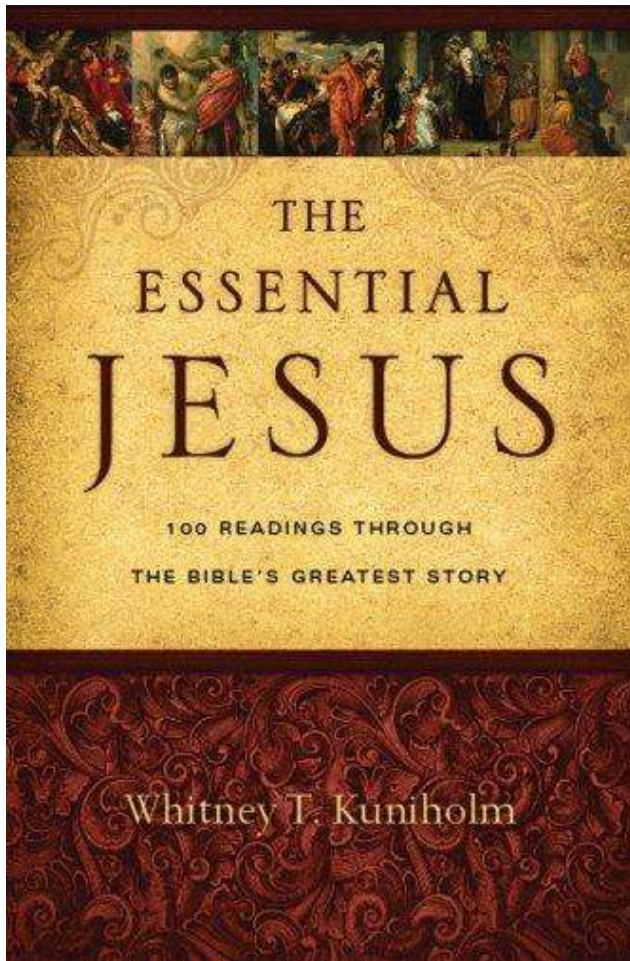
The Essential Jesus Challenge is for anyone who wants to know more about Jesus. The J100 Challenge will help you, your friends, small group or church take an honest look at what Jesus said and did so you can determine for yourself who he really is and learn how to better follow Him.



The Essential Jesus Challenge guides participants through 100 short Bible passages following the storyline of Jesus Christ—25 from the Old Testament and 75 from the New Testament—over a 20-week period. To take the Challenge, you'll need a Bible translation that you understand (we recommend NIV, NRSV, New Living & the Message). We also highly recommend you also purchase *The Essential Jesus* guidebook. While it is possible to take the J100 challenge without the book, we cannot stress enough how helpful it is to have the book in front of you to guide your readings, provide discussion questions, and give you prayers, reflections on each reading and ways to apply the reading to your daily life. Those who used the E100 guide book last year said it was incredibly helpful and made E100 both easier to finish and more meaningful. It's one thing to quickly read through a few Bible verses each day, it's an entirely different experience when you take time to pray, reflect on the reading and consider how it applies to your life today. So, please consider buying a copy of the book "The Essential Jesus," or at the very least, check it out from the library. Discounted copies of the book are available for those who need assistance.

Finally, we want to stress that the best way to take the J100 Challenge is with another person or as part of a discussion group. At the end of each 5-reading section in *The Essential Jesus*, you'll find a page of discussion questions. Each week, read through the five readings on your own. Then, get together with your friends, family (it would be wonderful for families to form their own in-home J100 group) or discussion group to talk about what you've learned. When you get together, start by encouraging each person to share their questions/insights from the readings. Then, use the discussion questions to help continue your conversation. You'll find that reading through the Bible with others creates a positive motivation to keep going and makes your experience of God's Word more meaningful. Anyone who was part of an E100 discussion group can tell you that it was a very valuable experience that made E100 much better than trying to do it alone. Please join us as we seek to learn more about the most influential person in history--our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A sign-up sheet for the Essential Jesus book is available at the welcome desk in Zion's Family Life center or by calling the church office at 419-878-0266. Zion is also offering several J100 discussion groups that will run throughout this 20 week challenge. A list of specific meeting times and locations will be available at the beginning of January. If you would like to join or lead a J100 discussion group, please contact the church office @ 419-878-0266.



The Essential Jesus takes you through 100 carefully selected passages from the Bible. Through these readings, you will discover who Jesus is and why he is so significant -- even life and world transforming. Through both Old and New Testament readings (30 from OT, 70 from NT) you will discover why God sent Jesus, what Jesus taught, how he treated people, why he did miracles, the meaning of his death, the significance of his resurrection, and what the Bible says about his second coming. Each reading includes prayers, application questions, and insightful reflections written in a warm and inviting style to help you reflect on what the Bible has to say to you today. The book also includes seven questions at

the end of each week's readings which help to facilitate great small group discussions. We feel this book is well worth the investment of \$12.

\$12.00 Per Book

If you would like to place an order for *The Essential Jesus*, please sign up at the welcome desk in the Family Life Center or call 419-878-0266. The book is optional, but comes highly recommended as the J100 challenge will be greatly enhanced through the use of this book. Zion will inform you when the books are available for pickup. Sample chapter include: *Truth Beyond Facts, What is God like, Not just the bad guys, Running on Empty, The leadership style of Jesus, No more Mr. Nice Guy, Fear Factor, No more shame, If I should die before I wake, and Resurrection thriller.*



THE FAITH 5: FAITH ACTS IN THE HOME

We want to equip and empower parents to connect what is happening at church to their lives at home, showing their children that faith is not just a "church thing," but a relationship with God that involves everything we do, everywhere we go, every day of the week. To help families to accomplish this, we have embraced the Faith 5 concept created by *Faith Inkubators*. We encourage families to incorporate a 5-10 minute "family huddle" into their evening routine that includes these five simple faith acts:

1. *share* highs and lows of the day (Name something good and bad you experienced today. Can't think of a personal one? Check out the headlines from the news and teach empathy and compassion for the broader world).
2. *read* a daily Bible verse (Each month Zion will provide a Faith 5 calendar with daily Bible readings- or pick your own Bible verses)
3. *talk* about how the daily Bible verse relates to your life, (Explore the verse a bit. What does it mean in your own words? How might it relate to where you are today in your highs and lows?)
4. *pray* for each other's highs and lows, for your family, and for the world. Simply talk to God, thank Jesus for the good, and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in specific problems.
5. *bless* each other. (make a cross on your forehead, say God bless you, Jesus loves you, or come up with your own blessings to use).

This simple five-step process not only helps parents to maintain great relationships with their children, but also helps to ensure that they raise kids who turn out to be strong, thoughtful, empathetic, positive and caring Christians. Who wouldn't want that?

People interested in learning more about Faith 5 may contact Pastor Dan at 419-878-0266 or pastordan@zionwaterville.com.

Faith 5 Bible Reading Calendar

**December
2011**

1. SHARE highs and lows of the day
2. READ a daily Bible verse
3. TALK about how the daily Bible verse relates to your life
4. PRAY for each other's highs and lows (you may include other prayers as desired)
5. BLESS each other (make a cross, say God bless you, You are a child of God, or create your own Blessing)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jer 15:19	2 Deut 15:10	3 John 3:18
4 2 Cor 9:17	5 Mt 7:3	6 Mk 10:51	7 Psalm 25:16	8 Gal 6:9	9 Psalm 39:7	10 Ezek 37:26
11 2 Tim 1:9	12 John 10:10	13 Psalm 28:7	14 Thess 5:23	15 Psalm 71:15	16 Psalm 40:17	17 Chron 29:9
18 Jer 25:6	19 Psalm 38:18	20 Mark 1:40	21 Mt 10:30-31	22 Psalm 14:2	23 Isaiah 7:14	24 John 1:14
25 Luke 2:6-7	26 Luke 2:10-12	27 Luke 2:17-18	28 John 1:5	29 John 1:11-12	30 John 3:16-17	31 John 11:25-26

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Waterville Playshop is proud to announce its annual Christmas Concert. Bring the whole family out to hear your favorite Christmas carols performed by Jukebox Saturday Night and other Playshop members.

We will be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Anthony Wayne Food Bank. Come out, hear some great tunes, and give back to your community! Here are the details...

Where: Zion Lutheran Church
22 N Second St, Waterville, OH

When: Thursday, December 15 at 7:00PM

Admission: Bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Anthony Wayne Food Bank. We will also accept monetary donations for the Food Bank.



MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT~ Rev. Dana Nelson

Dana is pastor of Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Lima, Peru. Cristo Rey is an active congregation that is excited for the opportunities presented by her leadership. While it is a relatively small church, there is no lack for leadership and energy, and group meetings at Cristo Rey flourish as "every single person in turn, in these meetings, contributes prayer and insight." You can read more about Dana's ministry by picking up one of her monthly newsletters on the Welcome Center Desk or in the church office.



Dana's husband, Tom, participates in the ministries of this church, as well as being an architect and full-time dad to Tana and Anthony. You can read more about Dana's ministry by picking up one of her monthly newsletters on the Welcome Center Desk or in the church office. Dana, Tom, and their family can serve because congregations like ours support them through prayer and financial gifts. Please visit their website for more information, www.enthuseddesigns.com.

Adopt a Bill and Trader

Offering

God has been good to us as a congregation! Over 100 people participated in the E-100 Bible reading program. We will again do it in January. Volunteers spent a day working a Kids Against Hunger "build" packing food to feed over 10,000 people. We had 25 Baptisms in the last year and a half, 30 weddings since 2010, and 150 children in Vacation Bible School. The Pockets of Hope tutoring program and our weekday pre-school program are highly appreciated by our community. The list goes on and on.

Since God is so good to us, we want to share His goodness with others. Those of you who were at Youth Sunday on September 18, know that we were truly blessed by our youth as we watched and listened to them share their gifts of faith and music. Their theme for the day was "Becoming a Trader" (Not traitor). The youth encouraged us to trade in our focus of "me, me, me, for the life of Christ." As a result, new and unexpected things would happen. They also reminded us that as traders we should "act swiftly."

Zion's leadership recently wrote to you in the October 17th, 2011, letter about an issue that needs to be acted swiftly upon. We are \$47,196.73 behind in outstanding obligations. In the letter, we showed you where we had saved \$62,000 in the last two years, but we are still behind as of this date. We want to continue to share God's blessings to a needy world. Some of you have asked us how you can act swiftly. Two ways are being provided by your leadership.

First, on December 4th and 11th you are invited to **Adopt a Bill**. Following services on those days, a list of outstanding obligations will be in the Family Life Center for you to view and "Adopt" to help us become current with our obligations.

Second, on Sunday, December 18th, to continue the "Trader" theme that our youth have challenged us with, a "**Trader Offering**" will be received as a birthday present to Jesus! The goal is that the same amount of money you spend on Christmas presents this year would be given to Jesus! The funds from this special offering will then be divided equally between Cherry Street Mission, and to meet Zion's end of the year outstanding financial obligations. (Last year's offering enabled us to build two homes in Haiti)

Please pray about these opportunities and give like no one else!

Do you hear God's call to serve?

Wanted:

Faithful, caring people with a calling to serve!
Council is currently seeking (1) nominee for an open position to serve on Zion's Church Council beginning January 2012.

Requirements:

- *Sign a faith statement and agree to Zion's and the Northwestern Ohio ELCA Code of Conduct.
- *3 year term
- *One regularly scheduled meeting per month (Second Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm)
- *Participate as a liaison to a preferred committee
- *Participate in a council retreat and goal planning meetings
- *Involvement in Zion's annual meeting which takes place in January.

Nominees will be accepted by a congregational vote to be held December 11 immediately following the Praise worship. The floor will be open to any additional nominees.

KEEPING YOU POSTED~

- Don't forget to recycle your old ink cartridges at Zion in the marked bin upstairs in the Family Life Center. The Waterville Community Fund (a fund designated for local families with emergency needs) receives money from these old cartridges and they get properly recycled.
- Each year Luther Home of Mercy offers friends the opportunity to adopt a resident. If anyone is interested in being a part of this great program, please call Dianne Cleary at 419-725-5266 or dcleary@lutherhome.org. They will then choose a special someone for you and you will receive the pertinent information about your "adopted" resident... name, age, favorite color, special interests, etc.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS AND TREASURERS

The annual congregational meeting will soon be upon us. In order for annual reports to be available on time, we will need your help. All reports need to be copy ready and turned in to the church office by December 15th. Thank you for your assistance! If you have questions, please contact the office at 419-878-0266.

Zion's Angel Tree is here!

We find it to be that time of year again when God sent His only Son as the perfect gift. This is why we celebrate and share gifts with family and friends. However, there are many in need of help this Christmas. Zion Lutheran Church once again will be helping four families through FOCUS (Family Outreach Community United Services) we have tags on our large Christmas Angel tree in the Family Life Center beginning Sunday, December 4. Gifts will need to be returned wrapped with the tag on them to Zion by Sunday, December 18th for distribution to the families by December 20th. Praise God for His magnificent gift of Jesus and praise God for your magnificent gift to strangers in need. If you need more information please call the church office or you can email Karen at kmeyer@zionwaterville.com



Community PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Prepared by the ZMC (Zion Men's Club)

The First Saturday of the Month
from 8:00am to 11:00am*
December's hours extended
from 8am to 2pm

- Pancakes • Scrambled Eggs • Sausage •
Fresh Fruit • Coffee • Juice
- \$ 5.00 per person \$ 4.00 - 12 yrs. and younger

2011: October 1st - November 5th - December 3rd
2012: January 7th - February 4th - March 3rd

**** This season we have a goal to raise \$2500. When we do, we will partner with Kids Against Hunger and package 10,000 meals. 5000 will be delivered to local charity groups, and 5000 will be sent overseas.**

Remember our homebound this Christmas Season

Please keep our homebound in your prayers and let them know we're thinking about them by sending a Christmas card!

Jennie Mainzer
20311 Pemberville Rd., Apt. 726
Pemberville OH 43450

Dick & Pat Timbrook
Sterling House of Bowling Green
121 N. Wintergarden Rd.
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Bryan Whitmer
Whitehouse Country Manor
11239 Waterville St.
Whitehouse, OH 43571

Janet Hagemeyer
1102 Waterville-Monclova Rd.
Waterville OH 43566

Ginny Feusse
2045 Perrysburg-Holland, #317
Holland, OH 43528

Dominic Maniscalco
Heartland of Waterville
8885 Browning Drive
Waterville, OH 43566

Need a Christmas Gift Idea?

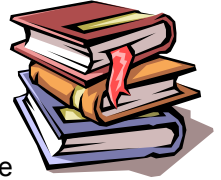
Zion ladies have been selling dish clothes for over 40 years from Sangamon Mills in New York. Colors are red, blue, yellow & green at \$1.25 each. Great for teachers and friends. Contact Mary Wehl @ 419-823-1057. Thanks.

Community Corner~

- Please join Hope Lutheran Church for "A Night In Bethlehem" Dec 10th & 11th between 1-6 pm. Jerry Anderson from Channel 11 and Dr. Henry Langnecht from Trinity Seminary will be there. A flier is posted in the FLC with more information.
- BG Christian Academy's will performance "A Star Is Born!" Monday, Dec 12 @ 7pm at Dayspring Church and Thursday, Dec 15 @ 9:45am at the academy. The BG Christian Academy's band and singers will perform Thursday, Dec 15 @ 7pm at the academy.

READ TO DOMINIC

Dominic is a long-term resident of the nursing care unit in Heartland of Waterville, due to the fact that except for his eyes, he is totally paralyzed. Despite his physical condition his mind is alert and he enjoys people reading aloud to him for 15 or 30 minutes. Would you be able to become involved in this ministry?



The staff caring for Dominic requests that visits take place between 12:00 and 8:30 PM, Monday-Friday. (Dominic's mother comes on the weekends). You can set your own time and frequency of visits. To volunteer or for more information, call Lynne Sellers in the Church Office.

ZAA Zion Active Adults

The 2011 Zion Active Adult finale will occur on Thursday, December 8. We will meet at 6 PM in the home of Mary Heilmann, 10200 Neapolis-Waterville, Waterville OH for a potluck and Christmas exchange. You are asked to bring either an appetizer, vegetable, potato, salad or dessert. Shredded chicken sandwiches, drinks and tableware will be provided. You are also asked to bring a wrapped gift, either new or like new, valued no more than \$10 for the gift exchange. We will play a couple of Christmas games and have an evening of fellowship. Please sign up on signup sheet in Fellowship Hall so we will can properly plan.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all who have participated in the 2011 Active Adult outings. After serving as co chair and chairman of this group the past three years, my term is ending after the December meeting. It has been a real pleasure to have served you, and I have learned much from the many interesting places we have toured and visited -- Sherry Moon.

Adult Forum December 6th @ 10:30

The Adult Forum will be meeting Tuesday, Dec 6th in the conference room. The topic will be the disease of Dementia and the new program at The Browning Apartments... Life in Rhythm. Please join us.

Altar Guild Duties



Jim Baltz
Jack Schultz
Bruce Meyer

Baptisms & Dust Chapel & Altar:

Diane Baker
Jan Macera

Communion Filling:

Debra Duetemeyer
Sherry Moon

Altar Hangings:

Janet Wyandt
Joan Heinz

Candles:

Denise Knox
Barb Hall

Flowers & Vestments:

Dorothy Danhauer
Carol Wiemken

Communion Washing:

Harriet Lehman

Communion Filling & Washing Praise:

JoAnna Umlauf

Banners:

Trudy Scheiding

Altar Flowers:*

Dec 04- Given by Amy Lange in memory of her mom, Bobbie

Dec 11- Given by Sam & Janet Macera in honor of their children

Dec 18- Given by Sherry Moon in memory of Tom Moon

Dec 24 & 25- Given by the Moosman family in memory of Rolland Moosman

*Please sign up in the Narthex

Greeters for Praise Service:

Dec 04- The Eiben Family

Dec 11- The Perry Family

Dec 18- The Exner Family

Dec 25- The Lauer Family

MISSION FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

5% of Zion's benevolence for November and December will go towards Salem Lutheran Church – a little church with a big mission. Salem continually struggles to fund its ministry areas. The membership of the congregation has fallen from 1960 through 1995 with the collapse of the neighborhood areas around the church. Homes have deteriorated, businesses have closed, and institution after institution has abandoned the neighborhood. At the same time, the needs of Salem's ministry have not decreased but have increased tremendously. Salem provides a hot meal served on Tuesday, a foodshelf open on Friday, and clothing & small household items distributed when available. This is Salem's chance to bring God's mission and continue it in this area of the city. As the neighbors of this area are engaged, and engage in the ministry, they have very few financial resources to contribute. The church is a membership of both neighborhood folks and some Salem faithful.



Dec 04 - Kevin Pool

Dec 18 - Carol Eiben

Dec 24 - Kevin Pool (4pm)

Reader: Sheri Luedtke

Acolytes:

Dec 04*- Ally Pool

Dec 11 - Frank Wielinski

Dec 18*- Tegan Hack

Dec 24* - Abby Bukovinszky (4:00)
Gina Case (11:00)

Dec 25 - Allison Johnston

Crucifers:

Dec 04*- Sophia Sokoloski

Dec 11 - Matt Krause

Dec 18*- Madison Enderle

*Communion

