

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

2010 Advent Theme:
"Christmas is not YOUR birthday!"

Join us each Sunday of Advent (November 28 to December 19)
as we give birthday presents to Jesus!

Please note: New Christmas Eve Worship Times!

4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Traditional
7:00 p.m. Praise

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturday December 4
From 8-11am in Fellowship Hall

LIVE NATIVITY
Saturday December 4
From 1-3PM

TAVERN TALK
Thursday evenings
Shawn's Irish Tavern at 8:30 pm

WORSHIP HOURS
Traditional Service 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:50 am
Contemporary Praise Service 10:45 am

MOMENTUM! SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship with us every Sunday at 7:00 pm

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December 24

4:00 PM & 11:00 PM Traditional
Services

7:00 PM Praise Service

Please join us as we celebrate the Ultimate Gift—the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! All services will include Holy Communion and candlelight. A nursery will be provided at 4:00 & 7:00 PM



Waterville Christmas in the Village

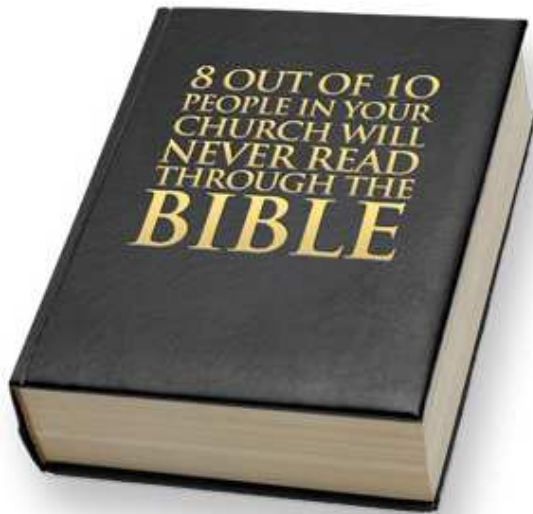
December 4, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- ❁ **Grand Prize Holiday Stroll Game** 10am - 6pm Pick up a game board at Copper Kettle, Silver Lining Gallery or Peddler's Alley - visit each business on game board for a stamp then turn completed game board in to enter **SUPER prize drawing for adults and kids!!!!**
- ❁ **Kerry Patrick Clark** performing at Copper Kettle 11:30am - 12:30pm
- ❁ **George Carruth** signing his work at Garden Smiles 10am - 5pm
- ❁ **Santa & reindeer** at Retriever's parking lot (Farnsworth) 11am - 6pm
- ❁ **Lunch with the Grinch** at Smedlap's Smithy Restaurant 12pm - 4pm
- ❁ **Pianist - Wes Waters** at Copper Kettle at 2pm - 3pm
- ❁ **Three Ice Sculptors** near Silver Lining Gallery, Peddler's Alley and Copper Kettle beginning at 10:00am
- ❁ **Knollman Singers** at Peddler's Alley 3pm - 4pm
- ❁ **Maumee High School Select Choir** - 2 performances:
Third St. 4 - 4:30 and Peddler's Alley 4:45 - 5:15
- ❁ **Strolling Waterville Playshop Carolers** throughout the village beginning at 1:00pm
- ❁ **Free ornament art, cookies, cocoa for kids** Peddler's Alley 4pm - 5pm
- ❁ **Wreath Contest and Auction** at Peddler's Alley Auction at 5:30pm portion of the proceeds will be donated to Salvation Army
- ❁ **Christmas Tree Lighting** and youth singers at Hall of Framers 6:00pm
- ❁ **Pancake Breakfast & Championship Dragster** on display at Zion Lutheran Church 8am - 11am
- ❁ **Live Nativity** at Zion Lutheran Church 1pm - 3pm
- ❁ Additional activities throughout the day include:
Open Houses and gift drawings at some businesses,
treats for kids, luminaries
Bring canned food for AW Food Pantry!
Collection boxes will be in various businesses.

Event sponsored by: Assist to Sell, Coffee Gallery, Copper Kettle, Espresso Bar, First Federal of Delta, Garden Smiles, Hair Crew, Hall of Framers, Inspired Heart, Joe I. Cooper Florist, Koral Hamburg, Mad Anthony's Tavern, Old House Gifts, Per Diem Nurse Staffing, Pisanello's Pizza, Rock My Soul, Roger's Dance Center, Sandy Blaser, CPA, Shawn's Irish Tavern, Silver Lining Gallery, Subway, Smedlap's Smithy Restaurant, Village Realty, Village Veterinarian, Waterville Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Dood, MD, Waterville Family Physicians, Waterville Hardware, Waterville Area Arts Council, Waterville Merchants Association





Dear Partners in Mission,

Are you aware that 90+ percent of American households own at least one Bible? Yes, the Bible is still the bestselling book in the world with an estimated 6 Billion copies sold! However, the sad statistic is that less than 20 percent of those who own Bibles will ever read through them completely. This includes regular church-going members. With these statistics in mind, it is unfortunately easy to conclude that Bible sales far outpace Bible reading!

Are you concerned that at least 8 out of 10 people at Zion have most likely never read through the Bible? Your pastors are concerned and that's why we are actively trying to change this situation by encouraging everyone at Zion to take the E100 challenge. The Essential 100 Challenge

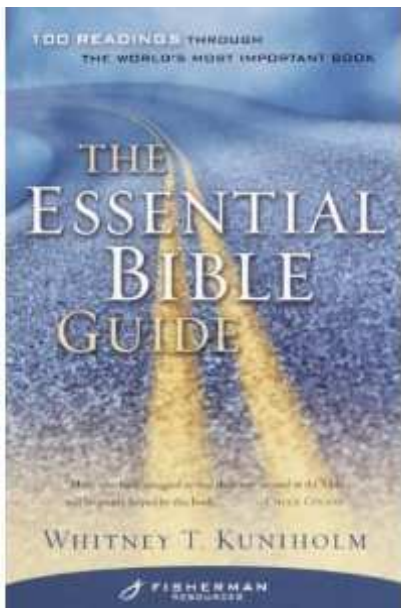
(The E100) is a proven systematic approach that guides readers through the big picture of the Bible without getting bogged down and frustrated. The E100 is a carefully selected list of short Bible passages - 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. The passages are usually one to two chapters in length and can easily be read in 10 minutes or less.

While there are resource books that may help enhance your experience, all you need for this challenge is a Bible and a copy of the E100 reading plan. Anyone who attends worship from January through June will be a part of E100, as we will focus our Sunday morning sermons on one of the five E100 readings assigned for that week. However, we also hope that each of you will complete the weekly readings on your own. We believe this Bible reading program will have a profound impact on our church and our community. In fact, research has shown that once an individual completes the E100 challenge, his or her appetite for regular Bible reading increases to the point of creating a habit of reading God's Word. This indeed is what we are about--creating a hunger for the Word of God in each person! For the more time we spend with the Lord in Bible study, devotions and prayer, the deeper our relationship can grow. So let's do everything we can to get the word out about E100!

Our goal is to have at least 80% of the congregation involved in the E100 challenge. We also hope many people who aren't connected with Zion will join us. Please help us reach this goal by letting us know that you are willing to participate in E100. You can call the office 419-878-0266, email pastordan@zionwaterville.com, sign up on our website zionwaterville.com, or use the signup sheet in Zion's Family Life Center. Everyone who signs up will receive an E100 reading plan guide that includes a punch card to track your weekly readings. We hope that each person who takes the E100 challenge will also be part of a small group- either at church, at home or in our community, so that you will be able to talk through questions and help encourage each other to keep up with the reading. The challenge begins on Sunday January 9, so please sign up today and invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

In Christ,
Pastor Dan

E100	FEATURES	EXAMPLE
CONTENT	100 carefully selected Bible readings (50 Old Testament; 50 New Testament)	Reading 7: Genesis 15:1-21, "God's covenant with Abraham"
READING LENGTH	Readings are achievable: Usually 1-2 chapters and can be done in 10 mins.	Reading 53: Luke 2:1-40 "The Birth of Jesus"
BENEFIT	Completing the whole challenge will give an overview of the narrative of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation.	"E100 helped me see where odd passages of scripture in Leviticus or Kings fits into the overall story of scripture" <i>Pete, from an E100 test group.</i>
FORMAT	Bible passages are organized into 20 sections; 5 readings in each.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1: The Beginning • Section 4: The Law and the Land • Section 10: The Prophets



The Essential Bible Guide is a great tool to enhance your experience with the E100 challenge. If you are someone who likes to have background information, guided questions and space for notes, this book is for you. *The Essential Bible Guide* takes you through the Old and New Testaments in 100 carefully selected readings so you'll see the big picture of the Bible. Each reading includes insightful reflections written in a warm and inviting style to help you reflect on what the Bible has to say to you today. It also includes overviews of the major Bible themes and an interactive review journal to record personal insights. **The cost for the Essential Bible Guide is \$13.00.** If you would like to place

an order for the E100 Bible guide, please write your name on the signup sheet at Zion's Welcome desk or call the church office at 419-878-0266. Once again, this book is totally optional, but some people may wish to buy it to help them better understand and process the E100 readings. You will be contacted when the books are available for pickup.

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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2010

Dear friends,

I want to take this time to thank you all for the great experience it has been to serve as Zion's Youth Director since April of 2007.

Over the years, I have witnessed the youth group grow leaps and bounds, and have seen the lives of many teenagers changed through Jesus. I myself have also grown so much in my personal relationship with God.

The experiences I have had here will always be cherished for as long as I live. The people I have worked with on a daily basis are the best people in the world. The friends that I have made during my time here will be friends for a lifetime.

As I continue on my life journey, Zion will always hold a special place in my heart for many reasons, and it will always be one of my many "homes" in life.

I pray that God will continue to bless this place, and that His mission and ministry will continue to be carried out throughout this community and the world.

In Him,

Kevin Connors

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EARLY TO RISE

About GOD and JESUS
living through Older Adults

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing
And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh,
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.
(LBW #25. V 1)

UP EARLY: CHERYL FISCHER

In January, 2009, Cheryl Fischer agreed to become coordinator for Zion's Active Older Adults, taking the place of Ginny Feusse who stepped down after many years in that position of service. A half year later, Sherry Moon joined Cheryl as co-coordinator. Along the way the organization was renamed Zion's Active Adults, to encourage a wider range of participation. The range of activities also took a quantum leap with new places to visit and new things to do.

When Cheryl stepped forward and offered to lead, there was some "fine print" in her "contract". She was offering two years in the post. Those two years come to their end at the close of this month and Cheryl will step down. All those who have joined with Zion's Active Adults appreciate the leadership, creativity, and ingenuity Cheryl has brought to her service.

In January and beyond, Sherry Moon will continue to guide Zion's Active Adults, joined by Norrene Torres. The group will remain in good hands!



*God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing 'round you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

Pastor Kurt 2006-2010

OLDER ADULT FORUM

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010 + 10:30-11:59 AM

"HOLY WAITING"



As December moves along, the children grow more excited. They can hardly wait for Christmas. How is it with us older folk? What are we waiting for?

Let's talk about it. Could we do that over Christmas cookies along with our coffee and tea? Hope to see YOU in the Conference Room.

ZION'S ACTIVE ADULTS

Dinner at Smedlap's & Holiday Concert
Thursday, December 9th

"There's no place like home for the holidays..." so Zion's Active Adults will be staying right in Waterville when they gather on December 9th.

The evening will begin with dinner and fellowship at Smedlap's at 5:00 PM. No need to wonder about stairs—we'll be seated on the first floor. If you will be joining the group for dinner, please be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Family Life Center so reservations can be made with the restaurant.

The festivities will continue back at Zion as we join the community for the Waterville Playshop Holiday Concert—Home for the Holidays, which begins at 7:00 PM. The program is packed with wonderful holiday favorites, performed in both choral and solo format. Refreshments will follow the performance.

Admission is free, but the audience is asked to donate canned goods or make a free-will donation to the Anthony Wayne Food Pantry.

If you have questions or need a ride to Zion, call Cheryl Fischer (419) 877-0674 or Sherry Moon (419) 878-4490.

**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!

Bob Keenan

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Whitehouse, OH 43571

Jennie Mainzer

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Pemberville OH 43450

Dick & Pat Timbrook

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Dominic Maniscalco

Heartland of Waterville
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 4th
8:00am – 11:00am

Proceeds to support
Food for Thought



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE~

1. **Serve by donating money or food to help Ryma**, a 5-year old addition to The LightHouse, a ministry of ISOH/IMPACT. More information is posted on the board in the Family Life Center.
2. **Serve by adopting a resident from Luther Home** - more information is available in the office.
3. **Serve by staffing the nursery** on Sunday mornings.
4. **Serve by helping deliver Christmas presents to Zion's adopted families** - time and date to be determined.
5. **Serve by offering assistance to the elderly or homebound** - mowing, raking, painting, etc.

Please contact the church office if you
have questions at 419-878-0266.

**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.



We are looking for people to volunteer to sign up for Sunday morning coffee hours. If you are interested or have questions please see or call John & Carol Rosebrock at 419-754-3751.

Keeping you posted...



- There will be no Prayer Shawl meeting in January.
- Don't forget the 7th & 8th grade hang out night on Wednesday evenings at the Youth House from 7-9.
- An Anger Management Support Group normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm here at Zion in the library. **Due to the Christmas holiday, December's meetings will be held on the 2nd & the 16th.** Men and women are welcome to join in fellowship of sharing experiences and learning methods for recovery. For more information contact Ken at 419-878-2559.
- Parents Helping Parents support group meets at 6:30pm every Thursday in the conference room.
- Compassionate Friends, a support and bereavement group for parents who have lost a child, meets here at Zion the first Thursday of every month at 7pm.
- Just a reminder - council minutes and LBNs are available in the FLC for your review.

The Waterville Playshop will present a Christmas Concert **"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"** at Zion Lutheran Church, 22 N. 2nd Street, Waterville, Ohio 43566 on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

This free concert will benefit the Anthony Wayne Food Bank. Concert goers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items or make a free will offering.

The concert will feature the Juke Box Saturday Night singers and friends performing secular, contemporary, and standard Christmas music. It will also feature a humorous rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". Complimentary light refreshments will be served following the performance.



Zion Lutheran Dartball has begun! If you would like to play dartball or have questions, please contact Ron Danhauer at 419-877-0277.

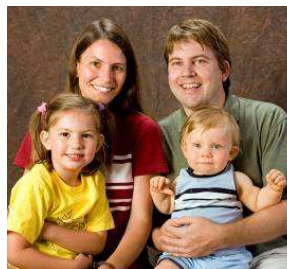
December 6 - Maumee Methodist Gold - Away
December 20 - Maumee Methodist Blue - Home



Community Corner~

- A Divorced & Separated Support Group has begun a Fall Session at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the FLC.
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Maumee is presenting, a Christmas Cantata: *The Incarnation*, on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00pm.
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MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT~



Rev. Dana Nelson and Thomas Ososki, Tana and Anthony

In Lima, Peru, Dana Nelson is pastor of Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, an active congregation that is excited for the opportunities presented by her leadership after two years without a pastor. "In the whole Peruvian Evangelical Lutheran Church there are a total of six pastors who are Peruvian... [among] a total of 13 clergy for 900 parishioners in the country," explains Dana. 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." 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, who enjoy Sunday school and napping, respectively. 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, Thomas, and their family can serve because congregations like ours support them through prayer and financial gifts. If you would like more information on supporting an ELCA missionary, we encourage you to contact Pastor Twila Schock by email: Twila.Schock@elca.org or call her at (800) 638-3522, ext. 2641.

Altar Guild Duties

Baptism & Dust Chapel:

Debra Duetemeyer
Sherry Moon

Communion Filling:

Janet Wyandt

Altar Hangings:

Dorothy Danhauer
Carol Wiemken

Banners:

Ellen Weihl

Vestments:

Mary Billow
Paula Monroe

Candles:

Denise Knox
Barb Hall

Flowers:

Diane Baker
Jan Macera

Communion Washing:

Harriet Lehman

Altar Flowers:*

Dec 5- Heilmann family in honor of
Pauline Heilmann's birthday

Dec 12-

Dec 19- Sherry Moon in memory of Tom's
birthday

Dec 26-

*Please sign up in the Narthex

Bulletin Covers:**

Dec 5- Open

Dec 12-

Dec 19-

Dec 26-

**Please sign up in the Family Life Center



Jim Baltz
Jack Schultz
Bruce Meyer

MISSION FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

5% of Zion's benevolence for November & 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 5 –

Dec 19 –

Dec 24 –

Reader: Sheri Luedtke

Acolytes:

Dec 5*-Nick Pool

Dec 12-Lindsey Smith

Dec 19*-Evan Kania

Dec 24*-Josie Wielinski (early)

Dec 26-Cody Perry

Crucifers:

Dec 5*-Allison Johnston

Dec 12-Garrett Sellers

Dec 19*-Payton Tucker

Dec 24*-Madison Enderle (early)

Dec 26-Megan Perry

*Communion