

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

E100 Continues!

**Please join us each Sunday during worship for the Essential 100 Challenge
Also, please join one of the discussion groups available:**

Sundays @ 10:00AM in Zion's Conference Room

Sundays @ 7:00PM at the Waterville Fire Station in the Community Room

Mondays @ 7:00AM at the Coffee Gallery on Third St. in Waterville

Mondays @ 8:15 AM in Zion's library

Wednesdays @ 6:30AM at Dino's Restaurant at Golden Gate Plaza in Maumee

Wednesdays @ 10:00AM in Zion's Conference Room

Thursdays @ 7:00AM in Zion's Conference Room

Thursdays @ 5:00PM in Zion's Library

Thursdays @ 7:00PM at Waterville Community Church

7th & 8th Grade Bowling Outing
February 12 at 5:25pm

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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Dear Partners in Mission,

We are now one month into our E100 Bible reading challenge. I hope that you have been enjoying E100 as much as I have, and that you will continue to be blessed as you read through God's living Word. I have had a number of conversations with people who are finding this challenge very beneficial as it helps them dig deeper into the key stories of the Bible. Those who are using "*The Essential Bible Guide*" have said it is extremely helpful as well. If you have not yet ordered a copy of the E100 companion book, I still recommend that you do so. I also want to give yet another invitation to those of you who have not been doing the E100 Bible readings, to start reading today. It is not too late to join us on this Bible reading adventure. You can just start with the readings we are on now and if you have time later on, you can go back and read through the ones you missed. Let's be clear that any time in God's Word is better than no time at all, so please read what you can, don't worry about what you missed and stick with it to the end. Visit our website zionwaterville.com or call the office at 419-878-0266 to get our reading schedule.

As I reflect on what I have learned during the first month of E100, I continue to be amazed at the way the Holy Spirit speaks to us through the Bible by highlighting different parts of the stories that relate to our lives. I have read these stories many, many times, but I am still discovering things I never noticed before. It was especially powerful for me to learn that the location of Isaac's near sacrifice in Genesis 22 was the same place that the city of Jerusalem was later founded, the same place God instructed King Solomon to build him a temple that housed the arc of the covenant, and same place God would later send his own son to die on the cross, sacrificing his life to become the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Just think of Abraham telling his son Isaac "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering" (Gen 22:8) and over 2000 years later, God does exactly that, by sending Jesus to this very spot!

Someone once said that the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed. I find this statement to be very true as I see so many prophecies of Jesus and hints of what will happen in the New Testament interspersed in these Old Testament stories. As you continue to do the daily readings, look for the many ways Jesus is revealed as they speak of a savior, or God's chosen one coming. Also, be sure to notice the many stories of God using broken, imperfect people to do amazing things. Finally, try to catch the 'cycle of grace' that we see over and over again throughout the Bible as God creates something good, people mess up, sin, and face painful consequences, and then God forgives them and provides a new beginning. This is the same cycle we live in each day as we wake up to a new start, make good and bad choices, turn away from God, and then receive his love and forgiveness which allow us to start over again. The cycle of grace makes us confident that in spite of our sin and imperfections, God still loves us and promises to lead us to eternal life. May your faith be strengthened and your joy be renewed as you seek God in His Living Word.

Trusting in God's Amazing Grace,

Pastor Dan

Dear Partners in Mission,

Last year, Threshold Church, one of our local mission partners, invited us to participate with them in a special LOVE TOLEDO event. The basic idea was to find simple ways share God's love with others on Valentine's Day. We talked about how our cities have been going through some tough times and that people need encouragement and hope. Since God has called us to be His Church in this city, we wanted to go out and make a difference by sharing his love with others. We thought it was a great idea, and joined Threshold in sharing God's love with others in our community on Valentine's Day 2010. Overall, it was a great experience. There were a lot of stories of how people were deeply touched by this experience, so we want to invite all of you to hold our second annual LOVE TOLEDO event this Valentine's Day--Monday, February 14.



This will not be a complicated event. All we hope to do is to go out and show our city God's love. There will be some planned activities here at Zion, as well as many opportunities to go out to love and serve others. If you have your own ideas to try--great-- go and do them. If you want to get together with some friends or neighbors, great! If you are looking for suggestions, we have attached a list of ideas in this month's newsletter and also placed them in the family life center that have many ideas to get you started. Maybe you can show God's love at school, or at your workplace or at the grocery store. Again, we're trying to keep this very simple. We are just looking for little ways to show kindness, grace and love to the people we meet, hoping to put a smile on a face or make someone's day better. If for some reason you can't participate on the 14th or your idea will not work on a Monday or you just need more time to plan and create ways to show people God's love, then please commit to doing something on another day during that week so we can all experience the joy of sharing God's love.

What can we hope to achieve in one day? We don't plan on changing the economy, or making everyone in the greater Toledo area happy, but we do hope to bring a small taste of God's love to people. Our prayer is that this day will lift a few spirits, give some hope, let people know someone cares and someone is praying for them. As a church, we are simply going to go out with the goal of putting a smile on people's faces through simple acts of kindness and love. Please consider joining us as we spend the day looking for ways to spread a little love by doing things like buying a handful of roses and giving them to the people working at the florist, or picking up the tab of the person behind you in the drive-thru window, or giving a hand-shake or sincere thank yous to our fire fighters and police officers. We can't make everyone's day better, but if we even make one person's day better we have made a difference, and seen what it means to BE the church. So what do you say? Will you join us on February 14 as we Love Toledo?

In His Grip,

Pastor Dan

LOVE TOLEDO VALENTINE'S DAY IDEAS

Take time to visit the area nursing homes/ retirement centers. Bring along some valentines or flowers to hand out, or simply give the gift of your time.

Make a number of valentine's day cards by hand and deliver them to people who are sick or homebound.

Visit one of our shut-ins. Take one of the postcards with their names and addresses listed on them and stop by their home for a visit. Bring along a card or flower for Valentine's Day.

Write notes/cards/letters to our firefighters, police officers, village workers and other public servants thanking them for their service, sharing God's love with them and encouraging them to keep up the good work. The letters can be delivered later in the week.

Buy flowers to give to people who have lost a spouse/singles/ people working at area stores, gas stations, etc.

Make valentines and thank you notes for library workers and put them in the drop box.

Offer to clean the restroom of a local gas station as an act of loving service.

Shovel or use your snow blower to clear another person's driveway or sidewalk.

Write a note to a friend or family member telling them you appreciate them and that God loves them

Share a smile with people you meet.

Give a valentine and/or candy hearts to the check-out person at the grocery store and say "Thanks for your hard work. I appreciate it and God does too. Happy Valentine's Day."

Send out text messages to 5-10 people that say, Happy valentine's day. God loves you!

Call a few friends/neighbors/family members or complete strangers and say "Happy valentine's day- You're a very special person- and God loves you very much!"

Take your family out to eat. Tell your server "Thanks for your hard work. I appreciate it and God goes too. Happy Valentine's Day." (Be sure to leave a nice tip as an expression of love). Also, pick out another family/ individual at the restaurant and tell your server you would like to pay their bill. Ask them to simply say, your bill has been paid as a gift to show you God's love- Happy Valentine's Day.

Pick up the tab of the person behind you in the drive-thru window saying "God loves you."

Offer a couple hours of free babysitting so parents can go out on a date.

Make a large sign that reads "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, GOD LOVES YOU" or "BE MINE- LOVE, JESUS" and hold it up on the corner of street at a stop light.

Ask a gas station if you can offer to pump gas and/or clean windshields for people.

Clear the snow and ice off of other people's cars.

Collect stray carts and put them into their racks in area parking lots.

Write notes of appreciation to your children's teachers, the principal, the school secretary and the custodians and deliver them during the week or mail them.

Tell your children why you love them. Pray for them and thank God for them.

Call/visit your parents if they are still living and tell them why you love them.

Leave a treat and a hand-written thank you note for your mail carrier.

Stop by ISOH's Children's Lighthouse with cards, flowers and candy for the children living there.

Offer to take a friend to dinner.

Call up someone whose spouse is no longer living and offer to take them out to eat or go to their home and visit/watch a movie/share a snack etc.

Buy a several copies of the book "THE LOVE DARE" and give them to couples you know.

Offer to do the dishes for your spouse/parents.

Send an E-card to someone you know with encouraging words of God's love for them.

Allow someone to move ahead of you while standing in a line- or let everyone move ahead of you and go to the back of the line.

Buy a movie ticket for the person in line behind you.

Bring flowers, chocolates or valentine cards and hand them out to the visitors and/or workers of an emergency room.

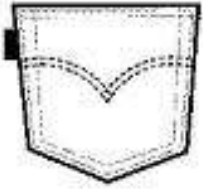
Make Valentine door hangers and put them on the houses of your neighborhood.

Buy some helium filled balloons and hand them out to children at the grocery store (ask the store manager for permission).

Make a donation of time, food or money to AW food pantry.

OR- come up with your own idea to show God's love to people in your community.

Pockets of Hope Free Tutoring Program



Beginning on March 1st through May 25th, a new free tutoring program for area students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade will be held at Zion.

Volunteer tutors will work one-on-one with participating children to help them improve their reading, writing and math skills. The tutoring sessions will be held in Zion's Fellowship Hall every Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A training session for the tutors, provided by professional educators, will be held on February 23rd at Zion beginning at 6:30 p.m. Registration packets for students are available in the office or on the Zion website

www.zionlutheranwaterville.org. **If you are interested in more information, please call the Zion office at 419-878-0266.**

Ways YOU Can Help

- 1. Donate needed supplies** – collection boxes in the Family Life Center
 - New crayons
 - New markers
 - New pencils
 - File folders
 - Child scissors
 - Glue sticks
 - Paper – lined and unlined
 - Children's books – new or used
 - Educational games
 - Stickers and small prizes
- 2. Serve as a Volunteer Tutor or Tutor Substitute** – you don't have to be a teacher to be a tutor! Training and help will be provided throughout the program.
- 3. Help put together file folder games to use in the program** - this can be done at your home and on your own time schedule.
- 4. Consider a monetary donation to help with associated costs such as BCI/FBI checks for tutors.**

G.A.P.
God Answers Prayer Seminar

***UNITING THE GREATER TOLEDO AREA
TOGETHER IN PRAYER!***

When: Saturday, February 19, 2011, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Registration & Breakfast - 8:00 - 8:30)

Location: Toledo Christian School
2303 Brookford Dr., Toledo, OH
(Just off US 24/Anthony Wayne Trail)

Cost: \$15 per person (Includes continental breakfast, lunch and instructional materials.)

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY! Deadline Feb. 11th

Rev. Jon and Sue Trinklein have presented at over 50 G.A.P. seminars around the world.
Timeless Biblical truths are presented and reinforced in a relaxed atmosphere.

SESSION TOPICS

- **Implementing Effective Intercession**
- **Stepping Out Toward Wholeness**
- **Hearing the Voice of God**
- **Stand Your Guard - Spiritual Warfare Prayer**
- **Did You Hear What I Said? (Pray with Precision)**
- **Situational Prayer Exercise**



***Revitalize your prayer life and set your church ablaze
with a passion for prayer!***

Please detach and return registration form below by Feb. 11th. (ONE FORM PER PERSON)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

\$15 per person = \$_____ total

Make all checks payable to: River of Faith
Mail Registration to: River of Faith
P.O. Box 32, Waterville, Ohio 43566
E-mail questions to: gapseminar@gmail.com
Or you may call Pastor Tim Bickel @ 419-377-7506

2011 Endowment Applications Now Available!

Do you know about a great program or cause that could use a financial boost? Or what about a capital project within Zion that needs funding? As we start a new year, Zion members may again apply for grants from the Mission Endowment Fund and the Capital Improvement Endowment Fund.

Over the last six years, Zion has supported a broad spectrum of mission projects throughout our community and country and around the world. In addition, a number of capital improvements have been completed around Zion.

Applications for the 2011 funding year are now available in the church office, in the family life center and on line from Zion's web site at www.zionwaterville.com. If you download the application from Zion's web site, you can enter all the information on the form using your computer. It is a "fill in the blanks" document that can be saved on your computer and printed after you have typed in all the information.

All applications must be submitted and sponsored by an active member of Zion. Capital Improvement applications must be accompanied by a Mission application. The deadline for submitting applications to the church office is March 13, 2011. Apply early - now is the time to get involved in "bringing mission to life!"

Zion Endowment "Bringing Mission to Life"

Special coffee hour for Sunday, February 13.

We are looking for *you* to bring your favorite chocolate or Valentine treat to share for this special Valentine Sunday coffee hour. Call John & Carol Rosebrock at 419-754-3751 if you have any questions.



Zion Lutheran Dartball is over halfway through the season! If you would like to play or have questions, please contact Ron Danhauer at 419-877-0277.

February 7 – Haskins Community – Home
February 14 – Haskins St. Paul – Home
February 21 – Maumee Methodist Purple – Away
February 28 – Maumee Methodist Blue – Away



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE~

1. **Serve by singing or playing an instrument with Zion's Praise Team.** Practices are Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.
2. **Serve by offering transportation and/or housing** for visiting Pastor from Food for the Poor on March 26th & 27th.
3. **Serve by offering assistance to the elderly or homebound** – shoveling, painting, lifting, etc.
4. **Serve by volunteering for Pockets of Hope Tutoring Program** – tutoring, putting packets together, purchasing supplies, etc.

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

Keeping you posted...

- End of year giving statements are now available. If you find any discrepancies or have any questions please call the church office at 419-878-0266.
- Because of HIPPA Privacy Laws, it is sometimes difficult for the church to know when someone is in the hospital. Please call the church office if you or a family member wishes to receive a pastoral call.
- **OLDER ADULT FORUM**~Please join us for a meeting on Tuesday, February 1 at 10:30am in the Conference Room downstairs. Pastor Steve will be leading the discussion. Coffee will be provided.

Zion's Active Adults 10:15 AM, February 17, 2011

You are invited to join in our February activity which will take place on Thursday, February 17. Do you own a Carruth Studio piece? Do you know how they are produced? We are fortunate to have a nationally distributed pieces made within our Waterville community. Come with us on a tour to see how they are made. We will meet at Zion at 10:15AM to carpool for those wishing. The tour begins at 10:30AM and will cost \$2 each.

Following the tour, we will lunch at approximately 11:45AM at Chowders. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Active Adult board to ensure we have a proper headcount for the day.

Hope to see you!

MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT~



Andrea Herman serves the Lord and the LCMS as an evangelistic trainer to women in Guinea. She works to identify women, among the Maninka people group, who the Spirit has moved to be open to learning about God's Word and discipling them to

the point where they can begin to teach others. Many of the Maninka people practice Folk Islam, a religion combining traditional Islam and native practices involving witchcraft.

The Global Mission board in the Family Life Center displays Andrea's monthly newsletter, highlighting the amazing ministry that is taking place among the Maninka people of Guinea.

Before she arrived in Guinea, Andrea attended LCMS World Mission training in the summer of 2006. She also received training in linguistics, the French language, and chronological Bible story teaching. Please pray for Andrea and the Maninka people. May God open her heart to speak and to listen. Also, pray for Andrea as she overcomes cultural and linguistic barriers while she learns two languages, French and Maninkakan. Pray that the Lord bless her relationships with Maninka women and their families, and that God will use these relationships to further His Kingdom. Finally, Andrea asks "pray that God will penetrate the darkness in Guinea with the light of His truth."

If you would like to support Andrea, contact:
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Attn: LCMS World Mission
1333 S Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122-7295



Looking for someone to take over the "Adopt a Highway" program

For the last 12+ years Dick and Sheri Luedtke have been in charge of the Adopt a Highway Program for Zion. The highway location is route 65 from the Waterville Bridge two miles East toward Perrysburg. This clean-up is done in the Spring and in the Fall. Dick and Sheri are no longer able to take on this project and are looking for someone interested in taking charge of it. It takes two people about 1 ½ hours to do the clean-up in the Spring and in the Fall. This is not a project for young children. The cars drive fast on this route and the berm is narrow.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturday, February 5th
8:00am – 11:00am

Proceeds to support
Kitchen of Hope



Community Corner~



- Waterville Playshop presents "Willy Wonka" at the Maumee Indoor Theater. Performances will be Friday & Saturday, February 11 & 12 @ 8pm. Sunday, February 13 @ 2:20 pm. Tickets are \$12. Seniors & students \$10.
- **Anthony Wayne Spirit of Giving** will hold their 4th annual Spaghetti-Fest dinner fundraiser February 18 in the AW High School cafeteria from 4:30-8pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.
- **The Whitehouse Inn has invited us to participate in a local house of worship competition during the months of February and March.** We have 20 gift certificates in the office for one free Sunday Brunch Buffet with the purchase of one buffet. If you don't have a gift certificate, take your bulletin or just let them know which place of worship you support! The top 2 houses of worship will receive a \$500 donation!

Jerry Lucas is Coming!

Basketball Hall of Fame member Jerry Lucas will be coming to Zion Lutheran Church in Waterville to share his Christ-lead ministry. Jerry Lucas, also known as "**Dr Memory**" will be sharing his world-renown learning system with us on **Sunday February 27th** and **Monday February 28th**.

His ministry focuses on family relationships, family learning and remembering names and faces. Mr. Lucas brings incredible energy and passion with these messages. This ministry promises to provide memories for all who attend. This is an opportunity to revitalize your memory and explore a fascinating process of memory improvement. **Your children** will be **captivated** with Jerry's system of learning and memorization skills designed especially for **them**. This is truly something that your entire family will enjoy!

Mr. Lucas' presentation and service to Jesus Christ will inspire anyone with a beating heart. Please join us for any or all of these presentations. His amazing testimony and programs to improve your memory could change your life forever! All are welcome. No signup needed. **Please join us for a Weekend to Remember!**

Sunday, February 27th - 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM
Improving Family Relationships
Sunday, February 27th - 7:00 PM
Family Learning Made Fun and Easy
Monday, February 28th - 7:00 PM
Names and Faces Made Easy

A freewill offering will be taken at each service to support Jerry's work.

Altar Guild Duties

Baptisms & Dust Chapel & Altar:

Janet Wyandt
Joan Heinz

Communion Filling:

Denise Knox
Barb Hall

Altar Hangings:

Dorothy Danhauer
Carol Wiemken

Candles:

Diane Baker
Jan Macera

Flowers & Vestments:

Harriet Lehman

Communion Washing:

Debra Duetemeyer
Sherry Moon

Communion Filling & Washing Praise:

JoAnna Umlauf

Banners:

Trudy Scheiding

Altar Flowers:*

Feb 6- Open

Feb 13-

Feb 20-

Feb 27-

*Please sign up in the Narthex

Greeters for Praise Service:

Feb 6- The Exner Family

Feb 13- The Rhoades Family

Feb 20- The Lauer Family

Feb 27- The Perry Family



Ron Danhauer, Captain
Jim Hagemeyer
Paul Pickering
Al Billow

MISSION FOCUS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

5% of Zion's benevolence for January and February will go towards Threshold. Threshold is a mission church of the ELCA called to bring the Kingdom of God to Toledo through word and action so that our city may be transformed by the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. In pursuing this, God has given us a special giftedness and passion to do ministry in, with, and for young people. This manifests itself in ministry that is highly relational and highly missional. We are a church grounded in the belief that the God of the Bible is still the God of today. We expect God to be present and active in our lives. On Sunday, the Church gathers to praise God for whom He is and what He has done. This is key to our understanding of worship. We do not "go to church". The Church gathers to worship God. In the midst of this worship, God shows up and blesses us and equips us to be the Church in the world. For more information about Threshold call Pastor Tom Schaeffer at 419-740-5314 or visit www.crossthethreshold.com.



Feb 06 –

Feb 20 –

Reader: Sherry Moon

Acolytes:

Feb 6*- Payton Tucker

Feb 13- Allison Johnston

Feb 20*- Madison Enderle

Feb 27- Megan Perry

Crucifers:

Feb 6*- Evan Kania

Feb 13- Nick Pool

Feb 20*- Josie Wielinski

Feb 27- Cody Perry

*Communion