

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Zion's online monthly newsletter. While you are here, we invite you to browse the rest of our website for more information about the mission and ministry of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. May the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS

Traditional Service 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 9:50 AM  
Contemporary Praise Service 10:45 AM

## SATURDAY WORSHIP

First Saturday of the Month 5:00 PM

## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

**NEW!** Starting this month is TAVERN TALK  
Every Thursday at 8:30 PM at Shawn's Tavern

**NEW!** Starting this month is MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAY

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 AM

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

February 17 at 7:00 PM

### SOUP SUPPERS AND LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Wednesday beginning at 6:00 PM

From February 17 through March 24

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Dear Partners in Mission,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

My family and I have now served at Zion for two and a half years. We have all gone through many changes, struggles, celebrations, sorrows and joys throughout this time. I am very thankful for all I am learning in this first call as a pastor of the ELCA. I praise God that I am able to serve with Pastor Steve and the staff of Zion who have a heart for the Lord and His people. I also thank God for the love and support this congregation has shown to me and my family. Zion has so many wonderful people who are committed to serving the Lord and showing others God's love. It is an honor to serve God along with each of you and to help lead this congregation in its mission to Reach Out for Christ.

Speaking of mission, you may or may not be aware that before I received my call to serve God at Zion, I was approved for mission development (church planting) in the ELCA. One of the main reasons I accepted the call to serve as Zion's Associate Pastor was the fact that Zion was hoping to start a new off-site worship service which could possibly become a mission development. In fact, my Letter of Call to Zion states that one of my primary areas of focus is to: "Pursue, establish and provide ongoing leadership for a Mission Development Ministry."

I have attempted to explore mission development at Zion by starting Ignite Fellowship, which began in September of 2008. As many of you know, Ignite is an alternative model of church that includes worship, fellowship, Bible study, fun and community service. (If you would like to know more please visit [www.ignitefellowship.com](http://www.ignitefellowship.com)). Over the past year, Ignite has done some great ministry but has struggled to grow for a variety of reasons including difficulties at Zion, lack of advertizing/awareness in our community, and my inability to dedicate enough time to Ignite due to other responsibilities at Zion. Rev. Marc Miller, our NW Ohio mission director, recently met with our church council to recommend I place more time and effort on building up Ignite. Marc and I agreed that if it is clear by the end of 2010 that Ignite is not going to be a viable mission development, and/or that Zion is unable to support a church plant/mission development, that I may need to look at taking a different call in a place that has the passion and ability to start a new mission development.

Therefore, I want to be very candid and let the congregation know that this third year is a key year for me at Zion. I plan to do everything I can to give Ignite a chance for success. I hope to increase my focus on Ignite by spending less time in the building and more time out in the community building relationships, increasing awareness of Ignite and serving people. I hope you will join me in spreading the word about Ignite—especially to those who are without a church home. I am looking for people who will come together and pray regularly for Ignite- for God's will to be done and for the Holy Spirit to guide everything we do- and for us to remain completely dependent upon Jesus Christ. I am also looking for people with a passion for outreach and mission who will be willing to dedicate one year to helping Ignite grow by making Ignite their primary worshipping community. If you believe God is calling you to do this, please contact me at 418-878-0266 ext. 202 or [pastordan@zionwaterville.com](mailto:pastordan@zionwaterville.com). I am convinced that there is a great need for churches to find new ways to reach out to the world with the good news of Jesus Christ and I intend to dedicate the rest of my life and ministry to this pursuit. However this next year turns out, I pray we each continue to seek God's will and say "yes" to Him.

Trusting in God's Amazing Grace,  
Pastor Dan

As we enter into a new year of ministry, we want to be sure to take time to life up the great programs, events and ministries that took place in 2009. Here are a few of things we can celebrate that took place in 2009:

**Financial Freedom Class**- 10 people participated in a 6 week course on Biblical money management led by Bob Dennie.

**Dinners for eight**- fun, fellowship and lots of great food as 8 people meet in homes.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**- gives hand-made prayer shawls for baptisms, people who are ill, and those in special need of prayer. 58 shawls given out this year. They have been a true blessing!

**Men's Pancake Breakfast**- offers an inexpensive meal to the community, raises funds (\$780 in 2009) to help distribute food to those in need, gives a chance for fellowship with other men.

**Ignite Fellowship**- Now meets on Saturday evenings a 5:00pm. Still has a 5 part format of worship, service, Bible study, fun and church visits. Pastor Dan will increase focus on Ignite this year to see if it can become a mission development. Many people were given food, prayer and served by Ignite. There is now "Ignite Northwest" in Sylvania and a third location may begin soon.

**Shack book study**- A very successful community book study sponsored by Ignite.

**Aurora House**- Aurora is a ministry to bring women and children off the street and help them gain independence. Zion helped to completely remake one bedroom through an "Extreme Room Makeover" and the mission Endowment sponsored a kitchen renovation. Prayer shawls were also donated and had a huge impact on the women who received them.

**Church Growth Services**- Vision to become debt-free and expand our mission and ministry. Held forums that helped identify mission ideas, targeted a life-skills center, veterans ministry and mobile medical unit. Campaign is on hold, given a "yellow light," but ministry expansion continues as does a process to help build our spirituality. We will also explore ways we can better to use our gifts to serve others.

**Care for Caregivers**- Because of age, illness, or injury, an increasing number of people need care because they are no longer able to take 100% care of themselves, Sally Lowe leads a 4 session workshop to help support those who answer God's call to be caregivers.

**Life Transformation Groups**- People meet weekly to ask accountability questions, read Scripture, pray for each other and pray for those who do not know Christ. If you want to join a LTG call Pastor Dan 878-0266. New groups are now forming.

**TLi- Transforming Leaders Initiative**- a new three-year leadership learning journey that involves pastors, spouses and teams of lay leaders from 16 Lutheran churches. TLI's purpose is to equip disciple-making leaders for a missional church. Pastor Dan thanks everyone who helped pay his tuition, including a grant from the endowment. All 3 years are now paid in full.

**Prayer focus during Lenten season**- included a Prayer Walk, (The churches of Waterville united for a city-wide prayer walk on Palm Sunday) a 24 Hour Prayer vigil (Zion members signed up for continuous prayer on the Saturday before Easter), a healing service, and upgrading our entire prayer ministry.

**New 7th and 8th grade discipleship curriculum and format**. 8th grade also began small group times with adults 'guides,' allowing us to invest more in building relationships with each 8<sup>th</sup> grader.

**Youth House** open up with renovations and is doing great ministry. 25-50 youth meet every Wednesday (TGIW) Thanks to Zion for endowment funds and for everyone who helped prepare the house. and over 250 youth now playing basketball along with Kevin being visible in the AW school.

**Thanksgiving dinner**- included invitations to people in need and groups that use Zion

**Preschool**- Continues to provide an excellent Christian learning experience to children. 52 children are part of our pre-school program connecting their families to Zion.

**Endowment**- Over 100 organizations, from down the street to across the world, have received over \$573,000 in the last 5 years.

**Threshold**- Developing a mutual ministry with Northwestern Ohio's newest mission congregation. The Mission Endowment funded a coaching ministry for Threshold.

Finally, we celebrated 9 Baptisms, 11 Students affirming their baptism, 12 young people receiving first communion and 8 couples joining together in Marriage.

## YOUTH NEWS

### T.G.I.W.

TGIW happens every Wednesday night at The Youth House at 6:30 PM. We will eat dinner at 6:30 PM and start TGIW at 7 PM. At TGIW, we play games, eat food, have fun and learn a little bit about God. TGIW is for 7th through 12th graders, so invite your friends and stop by! It will last until 9 PM each night. There is no TGIW if AW schools close.

### Sunday School

Sunday School is going on now! The high school class meets at The Youth House next door, while the 7th and 8th grade students meet for Discipleship class in the basement. Sunday School is from 9:50-10:40 AM.

### Taking Donations

Want to donate snacks or drinks to the youth group? Contact Kevin Connors and see what we need right now. We always take donations of snacks and drinks.

### Looking For Help!

Are you interested in working with and being around teenagers? Maybe youth ministry is for you! Kevin is looking for committed volunteers for the youth group, in a variety of roles. If you are interested, contact Kevin Connors soon.

### Staying Connected...

Please remember to check the youth group's website, [www.ZionChurchYouth.com](http://www.ZionChurchYouth.com) for all of the latest updates, calendars and everything about Zion's youth ministry. Also be sure to keep your eye on the youth board that is in the Family Life Center for sign-up sheets and other info pertaining to the youth.

### Valentine's Dinner

The youth will be hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, February 14 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The youth will be making and serving a pasta dinner, and there will also be fun games for the couples to play and participate in. The cost is \$20 for each couple. All funds raised will go towards the youth fund. Tickets will be on sale for the dinner starting on Sunday, January 24 in the Family Life Center.

### Silent Auction

The youth once again will be hosting a silent auction and chili cook-off fundraiser. The silent auction will begin on Sunday March 7 and conclude on Sunday March 21 with a chili cook-off in the Fellowship Hall after church services. All proceeds will go towards the youth fund. If you would like to donate items for the auction, the youth will begin collecting them on February 14.

# EARLY TO RISE

About GOD and JESUS  
living through Older Adults

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*O Jesus, you have promised  
To all who follow you  
That where you are in glory  
Your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
To serve you to the end;  
Oh, give me grace to follow,  
My master and my friend.  
(LBW No. 503, Verse 4)*

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## SALLY LOWE

...was celebrated during worship on Sunday, January 17. She was recognized for many forms of loving service, but more so for her "countenance", that is her continual warmth, acceptance, understanding, cheer, and counsel which she extends to all who meet her. Guests from Sally's past including Bill Reber and Pastor Jerry LaBuhn echoed these sentiments.

Most recently Sally has served on the Committee for Older Adult Ministries. She herself has gathered and organized "Responders" an informal group of active caregivers who meet on the First Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Sally also serves as mentor to the current Confirmation Class.

## OLDER ADULT FORUM

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**



**"WHEN CHANGE IS GOOD!"**

Please note that the Forum will not meet in February.

## ZION'S ACTIVE ADULTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

Glenn Miller...Duke Ellington....Count Basie. If these names bring back pleasant musical memories, you'll want to be part of Zion's Active Adult activity for February. We'll gather at the Browning Masonic Community on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for a 5:30 dinner and then attend their 7:00 program about the Big Band Era. More details and a sign-up sheet can be found on the senior bulletin board in the family life center. If you have questions or need a ride, call Cheryl Fischer (419) 877-0674 or Sherry Moon (419) 878-4490. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**—Why not bring a friend?

Be sure to pick up a copy of the entire 2010 schedule on the family life center bulletin board.

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## SENIORFESTS & LUTHERHOSTELS

The Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA) has announced the schedule for Older Adult Events in 2010. Pastor Kurt can supply more information:

SeniorFests for the Florida-bound:

Feb. 8: Leesburg, Life Enrichment Center  
Feb. 9: Bradenton, Christian Retreat Ctr  
Feb. 10: Winter Haven, Grace Lutheran  
Feb. 13: Boca Raton, Advent Lutheran

Lutherhostels:

May 13-15: Bergamo Conference Center, Dayton, OH. "Celtic Christianity."  
July 14-18: Luther College, Decorah, IA  
Oct. 3-8: Heartwood Conference Center, Trego, WI  
Oct. 4-7: Camp Arcadia, Arcadia, MI  
"Worship Symposium"  
Oct. 10-15: Heartwood Conference Center, Trego, WI

Extended Pilgrimages/Trips:

April 14-30: Tour of Turkey "Christian Church in Asia Minor"  
Sept, 14-28: Reformation Tour including Oberammergau Passion Play

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 6th  
8:00am – 11:00am  
Proceeds to support  
Kitchen of Hope.



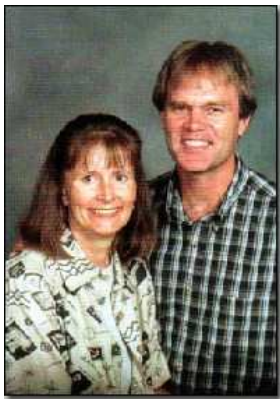
Last month, we were able to send \$461 to the Otsego Food Pantry. A big thank you to everyone who supports this ministry.

## Community Corner...

\* **The Food for Thought Food Pantry** will be at the Monclova Community Center on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The pantry will be there from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Call 419-861-1336 for more information.

\* The **Capital University's renowned Chapel Choir** from Columbus, Ohio will be visiting Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. More details can be found on the bulletin board in the FLC.

\***Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek** is hosting a Long Term Care Insurance Seminar on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.



**MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT**  
**Dr. Steve, Bethany, Shalai,**  
**Nyika, and Zaka Friberg**

**Dr. Friberg** is a pediatrician, and his mission assignment is "Rural Health Care." He travels from clinic to clinic throughout Tanzania providing medical care for all in need. His degree in pediatrics enables him to provide special care for children. He was raised in Africa, and his father was a Lutheran missionary. He plans to make mission ministry his lifetime work. Bethany coordinates a beadwork project with about 50 Maasai women that allows these women to support themselves and their children. Steve and Bethany have three children, twin boys Nyika and Zaka age 9 and a girl, Shalai, age 7.

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAY**

Do you dread Mondays? Is it sometimes hard to be excited about the beginning of a new week? What if things could be different? Well...things *can* be different and Mondays *can* be exciting. K-LOVE Christian radio has recently been advertizing "Make a difference Mondays." We think this is a great idea and encourage all of Zion to pray about participating. The basic concept is to look for specific ways that you can make a difference in the lives of other people on Mondays. So many people are struggling and hurting and not looking forward to facing yet another Monday, but you can help to make a difference. The Bible says that it is kindness that leads people to repentance. Who knows how God will use the kind things that you do to bless and encourage someone else? So look for simple ways you can bless others each and every Monday (and if you want to expand it beyond Mondays, GREAT- Mondays are just a place to start). Maybe it's buying someone a cup of coffee in line behind you, or leaving an encouraging message on someone's voicemail, or taking somebody out to lunch... It doesn't take a whole lot, just remember this "Little things don't mean a lot... Little things mean everything!" Thanks for looking for ways that you can Make A Difference! For God has indeed Blessed us to be a Blessing. (Gen 12:1-3)  
Trusting in God's Amazing Grace,  
Pastor Dan

## **2010 Endowment Applications Are Available**

As we move into a new calendar year, it is also time for Zion members to apply for funding from the Mission Endowment Fund and the Capital Improvement Endowment Fund. The needs in our community, our country, and the world are great. Please consider submitting an application to help an organization or mission program that is reaching out and serving people in a way that is meaningful to you. Also, look around Zion for a capital improvement opportunity and consider submitting an application.

All applications must be submitted and sponsored by a Zion member. Capital Improvement applications must be accompanied by a Mission application from the same sponsor(s).

The deadline for submitting 2010 applications is March 7. Applications are available in the Family Life Center each Sunday, in the church office during the week, and on line at [www.zionwaterville.com](http://www.zionwaterville.com).

For more information, refer to the 2010 applications, or contact a member of the Endowment Committee or Pastor Steve.

**Zion Endowment**  
**"Bringing Mission to Life"**

Friends and Members...

## YOU'RE INVITED TO LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



**WHEN:** Each Wednesday from February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Zion's Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

**TIME:** 6:00 pm Dinner sponsored by Parish Life Committee  
7:00 pm Service led by Pastor Steve & Pastor Dan

Share fellowship, prayer and music with your Zion family. Bring your own table service. Drinks provided. Please sign up for soups and desserts in the Family Life Center after services or call Jill Schwanz at 419-878-0425.



### WE HAVE MOVED~

Dick & Ginny Feusse  
Lutheran Village Wolfcreek  
Condo 317  
2045 Perrysburg-Holland Rd  
Holland, Ohio 43528  
Phone:419-725-6377

### DARTBALL

If you would like to play or have questions, please contact Ron Danhauer at 419-877-0277.



### February Schedule~

February 1 – St. Johns – Home  
February 15 – Maumee Methodist Blue-Away  
February 22 – Maumee Methodist Purple-Away  
March 1 – Haskins Federated-Home

## ZLCW NEWS~

### PROMISES, PROMISES

How often have we heard these words in our lifetime? We have all made promises of one kind or another from the time we were young. When we were confirmed, we reaffirmed the promise or vow (same thing) to remain faithful to God. This promise had already been made for us at our Baptism. A marriage vow is made to remain faithful to our spouse. We constantly hear political figures making great promises, and, the list goes on. However, many promises or vows are made, many are constantly broken.

For the February's Bible Study, in our women's circle meeting, the question is asked: "Does God keep promises?" We invite more of our women to join us in our studies as we look in Paul's letter to the Romans to find the answer to the above question. Martha Circle meets Tuesday, February 16 at 9:00 am and Rebecca Circle meets Thursday, February 18 at 1:00 pm. You are always welcome!

For many years we have supported Lutheran World Relief efforts in various ways. This year will not be any different. Beginning now, we will start collecting items for the Health Kits. This past year has seen a greater need to these personal hygiene items, and, in light of the recent earthquake in Haiti, the need will only continue to increase.

The following items are needed for each kit:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar (4-5 oz) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapper
- One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers with file attached

Do NOT include toothpaste. This will be added at the LWR warehouse prior to shipping.

A collection box, clearly marked, will be located in the FLC. Your contribution may include whichever items you prefer- not necessarily an entire kit.

As God continues to keep His promises to us, let us all make a promise to BE INVOLVED in the work that Lutheran World Relief does in our behalf. It's time to put our faith into action.

"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

Anna Marie Grimm  
President, ZLCW

## SPECIAL THANK YOU NOTES~

Dear Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well now I know you all can keep a secret, and what a secret! What a surprise, thank you from the bottom of my heart to every one of you who made last Sunday such a special day for me. I was honored, humbled and so pleased at all you did in my honor. All the thought, planning and organization you did just for me. You did it all with such love and I am so thankful to God above for the many blessings I have and count you all as part of His blessings. Thank you again for the honor. I'm looking forward to many more opportunities of serving God here at Zion with you.

Yours in Christ,  
Miss Sally Lowe

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Pastors Steve & Dan, Karen, Lynne and Everyone at Zion,

I realize I am a bit behind in my thank you's and I hope you will forgive me.

I want you to know how much I appreciate all of your thoughts, concerns, and prayers in all the things that I have been experiencing over the past several months.

Thank you for all your prayers for Jeff, Veronica & Liam as they continue to battle Liam's medical issues. He is holding his own (not any worse). We know that the prayers are helping.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the money that was raised for Liam at the Taco Benefit. It truly was an out pouring of God's Love by every member of the congregation that participated in any way. Thank you for all that you did to make the benefit a success. The money raised will be put to good use in helping with medical expenses and home modifications that have had to be done.

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. When I put it around my shoulders it provided an immediate comfort. Your love was so strong I had to share the shawl with Veronica as I knew that she too needed to feel the love of God and all of you while going through the ordeal with Liam and his medical issues.

Thank you for your prayers during and after my recent surgery and for the flower that you sent to me. I kept the flower near me as I was recuperating. It served as a constant reminder of all the wonderful people at Zion and all the love that you have continued to share with me.

Thank you to all of you for everything that you do to share Gods love continually.

In Christian Love,  
Carol Eiben

Dear Zion and Youth Group,

It is with deep thankfulness that we write this note. Losing Jacob is the hardest thing our family has experienced. Zion helped us from Pastor Steve's support, to the choir, to praise team, to meals, cards, donations, prayers and the list continues in ways we still may not even be aware-so much coordinating and organizing.

Jacob grew up in Zion. He was baptized, a part of Sunday School, Children's choir, musicals, catechism, confirmation, service projects and youth group. He played with kids in the nursery & skipped church with many others. He sat by you, communed with you and sang next to you. That also means you taught him, mentored him, guided him, watched him grow from infant to young adult. Zion had a hand in his life from birth until death-God connected us in many ways.

Our prayer is for peaceful hearts, minds and bodies according to God's will. May each of you feel that peace as well.

Peace,  
Amy, Rex and Hope

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Thank you very much for all the expressions of love, support and prayers we received from our Zion family in the birth of our daughter Elyse. Sunday's baptism was especially meaningful for us and our families. Thank you Pastor Dan and the entire Zion staff.

God's blessings,  
Dan, Wendylea, Jordan and Elyse Wyandt

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As many of you already know, Andy left, along with Dr. Rich Paat, for a medical mission to Haiti. There is a team of 20 people, including surgeons, ER docs, Internists, nurses, pharmacists, etc. making this trip. We hosted a gentleman that flew in from California to join the group. I am asking that you please pray for the safety & success of this team as they make this journey to Haiti to help as many as possible. This group includes the efforts of International Services of Hope/IMPACT, an organization that has had many years experience assisting people around the world.

The past couple of days have been very heartwarming as the outpouring of people of all walks of life have generously given their time, supplies and money to help in this effort. We are truly proud of the kindness and unselfishness that has been demonstrated in our community and around the country. WE ARE PROUD TO BE CALLED AMERICANS.

Pray for ALL of those that are helping in these efforts.

Thanks for your prayers...  
Norrene

## **Altar Guild Duties**

### **Baptism & Dust Chapel:**

Diane Baker  
Jan Macera

### **Communion Filling:**

Mary Billow  
Paula Monroe

### **Altar Hangings:**

Debra Duetemeyer  
Sherry Moon

### **Banners:**

Ellen Wehl

### **Vestments:**

Dorothy Danhauer  
Carol Wiemken

### **Candles:**

Harriet Lehman  
Anna Marie Grimm

### **Flowers:**

Denise Knox  
Barb Hall

### **Communion Washing:**

Janet Wyandt

### **Altar Flowers:\***

**Feb 7-**

**Feb 14-**

**Feb 21-**

**Feb 28-**

**\*Please sign up in the Narthex**

### **Bulletin Covers:\*\***

**Feb 7-** Hazel Charles

**Feb 14-**

**Feb 21-**

**Feb 28-**

**\*\*Please sign up in the Family Life Center**



Ron Danhauer  
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](http://www.crossthethreshold.com).



**Feb 7** – Jon Schwanz

**Feb 17** – Ash Wednesday  
Jon Schwanz

**Feb 21** – Katie Lauer

**Reader:** Jan Wyandt

### **Acolytes:**

Feb 7\*-Elena Sokoloski

Feb 14-Jordan Dennie

Feb 17\*-Ash Wednesday-Kahlie Pawlicki

Feb 21\*-Joshua Olligschlager

Feb 24-Samantha Rill

Feb 28-Nick Case

### **Crucifers:**

Feb 7\*-Grant Sellers

Feb 14-Joshua Schwerer

Feb 17\*-Ash Wednesday-Kaitlin May

Feb 21\*-Alex Bukovinszky

Feb 24-Austin Rill

Feb 28-Sara Dick

\*Communion