

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 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 @ 10:00 AM in Zion's Conference Room
Sundays @ 7:00PM at the Waterville Fire Station in the Community Room
Mondays @ 7:00 AM 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 @ 10:00 AM in Zion's Conference Room
Thursdays @ 7:00 AM in Zion's Conference Room
Thursdays @ 5:00 PM in Zion's Library
Thursdays @ 7:00 PM at Waterville Community Church

SOUP SUPPERS AND LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES
Every Wednesday from March 9 through April 13
Soup Supper at 6:00pm
Worship Service at 7:00pm

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 have now been involved in the E100 Bible reading challenge for over two months. Many of you have talked about how much you are enjoying E100 and how it helps the Bible come alive. We are so thankful for this opportunity to dig into God's Word and pray that E100 helps each of us grow in faith and love. We want to be clear that there is nothing more important to those of us who lead this church than your spiritual growth. We exist to help you become better followers of Jesus who go out and make more disciples. That's why we want to renew and deepen our focus on your spiritual growth. Whether you're just starting to explore the Christian faith, or you're a long-time follower of Jesus, we want to do everything we can to help you keep growing closer to Christ.

That's why we need your help. We're asking you to set aside time during the first two weeks of April to take a survey that asks questions about your spiritual life and the role our church plays in it. This three year long survey, which normally costs over \$1600, has been donated to churches by TLI (TLI or the Transforming Leaders Initiative is a three year learning journey in which Pastor Dan is involved). Several of you took this survey last fall and we are now hoping that you will take part two of this survey, so that we can begin to track how our spiritual life has changed since last year. The Spiritual Life Survey will ask you to give feedback on our church and on your personal spiritual journey. It will help us be more effective in our mission and provide a unique way for Zion's leadership to learn what you as a congregation need to further develop your faith and put your faith into action. The survey must be taken online, but we don't want this to be a reason for people to not participate. If you are unfamiliar with computers and would like to have some help, we will have computers and people available on Sunday mornings to guide you through the survey and assist you in any way that is needed.

Since the survey touches on a wide range of thought-provoking issues, you should anticipate needing 35 - 40 minutes to complete it. We realize this is a long time, but we believe the investment of time will be very worthwhile to you and our church. We also want to be clear that this survey is completely anonymous. An expert third-party research organization will compile your input with responses from others, so your survey will not be viewed individually. It is very important for everyone to participate so that we can get the most accurate picture of where we are as a church.

We cannot stress enough that this survey is *extremely* important. The findings from this survey will shape our decisions about how to create the best possible ministry strategies to help you grow as followers of Christ. (E100, the weekly discipleship plan, Life Transformation groups and other ministries as Zion have been developed as a part of our response to last year's survey.) Therefore, we really hope for widespread participation. Our goal is to have 100 people from Zion participate in this year's survey. So please take the survey and encourage all of your friends who call Zion their church home to participate as well. The survey will be open for two weeks beginning April 2, 2011. A link to the survey will be posted online and sent out in our bulletins toward the middle of March. Thanks in advance for your time and contribution to this tool that will help us understand our church's role in your spiritual life.

Trusting in God's Amazing Grace,
Pastor Dan



2011 Endowment Applications Deadline quickly approaching!

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 13th. Now is the time to get involved in "bringing mission to life!"**

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE~

1. **Serve by singing or playing an instrument with Zion's Praise Team.**
2. **Serve by offering assistance to the elderly or homebound** -shoveling, painting, lifting heavy items, etc.
3. **Serve by volunteering for Pockets of Hope Tutoring Program**-tutoring. Urgent need for Tutors. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity!
4. **Serve by volunteering to staff the Nursery on Sundays or special events.**
5. **Serve by joining Zion's visitation Ministry.**

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

Friends and Members...

YOU'RE INVITED TO LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



WHEN: Each Wednesday from February 9th through April 13th

WHERE: Zion's Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

TIME: 6:00 pm Dinner sponsored by Parish Life
7:00 pm Service led by Pastors Steve & 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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH (K.I.T.)~

If you know anyone who would benefit from receiving a care note, a card, a prayer shawl or visit, please call Karen Meyer at 419-345-0957 or the church office at 419-878-0266.



~Take Care of Each Other~



The Youth Group will be hosting Coffee Hour Sunday, March 13. They will have the Youth House open for you to have refreshments and take a tour! You may also visit after second service if you don't get a chance to visit during coffee hour.

Zion Lutheran Dartball is almost over! The dates of the last 2 games and tournament are:

- March 7 – St. Petri – Away
- March 28 – Haskins St. Paul – Away
- April 3 – Tournament – Gateway Middle School



Are you interested in a Zion golfing group to head out on the links for occasional outings? If so, please contact Pastor Dan at 419.878.0266 or pastordan@zionwaterville.com.

Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed Saturday night.



“God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere, but all originate in God’s Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 12:4

I feel extremely blessed to be given the opportunity to come on staff here at Zion. I know the Lord has wonderful plans for the youth here, and I am excited for all that 2011 will bring! It is my hope that Zion Youth be seen as an integral part of the congregation at large, as well as the congregation as part of Zion Youth. I have faith that with our focus on God’s Spirit and His individual plans for every Zion member miraculous things will be happening in all of Zion’s ministries.

Zion Youth currently has many aspects including Sunday School and Discipleship, Jr. High youth group, and a high school worship service. We have done a few recreational outings including seeing Christian comedian Jeff Jena at the Funny Bone a couple weeks ago. We will be venturing on at least one mission trip this summer as well as holding fundraisers and focusing on frequent service projects. Small groups will also be starting soon for youth who are looking to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus and discover how the Bible relates to them.

Thank you for all of the support you have given me so far. My door is always open for ideas to help this youth group flourish. God Bless!

Jessica

What’s Going On?

Every Week...

Sunday 9:50am- Sunday School (all grades)

Sunday 7-9pm- Momentum Worship Service (9-12th grade)

Wednesday 6:30-9pm- Youth Group (7-9th grade)*

***Youth Group will meet from 6-9pm through lent with Soup Supper beginning at 6:00.**

Upcoming Events...

Sunday March 6- Retreat 12-4pm (7-8th grade)

Thursday March 31- Winter Jam concert in Ypsilanti, MI (all grades)

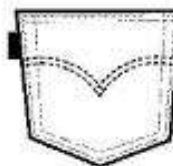
Community Corner~

- **The Whitehouse Inn has invited us to participate in a local house of worship competition during the month of March.** Would you like to receive a free Sunday Brunch Buffet? Well, now you can! During the month of March, purchase one buffet and get another one free. Just take your bulletin to the Inn or let them know which place of worship you support. Zion will be eligible for a prize and you’ll qualify for the BOGO offer! The top 2 houses of worship will receive a \$500 donation!

Community Corner Cont...

- Kingston Residence is hosting a series for caregivers on understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia: Tuesdays March 8, 15, 22 from 4-6pm and Thursdays March 10, and 17 from 9-11. A flier is posted in the FLC with more.
- **FREE SENIOR MOVIE DAY** (Brigadoon), sponsored by Kingston, will be held at the Maumee Indoor Theater March 22 at noon. A flier is posted in the FLC.
- Haskins Community Church is hosting a Pancake Day on March 12. More information can be found on the flier posted in the FLC.
- Want to learn more about vision loss and common eye diseases? Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek will have a presentation March 23 at 6:30pm. See flier in the FLC for more.

Pockets of Hope Free Tutoring Program



New Ministry for Zion~

“Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.” -- Matthew 18:5

A new free tutoring program for area students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade began March 1st at Zion. Volunteer tutors are working one-on-one with participating children to help them improve their reading, writing and math skills. We already have 11 students enrolled in the program and are now forming a waiting list until we get more volunteers to be Tutors. The tutoring sessions are held in Zion’s Fellowship Hall every Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Registration packets for students are available in the office or on the Zion website www.zionlutheranwaterville.com. **If you are interested in more information, please call the Zion office at 419-878-0266.**

Ways **YOU** can help, you can **pray for this new ministry**, donate children’s books new or used, educational games, stickers and small prizes, 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, you can help put together file folder games to use in the program - this can be done at your home and on your own time schedule, or consider a monetary donation to help with associated costs such as BCI/FBI checks for tutors.

Zion's Active Adults
Sunday, March 20

On Sunday, March 20, Zion's Active Adults will meet at the church at 2pm and carpool to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in BG for a performance of "As Seen On T.V.," a cabaret-style show at 3pm. There will be a free will offering for the show and we will eat at the Myles Dairy Queen on Wooster – it is an eat-in restaurant.

Please sign up on the Active Adults' board in the Family Life Center or call Norrene Torres for more information or questions at 419-868-8881.

LOOKING AHEAD~

Michigan Renaissance Festival is the destination for **Zion's Active Adults** on Saturday, September 17. We are traveling with AAA of Northwest Ohio to Holly, MI where the country's best Renaissance festival will be held. Once inside the turreted gates, you will find a festive marketplace, games of skill and nonstop entertainment. The trip costs \$68 per person (transportation/admission). Meals are additional. This trip will leave from W. Central Avenue and we will meet at Zion to carpool. Approximate times are 7A-7P. A sign-up sheet is on the Active Adult bulletin board if you are interested in embarking on this venture. Since we need to reserve seats on a first come basis, your check of \$68 payable to AAA of Northwest Ohio will be your reservation. If you are going, please consider getting your check to Sherry Moon or directly to AAA (on sign-up sheet state you sent check yourself) by April 15. A flyer concerning this trip is posted on the bulletin board.



March 20—Sunday at 3 PM
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, B.G. OH show
"As Seen on TV," cost \$10 donation.
Dinner in BG.

April 17 –Sunday 2:30 PM
70 Girls 70 presented by Waterville
Playshop at Grand Rapids, OH - dinner
following.

May 11 –Wednesday 9:30AM
Tour of Penta Vocational School – followed
by lunch by culinary students

June 27 – Monday 12 Noon
Mud Hens game

July 21 –Thursday 6 PM
Lyme Village, cost \$8 and Sorrowful Mother
Shrine in Bellevue, OH. Plan to carpool and
eat lunch at Parkerstown Restaurant in
Bellevue.

*Arrange church tour when schedule is published
later in year.

August 16 – Tuesday 10 AM
Tour Blair Lithopane Museum (\$5)
Lunch at Mango Tree

September 17 –Saturday
Renaissance Festival, Holly MI with AAA,
departs AAA office on Central Avenue
7AM and returns 7PM – Cost \$69, meals
extra.

October 18 –Tuesday, approx. 8:15A to 5P
Day tour to Bucyrus OH via carpooling – tour
D. Ricking Company: hammered copper
kettlemaker; tour Advance Fiber Tech:
recycle newspaper into industrial products;
lunch at Belle Hoffman House; visit Coopers
Mill and Country Store
Approx. cost for day \$3 tours and \$15 lunch

November 15 – Tuesday 12 Noon
Lunch from Subway
Speaker at Zion—Judy Pfaffenberger talking
on Christmas on the Rhine at 1 PM

December – Holiday Event at Mary Heilmann's home

MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT~



Tim & Carol Imbrock, along with their children, Grant (19), Grace (18), and Claire (7), are missionaries with Mission Aviation Fellowship, who have worked in Papua, New Guinea, with

MAF-Australia for the last 15 years. A special verse to them is Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the plans I have for you', declares the Lord, 'plans for good and not for disaster, to give you hope and a future.'"* I know that their two oldest children are now married and they are now in Idaho where they are working with MAF headquarters to train new pilots that will be sent out all around the world.

Checks payable to Mission Aviation Fellowship. Mail the check to: Donor Services, Mission Aviation Fellowship, P.O. Box 47, Nampa, ID 83653
Please include a note indicating that this check is for the support of Tim and Carol Imbrock (MAF account # 9062).

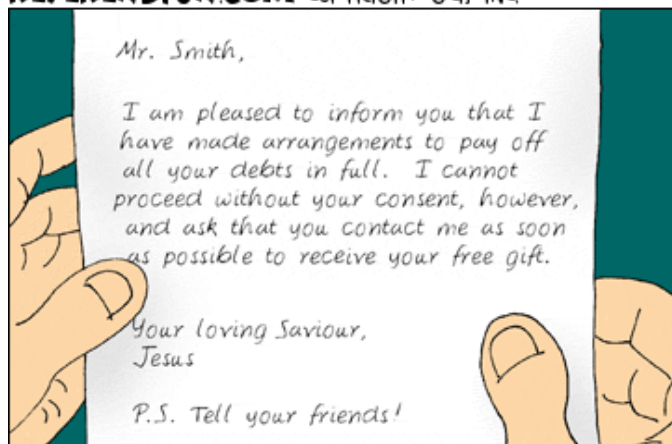


Did you know that Spencer King is a member of the Waterville's Boy Scout Troop 101 & is currently finishing his work towards earning the rank of "Eagle", the highest rank in scouting? Well he is and

one of the requirements of this rank is to plan and complete a leadership service project. Spencer chose to complete his Eagle Leadership Project at Zion. He chose this as a way to serve God and help out the Youth House of Zion. Eagle service project requirements include planning, budgeting & carrying out the project. Spencer's project focused on several areas for improvement. The areas of improvement involved landscaping around the house, by trimming trees, spreading mulch, filling holes left from removal of a fence, taking down the old TV tower & putting in an improved sidewalk to the back door. Also, Spencer & his team worked at improving the drainage around the house by fixing & replacing downspouts to allow proper drainage away from the house, scraping & repainting the windows of the garage. The largest part of his project involved the repair of the side porch & removal of existing shutters. This project also included contacting the Waterville Historical Commission for approval. The porch floor was rotted and unsafe. The repair involved the removal of the existing porch floor, replacing support beams, framing/trimming of the porch & repairing & painting the doors & windows. Spencer enlisted the Boy Scouts of Troop 101 to assist him with his project. This involved the help of 15 scouts, parents, family members & 90+ hours of service to carry out this project. Please take a moment to check out the main bulletin board of the before & after pictures. What an awesome job Spencer. Thank You!

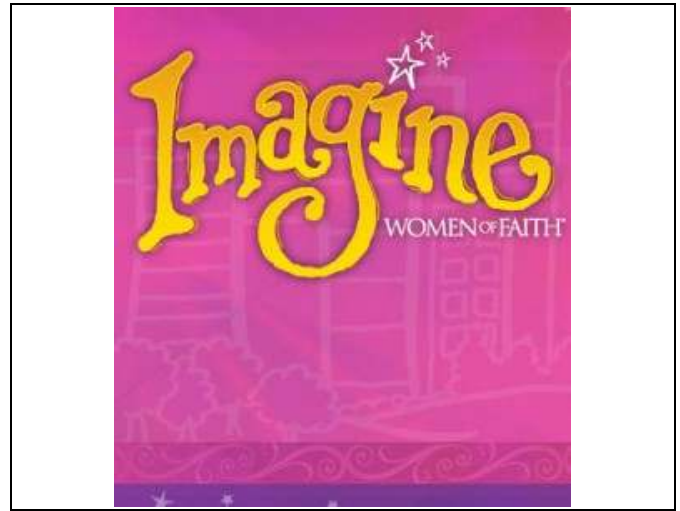
'To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did...' When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.

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Imagine what it would be like if the God who created us was willing and able to provide exactly what we need. Why would He do that? Because, He loves us. He loves YOU. Imagine that. Imagine having two days focused on God and His love for you. Join us for two days filled with laughter, music, and stories that make you chuckle even as you wipe away a knowing tear. Don't miss it!

You are invited to attend the Women of Faith Event in Indianapolis this year. It is August 19th & 20th. We are so excited to have such an opportunity to go together and experience this wonderful God of ours. There are payment plans available for the tickets, travel expenses (chartered bus) & hotel. The ticket price includes the 2 day event with boxed lunches both days. For more information regarding payment plans and any other questions please call Norrene Torres @ 419-868-8881, Karen Meyer @ 419-345-0957, or the church office 419-878-0266. Invite your friends, co-workers, or family. This is something to share! The experience of seeing & hearing about this wonderful God of ours is priceless. IMAGINE how fun & spirit filled our time together will be as we experience the God who is over the top for YOU! Make it the weekend you have always longed for and join us in August.



Altar Guild Duties



Harold Weihl, Captain
Terry Weihl

Baptisms & Dust Chapel & Altar:

Dorothy Danhauer
Carol Wiemken

Communion Filling:

Diane Baker
Jan Macera

Altar Hangings:

Harriet Lehman

Candles:

Janet Wyandt
Joan Heinz

Flowers & Vestments:

Debra Duetemeyer
Sherry Moon

Communion Washing:

Denise Knox
Barb Hall

Communion Filling & Washing Praise:

JoAnna Umlauf

Banners:

Trudy Scheiding

Altar Flowers:*

Mar 6-

Mar 13- Bruce & Karen Meyer in honor of Doug Meyer's birthday

Mar 20-

Mar 27- John & Carol Rosebrock in honor of their 42nd anniversary on March 29

*Please sign up in the Narthex

Greeters for Praise Service:

Mar 6- The Schwanz Family

Mar 13- The Rosebrock Family

Mar 20- The Matt Wielinski Family

Mar 27- The Hall Family

MISSION FOCUS FOR MARCH & APRIL

5% of Zion's benevolence for March and April will go towards Sunshine Children's Home. Their mission is to create community among people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and staff. Sunshine pursues this by practicing Christian values in the tradition of the Mennonite faith, embracing the vision of their founders, and by strengthening the community by serving the underserved. There is much about the Sunshine community that needs to be experienced to be understood. As a living, loving, working community, Sunshine embodies a cultural tradition which nurtures personal and spiritual growth among both individuals and staff. The spirit of mutuality is pervasive, as is a willingness to help in any way possible. Sunshine believes they are all defined by their relationships with the people they serve. At Sunshine, they understand that as they care for others, they are also being served and enriched by them. For more information, you can call Sunshine at 419-865-0251 or www.sunshinefnd.com.



Mar 06 – Kevin Pool

Mar 09 (Ash Wednesday)–Jon Schwanz

Mar 20 – Carol Eiben

Reader: Sam Macera

Acolytes:

Mar 6*- Sally Summersgill

Mar 13- Tegan Hack

Mar 20*- Kennedy Miller

Mar 27- Jesse Podiak

Crucifers:

Mar 6*- Chris Summersgill

Mar 13- Jeff Goatley

Mar 20*- Hanna Reddington

Mar 27- Andy Summersgill

*Communion