

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday November 6
From 8-11am in Fellowship Hall

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday November 7

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Sunday November 21
United Worship at 10:30 am
Thanksgiving dinner at noon

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday November 28

TAVERN TALK

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

WORSHIP HOURS

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

THE GREAT MOMENTUM! SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship with us every Sunday at 7:00pm

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

**Sunday, November
21
United Worship
at
10:30 AM**

**Come and celebrate a God
who is Over the Top for You!**

**Bring canned goods to donate during the
service and a pie to share at dinner.
Dinner will be at 12:00 Noon**

**See the LBN on Sunday or November's Newsletter
for reservation form & opportunity to serve.**



Dear Friends of Zion,

I will never forget one of the days that I was on Sabbatical this summer and was reading my daily devotions and the reading was from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. The people who he was writing to were composed of new converts who were struggling because their loved ones were dying. Some of their relatives were not concerned about joining them as believers. Others were idle in their faith and others were wanting to go back to their heathen ways. Persecution was strong. It was illegal to be a Christian. People from within their own Christian community were working against their vision to grow. Others just didn't want Paul there as the missionary who started the church. Yet in the midst of all of this, Paul writes...(1 Thessalonians 5: 16) ***“Rejoice always, constantly, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”***

Did you realize that rejoicing is God's will for you? You were made to celebrate and give thanks! Even in the midst of things you cannot understand. Even when you are struggling. Even when death is around. Even when you want to go back to “the way it was,” God calls you to celebrate and give thanks every day. We were made that way! We were made to give thanks!

With all of that in mind, and yes we are called to celebrate and give thanks every day, I would like to invite you to a special Sunday of Thanksgiving! **Sunday, November 21** is our annual **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY WORSHIP DINNER**. Join us and bring a friend.

This year will be somewhat different than in the past. There will be one united Worship service at 10:30 a.m. Traditionally the women of our church have led this service. This year, the service will be conducted by women who attended the “Women of Faith” conference in Cleveland, OH. The theme will be **“Over the Top,”** as God's love is for us.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served following worship and each person is asked to bring canned goods that will be distributed to a local food bank along with a pie for dinner. There will be an RSVP form in the Sunday LBN that you are asked to fill out.

Pastor Steve





The E100 challenge is coming to Zion on January 9, 2011. E100 is a Bible reading plan built around 100 carefully selected, short Bible passages — 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. It is designed to help us get the big picture about God's Word and get into the habit of reading the Bible on a daily basis. E100 will last for 20 weeks, with five readings assigned each week. We plan to focus our weekly sermons and worship services on the E100 readings so that our whole church can be immersed in this journey through God's Word.

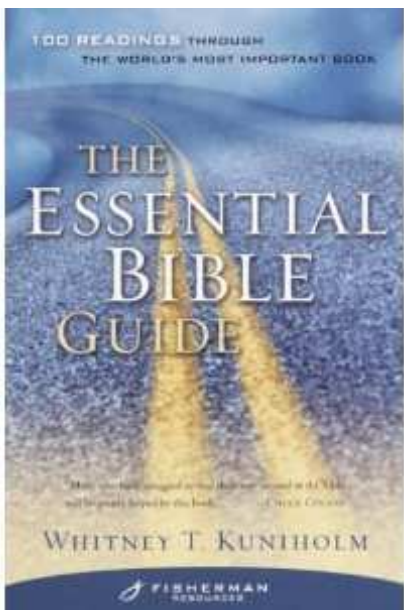
A Bible and the E100 reading plan is all you need to participate in the E100 challenge. However, we strongly encourage everyone to take this challenge with at least one other person or as part of a small group, so that you can process your readings and help keep each other on track. Zion will offer several different small group opportunities throughout the week for people who are interested in taking the E100 challenge. Days and times of these small groups will be posted in December. Several other churches in Waterville will also be participating in the E100 challenge and may be offering small group discussions as well.

We are very excited to once again take part in a community-wide effort to read the Bible. Please help us spread the word about E100 and invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us. If you plan to participate in the E100 challenge, please sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information, or to sign up by phone, call the church office @ (419) 878-0266.

Trusting in God's Amazing Grace,

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 sign-up 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.

PAID IN FULL

Dear Partners in Mission at Zion,

At the end of August, your church leadership informed you of Zion's ongoing financial difficulties. We listed each and every bill or obligation that is past due and spoke of our need to address this shortfall immediately. We want to stress again the seriousness of our financial situation which has put us in a very unfortunate position with our staff, our synod and our vendors who, in some cases have gone unpaid for several months. We will face severe consequences if things do not change soon. Know that we have already been striving to address our financial difficulties by cutting costs and eliminating unnecessary spending, but these steps have not been enough. So what do we do? The most important thing all of us can do right now is to pray for God's provision, wisdom and direction to guide us through these difficulties. And remember, God often uses us to answer prayer. Our Lord is able to do abundantly more than we can ask or imagine, but we will only see His provision realized if each of us *respond* to God's call to give generously and *return* to the Lord what He has first given us--which is everything!

Along with your prayers, we also invite and encourage everyone who calls Zion their church home to be an active participant in the "Final Four" campaign, which will aim to **PAY IN FULL** all of Zion's outstanding financial obligations during the final four months of 2010. This is a special giving opportunity that comes in addition to your regular tithes and giving. If you are behind in your giving this year, we ask that you use this time to 'catch up,' so that we can avoid additional obligations going unpaid and needing to make drastic cuts in staff and programs.

In October, a 'Giving Thermometer' was posted in the Family Life Center that will chart our monthly progress through the Final Four campaign. We need to raise \$54,560 each month to accomplish our goal. As of October 3, we have raised \$50,277, which shows us that the goal is very reachable! However, just as a sports team cannot hope to win the championship without each member of the team working together, we cannot come out of this year with a financial victory unless we all do our part by generously giving back to God in response to His generous giving to us. If every person at Zion (and that includes each person reading this letter) commits to pray and give a little more each week, we can fill the thermometer and celebrate generous giving!

Although the challenge before us is great, we are confident that together, we *can* achieve our goal and see **PAID IN FULL** marked on each and every bill. We firmly believe that God has given Zion the gifts necessary to overcome this and every obstacle that comes in the way of accomplishing our mission; To RECEIVE God's Love, REJOICE through praise and celebration, RESPOND by giving and REACH OUT for Christ. Thanks be to God!

Trusting in God's amazing grace,

Pastor Steve, Pastor Dan, Pastor Kurt, Council President Kevin Pool and Church Council Members: Pam Naumann, Jon Schwanz, Denise Knox, Lynn Dennie, Scott Sellers, Katie Lauer

EARLY TO RISE

About GOD and JESUS
living through Older Adults

*We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. (LBW #410, v. 1)*

UP EARLY: THOSE CARDS AND NOTES

There's a story of a lady who kept an ordinary cardboard box sitting on a bookcase in her home. The box was filled with notes, cards, and letters, offering love and encouragement at a time when her life was filled with sadness.

She was housebound for several years caring for her husband who had Alzheimer's disease. As each card arrived, it provided her and her husband with a cheerful message telling of the sender's prayers, love, and support. The words on the cards were often exactly what she needed to make it through the day.

When her husband passed away, and she moved to rebuild her life without him, she began sending cards to others who were experiencing the same kind of pain, remembering how much they helped her.

It doesn't take long to send a simple note saying, "I'm praying for you" or "You are in my thoughts today." With the technological advances of our world today, it's easy to send someone a quick email of encouragement, but there is still nothing like holding a card in your hand, knowing that the sender took time to think of you and your situation.

George William Childs, American publisher who lived from 1829-1894, once said, "Do not keep the alabaster box of your love and friendship sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go." (Source unknown).

OLDER ADULT FORUM

"Are We Having Fun Yet?"

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

ELECTION DAY!



What is happiness? Where is it found?

If it's in coffee and/or tea, come, join older adults in fellowship and conversation.

ZION'S ACTIVE ADULTS

Spangler Candy Company
Stoney Ridge Winery
November 10th

It will be "Westward Ho!", when the Active Adults set out on Wednesday, November 10th. Our first stop will be Spangler Candy Co. in Bryan, home of the world-famous Dum Dum suckers and candy canes.

After a 30-minute factory tour riding on the Dum Dum Trolley (Seniors \$4), there will be time to learn about company's history and browse the gift section in the free museum/store.

Then it will be on to lunch and fellowship at Rita's on the Square in downtown Bryan.

Our final stop will be Stoney Ridge Winery, located in the rural Bryan area, where a tour and wine tasting have been arranged (\$3).

If you would like to carpool, we will leave Zion at 8:45. Please sign up on the Senior Bulletin Board by Sunday, November 7th. There's always room to bring a friend!

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 6th
8:00am – 11:00am

Proceeds to support
Otsego Food Pantry



Keeping you posted...

- There will be a Prayer Shawl meeting Saturday, November 6 at 10am in the conference room.
- **Zion's Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Church Conference Room. If you have an interest in serving on the Altar Guild, please contact Carol Wiemken at 419-878-8473.**
- Don't forget the 7th & 8th grade hang out night on Wednesday evenings at the Youth House from 7-9.
- The office will be closed November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Please join us in decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, Nov 27th at 9am.
- 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.



Zion Lutheran Dartball begins this month! The first game will be played at St. John's on Monday, November 22nd. There will also be a home game against St. Petri on November 29th. If you would like to play dartball or have questions, please contact Ron Danhauer at 419-877-0277.



ZLCW News~

The Martha and Rebecca circles no longer belong to W.E.L.C.A.* as of October 19, 2010. It was unanimously voted on by the few members left on the circle rosters to disband.

*Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

~Jan Wyandt



I would like to thank the pastors, staff and members of Zion for the cards, flowers and phone calls I received in celebration of my 99th birthday.

~Evelyn Lusch

Community Corner~

- Don't forget to vote on November 2nd!
- Please remember our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th.
- 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 Thanksgiving holiday, November's meetings will be held on the 11th & the 18th.** 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.
- 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.
- Grace Lutheran Church will host a Craft Fair on Nov 13 from 9am to 4pm. Proceeds to benefit a Trinity Lutheran Seminary student.
- Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek has the following events scheduled (fliers are posted in the Family Life Center):
 - Creekside Independent Living Open House on Nov 14 from 1-3pm
 - Forestview Assisted Living Open House on Nov 16 from 1-3pm
 - Making your home safer for your loved one seminar on Nov 18 at 6:30pm
 - Blood Drive on Nov 24 from noon to 5 at the Wolf Creek Chapel

LOOKING AHEAD...

Christmas Eve service times will be:

Traditional Service at 4:00pm

Praise Service at 7:00pm

Traditional Service at 11:00pm

All services will be candlelight services and Holy Communion will be celebrated.

MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT~



The Rev. Andrew, Barbara, Michael, and Kristian Hinderlie

Andrew is the regional representative of East Africa, working with leaders of the national churches of Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, and Madagascar, as well as coordinating with ELCA Global Mission personnel in this region. As part of his ministry, Andrew meets with local people as well as church bodies, to help evaluate how certain programs reach “to better accomplish the ongoing work” Barbara serves as the administrator for MELCAM (Missionaries of the ELCA in Madagascar), acting as a liaison between MELCAM, the Malagasy Lutheran Church, the government, and other NGOs in Madagascar. Their sons, Michael and Kristian, enjoy school and playing with friends. The Hinderlies 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.

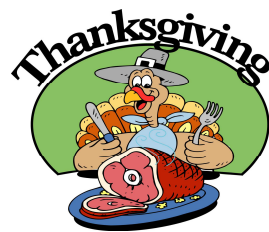
THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Please join us in congratulating our third grade students who were presented personalized Bibles today. Presentations were made this morning to uplift this special milestone in their Christian education. We encourage you to challenge any one of them to look up your favorite Bible verse, or least check out their personal color selection.

Samuel Eiben
Abi Ovacek
Joel Semancik
John Sokoloski

Many thanks to those generous contributors who have supported Zion's Bible Fund and have made this valued tradition a continued reality.

CONGRATULATIONS THIRD GRADERS!



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 21, 2010
UNITED WORSHIP AT 10:30AM

THANKSGIVING DINNER WILL BE IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL AT NOON

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED
PLEASE TURN IN THIS FORM
OR CALL THE OFFICE 878-0266

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

YES! I CAN HELP WITH...
_____ COOKING A PROVIDED TURKEY
_____ PREPARATIONS SATURDAY 11/20
_____ SERVING ON SUNDAY 11/21
_____ CLEAN UP ON SUNDAY 11/21

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!
SEE ATTACHED FLIER FOR MORE DETAILS!**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE~

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.

Serve by preparing or delivering Thanksgiving meals to people in need, Cherry Street Mission has opportunities to serve:

*Tuesday Nov 23 from 10am-1:30pm
*Thursday, Nov 25 from 9-11am

You can put together your own complete food box (see fliers in the FLC) or you can donate \$45 and they will do the shopping for you!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back!
Daylight Savings begins November 7th.



Church Council Membership

Do you hear God's call to serve?
Wanted:

Faithful, caring people with a calling to serve!

Council is currently seeking (3) nominees for open positions to serve on Zion's Church Council beginning January 2011.

Requirements:

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

Nominees will be accepted by a congregational vote to be held November 21.
The floor will be open to any additional nominees.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL COMMITMENTS

Zion's Church Council plays a vital role in the life of our church. As a member of the Council you are asked to make a commitment to the following:

- Confess to and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior
- Worship regularly
- Be Active in Bible Study
- Seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service and support
- Be examples, individually and collectively, of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.
- Maintain supportive relationships with the pastor (s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling, appointment, or employment.
- Know and support Zion's Mission Statement, to do long range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
- To oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.
- To promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.
- To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor.
- To emphasize partnership with the synod and church wide organization of the ELCA as well as cooperation with other synods, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran, subject to policies of the synod and the ELCA.
- To seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the gospel.
- To be responsible for financial and property matters of this church.

COVENANT OF CONDUCT

From the NW Ohio Synod

In order for the congregation and the church council to deal effectively with issues of the congregation, the following guidelines are suggested.

1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.
2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastors, church council, commissions, and at congregational meetings.
3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a member of the council, the council person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with the information?"
4. If the member desires to have the information transmitted to the council, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and dates shall be given.
5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the council member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the council member shall say, "I am sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments." *
6. If permission is given, the council member shall report the information/opinion to the council and use the member's name.
7. At his/her discretion, a council member may ask that the member refer the issue to another council member for presentation.
8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the council. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and/or President to visit member and report at the next meeting," etc.
9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed.

* Anonymous complaints create undercurrents that threaten to divide the gathered congregation and disturb its health. Further, anonymous comments can become breeding grounds for gossip and speculation that leads to further division. Conversely, bringing requests, concerns and information to the leadership in a spirit of openness builds trust and creates an atmosphere of accountability and faithfulness.



OKAY, DOC, MAYBE I AM JUST GETTING OLD,
BUT MY OTHER KNEE IS THE SAME AGE



ETERNAL LIFE? PREACHER, CLARENCE DOESN'T
EVEN BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER SUPPER

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:*

Nov 7- Open

Nov 14-

Nov 21-

Nov 28-Bruce & Karen Meyer in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary

*Please sign up in the Narthex

Bulletin Covers:**

Nov 7- Open

Nov 14-

Nov 21-

Nov 28-Bruce & Karen Meyer in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary

**Please sign up in the Family Life Center



Ron Danhauer, Captain
Jim Hagemeyer
Paul Pickering
Al Billow

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.



Nov 7 – Pam Naumann

Nov 14 – Pam Naumann

Reader: Al Billow

Acolytes:

Nov 7*-Allison Johnston

Nov 14-Garrett Sellers

Nov 21*-Payton Tucker

Nov 28-Madison Enderle

Crucifers:

Nov 7*-Nick Pool

Nov 14-Lindsey Smith

Nov 21*-Evan Kania

Nov 28 -Josie Wielinski

*Communion