

ZIONNEWS

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Sharing the Message of Salvation through Jesus Christ, Strengthening Believers, and Caring for People in Need.

Easter landed in March this year. So, what am I supposed to write about for April? Oh wait... Easter Day begins a whole season of the church year! Good, I'll write about Easter.

Somebody said to me, "Easter is the most important holiday of the year." Yes! Without a doubt, Easter is very important for Christians. But, just as important is to know why Easter matters. Why do Christians rejoice in the resurrection of Christ? What would you say to someone who asks you why Easter matters?

I will give you two reasons.

First, the resurrection vindicates Jesus. It proves that Jesus is the Son of God (Rom. 1:4), Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36), and it demonstrated that all authority in heaven and earth has been given to him (Matt. 28:18).

Second, it means the resurrection of the dead has begun. Unfortunately, I think this fails to resonate with a lot of Christians, due not least to how we understand "heaven." In the Bible, [the kingdom of] heaven is not a location but a relational activity, that is, "heaven" is wherever Jesus is, and to be in heaven is to be under the reign and rule of the King. But, for many, "heaven" is merely "where we go when we die." If we talk such that the goal of salvation is for us to "go to heaven," then Easter will have lost its meaning. We must remember that this "heaven" is an intermediate state between *death* and the *resurrection of the dead*.

Death is the end of life, and our culture's attempts to ignore and deny death and its misery likely provide the reason for this misconception. For instance, instead of having "funerals," we try to flower it up by calling them "celebrations of life," ignoring the evil and focusing only on what makes us feel better, trying to find the good in the bad. Or, when loved ones die, we lie to ourselves and others by claiming that our loved one "got his wings" or "is freed from this body." For people who think like this, Easter as the resurrection from the dead will not make sense and cannot give hope.

What do we mean when we say, "Christ is risen!"? It means that death, our evil enemy, has been overturned, overcome, conquered in Jesus Christ. Baptized into him, we too will rise and conquer this evil effect of sin. In the face of darkness, we have confidence to sing:

Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows, Life uneclipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead!

Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world! Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing! Let there begin the jubilee—Christ has gained the victory! (LSB 481)

Christ is Risen!

Baptized,

Pastor Henry

	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$57,308	\$49,908
Expenses	\$61,407	\$47,323

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH RETREAT

April 26-28, 2024

“My God is So Big...”

Let’s go to Camp Stony Glen (near Thompson, Ohio) for a spring retreat. Both confirmation and youth are invited. In addition, other area confirmands/youth attend as well. It’s going to be a blast! There will also be plenty of time for outdoor recreation, campfires, group games, meals, and more. A packing list will come out later for all those who have registered.

Registration for this event can be completed by doing the following:

1. Fill out the form below. Keep the top and return the bottom portion to your pastor.
2. Fill out the medical release form that is attached and return to your pastor. (see church office for extras)
3. Pay the registration fee of \$40 (member) \$50 (non-member) which covers the whole weekend. If you write a check, make it out to “Zion Lutheran Church.” Write “retreat” on subject line.
4. Chaperons are needed. Join us. You won’t regret it.
5. We could use meal planners and providers for Saturday breakfast and lunch, and Sunday breakfast. Contact Pastor Ziemann at 440-392-4428 or speak to Pastor Henry who will pass on the message.

Any medications should be given to your Pastor/adult chaperon with a note attached detailing how and when the medicine should be taken. This includes common pain and cold medicine or tablets. Our Sunday service will be at camp again this year. Zion youth - We will return to Zion by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Registration is limited to the first 40. Beyond this, you will be placed on a waiting list to see if other cabins are available. This is very important.

FILL OUT THIS SECTION AND RETURN TO PASTOR ZIEMANN



**CONFIRMATION/
YOUTH
RETREAT**

Name-	Age/Grade
Cell/Text	E-Mail
Parent/guardian signature	List any special needs here-
Medical Release attached? Yes No	Keep top portion of permission form.
Registration Fee – \$40 (Zion members)	\$50 (non-members)



SERVING ON THE LAKE!

July 7-12, 2024

Journey to Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center in Western New York on the shores of Lake Erie and serve the Lord in many amazing ways. You will be reaching out and serving others by working light construction, painting, landscaping and other hands-on projects at the camp and community.

Time will be spent working on projects during the day and then we will participate in camp activities in the late afternoon and evening. Camp Pioneer has one of the most amazing beaches on Lake Erie. There will be many breathtaking sunsets and campfires there. There are also a wide variety of camp activities offered as well. Before heading home, we are hoping to visit Niagara Falls (United States side).

This event is open to confirmation age and higher youth. If you are not confirmed and if this trip is your first trip away from home, you must have a parent along. We will drive to Pioneer (2 1/2 hour trip) in the church bus.

To register, fill out the registration form attached and pay the \$100 registration fee to hold your spot. Make checks out to Zion Lutheran Church. The youth budget will cover the rest of the costs with fund raising. If you don’t fund raise, you will need to pay the full amount of \$300 which includes transportation/gas, room & board, & registration fees charged by the camp. Ten youth spots will be reserved. Beyond that, youth will be put on a waiting list. Sign up right away!

Deadline: Immediately or when all 10 spots are filled

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PIONEER CAMP

Name-	Age on July 7, 2024 -
Address -	City, State, Zip
Parent/guardian signature	Contact Info. - E-Mail Cell Phone (for texts)
Attach Registration Fee -	\$100 (payable to Zion) T-SHIRT SIZE?



LWML MISSION OF THE MONTH

Equipping Young Leaders LCMS Youth Ministry — \$50,000

LCMS Youth Ministry faithfully leads, serves, provides resources, and networks with youth and adults working through LCMS districts and congregations — with Christ and His gifts at the heart and center of everything. The sponsored YouthLead program and Servant Events are designed to train young leaders and give them opportunities for service. One of the unique features of YouthLead is that the training is led by the Executive Team made up of young people elected by their peers. In this picture you see Executive Team member Ally leading her small group during training.



The March 2022 annual YouthLead training was one of the largest in forty years with more than 90 participants. The number of attendees identified the need to produce additional opportunities and resources to support more youth and youth ministries.



Offering YouthLead conferences regionally, piloting a new format of Servant Events to include leadership training, and increasing curriculums will offer service and leadership training to more teens and young adults. LCMS Youth Ministries wants to deepen their understanding of the needs of young people and the best practices for youth and young adult ministry. Survey results show the way to keep young people connected to the church is to give them chances to serve and lead. This grant will allow LCMS Youth Ministry to expand their current programs to equip young leaders.

THE LWML OHIO DISTRICT CONVENTION is being held at the Holiday Inn, Canton on June 21-22, 2024. The theme for this convention is based on Psalm 28:7a, **THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD**. Information sheets and Registration forms will be posted and available on the Mission bulletin board.

On Friday, June 21, Servant Events will be held between 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. The convention officially opens at 1 p.m. that day. The Communion Worship Service will be held at 7 pm with a President's reception immediately following with refreshments and an opportunity to meet the candidates for office.

Convention Speakers:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Rev. Kristopher Whitby

Rev. Whitby is Assistant to the President for Mission and Ministry in the LCMS Northern Illinois District. He served as an LWML counselor in the district and nationally. You won't want to miss his presentation!

BIBLE STUDY LEADER - Dr. Timothy Saleska

Dr. Saleska is a professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He has written a commentary on the Psalms and served two Ohio congregations. One of his former members assured me that, "He was the most effective Bible study leader we have ever had!"

MISSION SPEAKER - Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise

Dr. Heise is the Executive Director of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF received one of our mission grants this past biennium. He is looking forward to thanking us for the support and updating us on the production of the Bible meant for teens.

WORSHIP LEADER - Rev. Ryan Kleimola

Pastor Kleimola is our current Ohio District Pastoral Counselor and Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Toledo. He will share the message with us at the worship service on Friday evening.

(If you want to join us just for the Friday evening worship service, you don't have to register)

Shoebox Ministry



Greetings from an ever-grateful Operational Christmas Child Shoebox enthusiast. And boy, do we have a lot to be grateful and enthusiastic about. In 2023 there were 11.3 million shoeboxes shipped from 11 countries, and 5.1 million children enrolled in The Greatest Journey. While it is fun to shop and make things to fill our Shoeboxes our biggest gift in the Shoebox is prayers for the children to come to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Good News from Samaritan's Purse! "On average of every 60 seconds, FIVE children accept Jesus Christ through receiving an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox!"

Thank you to members of Team Zion who have been active at home this winter with sewing, knitting, beading, and crocheting projects. Some of these are being done by our shut-ins and even members in nursing homes. If you would like a pattern or supplies, let me know & I can hook you up from the donations that our congregation has been bringing to us.

It is now time for our first **Make It - To Pack It** workshop on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00pm in the church basement. Please bring any of your finished projects for a quick show & tell before we make instruments, toys, bracelets, and games to pack. Each of these crafts are child friendly and will be fun to do with your son, daughter, or grandchild (7-ish years or older). Also, bring your own labeled scissors, glue gun and wire cutters.

For the workshop we need 2" Styrofoam balls, pony beads with large holes, plastic easter eggs, yarn, pipe-cleaners, wiggle eyes, jingle bells, marbles, poker chips, tiny shaped erasers, glass landscape beads, circle garage-sale stickers, felt, unwired ribbon especially 1/4" - 1/2" grosgrain,

empty cereal boxes, and self-sticking foamy shapes. Thank you in advance if you clean out your craft area for these projects.

In April we are asking for donations for the hygiene/health care kits. We pack toothbrushes in 2-piece cases, chap stick, combs/brushes, sunglasses, tissues, band-aids, washcloths, nail clippers, emery boards, and tweezers.

Remember, no liquids, glass that can spill or break, or even toothpaste that tastes sweet and can be mistaken for food.

These kits are packed at our Friday work sessions into bags that our seamstresses have been making this winter. Our sessions are in Zion's basement on Fridays from 10:00 - noon. We would love to have you join us any week.

Are you already a Shoebox fan? Have you LIKED us on Facebook? Shoebox Team Zion is the address (our Shoebox display is the cover). Check it out, I have posted pictures of some of the crafts for April 10.

Thank you for all your prayers & support for the Shoebox ministry. Please call or text with ideas and questions.

Joyfully serving our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ,
Shawn Biese (440-221-8709)
Eph 3:20-21



THANK YOU to everyone who helped to Spring Clean the Church Sanctuary and the Praise Hall on March 23. What a blessing it is to serve the Lord by being stewards of this beautiful building.

AND

A very special THANK YOU to Lora & Bob Babic who cooked and served at the Lenten Suppers. We appreciate all you did to serve delicious meals.



Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

LWML NORTHEAST ZONE SPRING RALLY

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 250 Bowhall Road, Painesville.

Theme: "Life is Like That" - Theme Verse: Hebrews 4:16
Fellowship and Coffee at 9:30 AM -
Meeting begins at 10 AM

- Guest Speaker from Hope Lodge, Cleveland
- Election of Officers and other Zone Business
- 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention Information & News
- Lunch follows the business meeting - Cost \$6 payable on day of event
- Register by April 21 - Sign up on the registration form on the Mission Bulletin Board (we will handle making the reservations)
- Mite offering and Ingathering for Hope Lodge (The list of items is posted on the mission bulletin board near the Rally Registration form.)



- 1 Nathan Holste, Finnley Johnson, Irelyn Swan
- 2 Maria Reigle
- 3 -----
- 4 Shawn Biese
- 5 Kim Apel, Brianna Chuba, Steve Erdman, Serena Rodriguez, Samantha Snell
- 6 Dan Frantz, Linda Somppi
- 7 Gavin Green, Elina Spiesman
- 8 -----
- 9 Emily Schutt
- 10 Sarah Bilicic, Robert Sotock
- 11 Alexa Motiejunas, Isabelle Phillips
- 12 Kate Mills
- 13 -----
- 14 James Buckley, Andrea Cardina
- 15 Rich Alden, Mark Brooks, David Parsons
- 16 Steven Franz, Dorothy Krug, Roxann Penfield
- 17 Paul Abbott
- 18 Jeffrey Davis, Heather Surmacz
- 19 Robert Glause, Janice Steffens
- 20 Tom Bain, Nathaniel Campaign, Mark Casler, Maureen Depenbrok, Nick Oslin, Ray Sippola, Nyomi Webster
- 21 Nicole Wahlstrom
- 22 Frank Petrus, Vicky Campaign
- 23 Fred Steffens, Ruby Nelson
- 24 Sara Borlie, Natalie Galinac, Susan Mononen, Vivian Mulroy, David Shook, Lauren Sweeney
- 25 -----
- 26 Alan DeGidio
- 27 Michael House, Jason Somppi
- 28 -----
- 29 Chris Snyder
- 30 Sue March, Darrell Moses

If your birthday is not listed here, please let the office know.
We want to help you celebrate your special day!

The Women's Fellowship Group of Zion

Limited Seating
Ages 6 & Up

Dress fancily or comfortably
- be you!

Tickets are available for purchase in the church office Monday through Friday from 9-5 or Sunday between services.

Cordially invites you to our

In the Garden

Ladies' Tea Party

TICKETS \$5.00

Join us for a splendid afternoon of fun and fellowship!

ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE BASKETS, DOOR PRIZES & LEARN TO COOK WITH HERBS!

June 15, 2024

1:00 PM TO 3:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
508 Mentor Ave., Painesville, OH 44077


**CONTACT CAROLE COOPER WITH QUESTIONS:
CVOCOOPER@GMAIL.COM OR 440.376.7798**

Join Us in Wishing Our Members a Happy Milestone Wedding Anniversary!

Al & Gayle Hunt David & Diane Shook
35 yrs on April 8! 40 yrs on April 13!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	2 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P Parishscope Deadline 7:30 P Scouts	3 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word 6:30 P Confirmation 1	4 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry	5	6 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
7 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Sun. School/ Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service 12:30 P Confirmation 2 – Meet in Church	8 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P Trustees	9 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P Parishscope Deadline 7:30 P Scouts	10 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word 6:00 P Shoebox Craft Session 6:30 P Confirmation 1	11 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 P Elders	12 2:00 P Rummage Sale Set-Up	13 9:00 A Rummage & Bake Sale 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
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28 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service 11:30 A Youth return from Retreat -Stony Glen	29 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	30 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P Parishscope Deadline 6:00 P Food Pantry 7:30 P Scouts	<i>This symbol means that communion is offered during the Worship service. Communion is offered every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday and every 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday.</i>		ZION SUNDAY COFFEE BAR! There will be a new volunteer sign-up sheet for Coffee Bar Hours for the months of July to December. Look for that near the door to the church office in the lobby.	



Zion Women's Fellowship Group

The Zion Women's Fellowship Group will meet April 20, 2024 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Zion. In addition to our regular meeting activities, Elizabeth Dobbelaire, Deaconess Intern will be presenting Part 2 of her Active Listening series entitled "Active Listening Across Generations" All ladies are welcome!

Contact: Carole Cooper-440-376-7798 or cvocooper@gmail.com



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Jesus lays down His life for...

WORSHIP

TRADITIONAL:

Saturday 6:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

CONTEMPORARY:

Sunday 11:30 am

SENIOR PASTOR

REV. DR. KURT ZIEMANN

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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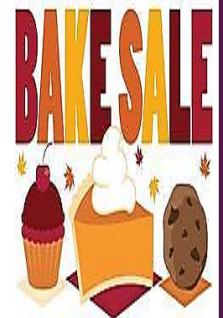
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It's Time!!!

Please join us for the Annual Rummage and Bake Sale to benefit Birthright on **Saturday April 13th from 9am-2pm.**

Donations will be accepted Friday, April 12th from 4pm – 8pm. We need your help to make this a success. Opportunities to help are available Friday and Saturday!! Pick the time that works best for you and your family!!



Friday from 4-8, we need help sorting, organizing and tagging all donations.....

Saturday between 9-2, we need helpers to cashier, perform general customer service, and help folks take bulky items out to their car.....

Saturday between 2-3, we need a crew of people to come and help tear down tables and clean up.

Sign up to help today (sign-up sheet in the lobby)! Hope to see you there!!!

Contact Lisa Reed with questions 440-391-8968

Don't forget, we need your homemade goodies for the bake sale and brown paper bags for the "stuff-a-bag" event!