

ZIONNEWS

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

“Random Thoughts from the Trail”

(What were those runners thinking? Dedicated to all those “runners” out there.)

By Pastor Kurt Ziemann

The starting line makes cowards of us all, so there will be a time when every runner starts to question and doubt: “Can I really do this?” The task seems daunting, and it doesn’t matter what the distance. Maybe the confirmands were asking that question when they began the year. Cancer patients might wonder before the long road of chemo. And if you consider your salvation and decide it is up to you, you will always wonder if you have what it takes. That’s because you don’t, but our God does. Let Him take you step by step through the power of the Holy Spirit. God has made a way through Christ Jesus, His Son.




The first minutes or miles are nothing. You have energy and enthusiasm. You may even start thinking: “This isn’t so hard!” Beware! The race is not won at the start. It’s finishing that matters. Pace yourself. In your over confidence, don’t neglect the things you need. For the Christian, this means regular refreshment in Word and Sacrament. It means keeping your eye on Jesus and the goal of your faith – eternal life.

Eventually things get hard. Every step starts to hurt, and you might wonder: “Is it my imagination, or is that hill bigger than it was at the start?” There are going to be tests and trials. The spiritual race is not easy, but understand, the Lord will never give you anything you can’t handle together. God will sustain. He will take you through the valleys of the shadow of death.

Another thought might come: “Why am I doing this?” Is the spiritual race really worth the pain? Oh, yes! The glorious reward of the saints will far outweigh the momentary troubles and difficulties of the race. Keep thinking about that glorious finish. Heaven is going to be amazing. See it ahead. Imagine running into the arms of your Savior.

The glorious finish – it’s the moment you’ve been waiting for. You can stop running now. You can eat anything you want. You can lie down and take a nap. You can receive those high fives and hugs of joy. And when they hang that medal around your neck, you might be thinking: “That medal sure feels good!” But it is nothing really. When compared to the crown of life, it looks cheap and is worthless. You have something far greater – the salvation of your soul!

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:1-3

 OUR GIVING  March 2024 		
	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$74,347	\$49,908
Expenses	\$53,540	\$47,323

Welcome to Our Church



David, Marie, & Michael
Wickman



Meredith Randa



Nathan Thompson



Jackson Erdman, Lillian
Mitchell, Stacy & Steve Erdman



Roger & Diane Stevens



Kevin Snyder



Rebecca Hakenson &
James Gibson



Dianne Rich, Carol Lynn,
& Joan Stephenson

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."
Matthew 25:35

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hey kids! Join us and bring your friends to VBS this summer **June 17-21, 2024**, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Have your mom or dad sign you up online or in the Zion Lobby. Registration begins May 1.

At Zion's VBS, kids learn about our Savior Jesus Christ through real Bible stories about real people. You'll meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more!

June 17-21, 2024

9:00 am - 12 noon

Ages 4 years - 5th grade completed

Registration forms are in the lobby or register online at www.zionpainesville.com

CELEBRATE the Savior
Jesus Gives Us Joy

VBS Brought to you by Zion Lutheran Church

1	2	3	4	5
Wise Men Worship Jesus Matthew 2:1-12	Jesus Heals a Man Lowered through a Roof Mark 2:1-12	Jesus Feeds Five Thousand Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus Dies and Rises Again Luke 23:32-56; Matthew 28:1-10	Jesus on the Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35
Jesus came for me.	Jesus heals me.	Jesus cares for me.	Jesus saves me.	Jesus' love fills me with joy.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11	O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me. Psalm 93:2	God will supply every need. Philippians 4:19	Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. Acts 16:31	Rejoice in the Lord always. Philippians 4:4

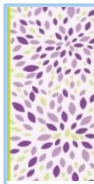
Help Wanted: Both adult and youth (6th grade through high school) volunteers are needed. If you can help any or every day the week of **June 17-21**, it would be greatly appreciated. Teachers & helpers should plan to attend a **kick-off staff meeting**, on **Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Cindy Garrett 440-944-5660, cgarrett@oh.rr.com or Elizabeth Dobbelaire elizabeth.dobbelaire@zionpainesville.org
Donations of cookies and juice boxes are also needed and appreciated!

In the Garden Ladies' Tea Party

The Zion Women's Fellowship Group is having their 2024 Ladies' "In the Garden" Tea Party on June 15, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the Zion gym!

In addition to delicious tea party foods & beverages, we have a guest speaker, Nikki Coben of the Geauga County Master Gardeners Organization. Her presentation will be "Designing an Herb Garden and Cooking with Herbs." There will be gift baskets drawings and door prizes as well!

The cost is \$5.00 per person for ladies ages 6 and up. Seating is limited. If you would like to attend, the tickets will be available for purchase between 9 am and 4 pm in the church office beginning May 5 through June 2. For more information contact Carole Cooper at cvocooper@gmail.com or 440-376-7798.



WOMEN'S
Fellowship



Zion Women's Fellowship Group

The Zion Women's Fellowship group's next meeting is May 18, 2024, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Zion.

In addition to our regular meeting activities, we will be having a High School Graduation Photo Contest! Please contact Cindy Wahlstrom with any photo contest questions at ssanwahl@aol.com or 440-488-2042.

All ladies are welcome!

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

Confirmation Weekend

In celebration of Confirmation weekend, you are cordially invited to join in the following joyful events: Saturday, May 4, at the 6:30 pm Worship Service hear the Faith Expressions of our newest confirmands, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday, May 5, at the 9:00 am Confirmation Service, followed by a reception in the gym to meet and welcome our new members and their families:

Grace Banno	Mackenzie Shinkle
Matthew House	Emily Sweeney

Zion's Outreach Ministry is kicking off the summer with a concert by Zion's Praise Band "New Life Celebration," on **Friday, May 31, 2024**, at 6-7:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Refreshments will follow. Free tickets are now available at Zion Office weekdays 9-4pm or between Sunday services. Donations of cookies or finger food are appreciated. Sign up on the lobby bulletin board to help. Please invite your friends and family! Let's spread our love for our Lord. Contact Marie Shinkle at mlrsemail@hotmail.com

To Zion Lutheran Church Members,

It is time that Lynae and I will be stepping down from running the Zion Youth program. The 9 years we have volunteered have been filled with so much joy and laughter – from going to the National Youth Gathering in 2016, to numerous trips to Camp Lutherhaven – from climbing up waterfalls to putting holes in walls – from playing scatterball to running around in the dark – from baking pepperoni rolls to eating mint chocolate chip ice cream for breakfast – and from dying first in Werewolf to making gingerbread houses. Lynae and I will be taking all these memories and will share them for many years. We want to thank the pastors for being supportive and lending us guiding hands in our failures and successes. We also thank the parents who trusted us with their children to have fun while learning about and worshiping the One True King. And most importantly we want to thank every single youth that ever came to a youth group, event, or mission trip with us. We thank God every day that we were able to worship and have fun with you. Know that every single one of you has touched our lives, and we will be keeping these memories close.

In his almighty love,

Jay and Lynae Brunstetter



LWML MISSION OF THE MONTH

Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job Ministry in Mission, Haiti — \$85,000

Ministry in Mission has been working in Haiti for 15 years with the leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti to meet the needs of people as they respond to devastating hurricanes and political unrest. An earthquake in 2021 destroyed many churches and work was begun to rebuild the churches. Currently the churches are open for worship as work continues. The necessary materials are in the country to finish floors, repair electrical work, install toilets, and complete furnishings.

This grant will help purchase other needed supplies to finish the restoration work. Ministry in Mission and the Lutheran Church of Haiti also continue to care for the spiritual and physical needs of the people at the Center of Refuge Orphanage and The Jacmel Lutheran Home for the elderly.



Ministry in Mission also takes food to the elderly in neighborhoods around Jacmel, the city where we are located. This picture, however, is a trip we took to the mountains where it is very difficult for residents to find food. It is a long walk to the market in the village to buy food if you even have money to do so.



Young children are waiting for the distribution of food. This program runs twice weekly. It is for younger children unable to attend school because the family is too poor. It is likely this is the only meal these children get for the week. They bring their own bowls and forks or spoons if they have them.

Hannah's Home Baby Bottle Campaign 2024

Hannah's Home in Mentor is a safe and nurturing home for single women who are pregnant. They provide 24/7 care for the mom and her child(ren) free of charge. Services include food, transportation, clothing, all baby items needed, pregnancy and parenting classes, faith-based counseling, life skills classes, social work services and so much more! Also provided are daycare services for current moms and alumni moms who are working or furthering their education. Hannah's Home does not receive any federal or government funding; they rely strictly on donations so that they can continue to be a Christ-centered organization.

How can you help these moms and babies in need? Join the 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign! From Mother's Day on May 12 to Father's Day on June 16, baby bottles will be available in the narthex and in the lobby. Take a baby bottle home, fill it with coins, cash or a check payable to Hannah's Home, and return the bottle to Zion office by June 16. You may also donate online at hannahshome.org/donate/. As always, pray for the work and ministry of Hannah's Home and the impact your donation will make.

OUR SHEPHERD GOLF OUTING

The annual golf outing fundraiser is Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Painesville Country Club. Registration forms and information will be available at Zion, at the school and on the school website - www.oslpainesville.org, if you would like to golf in the event. If you are not a golfer, we invite congregation members to be a sponsor or make any monetary donation to offset the cost of the outing (marked envelopes are provided). This is the only major fundraiser of the year for Our Shepherd. We are raising money for updated Wi-Fi and Chromebooks for the school. We thank you for your prayers and support. For questions or more information email jdrake@oslpainesville.org.



Shoebox Ministry



Hello Team Zion! We have received our first message from the picture included in our Shoeboxes. Greetings! Not just from me here in Lake County, Ohio, but also from François in Burundi!! François writes that he is happy and glad to have our photo. He loves us and he loves Jesus Christ. He works for Jesus in Burundi. I will print a copy and display his message on the lobby credenza. Pray that more of our Shoeboxes reach open hearts and are received with joy and enthusiasm for Jesus.

This year, Operation Christmas Child saw a 12% growth in Churches participating in sending Shoeboxes. Part of my year-round volunteer job with Samaritan's Purse, OCC, is contacting & training new congregations and groups to pack Shoeboxes. Zion was one of those churches three years ago and what a blessing this site has been. We have been fabulous in donating items, funds for postage and purchases, supplies for crafts and time making crafts. Please pray for not only Team Zion, but also for churches in our area to start their own team.

At a recent Shoebox convention, an official from Samaritan's Purse reported that because of the goodwill and relations made through the world-wide distribution of Shoeboxes, doors & ports have been opened to their disaster relief efforts. That means again the Gospel can be taken to the lost, hurt, and hungry during times of crises, disasters, & wars, because the simple gift of a Shoebox helped pave the way. Thank you again for your prayers for this ministry.

Thank you everyone who felt lead to donate from our list of needed hygiene items for April. While we do still need these items, in May we are adding **Outdoor Fun & Musical** items. (Remember, no liquids (bubbles), glass, seeds, shells rocks, or toothpaste as it tastes sweet and can be mistaken for food.

<p>Join us for the May Shoebox Make-it to Pack-it Workshop Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 pm in Zion basement!</p>	<p>Hygiene Toothbrushes, 2-piece Cases, Chap Stick, Combs/Brushes, Sunglasses, Tissues, Band-aids, Washcloths, Nail Clippers, Emery Boards, and Tweezers</p>	<p>Outdoor Fun Punching Balls, Jacks, Cars, Glo-Sticks, Flashlights, Bug Catchers, Sunglasses, Plastic Gardening Tools, Windsocks (craft kits), Balls, Inflatable Beach Balls, and Soccer Balls. (We will again be ordering at a group rate the soccer ball kit that includes a pump for \$8.00. If you want to sponsor soccer balls, we ask that you make check to Zion notating in memo that it is for soccer balls).</p>	<p>Musical Harmonicas, Recorders, Bells, Kazoos, Tambourines, Xylophones, Maracas, Shakers, Rhythm Ribbons.</p>

We have work sessions on Friday mornings in Zion's basement from 10:00-noon. We'd love to have you join us any week.

Are you on Facebook and a Shoebox fan? Shoebox Team Zion is our address. This is how François got in contact with us. Have you LIKED us on Facebook? Please do.

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



Our April Make-It to Pack-It party was great fun and well attended; 11 of us completed 5 Rubber Band Bracelets, 9 Jingle Bells, 12 Weebles, 17 Matching Games & 35 Lacing Cards. We agreed that we would like to meet again this spring. Watch for details about when and what we will make.



HAPPY MAY

Birthday



- 1 Lynae Brunstetter, Lesley Harden, Kathy Losely, Joan Lindhurst
- 2 Julie Moses
- 3 Elaine Hall, Emily Lance, Jean Liukkonen
- 4 Magnolia Cochran, Anthony Faralli, Cindy Holste
- 5 - - -
- 6 Patricia Engert, Shara Sohl
- 7 Nancy Francis, Eric Pentek
- 8 Amy Hunt, Stephanie DeGidio
- 9 Karen Lieberg, Chuck Biese
- 10 Fred Kroggel, Marie Shinkle
- 11 Mary Mills
- 12 Diane Bennett
- 13 James Fodor
- 14 Doreen Jeske, Susan Matzke, Christine Wrenn
- 15 Olivia Fronczek, Mary Johnston, Mary Kus, Yvonne Kessler, Bill Baxter, Katie Sulc
- 16 Donald Green, Diane Stevens
- 17 - - -
- 18 Mary Jane Campana
- 19 Josie Darnell
- 20 Kim Palinkas
- 21 - - -
- 22 Simon Brunstetter, Phillip Stutzman
- 23 Marvin Casler, Chuck Lombardy,
- 24 C. J. Dean, David Hiner, Megan Pethtel
- 25 John Banno, Shawn Coyne, Debbie Hinton, Layla Titus
- 26 Tessa DeGidio
- 27 Donald Lucker, Audrey Pearce
- 28 Terry Cline
- 29 Lois Advey, Russell Schutt, Madeline Tharp, Aris Tsiros
- 30 Tyler Coad
- 31 Robert Lundgren

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

Deaconess Call Committee: The deaconess call committee is active and has met twice in April. They are working through a list of names and praying for the Spirit to send a deaconess to us at Zion.

The Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions

If you would like either to continue receiving your magazine or start receiving it, please send cash or check payable to Zion (memo: Lutheran Witness) of \$20.65/year along with your name and address and place it in the offering plate.



A Musical May



Special musicians are scheduled to enhance our traditional, Sunday 9 am services in May!

We thank Zion member, David LePerg, for volunteering his trumpet talents on Confirmation Sunday. Also, we will enjoy Principal Cellist for the Firelands Symphony and the Snowbelt Symphony Orchestra, Nataliya Pshenyehna on May 12, 19 & 26.

"Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs." Psalm 150:4

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

Gerald & Cherie Lane
25 yrs on May 22!

Rod & Roxann
Penfield
35 yrs on May 27!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word	2 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry	3	4 <i>Pastor Z. Outran 100k Fundraiser</i> 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Svc—no comm. 7:15 P Reception in Fellow. Hall 7:30 P Bible Study Class
5 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:00 A Reception in Gym 10:15 A Sun. School/ Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service	6 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P ParishScope Deadline 7:30 P Scouts	8 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word	9 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 6:30 P VBS Volunteer Mtg 7:00 P Elders	10	11 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Sun. School/ Bible Study 10:15 A Growing in Prayer Group 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service	13 6:30 P Trustees 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	14 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P ParishScope Deadline 7:30 P Scouts	15 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word	16 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 P Council <i>June Newsletter DEADLINE</i>	17	18 <i>No Growing in Prayer Group</i> 9:30 A Women's Fellowship 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
19 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service	20 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	21 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P ParishScope Deadline 6:00 P Food Pantry 7:30 P Scouts	22 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word 6:00 P Shoebox Mi2Pi Workshop	23 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 6:30 P Men's Ministry (Meal at 6:00 P)	24 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	25 <i>No Growing in Prayer Group</i> 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
26 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Growing in Prayer Group 10:15 A Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 	28 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P ParishScope Deadline 6:00 P Food Pantry 7:30 P Scouts	29 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word	30 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry	31 <i>Church Office Friday Summer Hours 9A-1P</i> 6:00 P New Life Celebration Concert	<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>

Celebrate the Savior

Place: Faith Lutheran Church
(Fellowship Hall)

Date: July 29 – August 3

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Age: 3 years – 5th grade

We're having a party—a party to celebrate the Savior—and you're invited! God has given us so many amazing blessings: our families, friends, and His everlasting love. At this year's VBS, kids will dive into five events in Jesus' life and discover that Jesus' love always gives us a reason to celebrate. Fun crafts, engaging activities, and catchy music to share God's love in a fun-filled week!

Register early for VBS by mailing this form to:

Faith Lutheran Church

8125 Mentor Ave

Mentor, OH 44060

Or call the church office at 440-255-2229

Registration ends May 31, 2024

Vacation Bible School Registration

Child's Name: _____

Age/Grade finished: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Brothers & Ages: _____

Sisters & Ages: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____

Allergies: _____



Zion Lutheran Church

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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

REV. TRAVIS HENRY

DEACONESS INTERN

Elizabeth Dobbelaire

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Jan Brown

Leeann Boyce

Faith Night at Lake County Captains Baseball



Join members
of Zion, St. Paul's
and Faith Lutheran for

Faith Night on Friday, June

14! Tickets are \$30 per person and

include a ticket to the game, pregame

picnic of chicken, hamburgers, mac and cheese,

chips, cookies & drinks from 6-7:30 pm, and post-

game fireworks! Sign up on lobby bulletin

board by May 26 & drop off payment

for tickets in Zion Office. Cash or

checks made payable to St.

Paul's Lutheran Church.

Christian fun at the
ballpark!

