

ZION NEWSLETTER

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Pentecost



Reformation

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

Emerson Hall on the campus of Harvard University was in the process of construction. The architectural design included an inscription over the doorway. The Department of Philosophy had decided that it should read, "Man is the measure of all things." But President Eliot, head of this great university, quietly decided otherwise. When the professors returned from their summer vacations, they found the building completed. But cut into the stone lintel was the inscription, "What is man that You are mindful of him?"

What is man that God should care for even him? Why should God be concerned about us lowly finite creatures, filled with sin? It is because we belong to Him and we are His children. The love of God is broader and more wonderful than anything we could ever know. He created man in His own image, and made him to be a little lower than His angels. He has put man at the apex of His creatures and put within man a soul. He has given him the gift of the ever-present Holy Spirit. Moreover, God sent to earth His only Son to die for man. God's love has followed man in all the walks of life and to all the corners of the earth. He has provided for him an eternal refuge. All this He has given freely and without man's asking or deserving it. He is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Why is it, then, that so many leave out of their lives any thought of God? Is it not because we become so enthusiastic about our plans, our future, our possessions, that we reach a point where we even forget that God exists at all? Or maybe it is that we think of God only as a trouble shooter who is handy to have around to help us out of our many dilemmas.

God is meant to be in every area of life and in every single day. He should be in the center of your very being and in all that you do, if you are to find joy and peace of mind and heart. No one needs to stand outside the circle of the love of God. God is great and powerful enough to take care of each one of us.

Heavenly Father, when we think of all the benefits You give us, how can we ever doubt that You are alive and ever present in our hearts, working to give us life abundant in You, through Your Son, Jesus Christ.



Sunday Services of Divine Worship at Zion

Sunday, October 4, 2009
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Friendship Sunday

Sermon Title & Text:

"Beautiful Savior, King of Creation" (Psalm 24:1)

Lessons:

Genesis 2:18-25

Hebrews 2:1-13

Mark 10:2-16

Hymns:

790 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

537 - "Beautiful Savior"

781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

"The Works of the Lord Are Created in Wisdom"



Sunday, October 11, 2009
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:

"Law And Gospel"

(Mark 10:17-22)

Lessons:

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Hebrews 3:12-19

Mark 10:17-22

Hymns:

579 - "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

580 - "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution Hymns:

583 - "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

578 - "Thy Strong Word"

643 - "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



Sunday, October 18, 2009
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:

To Be Announced

Lessons:

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Hebrews 4:1-13

Mark 10:23-31

Hymns:

807 - "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

"Only Through Faith"

781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

803 - "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



Sunday, October 25, 2009
Reformation Sunday

Divine Service - Setting Five
(Luther's German Mass)

Sermon Title & Text:

"You Don't Have To Be Lutheran To Get To Heaven, But Why Take A Chance!" (Romans 1:17)

Lessons:

Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Hymns:

656 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

942 - "Kyrie! God, Father"

947 - "All Glory Be to God on High"

953 - "We All Believe in One True God"

960 - "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old"

Distribution Hymns:

"I'm A Lutheran And I'm Glad"

644 - "The Church's One Foundation"

655 - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"



A Fall Adult Information Class will be organized on Sunday, October 13, 9:15-10:15 AM, in the classroom next to the library for those who would like to learn more about our Church. This class will be an overview of our teachings drawn from the Bible. There is no obligation to join our church, but these classes may lead to church membership. Members are also invited to the classes to review. Please give the names of interested persons to the church office or to the Pastor. To date five people are enrolled in the class.

Sunday, October 4, 2009

Congregational Potluck, 11:30 AM



Sponsored by
 The Board of Stewardship
 (providing ham)

Voters' Meeting, 12:30 PM

All members of Zion
 are
 welcome to attend.



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

Please join us at 9:15 AM between services:

Adult Bible Classes

1. *The Book of Romans with Rev. Manfred Rembold.*
2. *The Book of James with Doug Peters.*
3. *Apologetics with Matt Earhart.*

Young Adult Bible Class - Room 14

(northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall) - Study on "Critical Decisions."

Sunday School classes for children age two through high school begin at 9:15 AM in assigned classrooms.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 30
 Worship - 195 (73 + 122)
 Holy Communion - 154
 Sunday School - 87

Sunday, September 6
 Worship - 195 (64 + 131)
 Sunday School - 63

Sunday, September 13
 Worship - 174 (67 + 107)
 Holy Communion - 125
 Sunday School - 88

Sunday, September 20
 Worship - 185 (55 + 130)
 Sunday School - 75



ABLAZE/FAN INTO FLAME OFFERING

We have reached our \$6,000 goal for the support of our missionaries in Cambodia, the Rev. Charles & Jeanette Groth. Thanks and blessings to each and every donor.

Our church body has embarked on a mission outreach program titled ABLAZE/FAN INTO FLAME. The goals are to have our members speak the saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ to 100 million people by the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017. Also, the goal is to begin 2,000 new ministries - in central Ohio, nationally, and internationally, and to transform 2,000 dying congregations in the United States. In order for this to happen, our Ohio District has endorsed the FAN INTO FLAME campaign to raise \$100 million dollars, of which the Ohio District desires to raise 4 million dollars, over a 5 year period. Our own congregation has just begun to challenge our membership to give \$20,000 over a 5 year period, \$4,000 a year. That's what the Mission envelopes in your church mailbox are for, through the end of the year. May the Holy Spirit move all of us to strive to "make disciples of all nations." Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

Total to date: \$1,588; our goal is \$4,000 by December 31, 2009.



OCTOBER DATES, TIMES, & COURSES OF STUDY

German Village

Contact: *Pastor Kudart*
 Course of Study:
Miracles
 Meeting Day & Time:
Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Family Room.

Southeast

Contact: *Jeff Gerken*
 Course of Study:
Worship
 Meeting Day & Time:
Every Sunday at 7:00 PM at the Sigler home.

Bethel Group

Contact: *Blake Gerber*
 Course of Study:
Church Topics
 Meeting Day & Time:
The 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 PM at Blake's home.

Hear "The Lutheran Hour" on Sundays at various stations and times.



<u>Station</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WFCO	Lancaster	90.9	FM	Sun.	5:00 PM
WCLT	Newark	1430	AM	Sun.	9:00 AM
WLW	Cincinnati	700	AM	Sun.	7:00 AM
WRPO	Russell Point	93.5	FM	Sun.	11:30 AM
WHIZ	Zanesville	102.5	FM	Sun.	7:30 AM
WHIZ	Zanesville	1240	AM	Sun.	7:30 AM

Website at www.lhm.org. The broadcast is also podcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts/>

Themes for the Month ➤

- Sunday, October 4 - "Hard Hearts" (Mark 10:2-5)**
 - Sunday, October 11 - "Jesus Loved Him, But..." (Mark 10:21-22)**
 - Sunday, October 18 - "Not Very Likely" (Mark 10:23-27)**
 - Sunday, October 25 - "Reformation Prepositions: In, Over, and Out" (Romans 3:28)**
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Reed Lessing**



Look for the LARGE Mite Box™

The LARGE Mite Box™ will be at the back of the church on Sundays, October 4th & 11th. If you would like to help, please give cash or make checks payable to Ohio District LWML, and put your gift in the LARGE Mite Box™. The Ohio Lutheran Women's Missionary League is working on its 2008-2010 Mission Goal Work Program of \$209,450. Pray for generous hearts to meet the goals of this wonderful mission organization. Thank you. - Zion's LWML

**NEW BIBLE
The Lutheran Study Bible**

The Lutheran Study Bible is the first study Bible in English to be developed from the ground up with notes that are distinctively Lutheran, prepared by theologians, scholars, and pastors from over twenty Lutheran churches around the world. Place your order by Sunday, October 25, 2009, on the sign-up sheet on the table, by the front doors. The price is \$34.99 (a savings of \$20) and payment will be due upon receipt of the book (which will be available after November 1, 2009) with checks payable to Zion. More information and samples: cph.org/lutheran-bible.




Financial Summary

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
RECEIPTS	\$19,600	\$25,175
EXPENDITURES	\$18,878	\$17,323
DIFFERENCE	\$ 722	\$ 7,852

Ablaze/Fan into Flame Offering: to date totals \$1,588; our goal is \$4,000 by December 31, 2009.



Hoff hikes Mt. Fuji for Wounded Warriors

Lt. Justin Hoff, stationed with the Navy in Yokosuka, Japan, will participate in a fundraising hike for the Wounds Warriors Project by climbing Mt. Fuji not just once but 4 times in 24 hours.

He will hike all four trails to the top of Mt. Fuji, using the circular rim trail around the crater at the summit to connect all 4 trails. The total miles hiked will be 38.3 miles with a total elevation gain of 22,897 feet. This is the 3rd time a group from the Submarine Group 7 has organized a fundraiser by climbing Mt. Fuji. Last year they raised over \$10,000 for a local orphanage. This year they hope to raise \$10,000 to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project - a nonprofit corporation that provides comfort and aid to the most severely injured service men and women returning from the current military conflicts abroad. Donations to help support this cause are needed to reach the goal of \$10,000. If you're interested in reading more about this Fuji challenge or would like to donate to this worthy project, please go to the Fuji Challenge website: www.fujicharity.com. Justin Hoff, a member of Zion, graduated from GCHS in 1999 and is the son of John & Martha Hoff of Grove City.

Time Out: Listen to Scripture and Hymns on the Internet

Time Out is a 10-minute radio show with a reading of Scripture or Christian doctrine, a short prayer, and a hymn or two, usually from the Lutheran Service Book. Dan Engle, a member of Zion, records hymn accompaniments during his travels and puts his voice (and sometimes a guest voice) to them. Zion's organist, Mrs. Susie Singer, has accompanied on four shows. New episodes are produced weekly, and the show is free to download.

More information about the show and how to listen to it can be found at www.lutherantimeout.org.

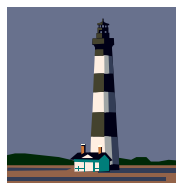


Our Hearty Thanks to the Board of Parish Activities for sponsoring the successful annual Church Picnic. Approximately 60 people were in attendance and a fun time was had by all, in spite of the very chilly weather.

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 11 Fall Adult Information Class, 9:15 AM
- Nov. 1 Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 14 Time of Prayer, 9 AM-Noon
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 PM
- Dec. 2, 9, 16 Advent Services, 7:00 PM
- Dec. 6 German Village Caroling, 5:30 PM
- Dec. 13 Children's Christmas Program, 4:00 PM
- Dec. 13 Congregational Christmas Dinner/Fellowship, 5:00 PM
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service w/ Holy Communion, 9:30 AM
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Service w/ Holy Communion, 7:00 PM

Help family and friends find Christ.
 Invite him/her or them to visit Zion for
Friendship Sunday on October 4, 2009.



There will be refreshments, a tour of the church and most of all

GOD'S WORD will be **PROCLAIMED.**

Call them or use the invitations in your church mailbox.

Let's shine our GOSPEL LIGHTS!!

- 9-9:30 AM Fellowship with Refreshments, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 AM Tour of the building, beginning in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Kudart
- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Classes

There will be informational meetings on October 4th and 11th at 10:00 in the Youth Room for the 2010 National Youth Gathering.



During these meetings we will be discussing what can be expected from the National Youth Gathering, the cost of attending, fundraising ideas, and travel dates. These meetings will also give us an estimate of who would like to attend the gathering for pre-registration purposes. These events are open to those who will be ages 14-20 during July of next year. We will also be discussing the Senior High Retreat that will be taking place in November of this year. If you are unable to attend please see Amanda Palmer for information. We look forward to seeing you there!



New Family Bible Study

An organizational meeting for a Family Bible Study Group will be held on Sunday, October 11. This new group will be focused on the family, young and old, growing in Christ together. All interested should take an hour for a quick lunch, and then we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30.

An Afternoon At The Movies "LUTHER" MOVIE

In celebration of Reformation Sunday, October 25th, the 2003 movie "Luther" will be presented in the Fellowship Hall following the second service. You and your family are invited to bring sack lunches or pick up lunch close by, and the movie will follow. In lieu of admission, bring a dessert or snack to share. You are welcome to bring a blanket, pillows or a lawn chair for your comfort!



Columbus Marathon Sunday, October 18th

It is time once again for the Columbus Marathon to take place. Be advised you cannot park on High Street that day.

