

ZION NEWSLETTER

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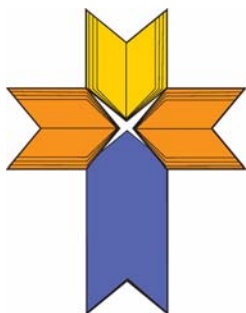
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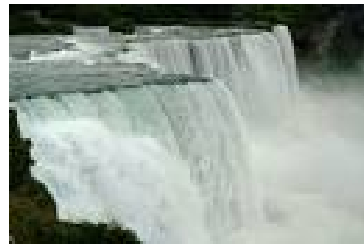


Pentecost



Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

In the days previous to the beginnings of American history as we know it, it was the custom of the Indian tribes living around the area of Niagara Falls to sacrifice a chosen maiden out of their number each year. They would send the prettiest girl of the tribe over the falls in a light canoe as an offering to the Great Father of Waters.



One year the lot fell to the daughter of the tribe's chief. When the appointed day arrived, and everything was ready for the canoe to set adrift, it was noticed that the chief was absent. Immediately an effort was made to locate him. Finally when it was becoming late and he still had not been found, the canoe with its precious cargo was set out. As the small craft swiftly approached the

center of the stream, another canoe emerged from the bushes on the opposite bank. In the gathering twilight those on the shore recognized it to be the young maiden's chieftain father. As the rushing current of the stream caught up their canoes, father and daughter went over the falls together.

So the Christian is assured of God's presence every moment of his life. No matter what we are made to go through, no matter how rough the waves may be, God, because of His infinite love for us, will be with us. Because of His promised presence, we know that we are in safe keeping. We know that we cannot drift beyond His love and care. He does not want us to go over the falls alone.

There are many days when the experiences of life seem far too difficult to bear. How would we ever get through, if we were not sure that God was by our side? He is the One who gives us the courage to go on. The consciousness of His nearness gives us peace.

God also wants to come to us in times of joy. He wants to share all our life with us. He is not merely a kind of medicine that helps us through a temporary time of discomfort. He is a source of power, through our participation in Word and Sacraments, that enables us to live rich lives, as we walk with Him through life into eternity.

Help us, Lord, to walk by Your side through all our fears and troubles and give us the firm assurance that You will be with us in every time of need.

Your servant in Christ - *Pastor Kudart*



IN GOD'S CARE

Sunday Services of Divine Worship at Zion

Sunday, September 6, 2009 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:

"Does Anything Amaze You Anymore?" (Mark 7:31-37)

Lessons:

Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10, 14-18
Mark 7:31-37



Hymns:

793 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
763 - "When Peace, like a River"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
"When The Storms Of Life Are Raging"

Sunday, September 20, 2009 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:

"Who Is The Greatest?" (Mark 9:30-37)

Lessons:

Jeremiah 11:18-20
James 3:13-4:10
Mark 9:30-37



Hymns:

877 - "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"
783 - "Take My Life and Let It Be"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
801 - "How Great Thou Art"

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 four people are enrolled in the class.

Sunday, September 13, 2009 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Christian Education Sunday

Sermon Title & Text:

"Love The Lord. . . With All Your Mind"
(Matthew 22:37)

Lessons:

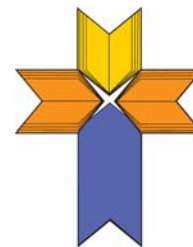
Isaiah 50:4-10
James 3:1-12
Mark 9:14-29

Hymns:

605 - "Father Welcomes"
866 - "Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution Hymns:

867 - "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"
864 - "Shepherd of Tender Youth"
862 - "Oh, Blest the House"
922 - "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



Sunday, September 27, 2009 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:

"How A Christian Ought To Live"
(James 5:13-20)

Lessons:

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Hymns:

726 - "Evening and Morning"
"Be Thou My Vision"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution Hymns:

"Living For Jesus"
672 - "Jerusalem the Golden"
"Let All Things Now Living"



Classes Begin
All 7th and 8th graders will begin their Confirmation Classes on Saturday, September 12th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM, and every Saturday thereafter.

There will be a brief meeting with the parents on that first Saturday at 9:00 AM.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

Please join us at 9:15 AM between services:

Fellowship Hall - Continuing study on the Book of Romans with Rev. Manfred Rembold. - Sept. 6th & 27th.
Apologetics with Matt Earhart - Sept. 13th & 20th.

Family Room - Continuing study on the Book of James with Doug Peters.

Young Adult Bible Class - Room 14 (northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall) - Continuing 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, July 26
 Worship - 215 (76 + 139)
 Holy Communion - 165
 Sunday School - 85

Sunday, August 2
 Worship - 183 (58 + 125)
 Sunday School - 75

Sunday, August 9
 Worship - 195 (60 + 135)
 Holy Communion - 153
 Sunday School - 69

Sunday, August 16
 Worship - 190 (49 + 141)
 Sunday School - 66

Sunday, August 23
 Worship - 207 (72 + 135)
 Holy Communion - 139
 Sunday School - 62



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: \$781; our goal is \$4,000 by December 31, 2009.



SEPTEMBER DATES, TIMES, & COURSES OF STUDY

German Village

Contact: *Pastor Kudart*
 (614) 444-3456
 Course of Study:
Miracles
 Meeting Day & Time:
.Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM
in the Family Room, beginning Sept. 9th.

Southeast

Contact: *Jeff Gerken*
 (614) 866-7357
 Course of Study:
To be determined.
 Meeting Day & Time:
Every Sunday at 7:00 PM
at the Sigler home, beginning Sept. 13th.

Bethel Group

Contact: *Blake Gerber*
 (614)-451-6720
 Course of Study:
Great Gospel Events in the
Lives of Elijah and Elisha
 Meeting Day & Time:
The 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at
7:30 PM at Blake's home,
beginning Sept. 8th.

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>
WFCC	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, September 6 - "Sign Language" (Mark 7:32-35)**
- Sunday, September 13 - "A Big Mouth" (James 3:8-10)**
- Sunday, September 20 - "When Do I Get What's Comin' To Me?" (Mark 9:34-35)**
- Sunday, September 27 - "Tattooed" (Isaiah 44:5) - Guest Speaker: Dr. Reed Lessing**



While your student is away to continue his or her education, the church would like to maintain contact with them. Please give the church your student's address/e-mail so that we can mail our Church Newsletter to them. You can leave their address and the date you would like mail to start in the church office.

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/lutheranbible.



Financial Summary

	June	July
RECEIPTS	\$19,173	\$19,600
EXPENDITURES	\$20,499	\$18,878
DIFFERENCE	\$<1,324>	\$ 722

Ablaze/Fan into Flame Offering: to date totals \$781; our goal is \$4,000 by December 31, 2009.

Church Lighting

The trustees are investigating the possibility of updating our church lighting to be environmentally correct. Over the pews there will be 8 warm light bulbs and over the choir loft there will be 2 halogen white bulbs. One question was whether the halogen white bulbs over the balcony could be dimmed. The answer is no, because they are not dimmable. However, all the bulbs and or some of the lower main bulbs can be turned off to simulate dimming. Please direct any comments concerning the new lighting for the church to one of the trustees.

ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT OUTLOOK UPDATE is a free financial education event. It will be offered at Zion Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, September 20th from noon to approximately 1:30 PM including lunch. The event will help you gain a general understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends. Knowing about these factors can help you make more informed investment decisions. The event will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative Joe Reilly, CFP®. Please sign up at the bulletin board by the elevator or call Joe to reserve your place by Monday, September 14th. Joe can be reached at 614/396-4120 or joe.reilly@thrivent.com.



ATTENTION ALL LADIES!

The members of **Zion's Ladies Aid** invite all ladies of the congregation to the meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month. Sewing/Projects is at 10:00 AM; Bible Study is at 11:00 AM; and lunch/business meeting is at 12:00 PM. The first meeting is September 10, 2009, with a potluck for luncheon. Please join us for service, study, and fellowship.



New Additions!! New Additions!! Zion's Library

JUVENILE

The Misadventures Of Willie Plummet by Paul Buchanan and Rod Randall. Wherever adventurous Willie goes, wacky disasters follow!

Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better Thirteen-year old Willie meets his match when a new kid comes to his school that is great at everything and Willie challenges the new boy to a contest. Can Willie win and what will he give up if he loses?

Ballistic Bugs Willie develops his own "insect attractor" to catch a prize winning locust for the Glenfield Bug Off contest, but his plan isn't the only thing with a few bugs.

Battle Of The Bands. For a battle of the bands contest, Willie persuades Carl Montana, a great guitar player, to join, but Carl has a few conditions that jump start a chain reaction of crazy mix-ups.

Ask Willie Willie and Felix temporarily take over the school newspaper and Willie agrees to anonymously write the advice column. His advice creates more problems than ever when people follow his guidance and wild things happen.

Hail To The Chump Willie runs for class president thinking he has the race sewn up over Harriet Bink and Leonard Grubb, the town bully. Join him for the tightest election Glenfield Middle School has ever seen!

Down In The Piney Woods by Ethel Smothers. Annie has no use for her three older half sisters after they join her Georgia sharecropper family permanently, but she learns to take her Grandma's advice to bear along with each other. The author conveys with humor and sensitivity the joys and trials of growing up in the segregated South in the 1950's.

Lyddie by Katherine Paterson. Lyddie's life may be tough, but so is she. With her parents gone and her brother and sisters sent to live with other people, she is on her own. This is a superb story of grit, determination and personal growth.

HUMOR

Stories I Couldn't Tell While I Was A Pastor and **Just As Long As I'm Riding Up Front** by Pastor Bruce McIver. This expert yarn-spinner will have you laughing one minute and then dabbing your eyes over a touching tale the next.

CHRISTIAN FICTION

White Chocolate Moments by Lori Wick. Arcineh Bryant lives with her grandfather after losing both her parents. But as the years pass, something comes between them, something Arcineh can't control. A contemporary story of reconciliation, family and true love.



Many Thanks for a Successful VBS

God's Always Doing Great, Exciting Things! The theme of this year's VBS was **Gadget's Garage** and Gizmo the Robot was there to join the 32 children and 42 adults. The success of VBS happened because of the support of our congregation and the many volunteers (45 in all). Our thanks go to the Director, Pastor, teachers & assistants, the "Bandana Band," the craft & game coordinator, the Board of Parish Activities, those who donated money, crafts & food items, those helping with registration, setting up, tearing down, and others who worked behind the scenes. The offerings collected during VBS went to the LCMS World Relief and Human Care Teaching Tools for India Schools Mission Project to help children who are blind or have other special needs. The Lord truly blesses us at Zion and we see so often His love in others by their actions. Take a look at the framed collage of pictures on display in the "new narthex." Again, thank you to everyone for making this year's VBS a success.

COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 6 Sunday School students will advance to their new classes
- Sept. 12 7th/8th grade Confirmation Classes begin, 9:00-11:00 AM
Choir Party, 6:00 PM
- Sept. 13 Sunday School staff will be installed at either service
- Oct. 4 Friendship Sunday
- Oct. 11 Fall Adult Information Classes begin, 9:15 AM
- Nov. 1 Stewardship Sunday
- Dec. 13 Children's Christmas Program, 4:00 PM
- Dec. 13 Congregational Christmas Dinner/Fellowship, 5:00 PM



Senior Choir will begin the choir year with the first choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September, 2, 2009, at 7:30 PM. If you enjoy singing, you are invited to join us each week to help with our worship each Sunday. No membership dues, no try outs, just come to rehearsal and you will be a member. Easy as that.

Junior Choir will begin their choir year with the first rehearsal on Sunday, September 13, 2009, at 9:15 AM. Old or new member, all are welcome ages Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

LSS Central Ohio Auxiliary Third Quarterly Meeting



Wednesday, September 16,
1:30 PM

At Christ Lutheran Church
2314 East Main Street
Bexley, Ohio 43209

Fight Against Hunger Tea

Program is "Food Pantries" - Barb Packer, Director of Food Pantry Services

Project is collecting bedding, winter coats, dental kits, school supplies, backpacks and new toys for Christmas

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MISSOURI SYNOD

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"German Village" Area



*"The Lord is great in Zion; and He is
high above all the people."
Psalm 99:2*

Walter Wangerin, Jr.



**Lutheran Social Services
Annual Meeting**

Peace Lutheran Church, Gahanna
Sunday, September 20, 2009

Registration at 5:00 PM

Buffet at 5:30 PM

Meeting at 6:15 PM

Walter Wangerin, Jr., at 7:00 PM

Adults \$10 Youth \$5

Tickets need to be purchased through Elaine Dean or the church office by Sunday, September 6th. Checks payable to Lutheran Social Services with "Annual Meeting" written in the memo.