



# ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 14, 2024

## This Week at Zion

### Sunday, April 14 – Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary/ with Children’s church  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth & Adult Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship – MMC/ with Children’s church

### Monday (4/15)

[Pray for those in search of the truth of Christ.]  
10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study

### Tuesday (4/16)

[Pray for our ministry together.]  
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Tuesday Women’s Bible Study

### Wednesday (4/17)

[Pray for those who work in our communities.]  
9:00 a.m. Forest Aires

### Thursday (4/18)

[Pray for the healing of those hurting.]  
5:30 p.m. College Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

### Friday (4/19)

[Pray for those in medical, governmental, and educational settings.]  
7:30 p.m. Forest-Aires Spring Show – Anderson Center Theater

### Saturday (4/20)

[Prayer Walk Your Neighborhood. Share the good news of Christ!]  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Spring Clean-Up  
7:30 p.m. Forest-Aires Spring Show – Anderson Center Theater

### Sunday, April 21 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary/ with Children’s church  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth & Adult Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship – MMC/ with Children’s church  
3:00 p.m. Forest-Aires Spring Show – Anderson Center Theater

## From The 66...

### John 10:14

**“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.”**

What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

## & the book of numbers.

### LAST WEEK:

#### God’s People Assembled: (as of 4/7/24)

Classic 8:30 am: 69  
Contemporary 11:00 am: 72  
Online: see us on Facebook and [zionlc.org](http://zionlc.org) (worship tab)  
Children’s Church Total: 13  
Christian Education Youth: 15 Adults: 25

#### God’s People Give with Treasure (as of 4/7/24)

On-line: \$ 1,470.00  
In-person: \$ 9,178.00

#### God’s People’s Response through February 2024:

Giving: \$91,721 Expenses: \$89,273  
Budget: \$100,296

To hit stewardship forecast for 2024: \$11,573/ week

For ways to contribute please go to our website [www.zionlc.org](http://www.zionlc.org) and look under the “Give” tab. Thank you for your continued support!

## Happy Birthday!

## Happy Anniversary!

For the safety of our members and friends we have blocked out this section. If you’d like a copy in full, please contact Zion, [office@zionlc.org](mailto:office@zionlc.org). Thanks!

## Looking Ahead. Giving Back. Noting an Opportunity.

**Sunday Morning -- Children's Ministry --** Our staffed **Nursery** is for children ages 3 and under. Parents are welcome to keep their kids in the service, but if they have the wiggles, the nursery is for you. Would you like to help out in the nursery? If you would like to be on the sub list, contact Carolyn Remmele ([carolyn.remmele@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.remmele@gmail.com)) **Children's Church** is intended for ages 4-9 during the sermon; kids hear a message close to the adult message to encourage conversation at home.

**Teaching the Faith to Your Children** – This Sunday morning study group is for parents of young children looking for discussion and support to nurture their child's faith. We will examine Luther's Small Catechism and review the scripture questions. Topics include The Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer and Sacraments. The facilitator is Elizabeth/Liz Hoffmann ([elizabeth.hoffmann@uhealth.com](mailto:elizabeth.hoffmann@uhealth.com)) Meet in classrooms 1-3.

**Distorted Images of God Adult Study** – Though we say God is loving, trustworthy and all-powerful, our actions and thoughts reveal the subtle and not-so-subtle lies we're believing that God is impossible to please, manipulative, and likely to abandon us. Written with compassion and conviction, these eight studies bring to light our distorted thinking and point us to the truth of who God is--the great healer who knows us intimately and pursues us with love. Fellowship Hall, Sundays, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – PJ

The **Rite of Confirmation** will take place in the 8:30 a.m. service on **Sunday, April 28**. Our four confirmands are: Elias Buckingham, Silas Hoerth, Leah O'Grady, and Isaiah Schwartz. We ask for the Lord's continued blessing on them as they confirm their baptism vows and join Zion as confirmed members.

**Thank you to all who donated at the Easter breakfast!** The donations will be used to help send kids to events like the LCMS Youth Gathering, weekend gatherings like the Quake, and summer servant events. Thank you so much!

**VBS --** Save the date and make a splash this summer by diving into adventure as we plan for our 2024 VBS program scheduled at Zion on June 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Our VBS theme is "Scuba" and we will be diving into friendship with God. This year we are excited to offer both a preschool and elementary aged program. To register, all children must be potty trained and be aged 3 years-5th grade at the time of VBS. **Registration for volunteers and participants begins today (registration link to follow at that time).** Any questions, please reach out to Halle Raicevich, Jamie Schwartz, or Chris Graves. We hope to "sea" you there!

**To My Friend Who Left the Faith** – a new sermon series for April. Based on the book *To My Friend Who Left the Faith* by Wade Bearden, this series addresses four reasons that so many individuals have abandoned church in recent years. Bearden asks questions like, "Does doubt have a place in church? How do I know that Christianity is true? If God is so good, why do some Christians act so terribly? How can a good God allow so much pain and suffering?" Examined with empathy and grace, this series is about supporting both believers and nonbelievers in God's church. Based on *To My Friend Who Left the Faith: A Letter to a Prodigal from a Prodigal* by Wade Bearden (P. Rutherford Press, 2022). Used by permission. Learn more about the book here: <https://www.amazon.com/My-Friend-Who-Left-Faith/dp/0578391597/>. There are 5 books on the *Information Table* up for grabs. First come, first served. Take a look and connect!

**Women's Auxiliary of the Federation of Lutheran Churches** will meet **April 24, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p m** in the Zion Fellowship Hall to make Fidget Mats to be donated to local care centers in cooperation with the Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association. All the materials will be provided. If you would like to donate any items from home – old buttons, beads, trim etc., these are always welcome. Bring your creativity and friendship and join us. Lunch will be provided by the Women's Guild. Questions: contact Karen Vollbracht @ 513-478-7553 – text or call.

**Spring Clean-Up --** Spring is here! We will need volunteers to clean, organize, maintain, and beautify the exterior and interior of Zion. Anyone who is available on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** is invited to help from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Please bring indoor and outdoor tools to help, if possible. Donuts and coffee will be provided. If you have any questions, please email, call, or text John Davis, 765-480-3363 [johnmdavis281@gmail.com](mailto:johnmdavis281@gmail.com)

**Easter Flowers given in Honor or in Memory of:** Bill Siegel, Laura Tomes, Richard McDonald, Ken West, Donna Utzinger, Grandpa Pfennig, Grandpa Walter, Ronald Miller, Tammy Salatin, Joyce Mikow, Roy Jacobsen, Donald and Ruth Plummer, Rev. Don Fritz, Mary Lou Fritz, Russ Friend, Ashley Beiderbeck, Phil and Irene Wieting, Fred Exon, Hartmut Geisselbrecht, In Honor of Family and Friends. Thank you to everyone who donated flowers.

**Updated member directories** are available in the Atrium beside our photo album. They will be available online soon. Questions, changes or concerns contact Nancy Shaffer, email: [businessmanager@zionlc.org](mailto:businessmanager@zionlc.org) or phone 513-231-2253.

**Flowers given for the Glory of God** are provided by Jon Dreier, In Memory of Betty Dreier.  
If you happen to have a building-related issue, please contact:  
Bill Miller, 513-310-7499 – Trustee

“TAKING THE CROSS OF GRACE AND PEACE...”