



ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 28, 2024

This Week at Zion

Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday (4/29)

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

Tuesday (4/30)

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

Wednesday (5/1)

[Pray for those who work in our communities.]

Thursday (5/2)

[Pray for the healing of those hurting.]
10:00 a.m. Women’s Guild
7:00 p.m. Monthly Trustees Meeting

Friday (5/3)

[Pray for those in medical, governmental, and educational settings.]

Saturday (5/4)

[Prayer Walk Your Neighborhood. Share the good news of Christ!]

Sunday, May 5 – Sixth 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

From The 66...

John 15:2

“Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God’s People Assembled: (as of 4/21/24)

Classic 8:30 am: 74
Contemporary 11:00 am: 131
Online: see us on Facebook and zionlc.org (worship tab)
Children’s Church Total: 20
Christian Education Youth: 23 Adults: 43

God’s People Give with Treasure (as of 4/21/24)

On-line: \$ 1,270.00
In-person: \$ 14,375.56

God’s People’s Response through March 2024:

Giving: \$148,146 Expenses: \$132,892
Budget: \$150,445

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

For ways to contribute please go to our website 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. 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) **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@uchealth.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 **today**. 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!

Maddux – We are starting to gear up for summer groceries for needy families. We are starting again with a canned meat drive. Please buy cans of meat including chicken, tuna, or chili. This gives us a good head start. Please place cans in the tub in the narthex. Thank you.

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 17th-20th 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 began on April 14th (registration link to follow).** 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. 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 Guild/LWML -- All ladies of Zion are invited to attend our next meeting, **Thursday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will elect officers and have a lovely luncheon.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study will be reading "Taming the Tongue, How the Gospel Transforms Our Talk" by Jeff Robinson. Contact Laura Mikow at mamamikow@gmail.com or Karen Vollbracht at karenv@fuse.net for questions.

Pierstorf College Fund -- Lutheran students who are enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate program and live in Ohio can receive an interest-free loan from the Pierstorf College Fund. For more information and to apply, visit pierstorf.org. The application deadline is **June 30, 2024**. Questions: Pierstorf@messiahfp.org or call 440-665-3653.

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 or phone 513-231-2253.

Thursday, May 2nd, is the 73rd Annual **National Day of Prayer**. The purpose is to mobilize Americans to pray for our country. Whether you pray with your family or a group of friends, attend the local gathering at TQL Stadium from 9-11:30 a.m. or with the National Broadcast that evening, we will all be united in: Lifting up the Word -- Lighting up the World!

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by Karen Lathrop, Thanksgiving for Our Wedding Anniversary.
If you happen to have a building-related issue, please contact:
Bill Miller, 513-310-7499 – Trustee

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