

ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 5, 2024

This Week at Zion

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 Bible Study, Congregational Meeting
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship – MMC/ with Children’s church

Monday (5/6)

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

Tuesday (5/7)

[Pray for our ministry together.]
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Wednesday (5/8)

[Pray for those who work in our communities.]

Thursday (5/9)

[Pray for the healing of those hurting.]
6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

Friday (5/10)

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

Saturday (5/11)

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

Sunday, May 12 – Seventh 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...

1 John 5:3

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”

God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God’s People Assembled: (as of 4/28/24)

Classic 8:30 am: 83

Contemporary 11:00 am: 87

Online: see us on Facebook and zionlc.org (worship tab)

Children’s Church Total: 10

Christian Education Youth: 16 Adults: 27

God’s People Give with *Treasure* (as of 4/28/24)

On-line: \$ 1,590.00

In-person: \$ 4,651.00

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@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

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** (Use this registration link: <https://vbspro.events/p/84ee45>). 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!

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 w/ questions.

Game Nite – An invitation to everyone who likes dominoes!! Adult Game Nite is coming on **Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.** Last Chicken Foot Dominoes game before summer. Bring along a snack or dessert to share and your own drink.

Pierstorf College Fund -- Lutheran students who are enrolled full-time in a 4-year undergraduate program and live in Ohio can receive an interest-free loan from the Pierstorf College Fund. For more info and to apply, visit pierstorf.org. The application deadline is **June 30, 2024**. Questions, contact us at: 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.

Congregational Meeting – TODAY. In the fellowship hall between the services. 945-1045am.

Volunteer Appreciation – "Thank you so very much" to all those who work for God's glory here and outside of Zion. Week-in and week-out this place is able to get the Good News of Jesus into the community because of your help and love. All are welcome to this "thank you." Come and grab a goodie and/or a cup of coffee/ juice this Sunday (5/5/24) between the services in the Fellowship Hall.

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by Dave and Nancy Boyles, In Memory of Miss Betty.

If you happen to have a building-related issue, please contact:

Bill Miller, 513-310-7499 – Trustee

"TAKING THE CROSS OF GRACE AND PEACE..."