

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 22, 2025

### This Week at Zion

#### Sunday, June 22 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service – MMC/ with communion

11:00 a.m.ish Zion Church Picnic

#### Monday (6/23)

*[Pray that the churches in the Dominican Republic grow.]*

#### Tuesday (6/24)

*[Pray for the many that worship in mission congregations!]*

7:00 p.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday (6/25)

*[Pray for "Good Shepherd Lutheran Home" (Hogares Luteranos El Buen Pastor) – a place for those with developmental disabilities.]*

#### Thursday (6/26)

*[Pray for the workers in group home environments.]*

#### Friday (6/27)

*[Pray for the faith of those who work in group home environments.]*

#### Saturday (6/28)

*[Pray for the willing care of those in group home environments.]*

#### Sunday, June 29 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Cont. Worship – MMC/ with communion

### From The 66...

#### Luke 8:37

**"Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned."**

The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd  $\frac{3}{4}$  their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?

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#### LAST WEEK:

##### God's People Assembled: (as of 6/15/25)

Classic 8:00 am: 75

Contemporary 11:00 am: 104

Online: see us on Facebook and [zionlc.org](http://zionlc.org) (worship tab)

Children's Church Total: 19

Christian Education Youth: 22 Adults: 33

##### God's People Give with *Treasure* (as of 6/15/25)

Offering: \$13,603.41

##### God's People's Response through April 2025:

Giving: \$191,422 Expenses: \$173,343

Budget: \$184,976

To hit stewardship forecast for 2025: \$11,561/ 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.

Our staffed **Nursery** is for children ages 3 and under. The nursery is downstairs in the children's ministry area. 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)).

**Sunday School meets 9:45-10:45 a.m.** Parents, check your kids in and out and when Sunday School is over, please come and pick them up. The summer topic is Old Testament history. Youth topic is Servant Leadership.

**Summer Songs Sermon Series — Started June 1.** This summer we'll be looking at the songs that have guided people of the Book for generations – the book of Psalms. Hymns, songs, poetry, and words of wisdom wrapped up for our walk as disciples.

**Names of God" Adult Study for Summer Sundays** - To be precise, God has only one name. In the Old Testament, the one true and living God reveals himself as "the Lord." But God is also given a variety of descriptive titles in Scripture. These "names" help us see more deeply into God's nature and work and power. This study guide is an exploration of the key "names of God" revealed in the Bible. But it's not just an academic study centered on ancient words and obscure events. Each study is designed to give you a clearer understanding of who God is and draw you closer to God in worship and devotion and trust. **June 29; July 13 and 20.** Questions, ask PJ

**Joint Worship Services --** The Advent/ Christmas Joint Service this past year was so much fun that we decided to do a few this summer. **June 22**, July 27, and August 31 will be joint services. They all will be at 10:00 a.m. They all will have communion. And they all will be in the MMC. They will either be Classic or Contemporary in feel (depending on the Sunday) and we look forward to seeing you there. Questions, ask PJ

**Maddux News** - Many thanks for the wonderful donations. Your generosity is appreciated. WE HAVE PLENTY of Kroger bags now, Thank you. Look for new salmon-colored lists on tables. WEEKLY items needed: Loaf of Bread, box of mac n cheese, box of crackers, can of fruit or jar of applesauce, bag of cookies, box of cereal, 1 jar of jelly, and a bag of cookies, Spaghetti noodles and jars of sauce or can of chili.

**Church Picnic!** Please join us for Zion's church picnic **TODAY at 11:00 a.m.** after the Unity Sunday service in the fellowship hall. We will have activities for the kids as well after the meal. Below is the sign-up link to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Please contact Halle Raicevich with any questions!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A8AF2FA7FEC25-57177141-zion>

**Youth Notes** – The LCMS Youth Gathering is July 19-23 (travel dates July 17-24).

**Pierstorf College Loans** – Interest-free loans are available to students who are active members of a Lutheran church in Ohio. For more information, visit [www.pierstorf.org](http://www.pierstorf.org).

**Zion Women's Guild** is putting together a **welcome basket for the new Deaconess Intern**, Julia Witt. We would like to ask each of you to consider contributing a gift card in any amount from an area store, restaurant or venue. The purpose is two-fold: to help Julia set up house, and to give her a taste of all that the Cincinnati area has to offer. See "letter insert" for more details or contact Denise Brown, president of Women's Guild.

**New Sunday Entrance Procedures:** To mitigate unknown visitor entry and provide a safe worship environment, Zion leadership has decided to limit access to the main entrance doors during our primary service times. This will ensure that we can identify and greet our visitors, in addition to having a better awareness of who is in the building at all times. Notices will be placed on the following doors to communicate this new policy.

- Fellowship Hall Parking Lot Door Near Elevator – Door will be open for 8:30am service entry and Sunday School entry. Door will be locked to further entry after Sunday School ends. The rear parking lot entrance and circle drive doors will remain open.

- MMC South Parking Lot – Door will be locked to further entry once 11:00am service begins to avoid disruption to the service. The rear parking lot entrance and circle drive doors will remain open.

Thanks to the following groups for their help with the VBS volunteer meals. Everything was delicious! Monday Morning Women's Bible Study, Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study, Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study and Elders.

**Flowers given for the Glory of God** are provided by Bob and Jan Remmele, In Honor of Liz Remmele's birthday.  
If you happen to have a building-related issue, please contact: Sam Shaffer -- Trustee

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

# Praying. Asking. Seeking. Knocking.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING; JOYS IN GOD'S +WORK AND WILL

We pray for...

- **Fathers** – for the blessings that can come with family and the ability to show us Christ.
- **Graduates** who have completed their studies and are now preparing for their next steps, with the Lord's guidance.
- **Julia Witt, our deaconess intern** and our ministry together.
- **VBS**. Thanksgiving for work that yields the fruit of kids knowing Jesus.
- **Schools and Colleges, medical and first responders** – all in our communities who make it work and thrive.
- **Those who protect and serve** in our lives (governmental, law enforcement, military, many more). For officers mourning the recent loss of one of their own and for peace for our community.
- **The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Florence, KY.**

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS / PETITIONS

We pray for. . .

- **Those that are lost and separated from God's loving embrace.**
- **For the citizens and residents, neighborhoods, law-enforcement/ military, leaders of L.A. and our country.** God, grant peace and the resources they need for body and soul. May mercy and justice be upheld.
- **For the forgotten, pushed aside, and marginalized.**
- **For a new and deeper appreciation for whole-life, God-gifted stewardship** – financial, relational, physical, and spiritual.
- Relief of pain, strength, and healing for **Jean Stratton, Sharon Ruppel, Bobbe Hinaman, Doris Motley, Linda Hughes, and Pat Shaw; other family/ friends** in need of healing.
- **Those in Care Centers/ Those at Home:** Debbie Rose Howard, Bill Siegel, Janet Brunner, Vera Zimmerman, Anna Moynahan, Ty and Michele Arendall, Bob and Sharon Ruppel, Vida Musselman, Jody Wiebe, Jean Stratton.
- **All families walking through the valley of death's shadow.** Comfort and strength in *the* Resurrection.
- **Those who suffer with no voice, place, or advocate.**

## Telling the Stories

Vacation Bible School was held June 9-12 in the evenings. One of the reasons we have it in the evening instead of the morning is so that we can engage more volunteers. We had 53 volunteers registered to serve the 48 kids who were registered!

Our prayer was that God would use this event to impact kids in our congregation and in our community. He certainly did that!

- One grandmother mentioned that she has decided that she and her granddaughter, who attended VBS, need to start attending a church regularly. They are going to try out different churches (and their VBS's) for a few weeks and then decide which church to join.
- One father said that his family doesn't attend any church, but his kids don't want to miss our VBS!
- One boy said during the Bible Story rotation that he thought God was just trying to make earth more like heaven. He was surprised to learn that God is actually going to take us to heaven to be with Him forever!
- Another boy said that doesn't believe in God and he didn't really want to do the Bible story time. One of our volunteers convinced him to give it a try. He did, and he said that he liked it a lot better than he thought he would.
- Another boy apologized for something and when he was told that he was forgiven, he exclaimed, "We are ALL forgiven!"
- Numerous parents said that their kids were singing the praise songs at home throughout the week.
- Another joy of this year's VBS was seeing our members use their gifts and abilities to serve the youth by producing various parts of the program. There were too many contributions like this to start listing them all here, but producing our own program meant that the needs were greater and everyone stepped up.

The Lord works through His people!

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## Devoting Ourselves to the Word

### LSB 837 Lift High the Cross

*Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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June 28, 2003. Has it really been that many years ago? I first met her at Faith Lutheran Church in Oakville, MO. She was sitting near the back (like a good Lutheran), on the right side facing the front. She was sitting with Carter who was slightly less than 1 years old at this point. I was there because Faith was my fieldwork congregation. I was there to learn about the assignment that I have been given and excitedly look forward to three years of growth in a growing congregation. I was also there to meet Kara. I'm happy to this day that God had that in mind.

The Bible talks a lot about marriage, in fact, Christ's love for His Church is shown in the one man-one woman, life-long, covenantal relationship of marriage. It's wonderful. It's sacrificial. It's a place of growth and forgiveness. And it's a relationship that sometimes sadly ends between two people because, well, there is sin there. It wasn't the intent from the beginning. When those relationships end because of adultery, abandonment, abuse or other things circling around those... there is still forgiveness in Christ. The failure isn't marriage's fault. Biblical marriage is still a gift God gives that unites man and woman in a one flesh union - for better, for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health until death parts. Genesis to Jesus to Revelation speak of this time and again. God wants to bless. God will bless when we follow, forgive, walk in faith.

The above song is what was sung during the processional of our marriage service. I love Kara more each day and I know that through our missteps and sins, God has still dealt bountifully with us. I also hope that in us and through us – warts and wins – God's cross; God's glory is seen. Thank you, God, for Kara. For the gift of marriage. -PJ

## Letting the Little Ones Come to God (Draw us something)!

*Drawing Prompt: What does "Jesus telling the demons to leave" – look like?*