



ZION
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ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 13, 2025

This Week at Zion

Sunday, July 13 – Fifth 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

Monday (7/14)

[Pray for comfort and healing for school faculty in need.]

Tuesday (7/15)

[Pray for wise and gifted and Godly leaders in admin of schools!]

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Wednesday (7/16)

[Pray for 200+ chapters of LCMS-U – opportunities to connect to a church at college.]

Thursday (7/17)

[Pray for students in college – that they stay connected to Christ.]

LCMS Youth Gathering

Friday (7/18)

[Pray for more connection points for college people to Christ.]

LCMS Youth Gathering

Saturday (7/19)

[Pray for the dedicated staffs of college ministries.]

LCMS Youth Gathering

Sunday, July 20 – Sixth 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

LCMS Youth Gathering

From The 66...

Luke 10:25b

“Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

There is nothing right about this question. What shall I do to inherit? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can't do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father's children with our good works.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God's People Assembled: (as of 7/6//25)

Classic 8:00 am: 62

Contemporary 11:00 am: 91

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

Children's Church Total: 9

Christian Education Youth: N/A Adults: N/A

God's People Give with Treasure (as of 7/6//25)

Offering: \$9,663.00

God's People's Response through May 2025:

Giving: \$230,129 Expenses: \$223,657

Budget: \$231,220

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

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

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).

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 — 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. **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. **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.

Youth Notes — The LCMS Youth Gathering is July 19-23 (travel dates July 17-24). Please pray for Zion's participants: Addison Blankenship, Olivia Brown, Elias Buckingham, Leah Fiktus, Hayden O'Farrell, Abby O'Grady, Leah O'Grady, Pam Blankenship, Madalyn Graves, and Chris Graves. The messages the kids will hear are powerful and the youth will be sharing with you what they learned during the message during worship on Sunday, July 27. Do you want to hear what God is doing in the minds and hearts of our young people? Please come on 7/27!

If you would like to watch the mass events from the gathering, they will be streamed each night, July 19-22, and also the closing worship service in the morning of July 23. You can watch the livestream at the gathering website (lcmsgathering.com) and also find other information. You can also engage with the gathering on various social media platforms!

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 8:30 a.m. 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 11:00 a.m. service begins to avoid disruption to the service. The rear parking lot entrance and circle drive doors will remain open.

Julia's installation is July 27 and her start date is July 28! Please pray for her start and our ministry together!

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by the Congregation.
If you happen to have a building-related issue, please contact: Dylan Boone -- 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...

- **Summer** trips. Summer work. Summer activities. Those that work and serve in extreme heat.
- **LCMS Youth Gathering** that begins this week and all those, including Zion's group, that will be participating in it.
- **Julia Witt, our deaconess intern** and our ministry together.
- **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 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, OH.**

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., flooding in Texas and North Carolina, and our country.** God, grant peace and the resources they need for body and soul.
- **For the forgotten, pushed aside, and marginalized.**
- **For a 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.
- **Donna Fenner and family as they mourn her sister's passing, Deanna Plourde and family as they mourn her sister's passing, and 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

A few weeks ago, the high school youth had a retreat at the lake house of Linda Stoudt and Larry Neack. We greatly appreciated their hospitality and generosity. Thank you, Linda and Larry!

I asked the kids for topic ideas for the Bible studies on the retreat. There were several ideas, but the one we settled on was the book of Job. This is not an easy book! It's deep and addresses some of life's most difficult questions, centered around where is God in times of suffering. I was impressed with the kids and their willingness to engage these questions and their desire to know God more closely, even (especially) in their own times of struggle.

Retreats are a great time to build fellowship. "Fellowship" is a word we use a lot in church but not very often outside of the church. Maybe one way to think of it is "oneness" – in Christ, with each other, in the Spirit, in sharing our spiritual gifts, in sharing in Jesus' work, blessing, and glory. The Holy Spirit built fellowship among our retreat participants! Through study and prayer, through games and swimming, through eating and laughing, and even through the long car ride! A retreat gives us a lot of time together and quite a few experiences together, including sometimes the unexpected. On this retreat, nothing major happened that was unexpected, but perhaps there were a few smaller things that could be considered unexpected: making a new friend or getting to know an "old" friend better, going to a state you have never visited before, going tubing for the first time, learning something new about God, or your first time visiting a Buc-ee's!

We are grateful for the opportunity to have retreats like this!

- Chris Graves

Devoting Ourselves to the Word

If you love Me, keep My commandments. (John 14:15)

Something has been on my mind a lot lately and the title of this section captures it very well: “devotion to the Word”.

I have often thought that these days the Bible has a credibility problem. I’m not saying that the Bible isn’t credible. Quite the opposite. I mean that many people today do not think that the Bible is credible. There are many reasons for this, but ultimately they either don’t know what the Bible says, they know what it says but don’t understand it, or they know and understand it but they just don’t like it.

It’s not the Gospel that bothers people, the parts that Show Our Savior. The parts that seem to bother people are the Law, the parts that Show Our Sin. God’s Law does sting. I don’t like it when my faults are pointed out. I know I’m not perfect, but why does God have to be so *specific*?

God’s Word is both Gospel and Law. The same God who sent Jesus (His Son) to die on the cross is the same God who understands that we need a Savior. Did you catch that? We *need* a Savior! When your doctor tells you that you have cancer, he isn’t saying that because he hates you. Quite the opposite. He is telling you that because he cares for you. The problem won’t be treated if you don’t know there is a problem.

God’s Law diagnoses our problem of sin. God’s Gospel actually fixes it!

God speaks His truth to us through His Word, both Gospel and Law. Being devoted to God’s Word means hearing it, reading it, learning it, trying to understand it, taking it to heart, and living it out, with His help and grace, the best we can. Some of it is hard to do. Some of it makes people mad. In fact, Jesus promises us that following Him will make life *harder*!

Does some of this sound harsh? The Gospel is sweet, but understanding the Law make the Gospel even sweeter!

Why should we devote ourselves to God’s Word? Because He made you, He cares for you, He loves you, He died for you, He is planning for you to live with Him forever, and He spared no expense to make that reality possible (BTW – I learned all of that from God’s Word). All we have to do is respond.

-Chris Graves

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

Drawing Prompt: How would you draw “the Good Samaritan?”