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## ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 10, 2025

### This Week at Zion

**Sunday, August 10 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary / with communion  
11:00 a.m. Cont. Worship – MMC

**Monday (8/11)**  
[Pray for those involved in specialized pastoral ministry.]  
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

**Tuesday (8/12)**  
[Pray for military chaplains!]

**Wednesday (8/13)**  
[Pray for the health and well-being of church workers.]

**Thursday (8/14)**  
[Thanksgiving or those that volunteer in congregations.]

**Friday (8/15)**  
[Thanksgiving for full-time church workers.]

**Saturday (8/16)**  
[Pray for the synod's pastors.]  
11:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study @ Arby's Beechmont

**Sunday, August 17 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Cont. Worship – MMC / with communion

### From The 66...

#### Luke 12:24

**"Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them."**

God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come — Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

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#### LAST WEEK:

##### God's People Assembled: (as of 8/3/25)

Classic 8:00 am: 69

Contemporary 11:00 am: 101

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

Children's Church Total: 17

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

##### God's People Give with *Treasure* (as of 8/3/25)

Offering: \$9,876.00

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

Giving: \$283,842 Expenses: \$263,309

Budget: \$277,464

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!

"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](mailto:carolyn.remmele@gmail.com)).

**Sunday School Kick-off** – A huge thank you to all who taught Sunday School during the summer! Now we are gearing up for the school year. There will be no Sunday School during the month of August, but we invite kids to join us **on August 24, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**, to meet your Sunday School teachers, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks! There will be no Sunday School on August 31 (Labor Day weekend) and regular classes will begin on September 7. We hope you will join us for a year of growing in Christ and His Word! Contact Chris Graves with any questions about Sunday School.

**Backpack Blessing** – Kids, bring your backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 24**. We will bless the backpacks during the children's talk! You will receive a special nametag for your backpack that also reminds you to follow Jesus. He is your Good Shepherd, and He will be with you throughout the school year!

**Fall Bible Study** -- Are farmers the only people who work out in the field? Are church workers the only people who can be a witness of Christ? The answer to both of these questions is a resounding NO! In our upcoming Sunday morning Bible Study, "Witnessing in the Field", we will be discussing what it looks like to be a witness to Christ in the world, using Mark Wood's Book *Connected to Christ: Witnessing in Everyday Life* as a guide for our study and discussion. **Please join us in September and October as we learn to be farmers for Christ!**

**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.

**Joint Worship Services** -- The Advent/ Christmas Joint Service this past year was so much fun that we decided to do a few this summer. **August 31 will be the next joint service.** It will be at 10:00 a.m. in the MMC and with communion. It may be either Classic or Contemporary in feel, and we look forward to seeing you there. Questions, ask PJ.

**Maddux News** - We have 1 more week left in the summer program. Thank you to all who faithfully supplied the families. They were very grateful and special thank you to Marla St Martin and Steve and Carol Tomes for their wonderful help. Now we need to get the bare shelves restocked for school, ASAP. We need the following: Ramen Noodles, fruit cups, cheese snack crackers, small packs Ritz crackers, cookie packs, cheese or peanut butter crackers, mac n cheese single serving size. Thank you for any help you can give us. In October I will go back to 2 items a month.

**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.

**Youth Bible Study** – Youth entering grades 8-12 (and recent high school graduates) are invited to a Bible study on Saturdays, August 9 and 16, 11:30 a.m., at Arby's on Beechmont. Friends are welcome!

### **Celebrate Pastor's 10 Year Anniversary**

Please join us on August 31 at the 10:00 unity service to mark the 10-year anniversary of Pastor Jason Hoerth's role as pastor at Zion. Over the past decade, Pastor Hoerth has provided leadership for the congregation in areas of spiritual growth and community service.

Throughout his tenure, Pastor Hoerth has been instrumental in fostering a welcoming and supportive church environment. He has initiated several outreach programs that have strengthened Zion's ties to the local community, promoted involvement in charitable projects, and encouraged members to deepen their faith through study and fellowship. His thoughtful sermons and compassionate guidance have inspired individuals across all generations, and under his leadership, Zion has experienced steady growth both spiritually and in membership.

\*\*\* A catered meal will be served following the service, and all members and friends are welcome to attend. To assist with planning, please sign up on the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A8AF2FA7FEC25-57798839-pastor>

If you would like to attend the lunch but cannot sign up in person, please email Bob Remmele ([bob.remmele@gmail.com](mailto:bob.remmele@gmail.com)).

For any questions, please contact Matt Blankenship or Bob Remmele.\*\*\*

**Flowers given for the Glory of God** are provided by Dave and Janice Tirmenstein, To celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary; Paul and Karen Vollbracht, To celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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

- **Transitions into to school, college, military, and into work** – God's blessings on the places He places His people.
- **Schools and Colleges**, as they welcome new students.
- **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 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, OH.**

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS / PETITIONS

We pray for. . .

- **Those that are lost and separated from God's loving embrace.**
- **For those still working in places where natural and man-made disasters.** God, grant peace and the resources they need for body, mind, 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 **Karen Vollbracht, Bill Spies, Ginny Reid, Eli Wiedeman, Jerry Porter, and Linda Jenkins and 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, Jean Stratton, Jody Wiebe.
- **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

Seven of Zion's high school youth attended the LCMS Youth Gathering last month. We told many of the stories in the worship service the following Sunday, but there are more stories to tell! Here are a few:

On the last day of the gathering, we toured a cemetery. New Orleans is known for its historic, above-ground cemeteries. Our tour guide, Zelda, quoted several Bible passages throughout the tour. After the tour, we asked her some questions. Does she also lead the ghost tours in the cemetery? No, she said. She is a Christian and doesn't believe in ghosts. She also shared that occult practitioners will occasionally dance at the grave of a voodoo priestess who is buried there. Zelda always tells them, "Jesus is stronger! Trust in Him!"

Our youth participated in several service projects while we were there. They served ArcGNO, an organization that works with developmentally disabled adults. Our project was to sort beads and other Mardi Gras trinkets that were donated. ArcGNO sells these items as a significant source of funding for their organization. The youth served the gathering itself by unloading trucks and helping to set up booths in the exhibition hall. The exhibitors that we helped were very grateful! Finally, the youth helped Lutheran Braille Workers to assemble books that were needed for a religion curriculum. Our group made thirteen books!

Zion's youth connected with several smaller youth groups that consisted of one, two, or three youth each. I once took a group of just two youth to a gathering. We reached out to a larger group and spent most of our time with them, so I know how valuable it can be for a smaller group to connect with a larger group at the gathering. Each of these smaller groups reached out to us and asked if they could connect with us at the gathering. We enjoyed getting to know them! Two of the youth groups are local, so I hope that we can continue the fellowship with them long after the gathering.

- Chris Graves

## Devoting Ourselves to the Word

*Why do bad things happen to good people?*

This is a challenging question. Many people think that since evil exists, either God isn't *good*, because a good God surely would not allow such horrible things to happen, or He isn't *sovereign*, since apparently He can't stop the evil from happening. This question has caused quite a dilemma of faith for many!

When we think of people in the Bible who have suffered, we immediately think of Job. Surely the book of Job will help us answer this question. Early in the book, Job suffers greatly and understandably he has quite a few questions for God about this. But the book of Job never answers this question!

So where is God while Job is suffering? God listens to Job as he questions and accuses (yes, Job actually *accuses* God!). God shows Himself to be a personal God who cares about Job. And God responds, not with the answers to Job's questions, but with reassurance. The God who created the universe (Job 38:4) knows Job's name and cares about him. Wow! God continues to care for and sustain His creation, including Job.

God invites Job to trust Him. Job responds with repentance and with faith (Job 42:1-6).

Where is God when we suffer? He is with us. He is listening to our cries and our anger. He is on the cross redeeming this broken and sinful world (Job 19:25). He is reminding us that He is still sovereign (yes, even over Satan, sin, death, pain, and everything else). And God invites us to trust Him.

God ultimately restored Job because He is a good and loving God. All of our earthly blessings come from God, and so do our eternal blessings. God is restoring us, too, through Jesus Christ.

- Chris Graves

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

Drawing Prompt: What is "church"?