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## ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 24, 2025

### This Week at Zion

#### Sunday, August 24 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Christian Education Kick-off

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

#### Monday (8/25)

*[Pray for yourself especially when tempted to focus on ourselves, the world, and the problems of the flesh exclusively.]*

7:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Team Meeting

#### Tuesday (8/26)

*[Thanksgiving the God continues to give Word and Sacraments!]*

#### Wednesday (8/27)

*[Pray for people to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.]*

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

#### Thursday (8/28)

*[Pray that we might study scripture.]*

#### Friday (8/29)

*[Thanksgiving for the shepherds of the church's history.]*

#### Saturday (8/30)

*[Pray that God would keep us from being led astray.]*

#### Sunday, August 31 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:00 a.m. – Pastor's Anniversary Luncheon

### From The 66...

#### Luke 13:26

**"Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'"**

Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word but ignored it and refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but also doers of Jesus' Word. We want not only proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him and return thanks.

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#### LAST WEEK:

##### God's People Assembled: (as of 8/17/25)

Classic 8:00 am: 79

Contemporary 11:00 am: 131

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

Children's Church Total: 14

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

##### God's People Give with *Treasure* (as of 8/17/25)

Offering: \$6,300.97

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

Giving: \$37,588 Expenses: \$38,858

Budget: \$46,244

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!

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## 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.

**Christian Education Fall Kick-off** – Now we are gearing up for the fall. Join us **Today, Aug. 24, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**, to meet your Sunday School teachers, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks! The adults can enjoy the **Women's Guild Bake Sale** during the C-Ed. Hour in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Christian Ed on August 31 (Labor Day weekend) and all regular classes will begin on September 7. We hope you will join us for a year of growing in Christ and His Word! (*Note: Women's Guild Bake Sale will also take place after late service this Sunday.*) **Backpack Blessing** – Kids, bring your backpacks to church on **Today, 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!

**September Sermon Series: Bonfire Stories.** Big Idea: This four-week series "brings us around the fire," retelling the stories of significant events that happened around fires in the Old Testament. This series focuses on crucial ways God shows up and reveals his presence, power, provision, protection, and the purification of his people.

**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!**

**Joint Worship Services -- August 31 will be the next joint service.** It will be at 10:00 a.m. in the MMC and with communion. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions, ask PJ.

**Maddux News** - Due to a generous gift from one of our Women's Bible study groups, we are only in need of stocking up on 2 things: FRUIT CUPS and PACKS OF COOKIES. Thank you again for your wonderful support.

Join us **Saturday September 20** for the **LWML Fall Retreat!** Yeh! It's that time again when the passionate women of the LCMS here in the Cincinnati Zone get together. Starting at **9:15 a.m. at Christ Lutheran** (3301 Compton Rd. Cincinnati), we will finish at 1:30 p.m., with Pastor Etter leading "Laughing, Crying, Cursing, Sighing: using the Psalms in our Prayers." **Register before Sept. 14.** Ingathering for The Welcome Home Collaborative. See signups on the *Information Table*.

**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: <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. Also, a reminder to submit your letters for Pastor Jason that show him how much we appreciate him. It can be a memory, letter of gratitude, or just a simple thank you for his 10 years of service to Zion. Please send any letters to Halle Raicevich via email or place them in her church mailbox no later than **Today, August 24th**. Reach out to Halle with any questions!

**ZION DINNER CLUB** - Do you love a good meal? Are you looking to connect with other members of the congregation? Please join us for a new and exciting opportunity - the Zion Dinner Club! This fellowship opportunity will pair you with one to three other 'families' (singles, couples, or family units) within the congregation, and you will get together once a month to share a meal. Each group will have a 'host' assigned who will be in charge of picking the restaurant for the month and helping coordinate a date and time to meet with the group. Then all that is left to do is meet at the restaurant and get to know each other! The Dinner Club will run from September through November, and you will have the option to sign up, stay in the dinner club, or take a month off each month. Please sign up at the link below. The deadline to sign up is September 15th. This is a great opportunity to build connections and form relationships with people you may not have had the chance to meet otherwise! Please reach out to Halle Raicevich with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A8AF2FA7FEC25-58019130-zion>

**Flowers given for the Glory of God** are provided by Paul and Soozie Tomes, In Celebration of Their 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary; John and Dorothy Surdick, In Celebration of Their Wedding Anniversary. Dave Boyles -- Trustee

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# Praying. Asking. Seeking. Knocking.

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

We pray for...

- **Lydia Ann Raicevich** – (Halle and Alex Raicevich) baptized 8/17/25
- **Wedding anniversaries** and the gift of marriage that God gives.
- **Teachers, students, aides, helpers, leadership in local schools.** May they learn Your world, Lord. May they also find ways – be given ways – to learn of You and Your love for them in Christ.
- **Colleges and those that attend.** May they find ways to deepen their faith.
- **Medical and first responders, 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 Messiah Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, OH.**

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS / PETITIONS

We pray for . . .

- **Those that are lost and separated from God's loving embrace.**
- **For those affected by natural and man-made disasters.** 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 **Karen Vollbracht, Jerry Porter, Doris Motley, Bill Spies, Jean Stratton, 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.
- **The Angela Roewer Family as they mourn** (her brother, Joel Klingler who died 8/12/25) **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

"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." (*Psalms 91:14-15 ESV*)

The other day I checked how many people in the United States make it to age 96. The answer wasn't shocking: .03%. As a fraction, that is 3 out of 10,000. Even AI says, "that's very rare."

As I stand by the bed of a dear member and think about what she has seen in 96 years, heard in 96 years, faced and forgotten in 96 years... I am moved to awe. I immediately think of the aches, pains, problems, issues, news articles, job turmoil, and difficulties I have faced in nearly half a century – and it makes me breathless to realize she's seen almost double the revolutions around the sun (along with all that comes with that).

Now sure that time was full of sin, death of people around, temptations that are the same yet coming in new packages. Still, in 96 years there were how many more sunsets, smiles, and joys beheld. Bagels eaten, laughter, and times shared with friends (in this person's case)? There were many more hugs, songs sung with her congregation, and grandkids to see grow. And how much more of God's faithfulness did she get to see, God's love in Christ did she hear and sing about, God's work did she behold, God's grace in the cross and empty tomb did she get to meditate on and apply in life? Not everyone is given 96 years – in fact 3 out of 10,000 get there. Yet no matter how long a life God gives – may He daily satisfy you (and her) daily with His salvation in Christ! -PJ

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## Devoting Ourselves to the Word

### *Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)*

Lord, from sorrows deep I call When my hope is shaken  
Torn and ruined from the fall Hear my desperation  
For so long I've pled and prayed God come to my rescue  
Even so the thorn remains Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul Questions without answers  
On my faith these billows roll God, be now my shelter  
Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you  
When the fires have all grown cold Cause this heart to praise You

Should my life be torn from me? Every worldly pleasure  
When all I possess is grief God be then my treasure  
Be my vision in the night Be my hope and refuge  
'Til my faith is turned to sight Lord, my heart will praise You

And oh, my soul put your hope in God My help, my rock, I will praise Him  
Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm You're still my God, my salvation  
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Source: [Musixmatch](#) Songwriters: Matt Boswell / Matt Papa

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42) lyrics © Love Your Enemies Publishing, Getty Music Publishing, Messenger Hymns, Getty Music Hymns And Songs

A friend of mine turned me onto this great song based on Psalm 42. Helped him in his time. I have always appreciated his search for the Lord in the midst of his times and trials. I have respected his resilience and willingness to keep looking, listening, and seeking. You can find the melody/ video on YouTube. Take a listen. Take the time to take in this *Summer Song*. It could help you in your walk too. -PJ

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

Drawing Prompt: What is "prayer"?