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ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 12, 2025

This Week at Zion

Sunday, October 12 – Eighteenth 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 (10/13)

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

Tuesday (10/14)

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

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
6:45 p.m. Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study
7:15 p.m. Tuesday Evening Women's bible Study

Wednesday (10/15)

[Pray for people to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.]
9:00 a.m. Forest-Aires

Thursday (10/16)

[Pray that we might study scripture.]
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Friday (10/17)

[Thanksgiving for the shepherds of the church's history.]
1:30 p.m. Adult Dominoes Game

Saturday (10/18)

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

Sunday, October 19 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary / with communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth and Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Cont. Worship – MMC

From The 66...

Luke 17:19

"And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'"

Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the church is likewise our faith in action.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God's People Assembled: (as of 10/5/2025)

Classic 8:30 am: 87

Contemporary 11:00 am: 130

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

Children's Church Total: 18

Christian Education Youth: 21 Adults: 27

God's People Give with Treasure (as of 10/5/2025)

Offering: \$18,446

God's People's Response through August 2025:

Giving: \$361,704 Expenses: \$350,585

Budget: \$369,953

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).

October Sermon Series: The Creed -- Big Idea: This four-week series examines the Nicene Creed and its development from the Council of Nicaea. Through examining the work of the early church in the Word, we see the importance of leaders being led by the Spirit to help clarify needed issues. We also see the heresy that led to the need for the creed and the importance of affirming the divinity of Jesus and the beauty of the Trinity.

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 October as we learn to be farmers for Christ!**

Upcoming Sunday Bible Study -- Do you find it challenging to hold tight to God's goodness through the busyness of life? *Gratitude* is an five-session study that explores ways to slow down, find the joy in the life, and reminds us of God's grace. Starting Nov. 2 - 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 two things: FRUIT CUPS and PACKS OF COOKIES. Thank you again for your wonderful support.

Sign in instructions for accessing "Member" information on our Zion Church Website are located on the Information Table in the Atrium. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Shaffer, Zion Business Manager at Businessmanager@zionlc.org or 513-231-2253.

The Upper Room is a digital gathering place for young adults at Zion Lutheran Church in Cincinnati! Here, you can connect with other young adults, catch the verse of the day, read devotions, share prayer requests, and keep up to date with any activities or ministry opportunities at Zion. Join the Discord Server at: <https://discord.gg/tgD8xM2knc>

Youth Notes — **** Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 18, 4:00-8:00 p.m.** Hot dogs and brats, root beer tasting, games, and more! @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church. **** Ohio District Sr. High Youth Gathering**, November 21-23. Registration information was e-mailed to families with high school youth and also placed in their church boxes. **** Please RSVP for all events.** Contact Chris Graves with questions and RSVP's.

ZION PR: Be Seen! Have questions about ZION's PR? No problem, we have you covered! Please visit www.zionlc.org/zion-pr/ for the information you seek! Where to send it? What do I need to do? When are Deadlines for publishing? What is proper content?

The Week of October 12 through 18th – a small (exploratory) group from Zion are going on a mission trip. It's a long time coming. It's a start to (hopefully) more to come. It's a first step after quite some time away from adult mission trips. It's a trip to Appalachia with an entity called *Thirst Missions*. Those going are seeing how this first trip goes. They covet your prayers.

Altar Care -- Please return or donate empty coffee containers to Altar Care. We are running low. Thanks so much.

Zion's children's ministry is looking for some volunteers to support the program by doing some simple but important tasks. We could use another person or two to work at our Sunday School check-in table. We could also use a person or two (or three) to wash toys in the nursery. Contact Chris Graves if you would be willing to do these things.

Adult Game Day -- Let's play dominoes again **this Friday, October 17, at 1:30 p.m.** Game is easy to learn – come and enjoy the fun. If you have dominoes, bring them along and also bring your own snack or drink. Friends are also welcome!

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by Cindy and John Ripak, In Memory of John's Dad; and David and Nancy Boyles, In Celebration of Their Wedding Anniversary.
If you happen to have a building-related issue, please contact: Larry Neack

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

Praying. Asking. Seeking. Knocking.

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

We pray for...

- **The Baptism of: Rose Parker Hay, 10.5.25**, (Matt and Rachel Hay) in late service.
- **The Baptism of: Nolan James Wilson, 9.28.25** (Carter and Lizzie Wilson) in early service.
- **Teachers, students, aides, helpers, leadership in local schools; colleges and universities.** 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.
- **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.
- **Those on the KY mission trip** – safe travel, the ability to see God at work, guidance for the future missions.
- **The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church, Maysville, KY.**

IMMEDIATE NEEDS / PETITIONS

We pray for . . .

- **Those that are lost & separated from God's loving embrace. The forgotten, pushed aside, and marginalized.**
- **Those affected by natural and man-made disasters.** God, grant peace & resources they need for body/ soul.
- **A deeper appreciation for whole-life, God-gifted stewardship** – financial, relational, physical, and spiritual.
- Relief of pain, strength, and healing for **Linda Geisselbrecht, Laura Mikow, Sharon Ruppel, Sheryl Childress, Bill Spies, 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, Jody Wiebe.
- **The Stratton Family and all families walking through the valley of death's shadow.** Comfort and strength in *the* Resurrection.
- **Opportunities to grow in God's Word.**

Telling the Stories

Something you might not know, Zion is a member congregation and financially supports a region wide organization called *The Federation of Lutheran Churches of Cincinnati*.

Its mission, *"The mission of the Federation is to work with member congregations to bring God's Word and hope to people through various ministries which cannot be done as effectively by a single congregation."*

Through organization we support Chaplain Ron Ewell at University Hospital; Cincinnati's Trauma 1 hospital. and as Chaplain to University Hospital psychiatric unit.

We also support POBLO - Cincinnati Family Center MISSIONARIES: Ramy and Miriam Yousef,

This is a ministry that is reaching the Muslim community in greater Cincinnati with the gospel of Jesus.

If want more information on the Federation visit their website at <http://www.cincinnati.lutheran.org/>

Or reach out to John Berndt our federation representative.

P.S. – You can find copies of "The Cincinnati Lutheran," past/ present PR for this organization at: <http://www.cincinnati.lutheran.org/Home/Archive>

Devoting Ourselves to the Word

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. -Philippians 2:1-5 (NLT)

At my field work church in St. Louis, we had a phrase that the whole congregation would say at the end of the children's message: "Children of God, you are loved by the Father, led by the Spirit, and you belong to Jesus, and no one else." This statement was not only true for the children of God at St. Trinity, but it is true for the children of God here at Zion, and for every child of God around the earth. What does it mean, though, to live like we are loved by the Father, led by the Spirit, and belong to Jesus? In this passage from Philippians, Paul says it means living in community with your fellow believers, working together with one mind and having the attitude of Christ. The attitude of Christ is humble and self-sacrificing; it puts the needs and concerns of others above our own. When we belong to Christ, we belong to something bigger than ourselves, and, led by the Spirit to do so, and encouraged by the love of the Father, we live for the good of others over ourselves. We live together and rely on each other, sometimes even with people we may not want to, and we do so joyfully, because that is what the community of the fellowship of believers is all about. - JW

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

Drawing Prompt: How does God make you clean?