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ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 26, 2025

This Week at Zion

Sunday, October 26 – Reformation Day

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 (10/27)

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

6:00 p.m. Forest-Aires Scholar Reception
7:00 p.m. Forest-Aires Practice

Tuesday (10/28)

[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 (10/29)

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

9:00 a.m. Forest-Aires

Thursday (10/30)

[Pray that we might study scripture.]

Friday (10/31)

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

Saturday (11/1)

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

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Day

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...

Revelation 14:6

"Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people."

During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the "apostle of works." Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God's People Assembled: (as of 10/19/2025)

Classic 8:30 am: 77

Contemporary 11:00 am: 77

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

Children's Church Total: 15

Christian Education Youth: 23 Adults:

God's People Give with *Treasure* (as of 10/19/2025)

Offering: \$8,828.97

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).

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 a 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

Young(er) Parent Bible Study -- Sundays, Starting November 2nd; Tony Evans' - "Raising Kingdom Kids" from RightNow Media, a 5-week study to talk about practical examples to help parents grow their children in faith by using prayer, wisdom, trials, self-control, patience, service and most importantly the Love of God's Word.

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.

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: HOT CHOCOLATE PACKS and RAVIOLI/SPAGHETTI SMALL SINGLE SERVE. 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 -- **** 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 RSVPs.

Women's Guild -- On **Thursday, November 6 starting at 10:00 a.m.**, Women's Guild will have as their guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Joel D. Heck. He was the Interim President of Concordia Lutheran seminary, Edmonton, Alberta and had taught courses on C.S. Lewis, Old and New Testament, and Reformation history at Concordia University Texas for over 20 years. He is the author or editor of sixteen books and dozens of articles, several of which are about C.S. Lewis. He also maintains a website on C.S. Lewis at joelheck.com. Rev. Dr. Heck with his wife, Cheryl, are new members of Zion. All ladies are invited to attend, and following the speaker will be a lunch with dessert.

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?

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

Emergency Plans -- Please find copies of the Emergency Plan and Personnel Security Procedures for Zion Lutheran Church on the information table.

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by Pat Shaw, In Celebration of Reformation Day.
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 clarity of the Gospel preached and the Sacraments administered to the glory of God and the edification of His people!**
- **The Baptisms of: Rose Parker Hay, 10.5.25,** (Matt and Rachel Hay) and **Nolan James Wilson, 9.28.25** (Carter and Lizzie Wilson).
- **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.
- **The mission of Bethany Lutheran Church, Erlanger, 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

I (Julia) often like to process my thoughts and feelings about things going on in my life by writing songs about them. The following text is the lyrics of a song I wrote about our Appalachia mission trip last week. If you want to learn more about the trip, feel free to talk to me, Pastor, or Paul and Soozie Tomes. You can also look forward to a short presentation about the trip coming up in a few weeks.

"Filthy Feet"

Verse 1: I wandered into the ACE for the fifth time today
Looking for a part to save the day
And as I waited in the line, I thought to myself "God, why?"
Why would you send someone like me
In this time and place
Chorus: Let me be a light in the darkness of this coal black night
Help me to love my neighbor just as you
have loved me
And Lord, this work ain't easy, but it's what you've call me to do
To be light and love and share
the good news
With these beautiful, these tired and filthy feet

Verse 2: Now I'm sitting in the trailer park
My soul is heavy with a broken heart
'Cause there's still just so much work to do
Now God, I've got to trust you that you're working this for good
Because there's nothing more that I can do
In this time and place
Chorus Bridge: Oh, Lord you're calling me
To be light and love and share
the good news
Chorus These beautiful, these tired and filthy feet

Devoting Ourselves to the Word

Then these righteous ones will reply, "Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" -Matthew 25:37-40 (NLT)

When I read this text, the first thing that comes to mind are those sappy commercials that play non-stop on TV in the week between Christmas and New Years. You probably know the ones, from the ASPCA, Save the Children, Shriners, etc. They depict images of sick and destitute children and animals, while the song "Angel" by Sarah McLachlan (a song which has nothing to do with poor kids and puppies) plays in the background. Surely, it is the creatures in these advertisements that are "the least of these".

Yes, in many ways, sick children, starving orphans, and abandoned kittens are "the least of these", as they do exhibit great need, and we are called as Christians to care for them. However, I think that sometimes we can be so focused on "the least of these" who are distanced from us, that we forget they exist in our own communities. Sin is universal, which means the brokenness it causes is universal too. We all have people we know who need the love of Christ, and it is our call as Christians to serve them as well, just as Christ served us.

Sometimes, those sappy commercials can also make the needs of the world seem like they are too big for us to do anything about, except maybe donate \$20. While donating to responsible charities and organizations is certainly a good thing to do, it is not the only way we can join the mission of serving our neighbor and sharing the love of Christ. The passage from Matthew 25 lists a variety of ways in which we can serve "the least of these", and these are ways people can serve no matter their age or ability. Sometimes mission is feeding orphans in a distant land, but sometimes it is also as simple as sharing a meal with a neighbor.

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

Drawing Prompt: How does God make you clean?