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ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 16, 2025

This Week at Zion

Sunday, November 16 – Twenty-Third 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

4:00 p.m. Pre-Confirmation Game Night

Monday (11/17)

[Thank God for your parents.]

Tuesday (11/18)

[Thank God for your neighbor, that you might help in any need.]

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

6:45 p.m. Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Wednesday (11/19)

[Thank God for Christian marriage. May all learn to love as Christ loves His Church.]

9:00 a.m. Forest-Aires

Thursday (11/20)

[Thank God for what He has provided for you.]

Friday (11/21)

[Thank God for the people in your life.]

Ohio District Sr. High Youth Gathering

Saturday (11/22)

[Thank God for your home. Rejoice and be content in what He has provided for you.]

Ohio District Sr. High Youth Gathering

Sunday, November 23 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

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

Ohio District Sr. High Youth Gathering

From The 66...

Luke 21:6

"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection — as we look back on our earthly life — what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God's People Assembled: (as of 11/9/2025)

Classic 8:30 am: 76

Contemporary 11:00 am: 122

Online: Facebook & Instagram; www.zionlc.org (Worship Tab)

Children's Church Total: 17

Christian Education Youth: 25

Adults: 36

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

Offering: \$4,233.00

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).

November Sermon Series: I Give Thanks -- Big Idea: This series looks at the thanksgiving prayers in Paul's epistles and uses four different points of thanks that Paul offers to God as a way to help inspire gratitude and praise in our hearts as we enter the Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Sunday Bible Study – In the season of thanksgiving, how do you find the time to give thanks? *Gratitude* is a 4-session study that explores ways to slow down, find the joy in the life, and reminders of God's grace. The study goes through Dec. 7. - 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 – We will be shifting gears to Christmas next week. We will be supporting IPM Christmas drive. Take an ornament from the tree, bring to church unwrapped, or order from amazon (use code on handouts in Narthex). GIFTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 14.

Youth Notes — Ohio District Sr. High Youth Gathering, November 21-23. Registration information was e-mailed out. ** Youth Quake, January 9-11, Holiday Inn Eastgate. Registration info was sent to families. For middle school and high school youth. ** Save the dates: lock-in – January 30, spaghetti dinner – February 14, OH District Jr. High Youth Gathering – March 13-15 (watch for registration info soon!) ** **Please RSVP for all events.** Contact Chris Graves with questions and RSVPs.

Young Adult Friendsgiving Potluck - Bring your favorite food and/or beverage and join me and other *Young Adults (18-30)* on **November 21st at 6:00 p.m.** for a Friendsgiving celebration! We'll enjoy food, fellowship, devotions, and more as we give thanks to the Lord for everything He gives us! **RSVP@:** <https://forms.gle/9tQoYxSQ1FAHMaKW8>

Zion Photo Updates -- Everyone loves to put a face with a name. Please, if you'd like, update your profile picture in the "Member's" directory on the Website. All you need to do is click on the gray profile icon...click "Choose File" to upload the image. After selecting a photo, click "Accept". If you have any questions or need any help, contact Nancy Shaffer at 513-231-2253 or Businessmanager@zionlc.org.

Poinsettias – Please consider ordering a poinsettia to beautify the Zion altar. The price has not changed from last year; they are \$12.50 for one poinsettia. They will be in a 6-inch pot with red and green foil around the pot. Last day to order will be Sunday, December 7.

Advent Devos – On table in the atrium. There are various ones for youth, children, and families (first come first served). There are two choices for adults. One by LHM and the other by Rev. Dr. Joel Heck. Blessed Advent! **Advent Devotion Kits** -- If anyone would like an advent devotion kit for kids and families, please let Chris Graves know by **Thursday, Nov. 20.**

Advent and Christmas Events: The Christmas season is upon us, and we have several upcoming fellowship opportunities to help us get into the Christmas spirit! The first is our **decorating** event on Wednesday, **12/3 from 6-8 pm** at Zion. Help us beautify the sanctuary, MMC, and atrium for the Christmas season.

The second event is the **Zion Christmas party**, which will be on **Saturday, 12/6 from 12-2:30 pm**. We will start with appetizers and socializing followed by lunch and singing. This will be in the Fellowship Hall. Follow the link to sign up for an appetizer, side dish, dessert, or drink - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A8AF2FA7FEC25-60463319-zion>.

The final event is one that we are bringing back to Zion this year - **Christmas caroling!** Join us for an evening of caroling at some local nursing homes and homes of Zion members on **Wednesday, 12/17**. We will meet at Zion at **6 pm** and then head out to the selected locations. We will all meet back up at Graeters after caroling. Contact Halle Raicevich at (330) 329-2338 if you are interested in joining.

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by Michele and Ty Arendall, In celebration of their wedding anniversary; John Dreier, In Memory of George Dreier. If you happen to have a building-related issue, please contact: Bill Miller

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

Praying. Asking. Seeking. Knocking.

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

We pray for...

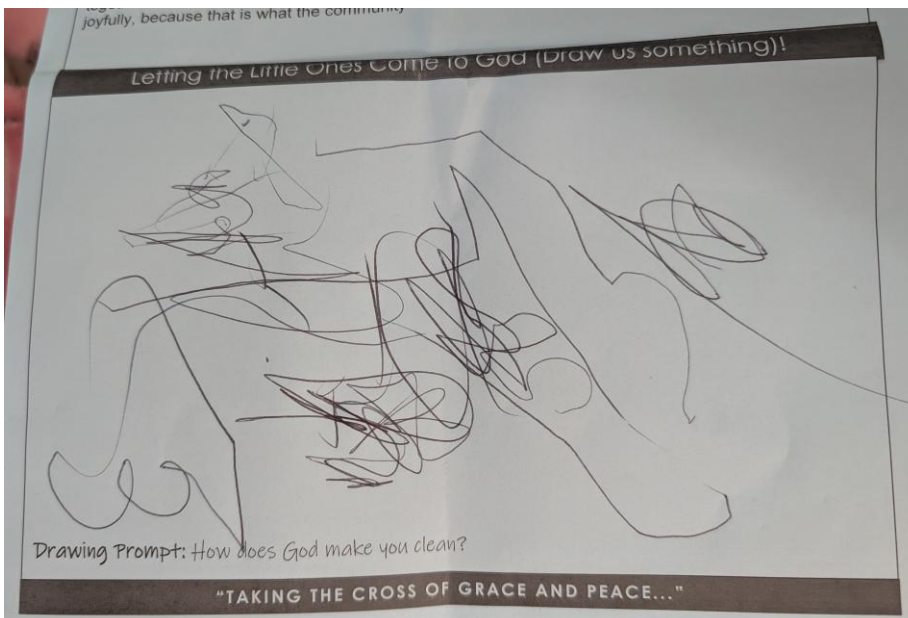
- **The blessings that we see and for those that we don't.** Great is God's faithfulness!
- **The veterans of our country.** We are thankful for their service!
- **Teachers, students, aides, helpers, leadership in local schools; colleges and universities.** May they learn Your world, Lord. May they also 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.
- **The mission of Christ Lutheran Church, Groesbeck, OH.**

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 **Al Born, Larry Neack, 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



A story from the chairs...

I happened to have Leo in my pew/row one Sunday. The question was "how does God cleanse us?" Perhaps the first answers would be baptism and communion. However, I looked at his drawing and immediately thought how many of us have walked around with our thoughts scrambled? Our lives scrambled. How many of us have brains that look like this by the end of the day? Prayer and reading the Bible can cleanse the doubt, worry and fear from our lives. Psalm 42 v 5-6, Matthew 11 v 28-30, Philippians 4 v 6-7 and 1 Peter 5 v7. I

guess in some way a two-year-old reminded me to give my cares to God. He not only cleanses our hearts and souls but also our minds. Make time for God so you don't walk around scrambled in life. "The peace that passes all understanding..." (Thanks Marilyn Kuntz!)

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

Devoting Ourselves to the Word

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison...

- 2 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV)

In the fall of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued two landmark statements. The first was the famous *Gettysburg Address* in which Lincoln commemorated the battlefield of Gettysburg. The other statement, made just weeks before, may be a bit more surprising. On October 3, 1863, President Lincoln instituted the first official Thanksgiving holiday.

Lincoln wrote, "It has seemed to me fit and proper that [the gracious gifts of the Most High God] should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People." Thus, Lincoln set apart the last Thursday of November as "a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father." Apparently, in the midst of the worst war our nation had ever seen, Lincoln thought the time was ripe for gratitude.

We may be tempted to think Lincoln's statement of gratitude was inappropriate, naïve, or even offensive. Reading the entire text of Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation, however, disabuses the modern reader from the conclusion that he had (somehow) forgotten about the Civil War. Lincoln candidly addressed the horrors of the Civil War, a war "of unequaled magnitude and severity" that had transformed tens of thousands of Americans into "widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife." But he coupled this hardship with hope, recognizing the hand of God guiding him through the valley of the shadow of death.

Conflict and gratitude. Hardship and hope. Lincoln wasn't confused. He was seeing thanksgiving through a biblical lens.

Chris Pappalardo, "This Thanksgiving, I'm Thankful for Difficult People," CT magazine (11-22-18)

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

Drawing Prompt: Who are you thankful for?