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ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 8, 2026

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Study, Assembly Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship – MMC/ with communion
 12:00 p.m. – Zion Youth Ministry Team meeting

Monday (2/9)

[For all orphans, that they might find Christian families.]
 7:00 p.m. VBS planning meeting

Tuesday (2/10)

[Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul.]
 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study
 6:45 p.m. Men’s Tuesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday (2/11)

[For all foster children.]
 6:00 p.m. Small Group Leader Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Monthly Trustee Meeting

Thursday (2/12)

[For all who suffer from domestic violence.]
 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

Friday (2/13)

[Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos, examples of learning in the Word.]

Saturday (2/14)

[Pray the love of Christ be the love celebrated above all loves.]
 5:00; 6:00; 7:00 p.m – Youth Spaghetti Dinner Times

Sunday, February 15 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

From The 66...

Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God’s People Assembled: (as of 2/1/2026)

Classic - 8:30 am: 95
 Contemporary - 11:00 am: 100

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

Children’s Church Total: 17
 Christian Education Youth: 26
 Adults: 28

God’s People Give with *Treasure* (as of 2/1/2026)

Offering: \$7,245.11

God’s People’s Response through December 2025:

Giving: \$601,636 Expenses: \$524,780
 Budget: \$554,929

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!

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Looking Ahead. Giving Back. Noting an Opportunity.

Zion's Staffed Nursery -- is for children ages 3 and under. Located 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 available 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).

Red Letter Challenge (RLC) – SERVING challenge 2026 – **Started January 4, 2026.** In the near past we highlighted the Red Letter Challenge, the red letters of Jesus, through a 40-day devotion and sermon series. *Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, Going.* In 2023, we talked about BEING. 2024 - FORGIVING. In 2026, we are going to drill down into the SERVING challenge. In it we will be discovering 5 aspects of serving like Jesus. Such aspects come from a response to Jesus' grace to us and the joy we have in following Him. Books are in the atrium. If we need more, let PJ know. Questions about the series, ask PJ. Ask Julia about missional community connections/ possibilities and Chris about involving the children and youth.

Provoking Proverbs – Get ready to be poked and provoked! In our upcoming Sunday morning Bible study, we will be looking at the book of Proverbs through the lens of the Ten Commandments using Rev. David Coe's book "Provoking Proverbs", and will learn to fear, love, and trust in God because he first forgives, loves, and treasures us.

The online flower chart for 2026 is now ready to access. Here is the link to use:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548A5AA2FA6FC1-61293095-2026> Just be sure to click on the chart for 2026. You can also sign up using the paper flower chart. Thank you to all who donate flowers to glorify God's Altar.

Appalachian Mission Trip – **July 27-31st** we will be returning to Appalachia with Thirst Missions for mission trip. Please fill out the following form if you are interested in serving: <https://forms.gle/zbK53Fnui3jwSXgT9>. Reach out to Julia with any questions.

Maddux News – Please consider bringing in juice boxes. Thank you again for your wonderful support.

Sign In instruction 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.

Youth Notes -- **OH District Jr. High Youth Gathering** – March 13-15 ** **Camp Restore Detroit** servant event – June 22-27 – Additional details TBA. **Please RSVP (to Chris) for all events.**

Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner -- Mark your calendars and support our youth with the spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, February 14!** \$15/person. Free childcare provided. Free childcare. Menu: spaghetti with choice of ground beef, chicken, or vegetables; choice of red or white sauce, salad, beverages, breadsticks, and a cupcake or Madalyn's homemade tiramisu for dessert. Takeout is an option. You can sign up at the table in the atrium or using the Sign-up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BABAB28A5FE3-62178115-spaghetti>

Lent starts February 18th! -- Lenten Devotionals are in the atrium. Lenten schedules are near the bulletins and on the *Information Table*. This year we will be *Guided to the Cross*. Take a look at those schedules for special services, Wednesday study and simple supper times, and for regular service schedules. Come and be a part of a unique season where we get to be once again guided to the cross and see and understand more deeply what Christ has done for us.

RightNow Media – There are many good resources that can be found there. Some of the content on RightNow Media is not consistent with LCMS doctrine but rather reflects the theological background of the individual content creator (i.e, Baptist, Catholic, etc.). To the best of our knowledge, the content on RightNow Media is consistent with Christian orthodoxy, but please be aware of the likelihood of theological and doctrinal differences with the LCMS in some of the content. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the content you find on RightNow Media, please don't hesitate to contact one of Zion's ministry staff members.

Special Assembly Meeting - Please join us for a special assembly meeting as we prayerfully consider calling Julia Witt to be our Director of Missions and Discipleship Development, Today, **Sunday, February 8th at 9:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. You are all encouraged to attend, and there will be goodies to enjoy throughout the meeting. Just to note, only members who are 18 years or older as well as in good standing are able to vote. If you would like more information on the job description of this role, please take a handout located on the information table in the atrium. I hope to see you all there as we move forward with our vision of taking the cross of grace and peace.

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by Jan and Bob Remmele, In Honor of Our Mothers. For building-related issues please contact one of this Month's Trustees: Jerry Grim / Kyle Hinrichsen

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Praying. Asking. Seeking. Knocking.

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

We pray for...

- **The Red Letter Challenge – *Serving Challenge*** – Its work in our midst.
- **Katie Grace Bangert (born 2/4/26 to Jason and Caroline); pregnant moms, growing families, God's grace.**
- **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.
- **Madalyn Graves and David Colson's engagement! Josh Cooper and Tina Vance's engagement!**
- **The mission of Trinity Lutheran, Cincinnati, 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.
- Relief of pain, strength, and healing for **Don Hoffmann, Debbie Rose-Howard, Joel Heck, Karen Vollbracht, Linda Berlier, Laura Mikow, Bill Spies, and Linda Jenkins and other family/ friends** in need of healing.
- **Those in Care Centers/ Those at Home:** Janet Brunner, Vera Zimmerman, Anna Moynahan, Ty and Michele Arendall, Bob Ruppel, Vida Musselman, Doris Motley, and Jody Wiebe.
- **The Ruppel Family (Sharon died 2/5/26) 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

Last weekend, Zion's youth had a lock-in here at Zion. We invited friends and youth groups from other churches and, in all, twenty-four young people got together for the event. They learned about how we can be Anchored in Christ (Hebrews 6:19), who never changes and will never lie. Life has many ups and downs and things to struggle with, so having Jesus as our anchor is truly good news. The kids made four no-sew blankets for InterParish Ministries. They also had fun playing Nerf Wars, board games, mixers, eating pizza, and lots of snacks.

In addition to Zion, youth also came from St Mark's (Milford), Christ Lutheran (Cincinnati), and Good Shepherd (Florence).

Inviting friends is an easy way to help them learn who Jesus is. Many of the kids who came to the lock-in were invited by members of Zion's youth group or one of the other youth groups. All of the youth, including the guests, said they would like to do this type of event again soon!



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Devoting Ourselves to the Word

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?”

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 ESV

Extravagantly powerful and noisy engines helped make Ferrari the ultimate sports car brand. Now the company wants to persuade the superrich to buy a model with no engine at all. The Italian carmaker this week started lifting the hood on its first fully electric vehicle, a yearlong project that has cost the brand hundreds of millions of dollars and promises to set a benchmark for how battery-powered sports cars should look, sound and drive....EVs pose a particular challenge for luxury sports-car brand, which say roar and rumble are central to their identities and appeal. Ferrari, perhaps more than any other automaker, has built its brand on internal combustion engines.

Ferrari said its EV wouldn't mimic engine sounds, as some competitors have. Instead, it will pick up the sound of what it calls the “electric engine” and amplify it into the cabin to give the driver feedback when required.” Maybe Ferrari is onto something but for many who adore their cars a Ferrari without a roar seems like a love song played on a kazoo or a passionate love that goes unspoken, or a marriage without warmth and fire, or a honeymoon without a dessert, or a love poem written by autocorrect, or finally a romantic dinner on paper plates. It may all be there but it's missing something essential. [Stephen Wilmot, "Can Ferrari Persuade the Superrich to Buy an EV Sports Car That Won't Rev?" *The Wall Street Journal*, (10-10-25)]

Would that describe us? Does that describe me? A kazoo? A marriage without warmth? A Ferrari without the roar of an engine? A faith that has grown cold, old, or without the joy of digging into the Word? Of a walk without the joy and difficulty of shared worship with a community in-person? A discipleship without really following the Master who laid down His life? A prayer life that has no time, patience, or space for real conversation? Lord, let me not be just a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal – but a follower of Christ. (PJ)

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

Drawing Prompt: What is something special you could give to Jesus or do for Him?

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