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ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 8, 2026

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent

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

Monday (3/9)

[For students and professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary.]

6:00 p.m. Forest-Aires

Tuesday (3/10)

[For Luther Seminary in Seoul, South Korea.]

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 (3/11)

[For the ministry of Westfield House Cambridge, England.]

9:00 a.m. Forest-Aires

6:00 p.m. Lenten Simple Supper/ Study/ Kids Min.

Thursday (3/12)

[For the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies in Togo.]

6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

7:00 p.m. Monthly Trustee Meeting

Friday (3/13)

[For Concordia Reformer Seminary, Dominican Republic.]

Ohio District Jr. High Youth Gathering

Saturday (3/14)

[For the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative.]

Ohio District Jr. High Youth Gathering

Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Ohio District Jr. High Youth Gathering

From The 66...

Exodus 17:3

“But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’”

Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God's People Assembled: (as of 3/1/2026)

Classic - 8:30 am: **71**

Contemporary - 11:00 am: **94**

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

Children's Church Total: **13**

Christian Education Youth: **22**

Adult Bible Study: **31**

God's People Give with Treasure (as of 3/1/2026)

Offering: \$5,791

God's People's Response through January 2026:

Giving: \$40,603 Expenses: \$47,968

Budget: \$48,616

To hit stewardship forecast for 2026: \$11,219.08 / 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!

3/8 Sherry Motley; 3/10 Crystal O'Grady; 3/11 Brooks Schwartz;
Ellie Kasten; Jennifer Hamilton; Lillian Plourde; Natalie Hoyt;
3/13 Bethany Hansen

Happy Anniversary!

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Colossians 3:14

“TAKING THE CROSS OF GRACE AND PEACE...”

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).

Lent -- 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 & 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.

Lenten Wednesdays – On Wednesday evenings come be a part of fellowship with Zion! **A Simple Supper will be provided at 6 p.m.**, followed by a **6:15-7 p.m. Bible Study: Revival in Nehemiah / Children's Bible Study & Crafts; 7-7:15 p.m. Songs & Prayer. Continues through March 25.**

Easter Flowers -- Please consider purchasing an Easter flower to glorify both worship areas for Easter. The cost is \$12.75 for an Easter lily and \$11.25 for a daffodil. You may take these home after Easter service on April 12th. Forms are available online and in the Atrium. Thank you.

Philippians Sunday Study -- The study of Philippians will be a four-session look at what has been called "The Epistle of Joy," one week for each of the four chapters. We will locate Philippi geographically, explore its major themes, explain the reasons for Paul's contentment (chapter 4), view some archaeological ruins and artists depictions of Philippi, study the important description of Christ's humiliation and exaltation, and see why this is the most personal of Paul's letters. Joel Heck will be leading.

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.

Youth Notes – Mini golf – Sunday, March 8, 12:15 p.m. @ Par 3 Newport, \$17/person. ** **OH District Jr. High Youth Gathering – March 13-15.** If you are still interested in participating, contact Chris. ** **Camp Restore Detroit** servant event – June 22-27 – Registration info was sent to families and is due March 29. **Please RSVP (to Chris) for all events.**

Maddux News – Praise God for Little Miracles! Someone generously donated all that we needed to re-stock cupboards. *Our current need is for Juice Boxes.* Thank you for all of your help! Please leave in bin marked MADDUX.

Camp Zion: Vacation Bible School! – Get Ready to go and explore the wilds of the Bible with Camp Zion's Bible Buddies **June 8th-11th!** Join us as we gather around campfires, to sing songs, tell bible stories and do crafts! **More information soon!**

Calling all VBS Volunteers! We are looking for people of all talents and ages (13 years old and up) who would be interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School this summer, **June 8th-11th.** Contact: Chris Graves (cgraves@zionlc.org) if you are interested in any way!

Hunger 5K – Move for good and register for Matthew 25 Ministries Hunger 5K on **April 18th, 8:30 a.m. @ Summit Park.** You can register online at hunger5k.org.

Students who are members of a Lutheran church who are enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate program and live in Ohio can receive an interest-free loan from the Pierstorf College Fund. For more information and to apply, visit pierstorf.org.

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.

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by Pat Shaw, In Memory of Her Mother, Irene. For building-related issues please contact one of this Month's Trustees: Larry Neack / Jerry Grim

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

Praying. Asking. Seeking. Knocking.

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

We pray for...

- **Lent – Guided to the Cross.** May the blessings of the season show us Christ!
- **Katie Grace Bangert (born 2/4/26 to Jason and Caroline); Grace Rybolt (born 2/38/26 to Craig and Cat); 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.
- **The mission of Grace 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 **Nouay Nosouvanh (cancer treatment), Gary Brown, Jen Miller (Upcoming surgery 4/13), Pat Shaw, Debbie Rose-Howard, Joel Heck, Karen Vollbracht, Linda Berlier, Laura Mikow, Bill Spies, Ryan Petrey, and other family/ friends** in need of healing.
- **Those in Care Centers/ Those at Home:** Janet Brunner, Linda Jenkins, Vera Zimmerman, Anna Moynahan, Ty and Michele Arendall, 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



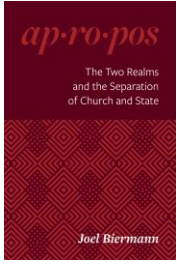
There are some details that can be easily overlooked. I mean, after all, we at Zion send out announcements, prayer requests, reports from council and assembly meetings, correspondence to and from small groups, information about mission opportunities that are coming up, and cards and letters that tell people that we miss them - sometimes every single week. Sermons are written; songs are selected and printed. Lights and cameras and heat need to go on and be on the right settings, tech needs to work, and so much needs to be clean and in place. It's easy to overlook all the details. It's easy to say, "Relax, it'll all come together." It's easy to dismiss the effort that needs to come together. We forget. We're busy. Who's going to miss this?

And yet, this is God's house. God who made us. God who saved us by His precious blood. God who fills us with His Spirit. We come to overflow in worship and praise. We come to learn of Law and Gospel. Sin and grace. Mercy and new life. Weighty things and details matter. Have you ever read Leviticus? That isn't the eccentric craziness of a God that just wants to make people jump through hoops, rather that's a holy God who wants His people to be different – to live different – to love different – to give different – to be set apart for Him by His work alone.

Every sin was paid for by Him. Every smudge on the soul was wiped clean by His work. And now in love we respond by paying attention to those things that serve the God who paid attention to every detail for us. Green paraments at times stay after the last season. What a joy it is to see people change those without a nudge, not just because details matter, rather the God of the universe does and He is worth every bit of our hearts. Thanks be to God. Thanks due to those who changed the paraments. (PJ)

“TAKING THE CROSS OF GRACE AND PEACE...”

Devoting Ourselves to the Word



Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. (Rom. 13:1-7 ESV)

We, as God's people created and cared for by Him, are called into two great commissions. Genesis 1:28 leads us into the first: *And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* The second is in Matthew 28:18-20a: *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

Luther is known for a wonderful teaching that embraces the tension often created by these two commissions: *The Two Kingdoms or Two Realms*. Admittedly, this is a doctrine that is often revisited every four years with presidential cycles, but it is key to our understanding of how God cares for His world, for His people, and exercise His will in and through us all as His people. I would recommend this little read by Joel Biermann. He often uses loftier vocabulary that could make you pause and re-read, but it's time well-taken as we learn again about the true meaning of the kingdoms of the right and the left and the God in authority over it all. (PJ) *You can find it on cph.org.*

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

Drawing Prompt: What is your favorite Bible story? How does the Bible give you peace?