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ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 10, 2026

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday (5/11)

[For God to comfort and sustain the missionaries.]

Tuesday (5/12)

[That missionaries have an easy transition to life in the U.S.]

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

Wednesday (5/13)

[That the Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries.]

7:00 p.m. Monthly Trustee Meeting

Thursday (5/14)

[With thanksgiving for the many forms of support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families.]

6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

Friday (5/15)

[That conversations started during home service would continue long after the missionary has returned to the mission field.]

2:00 p.m. Adult Dominoes

Saturday (5/16)

[For all LCMS partner churches.]

Sunday, May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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...

John 14:15

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “love.”

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God's People Assembled: (as of 5/3/2026)

Classic - 8:30 am: **75**

Contemporary - 11:00 am: **103**

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

Children's Church Total: **18**

Christian Education Youth: **23**

Adult Bible Studies: **47**

God's People Give with Treasure (as of 5/3/2026)

Offering: \$12,373

God's People's Response through March 2026:

Giving: \$156,752 Expenses: \$124,905

Budget: \$145,848

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!

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.

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).

Table Conversations Sermon Series – How do we converse about Biblical topics? Hot topics? Parents to children/teens? Friend to friend or family member to family member? This series wants to strengthen the bonds that exist between us so we can talk about our faith, its wisdom, its depth and beauty with those we meet “at table”.

Joint Worship Services 2026 -- This year we'll be having four joint services once again over the summer! May 24, July 5, August 2, and September 6. They all will be at 10:00 a.m. They all will have communion. And they all will be in the MMC. They will either be Classic or Contemporary in feel (depending on the Sunday) and we look forward to seeing you there. Questions, ask PJ.

The Life of Joseph: Adult Bible Study -- Joseph's story begins with a fractured family—jealousy, betrayal, and wounds that echo across years and distance. Yet through it all, God's goodness prevails, turning brokenness into blessing and rescue. As the narrative unfolds, the Holy Spirit, through Moses, crafts Joseph's life story into a powerful glimpse of the promised Messiah.” Dan Duncan will lead this Sunday adult study in the Fellowship Hall, 9:45 a.m.!

Young(er) Parents Study – Becoming a Missional Family - All are welcome to join this family/faith based Adult Bible Study, through RightNow Media. **Sundays 9:45-10:45 a.m.** through **May 31st**.

Dominoes – Older adults are invited **this Friday, May 15, 2:00 p.m.** Come and play dominoes in our Fellowship Hall. Bring dominoes if you have them and your own snack or drink if you like. Last get-together before summer!! Friends are also welcome.

Graduates! -- Zion would like to recognize and pray for you on **Sunday, May 31**. Please e-mail a few things to Chris Graves: a picture of you (senior pic, cap and gown, etc.), where you are graduating from, any degrees you have earned, and what your plans are for the fall (entering college, what you are going to study next, graduate study, finding a job, etc.). **Please send these no later than Tuesday, May 26.**

Youth Notes – Youth will be helping with VBS on **June 8th-11th**. We are planning the Oasis Retreat at Norris Lake, TN, for June 28-30. Info was e-mailed to youth families.

Vacation Bible School! – **VBS, June 8-11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** -- Registration is live! Participants and volunteers can register using the QR code at the registration table, or <https://vbspro.events/p/51d493>. Also, if you would like to be a VBS prayer partner, contact Chris Graves. He will send you an overview of the VBS program for your general prayers and any specific prayer needs as they arise.

Appalachian Mission Trip – **July 27th-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.

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

Revised member directories -- are available in the Atrium beside our photo album. They will be available online soon. Questions, changes or concerns contact Nancy Shaffer, email: businessmanager@zionlc.org or phone 513-231-2253.

360 Unite Member Access – Sign-in instruction for accessing “Member” information on our Zion Church Website are located on the Information Table in the Atrium. Questions? Contact Nancy Shaffer, Zion Business Manager at 513-231-2253 or Businessmanager@zionlc.org.

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by John and Cindy Ripak, In Celebration of Their Anniversary. For building-related issues please contact one of this Month's Trustees: Todd Thorbahn / Dylan Boone

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

Praying. Asking. Seeking. Knocking.

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

We pray for...

- **Mothers, Women** that show us and model for us a life after Christ's own heart!
- **Students** (college, high and junior high school, elementary, preschool) finishing up their academic years.
- **Lent into Easter – Easter into Pentecost.** May the blessings of these seasons show us Christ!
- **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 St. Paul Lutheran, Madisonville, 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 disasters. War-torn places.** God, grant peace & resources they need for body/ soul.
- Relief of pain, strength, and healing for **Nouay Nosouvanh, Mary Johnson, Janie Genovese, Jen Miller, Jan Witkowski, Kylie Tolliver, Debbie Rose-Howard, Jim Howard, Karen Vollbracht, Laura Mikow, Bill Spies, and other family/ friends** in need of healing.
- **Those in Care Centers/ Those at Home:** Janet Brunner, Linda Jenkins, Anna Moynahan, Ty and Michele Arendall, Vida Musselman, Doris Motley, and Jody Wiebe.
- **The Roewer Family (as they mourn the death of Robb's dad), the Zimmerman Family (as they mourn the death of Vera) and the Surdick Family (as they mourn the death of Dorothy's mom) and all families walking through the valley of death's shadow.** Comfort and strength in *the* Resurrection.

Telling the Stories

God has been faithful and incredible! In the April 28, 2026 Assembly Meeting we decided as a church to move some of the 2025 surplus (expenses were below budget, and income was above budget+) to ministries we have worked with in the past, toward the upkeep of the building as our mission outpost, and into places that we hope will encourage further mission work down the road. Below is the breakdown:

- \$35,000 for Mission Fund – (Missions - future trips and Serve Days etc.)
- \$1000 – Kentucky Refugee Ministries (Refugee Focus)
- \$1000 – Su Casa Hispanic Center of Cin. (Cross-Cultural)
- \$1000 – Our Daily Bread (Cincinnati Food Bank)
- \$1000 – Action Ministries (Northern Kentucky Foodbank)
- \$1000 – New Life Furniture Bank (Only Furniture Bank in the city)
- \$1000 – A Caring Place (Life-Focused Pregnancy Intervention and Care)
- \$1000 - SEM food pantry (Area Food Bank)
- \$1000 – Matthew 25 Ministries (Versatile Mercy Care)
- \$1000 – Care Net (same thing in N. KY that ACP does.)
- \$1000 – L.A.M.P. (Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots).
- \$3,000 – For Julia welcome meal planning (Fellowship)
- \$10,000 – advance payment for tech support out-source fund. If not, used, back to GROW fund.
- \$3,000 – 80 Hymnals/ rack (Worship Improvement for both Classic and PA)
- \$20,000 – for help with neighboring congregation(s) and missional grants at Immanuel Avondale.
- \$49,000 – for Trustee Accrual (work to be done to maintain the building and grounds)

Thank you for your generous support of the ministry here at Zion. Thanks be to God for His work among us!

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Devoting Ourselves to the Word

As this announcement devotion will come out on the celebration of Mother's Day, I am thoughtful of my late mother and I thought I'd take you to Scripture. This isn't meant to be an unreachable stereotype as much as an accurate description of so many that care for us, respond by grace, and give praise to God above all. This section is from Proverbs 31:10-31 and under the heading: "The Woman Who Fears the Lord". (PJ)

¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. ¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. ²² She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

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

Drawing Prompt: How is your mom a blessing to you?