

Zion's Voice

Zion Lutheran Church

"Be Disciples, Make Disciples"

Wooster, Ohio

February, 2018

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our friend and colleague, Paul Thielo talked about our Christian calling to be "the real deal". We all know that many people are disappointed or suspicious of "organized religion" these days. Paul wanted us to focus on the basics of following Jesus and be genuinely committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus no matter where we are. He warned about apathy, weak ethics in daily life and lack of discipleship practices. He reminded us that the world needs us to be faithful disciples.

I pray that I can always be "the real deal". I am drawn to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and I want faith to be the center of my life. Unless we are the real deal, the people we meet will not have the chance to meet Jesus in us. None of us can walk with Jesus without the help of the Holy Spirit. We will be changed and made more like Christ along the way.

In this season of epiphany, we spend time with God's revelations to us and our mission in the world. The jumping off point for this is the account in Matthew of the Magi. Scripture does not tell us what happened after their visit with the Christ child, but they seem to have been the first to take the Good News to the world. Surely, their lives were changed forever.

May the calling of Christ shape your lives and may you be passionate about your mission. Be "the Real Deal".

Peace,

Pastor Ann

2018 Church Council

President: Mary McMillen

Vice President: Dave Picking

Secretary: Susan Mykrantz

Treasurer: Brett Burkey

Endowment Treasurer:

Scott Schroer

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Tim Nolt

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Randy Wengerd

Julie Mennes

Susan Taylor

Dan Shuman

Chris Conrad

Tom Long

Cyndi O'Donnell

Wednesdays in Lent

You are invited to join us for soup, discussion and prayer on Wednesday evenings; February 21, 28, March 7, 14 and 21 beginning with a light meal at 6:15 p.m. followed by discussion and prayer from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Our theme during this Lenten season is "Anxious for Nothing- Finding Calm in a Chaotic World".

Anxiety is at an all-time high- the news about our anxiety is enough to make us anxious- but there's a prescription for dealing with it. Max Lucado invites readers into a 5-session study of Philippians 4; Paul's advice to followers and the most highlighted passage of any book; "Do not be anxious about anything."

News From Zion!

Upcoming Events

Women's Lunch Bunch

Ladies, join us for lunch on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Basil Asian Bistro. It will be a heart warming way to meet friends, have fellowship and have a delicious meal. Sign up in Rooms 100 and 200.

Men of Zion's Lunch Bunch

We will be meeting at the Wooster Elks Lodge on Wednesday, February 14th, at 1:00 pm. We will meet in the parking lot, and go in as a group. Mike Howard will be our host. We are now well into the winter time blahs, especially after last month. There is no better way to beat those winter "Blahs", than having lunch with the Men's Lunch Bunch.

Men of Zion Meeting Dates

Watch the bulletin and Voice for more information on Men Of Zion activities. Come out and see what is happening in our group. We have a great time and would like you to be part of our group.

Bereavement Support Group Gathering

The next Bereavement Support Group Gathering will be Saturday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 200. For more information contact Pastor Ann Paynter at (330) 262-5606 or by email at apaynter@zionlutheran-wooster.org.

Items needed for Food Pantry

Since our budget does not allow for purchase of non-food items, we could really use items such as shampoo, toothpaste, razors, deodorant, and bar soap.

Gathering Grounds



In an effort to reach out to our neighbors, Pastor Ann will be at the Gathering Grounds Coffee House for prayer and conversation each Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Stop in and say hello!



Relay for Life

Help support American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Wayne County

Mark your calendars for Relay For Life 2018

June 8 & 9, 2018 at Wooster High Follis Field

All Wayne County relays will be combined this year into one. Please see Cindy Nolt or Tina Ramsier if interested in joining our Team.

Lerch's donut orders will be in close to Valentines Day (February 14th). We will be in touch. Thanks for your orders. \$5.00 from each order goes to the relay team.

Anyone interested in attending a Cleveland Cavaliers game, Monday, March 19, 2018. Tickets are \$40.00 and \$12.00 of each ticket goes to American Cancer Society and will be credited to our team. Please see Tina Ramsier if interested in going. Hoops for Hope!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Zion 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Presale tickets are \$5.00 and \$6.00 at the door.

We will be taking hanging flower basket orders again this year. Details and orders forms to come when we have dates.

Anyone interested in selling relay candy bars see Cindy Nolt. We have almond, crispy, caramel, & peanut bars for \$1.00 each. If you have an office, or place of business that we could sell them let us know.

Thanks again for supporting all our dining to donates past, present, and future.



Dear Zion Lutheran friends,



When I give myself a minute to stop and think about how Habitat is able to continue building, I am actually stunned by the donations and support we receive from our community

Thank you for being a church who cares to make a big difference.

You can drive by Mindy's house and be reminded of how you helped build hope in the Jackson family's lives.

THANK YOU!

God bless you,
Beth Weaver

Family Ministry At Zion

Dear Pastor Ann and Zion members,

Happy New Year 2018. Thank you over the years for the lovely evening services, food donations and delicious evening meals; the bestest ever.

Being on a fixed retirement income that hardly lasts a month of bills, food, it runs out fast. You have many Sundays a complete day to start the week.

Love in Jesus always,
Bertha Knox

Dear Zion friends,

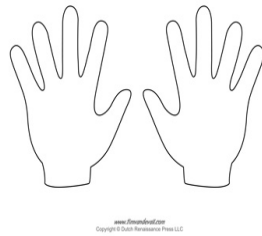
Thank you for letting us use your kitchen and fellowship hall while we were under construction.

The St. James Saturday Lunch Crew

We're Collecting Hands!

What? Collecting hands?

That's right. We need everyone at Zion (kids, adults, members, visitors, and friends) to draw around a hand with fingers slightly spread on green paper.



PLEASE stop at the table in Room 100, 200, or 300 to complete this simple task by Sunday, February 18.

Wonder why? We're not telling...yet.

THANK YOU!

Our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Don Buehler, who passed away November 29

Joe Retzler, who passed away December 2

Frances Bonitz, who passed away December 6

Larry Hilbert who passed away January 11

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

February Birthdays

02/02	Phyllis Pavlovicz
02/03	Clifford Leighty
02/03	Michael Saner
02/03	Jennifer Stinchcomb
02/03	Callum Myers
02/04	Kevin Kesner
02/04	Jessica Picking
02/05	Jackie Kunkler
02/05	Deanna Boyd
02/08	Henson Myers
02/09	Irmgret Soesemann
02/09	Pamela Yarnell
02/09	Kathleen (Katie) Miller
02/10	Audra Thornton
02/11	Wayne Wagner
02/12	Kirsten Robinson
02/13	Susan Hilbert
02/13	Bradley Carrabine
02/15	Theadore Crawford
02/17	Eleanor (Ogie) Dice
02/18	Scott Myers
02/19	Landon Haston
02/19	Terry Carrabine
02/23	Grant Kittle
02/24	Shelby Spradley
02/25	Bonnie First
02/25	Jane Picking
02/25	Ella Karger
02/27	Linda Halterman
02/28	Greg Sautter
02/28	Kevin Rodda
02/29	Lori Golias



Sunday School and Church Family Winter Challenge

When sixteen children joined us for Sunday School on January 7, many accepted a "Winter Challenge" to recite the names of the 66 books of the Bible by winter's end on March 19. Since the group ranges in age from two through seventeen, the kids are aware that partial memorization will be honored. We will use a variety of games, songs, videos, and memory strategies to heighten excitement and support various learning styles. Of course, the purpose is to make it easier to use the Bible as a resource so that it becomes a hands-on reference for learning, living, and growing in faith.

To add meaning, build relationships, and support Zion's Lenten missional giving, we invite all adults at Zion to join us in the challenge through either or both of the following ways.

First, please consider sponsoring one or more child's memorization efforts by committing to a donation of one to twenty cents per book name memorized. (Children must recite at least the first five books of either the Old or New Testament in order to accept a donation.) Children have forms on which sponsors can indicate their support, or you can contact Linda Halterman, Children's Ministry Coordinator, with your donation plan. She will gladly add your name to a child's list of sponsors.

Second, when adults recite the names of the 66 books of the Bible to one of our older children, an anonymous donor will contribute \$1 to the Lenten giving project. Look for children by the bulletin board outside Room 200 before and after Traditional Worship. We will attempt to have someone in Room 100 at the end of Contemporary Worship to verify your recitation accuracy. Those unable to make it to church who would like to participate may recite to Linda Halterman by calling her at 330-988-8584. Remember that we have until March 19, so there's time to review and then recite.

Watch the bulletin board between the office and choir room for updates on our progress where we will track participants and dollars. Again, all proceeds from sponsors and the anonymous donor will go directly to Zion's Lenten giving.

Please pray for our children, our volunteer teachers, and staff as we seek to love one another and grow in faith.

Our Sunday School classes are growing and we need more volunteer teachers.

We need additional teachers in these spots:

Pre-K (teacher)

1st-2nd Grade (alternate/co-teacher)

3rd-6th Grade (reliable sub)

7th-12th Grade (sub)

Lesson preparation is very minimal and I make sure all the supplies are ready for you. I hope you will prayerfully consider this invitation.

Thanks for Your Support!

Linda Halterman

Email familyministry@zionlutheran-wooster.org

Social Ministry 2018

Having been thoroughly "spoiled" by the past two mild winters, none of us were prepared for the onslaught presented by 2018 of frigid weather and illness. It helps us endure to be reminded of the warm response of Zion's family to the opportunities for giving in 2017.

We pray that will continue in 2018.

Our Lenten project is **Forty Days of Healthy Giving** with a goal of \$4,000. This goal can be met by 100 members of our church family giving \$1 for each day of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and ends on Good Friday, March 30. In your packet of offering envelopes are eight marked with **Ash Wednesday** and **Lent**, ending with **Good Friday**.

Here is how your gifts will be used:

- Installation of a simple water well \$2,500
- Two newly installed latrines at \$150 each \$300
- 10 ceramic water filters at \$30 each \$300
- Four weeks of stocking a health clinic at \$75 each \$300
- 30 clinic visits for a child at \$10 each \$300
- Vaccinations for 10 children at \$30 each \$300

These ministries are accomplished through ELCA World Hunger **God's Work, Our Hands**.

If you have any questions, please contact Marth Junkin at 330-264-5803.

December Council Highlights

Ministry Teams Reports:

Stewardship Team: No report

Finance: No report

Operations Team: A new computer has been purchased for use during the Coffee House service.

Personnel Team: The Personnel Team recommended that a contract be offered to Linda Halterman for the Children's Ministry position.

Family Ministry Team: The team is promoting the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston Texas. The catechism class is meeting at Danbury Woods to provide a short worship service on the first Sunday of the month. Boy Scout Sunday will be February 11.

Inreach/Outreach Team: They are looking for someone to assume the leadership of the Men of Zion. Russell Conrad has asked the team to find someone to take over the tape ministry.

Worship and Music Team: Pastor Ann said there will be a pulpit swap with area ministers during Epiphany or Lent.

Mutual Ministry Team: No report.

Old Business: The Christian Children's Home does not need to use facilities at Zion while their buildings undergo a renovation.

New Business: It was moved by Karolyn Miller and seconded by Josephine Wright to approve the officer slate of Mary McMillen, president, Dave Picking, vice president, Brett Burkey, treasurer, Scott Schroer, endowment treasurer, Susan Mykrantz, secretary.

Next Meeting: January 22, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Assisting Ministers at Zion – February, 2018

Zion's Prayer Ministry Coordinator:

Eleanor Harvey 330-345-4962

Greeters

2.04 Fred & Dixie Ray
2.11 Tom McFadden
2.14* **2PM** Joellen Fields
2.14* **7PM** Terry Stoudenheimer
2.18 Linda Roberts
2.21* Cheryl Abernathy
2.25 Don & Kathy Bogner
2.28* Chris Conrad

Acolytes

2.04 Madison Schroer
2.11 Crucifer: Daniel Drager
BB: Maxwell Drager
TB: Leslie Drager & Lucas Drager
2.14* **2PM** n/a
2.14* **7PM** Leslie Drager
2.18 Daniel Karger
2.21* n/a
2.25 Lucas Drager
2.28* n/a

Ushers

2.04 Chris Conrad, Tom Long, Tom McFadden, Scott Schroer, Rex Stype
2.11 Jon Ansel Sr., Fred Ray, Mike Saner
2.14* **2PM** n/a
2.14* **7PM** Mary Bricker, Larry Drager
2.18 Karl Emler, Todd Hauser, Rex Stype, Wayne Wagner
2.21* n/a
2.25 Todd Hauser, Fred Ray, Rex Stype, Larry Drager
2.28* n/a

Altar Guild:

Elaine Jentes, Linda Roberts

Lectors

2.04 Cheryl Abernathy
2.11 Kim Long
2.14* **2PM** Karolyn Miller
2.14* **7PM** Cheryl Oswald
2.18 Michelle Johnson
2.21* n/a
2.25 Pam Yarnell
2.28* n/a

Communion Stewards

2.04 Karl Emler, Naomi Lance, Judi Stock
2.11 Rich Danby, Ginny Leighty, Julie Mennes
2.14* **2PM** Linda Halterman
2.14* **7PM** Linda Halterman
2.18 Julie Mennes, MaryAnn Post, Stan Post
2.21* n/a
2.25 Don Bogner, Bill Dannley, Ginny Leighty
2.28* n/a

*Denotes a Wednesday Service

Editor's note...

The deadline for the March, 2018 issue of Zion's Voice is February 15, 2017. Due to time constraints, I may not be able to write your article for you, so please e-mail your articles or turn a typed or handwritten copy into the office. Keep in mind, the article is subject to modification so it can fit properly on the page, however the details will not be affected. Please make sure your meeting dates are turned into the office for the church calendar. Thank you, Susan Mykrantz

Lenten Daily Devotions

Visit Zion's website at www.zionlutheran-wooster.org each day during the Lenten season for a three to four minute devotion presented by Pastor Ann, Rev. Tina Heise, Rev. Angel Jackson and Rev. Lucas Meritt and three other local pastors. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact the church office and they will be glad to assist you.

2018 Lenten Photo Devotions

Zion is trying a new way of journeying through lent. We are inviting you to send a photo to the church office. This can be a print or in digital format. Your photos will match the Lenten reading and theme for the day. You may choose which day/theme/scripture goes with your photo, but please allow us to match it with a different day if necessary. Then each day during lent we will send a mass email with the photo devotions for the day. Here are the days, readings and themes:

Ash Wednesday- February 14
Mercy Psalm 51:1-17
 Thursday, February 15
Light 1 John 1:3-10
 Friday, February 16
Trust Psalm 25:1-10
 Saturday, February 17
Forgiven Matthew 9:2-13
 Sunday, February 18
 First Sunday in Lent
 Monday, February 19
Alive Ephesians 2:1-10
 Tuesday, February 20
Seek Job 5:8-27
 Wednesday, February 21
Tempted Matthew 4:1-11
 Thursday, February 22
Righteous Romans 4:1-12
 Friday, February 23
Praise Psalm 22:23-31
 Saturday, February 24
Promises Genesis 16:7-15
 Sunday, February 25
 Second Sunday in Lent
 Monday, February 26
Laughter Genesis 21:1-7
 Tuesday, February 27
Sacrifice Genesis 22:1-19
 Wednesday, February 28
Believe John 12:36-43

Thursday, March 1
Glory Psalm 19
 Friday, March 2
Wonders Acts 7:30-40
 Saturday, March 3
Holy Exodus 19:16-25
 Sunday, March 4
 Third Sunday in Lent
 Monday, March 5
Foundation 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
 Tuesday, March 6
Worship Psalm 84
 Wednesday, March 7
Cleansed Mark 11:15-19
 Thursday, March 8
Blessed Ephesians 1:3-6
 Friday, March 9
Inheritance Ephesians 1:7-14
 Saturday, March 10
Reborn John 3:1-13
 Sunday, March 11
 Fourth Sunday in Lent
 Monday, March 12
Sweet Exodus 15:22-27
 Tuesday, March 13
Bitter Numbers 20:1-13
 Wednesday, March 14
Thankfulness Psalm 107:1-16
 Thursday, March 15
Quietness Isaiah 30:15-18
 Friday, March 16
Boldness Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Saturday, March 17
Anointed
 Sunday, March 18
 Fifth Sunday in Lent
 Monday, March 19
Hope 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
 Tuesday, March 20
Spirit Acts 2:14-24
 Wednesday, March 21
Courage Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
 Thursday, March 22
Exalted Philippians 2:1-11
 Friday, March 23
Healing Jeremiah 33:1-9
 Saturday, March 24
Restored Jeremiah 33:10-16
 Passion Sunday- March 25
 Monday, March 26
Serving John 12:1-11
 Tuesday, March 27
Eternity John 12:20-36
 Wednesday, March 28
Beloved John 13:21-32
 Thursday, March 29
Washed John 13:1-17, 31b-35
 Friday, March 30
Salvation John 18:1- 19:42
 Saturday, March 31
Risen John 20:1-18
 Easter Sunday- April 1

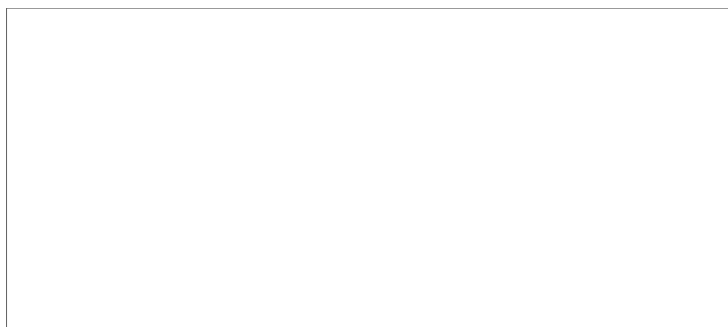
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Sunday Schedule

8:45 a.m. - Coffee House Worship

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship

5:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

5:45 p.m. - DZ Outreach Meal & Worship

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