

SEPTEMBER 2025

Zion's Lutheran Church

THE TRUMPET

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Office Hours: M—Th 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope your summer has been a good time for renewal in body, mind, and spirit. Each day is a gift as we all know so well, and the days go by quickly! Often, we find ourselves wondering just how in the world September arrived: "Wasn't it just June a few seconds ago?!" So I hope these months of summer have brought you all refreshment and time well spent with loved ones and friends

September promises much activity here at Zion's. There are plenty of ways to use our hands, hearts and minds to build relationships together while doing God's work. Perhaps this is a good time to volunteer your time and energy in new ways - God's Work Our Hands assembling school kits and health kits to benefit Lutheran World Relief, assemble "Candy Grams" for October pantry bags, or help with the Festival of Tables.

And there are also learning opportunities and bible study. Beginning this month will be our regular adult forum bible study/ prayer time before worship from 8:45 to 9:30. And I will be doing a presentation and lead discussion on Christian Mysticism that will run into October on Wednesdays 6:30-7:45. Someone said, "If we're not growing, we're not living." So true!

Many thanks to our volunteers and church leaders who continue to creatively advance our mission and ministry. You are dedicated to being Christ together for the good of all.

***"What happens to another,
whether it be a joy or a sorrow,
happens to me."***

Peace!
Pastor Tom



Worship Service Sundays @ 9:45am



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are ordered by the donor of your choice of flower ships. Fancy Petals will deliver to Zion's on Saturdays. The sign-up sheet is posted in the entryway. Please plan to take the flowers after the Sunday Worship Service.

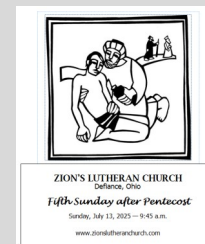


Worship Service Online

You may watch Sunday Worship Service live through the Zion's Lutheran Website at the Website address below and clicking on "Live Service"

You may also watch any Worship Service at a later date/time on Youtube TV by visiting the Zion's Lutheran Website (see address below):

<https://zionslutheranchurch.com/>



Weekly Bulletin

Sponsor a Weekly Bulletin in honor of a Birthday, Anniversary, Loved One, or anything you wish. Suggested donation is \$20.



Memorial Prayer Garden

A living memorial to the memory of the saints, both here & above. The garden provides a place for peaceful meditation and quiet reflection for our church family & community.



Little Free Library

Take a Book. Share a Book. The Little Free Library is located at the entrance of the Prayer Garden.



The Labyrinth

Walk the labyrinth located in the Prayer Garden. Come and experience the power and peace of this ancient form of prayer. Brochures explaining how to use the Labyrinth are available below the Little Free Library.

Deacon Ministry

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:10-11

The word deacon comes from the Greek word diakonia, which means service among others. Deacons serve and support others in their time of need. In the early church, the believers came together as a growing family, sharing all they had and providing for each other. As they grew, it became more challenging to make sure everyone was taken care of and no one was neglected. Some people were overlooked and did not get their share of food when it was distributed. To help with this dilemma, the early church appointed seven faithful servants to the role of deacon. Seven deacons serve this congregation and we want to ensure you are fed. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the BBQ Cookoff. We enjoyed six *MIGHTY FINE* BBQ dishes! Bragging rights are awarded to all six chefs!

We are also here for your spiritual nourishment. If you need someone to talk to, Pastor Tom and the deacons are here to support you ... to listen and encourage you, to celebrate with you and to cry with you.

How can we celebrate with you? How can we support you when you don't feel like celebrating?

Your Deacons

Our Deacons

Helena Morris, Head

Dawn McKibben, Secretary

John Diehl

Doug Eis

Angela Gutman

Regina Snyder

Cindy Wendell

Next Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, October 19, 2025

@ Noon



Members in Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living

John Jacob

Kingsbury Place #154
245 W. Rosewood Ave.
Defiance, OH 43512

Karen Bowling

Glenn Park #145
2429 William A Diehl Ct.
Defiance, OH 43512

Elaine Davis

Glenn Park
2429 William A. Diehl Ct.
Defiance OH 43512

Barb Jones

Glenn Park #156
2429 William A Diehl Ct.
Defiance, OH 43512

Lenore Doctor

Glenn Park #1201
250 William A. Diehl Blvd
Defiance, OH 43512

Carole Engel

Kingsbury Place #112
245 W Rosewood Ave
Defiance, OH 43512

Council

HIGHLIGHTS

From August 18, 2025 Meeting

- Children's Sunday School will begin September 14th with a breakfast and will participate in worship that day.
- Some of the children are now of age to become acolytes and will begin training with Pastor.
- The GWOH luncheon will be on September 14th (free will offering). All proceeds to go to Children's Lantern ministry. Steve Heilshorn, Executive Director, will give a presentation on September 7th.
- Pantry distributions for July were: 103 bags provided, 133 meals served & 6 new sign-up's.

Additions to the Zion's Prayer List:

E-prayers: office@zionslutheranchurch.com
Call the Church office at 419-782-8781.

*If you are calling for someone other than yourself,
please be sure that you have their permission to
share information.*



COUNCIL MEMBERS 2025

Dick Anderson, President
Joyce Rayle, V-Pres
Laurie Schey, Treasurer
Steve Graf, Secretary
Rev. Tom Zulick, Pastor
Deb Engel
Colleen Holley
Dan Meffley
Vern Mullett
Donna Schindler
Regina Snyder
Gary Smith

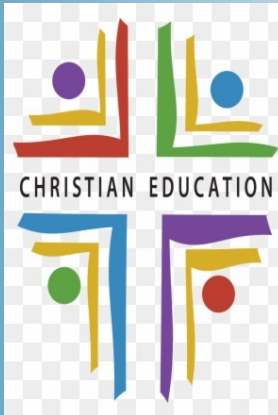
COUNCIL MEETINGS

6pm on the 3rd Monday
of each month (except July)
In the Hofer Room



NEXT MEETING:
Monday, September 15, 2025

Christian Education



Dates to Remember

August 31	9:35 am	Kids help Usher
September 7	8:45 am	Adult Forum Begins
September 14	9:00 am	PreK-4 Sunday School Begins
October 12	8:45 am	Jr High—High School Breakfast Club Begins

WORDS FROM OUR CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE:

The new Sunday School year is about to begin. Here are some dates and information.

Sunday **August 31** is youth Sunday. The kids are invited to assist with the ushering duties that morning, handing out bulletins and greeting those coming to worship, bringing the offering forward, ushering for communion, and greeting the members as they leave the worship service. Let's meet upstairs about 10 minutes before worship starts at 9:45 am.

Sunday **September 7** the Adult Forum class led by Pastor Tom will meet at 8:45 am in the Hofer Room. We will be discussing the book *Christian Mystics* by Matthew Fox. All are welcome.

Sunday **September 14** will be the first day of Sunday School for PreK through 4th grade starting at 9:00 am led by Sue McKibben and Sandy Eis. This is also God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. We will have a story, help pack the school kits for Lutheran World Relief, and have a snack. You are invited to stay after the worship service for brunch and to help with the packing of additional items as noted in the bulletin and Trumpet. All are welcome.

Sunday **October 12** will be the first day for the Jr. High/High School breakfast club led by Audrey Eis and Deb Engel. Additional information will be coming for this group.

Christian Education is a very important part of our faith journey. If you have suggestions and ideas for additional programs, please contact us.

Christian Ed Committee

Audrey Eis

Deb Engel

Sandy Eis

Sue McKibben

Christian Education



Join us to explore the traditions of
Christian Mysticism
and what they tell us about God.

*"The day of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw and knew I
saw all things in God and God in all things"*

—Mechtild of Magdeburg



SCHEDULE

Wed, Sept 10th	6:30—7:30 pm
Wed, Sept 17th	6:30—7:30 pm
Wed, Oct 1st	6:30—7:30 pm
Wed, Oct 8th	6:30—7:30 pm
Wed, Oct 15th	6:30—7:30 pm
Wed, Oct 22nd	6:30—7:30 pm

Learning God's Word provides spiritual and practical benefits, including gaining wisdom and understanding, strengthening faith, finding comfort and guidance, receiving salvation and life, and experiencing joy and hope.

It also offers a foundation for growth, helps individuals to know God more intimately, and equips them to live a more effective and righteous life.

*"Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek with
their whole heart."*

Psalms 119:2

SEPTEMBER LESSONS

SEPTEMBER 7 PENT 13	DEUT 30:15—20	PSALM 1	PHILEMON 1:21	LUKE 14:25—33
SEPTEMBER 14 HOLY CROSS DAY	NUMBERS 21:4b—9	PSALM 98:1—4	1 COR 1:18—24	JOHN 3:13—17
SEPTEMBER 21 PENT 15	AMOS 8:4—7	PSALM 113	1 TIMOTHY 2:1—7	LUKE 16:1—13
SEPTEMBER 28 PENT 16	AMOS 6:1a, 4—7	PSALM 146	1 TIMOTHY 6:6—19	LUKE 16:19—31
				

LAST MONTH'S ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Live/Virtual</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u> <u>FUND \$</u>	<u>BLDG IMP.</u> <u>FUND \$</u>
AUGUST 3	48/40	\$4,900.00	\$ 15.00
AUGUST 10	49/32	\$1,778.98	\$ 0.00
AUGUST 17	53/36	\$1,745.00	\$ 0.00
AUGUST 24	49/32	\$2,010.00	\$ 25.00

In order to meet our weekly budget guidelines, we need **\$ 3,041.75** for the Ministry Fund *each week*.

"What is a tithe?" The definition comes from Hebrew and means "a tenth."
Tithing in the Bible refers to giving 10% of your annual earnings, productions, or possessions.

Offering refers to giving above the 10% tithe.

There are many verses in both the Old and New Testament that explain tithes and offerings. Go to: <https://get.tithe.ly/blog/106-bible-scriptures-about-giving> to learn more.

INNKEEPERS' COMMUNITY MEAL & PANTRY

Our mission is to assist those living in Defiance with basic needs.

**NEXT DISTRIBUTION DATE & MEAL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th**

ACCEPTED DONATIONS



The Innkeepers have designated the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. as distribution and Community Meal night. *In August, we distributed 93 bags, 6 new sign-ups, and served 103!! Wow!!*

SEPTEMBER NEEDS:

Dish Soap
Toothpaste
Shaving Cream



Innkeepers' shopping list:

Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Facial Tissues
Dish Soap
All Purpose Cleaner
Bleach
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Bar Soap & Body Wash
Shampoo & Conditioner
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Feminine Hygiene Products
Disposable Diapers
Baby wipes
Adult incontinence diapers

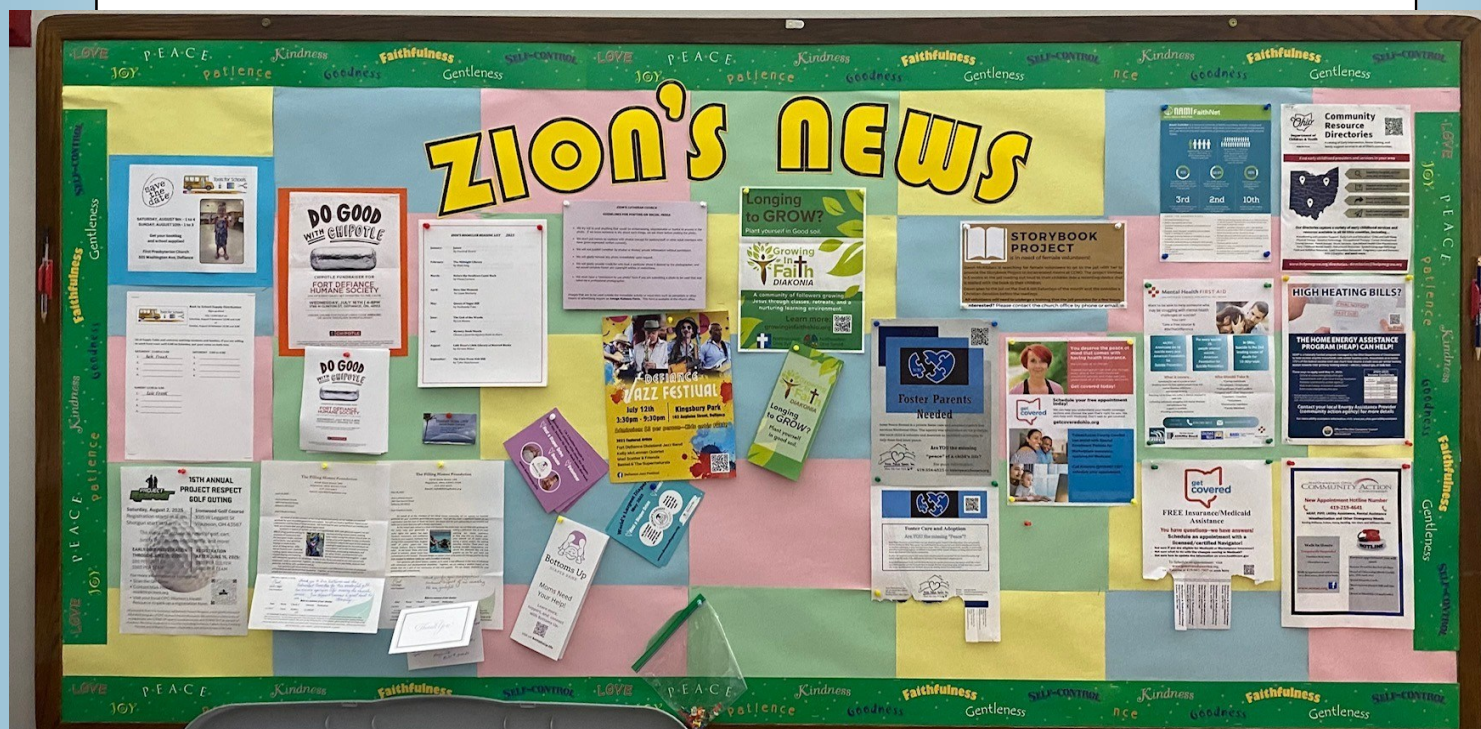
We also accept volunteers & monetary donations.

Announcements



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Have you noticed the church bulletin board has a new look?



Zion's Mission Statement

*Driven by God's Spirit we will grow
In faith and make Christ's love known.*



Guiding Principles

God's love is for all.

We are all ministers with gifts and talents.

Spiritual growth is vital.

Worship and music enlivens us.

Prayer and God's Word will guide us.

Care and hospitality are important.

Announcements

September Birthdays

Bob Fields	9/05	Kristen Gutman	9/13
Angela Gutman	9/05	John Jacob	9/14
Vernon Mullett	9/06	Robert Zachrich	9/18
Carter Kistner	9/09	Loryn Wright	9/20
Cora Bostelman	9/10	Diana Groll	9/21
Randy Engel	9/12	Jim Brown	9/26
Gary Smith	9/12	John Bostelman	9/29



September Anniversaries

Gary & Debra Smith	9/10
Dick & Gwen Anderson	9/12
Robert & Carole Zachrich	9/26



If your birthday and/or anniversary is not listed here or is incorrect, please call the church office at 419-782-8781 or email the secretary at office@zionslutheranchurch.com



A Note From Your Church Admin:

I just had to share this adorable picture 

On the left is our great granddaughter (Charlee) and on the right is our newest granddaughter (Shiloh). They are 2 months apart.

They're going to grow up the best of friends.

We cannot wait to see what God has in store for these sweet girls!

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 Synod Assembly

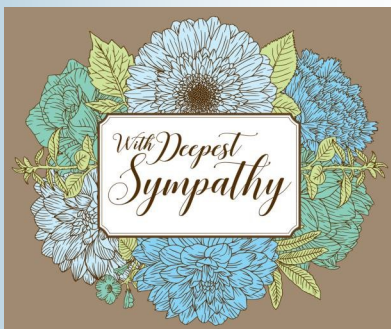
The Northwestern Ohio Synod Council is pleased to announce the date and location of the 2026 NWOS Synod Assembly.

Saturday, May 30, 2026
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
315 S College Dr. Bowling Green, OH 43402

Registration for this event will open
January 1, 2026 and close April 30, 2026.

Synod Assembly schedules, materials, and further resources will be posted to the NWOS Assembly website as they become available.
Please direct any questions to assembly@nwos-elca.org.

Personal Notes



Our heartfelt sympathies go out

To the family and friends of

[Roger Engel](#)

Roger passed away August 26, 2025.

Upcoming Events



September 14, 2025



Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in "God's work, Our hands." On September 14th, across the country, thousands of members will work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands!

Activities Include:

Assemble school kits



& health kits



to benefit:

Lutheran World Relief



(free will offering)

Fundraiser for the

Children's
LANTERN

Pack personal hygiene kits to benefit:

Path Center, Legends, House of Ruth, Filling Home, Serenity Haven, & Children's Lantern



Assemble "Candy Grams" for distribution in October Pantry Bags



Upcoming Events



PLEASE JOIN US
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Sunday, September 14th @ 11:00 am

Come enjoy a yummy meal
and sweet fellowship
(Free will offering)

All proceeds go to "The Children's Lantern"

Please sign up by Sunday, September 7th
(Sign-up sheet on bulletin board in Narthex)

Sign up is not required but helpful for
estimating the amount of food needed.

Hosted by:



Upcoming Events

Festival of Tables

Sponsored by the Women's Guild
of Filling Homes
N160 State Route 108
Napoleon, OH 43545



Deadlin for sign up
is September 10th!

September 27, 2025

@ 12:00 noon

doors open @ 11:00 am

to give attendees the opportunity
to view all the decorated tables

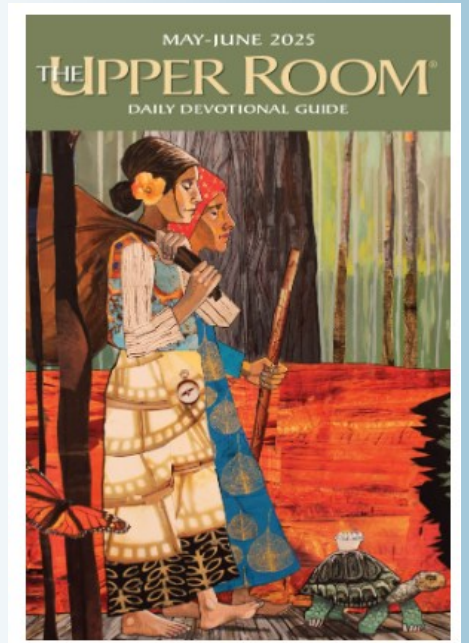
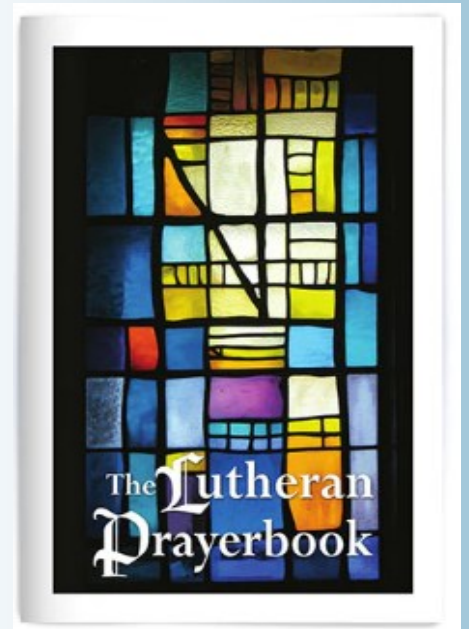
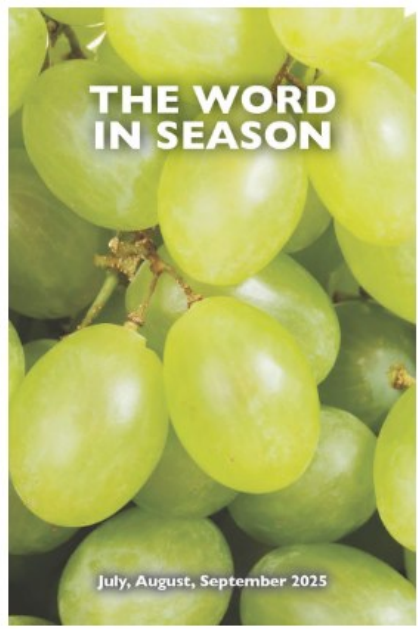
All proceeds will be used to benefit the residents
and those who participate in the services offered
by Filling Homes.

To be a hostess or co-hostess, or have any
questions, please contact Micky Baker by cell
567-454-9741 or by email hbm3@bright.net
(more info on bulletin board in Narthex)



PUBLICATIONS

(Get your copy in the Narthex)



Let Us Help You!



Please contact the church office:

- *To plan a baptism
- *To plan a wedding (at least 4 months ahead of time)
- *When entering the hospital
- *When there is a death in the family.

Fun Fact: Pastors have busy work lives, take vacations, and plan time with family. Please include them before you set dates for special events.

DEADLINES

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

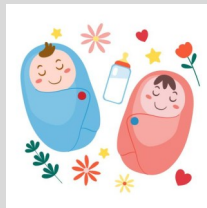
Every Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
(unless otherwise noted)

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**
September 25, 2025



Please remember to call the church office when:

1. You will be or have already moved.
2. You have an addition to your family.
3. You have an address update and/or correction, or birthday correction.
4. New email address and/or phone number.



GET INVOLVED AT ZION'S



Altar Guild

Altar Guild is a group of ladies who alternate serving our Lord by preparing His Holy Table for communion every week.

New volunteers are always welcome!



Bell Choir

The Bell Choir plays during festival seasons and some Sundays throughout the year. Rehearsals are scheduled as needed by Neal Deniston



Book Group

The Book Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 12pm in the church library. Please bring your book & join us.

Next Meeting:
Monday Sept 8 @ 12pm



Lutherans of Long Standing

LLS meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 2pm in the church library. Next Meeting:

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Sept 2 @ 2pm**



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship meets **every Thursday** at 9am at Cabin Fever South.



Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11am in the church library. Cards are signed the following week in the Narthex.

Next Meeting:
TBD



Worship & Music Team

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Hofer Room at the Church.

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Sept 9 @ 6pm**



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 2pm



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:45am



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE OFFICE IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES OR YOU HAVE AN ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY.