

OCTOBER 2025

Zion's Lutheran Church

THE TRUMPET

1801 East Second Street

Defiance, OH 43512

Phone: 419-782-8781 Fax: 419-782-6719

Office Hours: M—Th 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Thank You Zion's!

Congregational appreciation doesn't come on a special day, month or year - at least in my years of serving. So, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for being who you are every day of the week! Your faithfulness and mutual love for God and each other shows itself in so many ways. I see it, feel it and hear it in moments large and small.

There are many times when I am reminded that a community of faith draws its strength from each other. Good days. Bad days. Every day bears witness to the spiritual friendship that is shared together. When I look into your eyes on Sunday morning, when I hear your voices in prayer and song, when I see the joy of your friendship, I realize once again what a privilege it is to be a small part of your lives. Pastoral ministry with you has been a blessing at this stage of my journey. And I so appreciate your devotion to the mission we share as a community of faith.

Zion's ministry in this community of Defiance would make anyone feel a sense of pride and hope. Being a part of that - seeing the results of your generosity and care for others in need brings much joy. Many times, when I am traveling back at night to Maumee after a meeting, I think about the gifts all of us share together. Every person, young or old, big or small has a gift to share that will make someone feel better about life in the kingdom.

Thank you Zion's! This community of faith is a blessing that brings hope, love, friendship and peace. Appreciate you!

Pastor Tom.

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



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.

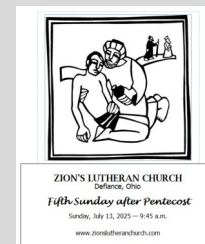


Worship Service Online

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

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

Isaiah 40:8

Fall is officially here. The flowers are going into their seasonal sleep ... or dying. The leaves will soon be changing colors and falling to the ground. The grass withers and loses all signs of life. But life is not over. There is hope for new life. In this life, things change. But God does not change. He is faithful. We find comfort in His word. If you need or want someone to talk or just be present, whatever your circumstances, Pastor Tom and the deacons are here to support you and your spiritual wellbeing. If you do not know who your deacon is, contact any of the deacons, refer to the list hanging on the bulletin board near the Hofer Room, or contact the church office.

*May you experience the joyful reformation of
The Father!
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

Lenore Doctor

Glenn Park #1201
250 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

Carole Engel

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

Council

HIGHLIGHTS

From September 15, 2025 Meeting

- The wooden playset outside is being replaced with a new metal set as the old one has become a safety hazard.
- Zion's is hosting two tables at the Filling Home "Festival of Tables". Two spots remain open.
- If you would like to serve on church council, contact the Nominating Committee: Tom Boals, Lois Dodt, or Bill Wendell before the annual meeting. If you want to know more about council, meetings are open to all members.
- Pantry distributions for September were: 109 bags provided, 139 meals served & 9 new sign-up's.
- Pastor Tom is teaching a class on the Christian Mystics in the Bible on Wednesday nights from 5:00—6:00

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

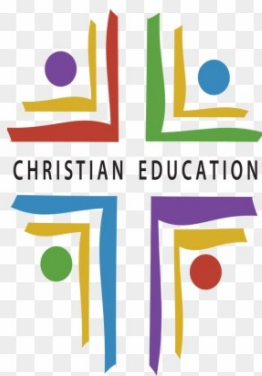
COUNCIL MEETINGS

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



NEXT MEETING:
Monday, October 20, 2025

Christian Education



Dates to Remember

October 12

8:45 am

Jr High—High School

Breakfast Club

COME HUNGRY!

Save
the
Date



Children's Christmas Program

December 14th!



God's work. Our hands.



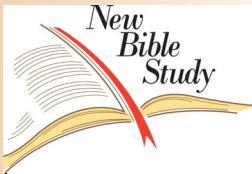
Join us for a
day of service

The Sunday School Kids enjoyed
packing bags for the GWOH Event
in September!

What an awesome group of kids
we have!!!



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

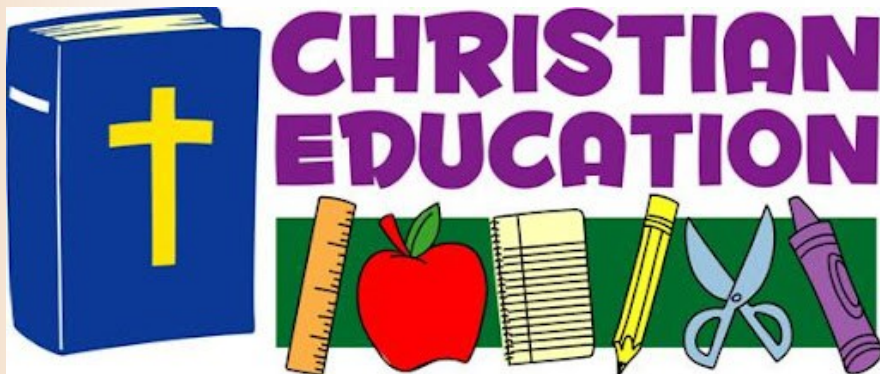
Wed, Oct 1st	5:00—6:00 pm
Wed, Oct 8th	5:00—6:00 pm
Wed, Oct 15th	5:00—6:00 pm
Wed, Oct 22nd	5:00—6:00 pm

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."*

Psalm 119:2



INNKEEPERS' COMMUNITY MEAL & PANTRY

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

NEXT DISTRIBUTION DATE & MEAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

ACCEPTED DONATIONS



The Innkeepers have designated the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. as distribution and Community Meal night. *In September, we distributed 109 bags, 9 new sign-ups, and served 139!! Wow!!*

OCTOBER NEEDS:

Baby Wipes
Dish Soap
Bar Soap



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

Ministry Help Needed!

The Pantry Team is looking for a couple more people who can help with the distribution, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from 4:15pm—6:00pm.

See Laurie Schey or Sue McKibben if you are interested in assisting with this valuable ministry!

Worship & Preaching Schedule for October

(subject to change)

October 5	Pastor Tom Zulick
October 12	Pastor Tom Zulick
October 19	Helena Morris
October 26	Pastor Tom Zulick



Thank you everyone who participated in any way with God's Work Our Hands Day!

We packed 120 Hygiene Kit Bags that were distributed to the PATH Center, House of Ruth, Serenity Haven, Legends, the Filling Home and Children's Lantern. *Thank you Zion's Endowment Fund for the grant to purchase the majority of the items for these Hygiene Kits!*

For Lutheran World Relief, we packed 18 Backpack School Kits and 12 Personal Care Kits...which will soon be enroute to their destination.

Thank you to all who donated items for these LWR Kits!

We packed 120 Candy Gram/Blessing Bags to be handed out with the October Pantry bags...a little extra treat for our guests. And, we prepared special notes for our Pick a Praise jars which will be appearing soon!

Announcements

SUNDAY Brunch

Our fundraiser brunch for Children's Lantern was very successful. Because we were fortunate to have a Thrivent Action Team Grant for the seed money for the meal, the entire Free-Will Offering went to Children's Lantern, \$640!! Thank you to all for your generosity!



Announcements

October Birthdays

Mark Engel 10/12
David Eis 10/26
Doug Eis 10/26
Dax Engel 10/31



October Anniversaries

Robert & Trena Zachrich
10/5
Ron & Connie Allgire
10/19



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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 2, 2025

If you have had a loved one pass away in the *past twelve months*, please notify the

The Church Office will be closed
Monday, October 13th in observance of
Columbus Day.

Zion's MissionStatement

*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

Installation of the Presiding Bishop

Rev. Yehiel Curry

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. CDT
Central Lutheran Church | Minneapolis, Minn.



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.

SAVE THE DATE



Operation Christmas Child

Get Ready — Get Set — SHOP EARLY !!

Packing Party—November 16

We'll be filling boxes of gifts for children once again this year, so it's time to start shopping for deals. We will complete this project with a packing party on November 16. **SHOPPING LIST IDEAS:** **Toys:** cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc. **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. **Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, combs, washcloths. **Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc. **Crafts:** Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets. **A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back. **Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. Packing boxes and the flyers with tags are available in the Narthex.

ECLA World Hunger Day Sunday, October 26, 2025



Nearly 1-in 10 people—733 million—in our world are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunter make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.



COATS FOR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Zion's will be participating in collecting coats for the First Presbyterian Church's "Coats for Christmas" ministry. This outreach event of collecting gently used coats for women, men and children is a long time Defiance ministry. All styles and sizes welcome! Distribution of cleaned coats will be on a Saturday and Sunday November (date TBD). There will be a collection barrel in Zion's Narthex in early October. Please dig through your closets and consider donating a gently used coat to a local person in need.

The Coats for Christmas team is also in need of volunteers to help, if you are interested in volunteering, more info will be coming concerning dates and times.

SAVE THE DATE



GRATEFUL, THANKFUL, BLESSED!!

Yes, indeed, we certainly are. Let us join together to say thank you for another year of faithful service to Pastor Tom and Deaconess Helena.

A table with mailboxes will be set up in the narthex for a "card shower" for both.

In addition, we will host a fellowship hour in the honor of Pastor Tom on October 12th after service and a fellowship hour in honor of Deaconess Helena on October 19th.



Personal Notes

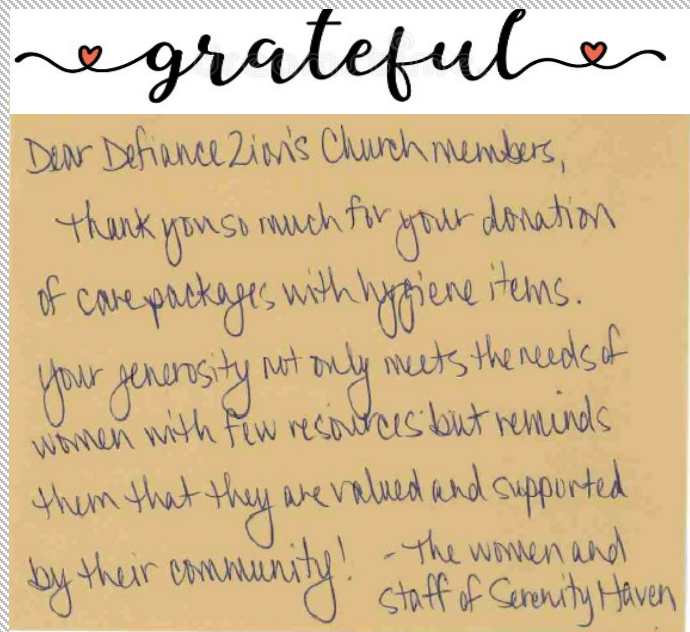
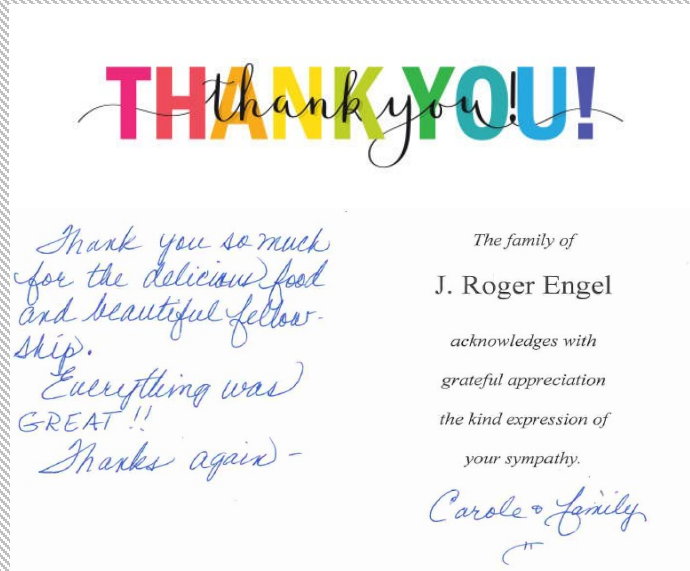
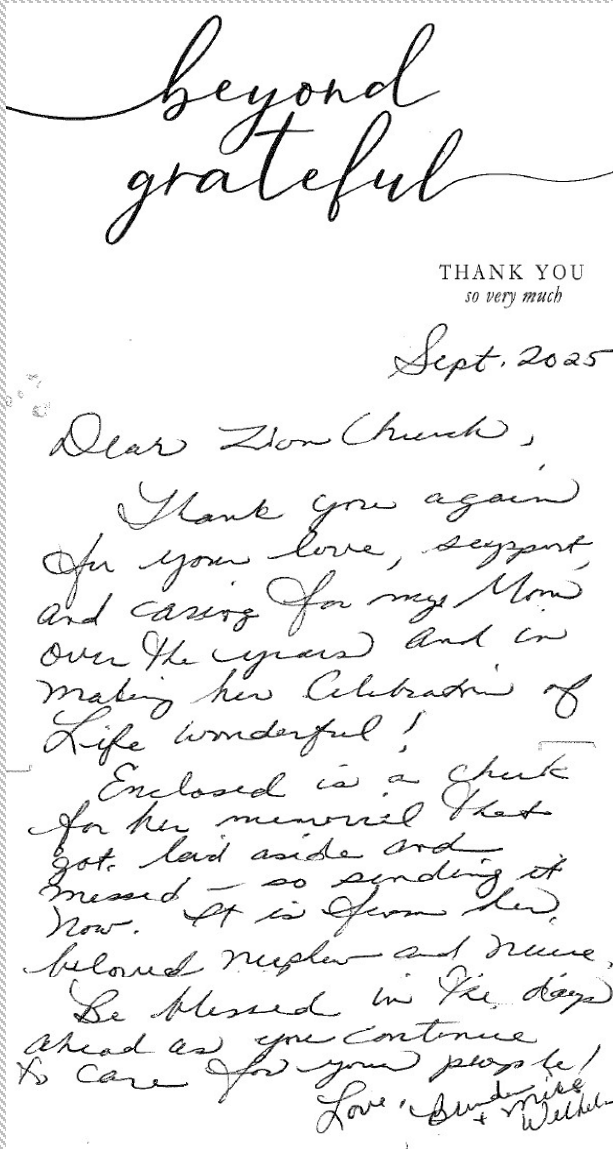


Our heartfelt sympathies go out

To the family and friends of

Karen Bowling

Karen passed away September 12, 2025.



Personal Notes

The Filling Homes Foundation

N160 State Route 108
Napoleon, Ohio 43545-7729
419-592-6451
Email: info@fillinghome.org

September 19, 2025

Zions Lutheran Church
1801 East Second Street
Defiance, OH 43512

Dear Friends In Christ,

On behalf of all the members of the Filling Homes community, let me express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity and support. Your gift has made a significant impact on our organization and the lives of those we serve. We thank God for your partnership in our ministry and want you to know that your gift is deeply appreciated.

At Filling Homes, this summer warm weather and blue skies—it was belonging, and discovery, all made One of our favorite memories? Cheryl friends—yes, even a goat! —at the Surrounded by the sights and sounds experienced the fun and fellowship bring. These moments, rooted in joy us that faith shows up in everyday can be found in the people (and animals!) we connect with. Thanks to your generosity, these seasonal highlights were heartfelt, lasting, and full of purpose. As we look toward a new season, we carry your kindness with us. Thank you for making this summer one filled with faith, friendship, and fun.



season was more than just a time of connection, possible by your support. and Kenzie making new Henry County Fair. of the fairgrounds, they that only a county fair can and community, reminded blessings, and friendship

Your generous gift (listed below), enables us to make a real difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Together, we are making a positive impact on the people that are a part of our community of care and support.

Warmest regards in Christ,

Carol
Carol Slight
Vice President

Thank you for the donation of Health Kits for our residents. We are grateful for your continued support!
Below is a summary of your donation

Date	Form	Check #	Amount	Dedication
9/18/2025	In- Kind			

For Federal Income Tax purposes, it is stated that in exchange for or consideration of your contribution no goods or services were provided to you from Filling Memorial Home of Mercy or any of its corporate organizations. Please retain this letter with your tax records as your receipt and proof of your charitable contribution.

The Filling Home Foundation supports the work of the Filling Homes, a faith-based, agency providing a full range of life enhancing support services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, without discrimination due to their race, color, religion, cultural background, or gender.



Donations are pouring in for the Children's Lantern "Supplies of Hope" collection! What an awesome ministry!!



A huge shout out goes to Grace Episcopal Church for this GENEROUS donation to our Pantry!



Personal Notes



Dear Zion's Lutheran
Church,

Thank you for volunteering
at the Tools for Schools
distribution. We could
not have served 954
students without the help
of volunteers.

Your kind hearts and
your time are greatly
appreciated!

THANK YOU!

— The Tools
for Schools
Steering Comm.

Thanks!

Personal Notes



Children's Lantern
A Village of Hope Beyond the System
www.childrenslantern.org

Steve Heilshorn
Executive Director
steve@childrenslantern.org

Children's Lantern
930 S. Clinton St.
Defiance, OH 43512
419-769 8231

Dear Ministry Friend,

On behalf of Children's Lantern ministries I would like to thank you for your generosity! God is doing amazing things as we reach out to families to be "A Village of Hope Beyond the System - Luke 9:6!"

It is our belief that Christ is our only hope and your prayers, gifts and encouragement allow our ministry team to spread that hope beyond the worldly system. It also allows us to create a Christ centered village with those whom God directs our way. May God bless you and your family for sharing your blessing with Children's Lantern.

Steve Heilshorn



Children's Lantern
Executive Director

WHAT A JOY IT WAS TO COME
AND SHARE AT YOUR CHURCH!
LESLIE : I WERE BLESSED BY
YOUR FELLOWSHIP!

MAY GOD BLESS!!


Upcoming Events



FREE ENTRY!

FILLING FALL FLING

Presented by: The Women's Guild of Filling Homes

Saturday, November 1, 2025
11am - 3pm

Free-Will Offering Lunch
Hot Chicken, Brats, & Homemade Pie

Bake Sale - Live and Silent Auctions

Raffle

- 1st - Whole Hog with Processing!
- 2nd - Lazy Boy Recliner from Ken's Furniture
- 3rd - 2 Door Storage Cabinet from Sauder Woodworking

Please join us in the Hanson Aquatic Therapy Center Gymnasium

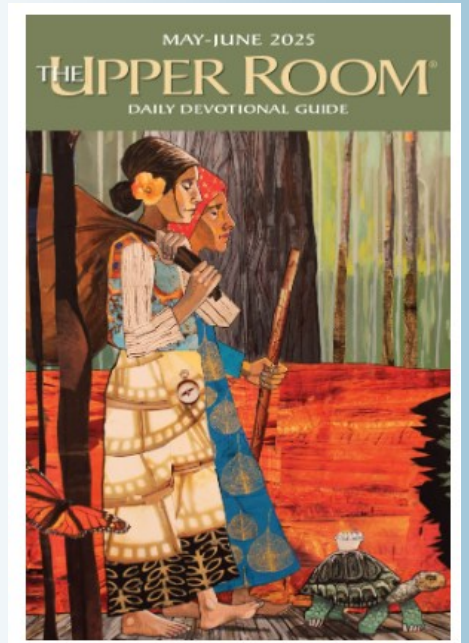
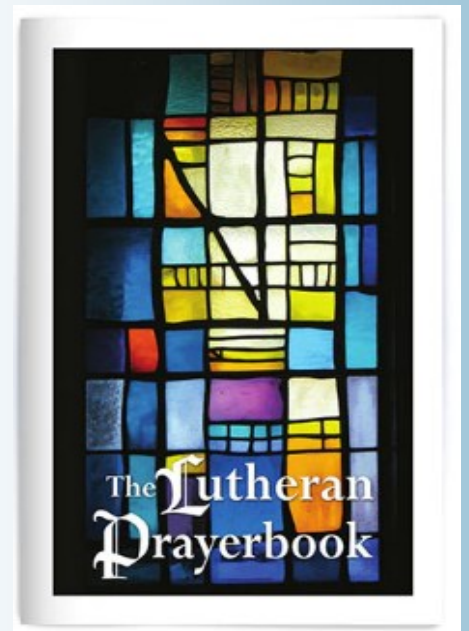
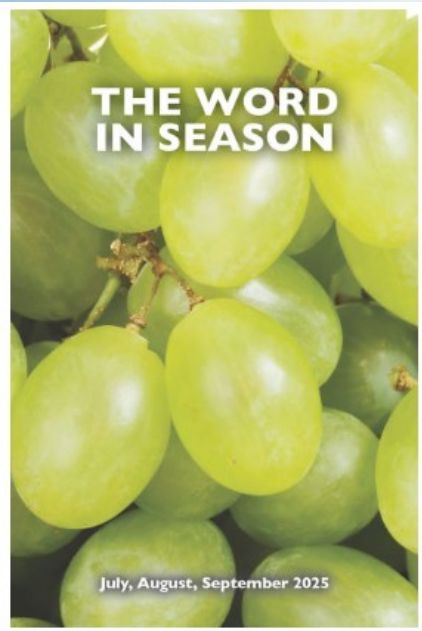
Proceeds to Filling Homes Transportation Fund 

Questions? Please contact
419-599-6901 or
chelsearedfox@fillinghome.org



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

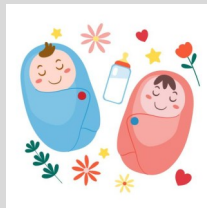
Every Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
(unless otherwise noted)

**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 Oct 13th @ 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, Oct 7th @ 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, Oct 14th @ 6pm**



October 2025

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THUR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Driven by God's spirit, we will grow in faith and make Christ's love known."



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 2pm



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:45am



Pastor Tom Zulick



419-344-2629



tom.zulick@gmail.com

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