

SEPTEMBER 2026

Zion's Lutheran Church
THE TRUMPET

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As you can see in this newsletter, there is much activity in our church this month! We are so blessed to have many dedicated leaders/members to advance our ministries and support our mission. (Of special note to many, we will celebrate the one hundredth birthday of John Jacobs on the 19th at 1pm.)

I will lead a new bible study beginning September 30th from 6 - 7 pm: Discipleship in a Post-Christian Age. (Please sign up so that we can order the book for you!) This is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the challenges to "take up the cross" in the present moment of the church.

We are excited also to officially welcome our new members on Sunday October 4th: Diane and Carl Keith, Dylan Wood and Renee Zimmerman and son Roman, and Cherie Ferguson and her grandson Danny Jones. Please introduce yourself to them on Sundays!

God's Work Our Hands activities will provide an opportunity to support our ministry here at Zion's and in the community we serve. (If you would like to distribute our door hangars with Pastor Tom over the next few months, please let us know.)

Pastor Tom will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 in Minneapolis. Registration begins in October. Any high school youth who would like to attend this exciting event should let us know.

Your continued prayers for our church are always needed as we move ahead. And, your financial stewardship is also always an important contribution in accomplishing our mission! So, dig deep spiritually and give thanks for God's abundant grace!

Peace/love
Pastor Tom





Worship Service Sundays @ 9:45 am



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are ordered by the donor of your choice of flower shops. Kircher's 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.



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.

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/>



Little Free Library

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

Weekly Bulletin

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



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

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today
and forever."*

Hebrews 13:8

September is a time when we think of autumn. It's also a sort of new start. We begin a new program year. Many ministries of the church that took a pause resume. Maybe we do them the same way we've always done them (or at least the last two generations, because that's the time period we know best). Maybe we're inspired by the changing colors around us to adapt to our environment. Perhaps we find a new energy in the crispness of the air as the heaviness of the summer heat wanes. Culture, circumstances, and the world are in a constant state of change. But there is One who stays the same: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, God in human form. However you find yourself in the days to come - the comforts of tradition, the uncertainty of change, or the indifference of normalcy, Pastor Tom and the deacons are here to talk and sit and pray and praise.

*May you be inspired by the Spirit!
Your Deacons*

The Ministry of DEACON

Acts 6:1-7 | TIMOTHY 3:1-16



Our Deacons

Helena Morris, Head
Cindy Wendell, Secretary
John Diehl
Doug Eis
Angela Gutman
Regina Snyder

Next Deacon's Meeting
October 25, 2026



Shut-In's

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

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

Barb Jones
Glenn Park #151
2429 William A Diehl Ct.
Defiance, OH 43512

Elaine Davis
Glenn Park Edon Place
2429 William A Diehl Dr
Defiance, OH 43512

Linda Wagner
At Home
22668 River Chase Dr
Defiance, OH 43512

Council

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

- HVAC Phase 1 is complete! Phase 2, replacing the registers, will be initiated at a later time.
- Congregational goals are important. We've set and completed a few thus far. Members are encouraged to continue to recommend goals.
- **SERVING** is an important part of ministry together. There are many ways to serve within worship, congregational projects, and within the community.
- Several new members will be received in October through affirmation of faith and a baptism.
- Pastor Tom would like to gather with groups of members to distribute door-hangers around the greater community area.

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.



CHURCH COUNCIL 2026

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, September 21, 2026

Preparing for Worship

*"Be still, and know that I am God."
(Psalm 46:10)*

We invite everyone to enter the sanctuary with a spirit of prayerful silence. Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word without distraction. The announcements for the day will be scrolling on the screen prior to worship, and printed in the bulletin, and will no longer be read out loud by the lectors or deacons.

Serving

PLEASE TAKE TWO MINUTES TO READ THIS ARTICLE

Our desire to serve is very important to God!! He knows when we are spreading His word and living the life He chose for us! Serving is also important to any organization for its success. Contributing to the serving needs at Zion's Lutheran Church is healthy and joyful, and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member who is serving Zion's!

Remember the last time you helped someone in need or served an organization how gratifying it was to you to help someone? In addition to the many at Zion's who serve, there are many other opportunities to serve for any member who is interested!

There is no doubt our membership does much to reach out voluntarily to serve existing and future needs at Zion's! However, **SERVING NEVER STOPS!**

Serving is a personally rewarding, fulfilling and joyful activity without expecting praise or public recognition! We serve because we want to and we know a person or a group needs help, or something needs improvement and often we take care of it quietly. We feel good knowing we have brought joy to someone in need!

Serving is a wonderful experience which is much appreciated. At times serving is misinterpreted as financial giving! True, that is a form of serving, but there are many needs just as important to God!

I want to encourage each member to think seriously about serving Zion's in some capacity. If you are unsure about an activity or a need, please ask a council member, a deacon or any member for more information to make your decision.

Thank you for your thoughts and consideration.

Dick Anderson

Christian Education

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 13th

The Sunday School year will start with Rally Day on September 13th @ 9:00 a.m. Activities are being planned. This is also GWOH Sunday and we hope that the kids, including the high schoolers, will stay and help with packing the school kits, candy bags for the pantry, and health care bags.

This year we will have 2 classes. Cindy Wendell will be teaching the 3rd & 4th grades. Sandy Eis and Sue McKibben will teach the Kindergarten—2nd graders. The Breakfast Club will also meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month with Deb Engel and Audrey Eis.

ADULT FORUM

The 8:45 a.m. Sunday Adult Forum will begin back up on September 20th.

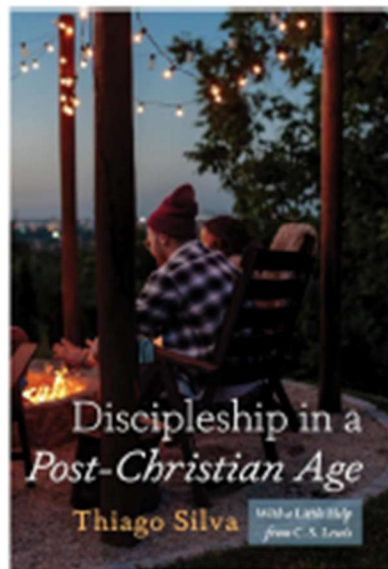
NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Wednesday, Sept. 9th & 16th
@ 6:30 a.m.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Beginning September 30th
Wednesday Evenings
6:00-7:00 p.m.
@ Zion's Lutheran Church
Led by Pastor Tom Zulick

Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin to let us know if you will be participating in the bible study by Sunday, September 20th so enough books can be ordered.



INNKEEPERS' COMMUNITY MEAL & PANTRY

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

NEXT DISTRIBUTION DATE & MEAL
WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2026

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 73 bags, 9 new sign-ups, and served 143!! Wow!!

The September Pantry Needs:



Kleenex

Dish Soap



Bath 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.

Outdoor Service



grateful

The Innkeepers' Pantry and Meals have been the recipients of several grants from community organizations this summer. Without this help, we would not be able to support the number of families that we are able to each month. It is such a wonderful thing to see how we can all work together for a common cause!

Many thank yous go out to:

Defiance Lions Club

Elks Lodge #147

Johns Manville S.T.A.R.S.

Rotary Club of Defiance

United Way of Defiance County

VFW

Women's Giving Circle



October 4, 2026 we will be receiving our new congregation members!

- Cherie Ferguson and grandson, Danny Jones
- Carl & Diane Keith
- Dylan Wood, Renee Zimmerman, and Son Roman

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7

Announcements

Cookies Needed



The Innkeepers are requesting donations of cookies for the Wednesday Community Meals. Please package them for the freezer, and place in one of the freezers in the kitchen. Thank you!!!

Praises, Prayers & Visitors



During services, you will see in the back of the pew in front of you, "**Prayer Request & Visitor**" cards. Be sure to fill one out if you have a praise and/or prayer request. The reverse side of the card is for visitors to fill out so we have their information and can welcome them and send them info on any upcoming events and services. Drop it in the designated basket in the back of the sanctuary.

The Pantry Needs Empty Bottles

Due to the donation of gallon sized bottles of hand soap, the pantry needs empty bottles to refill such as empty individual hand soap bottles (both foaming hand soap type and regular type). All can be placed in the chest in the Narthex. Thank you for recycling with us!



The weekly announcements are scrolled up on the screen before Sunday's worship service beginning at 9:45 am. When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of others as we prepare for worship.



Something to keep in mind if ordering Altar Flowers:

Fancy Petals no longer delivers on Saturdays and their prices have raised. Kircher's delivers on Saturday's, their arrangements are very nice, and their prices are reasonable.



NEW OFFICE HOURS

**MON-THUR
12:45-4:45pm**



Announcements

September Anniversaries



Carl & Diane Keith	9/02
Gary & Deb Smith	9/10
Dick & Gwen Anderson	9/12
Shaun & Alexandria Bussing	9/20
Todd & Stephanie Demar	9/20
Bob & Carole Zachrich	9/26



Attn Gardeners

Anyone wishing to donate 1 or 2 fresh flower bouquets for the Altar from your garden, please contact Kate Frank. Herb stems and colorful bush branches could be included for greenery too!

September Birthdays



Bob Fields	9/05
Angie Gutman	9/05
Vern Mullett	9/06
Carter Kistner	9/09
Cora Bostelman	9/10
Randy Engel	9/12
Gary Smith	9/12
Mary	8/12
Bob Zachrich	8/19
Marsha Deniston	8/23
Maya Epple	8/24
Shellie Engel	8/26
Wilbur Gick	8/28
Duane Engel	8/31

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

Dawn McKibben

Dawn was a huge part of our ministry here at Zion's Lutheran and has made her move to her new location. We would like to share her address with anyone who may want to send her a note/card:

820 Westlake Drive
Troy, OH 45373

INNKEEPERS COMMUNITY MEAL KITCHEN HELP

Zion's Lutheran Innkeepers Community Meal Team is in need of volunteers to help prepare, package, and hand out meals to the families who seek assistance from our Innkeepers Pantry.

The pantry holds their give-away on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Volunteers would be needed from 2:00-5:30pm. **We simply cannot do it without help as there are 100+ meals served. Please consider helping. It's a great opportunity to come together and serve the community.**

Announcements



**Come to Zion's Worship Services and
welcome our special guests**

Defiance County Special Olympics Visitors

Sunday, September 6th

The Softball/Track Teams

Coach Brandon Zartman

James Branham

Phillip Brown

Anthony Urivez

Matthew Wayne

Sunday, September 13th

The Basketball/Bowling Teams

Coordinator Toby Bostater

Drake Tuttobene

Josh Dietz



Announcements

Zion's Lutheran Church HVAC Fund – Phase 1

\$160,861 PAID

\$161,000

\$120k

\$80k

\$40k



PHASE 1

COMPLETED
REPLACE
BOILER & CHILLER



\$160,861 PAID

\$0 REMAINING

- ✓ \$160,861 Paid (as of 8/18/26)
- ✓ \$0 Remaining
- ➡ Phase 1: Completed!

NEXT PHASE

Goal TBD

Your Comfort is Our Mission

Upcoming Events



We are proud to announce that as part of God's Work Our Hands on **SEPTEMBER 13**, we will be hosting a luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraiser for **Defiance County Special Olympics**.



Mark your calendars and make plans to attend!



EVERYONE BELONGS

Our athletes demonstrate courage, strength, determination, and skill while building lifelong friendships and confidence. Families, volunteers, coaches, and community members work together to create an inclusive environment where everyone belongs.

SPORTS OFFERED

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Bocce
- Track & Field
- Powerlifting
- Softball
- Flag Football
- Bowling
- Various Sports Clinics and Skill Development Opportunities



Special Olympics
Ohio



OUR MISSION

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and their families, fellow athletes, and the community.

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

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September 13, 2026

SERVING LUNCH AT 11:00 AM
SILENT AUCTION

GOING FOR THE GOLD

**BAKED
POTATO BAR**



*Jumbo baked potatoes
with a large variety of toppings*

SERVING UP GOLD

**SUNDAE
BAR**



*Make your own
ice cream sundae!*

FREE-WILL OFFERING

Fundraiser for Defiance County Special Olympics

Resources provided by a Thrivent Action Team Grant



♥ Providing funds for
sporting activities and
related expenses
♥

Zion's Lutheran Church

1801 E. Second St. • Defiance, Ohio

Upcoming Events

www.onestep5krunwalk.org

ONE STEP AT A TIME

FREE
for the
15th Year
Anniversary



5K RUN/WALK
In Memory of Scott Hammersmith

September 26, 2026

9:00 A.M. Start

Defiance College Football Field

Rain or Shine

**STAY;
TOMORROW
NEEDS
YOU**
CALL OR TEXT
#988

Register at runsignup.com

Upcoming Events



Zion's Operation Secret Santa

ATTENTION: Zion's members, families, and friends with financial needs. Zion's will be doing something this year to help families with little one's at Christmas time.

All children ages 0—10 are welcome. We will try to help as many as possible.

To register families in need, please fill out both pages of the "REQUEST FORM" for **EACH** child and return it to a Zion's Representative or put in Colleen Holley's church mailbox.

(Forms will be distributed beginning June 14, 2026)

ALL FORMS NEED TURNED IN BY NOVEMBER 1, 2026

If you would like to help, please fill out an "OPERATION SECRET SANTA VOLUNTEER SHEET" and put it in Colleen Holley's church mailbox.

DISTRIBUTION DATE WILL BE DECEMBER 12, 2026

FORMS

**FORMS WILL
BE AVAILABLE
BEGINNING
JUNE 14th**



**FORMS
WILL BE LOCATED
IN THE
CHURCH LIBRARY**

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE Festival of Tables

Sponsored by the Women's Guild of Filling Homes

Saturday, September 26th @ 12:00 noon

Filling Home, N160 State Route 108, Napoleon, OH 43545

There is more information on the bulletin board in the Narthex

Tickets are \$15 each.
There 16 seats
available!



There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Sign up deadline is September 11th!

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.*

Did you know?

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

**SEPT. NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**
September 24, 2026

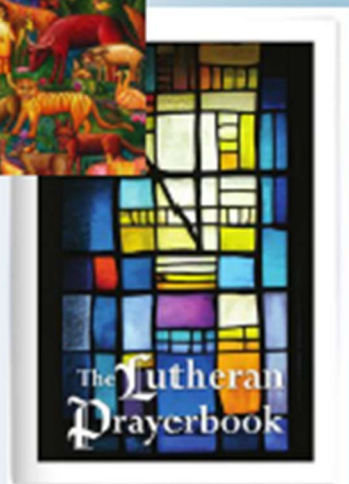
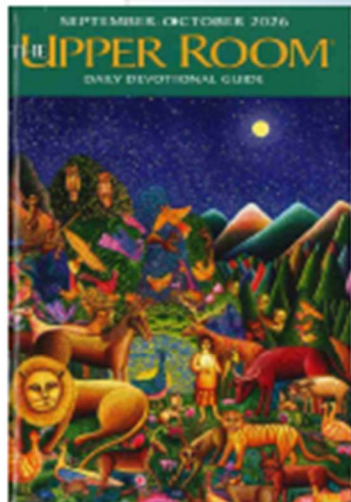
Please remember to call the church office when:

1. You will be or have already moved.
2. 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.



PUBLICATIONS

(Get your copy in the Narthex)



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:

Mon, Sept. 14 @ 12pm



Lutherans of Long Standing

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

**Next Meeting:
Tue, Sept. 1 @ 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:

TBA



Worship & Music Team

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Hofer Room at the Church.

**Next Meeting:
Tue, Sept. 8 @ 6pm**



September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 2:00p LLS Group	2 10:30a Dukimers 12:00p AA Group 6:00p Bell Choir	3 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS	4	5
6 9:00a Acolyte Train. 9:45a Worship 7:30p AA Group	7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:30p Barbershop	8 2 6:00p Worship/Music	9 10:30a Dukimers 12:00p AA Group 4:30p Mutual Ministry 4:30p Pantry Dist. & Meal 6:00p Bell Choir 6:30p New Member Class	10 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS	11 Sign-up deadline For Festival of Tables	12
13 RALLY DAY 9:00a Sunday School 9:45a Worship 11:30a GWOH Lunch 7:30p AA Group	14 12:00p Book Group 4:15p CIA Group 7:00p Barbershop	15	16 10:30a Dukimers 12:00p AA Group 6:00p Bell Choir 6:30p New Member Class	17 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS	18	19 John Jacob's Birthday Party
20 8:45a Adult Forum 9:00a Sunday School 9:45a Worship 7:30p AA Group	21 6:00p Council Mtg. 7:00p Barbershop	22	23 10:30a Dukimers 12:00p AA Group 6:00p Bell Choir	24 9:00a Men's Group 4:30p Finance Comm 5:00p TOPS	25	26 Festival of Tables
27 9:00a Sunday School 9:45a Worship 7:30p AA Group	28 7:00p Barbershop	29	30 10:30a Dukimers 12:00p AA Group 6:00p Bell Choir 6:00p Bible Study			

SEPTEMBER LESSONS

Sept 6 PENT 15	EZEKIEL 33:7-11	PSALM 119:33-40	ROMANS 13:8-14	MATTHEW 18:15-20
Sept. 13 PENT 16	GENESIS 50:15-21	PSALM 103:1-13	ROMANS 14:1-12	MATTHEW 18:21-35
Sept. 20 PENT 17	JONAH 3:10-4:11	PSALM 145:1-8	PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30	MATTHEW 20:1-16
Sept. 27 PENT 18	EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32	PSALM 25:1-9	PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13	MATTHEW 21:23-32

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday
9am—2pm



WORSHIP SERVICE
Sundays
9:45am



Pastor
Tom Zulick



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.