



ZION NEWSLETTER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
*SERVING THE LORD FAITHFULLY
IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS
SINCE 1882.*

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COLUMBUS OH 43206

Serving Christ
& Serving You:

Pastor

Rev. Wes Hromowyk

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make sure there is some-
one in the office.



Zion Newsletter

July 2025

"Faith Is Nurtured Here"?

A few years back a university sent a poster to Zion with the words "Faith is nurtured here" encircled by a collage of pictures. The pictures included (clockwise beginning from the top) the profile of a girl receiving ashes on her forehead (though you could not see what the ashes depicted), students around a campfire holding unlit candles held in folded hands, a young man painting (looking closely after flipping the poster upside down one can see he is painting the Greek letters Alpha and Omega), two students reading together an unidentifiable book, two other students who appear to be singing while holding a piece of paper in what appears to be a chapel, the back of a student playing an organ with stained glass windows in the background, a profile of a person smirking, two female students with lit candles, and two students who appear to be serving soup, with one of the students having ashes in the shape of a cross on her forehead.

Putting the best construction on it, the message showed ways students could serve in some capacity as students at that university. The title, however, was misleading. Faith is not nurtured by those means. Faith could be expressed by those means. Assuming each of those students depicted had true faith, for without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6), the pictures could represent a living faith that expresses itself in works. Faith apart from works is dead (Js 2:26) afterall.

Just for fun, what university do you think made this poster? A Christian might make godly assumptions about it, but none of the pictures depicted any clear confession of Christianity or Lutheranism for that matter, let alone how God actually nurtures faith, particularly a Christian faith. The letters Alpha and Omega, while often used by Christians reflecting what John records in Revelation about God being the first and the last, could also simply be a fraternity house or something secular. The ash cross on the young gal serving soup certainly is a Christian symbol, but there's nothing sacramental about receiving ashes. In fact, it's not even commanded by God in Scripture. The two students singing in what appears to be a chapel could be Jews in a Synagogue or Muslims in a mosque.

The point of this month's Newsletter is to get us thinking deeper about "faith language." It is important to define the terms we use when talking about the Christian faith. It is equally as important for us to consider and discern the definitions other people use when talking about faith. When a Christian, and particularly in this case a Lutheran sees the words "Faith is nurtured here", we immediately rejoice assuming the truthfulness of those words and also thank God the opposite isn't true: that "Faith is destroyed here!"

But if the university who sent us that poster was truly committed to their motto, they should have been much clearer in expressing how faith is nurtured there. There could have been pictures of the Means of Grace, perhaps a pastor preaching from the pulpit holding a Bible in his hand, a college student getting baptized at the Font, or the Lord's Supper being celebrated during a Divine Service on campus. At a bare minimum, Jesus would be on it – and more than just an obscure, tiny, upside down Alpha and Omega or an ash cross!

We need to be bold and clear in our confession. Recently at the District Convention, there was an overture on In-Vitro Fertilization. It was unclear. The questions and comments on the floor made that obvious. The overture was sent back to the floor committee and they re-presented it a few hours later. It was much clearer and concise. I whispered to a pastor and our lay delegate, "Calling it now – it will pass 95%!" Sure enough, 95.3% voted in favor of rejecting IVF. The point is, it never would have passed as a vague overture. Bold and clear is the best way to confess Christ Jesus. Christians will rally around that. Jesus is always clear in His Word. We need to be clear in our Confession. Christ nurtures faith by the means of grace. Faith is expressed by the works Christians do. The poster referenced above comingled Law and Gospel. Imagine the student who believed his faith was nurtured by doing acts of service. It would lead to confessing salvation comes by works apart from faith, rather than confessing "we are justified by faith apart from works of the Law" (Rom 3:28)! May God grant us always to be clear in our confession that we might lead others to true faith, which is nurtured through Word and Sacrament!

In Christ,

Pastor Hromowyk

Worship Schedule

Thank you to our Altar Guild members serving for the month of **JULY**



Sunday, July 6, 2025; Divine Service; Setting 3; with Holy Communion

Trinity 3

Sermon (Pastor Hromowyk)

Lessons:

Micah 7; 18-20 ; 1 Peter 5; 6-11 ; Luke 15; 11-23

Hymns:

915 - "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

608 - "Lord, to You I Make Confession"

Distribution Hymns:

612 - "As Rebels, Lord, Who Have Foolishly Wandered"

618 - "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

611 - "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

966 - "Before You, Lord We Bow"

645 - "Built on the Rock"



Sunday, July 13, 2025; Divine Service; Setting 3; with Holy Communion

Trinity 4

Sermon (Vicar Dunsmore)

Lessons:

Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 12:14-21; Luke 6:36-42

Hymns:

719 - "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

696 - "O God, My Faithful God"

Distribution Hymns:

627 - "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

809 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

725 - "Children of the Heavenly Father"

643 - "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

683 - "Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me"



Sunday, July 20, 2025; Divine Service; Setting 3; with Holy Communion

Trinity 5

Sermon (Pastor Hromowyk)

Lessons:

1 Kings 19:11-21; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; Luke 5:1-11

Hymns:

589 - "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

688 - "Come Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

Distribution Hymns:

636 - "Soul, Adorn Yourselves with Gladness"

831 - "How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard"

856 - "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

924 - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

827 - "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"





Worship Schedule



Sunday, July 27, 2025; Divine Service; Setting 4; with Holy Communion

Trinity 6

Sermon (Chaplain Bell)

(Pastor Hromowyk preaching at Pastor-elect Hinojosa's Ordination)

Lessons:

Ex. 20:1-17; Rom. 6 (1-2) 3-11; Matt 5:(17-19) 20-26

Hymns:

581 - "These are the Holy Ten Commands"

562 - "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

956 - "Create in Me"

Distribution Hymns:

637 - "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

563 - "Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness"

594 - "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It"

567 - "Not What These Hands Have Done"

829 - "Christ the Eternal Lord"



Zion Family,

I would like to extend an invitation for my ordination and installation into the Office of the Holy Ministry on Sunday July 27th at 3:00PM. The service will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills Michigan. Please RSVP as there will be a meal afterwards. I hope you can make it and we will be delighted to see you there!



In Christ,
Pastor-elect, Alex Hinojosa

BOOK OF JUDGES



2025 VBS
ZION EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 7th – 11th
9:30am – Noon

optional breakfast
at 9am &
lunch at noon

Get Excited For
Vacation
Bible
School



Worship ATTENDANCE

Thursday, May 29
Ascension
Worship - 92
Holy Communion - 76

Sunday, June 1
Worship - 186
Holy Communion - 154
Sunday School - 103

Wednesday, June 4
Divine Worship - 35
Holy Communion - 29

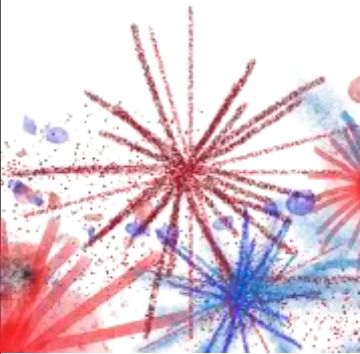
Sunday, June 8
Worship - 179
Holy Communion - 154
Sunday School - 111

Wednesday, June 11
Compline Worship - 17

Sunday, June 15
Worship - 177
Holy Communion - 142
Sunday School - 98

Wednesday, June 18
Compline Worship - 24

Sunday, June 22 (Matins)
Worship - 197



Those sick and suffering...
Those serving in the military...
Our shut ins...
Expectant Parents...
Parents of newborn babies...

If you would like to submit a prayer request: Contact the church office via e-mail at office@zionlcms.org or phone at (614)444-3456.

**Please offer prayers for both the expectant parents and their babies.*

**Please use this prayer list in your daily prayers.*

Sunday School Classes

In assigned classrooms 9:30 AM for children ages three through high school, every Sunday.

Adult Bible Class

In the Fellowship Hall; 9:30 AM

Sundays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27

Beverage and Pastry Note:

The Board of Parish Activities provides Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Ice Water and Doughnuts during the Adult Bible Class, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Please join us each Sunday morning.



Wednesday Night Service & Bible Study - The First Wednesday Service, beginning at 7:00 PM, will be Divine Service, Setting Three, with Holy Communion. The remaining Wednesdays, will be Compline, beginning at 7:00 PM. There is a Bible Study following the Services, in the Family Room. Private Confession & Absolution are available from 6:15-6:45 PM, in Pastor Hromowyk's Office, all Wednesdays unless otherwise noted.



CAN TABS FOR GOOD

Thank You!

to all of you who are collecting pull tabs from cans. The collected tabs were given to Ronald McDonald House Charities. A thank you for the donation was sent from Ronald McDonald House Charities to Zion. Let's keep collecting



the tabs. A container for the tabs is on a table in Fellowship Hall. The money Ronald McDonald House Charities obtains from the tabs, helps pay the electric bills for the House. This is an easy way to help the families of children who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their children are being treated at Children's Hospital.

If you have to miss the Sunday service, please watch the recorded service on Zion's YouTube channel at

[Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Columbus, OH - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



Sunday School



Third Quarter Offerings are going to: **LSS Food Pantry**



If you'd like to be a greeter, to welcome your fellow church family members and guests, call the office and we'll find just the right spot on the schedule for you. Thank you!



Gottesdienst - The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy

We have a quarterly subscription for 10 copies which are available for you to take home to read and then return when finished. They are located on the table outside of the family room.

Please consider serving those less fortunate by giving a few hours of your time.



LSS Food Pantry
1460 South Champion Ave.
Columbus, OH 43206

Volunteer Parking is located in the lot on Frebis across from the pantry. Please enter through the door marked "Volunteers enter here" located on Frebis Ave.

These are email addresses for the different officers and committees at Zion. If you need to reach them, send them an email and it will be forwarded to each member of that group.

elders@zionlcms.org
lcmsu@zionlcms.org
evangelism@zionlcms.org
pastorh@zionlcms.org
stewardship@zionlcms.org
treas@zionlcms.org
trustees@zionlcms.org
sssuper@zionlcms.org
activities@zionlcms.org
churchofficers@zionlcms.org
education@zionlcms.org



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Life Team News

ANNUAL DIAPER & WIPES DRIVE –
The ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER wants to thank everyone who participated in our Diaper and Wipes Drive. Your donations are very much appreciated as the center assists new moms and dads that need some help providing for their little ones.



Please keep
praying for
the
littlest of
these!



**LORD, IN OUR WORK FOR YOU,
MAY WE FIND YOU.**

PRO-LIFE PRAYER

Lord God,

We thank you for the gift of Life, and for our call to the mission of protecting the most vulnerable among us and responding with love and mercy to those wounded by the Culture of Death.

Yours is a call to courage and virtue. We do not cower for fear of our opponents or worry about their perceived political strength. Instead, you invite us to stand in the light of Your Resurrection and proclaim to the Culture of Death, "you have no place here; you have been defeated."

We are filled with the profound joy that only you can give. In the strength of that joy, may we continue to proclaim your truth and share your grace, not only within the walls of our churches, but in the halls of government, in the media, and in every inch of the public square.

Lord, in our work for you, may we find you. In our efforts to change the world, may we be changed, and as we build a Culture of Life, may we find Life Eternal.

We pray all this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

PRAY WITH US: GCRTL.ORG

**IN OUR EFFORTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD,
MAY WE BE CHANGED.**

**AS WE BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE,
MAY WE FIND LIFE ETERNAL.**

**50 YEARS OF GREATER
COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church's

08.09.25

Ohio Winkel For Laity

Details:

Join us and our panel of pastor presenters to strengthen your knowledge on a variety of topics pertinent to the laity. Enjoy also plenty of time for fellowship. Light breakfast and lunch provided.

Cost: Free Will Donation

Registration: 8-9 AM

Closing Service: 2:30 PM

Singles Mixer: 3 PM (ages 21-40)

RSVP by emailing registerforOWL@gmail.com with name, home congregation, and whether you will attend the singles mixer

See you there!

766 S. High Street, Columbus OH

Further details at ZionLCMS.org when available.



**Come &
Support
our Summer
Softball Team!**



Come and cheer on
our Church's Soft-
ball Team.

They play Sunday
afternoons, June to
August at
St. James, Hilliard.
Bring chairs, snacks
and plenty of water
and sunscreen!





2025 Cornhole Tournament Recap



We had our 7th Cornhole Tournament, May 31, and it was our best one yet!! The weather was perfect as 20 adult teams and 5 kid teams competed. **Thanks to my board teammates for their help in setting up and cleaning up! Very special thanks to those who prepared and donated 95% of the food; and to Pastor for putting the bracket together. A winner's board is displayed in the Fellowship Hall; be sure to check it out!**

Under 45-ish Cookout



(For anyone 18-45ish and their families)

We will meet Saturday, July 26, from 4:30-8:30 pm

We will provide hot dogs, drinks, and s'mores. You can bring a side dish or dessert. We will have yard games for adults and a bounce house (or a water slide) for the kids.

Please RSVP to to our Facebook Group.



NEW ADDITIONS!! **ZION'S CHURCH LIBRARY** **NEW ADDITIONS!!**

MAGAZINE

Biblical Archaeology Review Summer 2025 Celebrating 50 years of Discovery

MUSIC

Then Sings My Soul authored by Robert J Morgan. 250 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories

HISTORY

Palestine In the Time of Jesus by K.C. Hanson and Douglas E. Oakman. Social structures and social conflicts.

CD

The Kantorei sung by the Concordia Theological Seminary.

RELIGION

Reader's Bible English Standard Version Historical Books

Reader's Bible English Standard Version...Prophets



Coming Events - Hosted by the Board of Parish Activities

Vicar Receptions:

Saying Goodbye to our current Vicar. We will be having a “Goodbye” Reception Sunday, July 13, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:20 AM. There will be refreshments (doughnuts, danish, and fruit); a short Bible Study (led by Vicar) and fellowship. Hope to see you there! There will be a card basket in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome Reception for our new Vicar is on Sunday, July 20, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:20 AM. There will be refreshments (cake, cupcakes) with a “getting to know you” question and answer session along with a short Bible Study (led by Pastor). Hope to see you there!

We are **also having a Gift Card Shower** to welcome Vicar into our Church Family. In lieu of a food pantry shower, we think that this is a better way to serve his needs. There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall, for you to place your donations. Suggestions for gift cards: Amazon, Kroger and Local Restaurants.



Mark Your Calendars!!



Church Picnic is Sunday, August 17, 2025

Thompson Park North Shelter in Upper Arlington

4:00-7:30 PM (with eating together at 5:00 PM)

Bring your own meat (we will have a grill ready for those who want to cook), your drinks, one dish to share, your picnic supplies and a lawn chair. Lemonade will be provided; and water fountains are also available.

Feel free to bring corn hole boards, softball equipment and/or a kickball to use on the softball fields. There is a wonderful playground right next to the shelter and we are also planning to have some group games and a hymn sing!

Come and join in the fun and fellowship!



Hear "The Lutheran Hour" on Sundays at various stations and times.

Station	City	Freq	Band	Day	Time
WHKW	Cleveland	1220	AM	Sun.	8:00 AM
WTAM	Cleveland	1100	AM	Sun.	6:30 AM
WFCO	Lancaster	90.9	FM	Sun.	8:30 <u>PM</u>
WHIZ	Zanesville	102.5	FM	Sun.	8:00 AM
WHIZ	Zanesville	1240	AM	Sun.	8:00 AM



Website at www.lhm.org. The broadcast is also podcast.
For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

Sunday, July 6 - "A Little Light, Reading" (Job 1:8)

Sunday, July 13 - "Fearless and Endless Growing" (Colossians 1:1-14)

Sunday, July 20- "God's Plan = Jesus" (John 16:33)

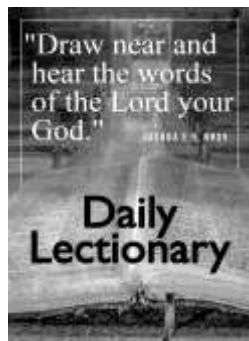
Sunday, July 27 - "Getting the Talk Started" (Luke 11:1)

Together in God's Word:

Listed below are
an Old Testament and a
New Testament reading
for each day of the week,
for the month of

JULY

Join with your family of faith
in this daily time with God.

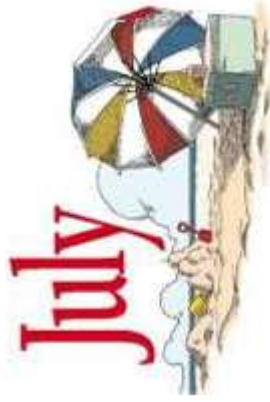


1 July	Joshua 6:6-27; Acts 10:18-33
2 July	Joshua 7:1-26; Acts 10:34-48
3 July	Joshua 8:1-28; Acts 11:1-18
4 July	Joshua 10:1-25; Acts 11:19-30
5 July	Joshua 23:1-16; Acts 12:1-25
TRINITY 3	Joshua 24:1-31; Acts 13:1-12
7 July	Judges 2:6-23; Acts 13:13-41
8 July	Judges 3:7-31; Acts 13:42-52
9 July	Judges 4:1-24; Acts 14:1-18
10 July	Judges 6:1-24; Acts 14:19--15:5
11 July	Judges 6:25-40; Acts 15:6-21
12 July	Judges 7:1-23; Galatians 1:1-24
TRINITY 4	Judges 13:1-25; Galatians 2:1-21
14 July	Judges 14:1-20; Galatians 3:1-22
15 July	Judges 15:1--16:3; Galatians 3:23--4:11
16 July	Judges 16:4-30; Galatians 4:12-31
17 July	1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 5:1-26

18 July	1 Samuel 1:31--2:17; Galatians 6:1-18
19 July	1 Samuel 2:18-36; Acts 15:22-41
TRINITY 5	1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22
21 July	1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40
22 July	1 Samuel 5:1--6:3, 10-16; Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
23 July	1 Samuel 6:19--7:17; Acts 19:1-22
24 July	1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36
25 July	1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37--22:16
26 July	1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29
TRINITY 6	1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 22:30--23:11
28 July	1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35
29 July	1 Samuel 14:47--15:9; Acts 24:1-23
30 July	1 Samuel 15:10-35; Acts 24:24--25:12
31 July	1 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27






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July

Zion Lutheran Church Calendar July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /Adult Bible Class No Softball Game		1 	2 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Divine Service Setting 3 w/ Holy Communion 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	3 9:30-11:30 Donation Room	4  Staff day off	5
6 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /Adult Bible Class No Softball Game	7	8 6:30 Elders' Meeting	9 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	10 	11 5:30 Boonyakieat Wedding Rehearsal Staff day off	12 4:00 Boonyakieat Wedding
Vacation Bible School 9:30 - Noon						
13 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /Adult Bible Class with Farewell Reception for Vicar Dunsmore Rachel & Eleanor 3:30 & 5:30 Softball Games	14 7:00 Life Team Meeting	15 7:15 All Boards 8:30 Parish Planning	16 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	17 	18	19 Men's Group Location & Time TBD 
20 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class with Welcome Reception/Gift Card Shower for Vicar Mars, Hannah & Rachel 4:30 Softball Game	21 	22 	23 12:30-4:00 Zion's Food Pantry Day 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall August Newsletter Deadline	24	25 Staff day off	26 4:30 Under 45ish Cookout 
27 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 4 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 2:30 Softball Game 3:00 Pastor-Elect Hinojosa's ordination and installation service - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills MI.	28 	29	30 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	31	Staff day off  Summer	

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Columbus, Ohio 43206
"German Village" Area
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



*"The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all
the people."
Psalm 99:2*

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