



ZION NEWSLETTER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
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Zion Newsletter

June 2026

Serving Christ &
Serving You:

Pastor

Rev. Wes Hromowyk

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Secretary

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Wednesday & Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

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A Theological Defense of Rest

What is the 3rd Commandment? Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. (Luther's Small Catechism)

Because of Luther's excellent teaching, we always focus on the need for Christians to hear the Word of God whenever we discuss the 3rd Commandment. In other words, Christians need to go to Church to receive God's Word and Sacraments. This is certainly commendable and right, but there is more to this commandment.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy (Ex. 20:8-11).

Notice that God primarily distinguished between work and rest. While Luther is absolutely correct that we should focus on God and His gifts to us on our Sabbath day (Sunday, the Day of Resurrection), it is just as important that God gave us a day to rest. I have noticed that we Lutherans are really good at defending the need to be in Church on Sunday mornings, but we are not good at defending the need for people to rest.

Our modern world is obsessed with productivity. Glance at a self-help section in any bookstore, and I guarantee that a decent percentage of the books are about being more productive. Podcasts on how to focus and get more done abound. Because of the internet and phones, jobs are a call or a few clicks away. Even the term "workaholic" does not have the negative connotation it should; instead, it is often used as either a self-deprecating joke or a mark of pride that one's life is so productive.

This mindset has even infected our downtime. Hobbies and sports eat up our evenings and weekends. Tidying up the house, doing yard work, and trying to catch up on home projects fill our time at home. Even when we do sit down, relax, or take a nap, we often feel guilty that "we aren't doing more," or "we're not spending out time wisely."

All of this flies in the face of God's intention with the 3rd Commandment. God Himself—the all-powerful who never gets tired—rested on the seventh day. How much more so do we need rest, we limited creatures who get tired constantly and can only live moment to moment. This rest is another of God's gifts to us.

So, ensure that you take a day off to rest. Spend the time with your friends and family. Read a book, be outside, watch a show or movie, play a board game, enjoy your hobbies, converse with others, or simply take a nap. Don't do chores or yardwork or sort through your email on your phone. Don't feel bad when you use the gift God has given you. If possible, take your rest the same day you go to Church. After you receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, enjoy His gift of rest the remainder of the day. If your vocation requires you to work the same day you go to Church, rest another day of the week. Through it all, remember Christ's words: **"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27)**. Enjoy God's gift of rest! Let it restore you so that you can return to your vocations with more vigor.

A blessed summer to you,
Vicar Mars



Worship Schedule

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



Sunday, June 7, 2026; Divine Service; Setting 3 with Holy Communion

Trinity 1

Sermon: Vicar Mars

Lessons:

Genesis 15:1-6; 1 John 4:16-21; Luke 16:19-31

Distribution Hymns:

Hymns:

797 - "Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him"

768 - "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

620 - "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

696 - "O God, My Faithful God"

744 - "Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"

625 - "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

708 - "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"



Sunday, June 14, 2026; Divine Service; Setting 3; with Holy Communion

Trinity 2

Sermon: Pastor Hromowyk

Lessons:

Proverbs 9:1-10; Ephesians 2:13-22; Luke 14:15-24

Hymns:

904 - "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

622 - "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Distribution Hymns:

623 - "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

760 - "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

774 - "Feed Thy Children"

514 - "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

730 - "What Is the World To Me"



Sunday, June 21, 2026; Matins with NO Holy Communion

Trinity 3

Sermon: Vicar Mars

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"

645 - "Built on the Rock"



**Sunday, June 28, 2026; Divine Service; Setting 3;
with Holy Communion**

Trinity 4

Sermon: Chaplain Bell

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"



June Voters' Meeting
Sunday, June 14, 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Coming Events

From the Board of Parish Activities

Conspiracy Band; R & B, rock and roll, jazz

Friday, July 10, 2026

6:00-9:00 PM.

Parks and Rec.

3359 Park St., Grove City, OH, 43123.

Come with your lawn chair or blanket; there are food trucks and Dora.

Members of the Board will arrive an hour before the concert... we will try and sit together!

This is a really good band, and they put on a fun concert! Hope to see you there!



Church Picnic is

Sunday, August 16, 2026

4:00-7:30 PM

(with together at 5:00 PM)

Thompson Park

North Shelter in Upper Arlington

Complete details will be communicated closer to the date.



The Zion youth are planning to attend the **Higher Things conference in St Louis, June 23 - 26:**

Please pray for safe travel for the youth and chaperones!



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.

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GREETERS NEEDED -Welcome your church family and guests. Just call the church office and we'll help you find a date and time that works for you. Thank you so much for volunteering your time in this way. You are very much appreciated!

(Openings in July & August)



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

Zion's shift is the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY** of each month, from 12:30-4:00pm.

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.



CELEBRATING WITH YOU!



July 13—17
 Monday through Friday
 9:30 AM to 12 PM.
 A light lunch will be served after VBS each day. Registration forms and volunteer sign-ups will be coming soon. Please reach out to Vicar Mars or any of the Christian Education members if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.

Worship ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, April 29
Compline Worship - 30

Sunday, May 3
Worship - 234
Holy Communion - 183
Sunday School - 115

Wednesday, May 6
Worship - 23
Holy Communion - 19

Sunday, May 10
Worship - 226
Holy Communion - 176
Sunday School - 110

Ascension - Thursday, May 14
Worship - 94
Holy Communion - 75

Sunday, May 17
Worship - 186
Holy Communion - 151
Sunday School - 91

Wednesday, May 20
Compline Worship - 29

Sunday, May 24
Worship - 180
Holy Communion - 148
Sunday School - 93



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE



RED ATTENDANCE BOOK IN THE PEW

- ♥ Those sick and suffering:
- ♥ Those Who have lost loved ones:
- ♥ 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, June 7, 14, 21 & 28



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. We'd love to have you join us each Sunday morning.



Sunday School Mission Offerings

The Second Quarter Mission Offerings will go to:

Voice of Martyrs



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 Fellowship Hall. Private Confession & Absolution are available from 6:15 - 6:45 PM, in Pastor Hromowyk's Office, all Wednesdays unless otherwise noted.

PLEASE JOIN US!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

OHIO WINKEL FOR LAITY

The 5th annual Ohio Winkel for Laity is August 8th 2026 at Zion, Columbus. Join us for speakers, food, fellowship, and worship!

DETAILS TO FOLLOW AT ZIONLCMS.ORG

SAVE THE DATE



Join us at **Under 45ish Cookout!** See You There!

UNDER 45ish GROUP
(young-ish adults & families with young-ish kids) will meet **Saturday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m.** The hosts will provide the hot-dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. We will have yard games for adults & a bounce house for the kids.

More information & RSVP on Facebook "Zion Ev. Lutheran's Under 45-ish Group"

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

[Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Columbus Ohio - YouTube](#)

A BIG Thank You!

to all of our members who have been saving can rings for the Ronald McDonald House. Zion members saved a very large number of rings before Christmas and then again after Christmas! The people at the Ronald McDonald House are always grateful for our contributions. This small gift from us helps pay for the electricity used at the Ronald McDonald House. Parents of ill children stay at this house while their children are undergoing treatment. Our Christian love is shown in many ways! Thanks again!





**Human Care Ingathering
For Ohio District LWML Convention
June 26-27, 2026
Hosted by Northeast Ohio Zones**



Collected Items go to:

Lutheran Metropolitan Missions – small toys for young children, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby shampoo and baby lotion

Laura’s Home Women’s Crisis Center – twin sheets, tampons, period pads and deodorant

Project Hope Homeless Shelter – coffee, powdered creamer, sugar packets, cereal, paper plates and napkins

Received items will be gathered and sorted by the members of Zion’s Ladies’ Aid, a unit of the Central Zone LWML.

Look for blue totes in the narthex and at the rear door April 12 – June 7.

THANK YOU!

**LCMS-U Bible Study
will be on
Summer Break
until
September!**



Join our Zion
ORGANISTS



Please join the Zion organists as we raise our voices in praise to God and rejoice in His gift of music! A hymn sing is planned for Saturday, July 25th at 10:30am.

We hope you can join us!

ANNUAL DIAPERS AND WIPES DRIVE STARTS TODAY - Our annual diapers and wipes drive for the Alpha Pregnancy Help Center in Columbus will run from Mother’s Day, May 10 until Father’s Day, June 21. The real need this year is for diapers in sizes 4 – 6, but they are grateful for any support you can give. Please put your diapers and/or wipes in the designated boxes at the rear entrance or the front entrance of the church. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping moms and dads that need a bit of help!

**DIAPER
& WIPE
DRIVE**



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

| <u>Station</u> | <u>City</u> | <u>Freq</u> | <u>Band</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| WHKW | Cleveland | 1220 | AM | Sun. | 8:00 AM |
| WLW | Cincinnati | 700 | AM | Sun. | 7:00 AM |
| WTAM | Cleveland | 1100 | AM | Sun. | 6:30 AM |
| WFCO | Lancaster | 90.9 | FM | Sun. | 8:30 PM |
| WHIZ | Zanesville | 102.5 | FM | Sun. | 8:00 AM |
| WHIZ | Zanesville | 1240 | AM | Sun. | 8:00 AM |



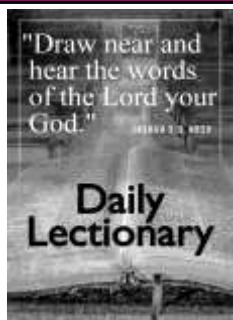
Website at www.lhm.org. The broadcast is also podcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

- Sunday, June 7 - "Peter's Restoration--and Ours" John 21:1-19**
- Sunday, June 14 - "Journey Through Anxiety" Matthew 6:25**
- Sunday, June 21 - "Journey Through Depression" 1 Kings 19:7**
- Sunday, June 28 - "Journey Through Ambition" Matthew 25:21**

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 **JUNE**

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



- 1 June Eccl. 9:1-17; John 9:24-41
- 2 June Eccl. 10:1-20; John 10:1-21
- 3 June Eccl. 11:1-10; John 10:22-42
- 4 June Eccl. 12:1-14; John 11:1-16
- 5 June Prov. 1:8-33; John 11:17-37
- 6 June Prov. 3:5-24; John 11:38-57
- TRINITY 1** Prov. 4:1-27; John 12:1-19
- 8 June Prov. 5:1-23; John 12:20-36a
- 9 June Prov. 8:1-21; John 12:36b-50
- 10 June Prov. 8:22-36; John 13:1-20
- 11 June Prov. 9:1-18; John 13:21-38
- 12 June Prov. 10:1-23; John 14:1-17
- 13 June Prov. 13:1-25; John 14:18-31
- TRINITY 2** Prov. 14:1-27; John 15:1-11
- 15 June Prov. 15:1-29; John 15:12-27
- 16 June Prov. 16:1-24; John 16:1-16
- 17 June Prov. 17:1-28; John 16:17-33
- 18 June Prov. 20:5-25; John 17:1-26
- 19 June Prov. 22:1-21; John 18:1-14
- 20 June Prov. 22:23--23:12; John 18:15-40

- TRINITY 3** Prov. 24:1-22; John 19:1-22
- 22 June Prov. 25:1-22; John 19:23-42
- 23 June Prov. 27:1-24; John 20:1-18
- 24 June Prov. 30:1-9 & 18-33; John 20:19-31
- 25 June Prov. 31:10-31; John 21:1-25
- 26 June Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 8:1-25
- 27 June Joshua 2:1-24; Acts 8:26-40
- TRINITY 4** Joshua 3:1-17; Acts 9:1-22
- 29 June Joshua 4:1-24; Acts 9:23-43
- 30 June Joshua 5:1--6:5; Acts 10:1-17





















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Zion Lutheran Church Calendar

JUNE 2026



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1  | 2  | 3 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Divine Service Setting 3 w/ Holy Communion 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall | 4 9:30-11:30 Donation Room  | 5 4:30 Schilling Wedding Rehearsal Staff Day Off | 6 9:00-6:00 Lutheran Family Day Trinity Sponsgle Lutheran Church in Sugar Grove, OH 2:00 Schilling Wedding | |
| 7 ... TRINITY 1 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /Adult Bible Class | 8  | 9 6:30 Elders Meeting | 10 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall | 11  | 12  Staff Day Off | 13 4:30 Under 45ish Group Cookout at Schneiders House |
| 14 ... TRINITY 2 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /NO Adult Bible Class VOTER'S MEETING - 9:30AM | 15  | 16 6:30 All Boards 8:00 Parish Planning | 17 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution/Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall | 18  | 19 Staff Day Off | 20 Lutheran Young Adults 2pm-7pm |
| 21 ... TRINITY 3 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Maats NO Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /Adult Bible Class | 22  | 23  | 24 12:30-4:00 Zion's Day at Food Pantry 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall July Newsletter Deadline | 25  | 26  Staff Day Off | 27  |
| Pastor & Family on Vacation to WI | | | | | | |
| 28 ... TRINITY 4 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /Adult Bible Class | 29  | 30  |  |  <p> HOW PRECIOUS TO ME ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, GOD... WERE TO COUNT THEM, THEY WOULD OUTFURNER WHEN I AWAKE, I AM STILL WITH YOU PSALM 138:16 </p> |  <p> MY PRESENCE WILL GO WITH YOU, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. EXODUS 33:14, ESV </p> | |
| Pastor & Family on Vacation to WI | | | | | | |

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Join the **SUMMER FUN!**



Vaction Bible School
July 13-17

Ohio Winkel for Laity
August 8th



Church Picnic
August 16