

ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 5, 2025

This Week at Zion

Sunday, January 5 – Second Sunday after Christmas

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary/ with Children’s church
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth and Adult Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Cont. Worship – MMC/ with Children’s church

Monday (1/6) – Epiphany

[Pray that just as He made Himself known to Gentiles by the star, He might bring the light of the Gospel to all!]

Tuesday (1/7)

[Pray for new church plants and mission starts!]

Wednesday (1/8)

[Pray that we might reach out to people of all ethnicities!!]

9:00 a.m. Forest-Aires

6:00 p.m. Christmas Decoration Clean Up

Thursday (1/9)

[Pray for those marching for life in Washington D.C. and other places. Pray for a powerful witness.]

10:00 a.m. Women’s Guild

6:30 p.m. Elders

Friday (1/10)

[Pray that all children might be brought to the waters of baptism.]

Saturday (1/11)

[Pray that we might raise our young in the faith!]

Sunday, January 12 – The Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary/ with Children’s church
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth and Adult Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Cont. Worship – MMC/ with Children’s church
 12:15 p.m. Zion Youth Ministry Team

From The 66...

Luke 2:40

“And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.”

At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God’s People Assembled: (as of 12/29/24)

Classic 8:00 am: 44

Contemporary 11:00 am: 66

Online: see us on Facebook and zionlc.org (worship tab)

Children’s Church Total: 10

Christian Education Youth: N/A Adults: N/A

God’s People Give with *Treasure* (as of 12/29/24)

Offering: \$17,900.00

God’s People’s Response through November 2024:

Giving: \$530,005 Expenses: \$501,425

Budget: \$551,623

To hit stewardship forecast for 2024: \$11,573/ week

For ways to contribute please go to our website www.zionlc.org and look under the “Give” tab. Thank you for your continued support!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

For the safety of our members and friends we have blocked out this section. If you’d like a copy in full, please contact Zion, office@zionlc.org. Thanks!

Looking Ahead. Giving Back. Noting an Opportunity.

Our staffed **Nursery** is for children ages 3 and under. The nursery is downstairs in the children's ministry area. Parents are welcome to keep their kids in the service, but if they have the wiggles, the nursery is for you. Would you like to help out in the nursery? If you would like to be on the sub list, contact Carolyn Remmele (carolyn.remmele@gmail.com).

Sunday School meets 9:45-10:45 a.m. Parents, check your kids in and out and when Sunday School is over, and please come and pick them up. Kids are studying Foundations of Faith and will be studying the book of Acts through the first few months of 2025. The high school and middle school youth are doing a survey through the Bible, starting in the Genesis. In early 2025, they will study units titled "Pursuing God's Best" (Old Testament history) and "Standing Firm in Adversity" (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther).

Sunday Adult Bible Study – Starting today and running through March 2nd – Because our Sunday School teaches our kids such a rich cross-section of Biblical events and learnings, we thought we'd like to connect you with that. So, whether you're a parent, grand-parent, older or younger adult, newbie or long-term studier of the faith, come and check out this study made to equip us to walk together in the teachings of the church and take them home with you. **Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m., fellowship hall.** This is taught by Don Hoffmann and Pastor Jason.

Mortgage Elimination – Check out the latest with this on the Boards as you enter the worship spaces. "Thank you" to all who have given toward this effort! Keep praying that we can find that right staff person for the Director of Missions and Development. This will be a key person that encourages and coordinates mission activity both inside and outside the congregation. This position will encourage our discipleship process and development. And this position will (hopefully) become a regional resource for the other LCMS congregations in the Cincinnati area. Thanks for your prayers, your giving, and being a part of this exciting time in ministry!

Overcoming Life's Sorrows - Jeremiah Sermon Series, Part 2 -- We'll continue this series as it explores the life and ministry of the prophet Jeremiah. What can we learn from his faithful journey and his message to overcome our suffering, to find hope again, and to cement ourselves *in Christ*. Please remember the reading schedule we started in the Fall (or grab another one on the *Information Table*, and if we need more Jeremiah scripture journals let me know. Through Jeremiah we can see a new day dawning - one where you overcome your sorrows through Christ - just like Jeremiah.

Mission Opportunity: To kick off the new year, we have another mission opportunity available *starting January 12th*! Throughout the months of January and February, we will be collecting items to send over to New Path, which is a "behavioral health and educational treatment agency that helps children and their families on the road to recovery and success." New Path has two locations, one of which is located in Anderson on Sutton Road. We will be collecting **shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath towels, and washcloths** to donate to the residential resource center at New Path. The last day to bring in donations will be February 23rd. Please contact Halle Raicevich or Katie Boone with any questions!

Christmas Decoration Clean-Up -- We will be taking down Christmas decorations in the MMC at **6:00 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 8th**. We will also be going through decorations we have used throughout the years and getting rid of items we no longer use. If you are able to help, we would love to have you there! Questions, contact Halle Raicevich.

January Women's Guild/LWML Meeting - All women of Zion are welcome to come to our first meeting of the new year. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at **10:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 9**. Our speaker will be Tamara Thompson of FOUND VILLAGE. A light lunch will be served.

Youth in high school and middle school are invited to a lock-in at Zion on **Friday, January 17 from 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, January 18 at 8:00 a.m.** Please bring \$5 for pizza and a snack or drink to share. Also bring a pillow and sleeping bag. Invite your friends! Questions or RSVP -- Chris Graves (cgraves@zionlc.org).

Ohio District Jr High Youth Gathering — March 21-23, 2025. Youth in grades 6-9 are invited to participate. It will be held at Camp Christian in Marysville, OH. Cost is \$130. **Payment and registration forms are due January 26**. Questions — Chris Graves (cgraves@zionlc.org).

'Thank You' from the staff – Thank you so much for your generosity at this time of year. From the gifts for Chris and Pastor, to the gift cards given to the support and cards and goodies. We are blessed to serve with you!

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by the Congregation.
If you happen to have a building-related issue, please contact: Bill Miller, 513-310-7499 – Trustee

"TAKING THE CROSS OF GRACE AND PEACE..."