

# ZIONNEWS

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*Sharing the Message of Salvation through Jesus Christ, Strengthening Believers, and Caring for People in Need.*

As I sat down to write this article, I asked myself, “What is there to write for February?” Valentine’s Day is in February. Now, I’m not much for the world’s ideas of “falling in love” or “true love at first sight” or “there’s a [one?] perfect person out there for me.” A beloved professor of mine labelled all these as features of the “Disney Demonic Lie.” “Falling in love,” as C.S. Lewis says, is like diving into a deliciously cool pool of water. Once you’re in, you have to swim, and that takes work and effort.

Marriage is an institution of the Law, begun by God at creation. It is a commitment to a vocation, made by both husband and wife. It is a life of dying to ourselves and living for the other, which is not something that our sinful selves are inclined to desire. But God is faithful! When husband and wife are both willing to do this and work at it, then marriage is an institution of great blessings and wonderful happiness! Thanks be to God for his many gifts!

On a different note, I began to wonder who this Saint Valentine is. Why do I not remember hearing about this guy in history? I did a *little* digging. Honestly, I did not reach a satisfying conclusion. There is not much information out there on this that I could find! There are numerous people in church history with similar names: Valens, Valentine, Valentinian, Valentinus, et al. Valentinus was a second-century gnostic heretic, whose teachings the Church rejected and condemned since the time of the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and again in the Augsburg Confession, article 1, paragraph 5. (The Gnostics taught that the physical world was bad, something from which to escape and be freed, and you could escape it if you knew



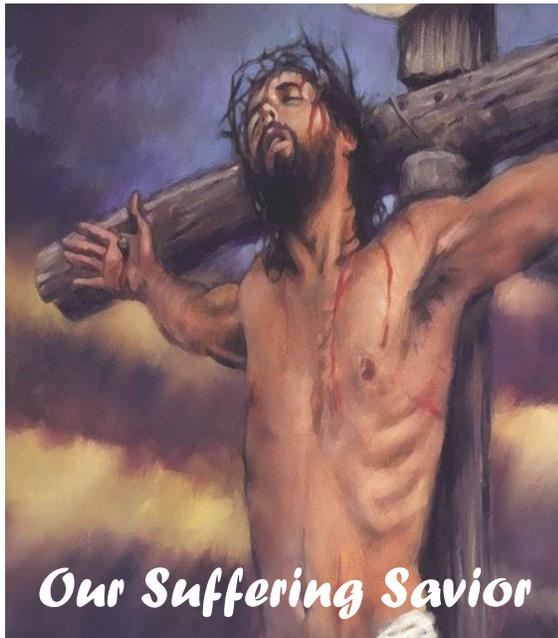
certain secrets.) So, Valentinus is not the person from whom comes the tradition that we know as “Valentine’s Day.”

Rather, the person after whom we name “Valentine’s Day” is, likely, not just one person. A footnote in the Kolb-Wengert *Book of Concord*, on discussion of the Invocation of Saints, says, “Valentine, a legendary saint whose exploits were attributed to two third-century martyrs (a priest and the bishop of Terni) of the same name.” *They were martyrs*. They were killed for living a life of witnessing the love of Christ. Lord, have mercy upon us! Thanks be to God for those who have gone before us in the faith, to hand down to us the faith, which gives us hope in the face of death and words to confess the Gospel of Christ who is risen from the dead!

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). May this word of God shape your view of love as you celebrate Valentine’s Day this year. Jesus says that you are his friends (John 15:15). Thanks be to God!

Baptized in Christ,  
Pastor Henry

# OBSERVING LENT:



## **Ash Wednesday – February 22**

WHO HAS BELIEVED?  
REV. DR. KURT ZIEMANN

### **March 1**

KNOWING WHEN TO KEEP QUIET  
REV. FREDDY DAVISON

### **March 8**

IS THERE NO JUSTICE?  
REV. JONATHON SCHROEDER

### **March 15**

STRAY SHEEP  
REV. TRAVIS HENRY

### **March 22**

BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED  
REV. PAUL SUNDBOM

### **March 29**

APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING  
REV. DR. KEVIN L. GYNN

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**12:30 PM  
&  
6:30 PM**

### **Lenten Suppers**

**Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.**

**February 22, 2023** - Beef Stew, Rolls & Butter, Dessert (Ash [Wednesday](#))

**March 1, 2023** - Tortellini Soup, Rolls & Butter, Dessert

**March 8, 2023** - Penne Pasta with Meatballs, Bread & Butter, Dessert

**March 15, 2023** - Corned Beef Sandwiches, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Dessert

**March 22, 2023** - Tomato Soup, Cheesy Breadsticks, Dessert

**March 29, 2023** - Potluck

## Thank you, Carolyn Lindenmuth

As you may know, Carolyn Lindenmuth's last day as Thursday/Friday Secretary here at Zion was January 20. We would like to wish her farewell and Godspeed as she moves on to new vocation. She will begin serving full-time as secretary for our brothers and sisters in Christ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Albion, Pennsylvania (and we're thankful that Albion is not too far!) while she continues her Deaconess studies.

To work with Carolyn in the office is nothing short of an honor and blessing. Working with Carolyn meant observing how deeply she searched the Scriptures. Working with Carolyn meant observing the extent she studied various church denominations and their teachings, which led her to the Lutheran faith.



Working with Carolyn meant observing the light of the Gospel, which shone brightly through her to the community when a person in need would come to the door, when a fellow brother or sister of the flock needed assistance, or when last-minute adjustments had to be made to a bulletin or newsletter. Always willing to step in to help, she cheerfully served the Lord!

At this time of farewell and Godspeed, hear the Word of our Lord:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6)  
"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Dear Carolyn, we will miss you and we thank you for all your years of faithful service! Since you loved to refer to your Lord as "Yahweh," we conclude with the following blessing: May Yahweh never cease to humble us in the knowledge of our sin. May Yahweh never cease to comfort you in the promise of His forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ. May Yahweh remind you daily that, although we are poor and miserable sinners, it is precisely through people like us that He does His work. All that Yahweh does is great, and He will do great things through you. Godspeed!

Baptized in Christ,

Your Brothers and Sisters of Zion Painesville



### Pardon The Dust!!!

Our Treasurer's Office is being remodeled during the month of February! Our thanks to the trustees as we look forward to beautiful and much needed results!



### LWML MISSION OF THE MONTH

Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus  
Belize Mission Society — \$100,000

The Belize Mission Society (BMS) has a dental clinic in a multipurpose building that is located in the village. This grant money would fund the building of a Mercy House next to the elementary school and Christ Lutheran Church. By bringing the dental clinic and other programs to the Lutheran campus, it will lead people to the Church and connect them with the missionaries. The BMS is intent on "strengthening their cord" (a reference to Ecclesiastes 4:12) with the Belize FORO (forum), the missionaries, and the local residents. By building relationships with children, they also reach their extended family with the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ. Mercy House — Belize Mission Campus will further the mercy work and relationship-building of the BMS while providing a tangible connection to Christ Lutheran Church. The delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention voted the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Mercy House — Belize Lutheran Campus. Please pray for this ministry, those who serve and those who receive, as you "feed" your Mite box.



*The dental clinic is located at the Multi-Purpose Building in the village. The BMS keeps supplies for mission team needs for construction, VBS, medical, dental and food preparation at the clinic. The agreement with the village expires in 2024.*

**2023 LWML WEEKEND** - On February 18-19, 2023, Zion will celebrate the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) weekend. The LWML came into being in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod on July 7-8, 1942. Historically, women in the church had a very small part in the life of the church. However, during the time of the industrial revolution, other Christian denominations began to define women's work in the church as missionary. The women in the Lutheran church were also working to help others during that time. For example, in 1844, women in a church in Carlisle, PA, together planned and supported to raise the necessary funds to cover the costs of educating Rev. Walter Gunn for his work as a missionary. The work of the LWML has continued for over 80 years!

*Serve the LORD with gladness!  
(Psalm 100:2)*



*The feeding program is located in a small room at the school. Social distancing is not possible with the current location.*

**INGATHERING!** In celebration of the work of the LWML here at Zion, we will sponsor an ingathering of clean, gently worn clothing and small appliances in good condition. The donations will be delivered to The Hope Chest, which is a non-profit organization in downtown Painesville run entirely by volunteers. Its services are obtained through referral by Lake County Job & Family Services. Its main mission is to provide clean clothing, new socks, shoes and underwear to school children.

Donations will be collected between February 12 through February 26. A collection box will be located in the lobby near the courtyard.

LWML Prayer Service

*My Soul Rejoices*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy...

Psalm 5:11a

Trinity Lutheran  
37728 Euclid Avenue  
Willoughby, Ohio  
Saturday, February 4, 2023  
At 10:00 AM  
Registration and coffee hour begin at 9:30am  
Cost \$6.00

Registration deadline:  
Monday, January 30, 2023  
Contact: Joanne Sutton  
440-364-2236  
Joannesutton612@gmail.com

Stay after for a light luncheon!  
A collection for mites will be taken



### Zion Women's Fellowship Group February 18, 2023

Our next meeting will be on February 18, 2023 from 9:30 to 11:00 am at Hayes House.

At our February meeting, in addition to our regular activities, we will be collecting items for

#### ***The Hope Chest of Lake County.***

The Hope Chest is located in Painesville. Their mission is "to provide clean clothing, new shoes, socks and underwear to school children in Lake County so they may attend school with dignity and pride." They also accept clean, gently used children's coats, sneakers, towels and blankets.

Call Carole Cooper 440-376-7798 or

[cvocooper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cvocooper@sbcglobal.net) with any questions



### Shoebox Ministry Update

200 million!! Can you imagine that many of anything? It took 30 years, but this year Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child collected their 200 millionth Shoebox. Those boxes were sent to over 170 countries & territories, including many hard-to-reach countries. That is one country for each of the 170 Shoeboxes that we packed. Wow. Well done church!

New Year - New Goals! TEAM ZION set our first one. **250** That is it. We can do it! One at a time & 100 at a time with teamwork. We will start small and learn together. We will depend on God to provide and send, just as He did this past year. We will grow & rejoice together as we share the stories of His care and provision to this ministry. And we will change and add additional goals as we are guided.

You are invited to join us for our first 'Work Night' on **Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 at the Hayes House.** We will be making Dancing Rings & Jumping Ropes to include in the Shoeboxes. The crafts are different in ability so please bring your grade school children & grandparents. I promise there will be lively discussions and plenty of work for every age.

We need a few supplies that you can probably find in your closet or craft room. For the Dancing Rings we need colorful ribbons of at least 1 yard and plastic shower curtain rings. For the Jumping Ropes we need clean, colorful T-shirts that do *not* have a side seam. Watch for the box in the lobby for the gathering of your ribbons and clean T-shirts.

Don't forget to pick up & sharpen pencils whenever you see a bargain! Joyfully, Shawn Biese 440.221.8709

## Christmas Greetings from the Wildauers, Missionaries in Belize



- 1 Miranda Moses
- 2 Debra Knauff, Timothy Shinkle,  
Carol Sippola
- 3 Anna Faralli, Rusty Nelson,  
Cherie Lane, Nancy McCormick
- 4 Ryan Hess, Tim Holste,  
Diane Powers
- 5 Eric Lakia, Terri Nolan, Lacey Skoch
- 6 Catherine McIlveen
- 7 ----
- 8 Sharon Lance, Kathleen Satterfield
- 9 Ryan Buck
- 10 Alissa Sullivan, Rev. Jim Zinkowich
- 11 David Champa, Susan Tagg
- 12 Cyndi Alden
- 13 Simon Pham
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 Sherrie Stefansky
- 16 Dawn Chico, Kayla Reynolds,  
Art Randa, Zach Wilhelm
- 17 Amelia Swan
- 18 Ryan Hanyok, Ruth Marcis
- 19 Kellen Nocera
- 20 Patricia Goodridge, Caitlin Potter
- 21 Pam Diemert, Michaela Faralli,  
Fran Nelson, Michael Wojkowski
- 22 Stephanie Nelson, Ryan Nolan
- 23 ---
- 24 Barry Oltmanns, Joe Palinkas
- 25 Ethan Lange, John Palinkas
- 26 Tiffany Buehner, Lydia Sandor
- 27 Jill Brockway, Casey Lazdinis,  
Angela Barsa
- 28 ----

*If your birthday is not listed above,  
please let the office know.*

*We want to help you celebrate your special day.*



A Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to you who are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. I pray that this Christmas greeting finds you well on this, the 10th Day of Christmas.

Our family is doing well now having celebrated our second Christmas in Belize. We were delighted to celebrate Christmas services in both English and Spanish and in various locations. We even gathered for a few potlucks together. The selection of food varied from tamales to pasta salad, from rice and beans to lasagna. And yes, there were plenty of gingerbread cookies to share. The best part about it was hearing the Christmas proclamation of the birth of Christ with new friends made during this past year. The Holy Spirit is active in His Church.

Along with our Christmas Greeting page, I am including a photo of our kids in Orange Walk, Belize where we have a preaching station. This Nativity Scene is in the town square. It isn't uncommon in Belize to see public displays of the Christian Faith, yet many are still not members of a congregation or do not often hear the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf as we go about bringing this Good News to the hearts of Belizeans everywhere. We pray that the Lord will bless you in your daily vocation and service to others as a witness for Him.

Christ's peace be yours in abundance,  
Rev. Micah Wildauer, Robin, Sam, Liza, David, and Lydia  
LCMS Missionary—Church Planter, Belmopan Belize

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9:30 Women in the Word 1:00 Women in the Word 6:00 Confirmation 1st Year	<b>2</b> 9:30 Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 Trustees	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  6:30 Worship Service 7:30 Bible Study Class <i>New Member Weekend</i>
			<b>5</b> 9:00 Trad. Worship Service 10:05 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Sun. School/Bible Class 11:30 Contemporary Worship Service <i>Epiphany 5</i> <i>New Member Weekend</i>	<b>6</b> 2:00 Congregational Prayer Time 6:30 Men's Basketball 6:45 Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 7:00 Bible Breakfast <b>4:00 Parishscope Deadline</b> 7:30 Scouts	<b>8</b> 9:30 Women in the Word 1:00 Women in the Word 6:00 Confirmation 1st Year
<b>12</b>  9:00 Trad. Worship Service 10:15 Sun. School/Bible Class 11:30 Contemporary Worship Service <i>Epiphany 6</i> <i>Super Bowl Sunday</i>	<b>13</b> 2:00 Congregational Prayer Time 6:30 Men's Basketball 6:45 Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 7:00 Bible Breakfast <b>4:00 Parishscope Deadline</b> 7:30 Scouts  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	<b>15</b> 9:30 Women in the Word 1:00 Women in the Word 6:00 Confirmation 1st Year	<b>16</b> 9:30 Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 Council 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  6:30 Worship Service 7:30 Bible Study Class  <i>LWML Weekend</i>
<b>19</b> 9:00 Trad. Worship Service 10:05 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Sun. School/Bible Class 11:30 Contemporary Worship Service  <i>Transfiguration</i> <i>LWML Weekend</i>	<b>20</b> 6:30 Men's Basketball 6:45 Choir Practice  <i>Presidents Day</i>	<b>21</b> 7:00 Bible Breakfast <b>4:00 Parishscope Deadline</b> 6:00 Food Pantry 7:30 Scouts	<b>22</b> 9:30 Women in the Word 12:30 Lenten Service 1:00 Women in the Word 5:30 Lenten Supper 6:00 Confirmation 1st Year 6:30 Lenten Service  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>23</b> 9:30 Nursing Home Ministry 6:30 Men's Ministry (Meal at 6:00)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 Worship Service 7:30 Bible Study Class
<b>26</b>  9:00 Trad. Worship Service 10:15 Sun. School/Bible Class 11:30 Contemporary Worship Service	<b>27</b> 6:45 Choir Practice	<b>28</b> 7:00 Bible Breakfast <b>4:00 Parishscope Deadline</b> 6:00 Food Pantry 7:30 Scouts	 This symbol means that communion is offered during the Worship Service. Communion is offered every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday and every 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday.			

**Men's Basketball!** The gym will be open to all men of Zion on the first and third Mondays of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy some fun exercise and Christian fellowship!

**Ushers are needed** for the 9 AM service on Sundays! A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. All communicant members are eligible to serve in this ministry!  
**A Head Usher** is also needed to help organize all usher participation. Please contact the church office!



## Zion Lutheran Church

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Jesus lays down His life for...

### WORSHIP

#### TRADITIONAL:

**Saturday 6:30 pm**

**Sunday 9:00 am**

#### CONTEMPORARY:

**Sunday 11:30 am**

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### SENIOR PASTOR

**REV. DR. KURT ZIEMANN**

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**REV. TRAVIS HENRY**

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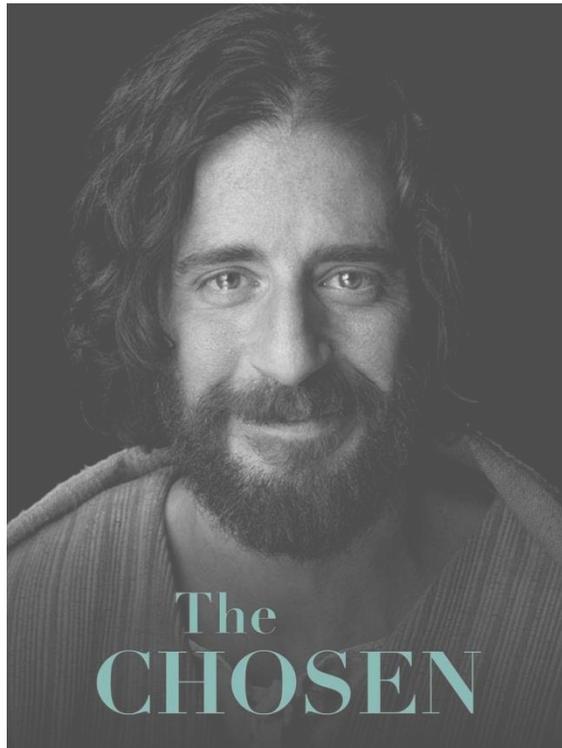
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Jan Brown



## Thursday, February 23 - The Men's Ministry is BACK!

Join us for the second week of "The Chosen." This series is about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth! Written to distinguish this series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story that focuses more deeply on the people who encounter Jesus, with a view of Jesus "through the eyes of those who meet him" - "more personal, intimate and immediate." Over 108 million people have seen at least part of the show! See what the excitement is all about!

Come at 6:00 PM for a meal,  
followed by the video at 6:30!

Meet at the Hayes House,  
park behind the school