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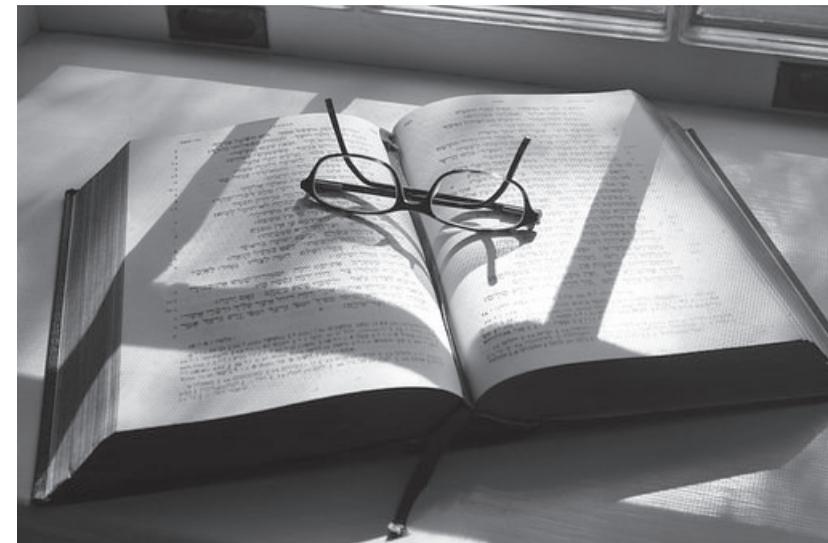
# The Herald

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## 2019 - Year of Scripture

Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"



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Happy Valentine's Day

February 2019

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## February 2019

*“But if we walk in the light as God is the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Life’s journey is about spiritual growth. When all is said and done, it is not so much about what we have accomplished, or where we have been, or even what we have accumulated. At the end of it all, whenever that comes, it is about who we are. This character construction is what the Gospel is all about.

The Gospel is the Good News that God has entered the human race on a rescue mission from heaven. God has done this through the Son, Jesus, whose name means “the God who saves!” It is He alone who reflects with perfect clarity the Glory of the Father, and performs His lordship, not by “lording it over us” but by reaching out, making us partners and friends, brothers and sisters, in all the redeeming work of God on earth.

This good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ is an active power of the Spirit set loose with us to invite, challenge and create spiritual growth to be more and more like God’s own Son. As we focus on what God has done for us in our walk with Christ this Lent, I hope our response might be like the little slave girl President Abraham Lincoln purchased and set free in the waning days of the Civil War. Stunned she asked, “What does this mean? Does it mean that I can go anywhere I want?” President Lincoln replied, “Yes, you can go wherever you want because I have set you free.” Immediately, with love and gratitude, the freed slave girl responded, “Well then, sir, if I am free, I choose to stay with you until I die!”

For freedom Christ has set us free—free to love and serve Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Is there anyone or anything you would rather have as your Lord than the One who wants only the best for you and gave His very Best—His life—that you might have it for eternity? That kind of love changes us.

Come and participate in our worship, study and fellowship life here at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, and I can assure you of renewed spiritual growth.

Faith, love, peace and joy,  
*Pastor Chuck*

## *General Information*

### **Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1300 Edgewood Drive, Lima, Ohio 45805

419-224-9951 Fax: 419-224-1279

**Toll-free message:** 1-877-470-1910

**e-mail:** churchoffice@zionlima.org

**web site:** www.zionlima.org

**Facebook:** zionlima

**Childcare phone number:** 419-224-7719

### **Worship:**

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:45 am

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Charles Boomhower

**Assisting Interim Pastors:** Don Pletcher and Sam Payne

**Administrative Coordinator:** Diana Schneider: diana@zionlima.org

**Church Secretary:** Norma Penn: churchoffice@zionlima.org

**Church Treasurer:** Diana Schneider: diana@zionlima.org

**Stephen Ministry Leaders:** Carrie Schepman & Diana Schneider

**Contacts:** Carrie Schepman (419-233-9081)

**Organist:** Mary Jane Eichelberger

**Adult Choir Director:** Marilyn Roth Basinger

**Bell Choir Director:** Jonathan Lischak

**Saturday Night Music Leader:** Open

**Childcare Director:** Lesa Brown (419-224-7719)

<b>Scheduled Activity</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Men’s Breakfast	Stan Vandemark	419-909-9310
Out-to-Lunch Bunch	Marie Lawrence	419-225-7071

### **Church Council:**

**President** – Cindy Linton

**President-elect** – Kim Manning

**Secretary** – Jim Raabe

**Members-at-Large:** Terry Boop, Linda Wensole, Mike Leppla, Stan Vandemark, Pastor Chuck Boomhower

# February Celebrations



## Wedding Anniversaries

Day		Years
5	Jim and Marlene Brown	63
7	Derrick and Jessica Long	4
18	Ron and Nancy Klausung	24



## Birthdays

Day		Day		Day	
2	Spencer Knott	15	Dan Fifer	24	Margaret Blanchong
7	Janice Comeskey	17	Don Knarr	25	Sue Morman
8	Glenna Jennison	17	Cinda Rismiller	25	Tim Stambaugh
10	Lorelei Ball	17	Karis Wilson	25	Cody Wiese
10	Judy Hagaman	22	Colleen Wilson	26	Judy Payne
14	Elijah Mather	24	Ross Bowsher		

If we have missed your anniversary or birthday, please call the church office at 419-224-9951.

### A MISSION TRIP is being considered for this summer.

The trip would be for high school age and older! We had such a wonderful experience during the inter-generational trip to Alaska that we'd like to host another trip for all ages. Puerto Rico is the likely destination at the moment because the island still needs a lot of help recovering from the hurricane, the trip cost is more economical than other destination, and participants don't need passports for travel. Please consider participating in this opportunity for a time of service and spiritual growth this summer! Contact Colleen Wilson (419-681-3393) **as soon as possible** if you are interested or would like more information.

### The BATHROOM UPDATES have been completed.

We're so grateful for the skills of the employees of Custom Concrete and M&R Plumbing. A huge thanks to Jim Raabe who volunteered his time and painting skills to put the finishing touches on both bathrooms and to Stan Vandemark for replacing ceiling tiles & helping prepare both rooms. The congregation's patience and cooperation through this project is sincerely appreciated.

**CALL PROCESS UPDATE:** The next step for the Call Committee is preparing for interviews with prospective applicants. The team will be meeting at the end of January to experience a practice interview with a retired pastor, after which the Synod will match us with possible candidates. As the process progresses, please continue to pray for guidance and to trust in the Holy Spirit to lead us and the person who will become our new pastor.

Thanks so much to the Call Committee for their dedication to this process !!

### "The Year of Scripture" Study Groups

In 2019 our Northwestern Ohio Synod is extending a challenge to all congregations to participate in "The Year of Scripture." If you are interested in reading through the Bible in a year, you can pick-up a "Bible in a Year" guide sheet from a table in the Narthex. We will meet monthly to discuss the previous month's readings. The first meeting will be Tues., February 5, at 10:30 am in Zion's library with Pastor Chuck.

## A wish for a Longer Epiphany

By Diane Roth (*Lutheran Blogs*)

I've often wished that the season of Epiphany was just a little bit longer, and not just because it would give me a little more time to get ready for Lent to begin. It is also possible that I like long Epiphanyes because there is a better chance that (at least here in Minnesota) Easter will be a warm spring day with some flowers blooming, which is the way I imagine it should be.

But I also just like Epiphany, as a season, even though, I confess that I don't think of it as much as I ought to. It is that obscure little season between Christmas and Lent. Christmas is famous. Everyone has heard of it, even people who don't ever go to church. Many people are also vaguely aware that there is something called "Lent," partly because of its reputation as that season when people have to "give something up." But Epiphany? What's that? It's an odd word really, that most people don't even use or know. Even as a Christian-in-the-know, I can't help but think of Epiphany as that "sandwich" season: a smattering of Sundays after the big high of Christmas but before the serious discipline of Lent.

Friends, it should not be so. Epiphany is a season. It is a season that begins with the wise men following a star to Bethlehem and ends with Jesus' face shining on a mountain. In between, we get stories about light, and stories about Jesus calling his disciples. We get the story of Jesus' baptism and stories of him healing people. But why? Why these particular stories right now? They are small windows of light, small revelations of who Jesus is in the world, and of who we are in the world, as well.

The word Epiphany actually means "a showing forth, a revealing." An epiphany is a revelation, a flicker or a flash of light, a moment when you said, "aha!" and just knew something, without studying or going through all of the steps. Or maybe you WERE studying: you were reading a book, or doing the research, or singing a song at church, or sitting at your desk at work, and in the midst of it all you had an epiphany, which is to say, that the truth just came to you, not as the fruit of your studying, but just as you were going along, in your working, in your playing, in your worshiping.

## Cauliflower Salad - Joan Baden

1 lb. bacon	1 c. celery
1 head lettuce	2 c. mayonnaise
1 head cauliflower	1/3 c. sugar
1 large onion	1/4 c. grated cheese

Fry bacon until crisp. Break into bottom of a large salad bowl. Add other ingredients in order given. Spread mayonnaise over all and sprinkle sugar over all, then cheese over the top. Let set several hours or overnight. Mix well just before serving.

**Sunday School - Children age 3 through grade 6** are invited to Zion's Kids Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Each Sunday, the lesson is tied to one of the lessons from Scripture used in Worship that day (based on the three-year rotation of the Lectionary). This means that Sunday School is directly related to the content addressed during worship! We hope this works to strengthen our students' understanding of the Good News proclaimed each week at Zion. Adult caretakers are welcome to join the Adult Class or have fellowship with others in the Hospitality Room during the Sunday School hour.

## A Message From Childcare

Lesla Brown, Childcare Director



The new year brings snow and many inside activities to keep the little ones busy. We are planning our Valentine party on February 14. This month our crafts and circle time activities will focus on Valentines Day and community helpers. We are planning on bringing various community helpers in to discuss their jobs and how they help others in our area.

Our program was recently awarded Star One rating from Step Up to Quality, a program that focuses on childcare learning & teaching standards. The accomplishment of attaining this rating increases the satisfaction of the families we serve and allows us to continue meeting the needs of our children. I would also like to thank everyone, once again, for all the help and support from church members with preparation and help with our annual Christmas play. I am still getting feedback from parents with the fact that the church was so beautiful, and the Zion church members were so friendly. We are grateful for all the help and support.

## Worship Helpers

Position	Feb 2-3	Feb 9-10	Feb 16-17	Feb 23-24
<b>Saturday Asst. 5:00 pm</b>	Sue Fifer	Mary Smith	Diana Schneider	Bud Linton
<b>Asst. Minister 8:30</b>	Chuck Eichelberger	Diana Schneider	Matt Young	Chuck Eichelberger
<b>Asst. Minister 10:45</b>	Curtis Young	Chuck Eichelberger	Darrell Ball	Richard Schneider
<b>Greeters Saturday</b>	Buzz & Karen Long	Cindy Linton	Tom & Carrie Schepman	Dan & Sue Fifer
<b>Saturday Offering Assistants</b>	Buzz & Karen Long	Cindy Linton Linda Boop	Tom & Carrie Schepman	Dan & Sue Fifer
<b>Projection Input</b>	Cindy Linton	Cindy Linton	Connie Simons	Connie Simons
<b>Outdoor Sign</b>	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley
<b>Head Usher 8:30</b>	Roger Fessler	Dan Schulz	Dave Hieneman	Roger Fessler
<b>Ushers 10:45</b>	Stan Vandemark Dave Morman Sam Bassitt Ed Baden Luke Best	Jim Maley Darrell Ball Chase Dotson Mark Cellar Richard Schneider	Stan Vandemark Dave Morman Sam Bassitt Curtis Young Ed Baden	Jim Maley Chase Dotson Mark Cellar Curtis Young Darrell Ball
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Pam Raabe	Sue Fifer	Sue Fifer	Marie Lawrence
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janice Schneider Joanna Vandemark Kim Manning (Sat)	Janice Schneider Joanna Vandemark Kim Manning (Sat)	Janice Schneider Joanna Vandemark Kim Manning (Sat)	Janice Schneider Joanna Vandemark Kim Manning (Sat)

In some religious traditions, the season of Epiphany is also called “Ordinary Time,” as opposed to, for example, Christmas and your wedding and other high moments of your life. But perhaps that is one of the reasons that I like it. Most of our lives are, actually, ordinary time. I wouldn’t trade the high moments for anything, but the promise of Epiphany is that the light shines also on ordinary days. So it goes like this: When you are going about your working, studying, playing, regular Sunday morning worshiping life, suddenly, somehow, something will happen, and you will say, ‘aha!’, and you will know, just know, who Jesus is. And you will know who you are, as well. It could be as small a thing as a handful of water, shimmering, a line that leaps out at you from a book, or a song, a small piece of a small conversation that you had, just because you showed up.

So I sometimes wish that Epiphany could be a little longer, just a few more days to hear healing stories and be surprised by the possibility that God could be in this place, although we did not know it. I do wish that Epiphany could be just a little longer, although I suspect that it is the nature of the season to be fleeting, just as fleeting as our ordinary lives.

In the meantime, sing songs about the light, the light of a candle, the flame of the fire, the light in the darkness.

For that is who you are.



# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:30 & 10:45 am <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30 <b>Bell Choir</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Sunday School</b>	29	30	31	7:00 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	1	2 8:30 am <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 3:30 pm <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b>
3 8:30 & 10:45 am <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Sunday School, &amp; Catechism</b> Noon — <b>Potluck</b>	4	5 10:30 am <b>"Bible in a Year" Study Group</b>	6	7 7:00 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	8	9 3:30 pm <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b>
10 8:30 & 10:45 am <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30 <b>Bell Choir practice</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Sunday School, &amp; Catechism</b>	11	12 1:00 pm <b>Prayer Shawl</b> 5:30 pm <b>Finance Board</b> 7:00 pm <b>Council Mtg</b>	13	14 7:00 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	15	16 3:30 pm <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b>
17 8:30 & 10:45 am <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30 <b>Bell Choir practice</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Sunday School, &amp; Catechism</b>	18 <b>March Newsletter Deadline</b>	19 6:30 pm <b>Childcare Board</b>	20 10:00 am <b>Serve Team</b> Noon <b>Out to Lunch Bunch</b> 7:00 pm <b>Endowment Board</b>	21 7:00 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	22	23 3:30 pm <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b>
24 8:30 & 10:45 am <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Sunday School &amp; Catechism</b>	25	26 5:00 pm <b>Community Meal</b>	27	28	1	2 8:30 am <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 3:30 pm <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b>

\***Endowment Board** meets on Wednesday, Feb. 20 - Applications are due by Feb. 18. Contact the church office for assistance.

\***Ash Wednesday is March 6.** Bring in your 2018 palm branches by Feb. 28.

## Churches United Pantry



Procter & Gamble has donated a large assortment of personal hygiene items for distribution at CUP. However, bar soap, t-paper, and Kleenex are still needed.

Food items in short supply include canned fruit and canned soup. In addition there is a need for rice, and assorted pasta, including noodles, macaroni, etc. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. The price we have been paying for bread products has increased by a large amount and this is a staple item that CUP provides. Check Rulers, Aldi's and Save-A-Lot for everyday low prices and your favorite grocery ads for sale items.

Thanks church members for your generosity and commitment in support of CUP. Also, thanks to each one of the volunteers who support CUP by serving others weekly at the CUP location on Pierce Street.

Sandra Knarr, CUP Board Member



**OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH** - - We will be meeting at **Cracker Barrel**, 1930 Roschman Ave, **12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 20.** Come join us for fun and fellowship with your Zion Family. Sign up on the Red Board in the North Exit Hallway or call Stan or Marie Lawrence at 419-225-7071.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - We will be meeting Tuesday, **February 12 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Library. If you knit or crochet, come join this great group of Ladies. We have yarn for you and would be so happy to have you join us in this outreach ministry here at Zion. If you have any questions about our group don't hesitate to call Marie at 419-225-7071. Hope to see you in February!

*Blessings - Marie Lawrence and Sally Parker*

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\* **WORSHIP CANCELLATION** : Worship services will be cancelled if the Allen County Sheriff's office issues a Level 2 or 3 alert based on road conditions. Check your local radio or television station for weather updates.  
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