



Go ... Sell All You Have?

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"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And he replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:18-22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, "No!" But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

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All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

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This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the Means of Grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.



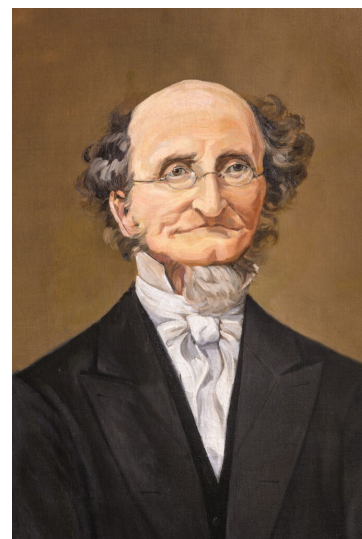
Our Great Heritage: C.F.W. Walther

By [Molly Lackey](#)

C.F.W. Walther

A.D. 1811–1886

Faced with false confession or schism, he chose the hard path, navigated extreme challenges, and helped establish our church body.



In this series, Lutheran historian Molly Lackey will trace the history of the church, from the time of the apostles through the twentieth century. As the Body of Christ, our history transcends time, country and citizenship: "God's Word is our great heritage."

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Imagine you're a German Lutheran immigrant making your new home in Perry County, Missouri. Ever since your arrival in America five months ago, you've had a hard time: You thought that coming to America would allow you to worship according to the demands of your conscience, as a Lutheran, instead of the demands of the state, which was forcing your Lutheran church to join with the Reformed. But that lofty goal is harder to focus on in your new life of eating "by the sweat of your brow" — which, so far, has meant barely eating at all. You're destitute, the cabins and tents you live in aren't nearly sturdy enough, and people keep getting sick, even dying.

It was bad enough, but now rumors are circulating about the bishop of your community, the leader of you Saxon immigrants, Martin Stephan. Everyone is saying that Stephan has been sinning grossly behind everyone's backs, but nobody knows what to do. Now you're in front of Carl Ferdinand's door, the young clergyman who was your pastor back in Germany — the one who convinced you to join Stephan's immigrating group. You go to knock, but your hand waivers. What if what they're saying is true? If you lose your bishop, what will become of the settlement and your new church? What will become of you — and your hopes to worship as Lutherans should?

From German pastor's son to confessional Lutheran immigrant

Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther, called "Ferdinand" by his family and C.F.W. by us today, was born on Oct. 25, 1811, in Saxony, Germany. He was a pastor's son and went on to become a pastor himself. He was studying theology at the University of Leipzig when, at 18 years old, he nearly died of an illness affecting his lungs. While he recuperated, he read through the works of Martin Luther with a vengeance. It was because of this experience that C.F.W. Walther became committed to confessional Lutheranism: believing and practicing as a Lutheran who holds to all of the writings contained in the 1580 Book of Concord.

By the time Walther was ordained at age 26 in 1837, his confessional Lutheranism was already becoming a bit of a problem. The Saxon government decided to take a cue from the larger and rapidly-growing Prussians, who 20 years earlier had enacted the Prussian Union, which merged the Lutheran and Reformed (Calvinist) churches in order to centralize the state church and consolidate power. Because Lutherans and the Reformed hold very different doctrines on major points like the Lord's Supper, the result was that the Prussian state forced Lutherans to accommodate Calvinist teachings, which went against Lutheran confessional documents. This in turn led to state-sponsored persecution of so-called "Old Lutherans," who defied the state by worshipping in secret.

Saxony, where Walther lived, did not go as far as Prussia, but it still tried to wield authority over church teachings, suppressing confessional Lutheran thought in favor of rationalism. Rationalism, in Walther's day, was a strain of thought which grounded Christian doctrine in what made sense to human logic, rather than Scripture's testimony. Taken to an extreme, this led the kind of preaching that Walther heard as a young man, with pastors exhorting hearers to good hygiene and new agricultural methods from the pulpit.

Walther was so disheartened by the preaching and teaching of his day that he ended up joining — and encouraging others to join — a group of 707 Saxon Lutherans leaving Germany for America and the promise of freedom of worship. Five ships left Germany, but only four ships made it to America: the fifth, the

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Amalia, was lost, along with the 105 souls onboard and all its cargo. The 602 who survived the four-month sea journey landed in New Orleans in January 1839 and made their way to St. Louis. Most of the group left St. Louis for Perry County, though 120 remained and founded historic Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

Shepherding the scattered sheep

Things in Perry County soon became dire. Though plans were in place to build a “bishop’s palace” for their leader Martin Stephan, most of the group was suffering greatly from want of food, shelter and medical attention. Public opinion was already turning against Stephan when rumors, then formal charges, of immorality, misadministration of funds, and false doctrine were brought against him, on which grounds he was formally deposed on May 30, 1839.

Stephan’s expulsion, unsurprisingly, only increased the anxiety felt by the already beaten-down Saxon immigrants. Tensions came to a head at the Altenburg Debate in April 1841. Many thought that the hardships they faced were a sign from God that they had sinned by leaving behind their churches in Germany, and that their new church in Missouri was not a valid one. C. F. W. Walther convinced his fellow Saxons that the difficulties and sin-caused hurts they suffered were not God’s judgment, but rather were the actions of a sinful person and the effects of living in a fallen world, which should not be interpreted as invalidating this new church. Ultimately it was God, not man, who established His church on earth, and no action of man would prevail against it.

C.F.W. Walther would go on to become the first president of Concordia Seminary and the first president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod when it was founded six years later in 1847. He wrote, taught, and preached prodigiously, and lived a very full and productive life until his death on May 7, 1887. His life was hard, but Walther’s steadfast grip on God’s Word and his unwavering commitment to its expression in the Lutheran Confessions has shaped the Synod he helped to found for over 175 years.

Editor’s Note: The next installment of [this series](#), on Rosa Young, a great figure in Southern Lutheranism, will be posted two weeks from today. Check back then or [follow us on social media](#) to catch it!

Image: Reproduction photograph of a painting depicting C. F. W. Walther at the International Center of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Photo by LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford.

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Life Quotes for July

July 5 “The Fourth of July is an ideal time to thank God if you have a good homeland ... or in the U.S., a free country. What a blessing! Just like Job or Jonah, this isn’t the case for everyone. And we should continually pray for those whose homelands or countries are ravaged by war, politics, or disease. Praise God for giving us a country where we can worship Him and live our lives in relative freedom and peace.” *Katrina Harrmann, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 12 “Realistically, most of us will never be more than ordinary, but that doesn’t mean we’re useless. God works through the ordinary, the mundane, and the commonplace. He worked through Esther, and He works through you to bless others in ways you may never know.” *Grace MacPherson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 19 “Each of us amounts to more than assorted cells, isolated fluids, and random spasms. Human means—in every case—a character, with an emerging identity, disclosing a history, developing toward an intended destiny. Every life is a story.” *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 26 “Even with all our sins, and even our rejection of Him, God is patiently loving us and calling us back to Him through the Holy Spirit. That’s your story, friends. Go out in your God-given identity as a king or a queen and a priest. Don’t go in fear and trembling, because when He calls you, He’ll be with you!” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Announcements

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 23
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Townline Park
2121 Townline Rd.
Perry, Ohio 44081

Provided...

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Buns, Beverage, Plates,
Napkins, Cups, Plastic Ware

Bring...

Side Dish or Dessert Out-
door Games, Cornhole

Pool will be open so bring your bathing suit and towel

Sign-up sheet located at the back of the Sanctuary

A 4-digit code to enter the park will be given prior to the picnic.



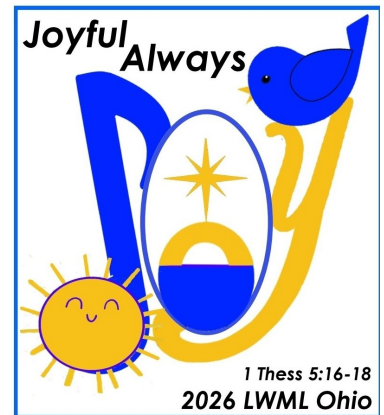
LWML Northeast Zone Fall Retreat

"Smile Across the Miles"

This the theme of the 33rd LWML Northeast Zone Retreat. All ladies are invited to join us at Jordan Creek Metropark, Concord. Check the Friendship Circle board for the retreat poster and information. Registration blanks for this fun-filled, Christ-centered event are located on the Friendship Circle table. Cost is \$25.00/person which includes breakfast, snack and a light lunch. Registration and payment deadline is September 19th. For further information go to the Northeast Zone > Upcoming Events page at <https://www.lwml ohio.org/>

LWML Convention

I was blessed to be the delegate from our LWML group (the Friendship Circle) to the 31st Biennium LWML Ohio District Convention "Joyful Always" held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westlake, Ohio on June 26-27. The theme verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.) was the basis of all events during the convention. Our worship leaders and speakers helped the 200 in attendance to better understand the JOY – not as the world might see it (happy) – but how God's joy is His gift to us through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. God's JOY enfolds us in the highs and the lows of our lives. Our servant events and interest sessions gave us opportunity to learn how to share God's JOY with others.



And yes, there was business of the district to be done. A highlight of the business was to adopt a mission budget of \$122,700 which will be dispersed over the next two years to 16 grant recipients. A listing of the mission grants for 2026-2028 is on the Friendship Circle board. I will be telling you a little more about these grants throughout the next two years. Please continue to support the mission work of the LWML Ohio District with your mite giving. If you don't have a mite box, take one from the Friendship Circle table.

I have to admit, being on the host committee and being the "designated worrier" for all facets of this event – often going "out of my lane" to give unrequested suggestions – I arrived at the convention site not feeling very joyful. Well, seeing as this was God's Convention and not Billie's convention, HE by His grace worked through all my foibles and misgivings and truly made this a joy-filled convention. God is good.



My prayer is that the women of our congregation will take the opportunity to attend events sponsored by the Friendship Circle, our Northeast Zone and the LWML Ohio District. You will find reasons to rejoice always, pray unceasingly and thank God.

Billie Lelle

Float Decorating

The Outreach Committee has decided to enter a float in the Lake County Fair Parade this year on July 28th. Decorating of the float will take place the week of July 20-24. If you would like to help decorate the float or be in the parade please let Kelly Hines or Ken Chaffe know.



"GIVE IT UP" FUNDRAISER

What if a small sacrifice could make a big difference?

WELL IT CAN! Instead of buying a cup of coffee or going out to dinner once a week, we invite you to "Give It Up" for the summer. Choose one small luxury you can live without, and donate that amount to help support ST. PAUL'S SHORTFALL BUDGET. It's a simple commitment—but together, these small choices can make a meaningful impact. If you would like to take part, grab a cup and fill it up! Please



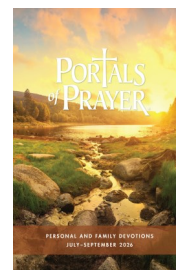
Old-Fashioned Church Potluck

Put this date to your calendar for an old-fashioned potluck lunch. Reach out and bring a friend to the Sunday service and a dish to share at the potluck lunch after the service on July 26. Hope to see you and your friend there.

– Outreach Committee

July-September 2026 Portals of Prayer

The July-September Portals of Prayer daily devotions are now available. Copies can be found at the table at the back of the sanctuary.



July Food Bank Items

Zion Food Pantry is requesting, kids boxed cereal, 1 or 2 lb bag white rice and canned fruit. As always other items are appreciated. For those in need, the Food Bank is open on the last two Tuesdays of the July from 5:30–7:00pm. (July 21 & 28).

Automated Giving Program

Have you thought of automating your weekly offering? St. Paul's has a program called Simply Giving that does just that. Simply Giving is an automated giving program from Thrivent Financial used at St. Paul's to help you conveniently and consistently contribute to the church. There are many benefits to enrolling:



1. It is a reliable and safe way to move your stewardship plan into action.
2. It allow you to share your gifts through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship.
3. Because the giving is consistent you won't miss Sunday offerings.
4. The congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenue throughout the year.
5. There is more efficient bookkeeping.
6. Greater confidence in meeting the church's financial commitments.
- 7.

It's easy to enroll. Fill out the form attached to the flyer located under the mailboxes and give it to Tom Cardina.

Local Farmers Markets

It's that time again for fresh fruits and vegetables. Check out one or all for these local farmers markets!

Painesville

Date: Thursdays, May 28 – September 17

Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Painesville Square near Main Street

Madison Village

Date: Thursdays, June 4 - August 27

Time: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Location: Village Square Park, 60 Park Street



Mentor

Date: Fridays, June 12 - September 11

Time: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Location: Eleanor B. Garfield Park

Willoughby

Date: Saturdays, May 2- October 24

Time: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Parking lot of Willoughby City Hall
1 Public Square, Downtown Willoughby



June Meeting Minutes

Reports

1. President's Report. (Terry Wakelee)
 - a. Installation of new officers will be June 28 during worship service
 2. Vice President's Report. (Ed Hines)
 - a. Carpet cleaning is scheduled for August 10
 3. Treasurer's Report. (Russ Walton)
 - a. Financial reports received as of April 30, 2026 for the 10 months of the current fiscal year
 4. Education Report. (Eric Drake)
 - a. Sunday school and post-service adult Bible study have wrapped for summer. Pre-service adult Bible study will continue through the summer.
 5. Preschool Report. (Starshine Graziadei)
 - a. Wrap up meeting June 21 to review NLSA action items.
 - b. Board is creating new evaluation forms for staff and administrator
 - c. Letter went out to staff who will not be retained next school year
 6. Elder's Report. (Dale Kerver)
 - a. Pulpit supply is in place through September except one Sunday in July. Reaching out to other resources to fill it.
 7. Stewardship Report. (Diane Wayner)
 - a. Kicked off "Small Sacrifice - Big Impact" fundraiser that will run through the summer
 - b. 14 attended the latest Friday luncheon
 8. Financial Secretary's Report. (Jenn Drake)
 - a. Kristy will fill in as head counter
 9. Outreach Report. (Kelly Hines)
 - a. Website - need to work out recurring payment
 - b. Upcoming events:
 - i. July 26 - Bring a friend to church day, potluck to follow worship
 - ii. July 28 - Lake County Fair parade (Looking for float driver and decorator)
 - iii. August 8 - Open house
 - iv. September 26 - chili cook-off
 - v. Trunk or treat - date will be changed, TBD
 10. Building & Grounds Report. (Dennis Concoby)
 - a. Windows and Weeds - May 23 and 30
 - b. Repairs to roof were completed
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- c. Parsonage fence repaired
- d. Parking lot drains are slow, looking to clear it out

11. Contribution Secretary's Report. (Tom Cardina)

- a. Offerings down in May compared to the prior May

Old Business

1. Potential candidate for the preschool treasurer (appointed). Karen will do it another year while replacement is found.
2. Parsonage fence repairs. Done.
3. Call Committee update. Three interviews conducted; two names will be recommended on June 7.
4. Replacement of church office computer. Expected to be completed in late July.
5. Thrivent Choice dollars for preschool. Application complete; 6-8 weeks for response.
6. Research alternative method of setting up church credit card. Discussion.
7. Congregation member gospel recording project. On hold.

New Business

1. Outgoing/incoming council members to be installed on June 28, 2026.
2. Recommendation to invest money in an account that will yield interest. Tom will look into this.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 5



From the Preschool

PRESCHOOL



Registration

2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Registration for St. Paul's Preschool 2026-2027 school year is now open. Registration forms which are located at the back of the sanctuary next to the double doors. Classes will be filled as registration forms are received. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Marizek at 440-354-3000. If you know someone who has a preschool aged child please pass a registration form on to them.

Summer Fairs and Festivals

July

Fridays Car Cruise Friday Painesville, OH. Painesville's famous Car Cruise is every Friday on the Square. Stroll through vintage, muscle and unique vehicles lining beautiful Veterans' Park while enjoying music and snacks. See you every Friday starting May 16 through September 19, weather permitting.

July 1-5 Chardon's America 250 Celebration Chardon, Oh Chardon's America 250 Celebration is a multi-day community event taking place from July 1-5, 2026, honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States. The festival features historic lectures, outdoor movie screenings, and family-friendly activities leading up to a large-scale Fourth of July celebration on Chardon Square.

July 3 Chardon Fireworks Chardon, OH Firework will be set off at Chardon High School at 10:00pm.

July 4 Mentor Concert & Fireworks Mentor, OH Mentor Civic Amphitheater

July 3-5 Boston Mills Artfest II Boston Mills Brandywine, OH

July 3-6 & 8-12 Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic Chagrin Falls, OH. Chagrin Valley Jumper Classic: One of Northern Ohio's summer highlights is the popular Hunter Jumper Classic, held every July at the Chagrin Valley's picturesque Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field. In past years, the show has hosted more than 500 competitors from over 30 states and several foreign countries.

July 5 Stars, Stripes & Harbor Lights Festival Fairport Harbor, OH The festival includes a parade, Weiner Dog Race, Watermelon Eating Contest, and much more. **Fireworks will be set off at dusk.**

July 9-August 23 Asian Lantern Festival Cleveland Zoo, Cleveland, OH Asian Lantern Festival presented by Meijer returns to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo beginning Thursday, July 9. Experience the wonder of the Zoo illuminated after dark, featuring live performances on the Fifth Third Bank Stage and a variety of culturally inspired cuisine at the MetroHealth Asian Food Market.

July 10-11 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Mount Hope Event Center, Millersburg, OH. The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction has three auctions: The Art and Collectible Auction featuring art and collectibles from local and well-known artists, the Quilt Auction featuring all sizes and colors, and the Wood Auction featuring items from local businesses and craftsmen.

July 11 Farmfest Lake Metroparks, Kirtland, OH Celebrate Farmpark's 28 years of serving visitors at this free event. This family-oriented event will provide a sampling of Farmpark's best programs and demonstrations. Visitors will enjoy Farmpark activities, food, entertainment and much more. Food vendors will provide both food and beverages

July 11-12 The Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Market Place Rock Creek, OH Theme: Mythical Beasts, Cryptids & Pet Parade

July 11-12 Summer Festival of the Arts Youngstown University. Youngstown, OH. The Summer Festival of the Arts is an annual event hosted by The Cultural Alliance! Join us for a weekend of performance, music, and artwork.

July 11-18 All American Soap Box Derby Akron, Ohio

July 14-19 Trumbull County Fair Cortland, OH

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July 16-18 Northeast Ohio Quilt Show Wooster, OH

July 17-19 Party in the Park Painesville, OH

July 17-19 Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Berea/Middleburg Heights, OH

July 18-19 The Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Market Place Rock Creek, OH Theme: Pirates & Princesses

July 24-26 Historical Engine Society Antique Power Exhibition Lake Metroparks, Kirtland, OH Farmpark is hosting the Historical Engine Society's 54th Annual Antique Power Exhibition. If there is a member of your family that enjoys machinery—this is their event. During your visit to the show, you can expect to see antique tractors, construction & excavation equipment, cars, trucks, and hit & miss engines.

July 25-26 The Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Market Place Rock Creek, OH Theme: Taste of Avaloch

July 28-August 2 Lake County Fair in Painesville, OH

July 28-August 2 Summit County Fair in Tallmadge, OH

July 29-August 9 Ohio State Fair Columbus, OH

August

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July 29-August 9 Ohio State Fair Columbus, OH

August 1-2 The Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Market Place Rock Creek, OH Theme: Out of Oz

August 3-9 Columbiana County Fair Lisbon, OH

August 3-9 Medina County Fair Medina, OH

August 7-9 Twins Days Festival Twinsburg, OH

August 8-9 Shaker Woods Festival Columbiana, OH The festival features more than 200 of the best juried craftspeople in the country. Each craftsperson will be dressed in Shaker period clothing while demonstrating and selling their remarkable handmade wares. Enjoy entertainment throughout the day

August 8-9 The Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Market Place Rock Creek, OH Theme: Knights Templar and Caped Crusaders

August 8-9 POWER Show Century Village Museum, Burton, OH This show features a stunning array of artifacts from tractors to historical equipment! Explore the rich history of our region through these fascinating relics and get a glimpse into the past!

August 11-16 Ashtabula County Fair Jefferson, OH

August 11-16 Cuyahoga County Fair Berea, OH

August 13-15 D-Day Reenactment Conneaut Township Park, Conneaut, Ohio. D-Day Conneaut will invade the Lake Erie shores of Conneaut, Ohio, and stage the country's largest D-Day (June 6, 1944) living histo-

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ry reenactment. Featuring over 1,800 reenactors, spectators will witness a living tribute to the veterans of WWII through dress, mock battles, and living history displays. It is a highly realistic and educational experience.

August 15 The Fest ForeFront Field Akron, OH A day of FAITH, FAMILY & FUN...all for FREE! The FEST features an incredible lineup of talented Christian artists and bands – let the music uplift your spirit and the lyrics inspire your heart as we unite in worship.

August 15-16 Shaker Woods Festival Columbiana, OH

August 15-16 The Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Market Place Rock Creek, OH Theme: Celtic & Viking Festivities

August 16-17 The Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Market Place Rock Creek, OH Theme: Celtic and Viking Festivities

August 22-23 Shaker Woods Festival Columbiana, OH

August 22-23 The Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Market Place Rock Creek, OH Theme: Barbarians and Gamers

August 23-30 Lorain County Fair Wellington, OH

September

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September 1-7 Stark County Fair Canton, OH

September 2-7 Mahoning County Fair Canfield, OH

September 3-7 Geauga County Fair Burton, OH

September 4-7 Cleveland Oktoberfest I Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Berea/Middleburg Heights, OH

September 12-13 Village Peddler Festival Lake Metroparks Farmpark Kirtland, OH Shop handmade accessories, decor, furniture, and more, from over 150 artists.

For Additional Festivals, Fairs and Craft Shows please visit:

<https://ohiofestivals.net/ohio-festivals/cleveland-festivals/>



July Birthdays

Jim Franz	Jul 2	Scott Javins	Jul 24
Matt Greig	Jul 4	Craig Wilhelm	Jul 24
Rosemary Galayda	Jul 8	Frank Vosicky III	Jul 27
Aaron Lindrose	Jul 11	Ed Hines	Jul 30
Stephanie Javins	Jul 12	Craig McConnell	Jul 31



July Anniversaries

James and Becky Frantz	48 years on Jul 01
Jack and Billie Lelle	56 years on Jul 11
Chuck and Susan Atwell	45 years on Jul 18
Barry and Cheryl DeWit	40 years on Jul 19
Scott and Stephanie Javins	22 years on Jul 24

Altar Flowers

Is there a date or event you would like to celebrate or a special someone you would like to honor or remember. Donating altar flowers is a great way to do that! All you have to do is sign up next to the appropriate weekend on the altar chart, add the occasion or person and who the flowers are from. Be sure to print clearly. The Altar Flower Chart is posted on the double doors at the back of the sanctuary. Altar flowers are \$40.00. The cash or check can be placed in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the date of the weekend and placed in the collection plate.



Those Who Serve: July 2026

ELDERS:

9:30 A Sunday Jeff Troutman

COUNTERS:

Kristi McConnell, Kenn Chaffe

LECTORS:

07-05-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Jack Lelle
07-12-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
07-19-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Eric West
07-26-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Terry Walelee



Scripture Readings for July

July 5

Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:14-25a
Matthew 11:25-30

July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8
Romans 8:18-27
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26

Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 13:44-52





July Word Search—July 4th

E	R	I	M	O	D	E	E	R	F	B	L	U	E
U	A	E	C	N	E	D	N	E	P	E	D	N	I
I	R	R	P	P	F	R	S	G	R	L	Y	R	E
H	E	R	O	S	C	I	W	F	L	I	B	T	B
R	P	T	L	I	B	E	R	T	Y	O	I	R	B
S	E	F	A	M	I	L	Y	E	H	H	R	B	Q
D	S	D	E	F	G	B	B	S	W	R	I	Y	R
N	P	I	C	N	I	C	S	I	R	O	B	F	I
E	U	N	C	L	E	S	A	M	R	F	R	P	B
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E	H	G	O	A	M	E	R	I	C	A	G	E	C
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HEROS
PICNIC
FIREWORKS
HOTDOGS
RED
FOURTH OF JULY
FREEDOM
FAMILY
INDEPENDENCE
PATRIOTS
UNCLE SAM
AMERICA
GLORY
BBQ RIBS
FRIENDS
FLAG
WHITE
STRIPES
STARS
LIBERTY
BLUE

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"I was glad when they said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" Psalm 122:1

Staff

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Worship Services

Sunday 9:30 am

Sunday Bible Study

Adult 8:30 am & 10:45 am
Children 10:45 am

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July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 COMMUNION SERVICE WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am Adult Bible Study—8:30am & 10:45am			1 6:30 pm Council Meeting National Parks Month National Picnic Month UV Safety Month	2	3	4  Independence Day
5  July Birthstone Ruby & Onyx	6 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting July Flower Larkspur & Water Lily	7 World Chocolate Day	8 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting	9	10 National French Fry Day	11 All American Pet Photo Day
12 National Pecan Pie Day 4:00 pm The Cleveland Percussion Trio Concert-Zion Lutheran Church	13	14 Cow Appreciation Day	15 National Hot Dog Day	16	17 August Newsletter Articles and Announcements Due	18
19 National Ice Cream Day	20 Float Decorating for Lake County Fair Parade	21	22	23	24 Cousins Day	25
26 	27	28 Outreach Float in Lake County Fair Parade	29 National Lasagna Day	30 International Friendship Day	31 National Avocado Day	Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays