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LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 6: IMPOSITION OF ASHES & CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

- ✠ 7:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 10: THE 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

- ✠ 8 & 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ✠ 5:30 PM The Chancel/Youth will host our Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner
- ✠ 6:15 PM First Part of Movie—“Telelestai” which means “It is Finished”

MARCH 17: THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

- ✠ 8 & 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ✠ 5:30 PM The Council will host our Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner
- ✠ 6:15 PM Second Part of Movie—“Telelestai” which means “It is Finished”

MARCH 24: THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

- ✠ 8 & 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ✠ 5:30 PM The Men of Zion will host our Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner
- ✠ 6:15 PM Third Part of Movie—“Telelestai” which means “It is Finished”

MARCH 31: THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

- ✠ 9:30 AM Combined Worship Service Led by the Praise Team

Worship Services
Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday School Classes
(Adult Discussion) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
(Classes: All Ages) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours
Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We have been working on updating our constitution. Our last update was back in 2000. The Constitution of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church has two parts to it. The first part is the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America given to us by the Northeastern Ohio Synod. There are a few areas that we have options to choice from and areas to fill in for our church, but the majority is already done by the Synod. The second part is the by-laws which our church may adopt as long as there is no conflict with the Constitution given to us by the Synod. We will look at the bylaws when we have a new pastor. Right now we need to revise our constitution and send it on to the synod.

Here is a summary of the constitution with the areas we have filled in marked in green. If anyone would like the full Model Constitution there are some copies in the office for you to read. There are 20 Chapters to the Model Constitution.

- Chapter 1: Name and Incorporation
- Chapter 2: Confession of Faith – what the Lutheran church believes in.
- Chapter 3: Nature of the church – All power in the Church belongs to our Lord Jesus. The church exists both as inclusive fellowship and as local congregations gathered for worship and Christian Service Participates in “The Lutheran World Federation”.
- Chapter 4: Statement of Purpose – to bear witness to God’s creative redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world. Participate in God’s mission, provide services of worship, teach the Word of God and witness.
- Chapter 5: Powers of the Congregation – The powers of this congregation are those necessary to fulfill its purpose. The powers of this congregation are vested in the Congregational Meeting called and conducted as provided in this constitution and by-laws. This chapter lists what the congregation is authorized to do.
- Chapter 6: Church Affiliation –Congregation shall be an interdependent part of the ELCA and Northeastern Ohio Synod and accepts the Confession of Faith. Congregation agrees to be responsible for its life as a Christian community. This chapter lists procedure for terminating relationship with ELCA
- Chapter 7: Property Ownership – If this congregation ceases to exist, title to undisposed property shall pass to the Northeastern Ohio Synod of ELCA. The chapter lists other conditions where title remains with the congregation.
- Chapter 8: Membership – Baptized persons on the roll of this congregation (baptized, confirmed, voting, associate and seasonal members). The chapter covers privileges and duty of members. It also covers when and how a member can be terminated.
- Chapter 9: Rostered Minister – This chapter covers calling a pastor and gives us what we are to do. C9.01 Before a call is issued, the officers, or **a committee appointed by the Congregational Council** to recommend the call. It also list the duties of a pastor.
- Chapter 10: Congregation Meeting - The congregational meeting times are specified in the bylaws. It also states when a special congregational meeting maybe called and by whom. It also covers notifying members and the voting rules.
1 percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- Chapter 11: Officers – There shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The duties and length of terms are listed in the bylaws.
- Chapter 12: Congregational Council – this chapter states who council consist of.
C12.01 The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor (s), the officers of the congregation, **and 8 elders, and one youth or one young adult member.**
C12.02 **They shall start their term on July 1st and end on June 30th. Such**

Mission Interpretation

What are you called to do?

Pastor Watt finished his sermon this morning asking, “What has God called YOU to do?” I truly believe that we have all heard that “small voice” in the quiet, but it is really hard to understand what it is saying. And it is much easier to think it is the effect of a burrito too late in the evening. What would our world look like if we actually acted on just a fraction of the projects that God has prepared for us?

This month I dug through the Northeastern Ohio Synod website (www.neos-elca.org). I was looking for things that caught my attention; things other folks were doing, ideas that people are pushing, or people who need our help.

Here are a few things I came across. Zion does not have a formal Green Team. We pray every week for the environment, for wild places and animals.

Here are some folks who have some ideas about ways we can help. Who’s interested?

Green Team – from Unified a newsletter NEOS available on their website
Does your congregation have a “green team?” Does your congregation have a “green team,” a creation care committee, or some other program devoted to environmental stewardship? Marilyn Matevia is acting as the synod’s point person, or “Green Shepherd,” with Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC), a national organization promoting care for creation within the ELCA (<https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>). If your congregation is already affiliated with LRC, or would like to connect and brainstorm about creation care programs with other congregations across the synod, please contact Marilyn at the synod office: mmatevia@neos-elca.org.

Retreats, Events & Servant Opportunities 2019 Calendar		
Date	Program	Location
January 11-13	Middle School Mix Retreat	Lutheran Memorial Camp
January 25-27	Confirmation Retreat	Lutheran Memorial Camp
February 1-3	Women's Spirituality Retreat	Camp Mowana
February 15-17	Confirmation Retreat	Lutheran Memorial Camp
February 22-23/24	Fun in Faith Elementary	Lutheran Memorial Camp
March 10	Maple Spring Festival	Lutheran Memorial Camp
March 22-23	Confirmation Retreat	Camp Mowana
April 5-6	First Communion Retreat	Camp Mowana
April 26-27/27	Family Spring Retreat	Lutheran Memorial Camp
May 3-5	Servant Weekend	Camp Luther
May 4	Servant Work Day	Camp Mowana
May 10-12	Gaga Ball Tournaments	Lutheran Memorial Camp
May 10-12	Servant Weekend	Camp Luther
May 12	Mother's Day Lunch	Camp Mowana
May 18	Servant Work Day	Lutheran Memorial Camp
May 17-19	Servant Weekend	Camp Luther
May 25	Servant Work Day	Camp Mowana
September 8	God's Work Our Hands	Lutheran Memorial Camp
September 13-15	Water & Wine Adult Retreat	Camp Luther
October 4-6	Camp Boo-ther Family Retreat	Camp Luther
October 11-13	Servant Weekend	Camp Luther
October 13	Apple Butter Festival	Lutheran Memorial Camp
October 15-21	Fall Colors Journey	LOMO
October 28-30	Renew Youth & Family Ministries at LMC	

To the Left is a schedule of events for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio (www.lomocamps.org). LOMO operates 3 summer camps in Ohio. They also have programs throughout the year. This is a ministry that has been ongoing for the last 75 years. Many of you went to one of these camps or sent your kids there.

This fall Camp Mowana, in Mansfield, will be acquired by the Richland County Park District as part of a Land Conservancy. It will remain “wild” for the enjoyment of the public. Selling Camp Mowana will allow LOMO to maintain Camps Luther and Lutheran Memorial and continue their ministries.

They are looking for folks, in August, to clear out all personal property. Check out their website.

Bishop Allende posted this picture. He took it when he was at the 2016 Bishop’s Conference. It shows two people talking through the border fence in Nogales, Arizona. No matter your feelings are on a “wall” or immigration in general, I think we can all agree that there a lot of desperate people looking for a way to live in safety. The bishop concluded his observations this way. *“Whatever your religious belief, we are all creatures made and loved by God. The challenge to Christians, as well as all people of faith today, is building a future together that includes everyone, not just the privileged. Such action has the potential to transform our society.”*

Let us listen to Pastor Watt and the Bishop and see how we can reach out to a world in pain. The Lord has blessed us tremendously so that we could reach out and be his hands in the world. May Christ’s Peace and God’s restlessness be with you as you listen for what God wants you to do.

Yours in Christ,
Mark Votaw

What is God up to?

By Elizabeth A. Eaton



What is to be done? Our congregations are growing older and smaller. At least 40 percent of our congregations have an average weekly worship attendance of 50 or less. ELCA membership decreases by 70,000 people a year, or roughly the loss of a synod per year. Clergy retirements outnumber new candidates for ministry. Financial pressures and building maintenance create stress. There is a dearth of people in their 20s and 30s in our pews. How do we change this? How do we reverse the trends?

These are anxious questions that come from anxious people across this church. We aren't the only ones asking them—just about every mainline denomination, including the non-Latino population of the Roman Catholic Church, is in the same boat. Even some megachurches are showing signs of plateau or decline. And this is not exclusive to the Christian community. I once attended a national conference of Muslims where one workshop was titled “Un-Mosqued to Mosqued: How to Get the Young Muslim Back to the Masjid.”

Some now see the decline of the church in general, and the ELCA in particular, as inevitable. The response can be to turn our churches into bunkers with our congregations sheltering within the walls or to try every new program that breathlessly promises to attract people to our congregations. Neither is an effective or faithful long-term strategy.

I think we are asking the wrong questions.
The questions we are asking have to do about us:

“What can we do?” They express loss and grief and fear—loss and grief for what we were and fear about what we will become. Not only do these questions not lead to productive answers, they also don't point to hope. It's as if the church's one foundation rests on us and our efforts.

I think we need to ask: “What is God up to?”
It's clear to me that we are living in a time of transition, especially for the Western church. I don't know how long this transition will last nor do I have a clear vision of what the church is becoming.

The good news is that you and I don't have to have a clear vision because God does. “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:18-19). These words of hope were spoken to the Jews who were stuck in exile. They had lost their land, their temple and their king—the pillars of their identity. Likewise, the church has lost social status and relevance in 21st-century American culture.

For Israel and the church this would be a hopeless situation, except that God is faithful. When the Lord admonished, “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old,” this wasn't a command to forget God's past saving work, but to believe that God was still acting. This is true for us today. When we stop asking what we can do to fix the church and start asking what God is up to, we open ourselves up to the life-giving promise of God's future.

Then we are also open to more questions: How is the Spirit reshaping the church? How will Christ use us as Christ's living body in the world?

If we want to attract people to our congregations to rebuild a memory, God will not bless our efforts. But if we—grabbed by the Spirit in baptism, changed by the word, intimately and lovingly connected to Jesus and each other in communion, and set free by grace to serve the neighbor—invite all people into true life, then we shall become part of the answer. This takes attention and devotion. Worship, prayer, Scripture study, generosity and service—not in order to save the church, but in response to the new life God has given us in Christ.

And one more thing: in God's inscrutable wisdom, God has chosen human hands and voices to tell and welcome. Let's adopt the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod's mission to get more people to know more about Jesus.

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Her email address: bishop@elca.org.

This article was taken from the February 2019 issue of “Living Lutheran”

members shall be eligible to serve no more than two full terms consecutively.

The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters (gives list). Congregation Council shall see that the provisions of this constitution, its bylaws and the continuing resolutions are carried out. The Congregation Council is responsible for employment and supervision of staff. C12.03 Should a member's place on the Congregation Council be declared vacant, the Congregation Council shall elect, by majority vote, a successor until the **next congregational meeting**.

C12.14 **The congregation Council may vote via e mail for time sensitive decisions.**

- Chapter 13: Congregation Ministries – Who constitutes the Steering Ministry, Nominating Ministry, Audit Ministry, Mutual Ministry, in the absence of a Mutual Ministry the duties shall be fulfilled by the **Steering Ministry**.
- Chapter 14: Organizations within the Congregation
- Chapter 15: Discipline of Members and Adjudication – This chapter gives the reasons for Discipline and the process of discipline.
- Chapter 16: Amendments – This chapter gives you the manner in how to amend a section of the constitution that are not required in accord with the Model Constitution for Congregations of ELCA.
- Chapter 17: By-laws – Congregations may adopt by-laws that do not conflict with this Constitution. This chapter covers how to do the bylaws.
- Chapter 18: Continuing Resolutions: - This chapter tells what and how to do resolutions.
- Chapter 19: Indemnification
- Chapter 20: Parish Authorization – Congregations may unite in partnership with one or more other Congregations. This chapter gives the rules or guide lines for joining another congregation.

If you have any questions on anything in the constitution please let me know.

God's Peace and Blessings be with you all,
Darlene Milavickas

MINISTRY REPORTS

CARING MINISTRY

The dates for the March Food Pantry and Clothing Closet are the 5th and the 19th. Set up time is at 9:00 am with the doors opening at 1:00 pm.

FOOD PANTRY needs cereal, spaghetti sauce, crunchy peanut butter, jelly (any flavor except grape), canned fruit, variety pack of flavored instant oatmeal, and soups of all kinds (except tomato).

CLOTHING CLOSET is in need of household items such as; bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc.

Remember to contact Kay Davis,

stitchandsewk810@sbsglobal.net, if you have any prayer requests.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
Ron Tvorik

RESOURCE MINISTRY

Zion Lutheran continues its practice of running monthly surpluses!

In January, 2019, revenues totaled \$13,932.05. Expenses for the month totaled \$13,740.56. The monthly surplus (fifth in a row) is \$191.49. Zion now has a year-to-date surplus of \$204.97. What

is particularly significant is the fact that notwithstanding decreased revenue as a result of cancellation of services on Sunday, January 20, 2019 due to inclement weather, the decrease in expenses as compared to January, 2018 facilitated a monthly surplus. The significant decrease in expenses is directly attributable to timely improvements to the infrastructure and implementation of energy saving measures which have eliminated what were formerly recurring and substantial maintenance expenses.

Good stewardship, a solid investment portfolio, and prudent decisions about the best way to pursue Zion’s mission enable us to continue to support the Stark County Humane Society and other philanthropic and humanitarian endeavors in a meaningful way. Knowing that financial concerns are not an inhibiting factor strengthens our endeavors to reach out to the community and assist in international Lutheran relief efforts.

Jim Fidler
Resource Elder

THE CALL PROCESS

Terrible weather in many parts of the United States has taken its toll on the Call Process. Those Pastors seeking a Call are understandably reluctant to travel to Zion in bad weather. Electronic interviews require scheduling well in advance to ensure maximum participation. Work schedules and time zone differences need to be taken into account.

An even more significant factor is the high number of congregations, some of them seeking individuals to be a part of multiple Pastoral Teams, engaged in the Call Process as opposed to the small number of Pastors seeking a Call. Navigating in an environment where demand exceeds supply requires patience, perseverance and confidence that Zion Lutheran has the attributes that will attract the individual who has the intellectual and spiritual depth, temperament, judgment and experience needed to partner with Zion in the years ahead.

We believe the best way to meet this daunting challenge is to continue to emphasize Zion’s strengths as noted in our Ministry Site Profile and work with the Northeast Ohio Synod in determined

efforts to identify promising Call candidates.

Faithfully,

Your Call Committee:
Laura Thompson (Chairperson)
Rob Frock
Cathy Harvey
Marissa Keating
John Long
Brian Walters
Jim Fidler (Council Representative)

WORSHIP

“**Dinner and a Movie**” is the format for this year’s Lenten services on March 10th, 17th, and 24th. Each service will begin with dinner at 5:30 pm and the movie beginning at 6:15 pm. We will be providing a large screen, sound and projector in Luther Hall immediately following dinner. The video series we will be watching is called “Telelestai” which means “*It is Finished*”. Moments before Jesus took his final breath, he proclaimed “Telelestai”, “It is Finished”. What exactly had Jesus finished? Why does this phrase have the potential to change human history? Join us and find out. Each episode is approximately 30 minutes long, allowing enough time for a short discussion afterwards. We hope to see everyone there.

On **March 31, 2019**, we will have a combined service at 9:30 am led by the Praise Team.

Brian Walters
Worship Ministry

WITNESS MINISTRY

Spring is just around the corner and that means it's time to begin talking about the Hunger Walk! Zion Lutheran will once again be participating in the "Feed the Need" Akron Area Interfaith Council's Hunger Walk. Be sure to save the date- Sunday May 5th. Registration begins at 2 pm and the 2-mile walk kicks off at 3 pm. Afterwards, there's a community soup social. If you'd like to join our team, sign up in Luther Hall. Every dollar raised will provide 4 meals through programs like our very own Food Pantry. Please contact Heather

Lent

Find these words having to do with the liturgical season of Lent in the puzzle below. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all directions.

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MLEKTMTTDNXYMTPODIRI
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alms giving
ashes
Ash Wednesday
cross
crucifixion
Easter
fasting
forgiveness
Holy Week

lent
meditation
penance
prayer
prepare
reconciliation
sacrifice
sorrow
spring

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Youth Spotlight – More Favorites

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:

- LJ Brown - Strawberry Cheesecake
- Ben Keith – Chocolate
- Drew Keith – Blueberry
- Amelia Milek - Lemon
- Weston Milek - Mint Chocolate Chip
- Christopher Thompson - Chocolate
- Justin Dague - Mint Chocolate Chip
- Jeremy Fox - Vanilla Bean
- Cassie Frank - Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
- Chrissy Nicholson - Mint Chocolate Chip
- Marcus Rhodes - Mint Chocolate Chip
- Casey Walters - Strawberry
- Kathryn Milek - Cookie Dough

Favorite Candy:

- LJ Brown - Kit Kats
- Ben Keith - Suckers
- Drew Keith - Jelly Beans
- Amelia Milek - Twix
- Weston Milek - Twizzlers
- Christopher Thompson - Jolly Ranchers
- Justin Dague - Twizzlers
- Jeremy Fox - Three Musketeer Bars
- Cassie Frank - Gummy Worms
- Chrissy Nicholson - M & Ms
- Marcus Rhodes - Snickers
- Casey Walters - Laffy Taffy
- Kathryn Milek - Twizzlers & Reese’s Cups

Where would you like to live if you could live anywhere in the world:

- LJ Brown - Houston, Texas
- Ben Keith - Florida
- Drew Keith - the Beach
- Amelia Milek - Seattle
- Weston Milek - Australia
- Christopher Thompson - Berlin
- Justin Dague - Alaska
- Jeremy Fox - Colorado
- Cassie Frank - Florida
- Chrissy Nicholson - San Francisco
- Marcus Rhodes - Fiji
- Casey Walters - Florida
- Kathryn Milek - Somewhere in Europe



Hoffman with questions or information, 330.323.3840 or zionlutheranwitness@gmail.com.

The "Come Together: Historic Churches of North Canton" exhibit at North Canton Heritage Society runs April 6 - May 30th from 9 am - 4 pm. NCHS is located at 185 Ream St. NW, North Canton OH 44720. The exhibit will feature artifacts and information from the 4 historic churches: St. Paul's Catholic Church, Community Christian Church, Zion Lutheran Church and Zion UCC.

Heather Hoffman

WOMEN OF ZION

Comfort Givers 2018 Lutheran World Relief Projects Report

We just received the new LWR projects report which can also be found, now, on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. What interesting stories from different areas in the state.

“For where two or three are gathered, I am there among them” *Matt 18:20*

A trio of two women and one man at Immanuel Lutheran Church in LaSalle County, Illinois, known as the county line church—were the quilt-producing engine of the small country church congregation. Despite an average age of 83 between them, they cranked out about 250 quilts a year, which is equivalent of nearly a quilt a day. **Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of Love.**

Our projects for Northern Ohio are shipped from the warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. Please note the large poster in the hallway for countries where we might see our comforts going.

- Quilts/Comforts—323,610
- Blankets Donated—8,784
- School Kits—216,430
- Personal Care Kits—119,865
- Fabric Kits—11,890
- Baby Care Kits—64,445

Due to a lot of illnesses and etc, we sent only 48 comforts and 10 donated blankets. We are a small group, but proud we are still able to serve. We just recruited a new helper and a man who enjoys work.

LWR has announced March 16, 2019, is National Quilting Day. We must set a higher goal and ask the Spirit to guide us. Look for more information.

In His Service,
Betty Tracy

ZION’S FINANCIAL FACTS IN JANUARY 2019

January Income	\$13,932.05
Income through January	\$13,932.05
January Expenses	\$13,740.56
Expenses through January	\$13,740.56

January Surplus	\$ 191.49
2019 YTD Surplus	\$ 191.49

We thank you for your generous support!

News from Zion's Youth

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, March 6th: Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 11th: Youth and Youth Leaders will help host Lenten Dinner

Sunday, March 31st: No Sunday School

Saturday, April 13th: Dress Rehearsal for Children's Easter Program and Pizza Party

Sunday, April 14th (Palm Sunday): Children's Easter Program at the 10:30 service

Sunday, April 21st (Easter): Easter Egg Hunt for all ages during Sunday School

Sunday School Pre-K thru High School Grade

During March, our Sunday School classes will continue to meet at the regularly scheduled time - 9:15 am. There will be no Sunday School on March 31st. During the Sunday School hour, we will have some class time, work on some service projects and begin practice for the Easter program on March 24th. Please join us!

This year's Easter Program, "*Who was the Man on the Cross*", will take place on Palm Sunday, April 14th, at the 10:30 am service. We will have dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 13th which will be followed by a pizza party to celebrate all of the children's hard work. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.



Youth Lenten Dinner

The youth will help host the Lenten Dinner on Sunday, March 10, 2019. The menu will be a variety of delicious soups along with sandwiches and fabulous desserts. We will be contacting our youth and their families closer to March 10th with more details and a list of needed items.

ACME Receipts – Thank you!

Thank you for turning in your ACME receipts and supporting Zion's Youth. This year we collected receipts totaling \$4311.71 in Community Cash Back amounts. Of that total we will receive 5% - a check for \$215.59 to support our Youth Program. We are so grateful for everyone's support!

Stark County Humane Society Update

Thank you to everyone that supported the Youth's "Tree of Love" in February. Because of everyone's generosity, we were able to donate a large amount of dog and cat food, cleaning supplies, hoses & nozzles, dog and cat treats and much more to the Stark County Humane Society. The response was so great that we made two deliveries in February! We would also like to thank everyone for their cash donations. We were able to donate over \$200.00 to the Stark County Humane Society. Our Zion family is always so generous, and we are grateful for all of the support for the Youth pro-



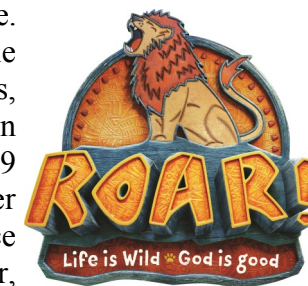
jects! If you would like to learn more about volunteering or adopting a pet, please visit the Stark County Humane society's website at www.starkhumane.org. There is also a list of needed items on the webpage if you would like to continue to help them out.

Easter Egg Hunt for all ages – April 21st at 9:30am

We will be preparing for our Easter Egg Hunt during the months of March and April. Kids in the High School and Confirmation classes will fill the Easter Eggs that will be used in the hunt during Sunday School. We usually fill over 500 eggs and will need lots of candy and small toys to complete the task. If anyone is willing to donate candy or small items for our Easter eggs, please drop off your donation in the main office by Sunday, April 14th. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday at 9:30am. Thank you for your support!

Vacation Bible School: July 15 – 19th ROAR!

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 15 - 19th this summer! We are excited for a great week on safari! We will experience ROAR! - where life is wild, and God is good! Our VBS program is designed for children age 4 through those who have completed 5th grade. Our youth who have completed 6th grade and higher are invited to help during the week. The schedule will be similar to last year, and we plan to have great lessons, great games, great crafts, great guest speakers, great service projects and a lot of fun and learning! VBS will be from 9 am – 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 9 am – 1 pm Friday. We will need plenty of volunteers for the week! Please consider joining us one, two or all five days. It truly is a rewarding and enjoyable experience with a great group of kids! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Debbie Fox at 330-966-2433 or email at dfox521@sbcglobal.net. There will be much more information to come in the following months, and we hope to have registration packets ready in May. We hope you will join us!



OUR LENT LITURGICAL PAINTING

(Design and Explanation by Carol Rossbach)



LENT – THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST: The name of Jesus Christ is set on a cross. The letters of the name are white, a color that is used to symbolize purity. The color of the cross is red because our Lord's blood was shed for us. Between the arms of the cross we see forty divisions, which symbolize the forty days of fasting in preparation for our Lord's triumph over Satan during his struggle with temptation in the wilderness. Thus, our Lenten journey begins with our remembering how God's call through Baptism thrust Jesus into the wilderness for a time of testing and trusting. The tempter tries to distract us from following the will of God by inviting us to question God's Word. Our Lord reminds us that it is better to trust God's

Word than to follow the devil's efforts to mislead by turning trust to doubt, and faith to fear. Trusting God leads to life. Following the devil leads through darkness to death. The rays of light are also a Lenten symbol, and for that reason are purple. Surrounding the cross is a circle of gold, which signifies perfection in eternity, set on a purple background, the color for Lent.