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Proclaiming Good News

June 2019

Happy Father's Day

Worship Services

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

Sunday School Classes

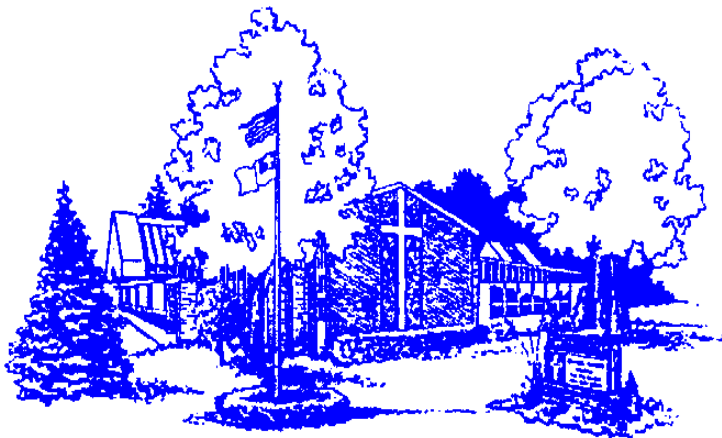
(Adult Discussion) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
(Classes: All Ages) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours

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

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What Makes A Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad*

Author Unknown

Message from the President:

Where to begin? There is so much going on at Zion right now, so I will start with the news that we have a candidate for full time pastor that wants to come to lead and guide us in the spreading of the word of God. In the Herald this month you will be reading a lot about Pastor William Weidenbach, Jr., and the upcoming events, so I want to touch on a different area. There are so many people to thank. Thankful means showing or feeling gratitude: grateful. Thanks is stated as an expression of appreciation, gratefulness. Still with all these words to define thanks, it just doesn't seem enough.

First, Thank you God for guiding, supporting, and loving us always, but especially through these last three years. Second, a big "Thank you" to all the people of Zion who have helped to keep the church running through this period. We may be small, but we are mighty. Third, a real big Thank You goes out to the Call Committee that has been working really hard the last three years to find the right match for Zion. So "Thank You"; Laura Thompson (Chairperson), Rob Frock, Cathy Harvey, Marissa Keating, John Long, Brian Walters, Jim Fidler (Council Representative).

We have been busy these last years but we are going to get busier. We are not only going to keep the church running, physically, but we are going to get back in full force to our mission of "growing in Love and Service by Grace". We would love to see everyone come Sunday June 2 to meet Pastor William Weidenbach Jr. and his wife at a reception between our two services. This will be a good time to ask him questions. Then Wednesday, June 5th, we will have a special congregational meeting to vote on extending a Call to Pastor Weidenbach Jr. These are two very important events that everyone needs to attend and participate in. We need your voice.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers at Zion and God's Blessings and Peace be with you all.

Darlene Milavickas

CARING MINISTRY

The dates for the June Food Pantry and Clothing Closet are the 4th and the 18th. 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. Also, men, women, and children's spring jackets and coats.

Remember to contact Kay Davis, stitchandsewk810@sbsglobal.net, if you have any prayer requests.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Ron Tvorik

THE CALL PROCESS

We are delighted to announce that the Zion Church Council has adopted our recommendation and issued a Call to Pastor William Weidenbach of Peru, Illinois to be Zion's Pastor and he has accepted the Call. The lengthy and challenging process of identifying that individual best suited to partner with Zion in the coming years required extensive cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Synod and thoughtful consideration of several candidates. We are enthusiastic about Zion's future now that we have such a talented and capable Pastor to bring to Zion.

The Congregation will have the opportunity to meet with Pastor William (as he likes to be referred to) and, hopefully, his wife, Linda, who is

Father's Day Word Search



DADDY
GRANDPA
PROVIDER
LOVE



PARENT
JUNE
WISDOM
SPORTS



FATHER
PROTECT
FAMILY
FUN



THE REVEREND WILLIAM WEIDENBACH, JR.

NEWLY CALLED PASTOR AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

On June 5, 2019, the Congregation will be voting on the Council’s decision to issue a Call to an exceptionally qualified candidate to be Zion’s Pastor in the coming years.

William Weidenbach, Jr., who prefers to be called “Pastor William”, is currently serving as the Interim Pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Peru, Illinois. He is a mature but also youthful individual who brings impressive academic credentials, a solid employment record, and Pastoral Ministry experience in Florida, North Dakota and Illinois to the endeavor of partnering with Zion’s Congregation in the years ahead. He loves life and loves God and has felt the Call to serve the Lord since age 10.

Pastor William has two adult children from his first marriage. His first wife passed away in 1997 and he and his second wife, Linda, who is a Lutheran Chaplain, have been married since 1999.

He has a background in finance, having served as the Senior Manager in an accounting firm. He sings and plays the trumpet and baritone saxophone.

He believes Zion Lutheran Church has a strong Ministry Site Profile and wishes to engage with the Congregation. He appreciates and wants to enhance Zion’s efforts to reach our shut-ins, reach out to the community, and have our younger members participate in different ways in worship services, particularly as Lectors and Assisting Ministers. He has expressed his intention to attend Vacation Bible School and Sunday School classes.

Pastor William’s keen intellect, sense of humor and genuine love for his fellow human beings make him the ideal choice to partner with our Congregation in pursuing Zion’s Mission and Vision in the coming years.

herself a Lutheran Chaplain, when they attend worship services at Zion on Sunday, June 2, 2019. They will be available for a “Meet and Greet” between the services.

The Council and Call Committee are urging all Members of Zion Lutheran to attend a Special Congregational Meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at which time the Members of the Congregation will be asked to approve the Call for Pastor Weidenbach to be Zion’s spiritual leader in the years ahead.

We are grateful for the support and prayers of the Congregation throughout this process, which has resulted in the identification of an outstanding individual to partner with Zion in achieving its Mission.

Faithfully,

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

RESOURCE MINISTRY

The month of April, 2019 saw Zion once again run a monthly surplus!

In April, 2019, revenues totaled \$14,411.77. Expenses for the month totaled \$12,207.91. The surplus of \$2,204.26 was the largest in several months and increased the Year-To-Date surplus to \$4,698.04. Revenue was down slightly and expenses down considerably in comparison with April, 2018, a tribute to infrastructure improvements and energy saving measures implemented in recent years.

Zion’s prudently allocated and judiciously managed portfolio and responsible stewardship of our resources enable us to continue our support for philanthropy and humanitarian endeavors while simultaneously calculating the budgetary adjustments necessitated by incorporating a financial

compensation package for a Called Pastor.

Jim Fidler
Resource Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY

As we complete another year of Sunday School for our youth and adults, we are so thankful for the leadership of Debbie Fox and Jeff Hissong. We are blessed to have their dedication and support for our Sunday School programs. We are looking forward to Vacation Bible School and then our Rally Day in September. Be sure to look for details in the months ahead.

Janet Slease
Learning Ministry Elder

WORSHIP MINISTRY

A big Thank You, to everyone who donated to the organ upgrade fund. \$3,225 has been donated so far to add a much needed upgrade to our pipe organ. The organ will also be tuned in June. Our organist Jack Brannen, expresses his heart felt appreciation for your support. Our church is blessed to have such a talented, gracious and dedicated person as Jack enhancing our worship services every Sunday. Thank you all for your contributions!

Brian Walters
Worship Ministry Elder

WITNESS MINISTRY



Thank you! According to the Akron Area Interfaith Council, your support of the Sunday May 5th Stark County Hunger Walk made it a success!

\$11,877.60 Donated
640 pounds of food collected
139 Walkers
207 Participants

Zion Lutheran Church donated \$265 from loose change collections and had 12 walkers participate. Save the Date for the 2020 Walk on Sunday May 3, 2020.

Thank you for all the support as I’ve served on council for last 5 years. It’s been a great learning experience to contribute and serve God in different capacities.

Heather Hoffman
Witness Ministry Elder

WOMEN OF ZION

Comfort Givers continue to prepare items to be used for the VBS children’s help in making comforts for missions. Once again, they will prepare the white blocks with the various figures and designs from the lessons of the day. This is a great teaching tool about mission work in a small way, but huge means to those who receive the finished project.

VBS starts July 15th—19th. Many helpful hands will be needed. We welcome anyone, any age, any time to share in this devotion of love to others. Come, enjoy the fellowship, hear the laughter and joy of the children when they find their block in a finished comfort.

Kids in Church—Repeat the Darnedest Things

1. ‘Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen’
2. One particular four-old prayed, ‘And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.’
3. A little boy was overheard praying: ‘Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am.’
4. After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back

seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, ‘That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.’

In His Service,
Betty Tracy

ZION’S FINANCIAL FACTS IN APRIL 2019

April Income	\$14,411.77
Income through April	\$59,988.40
April Expenses	\$12,207.51
Expenses through April	\$55,290.36

April Surplus \$ 2,204.26
2019 YTD Surplus \$ 4,698.04

We thank you for your generous support!

Congratulations Graduates!

We are very proud of who they are and their many accomplishments, and want to wish them only the best as their journeys in life continue. May God bless Kathryn and Mallory richly in all they do.

Kathryn Anne Milek will graduate from GlenOak High School on May 28th. She is the daughter of Brian and Nicole Milek. Kathryn has been active at Zion since she and her family moved here 13 years ago from Minnesota. She has helped with VBS, youth activities, and the food pantry. She really enjoyed the art program at GlenOak. She has won art awards in Scholastics and also was recognized for excellence in visual arts. This year, she was in Advanced Placement Studio Art. This fall, Kathryn plans to attend Kent State University at Stark where she will study interior design.

Mallory May Rhodes will graduate from North Canton Hoover High School on the afternoon of Sunday, June 2nd. She is the daughter of Virginia and John Rhodes. Mallory has been active at Zion since she was young and has participated in the Easter and Christmas programs, as well as Vacation Bible School. She has also been a part of many youth activities and service projects. Additionally, she currently represents the Canton-Massillon area on our synod’s LYO board.

While at Hoover, Mallory played trombone for all four years in the band. In addition to her participation in Hoover’s Symphonic band, she also played for the pep band, jazz band, and flute choir. During Football season, she performed as part of the color guard. Outside of band, she was also inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year. In the fall, Mallory will begin studying physics at Kent State University.



Youth Spotlight – Happy Father’s Day!

Questions about the kids’ dads (or grandpas) from their perspective

What is his favorite thing to do?

- LJ Brown - Watch TV
- Ben Keith - Go hiking
- Drew Keith - Play with us
- Amelia Milek - Working on his cars & camping
- Weston Milek - Eat
- Christopher Thompson - Build stuff
- Justin Dague - Keep up with the news
- Jeremy Fox - Hunt
- Chrissy Nicholson - Eat ice cream
- Marcus Rhodes - Listen to or watch Indians games
- Casey Walters - Draw or paint on an iPad
- Kathryn Milek - Reading & doing yardwork
- Mallory Rhodes - Hang out & read

What makes him laugh?

- LJ Brown - Reading this paper I filled out
- Ben Keith – When we wrestle
- Drew Keith – Me!
- Amelia Milek - Dad jokes
- Weston Milek - My mom’s outfits
- Christopher Thompson - Jokes his friends make
- Justin Dague - His sons
- Jeremy Fox - Dogs and jokes
- Chrissy Nicholson - Carli
- Marcus Rhodes - A good ole zing!
- Casey Walters - Comedians (Laugh USA specifically)
- Kathryn Milek - His kids
- Mallory Rhodes - My jokes approximately half the time

What makes you proud about him?

- LJ Brown - When he plays with me
- Ben Keith - That he is a good dad
- Drew Keith - That he takes care of us
- Amelia Milek - Hardworking
- Weston Milek - His hard work
- Christopher Thompson - That he is my dad!
- Justin Dague - How hard he works
- Jeremy Fox - His strong work ethic and never give up attitude
- Chrissy Nicholson - That he was willing to take in my mom and uncle as his own when they were young
- Marcus Rhodes - He’s a smart cookie and he helps out a lot- sometimes to a fault
- Casey Walters - How successful and truly kind they are
- Kathryn Milek - His generosity & he’s got a good work ethic
- Mallory Rhodes - He’s very dedicated



News from Zion’s Youth

Happy Birthday to:



Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

Week of July 15 – 19th: Vacation Bible School - M thru Th 9am – 12:30pm & F 9am – 1pm
Sunday, September 8th: Start of 2019-20 Sunday School Classes

Sunday School – Pre-K thru High School

As a reminder, we will be taking a break this summer from Sunday School. There will be no Sunday School classes this summer. We will start up again in September when classes resume on Sunday, September 8, 2019.



We want to once again thank all the families for participating in Sunday School this year and all of the Sunday School staff and teachers for their time and dedication to the awesome youth of Zion.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 15-19TH

Join us July 15th – 19th at ROAR for Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be from 9 am – 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 9 am – 1 pm Friday. Registration and sign in will begin each day at 8:45 am so we can get our morning started right at 9 am!

We are excited for a great week on safari! We will experience ROAR! - where life is wild, and God is good! Everyone will learn that no matter what life brings us, GOD IS GOOD, and He is always there for us! It is going to be a week-long adventure of fun, fellowship and learning with awesome lessons, music, games, snacks, crafts and service projects.

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. We have many volunteer & service opportunities that will be planned for these youth! Registration packets are available in the Church Office. Please turn in your completed forms by **Friday, July 12th** in order to help us order sufficient supplies. We will still accept registrations during the week of VBS if space is available. We will have a short music program on Friday, July 19th at 12:00 pm which will be followed by pizza and ice cream in the gym. Everyone is invited to join us for this Safari Celebration that will mark the end of a great week!





SERVICE at VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Service will be a main focus again this year which is a great tradition at Zion’s VBS. We have planned many service projects, some familiar and some different. The children will experience how important serving others and God is in their lives! We hope they will see that no matter how old you are, you can truly make a difference in showing others how **God is Good** through their helpful, loving, compassionate actions! The following is a summary of this year’s projects:

OFFERING – There will be a friendly contest each day between the boys and girls to collect change. Each team will have a jar and the jar with the most money “wins”! This money will be donated to a charity chosen by the children during the week of VBS. Please join in and help!

FOOD PANTRY – We ask that each child bring in a food item each day if possible. This food will help stock Zion’s food pantry, helping so many families in the community. Items most needed are Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Instant Oatmeal, Strawberry Jelly, and Boxed Macaroni & Cheese. Bonus items for extra safari bucks are crunchy peanut butter and canned chicken.

SCHOOL KITS - The children will be putting together school kits for children in the community and the Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center. Please bring donated items by Friday, July 19th. Here is a list of needed items if you would like to donate to this project:



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| Crayons & Markers | Colored Pencils | Glue – bottles & sticks |
| Note Book Paper | Pencils & Erasers | Scissors |
| Spiral Notebooks | Folders & Binders | Backpacks |

QUILT SQUARES - The children will once again create quilt squares for Zion’s Quilters to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will raffle 1 quilt to be chosen Friday. Tickets will be available during the week - 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5.

STARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY - We will be collecting items to help the Humane Society all week. Items most needed in the summer are Dry Dog Food, Dry Cat Food, Cat litter, Blue Dawn Dish Soap, Clorox Bleach, Rain Ponchos, Metal Cake Pans, Hoses and Nozzles, Leashes, KMR & Kitten bottles, and Copy Paper. You can find more information about the Stark County Humane Society on their website at www.starkhumane.org where there is a complete list of items they need, volunteer opportunities and how you can adopt a pet. Please bring in all donations by Friday, July 19th.

DAILY PROJECTS - The children will work on several service projects throughout the week at Zion and at home.

We are looking forward to a great week and hope you will join us! We are still in need 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! Sign-up sheets are located in Luther Hall for volunteers and items needed for the week, along with donation cans for those who are interested in helping. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Debbie Fox at 330-966-2433 or email at dfox521@sbcglobal.net.

As always, thank you, thank you, thank you for your great support!

God is good!

Youth Spotlight – Happy Father’s Day!
Questions about the kids’ dads (or grandpas) from their perspective



What is your favorite thing to do with him?

- LJ Brown - Sit on his lap
- Ben Keith - Go hiking
- Drew Keith - Watch Daddy play his game
- Amelia Milek - Watch Marvel movies
- Weston Milek - Mowing
- Christopher Thompson - Anything! It doesn’t matter what it is.
- Justin Dague - Working on things around the house
- Jeremy Fox - Hunt and hangout
- Chrissy Nicholson - Washing the camper
- Marcus Rhodes - Go to sporting events
- Casey Walters - Talk about school, humor and simply life in general
- Kathryn Milek - Boating
- Mallory Rhodes - Read together

What makes him happy?

- LJ Brown - Me sitting on his lap
- Ben Keith – Play video games
- Drew Keith – Play video games
- Amelia Milek - Camping
- Weston Milek - Hard work
- Christopher Thompson - Aria
- Justin Dague - His clean cars
- Jeremy Fox - Family and hunting
- Chrissy Nicholson - Camping
- Marcus Rhodes - Family
- Casey Walters - Time with family and comedy
- Kathryn Milek - Working on classic cars
- Mallory Rhodes - Going places with the family

What is his favorite food?

- LJ Brown - Mac & Cheese
- Ben Keith - Pizza
- Drew Keith - Tacos
- Amelia Milek - BBQ
- Weston Milek - The Pantry
- Christopher Thompson - Breakfast sandwich
- Justin Dague - Fig Newtons
- Jeremy Fox - Venison steaks
- Chrissy Nicholson - Sausage & sauerkraut
- Marcus Rhodes - Pizza
- Casey Walters - Cheese with trail bologna
- Kathryn Milek - Cherry Chip Cake
- Mallory Rhodes - Shrimp



What is something he is really good at?

- LJ Brown - Sitting in the lazy boy chair & falling asleep
- Ben Keith - Hiking
- Drew Keith - Eating
- Amelia Milek - Working on cars
- Weston Milek - Taxes
- Christopher Thompson - Golf
- Justin Dague - Working hard
- Jeremy Fox - Hunting
- Chrissy Nicholson - Cooking on the grill
- Marcus Rhodes - Jeopardy, Math
- Casey Walters - My dad is really good at making people smile as well as fixing anything and working with technology. He is good at art as well.
- Kathryn Milek - Organizing
- Mallory Rhodes - Math