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October 2019



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19: CRAFT SHOW & OKTOBERFEST
GERMAN DINNERS AND SO MUCH MORE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27: REFORMATION CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

YOUTH HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY at 6:00 p.m.

DELICIOUS DINNER at 6:15 p.m.

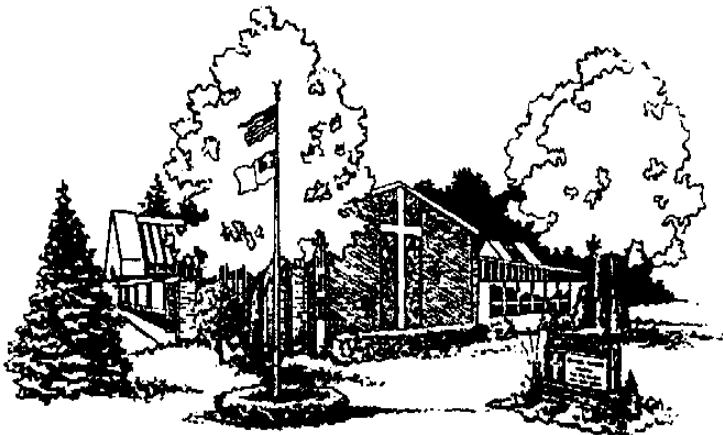
IMPORTANT MEETING at 7:00 p.m.

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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Pastor’s Ponderings

Keep pondering and letting me know what you ponder about:

- 1. Why in God’s name does Zion exist?
- 2. What is God calling us to do for Christ’s sake?

This past month, I re-read a short book; *Welcome One Another*, by Paul Hoffman. It’s a quick read (hint) and offers insights and action opportunities surrounding the work of hospitality and welcome.

There are six short chapters and they’ve caused me much about which to ponder as I look around and take notice. From the first chapter; “It starts in the parking lot”.

- Some of you may notice that I stand, fully robed, out in the parking lot each week to welcome people and hold open the door for them. There are many doors to cover so you might not have been welcomed by me yet; be patient, I’m using different doors each week, I’ll get to you.

I was pondering; do we greet guests here like we greet them at our home? We have many outside doors – how do we let guests know which door to use? We don’t greet people until they get all the way in the building and find the narthex – why do we wait so long? Is our property, parking lot, building as nice and uncluttered as our homes – does it really send a message of welcome?

- Canlis Restaurant in Seattle has this motto:
The opportunity to meet and serve you is one we don’t take lightly. Come spend an evening. Our favorite thing is taking care of others, and few places do it quite like Canlis.

I was pondering; they get buy-in from every employee and insure the above is a true statement; can we get buy-in from everyone and make a statement similar to this true here at Zion?

What do you ponder? What are your thoughts about the above? Please share them with me. I really want to hear from you. Bring your enthusiasm and ideas, for we will do great things through God who strengthens us.

Graciously, Pr. William

President’s Message

We have a busy month of October. Council members are having cottage meetings where you can get to know Pastor William and tell us what you want to see Zion doing in the future. Also, let us know of anything you would like to see stopped or done differently at Zion. So please plan to attend the meetings when they call you.

Besides the cottage meetings, we have the youth craft show October 20th. So tell all your friends, neighbors and family. We would love to see a large number supporting our youth.

We will also have our Congregational Meeting Wednesday, October 30th. We will have a dinner at 6:15 pm with the meeting at 7 pm. We will be mailing out the annual report and the proposed budget for 2020 for you to review ahead of time. We will answer any questions you may have on the annual reports and the proposed budget. We will vote on the budget at this time. Most importantly bring your ideas for future endeavors at Zion. We want to get your ideas for the next year or two. We need everyone’s support to help spread God’s Word and His Love!

God’s Blessings,
Darlene Milavickas

Mission Interpretation

Hello my fellow Zioneers!

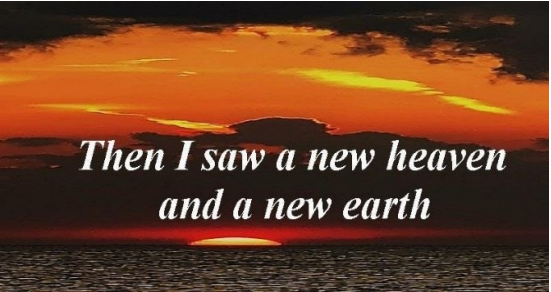
This column is dedicated to bringing you stories from around the ELCA of people coming together to make people’s lives better. This is the way that the Holy Spirit gets his work done. “God’s Work – Our Hands!”



Peace Camp! First Stop Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago. The folks at Bethlehem wanted to make their Vacation Bible School into more of a vehicle for community outreach.

They came across the concept of Restorative Practice. “Restorative Practices are about how you deal with conflict in a way that seeks to repair the relationship.” Kids learn to be peacemakers. They learn to understand where people are coming from and about how to work together to find a way that make a way forward. They do yoga to learn something of inner peace.

The congregation has a Peace Team and is engaged with their far south-side, Chicago community. They work with local social service organizations, schools and other churches to share help foster peace and understanding in a pretty tough part of town.
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/08/blessed-are-the-peacemakers/>



Here is something you may be interested in:
Oct 25 and 26th
A Forgotten Luther Symposium
This is a two-day program being held at Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring MD.
More info at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5j8439l>

This is a high order conversation with speakers from all over the world:

“We are facing a global crisis - ecological, political, and economic. A Spirit-led response from churches in the Global South reminds us of Martin Luther’s oft-neglected conviction that God’s gift of grace in Jesus has far-reaching implications, not just for individual lives but for the ways we live together on this earth. A new heaven and earth break in for us as we reclaim a vision of global community.”

This article hit me because Jeff Hissong, compared Martin Luther’s life’s path, his approach, his concentrations and sufferings to the Apostle Paul. Here we are asking what would Luther say about the world today and what we a called to do and be.

Look for the Holy Spirit working in your world. The more you look the more you find it. You will not be sorry.

Yours in Christ
Mark Votaw

ELCA FACTOIDS

Approximately
4 Million Total ELCA Con-
gregants

65 Synods Organized into 9
Regions

9,100+ Congregations

Northeast Ohio Synod
168 Congregations
65,000 Congregants

This is an Army for Good!

In 2018 ELCA Lutherans
gave \$1.7 Billion in unre-
stricted offerings*¹
94.5% was stewarded by con-
gregations
3% was stewarded
by synods
2.5% was stewarded by the
churchwide organization

*This figure does not include
special gifts for capital im-
provements, or gifts to minis-
tries like Lutheran Disaster
Response.

1. Stories of Faith in Action
2019-2020



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

349 Lindy Lane NW, North Canton, 330-499-3909

Date: Saturday October 19, 2019

The Craft Show: **10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

German Dinners: **11:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FALL “OKTOBERFEST”

GERMAN-STYLE TAKEOUT DINNERS are available for \$8.00. Choose Bratwurst with sauerkraut and German potato salad or Apple Cider Roast Pork with spaetzle. Enjoy the meal yourself or donate a dinner to families in need.

Prize Drawings
Concessions Area
"Themed" Basket Raffle
Bake Sale

Crafter space is available for \$35.00 per 8 foot table

CARING MINISTRY

Your Zion Food Pantry served 195 people from 109 households during the month of August. The client breakdown was as follows: 31 children (0-17), 79 adults (18-59), and 85 seniors (age 60+). This information comes from the required Monthly Statistical Report for Akron Canton Regional Foodbank.

The Caring Ministry is currently developing a list of drivers for both early and late services who could occasionally pick up senior members that normally drive themselves, but feel that they should not drive on a particular Sunday. We currently have two groups of drivers that pick up members at two facilities as requested. If you are interested, please contact Vicki Givler at the church office.

The October Food Pantry and Clothing Closet dates are the 1st and the 15th. Please remember that the Food Pantry needs cereal, spaghetti sauce, crunchy peanut butter, jelly (any flavor except grape), canned fruit (especially canned pineapple), hot cereal such as individually packaged flavored instant oatmeal, and creamed soups of all kinds (no tomato soup). The Clothing Closet is in need of bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc. We need boys and girls clothes and jackets sizes 10 and up.

Don't forget your **PRAYER REQUESTS** should go to Kay Davis at stitchandsewk810@sbcglobal.net. Please let Kay know if you wish to remove a Prayer Request.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
G. Scott Gross

LEARNING MINISTRY

We kicked off the new Sunday School year with Rally Day on September 8th. The youth took part in a fun scavenger hunt. We are continuing our safari theme from VBS for our bible lessons with the younger children. Renee Keith is teaching the Confirmation Class; there is currently one student in her second year who will be confirmed on Pentecost. The high school class will help organize the Clothing Closet and clean & organize the Nursery while having discussions on different topics that are relevant to their lives and faith. If

anyone is interested in helping lead the high school class, please contact Debbie. On October 13th, during Sunday School, the youth will be dipping chocolates and making treats for the upcoming Craft Show.

Jeff Hisson's adult class is currently studying the book of Colossians. In the four chapters, Jeff's discussions include Christ's supremacy; Christ's offer of a complete life; Christ's gift of a new self; and Christ's instructions.

Janet Slease

RESOURCE MINISTRY

August was the start of a new Zion operating budget which includes Pastor William as our catalyst for Pastoral Ministry. Our monthly Operating Income ("OI" = Revenue-Expenses) was -\$9,680.44 which pushes our YTD OI to -\$5,463.28; in other words "deficit spending". The August monthly revenue remained in a "maintenance mode", comparable to prior 2019 months and 2018, while our expenses increased. This deficit was not entirely due to various aspects of compensation, but also included some "one time" infrastructure improvements which won't be repeated, but it is still an indication that stewardship must increase to maintain the "long-term" congregation financial vitality.

As we prepare the 2020 Budget for congregation approval, we will continue to plan on frugal utilization of our available financial resources, but we will also have to plan for increases in revenue to offset our necessary increases in expenses to support our congregation ministries. We have a strong investment portfolio, but we cannot deplete it to fund excessive deficit spending. We must improve our revenue stream with increased stewardship from the congregation and re-double our efforts to grow the congregation.

I know we can accomplish this with your efforts, God's support and the Holy Spirit to inspire us all. Help us to "turn on the lights" of community ministry.

Respectfully,
John Rhodes
Resource Ministry

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The purpose of the Social Ministry at Zion Lutheran Church is to advocate and express love, justice and peace in our congregation and the community, and to minister to the social concerns of those in need. Isn't that exactly what Jesus' life and teachings are all about?

Zion's members not only serve our fellow members, but also serve those in need in our community. Many of us volunteer our time and resources serving institutions and organizations that try to meet the needs of the community at large. This includes children, the elderly, and animals to name a few. But the truth is, we have spent the last few years focused primarily around keeping Zion "running" while we search for a new Pastor. Make no mistake - that was important work and we wouldn't be here today without the hard work and commitment of many of our members over the last few years. But now it is time to really "run".

As we move forward with the hope and enthusiasm a new Pastor brings, we will be providing more opportunities to minister to the social concerns of those in need. Your ideas are always welcome. In addition, the Synod and the church-wide agencies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offer very effective ways of supporting those in need.

Respectfully,
Laura Thompson

WITNESS MINISTRY

The Witness Team is looking for help.

Website Upgrade:

We are probably going to hire someone to take the next steps with the website. In order to do that we need a vision about what we want. I need some folks with opinions about what makes a good site.

Who wants to freak out their children or grandchildren and say, "I designed the new church website!" There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm. Come with four (4) websites that you like and what you like about them. Two should be church



sites. We are looking to define the way our site will look and work so we can guide the professionals. Want to be part of the Website team?

Greeters:

"Do you know who that is?" What should we do when we have a guest? Who is in charge of welcoming new folks? We are developing answers to these questions. We are setting up a Greeter Group (too corny?). We want to give folks better tools to greet visitors and make them feel welcome. We want to make sure that people are following up on folks. All it takes is a smile and a handshake. Want to be part of the Greeter Group?

Contact Mark Votaw at mavnav123@gmail.com

Yours in Service,
Mark Votaw

CHANCEL

Fall Chancel Guild Meeting is Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 10am in Luther Hall. We will go over new changes, sign up for cleaning night, and plan a Holiday get together as well as discuss new leadership opportunities. Anyone interested in joining the Chancel Guild is welcome to attend and learn more about how you can serve Zion.

Save the Date: Chancel Cleaning Night will be Thursday, November 14, 2019, at 6 pm. We will be doing our fall cleaning in preparation for the Advent season. Cleaning is more fun when it's done as a group. BYOS (Bring Your Own Supplies - rags, cleaning solutions or gadgets to aide with tasks!). A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting and in the Sacristy. Join us for laughs and maybe some singing as we whistle while we work!

Heather Hoffman

ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN AUGUST 2019

August Income	\$ 16,853.96
Income through August	\$126,356.25
August Expenses	\$ 26,534.40
Expenses through August	\$131,819.53
August Deficit	-\$ 9,680.44
2019 YTD Deficit	-\$ 5,463.28

We thank you for your generous support!



Youth Spotlight – Halloween & Fall

What do you want to dress up as for Halloween?

- LJ Brown - Devil Ninja
- Ben Keith – Army man
- Drew Keith – Spiderman
- Jeremy Fox - I don't know
- Cassie Frank – I am not sure
- Amelia Milek - Dwight K. Schrute
- Weston Milek - Nothing
- Chrissy Nicholson - A cat
- Marcus Rhodes - Adam Sandler
- Christopher Thompson - A ghost (white sheet with holes)
- Casey Walters - TBD

What is the best treat you ever got for Halloween?

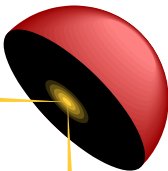
- LJ Brown - Ginger Ale
- Ben Keith - Fruit by the Foot
- Drew Keith - Candy
- Jeremy Fox - Gift Cards
- Cassie Frank - Kit Kat
- Amelia Milek - Dr. Pepper
- Weston Milek - King Size Chocolate Bar
- Chrissy Nicholson - Carmel Apple
- Marcus Rhodes - 2 King Size Kit Kats
- Christopher Thompson - Giant Kit Kat Bar
- Casey Walters - Trick or Treating with my fiends

What is your favorite thing about Fall?

- LJ Brown - When it turns winter
- Ben Keith - Jump in the leaf piles, and it's almost winter
- Drew Keith - Jumping in leaves
- Jeremy Fox - The temperature outside and the woods
- Cassie Frank - The cooler weather
- Amelia Milek - Thanksgiving Break
- Weston Milek - The weather
- Chrissy Nicholson - The weather
- Marcus Rhodes - Hoodie Season
- Christopher Thompson - It looks really beautiful
- Casey Walters - There is a ton, but probably the beautiful environment



Getting to Know Zion’s Youth



Do you have a nickname, and what is it?

- Lester (LJ) Brown - Yes, LJ
- Ben Keith – Yes, Benjamin
- Drew Keith - Yes, Drew Drew
- Jeremy Fox – Yes, J or Jerbear
- Cassie Frank – Yes, Cass
- Amelia Milek - No
- Weston Milek – No
- Chrissy Nicholson – Yes, Chrissy or Curly Fries
- Marcus Rhodes – Some people call me “Marc”
- Christopher Thompson - Yes, Chris
- Casey Walters – Yes, Cherries or Homie

Favorite Breakfast Food:

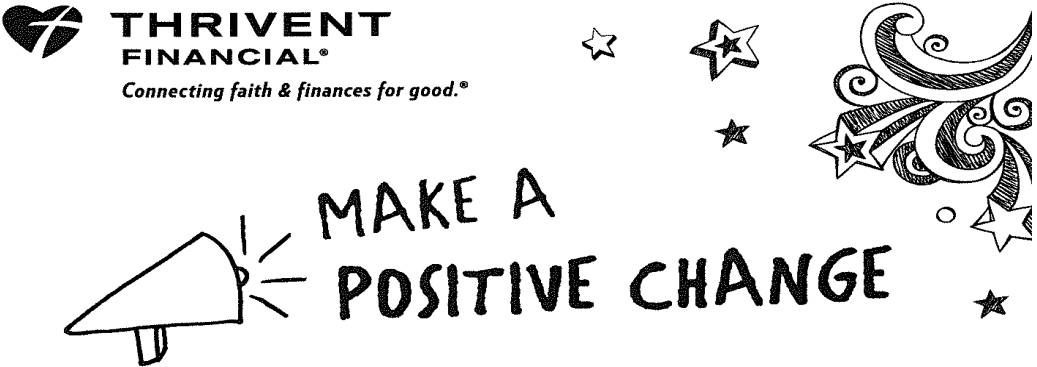
- LJ Brown - Grandma’s French Toast
- Ben Keith – Cocoa Puffs
- Drew Keith - Scrambled eggs
- Jeremy Fox – Pancakes
- Cassie Frank - Pancakes
- Amelia Milek - Bagels
- Weston Milek – Eggs
- Chrissy Nicholson - Pancakes
- Marcus Rhodes – Eggs
- Christopher Thompson - Cereal
- Casey Walters – Omelet

Favorite Dessert:

- LJ Brown - Grandma’s Apple Crisp
- Ben Keith – Pumpkin Pie
- Drew Keith - Donuts
- Jeremy Fox – Apple Pie
- Cassie Frank – Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Amelia Milek - Brownies
- Weston Milek – Cheesecake
- Chrissy Nicholson – Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream
- Marcus Rhodes – Molten Lava Cake
- Christopher Thompson - Macaroons
- Casey Walters – Donuts

What is the best thing (or your favorite thing) you did this summer?

- LJ Brown - Going to Ruggles Beach at Lake Erie
- Ben Keith – Driving my Uncle John’s remote control car
- Drew Keith - Swimming in the pool on vacation
- Jeremy Fox – Vacation in Punta Cana
- Cassie Frank – Vacation to Florida
- Amelia Milek - Going to Florida
- Weston Milek – Vacation to Florida
- Chrissy Nicholson – I went to San Francisco
- Marcus Rhodes – I got to play baseball at Otterbein College
- Christopher Thompson – I traveled to England and Sweden
- Casey Walters – Going to Orlando with my parents despite it happening at the very end of the summer



Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team

Want to help meet a need in your community? Thrivent Action Teams can help you get started!

If you’re a member of Thrivent Financial, you can apply to lead a volunteer team in a one-time:

- Fundraiser
- Service activity
- Educational event



Thrivent will help you get started

Bring a team together—family, friends, community members—to make an immediate impact. We’ll help you get started with:

- Resources to help you plan the event.
- Promotional items, including Thrivent T-shirts.
- Community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money.

Learn more at [Thrivent.com/actionteam](https://thrivent.com/actionteam) and apply online.

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News from the Zion Sunday School



Happy Birthday to:

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

Saturday, October 19th: Youth Missions Fall Craft Show 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday, October 27th: Trunk or Treat in our parking lot from 3 -5 pm

Wednesday, October 30th: Youth Halloween Activity 6 – 8 pm

Sunday, November 17th: Youth Thanksgiving Service Event during Sunday School

Pre-K thru 6th Grade News

Our Sunday School year is off and running! The kids have started out with some great animal safari lessons, crafts and activities, with much more planned for the rest of the year. Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:15 am and ends at 10:15 am. We hope your children will join us and bring a friend!

Confirmation and High School Classes

Just a reminder that our Confirmation class meets from 9:15 to 10:15 am every Sunday in the Resource Center, and our High School class will plan to meet on scheduled Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 am.

We encourage all of our youth from 7th – 12th grades to attend these classes and further their learning in the Lutheran faith.

Halloween Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 27th from 3 - 5 pm

We are planning to have a Trunk or Treat Community event this year to correlate with North Canton's Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 27th from 3 to 5 pm. Our goal is to have at least 12 cars (more would be great) that will park in our lot and open the trunks or hatches of their vehicles. Each vehicle will decorate with a fun theme and pass out candy to all kids that come through the parking lot. It is also fun for those passing out candy to dress up as well. We have the perfect space for this event and hope that all the neighborhood kids will walk through during Trick or Treat on the 27th. If you are interested in taking part in this event and are willing to decorate your "trunk", please let Debbie Fox know by October 13th. Let's make this community event a great day of fun and fellowship!

Youth Halloween/Fall Activity : Wednesday October 30^h from 6 – 8 pm

We will be having a Youth Halloween/Fall event during October's Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, October 30th from 6 to 8 pm. We will start with dinner at 6pm and enjoy some delicious fall treats for dessert. There will be crafts, pumpkin decorating and games (hopefully some outside if the weather provides). Sign up sheets for the event are located in the Narthex. Please sign up by Sunday, October 27st so we have enough food and supplies. The children are welcome to wear a costume and invite a friend. This event is for all of our youth, Pre-K through High School. We look forward to an evening of great Fall fun.



Fall “Oktoberfest” Youth Missions Craft Show News

This year's Craft Show is Saturday, October 19th! Zion's Youth will once again have a table at this year's show. The kids will be making items to sell this year at our Bake Sale Table. Anyone that would also like to bake some delicious treats for the Bake Sale Table is greatly appreciated. There are sign up sheets in Luther Hall. Please bring your items packaged and ready to sell. We look forward to the delicious items that youth are making and all the delicious donated goodies. Our youth of all ages will be making items for the Craft Show on Sunday, October 13th during Sunday School. There will be lots to do and sample that morning so we look forward to everyone's help!

The Sunday School classes are making awesome raffle baskets once again this year. Each child is asked to donate items to help fill the baskets. They may choose any of the baskets to donate items, and will receive one raffle ticket for each item donated. All items are needed by Sunday, October 6th.

Raffle Tickets for these baskets will be on sale before and after services. Tickets will also be available in the office during the week. Raffle ticket cost will be 2 for \$1 or 15 for \$5. This year's baskets are as follows:

All Sunday School Classes will contribute to make the following baskets:

Sweet Treats Basket

Ohio State Fan Basket

Lottery Ticket Wreath

There will also be a Holiday Basket & a Snowman Basket created and donated by Susan Heyard and Evelyn Moore, and a Christmas Quilt made by Zion's quilters. Winners for all of these items will be chosen Wednesday, October 30th after the Congregational Meeting.

The youth will also be selling tickets for our delicious German Dinners which will be available during the Craft Show. There will be tickets available for apple cider pork dinners or brat & sauerkraut dinners for \$8.00 each. Please see any of the kids in our High School and Catechism Classes for tickets. They will also be selling tickets after the 8am service, and before and after the 10:30am service. Tickets can be purchased for your enjoyment or donated to help those who may not be able to buy their own dinner tickets.

Again, the Craft Show will take place on Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a great event at Zion that helps our youth program, and we need lots of help to make it a success. There are sign up sheets in Luther Hall for volunteers to set up, tear down and work on the day of the Craft Show. There are also sign up sheets for bake sale items and other food and drink donations that we will need. We encourage everyone including all of our youth to help out if possible. We really appreciate your support!

Acme Receipts Reminder

Just a reminder that we are collecting Acme receipts again to help Zion's Youth. This year Acme's Community Cash Back Program started August 8, 2019 and goes through December 28, 2019. The collection jar is located in the Narthex. Please bring in your Acme receipts dated between August 8th and December 28th. Thanks for your support!!!