

# The Zion Herald

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Proclaiming Good News

December 2020

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## **YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

**Sunday Evening, December 6: Advent 2**  
Short Video followed by Discussion at 6:15 p.m.

**Sunday Evening, December 13: Advent 3**  
Short Video followed by Discussion at 6:15 p.m.

**Sunday Evening, December 20: Advent 4**  
Short Video followed by Discussion at 6:15 p.m.

**Thursday Evening, December 24: Christmas Eve**  
Candlelight Service 6:30 p.m. in the Gym  
Special Music to begin at 8:15 p.m.  
Candlelight Service 8:30 p.m. in the Worship Space

**Sunday Morning at 9 a.m., December 27**  
Guest Pastor: The Rev. William Watt

**Wednesday Evening at 7 p.m., December 30**  
Guest Pastor: The Rev. William Watt

# STEWARDSHIP

*a way of life*

Stewardship is not about money! Yes, yes, we get that, we heard it enough these past four months that it is actually is starting to sink in. So, what's new?

Stewardship is about God trusting us.

Consider the parable about the talents (Matthew 25:14-30.) This parable demonstrates the radical, risk-taking master who dumps huge piles of wealth (each talent was worth about 15 years' wages) into the hands of ordinary slaves and then watches to see what they will do with it.

Sounds kind of crazy. But, is that not exactly what God does? God (our master) dumps huge piles of wealth (time, abilities, resources, and maybe even money) into the laps of his slaves (we his servants.) And, the whole expectation is that we look for ways to do God's work with all of that abundance. My oh my, God must have a lot of fun watching us find ways to bless and care for others. God is truly smiling.

So, keep reading the newsletter articles. Keep reading the Stewardship Moments in the weekly worship bulletin. Keep praying that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and encourage you to understand what God wants you to know about stewardship.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Wow, it is December already. It is time for Advent, preparing for Jesus birth. This is a time for decorating, baking, singing, shopping, spending time with family and friends. We have so many things we want to do and always seem to run out of time. This Christmas will be really different for us with all the do's and don'ts we have to deal with. So maybe this a good time to change things up, to spend more time on the true meaning of Christmas, doing for others and showing God's Love. God sent His only Son for us, to save us. This Christmas maybe we could try and tell Jesus' story with our actions. There are so many people out there that won't be having a Christmas. I am like the rest of the world, giving gifts to everyone, sending cards out and sometimes in doing so I forget the reason why and I get wrapped up in getting it all done. I love the act of giving and seeing that persons respond to the gift. It seems harder and harder to come up with unique gifts when everyone seems to have everything. So this year we are going to try and do things different at our house. We are going to adopt a family to buy for. So instead of buying for my nieces and nephews I will buy a gift for the family and giving it in their name and let them know that was their Christmas gift. So maybe you could think of doing something like that, or maybe send Christmas cards to our shut-ins. Since family and friends can't visit their loved ones in the nursing homes, we could find out how many people there are in the home and write cards to them. We could reach out to our members that have stayed in during this pandemic with a phone call and a card. The holidays will be harder on these people without family coming home for the holidays. If your own neighbor has been shut in maybe you could reach out and see if they need anything. Maybe just send a note to your neighbors and say you are praying for them.

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Also the ELCA Good Gifts is something we could give in honor of someone special. I am sure you can all come up with some things you or we could do for others. We need to show the community Jesus' Love for everyone.

*Dear Lord, we ask you to be with us, give us guidance to do your work, to be there for the needy, the orphans, widows, and oppressed. That we would love our neighbors as ourselves. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we would be able to see Jesus in everyone. In Jesus name we pray.*

*Amen.*

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

## CARING MINISTRY



During the month of October the Food Pantry served 115 households as follows: seniors (age 60+) 101, adults (age 18 - 59) 86, and children (birth - 17) 35. The total number of people served during October was 222.

During October we served 24 more households consisting of 46 more people than September. We had 82 more clients than one year ago, October 2019.

As we continue toward Thanksgiving with the number of COVID-19 cases growing, thus increasing unemployment coupled with no additional stimulus support, we find ourselves with a 26% increase in clients. Thank you for your continued support.

**FOOD PANTRY** will be December 1st and 15th. The set-up time is 9:00 am with the doors opening at 1:00 pm for those in need. There is a need for **toilet paper**, cereal, spaghetti sauce, crunchy peanut butter, jelly (any flavor except grape), canned fruit (especially canned pineapple), canned vegetables, hot cereal such as individually packaged flavored instant oatmeal, hearty/chunky soup, creamed soups of all kinds, stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, and turkey gravy.

Food  
Pantry  
Ministry



**CLOTHING CLOSET** is in need of household items such as; bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc. We need all sizes of clothing for infant, toddler, pre-teen, teen and

adult especially children's winter coats, shoes, boots, and adult boots.

## PRAYER CHAIN

Remember to contact Kay Davis, [Prayer@zion-nc.com](mailto:Prayer@zion-nc.com), if you have any prayer requests.

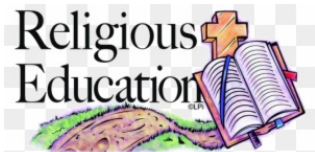


*Dear Lord Jesus, Thanksgiving is a holiday where we celebrate gratitude for the fall harvest, help us to extend this gratitude with food donations to our clients. Amen.*

Thank you for your support,  
G. Scott Gross

## LEARNING MINISTRY

The youth have been decorating Thanksgiving bags for the Pantry and Siffrin families. The bags were filled by the youth on their Wednesday evening class. This has always been a great service project. They enjoy helping their community and they are having a great time with their friends. There are many ways for us to gather and study the word of God here at Zion. We are very fortunate that we have Pastor William to lead us in bible discussions on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. These discussions are all held via Zoom. This time together to discuss the week's readings and Gospel provide a way to gather together in fellowship to better understand the meaning of these lessons. The Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. are another way for us to be with our Zion family. The discussions are both informative and interesting.



We are also blessed to have Susan Whalen starting up another Women's Bible Study on January 13 at 10:00 a.m. She will also offer a Thursday evening class at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Susan at 330-705-4696 if you are interested in joining this class. Her study will be Esther.

There will be no Bible discussions on December 30/31 and January 6/7; and no Adult Sunday School on December 27 and January 3.

*Please be with us Lord as we continue to learn your word and give us strength as we continue to work thru this virus and the challenges it provides for us.*

God's Peace be with you,  
Janet Slease

## RESOURCE MINISTRY

### Growing Together in Faith

God's peace and love be with you, today and always. It has been joyful and rewarding to see positive community reaction to our October Trunk

or Treat and Craft show activities, which we were able to execute in a safe and socially responsible manner. Similarly, procurement and installation of the gym sound abatement panels have improved this venue so it can be used effectively to support Zion congregation and community events. We are inspired by these works and planning to do more, while looking forward to your support and participation to enable us to do so.

Zion's October giving rate increased 8% from September and is 33% ahead of October 2019. This continues our 2020 trend of significant positive increases in spiritual energy and financial support you have provided. Our YTD giving rate remains 40% increase vs 2019. Overall, our trends are positive and will enable us to continue to operate in a fiscally responsible manner while helping Zion address and support our expanding community outreach ministries. Your support, especially in the coming holiday season, will make this happen!

Considering our giving rate and budgeted expenses, October results produced an operating income deficit of \$6,124.81; almost entirely a result of roof repair expense which will be reimbursed from our Memorial and Gift fund. Our YTD budget deficit will be reduced significantly when our capital expenses are completely reconciled from Memorial and Gift and we also complete infusion of government pandemic support funds. The combined impact will position us well within our approved 2020 budget projections, which we anticipate will continue to be reduced as the positive giving trends continue for the remainder of 2020.

**FYI:** Our electronic giving options continue to operate successfully, accounting for approximately 10% of total October giving volume. If you are not currently using this option but would like to try it, you may get started using the link on the Zion-NC.com website for On-Line giving

We are so happy and inspired to have your support for Zion's ministries and to know that we can address the current health and social crisis's by trust-

ing in God's blessings and exercising appropriate personal responsibility.

Please stay connected and supportive! God's peace and blessings for you all!

Faithfully yours,  
John Rhodes  
Resource Ministry

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

We continue to take actions to engage with our community in a safe manner. Serving others should never be cancelled despite overreaching government control. Zion has plenty of space to enable physical distancing to allow our mission to continue to move forward. Succumbing to fear and closing up the church would be so much easier to do. Figuring out how to be safe AND keeping our focus on helping others, is much harder. We are up for the task and are looking forward to 2021!



*Dear Lord, thank you for the many blessings you have given us. Help those in Leadership positions to seek guidance and understanding from you Lord, and to not be influenced by those with a perverse desire to control others through fear. Help those alone and isolated at Christmas to feel your love and hope for the future.*

Laura Thompson  
Social Ministry

## WITNESS MINISTRY



The witness ministry is working on ways to reach out to the community.

I am working on a welcome wagon for our new neighbors. I will be getting a group together to work out the details. We need to have the neighbors get to know who we are.

I also have a few things in mind, but I need to see how we can incorporate it with the new normal.



*Heavenly Father. Show us ways to reach out to our community and provide for their needs. In these troubling times, we all need to be reminded not to give up hope. You are constantly with us and you never give up on us. Amen*

Sue Whalen  
Witness Ministry

## WORSHIP & MUSIC



November is a great time to show our appreciation and to give thanks for all that the Lord has blessed us with. Especially the opportunity to continue to worship in person during this pandemic. Many churches are still closed or have only a handful of congregants worshipping in person.

**Thank you, Lord for your church.**

This month the Worship and Music Ministry discussed plans for Sunday evening Advent gatherings to watch some short videos and have discussion following. We look to gather at 6:15 pm on the four Sunday evenings in Advent, in the newly renovated gym where we can spread out and be COVID compliant.

**Thank you, Lord for our Worship Spaces.**

Thanksgiving is a time to share and so we are offering free thanksgiving dinners to the North Canton Cares Team and to those in our congregation who would like to have a great Thanksgiving meal.

**Thank you, Lord for the hands that help to nourish our community.**

We are planning two Christmas Eve services. Please plan on attending at 6:30 pm in the gym or at 8:30 pm in the worship space. Please come early for the special music will start at 8:15 pm. For those who still feel more comfortable in their cars, we will be broadcasting the 6:30 pm service over 103.7 FM and will be serving communion outside to those who drive up.

**Thank you, Lord for the technology and spaces to keep people safe and still share your word.**

**Sunday, December 27th & Wednesday, December 30th** Pastor William Watt will be presiding.

*Lord, it is you that we continue to seek and guide us, so we can better help those in our community and in our congregation. We look forward every year at this time to celebrating your presence in our lives. Amen.*

Brian Walters  
Worship Ministry

## ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN OCTOBER 2020

October Income	\$ 23,252.54
Income through October	\$238,611.75
October Expenses	\$ 29,377.35
Expenses through October	\$286,541.46

***We thank you for your generous support!***



**Dear Zion Family,** Thank you for your prayers before and during my latest surgery. I am recovering well and regaining my energy. **Sondra Elsass**

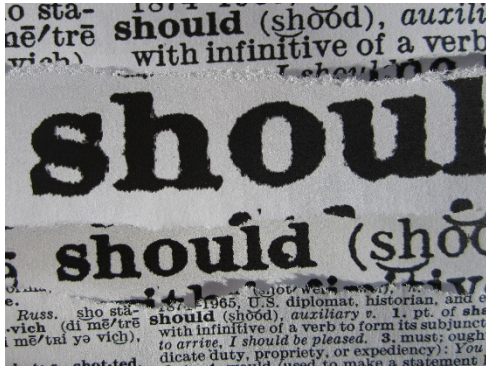
... "Oh God, what a comfort to know that you care and to know when I ask you, you will always be there!" *Helen Steiner Rice*

**Zion Lutheran Church Members,** Thank you so very much for the extremely **generous** and **thoughtful** gesture of fruit trays! What a delicious and healthy surprise!

That was so kind of you to think of our teachers and staff, especially during this time, and we are so very **thankful**! Sincerely, Orchard Hill Intermediate Staff

## Stewardship Moment – Stewardship Is and Is Not

Let us spend some time on what stewardship is not. Consider; stewardship is not about...



- ❖ ...giving of your time, abilities or treasure.
- ❖ ...how much or what percentage you give of your time, abilities or treasure.
- ❖ ...being made to feel guilty so you give more of your time, abilities or treasure.
- ❖ ...an obligation you have to give something back to God.
- ❖ ...a requirement to receive God's grace and love.

Now, let's look at what stewardship might be about. Consider; stewardship is about...



- ❖ ...how you obtained that which you have; time, abilities or treasure.
- ❖ ...what you value or is important to you.
- ❖ ...what is available to you to share.
- ❖ ...how you show appreciation for that which you have; time, abilities or treasure.
- ❖ ...your response to being loved beyond measure.

## Pastor's Ponderings December 2020



Joy to the world, God is here at last, we sure need you.  
Hark! Let us sing, Glory to our God who loves us.  
O little town, our hopes and fears are met in thee.  
O come, all ye faithful, come let us adore him.  
It came upon a midnight clear, peace and goodwill to all.

Jesus came to bring a peace beyond our understanding. Wow, we sure could use some of that peace after the year we just had. A pandemic and a tumultuous election season. Where was Christ's peace when we needed it? Could his peace be waiting for us to spread it? Could it be that Christ is counting on us to bring peace? Thanks be to God that you are part of spreading this peace to all!



The pandemic shut down our world and also shut down churches. Some of our sibling congregations are struggling to remain viable. Yet, we are thriving! Why? Because you remember we exist to serve others. Your dedication to worshiping God; whether in person on Sunday morning, at our casual Wednesday worship service in the gym, or on line through Facebook or website; you are remaining connected to God and to one another in service to others – thanks be to God that you are focusing on others' needs!

Stewardship has been a focus for several months, and not one single person has complained. Why not? Perhaps it is because our focus has been on the true meaning of stewardship and not on giving money to support this congregation. Funny thing, how when we focus on what is true we come to realize how much God trusts us, and loves us. Thanks be to God for your attitude of gratitude!



Skills and Interest Surveys were distributed in the November newsletter. Did you return yours yet? For many church activities it is hoped that at least 20% of the people will participate – Ideally not the same 20%. We are striving to have 100% participation in this project. But how? Quite simply; everybody can do something. Can't get out? Perhaps you can make phone calls or send cards. Don't want to be on long-term projects? Perhaps you can give an hour a month to help in a task or one-time project. So busy with other things that an hour of worship on Sunday (or Wednesday) is pushing it? Perhaps you can sacrifice 15 minutes from one of your other activities to give someone a ride to church or clean up after an event. Together we matter to our community as we share the love of Jesus Christ.



I'm looking forward to our preparation for the king. Are you?  
Graciously, Pr. William



## News from Zion's Youth

### Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

- **Saturday, December 12, 2020: 10:00 am Christmas Program Practice & Recording  
11:30 am Giving Tree Gift Wrapping**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021: Vitalant Blood Drive 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

### Sunday School News

Wednesday Evening Sunday School will continue through the month of December for our kids ages Pre-K thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We will have lessons that align with our Sunday Gospel lessons along with practice for our Children's Christmas Program. We are doing things a little differently for this year's program. On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have a short rehearsal at 10:00 am and then record this year's Christmas Program which will be played during service on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The program will also be part of the recorded service posted to Zion's website on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We feel this is the best way to keep everyone safe and physically distanced this year, and everyone will still be able to enjoy our wonderful and talented kids!



After we record our Program on December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will wrap the gifts from our Giving Tree at 11:30 am. We invite anyone who would like to help wrap gifts to join us at 11:30 am in the gym.

### Christmas is a Season of Giving

This year's Christmas Giving Tree is up and full of tags! We are sponsoring three families from our Food Pantry, three families from the North Canton CARES Program and the children at the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center this year. The Giving Tree (located in Luther Hall) has tags for the following gift/donations:



- \$25 Acme Gift card or \$25 Cash Donation to help with Food Pantry Families' Christmas Dinners
- Gifts from the sponsored families' wish lists
- Cash donations toward sponsoring a Child's Christmas at Wernle Youth & Family
- \$10 Gift Cards to Wendy's, McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Jimmy John's, Taco Bell, & SubWay for kids at Wernle
- \$25 WalMart Gift Cards for kids at Wernle

If you would like to help but are unable or uncomfortable with shopping, you can drop off or mail cash donations to the church office with instructions on how you would like the money to be used. All cash donations need to be at the church office by Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our goal is to help all of our pantry families by giving them Christmas dinner so we have placed tags on the tree for a \$25 Acme gift card or \$25 cash donation to help each family in addition to the other gift tags



for items from the families' wish lists. Please take one tag (or more if you are able), purchase the item and bring the gift, **unwrapped** with the tag attached, to church by the date listed at the bottom of the tag (**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**). Please include a gift receipt when possible. The youth and anyone interested in helping will be getting together on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am to wrap the giving tree gifts so they can be delivered to the families before Christmas day.

We are also supporting the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center this year. The Youth Fund will be sponsoring two Wernle children's Christmases for \$200 each, and our goal is to sponsor at least two additional children through the Giving Tree. There will be various tags with different monetary donations that will be used to reach \$200 to sponsor a Wernle child's Christmas. There will also be tags for gift cards to WalMart and various fast food restaurants for the kids. Please take a tag and return it with your cash or gift card donation by **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. This ensures enough time to meet Wernle's deadlines. Monetary donations can also be sent in to the church office marked "Wernle Gifts". The youth will also be collecting items to fill 14 stockings for one of the boys' unit at Wernle.

Please help our youth to help the six families we have sponsored and the kids at Wernle have a Merry and blessed Christmas and feel God's amazing love through this service project that is full of kindness, caring and generosity toward others.



Thank you for all of your support! We pray that we are all filled with the Holy Spirit and hear how God wants us to help those in the community this holiday season!

### Words of Thanks for Your Support at Thanksgiving

Thank you to everyone who filled out leaves of thanks and who donated \$10 for the tags on our Thanksgiving Tree. We received \$860 toward the purchase of 98 Acme gift cards to help our Pantry families and friends at Siffrin with their Thanksgiving meals. Your donations are so greatly appreciated and were such a big help toward the gift card expense!

Next, a big thank you to Carli Brown, LJ Brown, Ben Keith, Drew Keith, Hannah Venable, Kat Milek, Christopher Thompson, Renee Keith's second grade class and our Sunday School Leaders leaders for the great job they did decorating this year's Thanksgiving bags. We had enough bags for 92 households that were served on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> during Food Pantry and 8 Siffrin families. The beautifully decorated bags put smiles on faces and received so many wonderful compliments from those who received them. Another big thank you to the Sunday School kids who filled the Siffrin families' bags during Sunday School on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The kids got a tour of our pantry and helped to pick out the items that were put in the bags – stuffing, gravy, macaroni & cheese, boxed mashed potatoes, veggies, fruit and soup along with bread and pastry that will be added right before the bags are delivered to Siffrin on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Finally, thank you to all everyone that donated boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy to help the Pantry.



The youth and Sunday School staff would especially like to thank Cathy Harvey and all the volunteers of Zion's Food Pantry and Clothing Closet for all of your time and hard work in making such a big difference in the many lives that you touch. You are all so greatly appreciated!



## 2020 Fall Charity Craft Show News

The final accounting has been done for this year's Fall Charity Craft Show. This year's proceeds totaled \$2,488 which will be donated to the Habitat Humanity Faith Build project. Thanks be to God!

Our show included 33 crafters/vendors with 42 tables sold. There was a steady flow of traffic most of the day, and we received very positive surveys back from the vendors. Even with all the changes due to the pandemic, our show was very successful and had such a positive energy. Everyone also expressed how safe they felt with all of the safety protocols put into place.

There are many thanks to share for this year's show. First, thank you to Jayne Schrader for chairing the event! Next, thank you to all of the volunteers from set up, tear down and all of the duties the day of the show. This year's volunteers included Darlene Milavickas, Laura & Christopher Thompson, Sue Whalen, Pastor William & Linda Weidenbach, Paul & Cindy Bagocius, Mary Humbert, Dave Palumbo, John Rhodes, and our kitchen crew – Connie Riffle, Melissa and Matt Leasure! Finally thank you to all of the crafters and vendors for coming and to all of the shoppers that supported them! Thanks be to God for such a great group of people who came together to share God's love with Habitat for Humanity!

The following winners of the Raffle Items were drawn at the Congregational meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>:

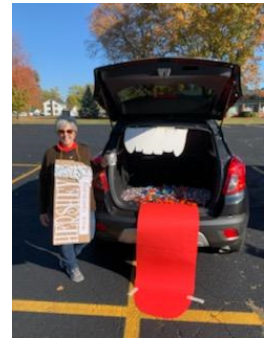
Lottery Ticket Wreath – Nick & Juanita Cignetti.  
 Chocolate Basket - Dick Seeton.  
 OSU Fan Basket – Emma Shaheen  
 Pasta Basket – Lorraine Weinman  
 Christmas Quilt – Debbie Fox



Thank you again for everyone's support of this year's Fall Charity Craft Show and Habitat for Humanity!



## Great News from Zion's Trunk or Treat



Thank you to Darlene Milavickas for organizing our second Trunk or Treat at Zion! This year's turnout was even better than last year with between 190 and 200 kids who came through and "trunk or treated" in our parking lot. In total with adult chaperones, there were about 400 people who walked through the 13 cars that participated. The kids enjoyed everyone's decorations, costumes and of course the candy! Many commented on how safe they felt to come to our church for the event and expressed nothing but gratitude and appreciation! Thank you to Darlene and Pastor William for manning the food table where the families were able to take hot dogs, snacks, soda and water to go. It was a beautiful day full of fun and laughter! Thank you to all those who brought their cars and passed out candy, and to all those who donated candy for the event! We went through it all!



## Acme Receipts Reminder

This year's Acme Community Cash Back Program concludes at the end of December. Collection jars are located in the Narthex and Luther Hall. **Please bring in your Acme receipts dated between August 6<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks for your support!!!

**Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center**

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Richmond, IN 47375-1386  
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11/10/2020

Zion Lutheran Church  
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Dear Friends of Wernle,

What would we do without you? The answer is that it would very difficult and expensive without your gifts. The gifts of clothing, bedding, personal care supplies, gift cards and many other items, add up to well above \$100,000.00 per year. By giving gifts to the Wernle boys and girls you have become an important part of Wernle's mission. Thank you.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish each and every one of you a joyous and safe Thanksgiving and Christmas. It will certainly look different this year. Family celebrations and holiday parties will be curtailed as we all continue to navigate through this pandemic. We will continue to pray for all.

Please look at our Facebook page. If you have never been to Wernle or it has been a while, we have very short videos on our Facebook page that offer a look at our campus. Take a moment to *like* and *share* our posts. Just look for Wernle. Please visit our website, [www.wernle.org](http://www.wernle.org), to see a seasonal list of items needed and updates on events.

If I can provide further information about Wernle or how you can help make a child's Christmas wishes come true, please call or email me.

Blessings,

Chris Parker

Church Relations Officer

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*Happy Thanksgiving to all.  
Thank you for helping the  
Wernle boys and girls.  
CP*

**"Anyone who does anything to help a child is a hero to me." — Fred Rogers, television personality**





# God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



## Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

**\$500**



## Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.

**\$10**



## Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

**\$50**



## Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

**\$20**



## Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market.

**\$30**



## Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

**\$250**

**Give through your congregation by visiting [ELCA.org/goodgifts](https://ELCA.org/goodgifts) or by sending a check to ELCA Good Gifts, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.**  
Please indicate your gift in the memo line of your check.

## Stewardship Moment – Stewardship Is about Attitude

There are two basic attitudes we have about that which God entrusts to our care: scarcity and abundance. This is how those two attitudes play out in our actions regarding our time, abilities and treasure:

### Scarcity:

- ❖ There is not enough time to do everything, so I'm going to do those things that make me happy.
- ❖ The abilities and skills that I have are for my own use and are mine to decide how I use them.
- ❖ Treasure is a limited resource that I earned and must protect.



### Abundance:

- ❖ God has given me plenty of time to do good and honor others. Jesus said; "I came that (you) may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10
- ❖ God has blessed me with many abilities and talents; there are many people whom I can benefit. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing." Genesis 11:2
- ❖ Everything I have is from a generous God; I am so grateful that I will use it as God desires; to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned. (Matthew 25:35-36)



"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)



## Winter-Spring Book Discussion Group Continues

The book discussion group has chosen the rest of our reads for the season:

Friday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Noel Letters</i> , by Richard Paul Evans
Friday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>My Own Words</i> , by Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Friday, February 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Cutting for Stone</i> , by Abraham Verghese
Friday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Evening and the Morning</i> , by Ken Follett
Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>The Bluest Eye</i> , by Toni Morrison
Friday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>One by One</i> , by Ruth Ware

We meet at 10am in the Adult Education room. If you have difficulty obtaining a book, please contact Vicki in the office @ 330-499-3909. If you are new and you will be joining us, please contact Linda Weidenbach at 850-766-5640 or lindakjw@gmail.com so we can plan for appropriate physical distancing.



## NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNOD

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November 13, 2020

Blessings to each and every member at Zion Lutheran!!

It has certainly been an unusual year to say the least. During these months of uncertainty, in all of our synod communities, we give thanks! for your faithful and increased giving to our synod.

Your support of mission has enabled the staff to continue to provide leadership, resources for worship and COVID-19 related needs without hesitation! ELCA staff members have continued to maintain contact <sup>with</sup> vital ministries across the church.

Closer to our Northeast Ohio area, synod supported Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, which has been instrumental in keeping the homeless safe.

Also, additional food grants have supplemented many food programs. For example, Martin Lutheran in Youngstown, has extended their ministry in the neighborhood by delivering over 9,000 meals just 4 months!

On behalf of the synod stewardship team, THANK YOU!!

for continuing to model "Church Together" through your generous giving!

On Behalf of the synod!

Dick Brenneman

Stewardship Table Chair

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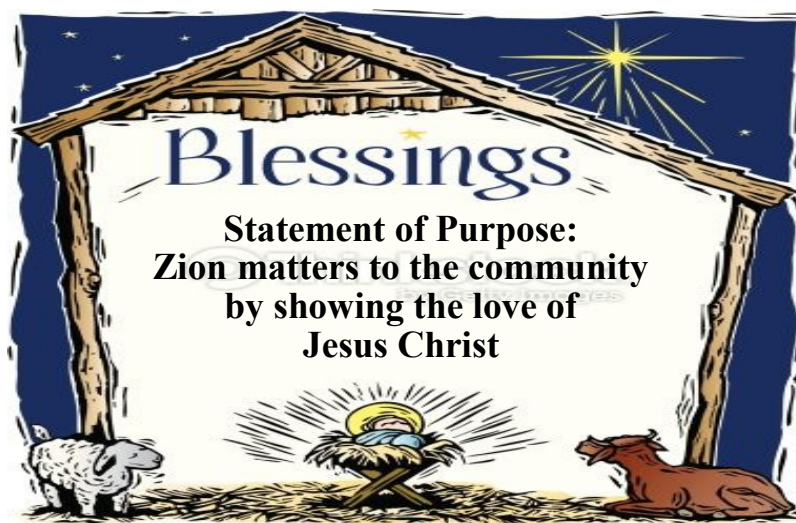
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**Sunday Morning:** 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
**Wednesday Evening:** 7:00 p.m. Casual Service

**Church Office Hours**

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

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