

The Zion Herald

Proclaiming Good News

January 2021

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE CHRIST BELL!

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
Who you are?

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should
be called children of God; AND SO WE ARE!” (1 John 3:1)
Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!*



In churches across the country, the stewardship committee is the one committee upon which nobody wants to participate.

Annual stewardship program Sundays are some of the lowest attended worship services of the year.

People of all walks of life join together in desting their pastor's annual stewardship sermons. Truth be told, most pastors detest giving them more than you detest hearing them.

Yes, stewardship is so co-opted by budgets and giving drives that it gets twisted out of shape.

So, we are trying to do something about that. Last year, we spent a lot of time reclaiming the true meaning of stewardship.

We worked overtime trying to change misconceptions, attitudes and fear that stewardship was about money and meeting the annual budget.

We spent week after week and month after month looking for new ways to say that stewardship is about seeing God's abundant love for creation; including love for us.

We encouraged you to read the weekly Stewardship Messages posted on FaceBook, projected on the screen before worship, and printed in the bulletin.

We implored you read the articles in each month's newsletters.

One might say we even tried to cram a new concept of stewardship into your head – Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Did it work? Can you actually see "Stewardship" written and not cringe?

Do you talk about stewardship over coffee with family and friends?

Do you look for ways to put stewardship into practice in your life?

We hope so. We hope that you attempt to make stewardship part of your way of life so that you become closer to this wonderful God who loves you. Afterall, that's what stewardship is about. Keep reading, keep being open, keep praying and keep growing closer to our loving and compassionate God.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Wow, it is 2021. We pray that 2021 is going to be better for everyone. We were still able to do some of the Lord's work in 2020 even with the pandemic restrictions. It was fantastic to do the Thanksgiving dinner for some families in the North Canton Cares System and some of our members. It was such a wonderful feeling knowing these people were able to get a Thanksgiving dinner they wouldn't of had. Then Zion stepped up for the Food Pantry clients providing each one of them with a ACME gift card. We had a wonderful time serving them lunch. Members worked on a Christmas Store for the clients and the Clothing Closet was open to all of them. It was a wonderful, very fulfilling day. We were so blessed that we could have in-person services on Christmas Eve. We have been blessed that God sent us Pastor William and Linda to get us on the right track and Pastor has kept us going through this pandemic. So many of our neighbor churches are closed for in-person services but Pastor has made it possible for us to stay open. With Christmas coming to an end and things slowing down we need to keep the Christmas spirit going. **God's work is never done.** We need to keep coming up with ways to help our community. It is very easy to say we can take a little break, but we can't. We need to keep the energy going.

Dear Lord, open our eyes to the needs of others. Show us how to live more like Your Son, who always put other's first. Help us to see how we can help stop the turmoil in this country, and in our own community. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

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

MINISTRY REPORTS**CARING MINISTRY**

During the month of November, the Food Pantry served 163 households as follows: seniors (age 60+) 109, adults (age 18 - 59) 160, and children (birth - 17) 72. The total number of people served during October was 341. During November we served 48 more households consisting of 119 more people than October. We had 97 more clients than one year ago, November 2019.

This is the largest number of clients I have seen, which was a combination of an annual Thanksgiving increase and desperate people which have lost their income. Unless people get some relief, hunger dependence will keep increasing as we move through the Christmas holiday and into the New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

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



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.

Dear Lord Jesus, help is to continue to provide needed food as we attack hunger dependence in our community. Amen.

G. Scott Gross
Caring Ministry Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY

Happy New Year everyone! We pray for God's blessings for all of us and for the opportunities that will come our way in the new year to help our community. As we start the new year, let us focus on the word of God in our weekly lessons and Gospel.



The youth will continue to have their Sunday School lessons on Wednesday evenings before the worship service. Our lessons will continue to focus on the Gospel lesson for the week.

There will be no Bible discussions on January 6 and 7, but they will start again on January 13 and 14 via Zoom. Pastor will lead us in discussions on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:00

a.m. If you would like to join the Bible discussions, please let Vicki know and she will add you to the distribution for the link to Zoom.

Adult Sunday School will continue on January 10. If anyone would like to lead a session, please contact Pastor or myself. We are always looking for new ideas and interesting discussions.

Susan Whalen will be starting up a new session of Women's Bible Study on January 20. The class will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays 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.

Dear Lord, help us to continue to spread the good news of your Word throughout our congregation and community. Strengthen us as we work thru this pandemic to find new ways to be faithful disciples.

Janet Slease
Learning Ministry Elder



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Happy New Year! A fresh new year. Filled with hope that as we move through the year, we'll be able to have many of the community events we were unable to have in 2020. Let's take the time in early 2021 to organize and prepare for serving our community in a safe manner. Things may not be the same as they used to be, but there are more opportunities than ever to help others.

Dear Lord, thank you for the many blessings you have given us. Help those isolated and alone to know that you love them. Give us strength and compassion, and guidance from the Holy Spirit as we work to serve our community.

Laura Thompson
Social Ministry Elder

WITNESS MINISTRY

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



WELCOME WAGON/COMMUNITY NEEDS

I have organized a task force and we will be meeting in January to start with the Welcome Wagon and also to reach out to the community to survey their needs.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

I have contacted the North Canton Community Garden and we will be meeting in January to start discussing our garden. If you are interested in being on the Task Force and are interested in gardening or have great ideas, let me know.

I also have a few more things in mind, but I need to see how the holidays impact the coronavirus and our ability to do things.

Heavenly Father. Show us ways to reach out to our community to provide for their needs and be your disciple. Amen

Sue Whalen
Witness Ministry Elder

WORSHIP MINISTRY

We have begun a new church year and like every new time, it is full of hope and blessings. We will soon say good riddens to 2020. We still have a few challenges to overcome, but I am positive that this year is going to be full of opportunities for everyone.



One of the new opportunities we have is the installment of our new greeting area complete with a new coffee bar and gift offerings for new visitors. This area will give us an obvious place to welcome visitors with a smile, beverage and a little something to take home that will remind them of what a great place Zion is. The pictures included here show the new coffee bar and the design of the area right outside the kitchen area. You won't miss it as you walk in!



Our committee worked hard at creating two services for Christmas Eve. Decorations, COVID compliant spaces and protocols for safe distancing in order to keep everyone comfortable and safe. The first service at 6:30 will be held in the newly renovated gym with Suzanne Walters providing live piano music to enhance our worship. The 8:15 service starts with Jack Brannen on the organ along with Carole Singer on piano, adding some fantastic music to gather by in the regular worship space. All the spaces are adorned with wonderful

decorations for the holidays thanks to Debbie Fox and Darlene Milavickas. We look forward to seeing you here!

Lord, During the busyness of the season, we need to stop and remember why we celebrate Christmas. Help us to remember that it was you who came to earth to save us all from our sins. And it is our responsibility to share your love with others and to help care for them as they need. Amen

Brian Walters
Worship Ministry Elder

COMFORT GIVERS



As year 2020 draws to a close most people will say, "I'm glad that year is over." I don't need to recall all the reasons, **WHY**, we are all aware of what happened and how it affected us.

Now we look with anticipation to the new year 2021. The joys and delights of the past Christmas season has given us new strength and courage for the new year. We begin by putting our faith, hope, trust, and love in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He will walk beside us all the way, helping us to be bold and to challenge what lies ahead at any age or gender.

This new year will find the "Comfort Givers" still meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. Come join the group to help create new project ideas, enjoy the "chatter", and fellowship.

I regret to write that I will be stepping down from organizing the work due to age, health, and mindful of slowing down. I cannot keep up with the work. Darlene Milavickas has graciously agreed to carry on assisted by all the other dedicated sewing members. I will always be there for support and working behind the scenes at my own pace. Ha.

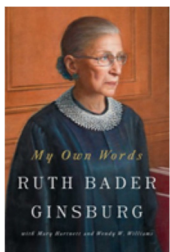
Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Love & Peace,
Betty Tracy

ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN NOVEMBER 2020

November Income	\$ 23,414.07
Income through November	\$262,025.82
November Expenses	\$ 24,065.90
Expenses through November	\$310,607.36

We thank you for your generous support!

Book Discussion Group – January 8th at 10am

We would love to see you at our next book discussion. Whether you have read the book or not, *My Own Words*, by the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, opens up lots of topics for discussion. Society has changed a lot in the last half century. Many battles remain the same in the courts – the players are different and there is more case history to build on, but we continue to strive for justice in such areas as the correct interpretation of the U.S. constitution and equal rights for all.

Even if you are an opera buff, there is something for you too!

Refer your questions about the book discussion group to Linda Weidenbach at lindakjw@gmail.com.

Calling All Artists and Art Lovers

Save the date, Friday, February 19th at 7 pm.

We're having an art show, silent auction, wine & cheese, and live guitar music. All Covid protocols will be in place including physical distancing.

If you are an artist and would like to show your work, call Linda Weidenbach at 850-766-5640 or e-mail Linda at lindakjw@gmail.com.

Renovation of the Kitchen:

We made a recent announcement regarding the renovation of the kitchen in order to give you a chance to donate in 2020 for tax deductions. We will need your support for this project in 2021. I would like to go in more detail now. Dale is looking into finding us a 3 sectional sink that we can install in place of our old sink and dishwasher. We are going to install an instant water heater in the closet behind the kitchen. We will also need to replace the flooring since we are going to remove the cabinets around the sink. There are several cosmetic projects that need our attention. We need to repair some of the cupboards and drawers, and paint all of them. We are going to paint the ceiling and work on the lighting. We are asking Zion for your financial support, and for your time to help plan it and work on it. If interested please give me a call, 330 412-4336.

God's Blessings,
Darlene

**To The Wonderful People of Zion:**

My neighbor organized a group to clean-up my yard, which was so appreciated. The yard looks amazing! Then she organized your group to bring Thanksgiving dinner to us.

You are all so special and I am truly blessed.

God bless you all and Merry Christmas. **Marian Knipfer**

Zion Lutheran Church Community:

I cannot thank you enough for your generous donation in order to provide books for my students. With your help, my students will now have a variety of books to read from as they continue to learn and grow. I am excited for them to take the books home so they can read to their loved ones. Again, thank you for your help. I greatly appreciate your willingness to help and make a difference in my students' lives.

Thanks Again, **Mrs. Kelsey Rataiczak, Clearmount Elementary**

News from Zion's Youth

Happy Birthday to:



Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

January 17th: Vitalant Blood Drive 10 am – 2 pm in the gym

Sunday School News

Wednesday Evening Sunday School at 6 pm will continue during the month of January for our kids ages Pre-K thru 6th grade. Our lessons will continue to align with the Sunday Gospel readings and include crafts, games and snacks. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and look forward to the start of 2021!



Children's Christmas Program – The Nativity and Shepherds from Luke 2:1-20

Thank you to Chris Thompson (Narrator), Carli Brown (Mary), Ben Keith (Joseph), Drew Keith (Angel, Gabriel) and LJ Brown (Shepherd) for participating in this year's Christmas program. We recorded the program on Saturday, December 12th and played it as part of the Sunday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 16th Worship Service that is posted on our webpage and Facebook page. Please take a moment to watch the program if you haven't already. You will enjoy a very simple, yet beautiful and meaningful program that tells the story of Christ's birth. Also, thank you to our Sunday School leaders, Brian & Suzanne Walters and Pastor William for their help with the program!



Final ACME Receipt Reminder

Please remember to turn in your Acme receipts dated between August 6th and December 26th. All receipts dated in that time frame must be turned in by January 31st in order to meet the submission deadline. Collection jars are located in the Narthex and Luther Hall. Thanks for your support of Zion's youth!!!

Giving Tree Thanks and Update

A heartfelt and very sincere thank you to everyone who supported this year's Giving Tree and Christmas Projects to support the community! The Zion family once again came through in such a generous and loving manner to help so many this year! It is a blessing to be part of a congregation who shares God's love with our community and those in need to support our vision at Zion! Thank you for all of your gift, gift card and cash donations, thank you to everyone who helped wrap those gifts and thanks be to God for all we were able to do!



The following is a summary of all we accomplished this Christmas (keeping Christ in Christmas!):

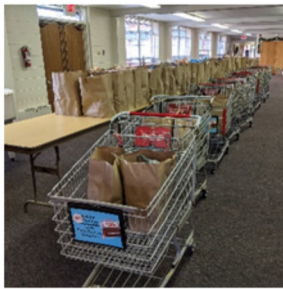
- We sponsored 3 families from Zion's Food pantry providing gifts and gift cards for each family from their wish lists to give them a Merry Christmas and help with their food needs!
- We sponsored 4 families from the North Canton CARES Team providing gifts and gift cards for each family from their wish lists to give them a Merry Christmas and help with their food needs! We received a text from Kristen Gaskell of the North Canton CARES Team to let us know how much these gifts were appreciated – "Many families have been brought to tears. Thank you for helping brighten their lives."
- With the help of your cash donations, we purchased \$25 Acme gift cards for the 85 Food Pantry families that we served on Tuesday, December 15th.
- We collected \$1205 from the congregation and added \$400 from the Youth Fund to sponsor 8 children's Christmases at Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center.
- We collected two \$25 WalMart Gift cards and 23 \$10 gift cards to various fast food restaurants for the children at Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center.
- We collected items to fill 14 stockings for the Behnken Unit of teenage boys at Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center. Each stocking had a \$10 McDonald's gift card, a slim wallet, a religious dog tag necklace, 2 pair of socks, a deck of cards, candy, gum, mints, chapstick, a toothbrush and deodorant.

Food Pantry & Clothing Closet– December 15, 2020

Thank you to the amazing group of Food Pantry and Clothing Closet volunteers that helped on Tuesday December 15th. It was our largest group this year with 24 people. We served 85 households that that day and were able to do some extra things for those families for Christmas. Each family received a \$25 Acme gift card and a container of homemade cookies that were made by members of the congregation. A huge thank you to Kay Reiss, Laura Thompson, Darlene Milavickas, Tina Linz, Nicole Milek, Jayne Schrader, Sue Whalen and Connie Frank for making the cookies. It was such a wonderful treat that was so appreciated by all the families.

Another huge thank you to Becky Aquilo, Cindy Bagocious and Mary Humbert for setting up this year's Santa Shop. Each family was given the opportunity to visit the Santa Shop after picking up their food. The families got to choose new items that had been donated to help with Christmas gifts that they are not able to buy. All this was done safely according to current Health Department orders and protocols. The families were again so grateful!

It was an amazing day with a large group of people sharing God's love with the community. We heard from many of the families that it is evident that our church sincerely cares about them and the community and God's love is present and working through us! Thank you again to all the volunteers and to everyone who donated food, money, gifts and their time, and most importantly – thanks be to God!!!



January's Missions to support our Community:



- **A Diaper Drive and Donation Collection**

We are collecting diapers and cash donations this month for the Stark County Diaper Bank. One in three families in Stark County struggle to afford enough diapers to keep their babies clean, dry and healthy. We want to help the Diaper Bank wipe this problem out! Diaper donations of all sizes can be dropped off during our Wednesday and Sunday services in Luther Hall (look for the Diaper Donation Box) or in the church office during the week from 9 am to 3 pm. We will also have a Diaper Collection Box at the entrance off of Lindy Lane under the overhang for those who wish to do a contactless drop off. Cash donations can be dropped off during the same times. Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran, and we will send one check to the Diaper Bank at the end of the month. All donations must be received by January 31st. Thank you in advance for your support!

- **Vitalant Blood Drive: Sunday, January 17th from 10 am – 2pm in the gym**

Schedule an appointment for our January 17th Blood Drive at www.vitalant.org. Now more than ever, blood donations are of critical need. Please give the gift of life by donating blood if you are able. Your blood donation will make sure cancer patients don't have to postpone treatment, children with chronic conditions can enjoy their lives without worry, and hospitals have blood available to treat accident victims. All donor samples will also be tested for COVID 19 antibodies at no cost. Masks/facial coverings are required, physical distancing will be practiced and temperature checks will be done for everyone's safety. Thank you in advance for helping to save lives and make a difference!

- **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 2021 Update**

We received an email from Kara Durbin from Habitat for Humanity with some information about the 2021 Faith Build which we wanted to share. The following is an excerpt from Kara's email:

"We're happy to report families and children are moving into their new Habitat homes just in time for Christmas, and we're ready to move forward with the Faith Build with you in 2021! Check out the artistic rendering of the project below!

As we look ahead to the build, which are slated to be the first builds in the Spring of the 2021 season, we want to make sure everything is ready to go. The cost per church for a Faith Build is \$5,000. To date, we have received full funding from your church- you're good to go! Funds received from your church are specifically earmarked for the 2021 Faith Build.

We will have more details to share about the Faith Build in February, when we are closer to the dig dates. We appreciate your patience and continued prayers for the Habitat for Humanity ministry.

Blessings,
Kara

P.S. Thank you again for hosting the blood drive in our honor!"

Artistic rendering of the planned 2021 Faith Build:

Pastor William and Debbie Fox also met with Alison Matas and Courtney Brown from Habitat for Humanity by Zoom in December about the Southeast Canton Renewal Project that we can also partner with Habitat in 2021 and beyond. It is an exciting multiyear project that takes a holistic approach to neighborhoods in SE Canton to make a greater impact. It will not only include new builds, but also badly needed repair and restoration to existing homes in the neighborhoods and neighborhood beautification. There will be more information coming about both Habitat projects in the next few months. We are excited about the volunteer opportunities for 2021 that these two projects provide since we were unable to do these things in 2020 due to the pandemic. These projects are full of hope, collaboration & teamwork, revitalization of communities and sharing God's love. We pray to God for his guidance in helping us to be a part of these important Habitat Projects!

You can find out more about the projects Southeast Canton Renewal Project at

<https://youtu.be/qp0UUjy3bpE>.

Pastor's Ponderings

January, 2021



A new calendar year:

- ❖ New opportunities.
- ❖ New focus of conversations.
- ❖ New growth.

In the last months of 2020 in our Adult Sunday School Class we spent some time discovering the biblical basis and God-focused purpose of The Lutheran Liturgy – that form of worship in which we participate each week. We looked at how it impacted us in our life, and how it formed who we are as God's children. We looked at what we like, what we found confusing, what we would like to see, what we would like to update, and what it has to do with the church today. We also discussed how our liturgy affects church growth.



Regarding church growth, we did not talk about how the church is in decline (it's not.) We did not talk about how church attendance is down, even though the population is up. We did not talk about how to get more people in the pews. Nope, we didn't talk about any of that. Why not? Well, because we recognized that church growth has nothing to do with attendance.



Instead we talked about what “church growth” actually means:

- ✚ It's about how we impact our community. (If they can live without us, we failed.)
- ✚ It's about how many of us are increasing our knowledge of Christ through deliberate study (even, and especially, as adults.)
- ✚ It's about how good we are at developing pastors from within our congregants. (We've developed only about ten in our 206 years.)
- ✚ It's about how well we proclaim God's love through word and deed (how Sunday impacts others the rest of the week.)

There are more, of course. What say you? Won't you come on Sunday after church and share? We can't grow without you!

I'm looking forward to how we grow in 2021. Are you?
Graciously, Pr. William





STARK COUNTY DiaperBANK





MISSION: To offer support to families in times of need by providing access to diapers through a network of community partners

VISION: To ensure that every DIAPER NEED is met in Stark County

DIAPER NEED is the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep an infant or toddler clean, dry and healthy.



WHY DO WE WANT TO HELP?

-  1 in 4 children in Stark County under the age of 5 live in poverty.
-  1 in 3 American families report experiencing diaper need.
-  No state or federal safety-net program allocates dollars specifically for the purchase of diapers. WIC and food stamps cannot be used to purchase diapers.
-  Many families in need of diapers are working parents. A low-income job doesn't always cover basic needs.



Without an adequate supply of diapers, babies cannot participate in child care. Without childcare, parents cannot work.



Many children in our community are impacted by the lack of diapers often suffering from reoccurring rashes and urinary infections creating stress on families.



Babies need an average of 8 to 10 diapers a day costing \$85 or more per month.



IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!

DONATE DIAPERS – From giving one package to holding a diaper drive, EVERY diaper donated fills a need in our community. We accept any size and any brand of diapers. We also will take packages of clean, open diapers.

OUR DIAPER DROPBOXES ARE LOCATED AT: Once Upon A Child • 4641 Dressler Road NW • Canton, Ohio 44718
Akron Children's Health Center • Timken Foundation Building • 6076 Whipple Avenue NW • North Canton, Ohio 44720

TO HOST A DRIVE – Reach us on our website at www.StarkCountyDiaperBank.org or Facebook at Stark County Diaper Bank

DONATE MONEY – With your support, we can purchase diapers at a low cost to ensure that infants and toddlers in Stark County stay clean, dry and healthy. Financial donations allow us to maximize our impact and ensures we always have diapers in our most needed sizes. You can donate through our website.

DONATE TIME – Join our Diaper Sort & Transport Team! Anyone can join our cause: church groups, businesses, youth, teens, college students, seniors or anyone who wants to make a difference in children's lives. Please sign up to volunteer on our website.

STARK COUNTY DIAPER BANK COMMUNITY PARTNERS For information on distribution times, please contact the individual agencies.

Through our Community Partners, Stark County Diaper Bank provides diapers in quantities of 25 diapers per pack for sizes NB to 5 and 15 diapers per pack for size 6. Each partner will distribute a maximum of two packs a month per child to families with emergency needs. This ensures that more children will receive diapers.

BRIDGE POINT COMMUNITY SERVICES: 309 45th St. SW, Canton, OH 44706 • 330.484.2061

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: 800 Market Ave. N. Suite 1150, Canton, OH 44702 • 330.491.0896

LAKE TOWNSHIP FISH FOOD PANTRY: 934 W Maple St., Hartsville, OH 44632 • 330.877.1845

NORTH CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST: 1301 East Maple St., North Canton, OH 44720 • 330.499.4303

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SALVATION ARMY MASSILLON: 315 6th St. NE, Massillon, OH 44646 • 330.833.6473



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BLOOD DRIVE



Make every
day awesome

Zion Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

GYM

349 LINDY LANE NW, NORTH CANTON

At this time appointments are preferred & masks are required.

Please make an appointment & earn reward points at

vitalant.org/OhioDonorPortal

Group code: 1525

Donate blood. We'll let you know if you have the antibodies to help patients battling COVID-19.

Please eat before you donate. Bring a photo ID & a list of any medications that you take.



GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org

Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

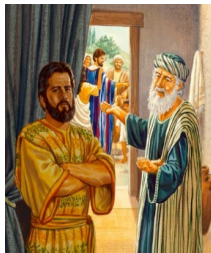
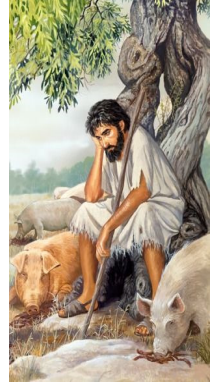
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Stewardship Moment – Know how much God loves you

Focus scripture: Luke 15:11-32 Christ's parable of the Prodigal Father (some erroneously say, Prodigal Son)

Ooh, did that get your attention? To see who was the true prodigal, let us first define "prodigal". It means; reckless, uncontrolled, extravagant.

Is it the younger son who claims his father dead (asking for his share of the estate) and goes on a spending spree, that is reckless, uncontrolled and extravagant? Nope, not him.



Is it the elder son who wishes his brother dead (he wants his brother to be excommunicated from the family) that is reckless, extravagant and uncontrolled? Nope, not him.

No, it is the father who is the prodigal! The father who...

...recklessly gave away half of his wealth while he was still alive and in need of it!

...uncontrollably lost his dignity by running toward the son who betrayed him!

...extravagantly robed his despicable son in the family ornaments!



Yes, it is the father who recklessly, uncontrollably and extravagantly loves both sons. You see, this parable isn't about which son is the better son, or about which son we should emulate – frankly, neither of them were very worthy of the loving father that bore them.

No, this parable is about how much God loves you. About how God is reckless, uncontrolled and extravagant in loving you. Recognizing that reckless, uncontrolled, extravagant loving God is stewardship.

Zion Lutheran Church
349 Lindy Lane NW
North Canton, OH 44720
An ELCA Congregation

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Statement of Purpose:

Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ

Worship Services

Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Casual Outdoor Service

Church Office Hours

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

Pastor: The Rev. William Weidenbach, Jr.	850-766-5853
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Organist: Jack Brannen	
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