

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

October 2021



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23: CRAFT SHOW 10 AM TO 3 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
IMPORTANT MEETING at 10:15 am following the 9 am
Worship service. **SEE PAGES 2 & 3**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31: REFORMATION CELEBRATION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CONCERNING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Dear Members of Zion:

By Special Congregational meetings following Worship Services on Sunday, October 10, 2021 and Wednesday, October 13, 2021, we will be asking you to approve Constitutional Revisions made at Council meetings in May and June, 2021. If the Revisions are approved at the Special meetings, we will ask you to ratify the Amendments at the regular Congregation meeting following the Worship Service on Sunday, October 24, 2021. If ratified, the Amendments will be presented to the Northeastern Ohio Synod for review.

The Amendments are as follows (changes are indicated in red and deleted items are being crossed out):

Chapter 11 OFFICERS

C.11.01. The officers of this Congregation shall be a president, vice president, secretary and Treasurer.

Duties of the officers shall be specified in the Bylaws.

The officers shall be voting members of this Congregation. With the exception that a Congregation Council appointed Treasurer may be a non-member.

Officers of this Congregation shall serve similar offices of the Congregation Council and shall be voting members of the Congregation Council. With the exception that a Congregation Council Appointed Treasurer, who is not a member, has voice, but not vote on the Congregation Council.

~~If the Congregation Council elects its officers, the president, vice president and secretary shall be selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council. [If the Treasurer is not selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council, the Treasurer shall have voice but not vote at the meetings of the Congregation Council.]~~

The Congregation Council may choose to appoint a Treasurer, instead of one being elected by the Congregation. The appointment process shall be specified in the Bylaws. The term shall begin on July 1st and end June 30th.

- a. If the appointed Treasurer is a voting member of the Congregation, the Treasurer shall have voice and vote on the Congregation Council.
- b. If the appointed Treasurer is not a voting member of the Congregation, the Treasurer shall have a voice, but not vote on the Congregation Council.

C.11.02. The Congregation shall elect its officers (with the exception of a Congregation Council appointed Treasurer) and they shall be the officers of this Congregation. The officers shall be elected by written ballot and shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected. Their terms shall begin on July 1st and end July 30th.

CHAPTER 13 CONGREGATION COMMITTEES

C13.03 An *Audit Ministry* of three to six voting members shall be elected by the Congregation Council. Audit Ministry members shall not be members of the Congregation Council. Term of office shall be three years, with one to two Member(s) elected each year. No Audit Ministry member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Once the second term is completed, Audit Ministry members shall be eligible for re-election after one year.

Yours in Faith,

Jim Fidler
Council President



CARING MINISTRY

During the month of August, the Food Pantry served 116 households consisting of a total of

245 people. As a comparison, 125 households with 303 people were served during July 2021. The adults without children have decreased by 18% while the seniors without children decreased by 19%. The seniors and adults with minor children have remained basically the same. In August 2020 we served 83 households with 160 people; therefore, we have increased our Ministry by 40% more households and 53% more people respectively over last year. The August numbers are in line with our June numbers; therefore, some clients may be returning to the workforce.

The Caring Ministry is still looking for a Team Leader for the Transportation Team. I will be contacting people to fill this position.

Laura Thompson has formed her Feed a Friend Team which consists of: Laura, Kay Reiss, Janet Slease, Darlene Milavickas, and Connie Riffle. They have a request for service form available in the office.

Debbie Fox had 12 people scheduled for our September 15th blood drive and one for a different day at Vitalant's Tusc location. Zion has given 92 units through all our drives to date.

FOOD PANTRY—Please add an extra can of **heartly/chunky soup, vegetables, fruit, and toilet paper to your grocery list** for our pantry families this month.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the food pantry last month. We always need our staple items – peanut butter, creamed soups, jelly (except grape), pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, and boxed cereal or instant oatmeal because these items are given out regularly. Thanks for your support!

ZION'S SHARED GOODS

PLACE is in need of household items such as; bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc. We need boy's clothing, sizes 5 to 18. We are collecting new underwear and socks in all children and adult sizes.



PRAYER CHAIN: Remember to contact Kay Davis, Prayer@zion-nc.com, if you have any prayer requests.

Thank you everyone for your continued Caring Ministry support.

O God, grant us grace by The Holy Spirit to give over the control of our lives to Jesus Christ that we may live godly here in this time. Amen.

G. Scott Gross
Caring Ministry Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY

Adult Sunday School

Pastor Weidenbach will continue to lead the discussion on 'The "e" Word: Why does



the ELCA have the word “evangelical” in its name?” through Sunday, October 24th. The next session will begin on October 31st and will be an 8 week discussion on ‘Why People Don’t Come to Church?’ Please join us at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings for an engaging and worthwhile discussion each week!

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



Sunday School - Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Reminder - Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for Sunday School as we learn about loving God and

loving others. There are great lessons, games, crafts and snacks for the kids.

Confirmation Classes (Affirmation of Baptism)

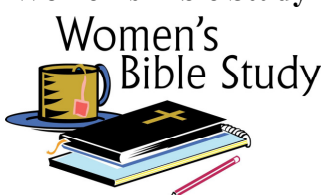
- Meets Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 11:15 am
- For kids in 7th & 8th grades
- Two year study of the “Here We Stand Curriculum”
- This curriculum encourages youth to connect the Bible and Lutheran insights with real life as they build relationships within small groups.



High School Classes

- Meets Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 11:15 am
- Studying “t.b.d.” – think. believe. do
- Teens will explore what they believe by taking faith formation one step deeper with t.b.d.’s topical group studies that engage them in group discussions to dive in to their faith

Women’s Bible Study



Women’s Bible Study is studying the book of Jude on Wednesday mornings at 10 am through October 13th. Sue Whalen is leading the group. The next

session will begin November 3rd for six weeks and will be a study of the books Haggai and Ezra. Please contact Sue Whalen at witness@zion-nc.com if you are interested in joining the Women’s Bible Study.

Weekly Bible Discussions

- Discussion of the current week’s Bible lessons including the Gospel Reading
- Teen only Zoom meeting Mondays from 5 – 5:30 pm

- Zoom meeting Wednesdays from 5 – 6:00 pm
- Zoom meeting Thursdays from 9 – 10:00 am
- If these times don’t work, contact Pastor William to set up a time that does
- In person Bible Discussions are also possible

Debbie Fox
Learning Ministry Elder

RESOURCE MINISTRY

Peace be with you, and May the Lord’s countless blessings shine upon you! Summer’s hot, humid, and wet weather is changing to fall conditions and God’s creations are adjusting their colors accordingly in festive fashion. The fall slate of ministry activities has begun with the Fall Festival completed in September and the Craft Show, Art Show and Trunk or Treat planned for October. All of these opportunities require your enthusiastic physical and financial support to become the effective community impact ministries we envision. We know we can count on your resource sharing to make them successful.

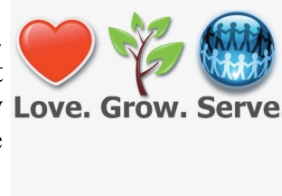
Financially, August General Fund Giving was significantly improved compared to our disappointing June and July results, and was comparable to our August 2020 level. Prudent cost control of our expenses kept them well within our budget estimates, producing a small, manageable operating deficit for August. Our Year-to-Date giving continues to be ahead of 2020 but needs to increase substantially to fund our year-end 2021 operations and ministry plans. God’s blessings to you all for your generous support to date, for the remainder of 2021 and beyond.

Lord, thank you for the inspiration and sufficient resources to do your work at Zion and in our community. Help us to recognize the needs and to appropriately respond to them. We do this in honor of your name, Amen.

John Rhodes
Resource Ministry Elder

SOCIAL MINISTRY

You can tell it’s Fall by 2 things - first, you can smell it in the air especially in the dry evening sunsets and, it’s time for our Zion Craft Show!



We've had a busy summer and now it's time to support Habitat for Humanity by joining us at our Craft Show for a day of fun, crafts, raffles and great food on Saturday, October 23rd. We'll need your help with baked goods and kitchen staff so save the date as a great opportunity to do something to help those that need a safe place to live.

We are also having a Community Art Show here at Zion on Friday, October 8th from 7-8:30. Many local artists have expressed needing help to display their art work and to meet others in the local art world. It doesn't matter if you have never been to an art show or if you've been to several, please stop by. If you are interested in displaying art at the show, please contact Linda Weidenbach at lindakjw@gmail.com.

Dear Lord, thank you for the many good people of Zion who do whatever needs done, day in and day out without complaint to fulfill our mission of making a difference in our community. Thank you for bringing such a beautiful person as Elaine Fidler into our lives. Amen

Laura Thompson
Social Ministry Elder

WITNESS MINISTRY



FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival did well for our first one. We had lots of food, games for the kids, pumpkin decorating, crafts for both adults and children, music, yard games and fire pits to sit around. The big hits were the pumpkins, crafts and smores. We had a couple of our neighbors comment how glad they are that we do this for the community. We even had a neighbor donate to the Wernle Home and our Food Pantry as a thank you for what we do. We may have not had as many people as we expected, but knowing the community appreciates what we do makes it all worth it.

We even saw the work of God being practiced. We had three teenage girls that were riding their scooters in the parking lot as we were setting up for the festival and they asked if they could help. They stayed a couple hours and helped us then came back later and helped again and enjoyed the festival. I spoke with their mothers and told them what great kids they raised. I found out that earlier

that day they were handing out water at the Canton Memorial steps to the firefighters in honor of 9/11.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved with working on the fall festival. Whether you donated items, made food, organized games, worked on decorations or was on the task force you all had a great part in this and I appreciate it. Thanks for all your hard work.



SMALL GROUPS

A few small groups have started. Linda Lancashire is doing Hook & Needles (crochet and knitting) the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm and the 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and work on your own projects or work on the project that Linda has. It is a nice relaxing and enjoyable time with great fellowship. Linda Weidenbach is doing a book discussion the first Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. In October we will be discussing the book *"All Creatures Great and Small"*. Love to read? then this is for you. Sue Whalen is doing a Women's Bible Study group on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. (length of class depends on each book being studied). We are currently studying the book of Jude. Please contact any of the ladies to sign up.

If you are interested in leading your own small group, please let me know. It doesn't have to be a learning class; it could be just a time to get together with people who like to do the same things you do. You can pick your own schedule and where you would like to meet.

Father, we are so blessed to have the opportunity to spread your love to our community and to let them know we are here for them. Thank you for the opportunity to see your love at work through our younger generation.

Sue Whalen
Witness Ministry Elder

WORSHIP MINISTRY



We are looking to expand our Sunday and Wednesday service Trustees to include husband/wife couples. Both would work during the same service as a team. A complete job description of responsibilities is available from John Long, Paul Bagocius or Vicki in the church office. Some of the responsibilities include: welcoming, passing out bulletins, assisting visitors, opening/closing the building. It's a wonderful and beautiful way to serve God as a family and as a couple.

Please have patience! In order to improve our video of the Sunday worship service (that several church members view due to Covid concerns), we sometimes can detect an audio problem minutes into the service. When that happens, we will be stopping the live service, correct the problem, and restarting the service from the beginning. This correction should be very infrequent. For those attending the live service, thank you for your understanding and support for those attending at home. Looking out for all of our members is a testimony to our strength at Zion and in service to God.

Paul Bagocius
Worship Ministry Elder

COMFORT GIVERS

Wow! It is October already. It is time for us to pack up the comforters/quilts and blankets for Lutheran World Relief to send overseas. We had blan-



ket Sunday for everyone in order to bring in a new blanket to include with our comforters/quilts. We will be boxing up 30 school kits and baby kits to send along. We will be taking the boxes to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville for them to be loaded on trucks going to Maryland to be repacked to go overseas. We want to thank everyone that helped us make the comforters/quilts, helped



buy and cut material, donated materials, and prayed for us in doing our mission. We are always looking for more men and women to help in this cause. There are more types of kits we can do to send overseas next year. There are also ways we can help our neighbors with blankets here and other needs they might have. Please come join us the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, from 10 am to 12 pm with a coffee break in the middle. Bring your ideas of things we could do for our neighbors in Christ.

Dear Lord, we thank you for all you have given us, our life, our family, everything we have. We ask that you give us guidance to serve your people in our community and all over the world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Darlene Milavickas



ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN AUGUST 2021

August Income	\$ 22,746.63
Income through August	\$224,931.79
August Expenses	\$ 23,790.90
Expenses through August	\$234,123.83

We thank you for your generous support!

Pastor's Ponderings
October, 2021

October presents us with opportunities to be good stewards – oh, please keep reading, you know by now that stewardship is not about asking for money. And thinking about stewardship got me to pondering:

- **Fall Foliage Fanfare**

Trees put on a grand show this month. The various shades of green turn to yellow, red and orange. God's work of abundance and care for creation is clearly visible in the trees as they undergo the process of senescence, where accumulated sugars and nutrients are sent from the dying leaves back into the tree for storage and re-use in the spring. My oh my, God is wonderful!



God expects us to be good stewards of God's created tree; to fertilize it, prune it, compost the leaves, and give thanks to God for the life giving tree that converts carbon dioxide into oxygen we can breathe.

- **Halloween**



2000 years ago, Druids recognized October 31 as the last day of the year. They celebrated the end of harvest and the beginning of a long cold winter. They believed the boundary between the world of the living and the world of the dead was blurred in the night of transition to the new year. According the History Channel, in the late 1800s in North America there was a move to make Halloween “more about community and neighborly get-togethers than about ghosts, pranks and witchcraft.” There was a move to focus on parties, games, food, and festive (rather than grotesque) costumes.

God expects us to recognize God's abundance given to us in the harvests of the season. Maybe this year we can dress and decorate our homes to make them more about community and stewardship, than about ghouls and evil.

- **Reformation**

Good Ole Martin didn't want to start a new religion; he actually implored people to identify as Christian, not Lutheran. Reformation gives us the opportunity to see the work we still have to do in reforming our religious practices and traditions.

Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, widowed, orphaned, oppressed, captives, hungry, aliens, and all marginalized. Martin Luther called us to reform our stewardship to care for all creation and all people to effectuate Jesus' good news. On this 504th anniversary, we still need reforming.

Christians are called to not be conformed to this world's ways, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, for the sole purpose of discerning God's will (Romans 12:2.) How will you renew your faith this October?

I look forward to hearing what you've been pondering.

Graciously, Pr. William



Community Events

Halloween Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 31st from 3 - 5 pm

Our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat for the community will be Sunday, October 31st from 3 to 5 pm to correlate with North Canton's Trick or Treat. We would like to invite everyone to come out, park your car and pass out candy to the kids in our community. Each participating vehicle will park in our back lot, open the trunks or hatches of their vehicles and pass out candy and treats. Vehicle decorating with a fun theme and costumes are also encouraged but not required. We have the perfect space for this event and hope that all the neighborhood kids will walk through during Trick or Treat on the 31st. There will also be free food and drinks for all the families who come to trick or treat. If you are interested in taking part in this event and are willing to decorate your "trunk", please let Debbie Fox know by October 24th or sign up in Luther Hall. We will also need volunteers to help with the food. Let's make this community event a safe day of fun and fellowship while we share God's love with everyone!



Fall Charity Craft Show News

This year's Craft Show is Saturday, October 23rd from 10 am – 3 pm. There are still spaces available if you know any crafters looking for a show. Contact Vicki in the office for an application. This is a great event at Zion! All proceeds from the Craft Show will go to Habitat for Humanity Faith Builds. We pray that God will guide us and others to help us support Habitat and the great work they do.

Great news - We will have German Dinners this year! Tickets will go on sale before and after services on Wednesdays and Sundays in October. Dinners are \$10 and you can choose from Pork & Spaetzle or Brats & Sauerkraut. You can also purchase tickets to donate dinners for people in our community who may need a little bit of help.

We will be making awesome raffle items once again this year. Donations are needed for these items if you are able. You may choose any of the items to donate to, and will receive a free raffle ticket for items donated. All items are needed by Sunday, October 10th.

Raffle Tickets for these items will be on sale before and after our 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 raffle items are as follows:

Chocolate & Ice Cream Basket

Ohio State Fan Basket

Lottery Ticket Wreath

Holiday Collection Basket

There will also be a Christmas Quilt made by Zion's quilters in the raffle. Winners for all of these items will be chosen Sunday, October 24th after the Congregational Meeting.

We need lots of help to make our show a success. Sign-up sheets will be located 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 the Bake Sale and food & drink donations that we will need. We encourage everyone to help out if possible. We really appreciate your support!



To all of the Members of our Zion Church Family: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the outpouring of love and affection for Elaine and the unending support you've given me and our three guys at home. The funeral service was beautiful and the luncheon fed the body and nourished the soul. I am blessed to have had Elaine in my life for 34 years and I am blessed to be surrounded by people who loved her and know what she meant to me and who truly wish to be God's servants.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Fidler

Wernle Update

Thank you so much for everyone's generous support of Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center last month!

We collected a large amount of the items that were needed to support the kids at Wernle from art supplies, personal care items, winter coats and school supplies. We also collected \$1,743.00 in cash donations to support Wernle.

Chris Parker visited on September 19th and was so grateful for all that he received to take back to the Wernle Campus. He said that visiting us at Zion is like going to grandma and grandpa's house because he always leaves with something great. We are so grateful that Chris was able to visit with us and spend some time telling us about all that is happening at Wernle. He was also able to spend some time with our Sunday School kids and answer all of their questions.



Please visit Wernle's website at wernle.org and their Facebook page - @Wernle, to learn more about all the good things they do to give the kids on their campus the extra love and support they need, all while sharing God's love with them. They give these kids a real chance at having a better life and achieving their potential.

Thanks be to God for all of your generosity and to all of the staff and kids at Wernle.

Vitalant Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood on Wednesday, September 15th. Vitalant was able to collect 16 units from this drive that will be used to help up to 48 people. To date Zion has hosted six blood drives which have collected 108 units which will help up to 324 people!!! Thanks be to God for all of you that have donated the gift of life!

Here is a portion of an email from Katy Neff at Vitalant:

Thank you for allowing Vitalant to come out to Zion Lutheran Church yesterday. For the blood drive; 15 individuals presented to donate and we were able to collect 16 units of blood. These generous gifts will be used to sustain or save the lives of up to 48 patients in need!!! Please share the wonderful news.

...(referring to our six drives) Total collected -108 generous blood donations that have sustained or saved the lives of up to 324 people!!!!

I cannot tell you how amazing this is! All of your hard work recruiting and organizing these events has such a large impact on saving lives.

On behalf of Vitalant, and the patients receiving these wonderful gifts of life, I sincerely thank you and all of the wonderful blood donors at Zion Lutheran Church for your time and continued support.

You are all truly heroes,

Katy Neff

Donor Recruitment Representative

Our final drive for 2021 will be Sunday, November 14, 2021 10am - 2pm (gym). You can schedule an appointment online or contact Debbie Fox, and she can schedule your appointment. Next month's newsletter will have all of our Blood Drive dates for 2022.





Save the Date: Friday, October 8th at 7PM

Zion Lutheran Church's 1st Annual Community Art Show

Artists: Please call Linda Weidenbach at 850-766-5640 if you would like to show your work!



*We won't have these originals by Monet, Kahlo, and Kandinsky, but we are hoping to supplement the collection of community artist works we already have: oil paintings, a sculpture, acrylics, crochet work, and the replication of Rublov's icon **The Trinity** (we couldn't get the original on loan from a Moscow gallery), a handmade quilt.....*

Please come and visit us from 7PM to 9PM, where you will find:

- *Light refreshments
- *A short reader's theatre on *Peace*, which begins at 7PM sharp
- *Local artists' work, some for sale
- *Live guitar and flute music
- *A silent auction and a 50/50 auction for the benefit of *Habitat for Humanity*
- *Free reusable masks provided

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Date: Saturday October 23, 2021

The Craft Show: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

German Dinners: 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church Fall "Oktoberfest" Charity Craft Show

All Proceeds Benefit Habitat for Humanity

GERMAN-STYLE TAKEOUT DINNERS are available for \$10.00. Choose Bratwurst with sauerkraut 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



Places in the Bible Word Search



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Return Service Requested



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. Outside Casual Service

Church Office Hours

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

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