

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

November 2021



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Message from President:

As we look to November we're thankful that Zion's Congregation continues to demonstrate a willingness to be servants and a desire to be part of efforts to strengthen the community around us. And Zion is not just reaching out to the community. Zion is becoming a part of the community.

Whether through Worship Services emphasizing Christians' bonds with their fellow beings; services that help bereaved members contend with personal grief while honoring the memory of those who have passed to the Church Triumphant; Art shows, Craft shows, Trunk or Treat events; working with Habitat for Humanity, the Stark County Humane Society, or the Wernle Center; or simply greeting each other on Sunday mornings, the Congregation is exemplifying the fact that interdependence is the essential factor in bringing about the social interaction that is key to God's plan.

In October the Congregation reviewed a conscientiously prepared Annual Report, ratified clearly presented By-laws Amendments and approved a Budget for 2022 that candidly and forthrightly sets forth Zion's financial situation and the impact it has on our goal to make ourselves an integral part of the community. In November we look forward to opportunities to particularly thank our Veterans and to show our gratitude to our Divine Creator for the many Blessings He gives us each and every day.

Lord, Thank You for making us people who see the need to serve others, in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Fidler
Council President

Ministry Reports

CARING MINISTRY

During the month of September, the Food Pantry served 131 households consisting of a total of 312 people. As a comparison, 116 households with 245 people were served during August 2021. The adults without children have increased by 30% while the seniors without children only added four people. The seniors and adults with minor children have basically remained the same. The number of children served in September increased by 84%. In September 2020 we served 91 households with 176 people; therefore, we have increased our Ministry by 44% more households and 77% more people respectively over last year. The September numbers are back in line with our July numbers; therefore, it is hard to determine any trend.

Laura Thompson's Feed a Friend Team is up and running. Request for service forms are available in the office.

Vitalant Blood Drive - We have 3 people



scheduled so far for the Sunday, November 14th drive. People can schedule online or contact me to schedule like usual.

Here are our 2022 Blood Drive dates:

- Sunday, January 16th, 2022
- Sunday, March 20th, 2022
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022
- Wednesday, July 27th, 2022
- Sunday, September 25th, 2022
- Sunday, November 20th, 2022

FOOD PANTRY—November's items of the month are turkey gravy, boxed mashed potatoes, and cake mixes for our pantry families. Please drop off by Sunday, November 14th before our Thanksgiving giveaway. 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!

SHARED GOODS PLACE is getting a new face lift. We have added racks across the walls in the first room next to Pastor William's office and



across the brick wall in the second room. We have also changed the table in the hallway for kitchen goods. We have added 3 more rolling racks for sweaters and coats so we can get them out of the choir room. We have put all the children's clothes in the first room. The clothes for women and men, bedding, towels and curtains are in the second room. We are planning on having 8 racks or so which will enable us to move them in and out of the gym on Care Team night and Food Pantry day. This will make it much easier to put up and tear down for these times. We are still in need of household items such as: bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans etc. We need boys clothing sizes 5 to 18. We are collecting **new underwear and socks in all children and adult sizes**. Thank you for your support of items, volunteer time and your prayers for our ministry.

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, without all the Team Leaders and volunteers this ministry would not be possible, thank you for providing their endless devotion and driving spirit. Amen.

G. Scott Gross
Caring Ministry Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY

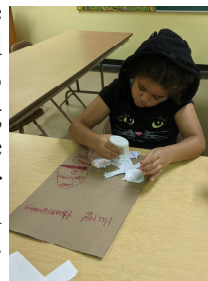
Adult Sunday School

Pastor Weidenbach will continue to lead our adult group on Sundays mornings this month. The group will start 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!



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. We are also working on our Thanksgiving Service Project this month. We will be decorating bags for our friends at Siffrin and our Food Pantry families. On Sunday, November 14th we will start setting up and filling our Thanksgiving bags for Food Pantry and our delivery to Siffrin. We are collecting turkey gravy, boxed mashed potatoes and cake mixes through Sunday, November 14th to help fill the bags. We have lots to do as we share God's love with our community and hope you will join us!



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study begins again November 3rd at 10 am on Wednesday mornings. This session will be a 6 week study of the books of 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



May the Lord's countless blessings shine upon you and grant you Peace!

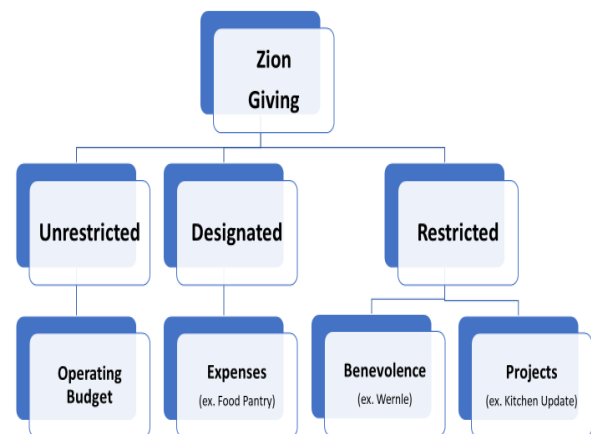
The weather's cooler, leaves are turning and a multitude of ministry activity at Zion are happening this Fall. For October, the inaugural Art Show was a hit, the Craft Show was a success and Trunk or Treat was delicious for all of us candy lovers. The Art and Craft Shows provided intended revenue to help support our commitment to Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 2022. Your enthusiastic physical and financial support enabled these events to become the effective community impact ministries we envisioned. We know we can count on your continued resource sharing to make the year-end holiday schedule of events as memorable.

Financially, September Giving was disappointing although comparable to 2020. Generally prudent cost control kept our expenses within budget limits, but two extraordinary expenses of a new hot water heater and parsonage roof, combined with the depressed giving, to produce a significant monthly operating deficit. Our Year-to-Date Giving continues to be ahead of 2020, but at a similar deficit level, so our Giving needs to increase substantially to fund our year-end 2021 operations and ministry plans. We need a repeat of your generous 2020 year-end giving pattern to be successful and eliminate our deficit.

It has been very evident in our 2021 Giving pattern that there may be some misunderstanding of where Zion's Giving is allocated to Zion's operation.

- When your giving is "General or **Unrestricted**", we can utilize these receipts for any appropriate purpose, but particularly to support our Operating Budget. This pattern of Giving provides us with the necessary flexibility to meet any/all our budgetary and operating needs. Maintenance of this category ensures that Zion is not operating at a deficit.

- Designated** Giving is utilized for the specified intended purpose of various operation or ministry expenses, but it constrains our ability to satisfy other important areas of operation.
- Restricted** Giving is utilized for the specific intended purpose of benevolence and is aggregated and distributed accordingly. This benevolence is very desirable and beneficial, but it does not positively impact Zion's financial operations.



Operation problems are created when **Total Giving** is an acceptable magnitude but the distribution between the three sources are skewed to **Designated** or **Restricted** at the expense of **Unrestricted**. This is the detrimental circumstance which has been evident for the last four months. Our desire is not to reduce **Designated** or **Restricted** Giving, but to consider them as "additional" instead of "in place of" **Unrestricted** when you are exercising your Giving options.

We are thankful for your continued support and Giving to continue the "Good News" with our operations and community ministries. It is also important to remember that if you are planning to utilize Advance Giving in your tax strategies, these contributions need to occur before the end of the year.

Lord, thank you for the inspiration and availability of 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



Lutheran Men in Mission's first meeting went well. Our numbers were small but our hope for the future is promising. We will be looking for more men to participate so that we can fulfill our purpose of making disciples.

I want to thank Dave Palumbo and Laura Thompson for preparing our breakfast. If any one left hungry, it wasn't their fault.

We will continue moving forward in serving not only the men of Zion but the community as well.

Ken Reinoehl



Women of the ELCA—Our first Women of the ELCA (WELCA) meeting on Saturday September 25, 2021 went quite well. We had 8 women in attendance including newly elected Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization (NEOSWO) board member Sue Whalen and Vice President Jennifer Ackerman. We explained how clusters, gatherings, biennials and triennials all fit together to serve the community and how Zion's women could be part of the larger NEOSWO which in turn is connected to the national church organization. I also explained the importance of keeping this organization alive since our Canadian counterparts have gone by the wayside.

We already have officers in place who have stepped up and volunteered for the position. They are Darlene Milavickas, Cindy Bagocius, Sue Whalen and myself.

I look forward to putting together gatherings so that not only Zion's women, but women from all around Ohio, may come and we can enjoy the fellowship and service that is such a vital part of our group.

**Yours in Christ,
Ruth Reinoehl**

So much to be thankful for! Not just because Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away (yikes!) but because all year we have had the opportunity to serve each other and our community. If you think back to last November, things looked pretty empty in terms of the social calendar. Thanks be to God for showing us the way.

It is a great time of year to look in on those who don't get out much and to take a few extra minutes to help a neighbor with getting their house ready for the winter. Imagine trying to do all the things you do in the Fall without the help of family or friends over the years. Maybe someone didn't have parents to teach them how to do yard work, or isn't from a place that has this many leaves, or is getting older and the trees are getting bigger! Look - Seek- Search - You are needed out there. It doesn't have to be hard labor, good conversation goes a long, long way.

Laura Thompson
Social Ministry Elder

WORSHIP & MUSIC

JOIN THE CHOIR!—Love (or like) to sing? Want to be part of a group that praises God? Here's your chance! Join the newly re-established Zion Church Choir. Starting Nov. 10, choir practice will be every Wednesday (no practice on Nov. 24), from 7:45 to 9 pm, in the choir room. The initial church performance will be during our Christmas Eve service on December 24th. Want more info or to sign up for the choir? Call, text, or email our Choir Director, Suzanne Walters (330-309-5076 or suzannewalters24@yahoo.com).



ADVENT SERVICES—This year, there will be evening Advent Sunday services at 6:15 pm on Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, and 19. These are in addition to the normal Sunday morning services at 9 am. The evening services will provide meaningful and spiritual experiences of scripture and Christmas hymns (no videos) as we prepare for Christmas. Plans are being discussed for a light supper served at 5:30 pm on each of these dates.

Paul Bagocius
Worship Ministry Elder

COMFORT GIVERS

First I want to apologize for not taking a picture of all the boxes stacked to be loaded into the truck or one with them in the truck. I thought of it and told myself to take one before we loaded the pickup truck and one when it was loaded. But I had a few senior moments and totally forgot. So there is no picture for the article this month. I will try and do better.

A huge thank you to all our sewers and to our supporters for their gifts and prayers. We packed up 54 comforters/quilts that the group made and 10 blankets that the congregation bought. We had enough supplies from the congregation to pack up 11 baby kits and 30 school kits. Debbie and I delivered the 17 boxes to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville, Ohio on Thursday, November 14th. The truck was to leave on the following Monday for Maryland and the boxes will be baled for transport by ship and sent overseas to those in need. Thanks again. We are looking forward to increasing our number of comforter/quilts, blankets and kits for next year. There are so many people out there in need. Jesus tells us to take care of our neighbors and that is what Zion is all about.

*Dear God, we thank you for all you have given us.
We know that all we have is from you and is yours.*



EQUAL EXCHANGE

Take a look in the EQUAL EXCHANGE closet cubby to see the new NOTE BOARD hanging on the wall. It is to be used by you, the consumer, to jot down likes and dislikes as you fine tune your own EQUAL EXCHANGE shopping. Thanks go to Randy Elsass for this suggestion. Ask him about "Midnight Sun" coffee!

Look for on-line shopping coming to EQUAL EXCHANGE in November - just in time for the holidays! Purchase online and pick-up at church.

Please send the Holy Spirit to give us guidance to serve your people in our community and all over the world. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN.

God's Blessings be with you all,
Darlene



ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN SEPTEMBER 2021

September Income	\$ 19,046.14
Income through September	\$243,977.93
September Expenses	\$ 45,774.16
Expenses through September	\$279,897.21

We thank you for your generous support!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

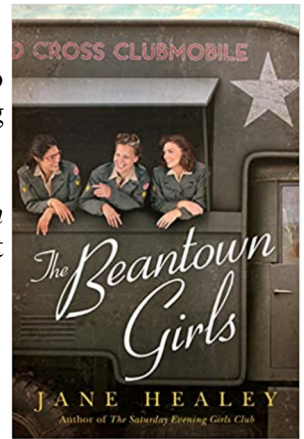
November 3	Dale Jacobs
November 6	Jeremy Roman
November 9	Lisa Frock
November 12	Tina Linz
November 14	Wayne Snyder
November 14	Orrin Bose
November 20	Sandra Hilson
November 21	Todd Elsass
November 23	John Brokloff
November 26	Suzanne Walters
November 27	Ruth Elsass



BOOK CLUB

This month's book discussion group will meet Friday November 5th at 10am to discuss "*American Dirt*", by Jeanine Cummins. It is about a mother and her young son seeking refuge from a Mexican drug lord. All are welcome.

Next month, on December 3rd at 10am, we will be discussing "*The Beantown Girls*", by Jane Healey. Direct questions to Linda Weidenbach at Lindalkw@gmail.com.



Nick and I would like to Thank our Church Family for all the prayers and get-well wishes. Your cards and phone calls were very appreciated. Thanks to Pastor William for his concern and his visit to give us communion. **Juanita & Nick Cignetti**

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry, I can't thank you enough for the beautiful shawl that I received after my surgery. I felt so blessed to be prayed for by your church. It has provided warmth & comfort at a difficult time. I am comparing it to the "arms of Jesus" stretching across the country. My healing is going well. I am so grateful. May each one of you be blessed in a special way, in the days to come. A special shout out to my dear friend, Darlene, whom I have know since 1973! Love you girl! **Carole Waldron**

Dear Zion, You made such a difference and it is so deeply appreciated! Thank you so much, God Bless. **Mary Lou Johnston**

Pastor's Ponderings November, 2021

November always brings a plethora of emotions and that got me to pondering:

- **All Saints Day**

On this day we remember our loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant. It is a time of sadness about our loss. It is a time of hopefulness about Jesus' promise of homecoming for all of us. Maybe this year, part of your healing can be in remembering that others are in pain too. Maybe send a cheerful "Thinking About You" card to one or two other people enduring pain like yours. In my short time with you, eleven of our members died; many of our Christian siblings need you.



- **Daylight Savings Time**

This might be the poster child for the "We've always done it that way before" problem. Still being fairly new here, I often ask why we're doing something. Too often the response is; "Well pastor, we don't know why, but we've always done it that way before." Oh how I long for that to be a phrase of the past. This year, when you turn your clocks backward in the wee hours of Sunday the seventh, please also think of some other time worn "tradition" that no longer makes sense; especially to new people we hope to attract to God's work we do here.

- **Thanksgiving**



Each year at this time, I ponder the people in my life for whom I am thankful. I give thanks to God for My Dear Linda, for my parents Art and Peg, for my and Linda's families, and for you, my siblings in Christ. I pray that all of us will always work together to make the love of Jesus known to those in our midst.

- **Advent**

This is the church season of waiting...waiting and preparing for the birth of the one whom God sent to obliterate our wrong behavior and reconnect us with the God who loves us unconditionally. At Wednesday evening and Sunday morning worship services we'll focus on four aspects of the impending birth and sing Christmas hymns. Sunday evening worship services will focus on *Gifts of Advent* as we read scripture and sing familiar Advent hymns – to be preceded by a meal (come be fed in two ways; communally and spiritually.) I ponder how we might be changed if we enthusiastically participate, and invite our friends, neighbors, and enemies!



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 November?

I look forward to hearing what you've been pondering.
Graciously, Pr. William



Art Show

Zion's First Annual Art Show, on Friday, October 8 represented community artists. Some of the mediums represented were oils, acrylics, ink, chalk, plasters, eggshells, cotton, wood, a guitar, a Native American flute, art technology, and metals. Created at the show were two original acrylic art works.

Our own Cindy Bagocious, and Kedric Wolf presented an inspirational interactive readers' theatre.

Most artists donated a work to the silent auction, which raised \$1020 for Habitat for Humanity.

When the people of Zion work together, good things happen! Thanks be to God.

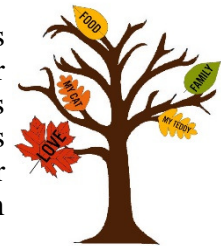




Tree of “Thanks and Giving”

The “Tree of Thanks” will go up this month in Luther Hall. We invite everyone to help us fill the tree with “Leaves of Thanks” - fill out a leaf located by the tree with something or someone you are thankful to God for and hang that leaf on the tree. You can fill out as many leaves as you would like! We hope that this is a small reminder of all that God has given us, and that everything we have and everything we are is because of Him! Dear God, help us to share what you have given us, and show your amazing love to others in need.

I'M THANKFUL FOR



There are also giving tags on the tree to help toward the purchase of Acme gift cards for our Siffrin friends and Food Pantry families Thanksgiving meal expenses. Each \$10 tag helps us give those family a little extra at the holidays and helps to spread God's love. Please take a tag and return it to the Church office by Sunday, November 14th. Thank you for your support!!!



Fall Charity Craft Show News

This year's Craft Show was a huge success! We had 39 vendors, great foot traffic, fabulous food, amazing raffle items, delicious treats at the Bake Sale table and a nice Fall day to help raise money for the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build program. We raised **\$5,500** from the proceeds of this year's show for Habitat. Well done everyone! Thanks be to God for everyone's support and generosity!

German dinners were back by popular demand, and a big thank you to Dave Palumbo for leading our kitchen crew (Mary Humbert, Randy Cizek, Adrienne Pitts, Ron Tvorik) in making those delicious meals! Thank you to Connie Riffle and Melissa & Matt Leisure for taking care of our concessions area keeping everyone well fed! Together they served 149 German Dinners along with all the other food & drinks!

Thank you to everyone who helped out this year – our Craft Show Coordinators, Jayne Schrader & Connie Frank, all of the volunteers who helped set up, tear down & work during the show, everyone who donated items, bought raffle tickets and German Dinner tickets, everyone who came to the show to support our vendors, everyone who prayed for the Craft Show and all involved. This is such an important event that raises money to help build safe and affordable homes for the families that are part of the Habitat Faith Builds. Thanks be to God for everyone who had a part in sharing God's love with our community.

Raffle Winners:

Thanksgiving Basket - Laurie Cerreta

Chocolate Lovers Basket - George Miller

Ohio State Fan-tastic Basket - Susan Martin

Lottery Dreams Basket - Linda Laris

Holiday Collection Basket - Tom Lohman

Cardinal & Holly Christmas Quilt - Ruth Reinoehl

Gold & Plaid Christmas Quilt - Randy Elsass

Equal Exchange Baking Basket - Michelle Foster

Equal Exchange Hot Cocoa Basket—Hannah Venable





Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 2021 Final Update

Sunday, September 26th was a beautiful sunny day full of excitement, love and joy as the three Faith Build families received the keys to their new homes. It was such an emotional and heart-warming ceremony. The gratitude and joy the families expressed was so amazing! Everyone walked away with a great sense of satisfaction and love – well done good and faithful servants, well done!



2 Emails From Kara Durbin

Director of Community + Volunteer Partnership

“Hi Faith Build Friends,

Wow, what a Sunday we had! Thank you to everyone who attended, invited friends, cheered on the families, and prayed for the build. The dedication was so special- especially for the families moving in soon. We appreciate each of your faith community's representatives who said such special things about the future homeowners, their experience, and Habitat for Humanity.” (9/29/2021)

“We are so thankful that your faith communities have dedicated the past 4+ months with us and the Burch, Thomas, and Cundiff Families! Because of you, THREE families now have a safe place to call home. While you all attended the dedication (or saw photos) where we ceremonially handed the keys over to the families, on October 8 these three ladies officially became homeowners! Photos from their closings are attached. Feel free to share these with your friends and congregations to celebrate this huge accomplishment!

Again, we are so grateful to have partnered with you. We will continue to pray for you and your faith communities!” (10/19/2021)

We ask that everyone continue to pray for all the Habitat families, staff and volunteers. Thanks be to God for Habitat for Humanity, the work they do and all the staff, volunteers and families!

Reminder - If anyone has used furniture or building supplies they would like to donate, Habitat Restore is a great place to donate. All proceeds from the sales at Restore go to funding future builds. For more information go to www.restoreeco.org. You can drop items off or schedule a pick up!





Vitalant Blood Drive – November 14th 10:00 am – 2: 00 pm

Our next blood drive is Sunday, November 14th from 10 am – 2 pm in the gym. Please give if you can and schedule an appointment to help sustain or save the lives of others in need. Enjoy a light meal and treats after you donate. Contact Debbie Fox and she can schedule an appointment for you, or schedule your own appointment by following the options below.

To schedule your own appointment:

Go to: vitalant.org/ohiodonorportal

Click on “Make an appointment”

From here there are 3 ways to search for a blood drive:

1. Change the date to November 14th and scroll down until you see Zion Lutheran Church
 - Click on the location to make an appointment, highlight it and click on “Select” below the box with blood drive listings.
 - Click on appointment time
 - Click on “New Donor” to register or “Existing Donor” if you already have an account
2. In the next box down you can search by zip code and radius for a blood drive.
 - Click on the location you would like to make an appointment for to highlight it and click on “Select” below the box with blood drive listings.
 - Click on appointment time
 - Click on “New Donor” to register or “Existing Donor” if you already have an account
3. Or Go all the way to the bottom of the page to search by Group Code.

Zion Lutheran Church’s Group Code is: 1525

- Click on location to highlight and then hit “Select”
- Click on appointment time
- Click on “New Donor” to register or “Existing Donor” if you already have an account

Here are the 2022 dates for our scheduled drives:

- Sunday, January 16, 2022: 10 am – 2 pm
- Sunday, March 20, 2022: 10 am – 2 pm
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022: 3 pm – 7 pm
- Wednesday, July 27, 2022: 3 pm – 7 pm
- Sunday, September 25, 2022: 10 am – 2 pm
- Sunday, November 20, 2022: 10 am – 2 pm

Please mark your calendars!





Programs and Resources to Amplify Your Impact

How to apply for a Thrivent Action Team

Your passion and excitement for your community are sure to make your Thrivent Action Team a success. Follow these steps to apply—and don't forget to share the impact of your project with us.

1. Visit thrivent.com/actionteam for resources to help you brainstorm ideas and prepare for your project.
2. Once you have your project idea, get ready to apply. Here's what you'll need to have handy when you fill out the application:
 - Your User ID and password.
 - Your estimated project date. (Allow 14 days for the review of your application and the shipping of your Thrivent Action Kit.)
 - A short description of your project and how your volunteer team will be involved.
 - The church or other nonprofit organization that will benefit from the project, if applicable.
 - How you'll use the Community Impact Card.
 - Number of volunteers on your team and T-shirt sizes.
3. Now that you have everything you need, visit thrivent.com/actionteam and click **Apply Now** to begin the application process. Applying for a Thrivent Action Team takes less than 15 minutes.
4. If it is your first time logging in, you will need your Thrivent ID. If you don't know your Thrivent ID, please contact your Thrivent financial professional or call 800-847-4836 for assistance.

After you've completed the application, watch your email inbox to see if your project was approved. You should receive an email within 24 hours of submitting your application.

After your project

Go to thrivent.com/actionteam and share your story. Reporting on your project takes less than 10 minutes. Make sure you have the following handy:

- Your User ID and password.
- What your team accomplished.
- Number of:
 - Volunteers on your team (and their names).
 - Hours to plan the event and length of event.
 - Hours (on average) each person volunteered.
 - Total participants.
- The amount raised if you hosted a food drive or fundraiser.

Questions? We're here for you.

Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Action Teams."

Membership benefits are not guaranteed contractual benefits. The interpretation of the provisions of these benefits is at the sole discretion of Thrivent. These benefits are reviewed and evaluated regularly. Thrivent reserves the right to change, modify, discontinue or refuse to provide any of the membership benefits or any part of them at any time.

Directing Choice Dollars® and Personal Giving: A How-To Guide

Direct Choice Dollars Online

1. Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
2. Click **Direct Choice Dollars**.
3. Log in by entering your User ID and password.
(If you haven't yet registered on thrivent.com, click **Register for account access**.)
4. Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
 - a. To direct to a previous organization:
 - Click **Direct Now** next to the organization's name, or
 - Click on the **View activity history** link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.
 - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **Search**.
5. Choose **Direct All** or **enter a specific number** and click **Direct Now**. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

Direct Choice Dollars by Phone

1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say **Thrivent Choice**.
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars program Terms and Conditions.
(If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Want to make an even bigger impact?

Make a personal donation at thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Thrivent pays the processing fees so 100% of your donation goes to help.* Click **Make a personal donation** and search the Thrivent Choice Catalog. Once you locate the organization to which you wish to donate, click **Make a Personal Donation**. You'll then be sent to Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing™ to make the donation.

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What is Advent?

Every year, in late November, the church starts a new year. The colors of paraments are changed (a topic for another *I Didn't Know That.*) The church changes focus on readings and hymns. We call this time; *Advent*. That's nice, but what does *advent* mean?

Many English words come from other languages; *advent* is one of them. Want to speak Latin? Repeat after me; *ad-vent-us*. Good for you, now you speak another language. Now, take off that “-us” ending (like we do to a lot of Latin words transliterated to English) and we are left with; *ad-vent* or *Advent*. Now you know.

Oh, you'd like to know what that Latin word means? How silly of me; it means *coming*. So, *Advent* means; *Coming*.

Now you want to know who is coming? Well, I'll give you a clue; *Advent* starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Well, no, we are not celebrating the coming of Santa Clause; it is Jesus we are expecting.

So, Advent is about the purposeful waiting and preparation for the coming of Christ.

But, you say; Jesus already came, nearly 2000 years ago. You are absolutely correct!

The Christian church knows that too, but we also believe Jesus' teaching and promise that he will come again. So during *Advent* we remember Jesus' first coming, that we celebrate as Christmas, and prepare in hope for his second coming – at a time nobody knows except the Father (Matthew 24:36.)

So, in Advent, we make time in our busy schedules to reflect upon what the birth of Jesus means to us and we prepare our lives so that we are ready to encounter Jesus:

Loving others as Jesus first loved us
Encouraging those who lack hope
Bringing joy to the broken of spirit
Seeking peace where there is discord and strife

Remember; If you are sick of Christmas by December 25th you did not do *Advent* correctly.

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Dear Friends,

As the seasons change there are also changes being made in the lives of kids here at Wernle. Your gift represents hope and a future to these boys and girls. You are helping them get the chance they deserve in life with your generosity.

I invite you to come to campus to see for yourself the work that is being done here. Our supply room is regularly stocked by folks like you, and we would love to show it to you.

Please give us a call if your church or group has any questions about what we need regarding supplies. Don't forget to visit our Facebook page and our website www.wernle.org.

Blessings,

Chris Parker

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*The holidays will be
here before you know it
so have a blessed return
and holiday season!*

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***"Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven." — Henry Ward Beecher,
Reverend and social activist***

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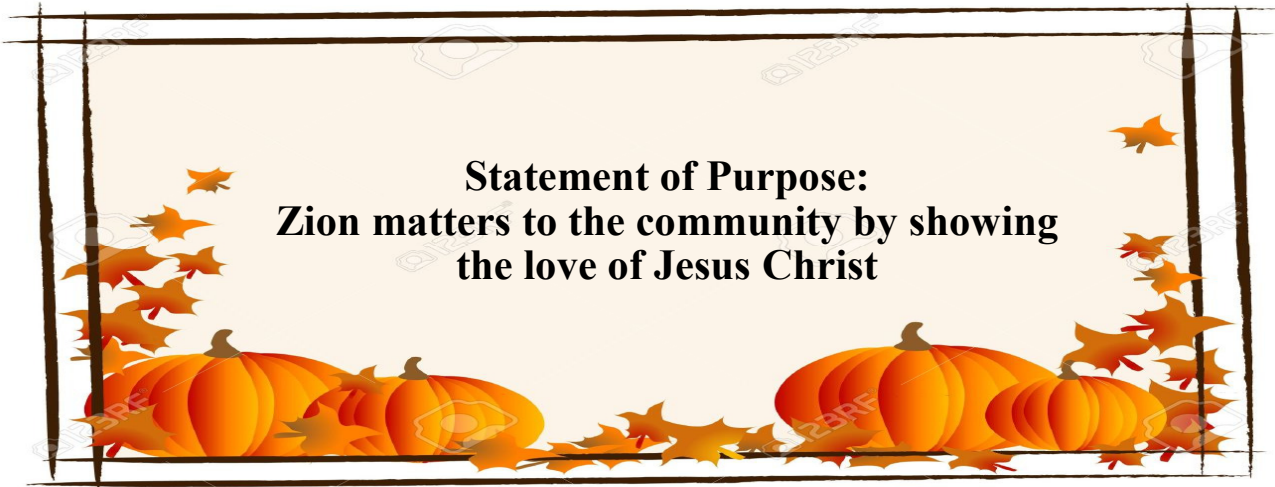
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ALL ARE WELCOME

Questions: eburns@lolo.org

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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.

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