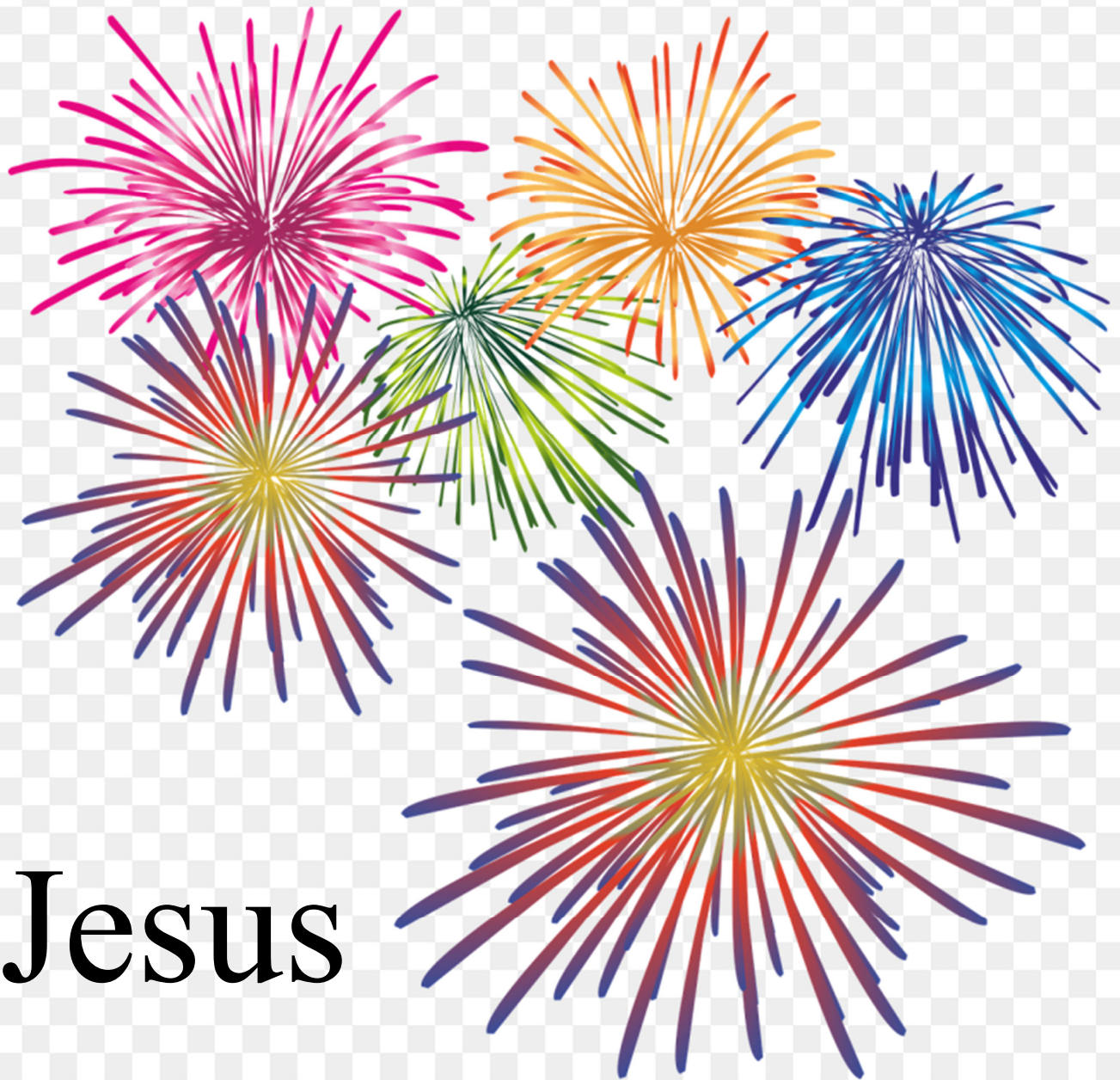


THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

July 2022

Let's Celebrate



Jesus

Message from the President:

July is the month we start focusing our thoughts on vacations and all the things warmer weather and more time give us the freedom to do. On the Fourth of July we celebrate the Declaration of Independence, in which our Founding Fathers proclaimed that all men “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Indeed, Christians believe that one of God’s greatest gifts to us is the gift of Free Will. Part of the dignity God has bestowed upon us is the ability to be masters of our own actions. God gave each of us a Free Will so that we could make our own choices. But having a Free Will does not mean we can do whatever we want without suffering the consequences. Free Will empowers us to do what we ought to do, which does not always coincide with what we want to do.

It is only through the exercise of Free Will that we can genuinely choose God as the Lord and Love of our lives. It is through Free Will that we may choose to direct our lives toward God by doing the things that are pleasing in His sight. And it is through renewing our commitment to serving others that we may truly experience the joy that comes from demonstrating our love for Him. This summer, let’s pledge ourselves to exercise our Free Will to identify opportunities to connect with our fellow beings in ways that bring us closer to Him.

Lord, thank You for the gift of Free Will. Help us to understand and appreciate its enormous power to further our efforts to do good in the world, confront and conquer evil, and draw ourselves closer to You through service to others. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Fidler
Council President

MINISTRY REPORTS

CARING MINISTRY



During May Zion served 32 households with minor children, within this group 14 clients were seniors and 52 were adults. The combined number of children served was 88.

Also during May we served 94 households without minor children and within this group 92 clients were seniors and 65 were adults. Therefore, during May, Zion served 126 Households consisting of 311 clients. May accounted for 21 fewer households and 25 less clients than April 2022. As a comparison in May 2021 we served 129 households consisting of 331 clients. In May of 2021 we served 3 additional households and 20 more people. The number of children served is still high keeping the need great. One of our major goals is to feed the children. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD PANTRY July Item of the Month – we will be collecting school supplies this month (see Page 6). 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!



CLOTHING CLOSET is in need of household items such as; bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc. We are collecting new socks, men’s & women’s all sizes.



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

O God, in these times of inflation and high food cost, give us the means to provide Thy blessings to the needy in our community. Amen.

G. Scott Gross
Caring Ministry Elder



LEARNING MINISTRY

Adult Sunday School

The group meets on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am after service. Please join us for an engaging and worthwhile discussion each week at 10:15 am!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will not meet this summer. The next session will start in September. Please contact Sue Whalen at witnessministry@zion-nc.com with any questions or ideas about future topics of study.

Weekly Bible Discussions

- Discussion of the current week's Bible lessons including the Gospel Reading
- Teen only Zoom meeting Thursdays at 10:30 am
- 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

Sunday School - Pre-K thru 6th Grade



Summer Sunday School has started, and we gather at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays at the pavilion for lessons, games, crafts and fun! Our curriculum



this summer is called "Cooking with Jesus". If it is raining or storming, we will meet in Luther Hall for Sunday School. Join us each Wednesday evening at 6 pm and bring a friend!

Dear God, Help us to open our minds, our ears and our hearts to what You are telling us, and to do what You want us to! Guide us in our pursuit of furthering our education into your Word. Amen

Debbie Fox
Learning Ministry Elder

RESOURCE MINISTRY

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Spring is over, Summer is upon us, and Mother Nature continues to provide us with turbulent weather during the transition. It feels good to have warm weather to enjoy outside activities and interaction with our

community! This is visible evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence at Zion, and further evidence is our planned ministry activity.

- June has been a rewarding month with successful sale of the Parsonage for \$227,000 with net proceeds of approximately \$210,000. Proceeds will be utilized to support our planned kitchen renovation as well as invested to replace the lost rental income. The sale eliminates the litany of unplanned expenses to maintain this aged property, and in the process, we appear to have gained a good, Christian neighbor with a large family.
- Completed the 3rd and final work session for the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build; hanging sheetrock to create the internal room definition for a deserving family.
- Planned and executed Vacation Bible School for an enthusiastic group of God's children and teachers.
- Plans in place for Cruise-In in July, sharing an enjoyable and rewarding evening experience with our community car enthusiasts.
- Continued to provide our bi-monthly Food Pantry distributions to community patrons.
- It is invigorating and inspiring to see these plans being executed and rewarding when they are completed having a positive impact on our Zion congregation and our extended faith community. Your physical and financial support allow us to accomplish these positive examples of sharing God's peace, love, and blessings each day with others. **Thank you!**

Our May Giving results were a mixed-blessing, 5% less than April but 27% greater than May 2021. Our Giving results continue to be insufficient to meet our budgeted weekly target resulting in negative impact to our monthly results. The results for May produce a relatively small impact, but monthly impact will continue to increase if we do not correct this trend. May YTD results produce a combined budget deficit of \$21,400. You can each assist in reducing this deficit by a small increase in giving (up to 10%) with the combined impact being significant. We look forward to your support in achieving our community ministries.

Lord, we are humbled by the resources you continue to make available to do your work at Zion and the inspiration you provide to recognize needs in our community and to appropriately respond to them. We do this in honor of your glorious name, Amen.

John Rhodes
Resource Ministry Elder

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Hey you guys:

Men of God,

Summer is now upon us, but we will continue having our last Saturday of each month BS breakfasts. BUT we hope to add and/or change one weekend with some kind of special gathering. Two ideas which have been presented for consideration is a possible family Corn Roast in the pavilion, with games, etc.; or maybe a group trip to the Akron Rubber Ducks.

We also need ideas for fall and winter activities. The more time we have to prepare, the better the activities will be.

Be sure to join us and lend us your "two cents" worth. Whether your ideas be for our study sessions or future social activities. [Your input is important!!!]

Ken Reinoehl

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

I went over to Zion Lutheran Church in Youngstown on June 11th for their gathering. We enjoyed music and we learned and did yoga as well as make the eye of God during the craft time. There were about 20 women present. We enjoyed a soup and salad lunch. I reminded the ladies of our upcoming biennial in October (15) here at Zion and also the need for NEOSWO board members. Anyone who would like to know more about being on the board can contact me.

Ruth Reinoehl



"Cruise In" Friday July 22nd to benefit The Valor Home which is a local organization that supports homeless veterans. See you there! See flyer on page 11.

Laura Thompson
Social Ministry Elder

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Scripture Readers: We are looking for volunteers who would like to read the Sunday service scripture passages. If you are interested, please let Pastor or Vicki know. We will begin using volunteers as soon as we hear from you!



Acolyte Program: We will soon begin to train our volunteer children and youth to serve as Acolytes during our Sunday services. Parents of our youth will be contacted by our Wednesday night "Sunday" school teachers to see if their children are interested in being trained and then actively participate in Sunday services. Some of the responsibilities include lighting/extinguishing the candles in the Worship space, bringing forth the offering plate during the service, and assisting during communion.

Pew Bibles: Later in July, Bibles will be placed in our pews. There will be a "Blessing of the Bibles" during the July 17 Sunday service. Now, when the Pastor asks us to "turn to your Bible", we can joyfully follow.

Thank You! to John Rhodes for volunteering to learn our Tri-Caster system that allows us to broadcast our Sunday services over the internet and our web site. We still need others to volunteer to learn this operation so others in the community can benefit from our services and come closer to knowing Jesus. Won't you help?

Another Thank You! to Mallory Rhodes for her willingness to be our Child Watch person during Sunday and Wednesday services. This important position allows young families to come to our services knowing their child/children are safely taken care of during this time.

Attention Potential New Members: If you are thinking of joining Zion Lutheran as a new member or transferring your church membership to Zion, please talk with Pastor William by July 10. We will be having a Sunday service in July where we will have a Reception of New Members. We welcome you into the community of believers here at Zion!

Choir: Our choir will take the summer off with plans to return in the fall.

Paul Bagocius
Worship Ministry Elder

COMFORT GIVERS

Hi Everyone,

We are busy this summer at Comfort Givers. We are working on our usual quilts to send overseas but we are also working on quilts for Tessica and British for their new homes. These will be given to them at the dedication when they receive their keys for the Habitat Faith build homes for 2022. We are excited to work with the children at the, "Food Truck Party – On a Roll With God", Vacation Bible School. We have material sets to complete 9 quilts. The Comfort Givers completed 6 quilts this month besides the ones at VBS.



Just a reminder we are going to be collecting baby items for "Baby Care Kits" to send overseas. The clothes items are for sizes 6 to 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items

included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.

The items needed are:

- Lightweight cotton T-shirts (**NO Onesies**)
- Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (**without feet**)
- Swaddling Blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn **size must be 36" to 52" square!**
- Cloth Diapers, flat fold preferred
- Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, if no hood include a baby cap

- Pairs of socks
- Bath-size (8 to 9 oz) bars of gentle soap, any brand, in original wrapping

These are the only items we are collecting. We cannot add other items to the kit. Thank you for helping our neighbors across the ocean. Again we will be collecting these items all summer. If you like to sew I have patterns in the office to make baby gowns from T-shirts, hooded baby capes and diapers from recycle used T-shirts. Please let me know if you are interested and need a pattern.

We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 -12pm with a coffee and snack break. Men and women are welcome, sewing talent or not. There is always something you can do.

Darlene Milavickas



ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN MAY 2022

May Income	\$ 43,987.33
Income through May	\$148,377.90
May Expenses	\$ 29,397.21
Expenses through May	\$169,786.44

We thank you for your generous support!



Dear Zion Family,

Thank you for the quilt and great gift bag!

Love, Weston Milek

Dear Zion Members,

Thank-you for the trust you had in me to be your Vice President these past years.

I will continue to serve you thru Christ that strengthens me.

Those who leave everything in God's hand will eventually see God's hand in everything.

God's Blessings to you,

Connie Riffle

July Items of the Month for Food Pantry & Shred Goods Place: School Supplies

We will be collecting the following items for families in the community through August 1st. Please place donated items in the collection bin in Luther Hall.

Crayons

Scissors

Glue – bottles & sticks

Copy Paper

Backpacks

Pencils & Erasers

Rulers

Pencil Boxes

Folders & Binders

Colored Pencils

Spiral Notebooks

Notebook Paper

Antibacterial Wipes

Boxes of Tissue

Dry Erase Markers

Stickers

Blue & Black Pens





VBS 2022 June 27th - July 1st

Main Course: Give us this day our daily bread. (Matthew 6:11)



Monday

- Daily Special: God is Great!
- Bible Story: God Provides Manna and Quail (Exodus 16)



Tuesday

- Daily Special: God is Good!
- Bible Story: Elijah, The Widow and the Endless Oil (1 Kings 17: 8-16)



Wednesday

- Daily Special: Let Us Thank God for our Food!
- Bible Story: Daniel and Friends Obey God and Eat the Good Stuff (Daniel 1)



Thursday

- Daily Special: By God's Hand We All Are Fed!
- Bible Story: Jesus Feeds the 5,000 Plus (John 6: 1-13)



Friday

- Daily Special: Give Us Lord, Our Daily Bread!
- Bible Story: Jesus Cooks the Catch of the Day (John 21: 1-17)

Stay tuned and look for our VBS wrap up in next month's newsletter. You will see all the exciting things that went on as we were on a roll with God at the Food Truck Party!



Vitalant Blood Drive – Wednesday, July 20th 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, July 20th from 4 – 7 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 July 20th and scroll down until you see Zion Lutheran Church
 - Click on the location 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
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 remaining 2022 dates for our scheduled drives:

Sunday, September 25, 2022: 10 am – 2 pm

Sunday, November 20, 2022: 10 am – 2 pm

Please mark your calendars!

Pastor's Ponderings

July, 2022



Yay, for summer! Time for picnics, family vacations, ball games, water parks, resting on the porch, walking on beaches, fishing, boating, trail riding, and reading those summer books. Did I miss anything?

Some years ago, a Methodist friend and I were chatting about how my congregation had no Sunday School, choir, council meetings or other activities in the summer because people were so busy doing other things that they weren't coming to church much in the summer. His comment was telling; "Oh yeah, I forgot, God takes off in the summer at the Lutheran Church." Ouch!

Remembering his comment got me to pondering:

- Are we close enough to God that we encounter and praise God in our summer activities?
- Are we confident enough in our knowing God loves us that we share God's love with all those new people we encounter in our summer travels?
- Do we see how much God has blessed us so that we can afford all the summer activities and remember to give God our first fruits, not our leftovers?
- Do we remember that God calls us to care for those whom society treats poorly by speaking well to them, tipping generously, and not tolerating negative actions toward those who serve us on vacation?
- Does God's beautiful creation inspire us to pick up trash when walking in nature or in cities during our travels?
- Is being a Christian foremost in our minds and actions as we travel such that those who encounter us see Jesus in our behavior?



"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 do you participate in this renewal?

Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion - it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.

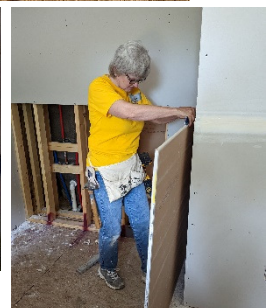
— Billy Graham —

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



Habitat for Humanity 2022 Faith Build Update

- We have completed our 3 scheduled workdays for this year's build. We tarred the foundation, laid the decking and installed drywall this year.
- We added a workday on Wednesday, June 1st because Habitat was short volunteers. Four of us from Zion got to do siding on that very hot Wednesday.
- We are on call if they need volunteers throughout the rest of the build. The last workday is scheduled for July 23rd.
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered this year. It was again very rewarding, humbling and encouraging to see how people can come together to make a difference in the lives of others.
- Thank you to our lunch crew, Cindy Bagocius, Ruth Reinoehl & Moe Alters, who made delicious and much needed lunches for our workdays!
- They have not set the date for the dedication ceremony so stay tuned!
- Zion's Comfort Givers are working on a lap blanket for each of the families.
- We ask that you continue to pray for the families, the Habitat Staff and all of the volunteers as they continue the work on this year's Faith Build and all of the other builds currently going on. Thanks be to God for all of these amazing people!



**FREE
ADMISSION!**

**Friday
July 22, 2022
5:00pm - 8:00pm**

Zion Lutheran Church
Cruise-In

*For more information contact
Darlene at: (330) 412-4336*

Music by "Spikeman"

**5 Awards
Pastor's Choice Award**

**Dash Plaques,
Door Prizes, Food**

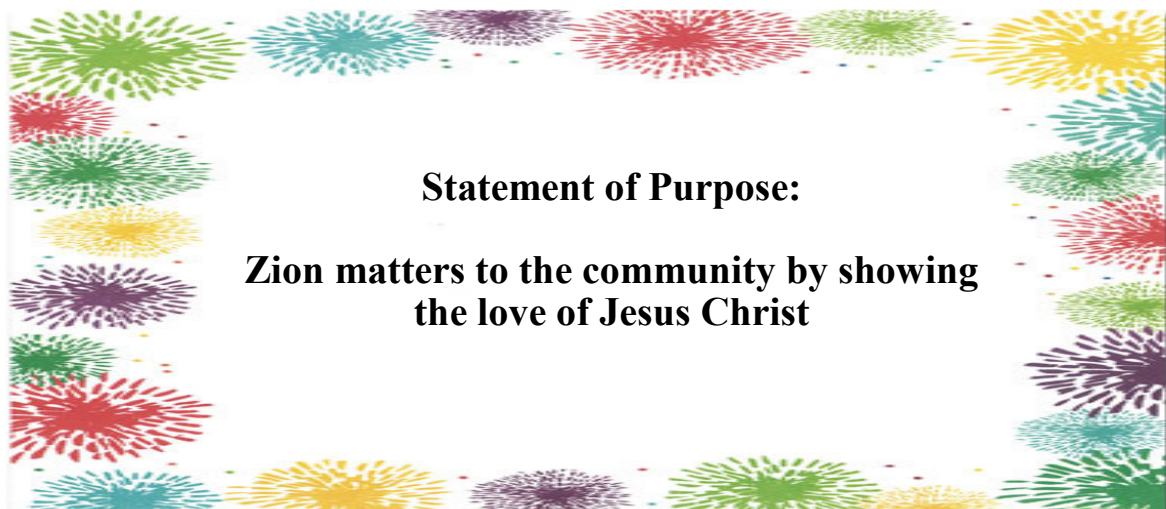
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Worship Services

Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m. 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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