

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

August 2022

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022 "FOOD TRUCK PARTY"



COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 2021

The First Two Commandments are that we are to love God with all our heart and mind and soul and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In our own lives, when we fall short of the mark, hurt someone or do something we shouldn't, it's usually because the sin of pride has turned love into self-regard, causing us to turn inward and focus on our own hearts rather than turning outward to rightly focus on the needs of others. We are at our weakest when we become preoccupied with our personal grief and suffering, causing us to ignore our countless Blessings and God's Commandments. We are at our best when we take cognizance of our Blessings and allow the all-encompassing and irrefutable power of God's interminable Love to conquer our self-centered attitude and instill in us the fortitude to focus on aiding the widows and orphans, the sick and distressed, the homeless, destitute and despondent and in partnering with other individuals and entities in the community engaged in similar endeavors.

During Meetings in October, 2021 and February, 2022 the Members of the Congregation signaled their overwhelming approval of Council's request that Zion Lutheran continue to have the financial resources to facilitate and implement the events and programs planned by the Ministries to ensure "Zion matters to the community by showing the Love of Jesus Christ." Elsewhere in this August edition of the Newsletter Zion's Elders discuss the significant role generous giving has played and continues to play in the successful efforts of their Ministries. All of the Members of Zion's Congregation are humbly requested to prayerfully contemplate how they can best contribute to ensuring that Zion's financial resources are sufficient to permit Zion to continue to fulfill its Mission of Service.

Lord, Thank You for Your Commandments. Give us the wisdom to discern how best to obey them and the strength to persevere in efforts to serve others and demonstrate our love for You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Fidler
Council President

MINISTRY REPORTS

CARING MINISTRY



The first six months of 2022 we have served 770 households consisting of 1902 clients from within our community. The numbers have stabilized the last six months, but show the food insecurity currently affecting many of our clients. As the needs of our community grow, each of us needs to graciously strengthen our personal support both physically and financially in order to keep Zion and our Community Outreach strong.

During June Zion served 33 households with minor children, within this group, 14 clients were seniors and 50 were adults. The combined number of children served was 92. Also, during June, we served 94 households without minor children and within this group 89 clients were seniors and 68 were adults. Therefore, during June, Zion served 127 Households consisting of 313 clients. June ac-

counted for 1 additional household and 2 additional clients than May 2022. As a comparison, in June 2021 we served 114 households consisting of 273 clients. In June of 2021 we served 13 fewer households consisting of 40 fewer people. The number of children and seniors served is still high keeping the need great. Thank you for your caring support.

FOOD PANTRY August Items of the Month are cans of hearty/chunky soup and peanut butter for our pantry families. 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 is in need of household items such as; bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc. We are collecting new socks and underwear, men's & women's all

sizes.

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



Dear heavenly Father, help us to thank you for life and the opportunity of doing what you have planned for us. Graciously direct and strengthen us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

G. Scott Gross
Caring Ministry Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY

Adult Sunday School

The group meets on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am after service this month.



You might ask, why should I come to Sunday School?

Here are a couple answers:

"To learn about various people and books of the Bible, to help with the history and chronological time line of the Bible and to hear the details I've missed my whole life. The explanations during our discussions are so helpful." Dave Palumbo

"Sunday School introduces me to the Bible, a book that used to just collect dust for me. I am gaining so much knowledge from our discussions."

Mary Humbert

So...join us for an engaging and worthwhile discussion each week at 10:15 am after service on Sunday!

Women's Bible Study

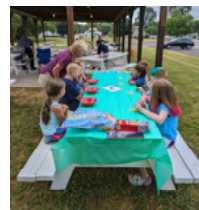
The next session of Women's Bible Study will start in September. Please contact Sue Whalen at witness-ministry@zion-nc.com with any questions or ideas about future topics of study.

Weekly Bible Discussions

- Discussion of the current week's Bible lessons including the Gospel Reading
- Teen only Zoom meeting Thursdays at 10:30 am, then starting August 25th at 5:00 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

Sunday School - Pre-K thru 6th Grade



Sunday School will continue at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays through August 31st. We meet in Luther Hall by the Coffee Exchange Join us for lessons,

games, crafts and fun and bring a friend!



Starting Sunday, September 11th, we will resume Sunday School at 10:15 am after Sunday service.

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

**God's work.
Our hands.**



Alleluia! Summer is upon us, and Mother Nature continues to provide us with variations of pleasant versus hot-humid conditions and turbulent weather thrown in for good measure. It is refreshing to have warm weather to enjoy outside activities and encourage interaction with our community! Similarly, summer ministry activities have provided visible evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence at Zion in action.

- Final work sessions have been completed for the **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build**; planning for dedication ceremonies in August for two deserving families.
- Planned and executed **Vacation Bible School** for an enthusiastic group of God's children and teachers. Positive energy and the Holy spirit continue to be in evidence by attitudes and decorations.
- **Cruise-In** completed in July with enthusiastic attendance and participation to support **Valor Home for Veterans** by sharing an enjoyable and rewarding evening experience with our community car enthusiasts.

- Provided venue for **North Canton Police Bike Rodeo** to support community awareness for bicycle safety and opportunity to have positive community interactions.
- **Vitalant Blood Drive** to supply critically needed additions to available resource pool of life-giving elements.
- Continued our bi-monthly **Food Pantry** distributions to deserving community patrons in need.

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 June Giving results were disappointing producing an operating deficit for the month. Monthly expenses were controlled within planned limits, but depressed giving combined to produce YTD operating deficit of \$41,000. Summer season giving has historically been challenging and a small deficit is not unexpected, but we do need a correction for long-term operating effectiveness. We will be providing a six-month giving statement to assist you with recognition of your current participation and provide an opportunity to help us correct this condition. We look forward to your financial support in achieving our community ministry plans.

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:

Our next BS (Bible Study) Session is scheduled for July 30. (Or, if you get this late) it will be August 27th. We are to complete our discussion on "When and How Does God Forgive Us?"

Previously, we discussed and decided, to offer a handyman service to members of the congregation.

Those who wish to help another member out, have notified me (Ken Reinoehl) what they are able and willing to do. If you need a chore (or two) done, please notify me and I will arrange for a volunteer to come to your house and complete the chore(s) you need done.

Sign-up sheets are located on the Men's bulletin board located in the hallway outside the pastor's office. Please be sure to distinguish which form you obtain, a **Volunteer** form or a **Recipient** form, complete and turn in.

I understand that before Covid (BC), there was an "End of the Summer Celebration" held 'out back'. The men have decided to reactivate the celebration with a Corn Roast/Cookout! To be held at the Pavilion on Sunday, September 4th (time to be determined). Be sure to keep this date open for wonderful food and a great time of fellowship.

Ken Reinoehl

Laura Thompson
Social Ministry Elder

WITNESS MINISTRY

North Canton's Main Street Festival is Saturday, August 13th from 10 am—8 pm. We will have a booth at the festival and need volunteers for two hour shifts from 10 am—8 pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know people in our community and to share Zion's mission with them—"Zion Matters to the Community by showing the love of Jesus Christ". Sign-up sheets will be passed around during service and will be located in Luther Hall.

Susan Whalen
Witness Ministry Elder

COMFORT GIVERS

I would like to thank Dave Palumbo and Mary



Humbert for organizing and overseeing the making of the quilts this year and making it a joyful and successful time. I want to thank our other comfort givers: Kay Davis, Kay Reiss, Linda Randles, Ruth Reinoehl and Linda Smith that gave up their mornings for four days that week to work on making the 9

quilts this year. We are also working on finishing a quilt for each of the Habitat families to be given to them at the dedication of their new homes, August 17th.

We would like to remind everyone that we have prayer shawls and prayer lap blankets for anyone that needs some comfort or support from prayers. Just let me know if you or anyone you know that would like one.



We are still collecting for the Baby Care Kit: each kit needs 2 lightweight cotton T-shirts (**No Onesies**), 2 long-or-short sleeved gowns or sleepers (**without feet**), 2 swaddling blankets, me-

medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn (**Square 36" to 52"**), one jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap, 2 pairs of socks, one hand towel-dark color. Clothes sizes 6 to 24 months are needed. Please get different sizes not all the same size.

Dear Lord, help us to be your faithful servants.



Teach us to be your hands and feet in the world. We thank you for giving us the skills and the materials to make the quilts and to provide for the kits to help those in need. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Darlene Milavickas

ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN JUNE 2022

June Income	\$226,638.48
Income through June	\$375,031.38
June Expenses	\$ 38,129.72
Expenses through June	\$207,975.65

We thank you for your generous support!

Friends at Zion,

Thank you so much for the home welcoming basket. We were overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness of each and every item. Your heart was evident in the beauty and usefulness of each gift. We look forward to being a part of our new community. With love, Rob & Deb Stertz



Dear Debbie Fox + Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the graduation card, gifts, and quilt. It means so much to me, and is very thoughtful of all of you!

-Chris Thompson

To: The Members of
Zion Lutheran Church.
The Lord works wonders
through wonderful people
like you.

Thank You!!
Thank You for your comfort
and support and the
delicious banquet! We were
comforted body and soul!
The Family of
Jeanette Rathel

To My Zion Church Family,

Thank You for the prayers, cards, and expressions of care during my hip surgery and then contracting Covid. I'm well on my way to recovery and will be back in service soon. God's Blessings to All,

Betty Tracy



ZION'S SHARED GOODS:

SUMMER CLEARANCE AND BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING. Shared Goods is going to open extra days for a huge summer clearance and back to school days. We will be open at our regular time on Tuesday, August 2nd from 1 pm—2 pm., then Wednesday, August 3rd from 9 am—1 pm, and Thursday, August 4th from 3 – 7pm. We will have all the clothes, household goods, books, and toys out.

NORTH CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT BIKE RODEO

On Saturday July 16th North Canton Police Department used Zion's parking lot for a Bike Rodeo. 52 kids came with their bikes. It was a great day.

Zion had a table and served 88 hot dogs with bags of chips and water.

We had a lot of positive feedback from the Police Officers and the families that showed up.

Zion made a difference to the Community!

Thank-you to Pastor, Dave and Jayne for helping to make this possible.

Yours in Christ,
Connie Riffle.



Kitchen and Freezer update:



The kitchen has started with the demo. We had the staff of Y-Noah camp come and get the stove for their camp to use. It is great that we found it a great home where it can provide food for more people doing God's work. They were in desperate need of a working oven.



The demo will begin the middle of Aug, with the cabinets, lights and sink coming out. Then Infinity Homes will start installing the new cabinets, new ceiling with new light fixtures and new floor and counter tops. It seems like we have been waiting forever.



When you enter the west doors off Luther Hall you will see the freezer parts. We are also getting close to the start of the freezer installation. First they will be cutting out the doorway in the entrance way to the outside closet. Once we have that done the electrician will come in and run a line for powering the freezer. Then Whisler will come in and install the freezer. He said it will take them about a week to install.

I will post pictures and updates for all to see as we go through the different steps.

Darlene Milavickas

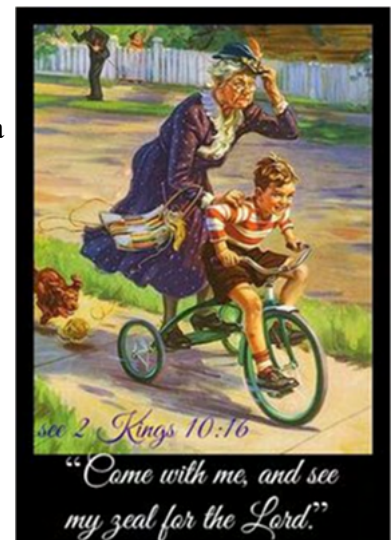
Pastor's Ponderings

August, 2022

During these weeks of Summer – or in church parlance, the *Time After Pentecost* – we hear about Jesus' teachings to his disciples and followers of The Way. Often Jesus taught about one's behavior with respect to relationships, time, abilities and wealth. And that got me to pondering:

- Do we tell stories about the good-ole days or do we focus our energy telling stories about the good that is being done here and now?
- Do we act in fear about the future, or do we act in a positive, exciting, and uplifting manner about what the future holds for us?
- Do we spend our energy trying to keep things the way they've always been, or are we more interested in how we can advance God's kingdom and bring about a robust life for all God's people?
- Do we give our money to the church, or are we returning to God's work a portion of that which God first entrusted to our care?
- Do we bemoan the shortage of weekly guests at worship, or are we so excited about what happens on Wednesday and Sunday that our friends and neighbors want to get some of that excitement too?
- Do we ask; "What happened to So-and-So, they haven't been in church for a while?," or do we make phone calls or visits to see how So-and-So is doing?
- Do we get financially frozen and take on a scarcity mentality during this time of stock market and economic turbulence, or do we continue trusting in God's abundant nature and desire for our well-being?
- Do we believe our mission is to keep our doors open, or is our mission of life-changing discipleship so critical that we work tirelessly through the challenges that surface, even if that makes us a little uncomfortable?

GET YOUR HOPES
UP. RAISE YOUR
EXPECTATIONS. YOUR
BEST DAYS ARE STILL
IN FRONT OF YOU.



"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



Vitalant Blood Drive Update – Wednesday, May 18th

Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood on July 20th! We collected 18 units of blood from those who came out! Thanks be to God for all who are able to donate, especially during this time of critical need for blood donations at all blood banks!

Please see the following thank you email from Vitalant:

Debra,

Another fantastic blood drive yesterday at Zion Lutheran Church! 20 people presented to donate and we were able to collect **18 units** of blood. Up to **54 lives** will be sustained or saved due to these generous donations!!

Zion Lutheran Church:

8/23/20	20
10/18/20	22
1/17/21	19
3/28/21	20
5/26/21	11
9/15/21	16
11/14/21	15
1/16/22	25
3/20/22	22
5/18/22	18
7/20/22	18



Total: 206 blood donations and up to **618** lives sustained or saved!!! The difference, you and the wonderful donors at Zion Lutheran, have made for so many lives is truly incredible. 😊 There aren't many places that can say they have had the same impact on their community.

Katy Neff

Account Manager

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Canton, OH

**Because of you, life doesn't stop.
Donate blood.**



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

You can go online at vitalant.org/ohiodonorportal or see Debbie Fox to schedule appointments for any of the remaining drives.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: FOOD TRUCK PARTY WRAP UP



We had a great week! Our “main course” was Matthew 6:11 – Give us this day our daily bread. Each day we had a daily special and lesson about food and how God provides for all our needs.



The kids and volunteers saw that God loves us so much and is always there for us, providing everything that we need!

- 32 kids from 20 families were registered with an average of 28 kids daily.
- The weather was great so we were able to have all outdoor activities. We had two food trucks – the Kona Ice Truck on Tuesday and Ellie's Sugar Surge on Thursday. Water Day on Thursday was a blast with aa 17 foot inflatable slide, water balloons, water games and more!
- Zion's Comfort Givers put together nine quilts this year which are up for everyone to enjoy. Lily in our 1st & 2nd grade class won one of the quilts in this year's Quilt Raffle. The other quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- Thank you to the members of the congregation who joined us Friday in addition to families and friends of the children for our program and pizza party. The Sanctuary was full, the kids were awesome and we have very little left over food! Thanks be to God!
- Our charity was The Stark County Hunger Task Force (SCHTF). I presented a check for \$655.51 to Stephanie Sweany, the Executive Director, at the SCHTF's monthly All Ears meeting Thursday, July 7th. This money was collected from the kids' loose change collection (contest between the boys and girls, the girls won) - \$341.51, The Quilt Raffle - \$154 and the donation cans that were out all week - \$160. Thanks be to God for everyone's generosity in helping to end food insecurity in Stark County. Stephanie joined us at VBS on Tuesday and spent 30 minutes with each of our classes talking about food insecurity, what SCHTF does and how we can help.
- The kids brought in food items for the Pantry all week and filled 4 grocery carts. Our main service focus was helping to end food security and the kids did a great job with our change and food collection! Thanks be to God!



- We had 37 different volunteers (adult and youth) throughout the week. Many thanks and praise to all of our volunteers who did an amazing job! We are a great team and work well together! The following is a list off those people – Thanks be to God for their time and love for the kids!

A Big Thank You to our Food Truck Party STAFF

Pastor: Rev. William Weidenbach, Jr.

Director: Debbie Fox

Head Chefs: Pre-K/K: Janet Sleese & Sue Whalen

1st & 2nd: Connie Riffle & Mallory Rhodes

3rd & 4th: Cindy Bagocius

5th & 6th: Renee Keith

Music: Debbie Fox, Darlene Milavickas, Christopher Noah

Service Leaders: Nicole Milek, Amelia Milek

Snack & Kitchen Crew: Dave Palumbo, Jayne Schrader, Ron and Linda Tvorik

Outdoor Games: Chris Thompson, Abby Wilsbacher, Delaney Snodgrass

Quilters: Kay Davis, Mary Humbert, Darlene Milavickas, Dave Palumbo, Kay Reiss, Ruth Reinoehl, Linda Smith, Linda Randles

Youth Helpers: Amelia Milek, Kierra Deweese, Lea Schroeter, Andie Green, Chandler Green, Grace Honaker, Molly Kossbiel, Kenadi Medina, Sophia Phillips, Chloe Garner, Dana Nichols

Volunteers: Kathy Chufar, Laura Thompson, Linda Weidenbach, Malia Reed, Eli Seitz, Max Schroeter

Registration: Vicki Givler

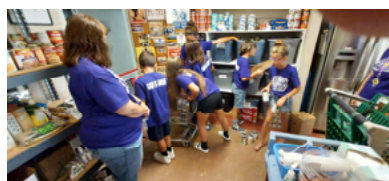
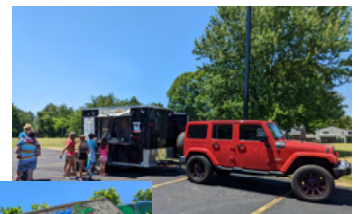
Science & Photography: Ken Reinoehl

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Sweany, Executive Director of the Stark County Hunger Task Force

Props, Set Up & Decorations: Carol Rossbach, Mary Humbert, Doug & Lisa Roman, Taylor & Mark Colgan, Dean Fox, Nathan Fox, Jeremy Fox, Melissa Leasure, Darlene Milavickas, Mallory Rhodes



DJ Cupcake





May God
Bless this
House
that becomes
a home

Wednesday
August 17
5:30pm

Faith Build Home Dedication *Celebration*

Join Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio on Wednesday, August 17, as we dedicate two homes built on faith in Canton!

During this special dedication celebration, we'll hear from the future homeowners, recognize the faith communities that participated in the effort, and pray over the families as they prepare to purchase their homes and build their futures. Following the event, both homes will be open for tours.

Event Details

-  Wednesday, August 17
5:30pm to 6:30pm
-  427/433 Crestmont Ave SE
Canton, Ohio 44707
-  Parking available at
2207 3rd St SE, Canton
(St. Benedict Parish)
-  Refreshments
will be provided
-  See build photos at
habi.build/cantonfb

PRYOR
Family



Scan to see all
Faith Build photos!



FENNELL
Family





Thank you for helping homeless veterans!

A big thank you to all of the many Zion Lutheran Church volunteers who served others at the Cruise-In on Friday July 22nd. Whether you made deserts, cooked, served, cleaned up, or supported you made a positive impact on our community.

Our efforts enabled donations of about \$2,000 in total to give to the Valor Home, which provides transitional housing and support to homeless veterans.

As you can imagine, it takes more than a couple nights' stay in order to get someone back

on their feet. Consistent housing provides a foundation for being able to go to work or school and get any treatment that they might need. Susan Kirkpatrick, one of the directors at Valor Home, talked about the home and answered questions as we sold 50/50 raffle tickets. We met a 96 year-old army veteran of WWII who stopped by just to buy raffle tickets to help homeless veterans. I can't imagine how much someone like him has done for others in 96 years. What a great example of living a life of service.

Thank you to all who helped share the love of Jesus Christ. We had great participation, fantastic food and really, really cool cars. Thank you.

Laura Thompson, Social Ministry

We had 82 cars.

Valor Home Choice—Dave Martin 1957 Ford Fairlane Retractable

Winner—Sam Ferrell 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible

Winner—Cheryl Gillette 1957 Chevy Belair Convertible

Winner—Paul Miller 1961 Chevy Impala

Winner—Gary Brick 1969 Chevy Camaro

Winner—Chuck McFarren 1973 Buick Riviera



CRUISE-IN—FRIDAY, JULY 22ND





Oasis Outreach Opportunity, Inc.

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July 12, 2022

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
349 Lindy Ln. Ave. NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your donations, support, love, and prayers which catapult the love of God through Oasis in Akron.

We appreciate the hymnals, household items, food and love Oasis has received from the congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Canton.

Through our shared outreach partnership in the name of Christ, the Oasis ministry is now located in 4 buildings in Akron:

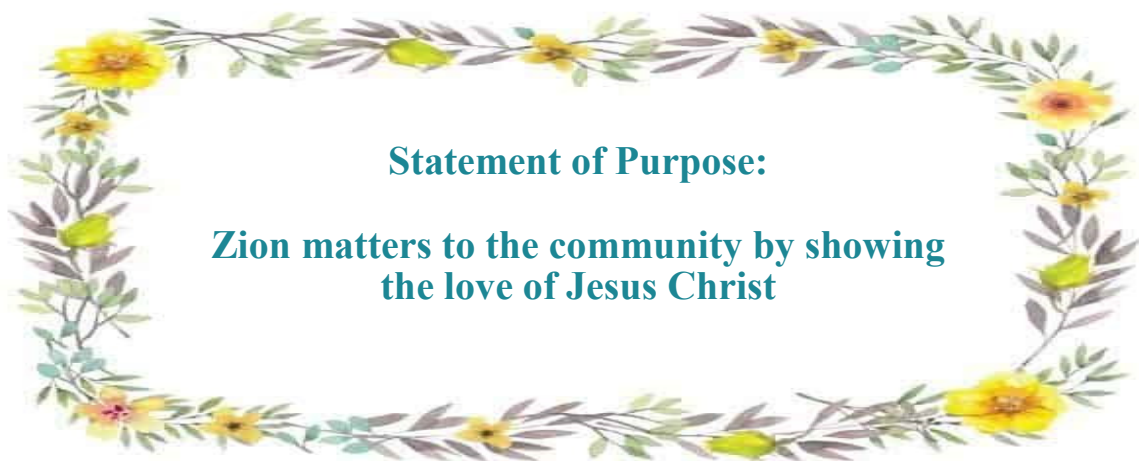
- 1. On the east side, the Oasis main facility with the center for young adults experiencing homelessness on the second floor and the after-school outreach to elementary students on the first floor.**
- 2. The adjacent house where 5 young men reside who are formerly homeless**
- 3. The house adjacent to the parking lot where 4 young women reside who are formerly homeless**
- 4. On the north side, the Oasis Healing House on the north side, where 2 young men attending college reside and where Oasis participants gather for Word and Sacrament at noon on Sundays and for bible study and prayer in small groups every day.**

May God's love change us and the world as we participate in the love of Christ together!

**Rev. Dr. Lisa Arledge
330-715-4477**

Zion Lutheran Church
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An ELCA Congregation

Return Service Requested



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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