THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

September 2022

A REVIVAL OF ZION'S "END OF THE SUMMER" PARTY! LABOR DAY WEEKEND SUNDAY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

WORSHIP at 9 am FOOD at 12:00 p.m. GAMES at 1:00 p.m. Clean-up at 2:30 p.m.



MENU

Pulled Pork, Beef, Chicken, Fish, Shrimp, Corn on the Cob Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and More - Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Lots of Great Desserts

ALL FREE!!!!

Good Food, Great Fun, Fabulous Fellowship

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

September is the month we associate with the end of Summer and entry into Fall. Indeed, Zion has its annual "End of Summer Party" set for September 4. It's a chance for us to enjoy good food, delight in each others' company and reflect on our many Blessings. And it's our moment to refresh and rejuvenate as we plan another season of activities designed to demonstrate our commitment to the community.

This year, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has designated September 11 as "God's work. Our hands." Sunday-celebrating that we are empowered through faith in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Whatever service we perform for others, in any capacity, manifests our living, daring confidence in God's grace. Here at Zion, September sees us moving in earnest to complete kitchen renovations, to make technological improvements, and to implement changes that will enhance appreciation of worship services and strengthen our ability to serve the community.

Zion's Elders will continue to keep the Congregation informed of ways it can support the Ministries in their mission of service and we on the Council pledge to be forthright, candid and transparent at all times in discussing both the requirements and status of these efforts. We humbly seek the Congregation's continued commitment to our determination to show that "Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ."

Lord, thank You for making us people empowered by Faith. Thank You for the freedom that confidence in Your Grace gives us to serve our fellow beings. Give us the perseverance to continue to seek out ways to serve the community. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Fidler Council President

MINISTRY REPORTS

CARING MINISTRY



Supporting Teams:

Ways you can become involved with The Caring Ministry through our Supporting Teams.

New Team, Handyman Service: Leader—Ken Reinoehl

To provide repair and maintenance services to parishioners that cannot perform the jobs on their own. Volunteer and Request forms are available on the bulletin board across from Pastor's Office. A list of services to include, but not limited to are listed on the forms.

Visitations – In the near future 4 additional volunteers will be needed for this team, please consider your participation.

Transportation: Team Leader needed, please consider.

Prayer Chain: Contact Kay Davis and add your

name to the chain, Kay will E-Mail you with prayer request.

Funeral Reception Meals: Contact Darlene Milavickas to volunteer.

Feed a Friend: Leader—Laura Thompson During July meals were provided for two families.

Blood Program: Leader—Debbie Fox. Sign up, six drives a year; watch News Letter for next drive.

Food Pantry: During the month of July the Food Pantry served 124 households consisting of a total of 290 people. As a comparison, 127 households with 313 people were served during June 2022. The seniors and adults with minor children have remained basically the same as are the seniors without children; however, the adults without children have dropped slightly. During July 2021 we served 125 households with 303 people; therefore, one could say the numbers are basically stable with the number of households only varying by 3. The numbers served July and June of 2022,

and July 2021 only varying by 13 people respectively. The children served in 2022 have remained stable the last six months.

Greeting Cards: Consider donating supplies.

Shared Goods: Leader—Darlene Milavickas Shared Goods is open for supporting the entire community. See the News Letter for additional times other than Food Pantry.

Staple Items for Food Pantry



These items are always needed because we try to give them out at each Pantry distribution. Many times, it is hard to purchase these items from the Food Bank, or the cost is very high. Please add one or more of these

items to your grocery list – it is greatly appreciated by our Food Pantry friends!

- Soup Chunky, Hearty or Creamy
- Boxed Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels or Tissues

ZION'S SHARED GOODS PLACE is in need of household items such as tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc. We need little girls clothing, sizes 4 to 16 and children's coats in all sizes. We are collecting new underwear for men and women in all sizes. For Christmas we would like to give each family a bath towel set which includes a bath towel, hand towel, and wash cloth. We will be collecting these item from now until December 11, 2022.

Matthew 25: 35-36 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing...

PRAYER CHAIN

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



Dear heavenly Father, make us thankful for our many blessings. Teach us to share them with others who are in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

G. Scott Gross Caring Ministry Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY

Adult Sunday School

Join us for an engaging and worthwhile discussion each week at 10:15 am after service on Sunday! Pastor William continues to lead us in thought provoking discussions that further our education into God's Word.

Women's Bible Study

Plans for the next session of Women's Bible study are in the works. Watch the bulletin's weekly announcements, our website and Facebook for more information as it becomes available. Please contact Sue Whalen at witnessministry@zion-nc.com with any questions, or if you are interested in being a part of this group.

Weekly Bible Discussions

- Discussion of the current week's Bible lessons including the Gospel Reading
- Teen only Zoom meeting Thursdays at 5:00 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 currently being discussed, stay tuned!

Sunday School - Pre-K thru 6th Grade



Summer Wednesday evening "Sunday School" wrapped up on August 31st, and we will kick off our new Sunday School year on Sunday, September 11th at 10:15 am after service. We are using a new curriculum called "Whirl" which will provide fun lessons, games and crafts in furthering our children's Christian education. The children will be back in their age-level classes. Please join us for fun, learning and a whole lot of God's love!

Confirmation & High School Classes

These classes will meet Sunday morning at 10:15am following service. We will meet in the Coffee Exchange area after service and then head to class. See you on Sundays!

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 blessings be with you God's work, all! It is such a wonderful and fulfilling reminder of Our hands. God's abundant provisions Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for us and our environment as I see the sun shining,

breathe the fresh air, feel the gentle breeze, hear the birds talking and the insects in operation pollinating his creations. These are very precious resources and we too often take them for granted in our daily lives. At Zion, we are committed to utilize our combined spiritual, physical and financial resources to enable ministry events that support our mission, "Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ."

We have successfully completed all our 2022 ministry activities year-to-date. They have been well-planned, flawlessly executed by an energetic "yellow-shirted" Zion volunteers, achieving our desired outcomes resulting in rewarding acknowledgements of your generosity to making a difference in our community by sharing God's blessings. The most recent example being the August 17 dedication of the Habitat for Humanity-Faith Build homes reported elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you for your contributions to making each of them successful, whether they be time, talents, prayers, or finances: success is achieved with the appropriate combination. You have personified the "God's Work – Our hands" motto as more than lettering on our shirts.

The kitchen renovation has officially started August 15 and its completion in October will be a focal point of our active slate of Fall and Holiday season ministry events including: Food Pantry, Craft Show, Trunk-or-Treat, Thanksgiving, and multiple Christmas activities. The upgraded facility will improve our efficiency and effective-

ness while executing events and provide us with enhanced capabilities to expand our ministries as appropriate.

Our resource issue year-to-date has not been spiritual or physical resources but financial. Our monthly giving is improving but still trails 2021 and this puts us in position of running a larger budget deficit, especially when we budgeted and committed to an increase in Giving vs 2021. There are several important and unplanned reasons for this pressure on Giving, but they don't change the reality and the result. Each of you should have received a Giving Statement to provide visibility to your 2022 giving year-to-date through July versus 2021 so you can see the magnitude of your contributions year-to-date and the opportunity for you to insure that we are properly funded to make a difference and matter in our community by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

Look forward to your prayers and support in sharing God's Blessings and improving the lives of members and the community. God bless you in this pursuit.

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.

Faithfully yours, John Rhodes Resource Ministry Elder

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Just a reminder to all ladies that the northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization - of which our WELCA organization is part of - will be having our Biennial here at Zion on Oct 15th (2022).

You must register by Sept 27. A continental breakfast and a lunch will be included. There is information in The Dawn newsletter AND on the WELCA bulletin board in the hallway.

This is a great way to meet some of the other women who are a part of our wonderful organization. You can also find out about the Triennial being held in Phoenix next year. If you are 40

years of age or below you can attend the Triennial on us (NEOSWO)! It's a great experience. You can also talk to Sue Whalen who is on the NEOSWO board or Ruth Reinoehl.

Hey you guys:

Our next BS (Bible Study) Session is scheduled for August 27, where we will be finalizing our plans for the Corn Roast. Or, if you get this late, we will meet on September 24.

On August 7th, we introduced our handyman service to members of the congregation (and others in need). We are offering 'our hands' to assist those who have a few chores which need completed. 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** or a **RECIPIENT** form, complete the form and give to me (Ken Reinoehl). We will "git 'er done!"

PLEASE, join us on the last Saturday of the month, 8:30 in the morning, when we will continue to explore other ventures in being a good Christian. **BE SURE TO BRING A FRIEND.**

(PS. A "Friend" doesn't necessarily have to be a member of Zion.)

Ken Reinoehl



We do What do you stand up for? How do you serve others?

Standing up for someone or something can be pretty straightforward.

But it also can be very

complicated. If you saw a person struggling to open a door or to cross the street, how to assist them seems pretty clear. But sometimes it isn't.

I once saw a picture of a dog on a front porch roof. I immediately thought - that poor dog needs help! But in the yard below the dog, there was a sign that said "Please don't call the Humane Society, our dog loves being on the roof." As I read more, I learned the dog has a safe way to get on and off the roof and enjoyed the view of the neighborhood. And the Humane Society wanted to focus on more serious concerns.

Standing up for something can be complicated. Do you really know the full story? Is what you are doing making things better or worse? Or is what you are doing going to take 100 years to make an impact?

Well, take a deep breath - it's ok. It is all o.k.

There are tons of opportunities to stand up for something or someone every day. The key is to be constructive, kind and always have love in your heart as you speak and act. Much easier said than done right? I know I struggle with this every day. Sometimes injustices can make us so mad or seem so huge that it isn't clear we can make an impact.

And don't be shamed into going along with popular opinion as to what they deem to be the "in fashion" injustice of the day. Make your own choices as to what you stand up for. Pray for guidance, hear the responses, reflect, ask questions, and then find a way to serve others. Over the years, I felt a strong pull to focus on helping veterans for example.

Volunteer with your friends here at Zion to help those in need of food, clothing and housing (Habitat Build, Food Pantry, Craft Show, Handyman Services, Shared Goods, etc.). Our mission is to serve others by engaging with and supporting our community.

Go to a city council or school board meeting, not to complain, but to encourage. Listen and learn where help is needed.

See? It's all ok. It's actually kind of simple - you are needed to do God's work, you are his hands and feet on earth, answer his call.

Laura Thompson Social Ministry Elder

WITNESS MINISTRY

Main Street Festival

The Main Street Festival was a huge success again this year. We had a lot of traffic go through. The hit of the day was our game for the kids. (Everyone was a winner). It was great seeing their faces when they won.

We had our prayer board again this year. Thanks, Ken for making us a beautiful one we can use each year. Here are the prayer requests we received.

"Prayer for my marriage with my new wife"

"Prayer for my bad health and to get a job"

"Give our politicians a sense of responsibility to all"

"Dad - a good birthday"

"Please protect my family and friends. Help to heal all of those that are ill and help them to recover from all illnesses"

"I am starting a business. I need Gods help and wisdom to get it going and be Prosperous"

"God, please protect the USA at this tense time"

"Give P&C strength and safe travels for W & L"



We had our quilt raffle, and the winner was Melissa Fiore from Canton. She was so happy to win and thought it was so beautiful. Congratulations Melissa. Enjoy it.

I would like to personally thank everyone who volunteered that day. This couldn't have been a success without you all. A special thank you to Debbie and Darlene who got everything ready the week before while I was on vacation. Looking forward to next year's festival.

Quiet Prayer Time

Are you interested in having some quiet time to pray for upcoming events during the week or people you know who need prayer? Starting in September, every Sunday from 8:15 to 8:45 in the Adult Sunday School classroom, we will meet for quiet prayer time. We will have a prayer board for you to add any special prayer requests. Prayer is so important. There is strength in numbers so let's all gather and pray together.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Stayed tuned for more upcoming events.

Dear God. You instructed us to love each other as you love us. Always and in all ways. Open our eyes to the many opportunities that come before us.

Sue Whalen Witness Ministry Elder



WORSHIP MINISTRY

Our Acolyte program continues to grow. More children will be trained in this important addition

to our Sunday worship. It's wonderful to see children get directly involved in our services. This can only result in their continued Christian growth as they actively involve themselves in worshiping our God.

Another involvement activity during our Sunday services are our adult scripture readers. Reading scripture brings the Word closer to you and makes your continued growth in Christ a more meaningful and different way to be a disciple of Christ. Want to experience that excitement? Contact our church secretary, Vicki, or our Pastor to be put on the list of readers.

Want another type of church experience? Going away for the weekend? Join our members and friends for our weekly casual Wednesday evening service at 7 pm in our outdoor pavilion. Experience our same God in a different environment--He might reveal something new to you in this new setting!

Paul Bagocius Worship Ministry Elder

COMFORT GIVERS

We completed the lap quilts for Tessica and British for their new Habitat Home. We blessed the two quilts August 14th during our Sunday Service. The quilts were presented to



Tessica and British at the dedication on Wednesday August 17th. We have included a picture of the two quilts with this article.



This is our last chance for "Baby Care Kits" items. You can bring your items to church and place them in the tub in Luther Hall. Here is the list of items we need.

- 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. We would like to send 15 baby care kits this year. We sent 12 last year. We will be packing and sending the kits and quilts out next month. Thanks for your support in these projects.

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

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for giving us gifts and talents to use in service of others. Place in our hearts a desire to live faithfully and do the things you have prepared in advance for us to do. May we be good stewards of your blessings and may many lives and hearts be touched. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Darlene Milavickas

ZION'S SHARED GOODS PLACE

We had a very successful "Summer Clearance and Back to School Shopping" and school supply give away. We had people from North Canton Care Teams and young teenagers from Marlington School, and Sandy Valley School. It is wonderful knowing the word is getting out there that we are here providing clothes, household items, toys and books. The people were so excited with all the goods we had for them. They were so thankful and grateful for the school supplies, clothes and household goods.

We want to thank all of you in the congregation and the community that have donated items. All these items have made it possible for us to do the Lord's work, in providing for those in need.

Dear Lord, Open our eyes and heart that we may see those of your children in need, and that we can help them with whatever they may need. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN JULY 2022

July Income	\$ 20,708.16
Income through July	\$395,739.54
July Expenses	\$ 36,553.60
Expenses through July	\$244,529.25

We thank you for your generous support!



Dear Church Family:

Thank you for making my "Fabulous 90th Birthday" so special with all your cards and wishes. God was indeed with my sons & wives who spared nothing for my MEMORY Book. In Christian Love, Kay Davis

Zion Evangelicai Litheran.

Thank you for the use of the church space, the amazing volunteers from Debbu, Darlene the Thompsons and the Milek's. Also thank you for supplying the ice cream party! We are truly Blessid to serve the North Canton community with you!

Angie Alonso 2022 Worth Courton Janguers President



Ms Vicke Gilver,

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sincere thank you to the church obenteers and

experially her. William Weidenbach, Jr. for their

assistance. Thank you Zion for servicing our

community. Sincerely, Stery Wilder

Mayor

Kitchen and Freezer update:

It has finally started!!! Clarence Givler and his friend Sam Ferrell took all the cabinets out and the sinks the week of, August 15th. The week of August 22nd they will rough in the electrical. We will keep you updated with pictures on a board in Luther Hall, photos on the website and Facebook, and also on the screen in the worship space before service.

We have not been able to start with the freezer yet. We have been working with the City of North Canton building inspector to get a permit for the project. We are hoping that this is done by the time you receive this newsletter. If you have any questions you can contact me at 330-412-4336. Darlene Milavickas







October 7, 2022

Book Discussion Group Resumes This Month

No One's Home, by D.M. Pulley

Greetings readers! Another Book Discussion Group season is upon us. As is the tradition, our members have each picked one book for the season. (If we get more members, we may need to vote on the books, and that is a good problem!) Here are the 2022-23 picks:

• Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* is the first read. Will we discover why this author's story still trends 200 years after her death. Coincidentally, the words of this title were mentioned in the 2022 ELCA churchwide assembly worship bulletin: "Come, let us worship our Creator with hearts now open to all peoples, hearts where pride and prejudice once dwelt;..."

We will meet at 10am Friday, September 2, at the Plain Community Branch of the Stark Library, 1803 Schneider Road, Canton, Ohio 44721

•	The Weight of Ink, by Rachel Kadish	November 4, 2022
•	The Authenticity Project, by Clare Pulley	December 2, 2022
•	The Hope Chest, by Carolyn Brown	January 6, 2023

• Anxious People, by Fredrik Backman February 3, 2023

• The Elephant Whisperer, by Lawrence Anthony March 3, 2023

• Life Without Limits, by Nick Vujicic April 7, 2023

• The Girl with the Louding Voice, by Abi Dare May 5, 2023

She's Come Undone, by Wally Dare

June 2, 2023

If you have questions, please contact Linda Weidenbach at <u>Lindakjw@gmial.com</u> or 850-766-5640. All are welcome!



Thank you to all who have been faithfully saving plastic bottle caps and putting them in the milk jug container in Zion's Youth Room.

At a recent lid-sorting event, volunteers at The Wilderness Center in Wilmot, Ohio, processed 600#! The lids now go to a "factory" in Wadsworth to take the next step.

The goal is to have 25 benches made for the trails around the Center. Five have already been made and delivered.

So keep the lids coming. Picnic tables are next on the To-do list!

Pastor's Ponderings September, 2022

Two signs that summer is over; school resumes and Labor Day Weekend occurs. Where does the time go? When I was young, my mother told me that time really starts going by fast when one gets older. Fifty-some years after making that pronouncement, my mother gives a knowing nod when I remind her of that day. But, is life just about passing time? Is marking the years on some scorecard all there is? Or is there something more? All that got me to pondering some of the verses from the song, *Alfie*:

- What's it all about, is it just for the moment we live?

 Jesus came to bring us eternal life; a life connected to our Creator, to the one who knew and loved us before we were formed in our mother's womb. Life is all about our correct relationship with God and with one another. This a life that starts with knowing God. This is the promised eternal life.
- Are we meant to take more than we give?

 For those who have plenty are ordered to do good, to generously give and to be ready to share openly (1 Timothy 6:17-18). God gives us ungrudgingly from God's abundance and instructs us to do the same.
- Are we meant to be kind?
 Proverbs tells us that whomever is kind to the poor is actually lending to God and will be greatly benefited (Proverbs 19:17). God is counting on our generosity of kindness to extend God's kingdom.
- Without true love do we just exist?

 Jesus commands us to love as we were first loved by him (John 13:34) and by doing so, people will know we follow Jesus. The true love of Jesus is a way of life, a way of leading a full life with God and others.

A bonus pondering; what in the world does the line in *Alfie*; "What will you lend on an old golden rule?" mean? Well, Barbara Streisand wondered the same thing, and refused to record the song until she got the answer. Her Artists and Repertoire manager, Jay Landers, went to the source to find out. According to the song writer himself, Hal David; "It doesn't mean anything," he was simply filling in words to fit Burt Bacharach's melody, figuring they would change it later, but Burt liked it as Hal wrote it, so they left it in. Hmm, sometimes those lyrics are just words.

Remember, "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.

"Don't be a jerk.

Give more than

you take. And do it

you only really like about seven out of

500 people."

-Judd Apatow

despite the fact that

Try to love everyone.

— Billy Graham —

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



Habitat Faith Build 2022 Wrap Up

The dedication ceremony for this year's Faith Build took place Wednesday, August 17th at 5:30 pm. It was a beautiful day full of emotion! Fourteen diverse faith groups came together, unified in God's love, to help build two homes for two amazing and deserving single moms this year. Together the fami-





lies, Habitat staff and faith groups put in many hours of labor to produce two safe and beautiful houses that the Fennell and Pryor families will make their homes. These two hard working moms put in many hours in Habitat's program taking classes that teach them finances, home maintenance and other important things related to be a homeowner. They volunteered at the Habitat Restore and put in many hours of sweat equity on their homes and other Habitat homes, all while working full time. These amazing women were so appreciative and excited about having a safe and affordable place to call home for their families. Many people don't realize that Habitat homes are not free to the families. The people in Habitat's program must have a stable job, have need and agree to participate in all requirements of the program. Once the homes are completed, Habitat families pay an interest free, affordable mortgage for their homes.

On Wednesday, August 17th, British and Tessica received their keys in exchange for their first mortgage payment. It was a moving and very powerful moment as members from each of the fourteen faith groups read a prayer (listed on the next page) and then passed the keys down to British and Tessica with a very loud cheer from everyone in attendance when the keys reached their hands in exchange for their mortgage payments. The two families move in date was Friday, August, 26th. God is great – His love in action! I think our yellow shirts say it best: God's Work, Our Hands! Thanks be to God for all the talents given to all the people involved with the builds this year, and thanks to everyone for all of your prayers and support for this year's Faith Build!

We are already looking forward to next year's Faith Build which will include three homes in Canton.





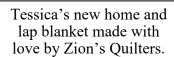








British's new home and lap blanket made with love by Zion's Quilters.











Our Prayer (Read just before passing the keys to the families)

God, we adore you for all you are, and we thank you for being more than enough.

We thank you for your presence in the world, and we thank you for today as we gather as communities of faith, unified in love.

We thank you for the work that has been done, bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

We are thankful for Habitat for Humanity, a ministry that brings faith communities together so families can experience safe, decent, and affordable shelter.

We pray for each faith community represented here, that they may continue to put your love into action in everything they do.

We ask that you guide us, make us more like you, and help us see the opportunities that surround us to serve and love our neighbors.

We ask that you give us willing hearts and inspire us to put others before ourselves.

We thank you for keeping our staff and volunteers healthy and safe throughout the construction process. Whether their hands served through construction, preparing and delivering meals, volunteering, or personal prayer, we are grateful that each hand made a difference.

Bless each congregation represented here. We are thankful for their devotion, time, talent, and treasure as they have supported these two incredible families.

We ask that you bless this neighborhood and the surrounding area, that Crestmont Avenue would be a beacon of hope to the community.

We come before you to pray for these two families, asking that you give them provisions and honor all the devotion that helped them arrive at this moment today.

We ask that you bless British and Tessica on this new journey, and may your presence remain with them as they make new memories here.

Bring peace, love, hope, new beginnings, faith, and unity to their homes. Allow these families to travel the road that lies ahead and understand that this is now a part of their legacy.

We pray that British and Tessica gain wisdom, strength, and patience as they lead their families in love.

We pray for the children to walk in a way that honors you and their families, and that this home provides comfort to them.

Guide these families as they become stewards of their new homes and provide them with a sense of accomplishment. May both homes have a foundation that rests on you.

May we all remember you are our hope, and help us reflect this same hope everywhere we go and in all we do.

In all these things we pray, Amen

Vitalant Blood Drive – Sunday, September 25th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our next blood drive is Sunday, September 25th at 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 September 25th 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 is the remaining 2022 date for our scheduled drives:

Sunday, November 20, 2022: 10 am – 2 pm Please mark your calendars!



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Date: Saturday October 22, 2022

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.

Raffle Drawings
Concessions Area
"Themed" Basket Raffle
Bake Sale

Crafter space is available for \$35.00 per 8 foot table

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

Return Service Requested



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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