

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

March 2023

LET US ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD; LET US PRESS ON TO
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM. AS SURELY AS THE SUN RISES, HE WILL
APPEAR; HE WILL COME TO US LIKE THE WINTER RAINS, LIKE THE
SPRING RAINS THAT WATER THE EARTH. —*HOSEA 6:3*



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Message from our President:

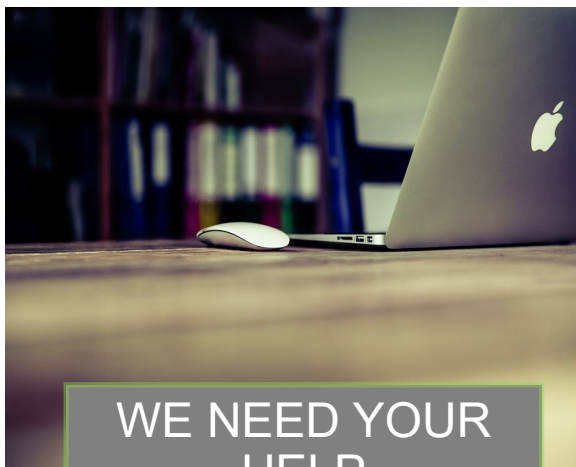
March is the month in which our thoughts turn to St. Patrick's Day, the end of Winter and the milder, longer days ushered in by the Spring Equinox on March 20. In our hearts and minds Spring is the season of hope, rejuvenation and the opportunity to interact with our fellow beings on much more frequent occasions. This year, the month of March coincides with twenty-seven of the forty days of Lent, a time when Christians prepare for the celebration of Easter.

The word Lent is derived from an old English word, "lencten," meaning "to lengthen," and was used to refer to Springtime, when the days lengthen. The forty days of Lent symbolize the forty days and nights Jesus spent in the desert, tempted in the wilderness, after His baptism. We Christians trust in God's abundant Grace and know that by His death on the Cross and Resurrection Jesus delivered us from sin and showed us the way to eternal life. We know that we are sinners, cognizant of the ever present need to confess and repent. Lent is intended to be a time when we focus on doing exactly that. We do not practice confession and penance to earn or keep our salvation. Our salvation was accomplished through Jesus' sacrifice. We confess and repent because we truly want to live the lives of service to others that Christ has set us free to live.

The Lenten Season is an opportunity to rethink the fundamental purpose of our lives and to gratefully contemplate the deliverance from sin and promise of eternal life sanctified by the Risen Christ. Through our Lenten meals and worship services we in the family of Zion hope to make these days of Lent an intellectually enlightening and morally stimulating experience that instills in all of us a renewed sense of awe and wonder for the Blessings bestowed upon us by our Divine Creator and which fortifies us in our journey to be the people God is calling us to be.

Lord, make us ever mindful of our need for confession and repentance, ever grateful for the promise of eternal life and ever desirous of living our lives in a manner consistent with Your will. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fidler
Council President



**WE NEED YOUR
HELP**

**WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
UPDATING OUR MEMBER DATA
AND NEED YOUR HELP!
IF YOU HAVE MOVED, NEW PHONE
NUMBER, ADDITION TO THE
FAMILY, ETC., PLEASE CONTACT
THE MAIN OFFICE AT 330-499-3909
WITH YOUR CURRENT
INFORMATION.**

THANK YOU!



As I reported below our Food Client numbers have dropped off the last several months, a major program that gave additional

food assistance during Covid ended in January; therefore, I expect the number of people needing food to rise over the next several months; therefore, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Supporting Teams:

Handyman Services,
leader- Ken Reinoehl
Volunteer and Request forms are available on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s Office.

Visitations – 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 – Laura Thompson:
Two families were provided meals over the last month.

Blood Program—Team Leader, Debbie Fox. The next Blood Drive will be 3/26/23 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

Comfort Givers – Darleen Milavickas. The Comfort Givers are currently working on comforters for the residents at Refuge of Hope. The group will

Caring Ministry

continue making comforters for Lutheran World Relief.

Food Pantry
During the month of **January** the Food Pantry served 113 households consisting of a total of 247 people. As a comparison, 144 households with 323 people were served during **December 2022**. January served 31 fewer households consisting of 74 fewer people than December. Also, 30 fewer children were served in January. During **January** 2022 we served 102 households consisting of 262 clients. January 2023 had 11 more households, but 15 fewer clients than last year. It is interesting that during November, December, and January, our categories: Households, Total Clients and Total Children dropped by the same approximate number each month from the November 2022 high. Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers, you make this Ministry possible.

Greeting Cards – We have a new volunteer to support our current card senders. Consider donating supplies or volunteering.

Shared Goods – Team Leader, Darlene Milavickas.
Check with the office for the schedule other than Food Pantry day.

O God, rule over our lives in Thy kingdom and help us to be obedient servants, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

G. Scott Gross—Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY– Debbie Fox



Sunday School - Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Our Sunday School lessons from Whirl will continue this month at 10:15 am after service! There will be Bible lessons that connect to the Lenten season, service projects, crafts, games and snacks each week. Please join us on Sunday mornings for our 9 am worship service and Sunday School after! Stay tuned for details on this year's Children's Easter program!

Adult Sunday School

The group will continue to meet in the worship space this month on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am with coffee provided. Come be part of a humorous and poignant series that uses real world topics to look toward a preferred future for the church, *Chuck Knows Church*; *The Committee*, in living color.

Confirmation & High School Classes

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

First Communion Classes



Hannah Venable will be participating in First Communion Classes this year on

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Cindy Bagocius will lead the classes using the Fed & Forgiven curriculum.

Hannah's will receive her First Communion during Maundy Thursday Service, April 6th at

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

7:00 pm. Please help us support Hannah in this important part of her Christian life and join us on Maundy Thursday. Let her know how much she is loved by God and her Zion family!

Women's Bible Study

The group finished the book, *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*, by Rachel Held Evans in February. It was a very good book that everyone enjoyed. I would highly recommend everyone reading it. The author's honesty was refreshing and inspiring as she described the "journey" of her faith.

Stay tuned for details on the next session. Please contact Sue Whalen at witnessministry@zion-nc.com with any questions, or if you are interested in being a part of this group.



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is June 26th - 30th. We are working on this year's theme and schedule. Stay tuned for de-

tails next month! Please pray for our team as we plan this week for the kids in our community. Contact Debbie Fox if you are interested in volunteering!

Weekly Bible Discussions

- ♦ Bible discussions for adults are on Thursdays at 9 am by Zoom. Please contact Tina Taylor in the church office if you would like the Zoom link to be part of this discussion.
- ♦ The weekly lessons and Gospel message are discussed during this session
- ♦ If this time doesn't work, contact Pastor William to set up a time that does.



QUIET PRAYER TIME

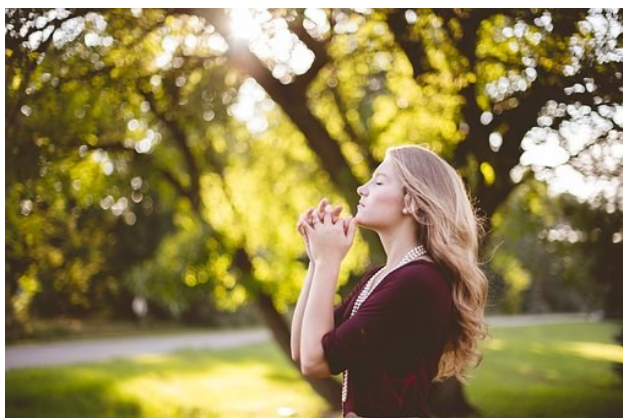
Witness Ministry

Every Sunday from 8:15 to 8:45 am, the Adult Sunday School room is open for anyone who would like to have quiet prayer

time or just to read your Bible. I know how busy our lives can be so this may be the time to have no distractions and peace and quiet to strengthen our time with God. There will also be a prayer board to post any special prayer requests you may have for the week. Prayer is so important. There is strength in numbers so let's all gather and pray together.

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. Amen

Sue Whalen—Elder



**LENTEN EVENING
WORSHIP
SERVICE EVERY
SUNDAY AT 6:15PM**



In order to be a “good” Christian, Jesus **requires** us to share our faith and let others know how God has helped us through our troubles and sorrows. We will never be able to share anything if we don't get to know each other. A trust in each other is vital, and if we don't know each other, that trust will never develop. **MEN**, PLEASE join us at the church on the last Saturday of the month, 8:30 in the morning, when we will continue to explore the ventures of being a good Christian.

BE SURE TO BRING A FRIEND.

At our March meeting, we will begin looking at a book entitled, **“Not in it to win it”** by Andy Stanley. Copies will be available in the church office, at cost of \$17.00. If you are unable to buy a copy, copies will be available for loan. This book a VERY enlightening book which will challenge Christians in their daily lives.

Our second ‘Game Day’ on **SATURDAY February 11th** was another success. Even though we only had 12 in attendance. Fun was still had by all. Keep a look out for our next GAME DAY, plans are not yet final. This could be a monthly event (PS. A “Friend” doesn't necessarily have to be a member of Zion.)

Also, keep in mind, some of the men have volunteered to give you a hand with any chores you may have. This includes helping to shovel the sidewalks, change your furnace filters, etc. Sign-up sheets are located on the Men's bulletin board located in the hallway outside the pastor's office. Complete the form and give to Ken Reinoehl.

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WE WILL “GIT ‘ER DONE!”



March Birthday's

LJ Brown	March 2
Linda Weidenbach	March 4
Mel Whalen	March 6
Melvin Lindberg	March 8
Daniel Wilson	March 17
Brian Kay	March 17
Elijah Haga	March 17
Brody Davis	March 17
Corlene Coulter	March 22
Robert Frock	March 27
Ken Reinoehl	March 28
Eric Dague	March 29
John Rhodes	March 30
Betty Boettler	March 31



March Anniversaries
Joe and Gail Vogt



WOMEN OF ZION

We had 12 ladies show up to have our first bird suet make. It was a bit messy but we had fun! We made around 65 with 40 more added a few days afterwards.

Out of three boxes full we gave out 2 boxes full a week later. Our fine feathered friends will have a little more needed sustenance for these cold winter days.

Thanks to all who participated.
Ruth Reinoehl





Food Pantry Update—Debbie Fox

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help set up, serve and tear down out Food Pantry each time. We have a great group that makes things run smoothly and efficiently. Our Food Pantry friends express so much gratitude each time, especially now as they are seeing food costs continue to rise along with the loss of extra funding that they received during the pandemic. Our numbers remain steady, and may increase this month because SNAP benefits will return to pre-COVID amounts.



We are so grateful for all the food and monetary donations we receive from the congregation, North Canton Community Church, and other community members. The prices at the Food-bank are also rising so these donations are more important than ever. Please consider adding an item from our staple food item list each time you go shopping. We are called to feed the hungry and love our neighbor – please help to continue our mission at Zion.

A big thank you goes out to the 8th grade girls basketball team from the North Canton Middle School and several of their moms. They came out in January while they had time off school to help us set up for Food Pantry and Shared Goods on Monday and serve our Food Pantry friends on Tuesday. They did a great job, and we truly appreciate all of their help!



Let’s Talk About Words

“I kept always two books in my pocket, one to read, one to write in.”
Robert Louis Stevenson (Scottish novelist, poet and travel writer, most noted for writing Treasure Island, Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde)

The power of words is often underestimated. And yet, really think about how the words you use have an effect on others: The easiest way to prove this to yourself is to improvise on the “How are you?....Fine.....How are you?” common discourse. The latest great line I have heard was in the movie *Jingle Jangle: Following the law is just the beginning*. In some aspects, this can be viewed as a summary of the Bible! We read a lot of words on the **First Friday at 10am Book Discussion Group** (generally one book per month and the participants choose the books). Even if you don’t care for the book, articulating (in words!) *why not* and how the book may be improved is a source of growth for all.

We finish up this season’s readings with:

The Elephant Whisperer, by Lawrence Anthony March 3, 2023
The Girl with the Louding Voice, by Abi Dare, April 7, 2023
The Weight of Ink, by Rachel Kadish May 5, 2023
She’s Come Undone, by Wally Dare June 2, 2023

If you have questions, please contact Linda Weidenbach at lindakjw@gmail.com or phone #850-766-5640.

"If we understood the power of our thoughts, we would guard them more closely. If we understood the awesome power of our words, we would prefer silence to almost anything negative. In our thoughts and words, we create our own weaknesses and our own strengths.

Our limitations and joys begin in our hearts. We can always replace negative with positive."
-Betty Eadie



Pastor’s Ponderings
March, 2023

March Madness. No, not the basketball version, but the Lent version. There is much to ponder:

- Lent begins by recognizing our terminality and origin – dust. God created us from dust, but not just any old dust, the dust God created at the beginning of time. The very same dust God used to create Adam (Genesis 2:7). Wow! Forget *Ancestry.com* and all their fancy science, we’ve got the Bible to show us the land from which we originated. Are you more concerned with the fanciful characters of your family tree, or that God made dust so that God could make you?
- Lent gives us opportunities to contemplate that we are the reason God sent Jesus to die. For God so loved everyone and everything that God sent Jesus to fix the broken relationships we made between ourselves and each other, between ourselves and God’s creation, and between ourselves and our parental loving God. Are you more concerned with continuing a way of life that presents opportunities for conflict with fellow humans, damages the earth, and keeps God restricted to small aspects of your life, or will you open every aspect of your life to God’s will?
- Lent evening fellowship and worship gives us additional opportunities to draw closer to God and to one another. Through contemplative prayer, and silence, worship will help us put the busyness and selfishness of the world in its proper place; allowing us to make intentional room for God. Are you more concerned with doing all those worldly activities or will you make time for God?



Lent presents us with the opportunity to disconnect from business as usual. It gives us the opportunity to connect with God’s plan for us and the world. It gives us the opportunity to remember our proper place in God’s kingdom. Will this be the opportunity to grow your discipleship? I pray that your search for God will be genuine, for when you search for God with your whole heart God will be found (Jeremiah 29:13).



Everyone can do something. Some can physically participate. Some can prayerfully participate. Some can financially participate.

All can do something, and that is what we are called to do as Christians.

Jesus calls us to spread the kingdom of heaven here on earth. What new way will you make that happen this year? God is counting on you.

Connect with God, pray for loved ones, remain present with people you encounter, and treat one another gently and with the love of Christ.

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



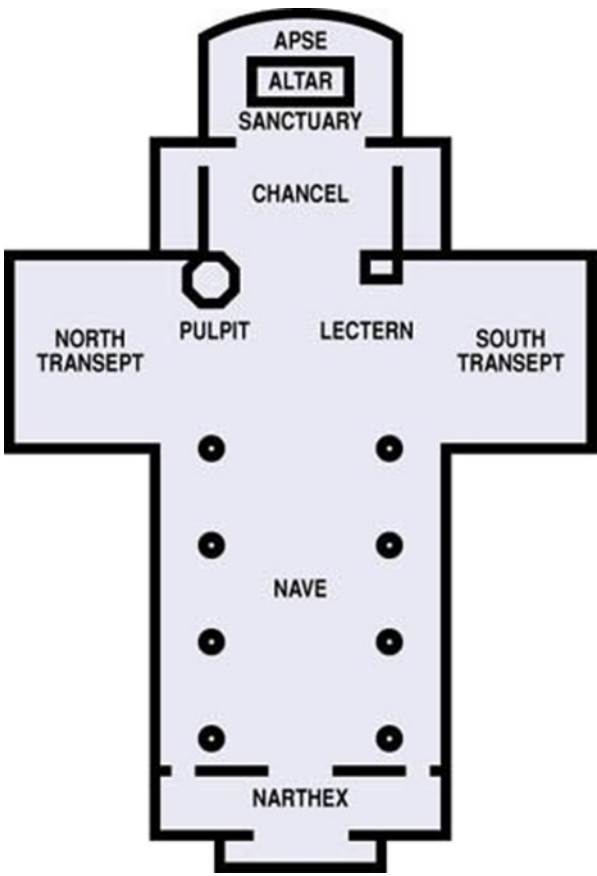


It's a Sanctuary; or is it?

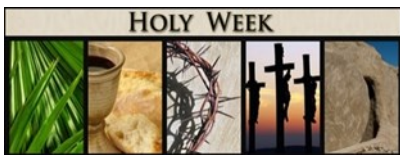
Did you know the space where we worship on Sunday is not a Sanctuary? Many people, including pastors, misuse the name Sanctuary to describe that space. So, you may wonder, if it's not a Sanctuary, what is it? Read this article and you might find yourself saying; I Didn't Know That.

Many churches have multiple areas in the worship space (see diagram), at Zion there are four:

- **The Narthex** – the area between the outside doors and the doors into the worship space.
 - ◊ from the Greek word *narthex* which means “giant fennel”
 - ◊ the portico on a Jewish temple was called *narthex* because it resembled a large hollow fennel stem
- **The nave** – the area where people actively participate in worship (it is not a space to sit, but a space to actively sing, pray, speak, respond, and interact with one another and with God.) It contains the aisle and pews, and is the largest area.
 - ◊ from the Latin word *navis* which means; ship.
 - ◊ the early church used a ship as a symbol for the church
 - ◊ if one looks up at our ceiling, and disregards the air duct, one might visualize an upside-down ship's hull
- **The Chancel** – the area where the ministers lead the worship service; this area contains the musical instruments, pulpit and lectern and choir
 - ◊ from the Latin word *cancelli* which is the name for strips that form a lattice.
 - ◊ In some churches the chancel is separated from the nave by a railing with lattice work. In our space it is separated from the nave by the first set of stairs.
- **The Sanctuary** – the area surrounding the altar. It is considered a place set apart from the world, a sacred place where we encounter God. The altar is the place where God is present in a very special way; the body and blood of Jesus.
 - ◊ from the Latin word *sanctuarium*, which means a container for keeping something cherished and important
 - ◊ Our church was remodeled several decades ago to move the altar from what was the sanctuary (up the second set of steps). The altar is generally in a place separate from the chancel and contains nothing but the altar. Our setup is a bit different from the typical setup. See a separate article about this.



For simplicity, we refer to the whole area as the Worship Space, for that is what is done in the nave, chancel and sanctuary. Now you know.



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and proceeds through the four days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday. This is the defining season of Christianity and you are encouraged to grow closer to your Savior by fully participating in all four worship experiences.



Palm Sunday, Wednesday March 29 at 7:00 pm and Sunday April 2 at 9:00 am

On this day, united with Christians around the world, we mark Jesus' triumphant entry in to the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. We follow his footsteps as we enter the church, our Jerusalem, acclaiming the one whose throne was the cross.

Worship Pattern: we gather with palms and joy to hear the reading of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Worship continues in the usual pattern.



Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm

On this night we begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death into life. The Maundy Thursday service includes the words of Jesus' new commandment (*madatum*, from which *Maundy* comes) to love one another. On this night in which Jesus was handed over to death we also gather around the Lord's supper. At the service conclusion, the altar area is stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment.¹

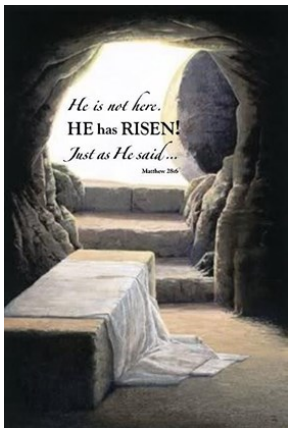
Worship Pattern: we gather in the gym to experience the Living Last Supper and join with our First Communicant in receiving Christ's body and blood. Service concludes with silent procession to the worship space where we sing *Were You There*, followed by the solemnity of stripping the chancel.



Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30 pm

On this night, the journey continues through the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. At the heart of this service is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ's victory on the cross. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation. With all God's people we are invited to before this mystery of faith. Christ has died, so that we may live.

Worship Pattern: we gather in silence, pray for one another, hear God's Word, glorify the cross, and ponder what Christ did for us and the whole world.



Resurrection Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 am

Every Sunday in worship, the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On this day, we rejoice anew. Easter is the day of all days. The tomb could not keep Jesus. As Christ is risen, we too shall be raised. Come, join with all the faithful across the world as we raise our voices in triumphant song and share the meal of Holy Communion which Christ set before us.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He's Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Resource Ministry February Update



Peace and God’s blessings be with you all! Ash Wednesday is upon us, beginning the Lenten journey to our joyous Easter celebration. Hopefully, the weather will continue to improve and reward us with brilliant sunshine on Easter Sunday to celebrate our saviors’ resurrection. Don’t let our recent dismal weather negatively impact your daily interactions. Look for, and take advantage of, every opportunity to model the way and share the “Good News” as we utilize our resources with the Zion community.

It was such a pleasure to see the smiles on faces and animated discussions taking place during Scout Sunday when the Boy Scout troop was added to our congregation ministry. Their enthusiastic participation in service, and your recognition and hospitality, were especially rewarding to see in action. Their addition and integration to the Zion community should be very fulfilling for all. Thank you for your positive support. Excellent work good and faithful servants!

Our January giving results were substantially improved over January 2022 (66%) providing an excellent start to 2023. This giving set the foundation for improved financial results with a small \$1,000 monthly operating deficit. Several expense budgetary variations prevented us from having positive net income for the month. This is the 6th consecutive month of improvement compared to prior year. Thank you for continuation of this very positive response!

Our Stewardship campaign, “Building a Culture of Generosity” will continue to be a point of emphasis throughout 2023. Detailed assessment of giving patterns to date indicate most are executing Intent Card commitments reflecting increases in 2023 giving rate. Your spiritual, physical, and financial support is critical for us to accomplish Zion’s ministries and share the good News with our community. Faithfully honoring these commitments will ensure that we accomplish our ministries in a fiscally responsible manner. Opportunities abound for us to make 2023 a safe, happy, and healthy year of sharing our resources to positively impact our community. Your individual contributions will ensure it happens.

Prayer: *Lord, we continue to be humbled by the resources you make available to do your work at Zion. Please provide inspiration 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—Elder
Resource Ministry

	January 2023	Full Year 2023
Income	\$33,505.28	\$33,505.28
Expenses	\$34,503.89	\$34,503.89
Net Income	-\$998.61	-\$998.61

EASTER LILIES

Help beautify our worship space for Easter Sunday

I wish to order _____ Easter Lily (s) at \$12 per plant

_____ in memory of

or

_____ in honor of

Given by: _____

Cash _____ Check# _____ Amount Paid _____

Make checks payable to: ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order deadline: Monday April 3, 2023

Pick up lilies after 9am Easter Sunday worship

Names of memorials will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin

WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Scout Troop newly sponsored by our church assisted with our February 5th Sunday service. And what a success it was. MANY positive comments were shared by both Troop members/leaders and by the parents of the scouts. Seems their participation was far greater than they ever experienced before with other churches and the reception after the service was greatly appreciated--another first experience. Thanks to everyone who helped guide the Scouts and those who prepared and participated in the after-service reception. I believe we demonstrated the love of Jesus through Zion.

Thanks to Connie Riffle and Betty Tracy for repairing and sprucing up our Acolyte robes.

Our Chancel Guild is busy refreshing the Altar area and polishing the brass candlesticks along with washing the pews in preparation for Resurrection Sunday.

Plans are in place to remove the choir pews under the cross in front of the church. This move allows the altar to be moved in their place, which was the original design of this space. The choir pews will replace the longer pews in the back of the worship space to allow for wheelchair accommodation by the aisle. The removed longer pews will replace several water stained pews throughout the worship space. The Property Ministry will then decide what happens to the extra unused pews.

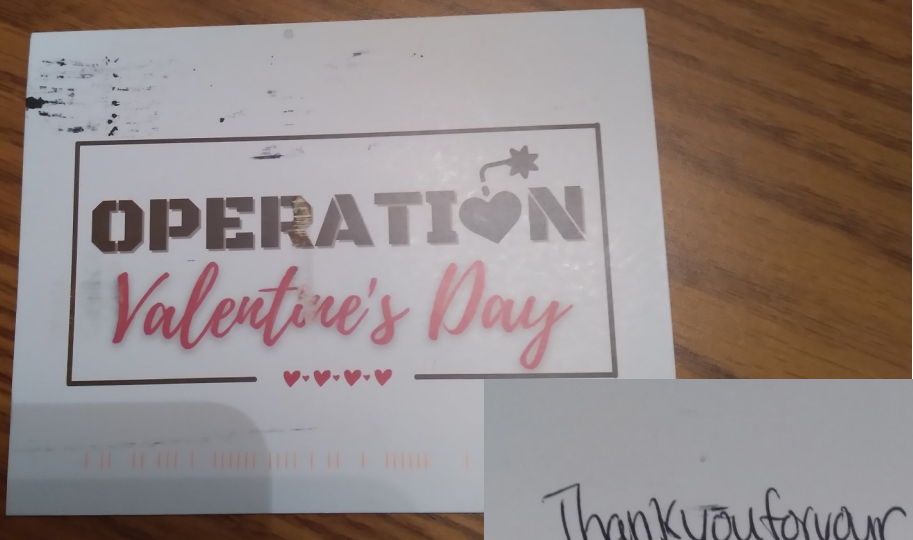
Dear Heavenly Father, we recognize that you are in charge. We humbly attempt to bring you glory and adoration during our worship time. We ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we work to glorify You, the God in Three. Amen.

Paul Bagocius—Elder
1600 Chadford Gate SE
North Canton, OH 44709
330-329-4678

Easter Sunday choir rehearsals begin March 1 and each Wednesday thereafter at 1pm. Come join this robust group and be a part of making a "joyful noise" that will surely please our God!



This is for the cards the kids made in Sunday school class for Operation Valentines Day. If you need additional background information, there is a write-up in last month's newsletter.



Thank you for your contribution to Operation Valentines Day. We cannot do this without you!

2023 Fall Charity Craft Show

Mark your calendars! This year's Craft Show will be Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 10am – 3pm. Applications for tables are now available in the church office. Table space cost is \$35 for an 8 foot table space and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. We will have Crafter raffle items, basket themed raffles, concessions, a Bake Sale and of course German Dinners. All church proceeds will benefit the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Program – a great program that helps so many by providing safe and affordable homes! God's Work, Our Hands!



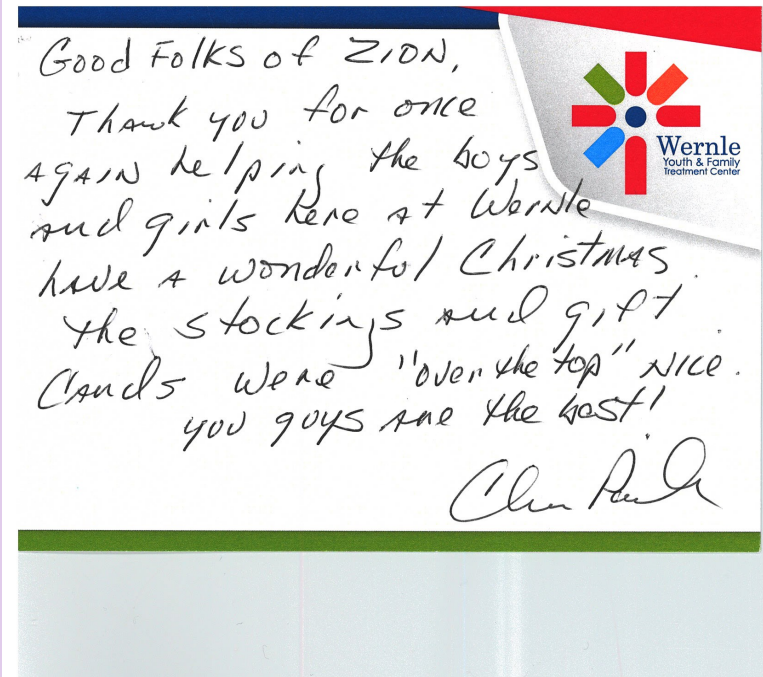
Easter Tree for the kids at Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center

As we enter into the Lenten season, we will be helping the kids at Wernle with our Easter Tree. There are Easter Egg tags located on the tree in Luther Hall. The tags have items from Wernle's current needs list and \$20 gift cards that we are collecting. Please return all donated items by Easter Sunday (April

9th) and place by our Easter Tree. Let's give our support to the kids at Wernle and show them how much they are loved by God and their family at Zion!

Easter Egg Tag items we are collecting:

- \$20 Dairy Queen Gift Cards
- \$20 Wendy's Gift Cards
- \$20 Burger King Gift Cards
- \$20 Taco Bell Gift Cards
- \$20 WalMart Gift Cards
- Shampoo (for both male & female)
- Body Wash (for both male & female)
- Men's & Women's Deodorant
- Toothbrush Holders
- Full Size Bath Towels & Wash Cloths
- Cantu, Cream of Nature, and Mane n Tail Shampoos
- Men's and Women's boxer briefs in all adult sizes, sm, md, lg, xlg, xxlg
- Adult sized ankle socks for both males & females
- Sweatpants and sweatshirts, (no hoods) Men's and Women's



A PRAYER FOR WERNLE

Mighty and merciful God, as I pause to pray for the youth and staff of Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center, please keep them in your care.




Please allow your Spirit to bring hope, healing, and restoration into every aspect of their lives.

Provide wisdom and guidance for the staff. Provide your grace, mercy, protection, and healing for the lives of the youth.

Thank you Father for hearing and responding to our prayer.

Amen.

765-966-2506
wernle.org



Vitalant Blood Drive – Sunday, March 26th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our next blood drive is Sunday, March 26th from 10 am - 2 pm in the gym. So far, Zion’s 14 blood drives have provided 32.5 gallons of blood which help save or sustain the lives of 780 people. We average about 18.5 units (just over 2 gallons) per drive. Let’s exceed that number this time!

Please donate blood if you can and ask a friend to join you. Schedule an appointment to help sustain or save the lives of others in need. There is a critical need right now and supplies are dangerously low – please consider helping out! 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:

Change the date to March 26th 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

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

Mark your Calendars with Zion’s remaining Blood Drive dates for 2023:

Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 4 - 7pm

Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 4 - 7pm

Sunday, October 8th, 2023 10am - 2pm

Sunday, December 17th, 2023 10am - 2pm



Thank you to everyone who comes out to donate! It is a true blessing to share the much needed gift of life. Thanks be to God!



Scout Sunday and Reception

Sunday, February 5th was Scout Sunday. We were blessed to have members of Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 12 participate in our service as greeters, readers, Acolyte, and Communion assistant. It was wonderful to have so many Scouts, their leaders and families join us on the 5th!

Zion hosted a welcome reception for the Scouts, leaders and their families after service on February 5th as their new charter church. Troop 12 Boy Scouts meet each Tuesday at Zion and Cub Scout Pack 12 meets every other Thursday. They will be using the gym, some of our classrooms and Boy Scout Hall (formerly Youth Hall). We are excited to have the Scouts as part of Zion's family and are eager to support them however we can!

Praise and thanks be to God for this opportunity to serve our community!





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