

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

May 2023



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"YOU SHOULD BE KNOWN FOR THE BEAUTY THAT COMES
FROM WITHIN, THE UNFADING BEAUTY OF A GENTLE AND
QUIET SPIRIT, WHICH IS SO PRECIOUS TO GOD."

1 PETER 3:4

Message from our President:

Although April’s weather quite often did not feel much like Spring, the promise of nature revived and life renewed helps us view the month of May as one of engagement and opportunity. The celebration of Easter with its beautiful message of hope for the world, love for all of humanity, forgiveness of our sins and promise of eternal life, inspires us to recognize May and the ensuing months as the time to rekindle the flame of interaction with our fellow beings that is at the core of the Divine Plan.

As Christians, we understand and appreciate that we are to celebrate all of God’s creation. Because we believe in the Risen Christ, we WANT to serve others. The catalyst for our desire to serve is Faith. We are cognizant of the role stewardship plays in our lives and cheerfully embrace the fundamental truth that everything belongs to God and that He has entrusted to our care as stewards all of the resources we need to serve others. Each of us has been endowed by our Divine Creator with the capacity to serve others. In the words of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.: “Everybody can ...serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.”

On Sunday, May 14, Mother’s Day, we at Zion will pay tribute to the ladies who have played a loving, nurturing role in our lives. On Sunday May 28, Zion will remember those servicemen and women whose ultimate sacrifice preserved our freedom and way of life and whom we honor on Memorial Day. We hope all will join us on these Sundays and all Sundays as we participate in the joy of worship. We ask for the continued support of the Congregation for Council’s erstwhile efforts to establish both short and long term goals that will enable all of Zion’s Ministries to focus on utilizing the resources He has entrusted to our care in a manner that enhances our capacity to serve others and strengthen our endeavors to be a positive influence in the community. In doing so, we demonstrate that service to others is the means by which we show our love of Jesus Christ.

Lord, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for our Belief in You and for our Faith in the Risen Christ. Help us to remain diligent in Faith and strong in Belief, that we may always have the desire to serve others. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fidler
Council President

Let’s all give thanks to Kay Davis for her many years as Prayer Chain Leader. She is passing on this title to Jayne Schrader who is taking over for her in her retirement from this position.

You can submit your prayer requests to Jayne at Prayer@Zion-NC.com.



Thank You

Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Pray *esgi*
without
Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17



April, come she will, a scary month for me because everyone in my immediate family except my father has died Holy Week or the weeks adjacent. This is probably not that unusual since Holy Week is

somewhat of a moving target. However, with the coming of May I am relieved that I survived and am good for another year. This year our church family lost two members during the Easter cycle: Orrin Bose and Ron Tvorik; therefore, let us keep both families in our prayers that they can find peace with their loss.

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 Jayne Schrader and add your name to the chain, Jayne will E-Mail you with prayer request.

Funeral Reception Meals – One reception was held April 15th for the Tvorik family.

Feed a Friend – Laura Thompson: No Report.

Blood Program—Team Leader, Debbie Fox. A blood drive will be held June 14th.

Comfort Givers – Darleen Milavickas. No Report

Food Pantry— During the month of **March** the Food Pantry served 138 households consisting of a total of 299 people.

As a comparison, 144 households with 322 people were served during **February 2023**. March served 6 fewer households and 23 less people than February. Also, 12 fewer children were served in March. Because of the high cost of food and loss of benefits it is hard to gauge the actual current need. Over the next three months I hope we get a clearer picture of what is going on. During March 2022 we served 134 households consisting of 320 clients. Thank you to all our volunteers that make this Ministry possible.

Greeting Cards – Consider donating supplies or volunteering.

Shared Goods – Team Leader, Darlene Milavickas.

Check with the office for the schedule other than Food Pantry day.

Shared Goods is in urgent need of volunteers to cover its operations on the first and third Tuesday of the month during Food Pantry.

The hours would be 12:00 to 3:00 PM.

Additional help is also needed on the other two Tuesdays to cover stocking. If you can volunteer, please contact Darlene Milavickas or Debbie Fox.

Dear Savior, who hast bought us with your blood and delivered us from sin, help us to live a life of sincere gratitude and obedient service. Amen.

G. Scott Gross—Caring Ministry Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY– Debbie Fox



Sunday School - Pre-K thru 6th Grade
What a joyous and triumphant Palm Sunday we had this year with the kids leading the way! Hosanna in the Highest!
After Palm Sunday Service, the kids had an important lesson about Holy Week and then enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt of over 500 eggs hidden in the gym, Luther Hall and Worship Space. It was a great morning for everyone!

Thank you to Carli and LJ Brown for leading our Easter Service along with the choir! Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! What a lovely service and special children's sermon on Easter as Pastor and the kids explored the empty tomb! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



This month, we will continue with our Sunday School lessons from Whirl at 10:15 am after service through May 21st. There will be Bible lessons that connect to the Lenten season, service projects, crafts, games and snacks each week. Join us on Sunday mornings for our 9 am worship service followed by Sunday School as we learn how much Jesus loves us and how we are called to go out and share that love!

We will start classes on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm on Wednesday, June 7th. Weather permitting, we will meet outside in the pavilion. Otherwise, we will meet at the coffee bar and head to class!

Adult Sunday School

This month the group will meet in the Adult Sunday School room at 10:15 am after Sunday service. The group will be led by Pastor William and will be having a Bible discussion based on the week's lessons and Gospel. Please join us for a meaningful and worthwhile discussion of God's Word.

Confirmation & High School Classes

These classes will meet Sunday morning at 10:15 am following service through May 21st. We will meet in the Coffee Exchange area after service and then head to class. During the summer, we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm starting June 7th.

Women's Bible Study

The next session will be this month led by Cindy Bagocius – stay tuned for date, time and location! The group will be using the monthly Bible study from the ELCA Women's magazine, *Gather*.

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 learning your Word every day. Amen

Confirmation & High School Classes

Hannah Venable received her First Communion on Maundy Thursday (April 6th). The gym was full of support for the Maundy Thursday service as Hannah received this important gift of grace. What a great evening for Hannah, her mom and their Zion family! We are so proud of Hannah for all of her hard work and participation in class and appreciate the congregation's support of Hannah as she continues her faithful journey into God's Word. We pray that God will guide her and help her to be bold and brave in her faith as she goes out to share His love throughout the rest of her life!





Birthday's

Mallory Rhodes	May 8
Sue Whalen	May 18
Becky Jo Aquillo	May 20
Linda Wilson	May 21
Betty Tracy	May 28
Moe Alters	May 28
Steve Moore	May 28



May Anniversaries

Lou & Darlene Milavickas
Clint & Ashley Davis
James & Sue Whalen
Dean & Debbie Fox
Brian & Nicole Milek
Paul & Cindy Bagocius



**Join us for a special Mothers
Day Worship Service on
Sunday, May 14th
at 9am where ladies will
receive a beautiful carnation.**

Hey you guys:



One of the difficulties men face in life is discovered belatedly in life, very late. Way too often it is only discovered when a loved one is attempting to find six pall bearers for a funeral. It is amazing how often it is only then realized, that the man did not have six close friends. If you are one of them, you don't even know what you are missing, and you should definitely try to do something about it now, while you are still alive. One of the easiest solutions would be to join a group, be a friend, become a friend. The most difficult part is to make yourself open to becoming friends with others. Not just by attending meetings, but also by socializing, playing games, conversations and forcing yourself to become a friend to others. **MEN**, PLEASE join us at the church on the last Saturday of the month, 8:30 am in the morning, when we will continue to explore the ventures of being a good Christian.

BE SURE TO BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!

On March 25th, we began discussing a book entitled, ***“Not in it to win it”*** by Andy Stanley. This book is a thought-provoking commentary on how we have not been following the Biblical teachings of Jesus. And our first lively discussion left everyone wanting to continue well past our quitting time. You are welcome to join us and add your two cents worth to the discussion. At the time of this writing, there are two copies still available (no cost) in the church office, just ask the secretary. This book is a VERY enlightening book which challenges all Christians in their daily lives.

It has been decided to make **GAME DAY** a monthly event, [September thru May], and we will take vacation June, July and August.

‘Game Day’ on SATURDAY May 20th will be our next gathering. It is an easy way to get to know each other and enjoyable to boot. Once again, you are more than welcome to bring your friends along.

(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, Spring cleaning, etc. (This is to be at no cost to you, but if you wish to pay, donations can be made to the Men’s group.) 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

WE WILL “GIT ‘ER DONE!”

National Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 4th
11:30-12:30**

Join in the
Ecumenical
Day of Prayer
gathering at
Bitzer Park
North Canton



Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, calls and emails during our recent surgeries. We are both doing well! May God bless you as we continue to share the Wonderful Gift of His Love!

Susan Heyard and Tim Moore

Bereavement Ministry



Bereavement Gathering— Darlene Milavickas

This is a ministry that Zion has provided for our parishioners and their family. This ministry was started in 1986. They provided a luncheon either in the home or in Luther Hall. They would provide the food and do the serving and cleanup in Luther Hall, or they would take the food to the home to be served by them or a neighbor or members of the family. The committee for the funeral luncheons consisted of the Vice President, Co-leaders of the Circles and additional help to serve the number to be served.

I have been the leader of this ministry for 11 years. It has been very fulfilling to help provide this service for the families. It is a hard time to go through and for a few hours we can help them have some time to spend with family and friends to remember their loved ones. It is one thing they don't have to worry about. We have a wonderful group of people that step up when they get the call that someone has passed and we are going to have a bereavement gathering for their family. They make a dish for the gathering and some of them help serve and cleanup. If this ministry seems like something you would like to be a part of contact me. We would love to have you.

COMFORT GIVERS— Darlene Milavickas Elder

Last month I reported on the LWR statistics regarding the number of quilts etc. we sent overseas. This month we received a request from our Web site from someone that wanted a prayer shawl and our prayers. The exciting thing is she lives in Dubai, UAE. It is wonderful that we are able to reach people that far away. The Lord has made it possible for us to help her with prayers and a prayer shawl. We are touching more lives than we realize with our web site and Facebook page. It has been great that I have been able to email back and forth with her.

On that note if there is anyone out there that would be able to knit or crochet a couple of prayer shawls for our ministry that would be fantastic. We are down to three prayer shawls. We have a lot of prayer lap blankets but we are low on prayer shawls. Please contact me if you are able to do one: 330-412-4336. We have yarn available for you if you want.

Dear Lord, you asked us to care for your people who are hungry, naked, sick and oppressed. Help open our eyes to see You in all the people we come in contact with and also those we don't directly come in contact with but can still help them and show your love. Amen.

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 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



What an amazing day, the sun is shining emphasizing Peace and God’s blessings with you all, and yet some snow flakes are in the air!

Holy Week and Easter was such a positive experience, energizing all celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Spring weather continues to be difficult to predict but days of brilliant sunshine and warmer temperatures are becoming more frequent, bringing all of God’s creation into bloom reminding us of the beauty that is produced by sun, water and the Holy Spirit’s tender care. We encourage you to utilize each of your daily interactions to share this “Good News” as we support our Zion community.

Our 2023 Stewardship campaign, “Building a Culture of Generosity” continues to be a point of emphasis. Zion Giving patterns year to date indicate the vast majority are executing their Intent Card commitments with 2023 giving rate exceeding 2022 levels. Your 1st quarter Giving Statements document recorded 2023 Giving so that you can assess your giving and confirm it reflects your intended individual commitment. Your spiritual, physical, and financial support is crucial for us to accomplish Zion’s ministries and share the good News with our community in a fiscally responsible manner. We sincerely thank you for your continued support.

March giving results were a 29% improvement over February 2023, but they were reduced by 12% compared to March 2022. These mixed results combine to produce year-to-date Giving rate which is 18% ahead of 2022 levels. This provides a more optimistic financial foundation to 2023. March results produced an operating deficit of \$5,560 with unexpected utility increases a major factor, and year-to-date deficit of \$12,122. We anticipate a reversal of this trend when the April Easter seasonal results are factored in.

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 compound to ensure it happens.


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,

Resource Ministry—John Rhodes Elder

	March 2023	Full Year 2023
Income	\$25,220.01	\$78,319.23
Expenses	\$30,779.92	\$90,440.92
Net Income	-\$5,559.91	-\$12,121.69

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History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. This is different from Veterans Day, a time set aside to remember those who have served our country who are living.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. The Civil War, which ended in 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history. By the late 1860s, various towns and cities began holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

On May 5, 1968, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate all U.S. military personnel who died in all wars.

We remember those who lost their lives in battle so that we may live freely.

Because Memorial Day falls between two principle festivals of the church (Pentecost and Trinity Sunday) this year, we will not do recognition of memorial Day at Worship Service. Below are prayers you can say to honor those who have died in service of our country.

A Litany for Those Who Died in Service

On this day, we remember those who gave their life in battle so that we might lead free lives.

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,
we give thanks for our soldiers’ courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to the world.

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have lost loved ones in war,
show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war,
we remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.

Gracious God, help us to turn swords into plowshares, let peace reign in your world.
We give thanks for all who have given their life that we may live freely.

Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they secured for us. Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who showed the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after them. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Help us to be worthy of their legacy and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you grieve amid the pain, fear, and suffering of your children. Look with compassion on all who endure the miseries of war. Be mindful too, of those who day and night face peril in defense of our nation. Guide them in their duties as they seek justice for all nations. Guide them in their duties as they seek justice for those subjected to tyranny and oppression. Eternal Protector of the helpless, hear the cry of the distressed and grant speedy deliverance in a new day of peace and harmony in the whole world. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Pastor’s Ponderings
May, 2023

Where did the church bells go? On my way to church Sunday morning, I pass several other church buildings. I always get to Zion early, to accomplish all those things that need being done before you folks show up, but one day I was running a bit late. Guess what I heard when I went past St. Paul Catholic Church around 7:25? Bells! It’s been a long time since I heard church bells ringing. So, it got me to pondering:

- ~Why did churches used to ring their bells?
In a book I read once, the author mentioned how a pastor friend of his said “it was so the fish could jump into the boat”, a comical reference to the church’s role of being fishers of people (Matthew 4:19). In the old days, the perception was that most people went to church on Sunday, and when the bells rang it was time to make your way to church.
- ~We have a bell, why don’t we ring it?
Well, I heard we stopped ringing our bell because a neighbor (who, by the way no longer lives in the neighborhood) complained. Ringing the bell probably was no longer effective in getting people to come to our church anyway, so we just stopped ringing it.
- ~Could ringing our bell make a difference to the community?
Those in the neighborhood who go to church, go somewhere else and probably already leave before we would be ringing our bell, so it wouldn’t make them come here. Those who don’t go to church aren’t going to come here just because we ring a bell.

Ringling a bell is a passive way of getting people to church. Jesus commanded us to “go and make” disciples (Matthew 28:19); ringling a bell is more like “sit and wait” for disciples to come to us. We can’t just expect people to show up on Sunday because we ring a bell, or have a nice sign, or have nice landscaping, or...
Consider this, the only way to get people to come to Zion is...

- ...to give them something they can’t get somewhere else.
- ...to get them to see there is something here for them by inviting them to “come and see”.
- ...for you to be a part in the preceding two items.



Everyone can do something. Some can physically participate. Some can prayerfully participate. Some can financially participate.
How will you participate? Just show up, or actively make a difference?

Connect with God, pray for one another, 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





RED GERANIUMS

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR WORSHIP SPACE
FOR PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

I wish to order _____ Geraniums at \$5.00 per plant
_____ in memory of
or
_____ in honor of

Given by: _____

Cash _____ Check# _____ Amount Paid _____

Make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church
Order deadline: Wednesday, May 24, 2023



**PLEASE WEAR
YOUR RED FOR
THE
SUNDAY
MAY 28
9AM WORSHIP
SERVICE**

Vitalant Blood Drive - We Want Your Blood! They Need Your Blood!



Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood on March 26th! There were 27 donations received that day, plus 2 additional donations at their main office that we received credit for. To date, Zion’s Blood Drives have collected 289 units (36.125 gallons) helping to save or sustain the lives of 867 people. Wow – Praise God!

I recently heard a story during a training session about a 3 week old little girl that was born with a low blood count and needed a transfusion. Little Clementine would not have survived without this transfusion. Her mom said she always brushed off hearing “please donate blood” thinking it wasn’t important until the day she almost lost her precious 3 week old little girl. There are so many stories like this and not always enough blood! Please donate if you are able!

Thank you to Darlene Milavickas for handling the coordination and food for March’s drive, and thanks be to God for all those who come out to donate each time! It is so important now more than ever because of the critical need for blood! If you are not able to make one of the dates below, you can still donate at Vitalant’s office at 4119 West Tuscarawas Street, Canton, OH 44708. See Debbie Fox with questions or to schedule an appointment.

Remaining 2023 Blood Drive dates:

Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 4-7pm
Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 4-7pm
Sunday, October 8th, 2023 10am-2pm
Sunday, December 17th, 2023 10am-2pm



Zion Lutheran Church
North Canton, Ohio

<u>MAY ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE</u>	<u>MAY CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE</u>
May 7, 2023 Darlene Milavickas	SATURDAY
May 14, 2023 Beth Heller	May 6, 2023 - Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
May 21, 2023 Jim Fidler	May 13, 2023 - Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
May 28, 2023 George Miller	May 20, 2023—Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
	May 27, 2023—Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
<u>MAY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE</u>	SUNDAY
May 7, 2023 LJ Brown	May 7, 2023 - Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
May 14, 2023 Ben Keith	May 14, 2023 - Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
May 21, 2023 Ava Medina	May 21, 2023 - Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
May 28, 2023 Kenadi Medina	May 28, 2023—Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
<u>MAY READER SCHEDULE</u>	<u>9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS</u>
May 7, 2023 Randy Cizek	May 7, 2023 Dave Palumbo
May 14, 2023 Renee Keith	May 14, 2023 Darlene Milavickas
May 21, 2023 Laura Thompson	May 21, 2023 Laura Thompson
May 28, 2023 Nick Cignetti	May 28, 2023 John Rhodes
<u>MAY ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE</u>	
May 7, 2023 Carol McKimm	
May 14, 2023 Carol McKimm	
May 21, 2023 Steve Moore	
May 28, 2023 Jack Brannen	

WORSHIP MINISTRY— Paul Bagocius—Elder

We reviewed the Lenten and Palm Sunday services. Attendance was stronger this year with both the Lenten and with the Palm Sunday services. A "Thank You" to Tina Linz and all those who helped her and those who prepared the food for the Lenten dinners.

The Song Leader Team will debut in June. Only one service will be led each month, yet to be determined whether it is the first or second Sunday.

Our sponsored Scout Troop will be approached to join in another service on Veterans' Day Sunday. (Thanks John R. for your suggestion for them to join us for another Sunday beyond Scout Sunday).

Pentecost Sunday will feature the ELCA Lutheran mega choir and orchestra through video. This presentation was used by us during a Pentecost Sunday service during Covid several years ago.

Communion bread (Hawaiian rolls) will continue to be used during the first two Sundays of the month. Only negative comment was "the communion pieces are too large." Pastor will work on this!

Outdoor Wednesday service will begin May 10 with Child Care intended (at \$20 per service).

Another "Shotgun" microphone will be purchased and installed by the Lectern side of the front. Such a microphone has already been installed by the Pulpit. These mics help pick up the congregational voices in our video of the broadcasted services.

We will no longer refer to our Child Care provider as Nursery Attendant. The Sunday bulletin will be changed to reflect this as well by stating the service is for infant through kindergarten children. (Thanks to Deb F. for bringing this to our attention.)

Our normal monthly meeting in July will be on July 11 instead of July 4.

Dear Father, thank you for giving us guidance through the Holy Spirit as we continue to refine services that bring your people closer to a meaningful and spiritual experience in honoring and praising You, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.





Vacation Bible School - Twist & Turns

Join us this year at Twists & Turns where following Jesus changes the game! Kids will need to bring their A-game this week!

VBS will be June 26th – 30th: Monday through Thursday 9 am – 12:30 pm and Friday 9 am – 1pm.

- Bible Memory Verse: *Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.* Psalm 25:4

Daily Themes: Jesus is Holy, Jesus is Trustworthy, Jesus is Forgiving, Jesus is Worth Following, Jesus is for Everyone.

There are many volunteer opportunities – teacher assistants, crafts, music, games, service projects! Please contact Debbie Fox if you are able and interested to see what fits for you! Join us for one day or all week, whatever works with your schedule.

- Registration packets will be available May 1st. Sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities and donations will be located in Luther Hall later this month.

The Kona Ice Truck and inflatable water slide will be back this year along with some special guests!

We have lots of fun, learning and games of course planned for the week with some special guests and treats! Join us and bring a friend so we can learn about how much Jesus loves us and go out and share that love with everyone!



Weekly Zoom 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. Anyone welcome!

If this time doesn't work, contact Pastor William to set up a time that does.

DID YOU KNOW!

We also have a Zoom “Teen” Bible Study Discussion! It’s open to everyone.

Let your young adults know of this wonderful way of connecting with God and each other. Call the office on how to join in!



Stark Hunger Walk – Sunday, May 7th



The Stark Interfaith Hunger Walk is back in person this year on Sunday, May 7th at North Canton Community Christian Church on Main St. Registration is at 2pm and the walk begins at 3pm. They have a lot of great activities planned prior to the walk with a soup and dessert social to follow. This is an interfaith walk to raise funds for the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank and help end hunger in our community. Much like the Habitat Faith Build, many different Faith Communities are coming together to help battle one of the leading problems in our county, state and nation – food insecurity.

How can you help? You can sign up to walk on May 7th and/or you can sponsor Zion’s team of walkers. We are collecting cash donations in any amount from \$1 to \$5 thru Sunday, May 7th from anyone interested in sponsoring Zion’s team of walkers. All that donate will receive a sneaker to sign their name on which will be hung around the church. We hope to have sneakers covering the church walls. There are volunteer opportunities on May 7th if you are unable to walk. Please see Debbie Fox if you would like to volunteer. Our Boy Scout Troop at Zion will be sending 6 Scouts to help that day!

Sign up sheets for walkers are in Luther Hall. We hope to have a large group of walkers wearing our yellow “God’s Work Our Hands” t shirts. Friendly dogs on leashes are welcome too. Please join us for this great event that supports our mission of mattering to the community and helping so many.

• STARK HUNGER WALK •




FEED the NEED

THE NEED IS CRITICAL.
Hunger affects **1 in 7 people** in our communities.
1 out of 8 area CHILDREN lack regular access to food.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

- 2:00 p.m. — Registration
- 3:00 p.m. — Start of approximately 2.1 mile walk
- Afterwards — Hot Soup Social. All walkers are invited.





2.1 Mile Walk
Registration, Start and Soup Social
Community Christian Church
210 North Main St.
North Canton, 44720

2023 Habitat Faith Build Update

We are so blessed and excited to once again be part of this incredible project and to partner with Habitat for Humanity of East Central Ohio. This year's Faith Build will include three houses for three amazing families! The build location is at the SE corner of 18th Street NE and Root Avenue NE in Canton.

Meet this year's Families:



How can you help? Volunteer to work on site – no experience necessary! Prepare and deliver lunches for our work days! Pray for the families, volunteers and Habitat staff throughout the build! Make sure to check out the Bulletin Board in the hall by the restrooms for more information and photos of the build throughout the summer.

Here are our volunteer work dates:

DAY ONE

Date: Saturday, June 10

Time: 8:00am-2:30pm

Location: Site C

Task: Exterior Walls

Number of Volunteers: 8-10

Minimum Age: 18

***Lunch:** Deliver 14 lunches
between 11:30am-noon

DAY TWO

Date: Saturday, July 15

Time: 8:00am-2:30pm

Location: Site A

Task: Siding

Number of Volunteers: 6-8

Minimum Age: 18

***Lunch:** Deliver 12 lunches
between 11:30am-noon

DAY THREE

Date: Saturday, August 19
Time: 8:00am-2:30pm
Location: Site A
Task: Paint
Number of Volunteers: 8-10
Minimum Age: 14
***Lunch:** Deliver 14 lunches between 11:30am-noon

Sign up sheets for volunteer days and to help with the lunch crew which will be led by Cindy Bagocius are located in Luther Hall. Please consider being a part of this project where we see God’s love in action!

2023 Artistic Rendering of this year’s Faith Building



CONCEPT DRAWING



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” – Isaiah 6: 8

Thank you for your Support of the Easter Egg Tree for Wernle

We met Chris Parker and Lindsey from Wernle on April 19th to deliver all of the items collected from our Easter Egg Tree!



We received 24 new towel sets, a box of 26 deodorants, a box of 25 body washes, a box of 29 shampoos, a box of 10 packs of socks and 9 packs of underwear, 14 gift cards (worth \$305) and \$1,000 cash donation from our collection

Thanks be to God for everyone’s generosity, love and kindness for the kids and staff at Wernle! God’s love in action!

Chris will make his annual visit to Zion on Sunday, August 13th.





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



Return Service Requested



Worship Services
Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Casual Service

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Statement of Purpose:
Zion matters to the community by
showing the love of Jesus Christ

Office hours:
9:00am to 3:00pm
M-F
Doors open at 9am

