

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

June 2023



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LISTEN TO MY CORRECTION, MY SONS, FOR I SPEAK TO YOU AS YOUR FATHER. LET DISCERNMENT ENTER YOUR HEART AND YOU WILL GROW WISE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING I IMPART. MY REVELATION-TRUTH IS A GIFT TO YOU, SO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO MY INSTRUCTION. – PROVERBS 4:1-2

Message from our President:

The month of June ushers in the summer season and weather that encourages all of us to engage in that interaction that is so fundamental to God's plan. We enter June emotionally energized by our celebration on Sunday May 28 of the events of Pentecost, through which the Holy Spirit now dwells among us, enabling us to experience love, joy and peace, and the satisfaction that comes from serving others. Our focus is now on the need to keep a faith-filled routine in the summertime, recognizing that God is with us always- including when we are on vacation.

Maintaining a faith-filled routine requires vigilant attention to stewardship. Stewardship is not about fundraising, increasing church membership, financial management or even increasing the amount of worship service offerings. Simply put, stewardship is a recognition of the fact that we own nothing, that all we have has been entrusted to our care by God, and that we need to utilize and manage the resources He has entrusted to us in a manner that attests to His glory and augments the beauty of the world He has created. Stewardship entails an understanding of the obligation we, as Christians, have to do all we can to fortify and enhance our ability to employ the vast resources placed at our disposal to the maximum benefit of others.

God's all encompassing and never ending love for us is manifested most visibly and perfectly in His Son, Jesus Christ. As stewards, the role of Christians is to make God's love visible by imitating Jesus. The Stated Purpose of Zion Lutheran is to "Matter to the Community by Showing the Love of Jesus Christ." To ensure that our endeavors are consistent with our Stated Purpose Zion's Elders have been engaged in introspective workshops, reviewing the various Ministries' responsibilities outlined in Zion's Resolutions and By-laws to determine if they are consistent with the mission of effectively utilizing the resources entrusted to us in a way that enables us to most effectively and efficiently serve others and create an environment where all can experience the life enhancing beauty of God's overwhelming and all conquering love for the human race. We ask that the Congregation pray with us that God will give us the wisdom to discern the proper course of action to take in response to what we believe this introspective study has revealed to us.

In the coming months Zion will once again host a Vacation Bible School program, a cruise-in to benefit the Valor House for homeless veterans, and the North Canton Bike Rodeo -all of which we believe are consistent with our determination to make a difference in the community. To polish the skills needed to fortify our ability to perform our stewardship role some of us will be participating in ELCA "Vital Congregations Training" while others will be participating in the ELCA's "Stewardship for All Seasons" training. We respectfully ask for the Congregation's support in all of these endeavors.

Lord, thank You for entrusting to our care the resources needed to serve others. Help us to remain ever cognizant of Your all powerful love for us and the need to imitate Your Son in all our actions. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fidler
Council President**



June is here, time to start my annual weed garden, I wish I could grow grass as easy as weeds; however, that is never the case. Our goal in the Caring Ministry is to help people care for their weeds through our Supporting Teams. The Food Pantry and Shared Goods Teams are now part of the Social Ministry; nothing has changed except where they report. Please continue your generous support to these vital teams and the services they provide to our community. Thank you to all the supporters and volunteers that make these teams possible.

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 – Thankfully, none were needed in May.

Feed a Friend – Laura Thompson: Two families were served during April.

Blood Program—Team Leader, Debbie Fox:
Next Blood Drive is Wednesday June 14th.
3:00 PM to 7:00. The Vitalant Donor Account is changing; therefore, everyone has been assigned a new ID. We must create new Vitalant Donor Accounts after May 16th.

Comfort Givers – Darleen Milavickas. No Report

Greeting Cards – Consider donating supplies or volunteering.

Gracious Savior, strengthen our faith to believe that Thou will lead us safely past all pitfalls of this world and life. Amen.

G. Scott Gross—Caring Ministry Elder



Chancel Guild—Connie Riffle and Janet Slease

HOLY COMMUNION The Chancel Guild gathered on March 25 for a breakfast meeting and sanctuary cleaning. Thank you to all of our members for participating in the meeting and helping to make our sanctuary clean and refreshing.



We have a great team that helps prepare for worship in many ways.

If you would like to become a member to help with this reverent service for our church, please see one of us. We'd love to have you on the team!



LEARNING MINISTRY– Debbie Fox

Adult Sunday School

Starting this month the group will meet in Luther Hall after Sunday service for coffee, delicious treats and Bible discussion. The group will be led by Pastor William. Please join us for a meaningful and worthwhile discussion of God's Word.

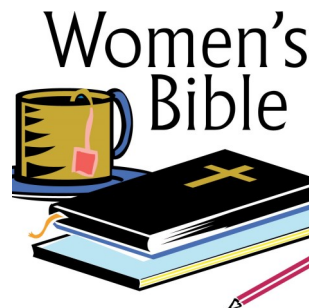
Confirmation & High School Classes

These classes will meet Wednesdays at 6 pm through the summer starting June 7th. We will gather at the Coffee Exchange for classes.



Summer Bible Adventure Pre-K thru 6th Grades

Join us at Summer Bible Adventure on Wednesdays at 6pm starting June 7th. We will meet outside in the pavilion weather permitting, otherwise we will meet at the Coffee Exchange and head to class. Each week there will be a Bible lessons, games, snacks and more! We are looking forward to a fun and exciting Summer Bible Adventure! See you there!



Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to an at-home Bible Study with Cindy Bagocius at her home on the first Monday of the month starting in August.

August 7, September 4 (Labor Day Brunch -nice!), and October 2. Come to 1600 Chadford Gate SE North Canton to devote an hour from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Word and in the company of each other. The material to be used is from the GATHER Magazine of WELCA. Call Cindy at 234-207-3638 for more information.

This same opportunity is also offered at the home of Ruth Reinoehl at 7:00 p.m. in the evenings of those first Monday.

The address is 407 9th Street, North Canton. Her phone contact is 330-284-6068.

Weekly Bible Discussion

Bible discussions for adults are on Thursdays at 9am 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.

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

2023 Stark Hunger Walk

What a great day and great event! 123 walkers and 5 dogs from different faith communities in Stark County participated in this year's Stark Hunger Walk on May 7th. There were also another 27 people who volunteered to



make the event such a great success! Together (as one), these faith communities raised \$9,644.00 for the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. Praise God for everyone's efforts to help eliminate hunger in our community.

A huge thank you to Becky Arbogast and Community Christian Church in North Canton for hosting the walk. There was face painting, a drum line, music, a soup social after the walk and so much more!

Team Zion had 19 walkers – Mark Denman, Jane Fairman & her daughter Roxanne, Debbie Fox, Arnie Givler, Cathy Harvey, Renee, Ben & Drew Keith, Melissa Leasure, John & Mallory Rhodes, Connie Riffle, Jayne Schrader, Janet & Melanie Slease, Linda Smith and Pastor & Linda Weidenbach. Our team received \$512 in sponsor donations from the congregation and we matched \$250 from the Youth Missions fund for a total donation of \$762. Thank you to everyone who walked and supported our team.

Zion also provided the desserts for the soup social that followed the walk. Our bakers (Darlene Milavickas, Dave Palumbo, Ruth Reinoehl, Nicole Milek, Cora Wilson, Deb Fox, Jayne Schrader, Janet Slease, Susan Whalen) provided over 400 delicious cookies and brownies that received high praise! Thank you to all of our amazing bakers!

We are already looking forward to next year's walk – Sunday, May 5, 2024. Mark your calendars and keep fighting to end hunger in our community!





Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

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| Vicki Givler | June 1 |
| Scott Gross | June 4 |
| Jordyn Davis | June 5 |
| Louis Varlamos | June 7 |
| Susan Heyard | June 9 |
| Erica Whalen | June 11 |
| Linda Smith | June 14 |
| Kat Milek | June 15 |
| Evelyn Moore | June 18 |
| Debbie Fox | June 20 |
| Fritz Cizek | June 20 |
| Becky Drakulich | June 24 |
| Jim Fidler | June 27 |
| Amanda Haga | June 30 |



June Anniversaries

Josh & Renee Keith
 Gary & Shirley Horton
 Scott & Kathleen Gross
 Gary & Jane Fairman
 Richard & Nancy Biggerstaff

Outdoor Worship Service

Every Wednesday - 7pm
 In the Pavilion

Child care available—Infant thru Kindergarten

Hey you guys:



MEN, PLEASE join us at the church on the last Saturday of the month, 8:30 in the morning, as we continue to discuss the book, ***“Not in it to win it”*** by Andy Stanley. This book is a thought-provoking commentary on how Christians have not been following the Biblical teachings of Jesus since about the first century. 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 still two copies available in the church office, (no cost) just ask the secretary. This book is a VERY enlightening book which challenges all Christians in their daily lives.

BE SURE TO BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!

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’ will be in hiatus until September.

(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!”

ZION'S ISRAEL TRIP

There is still time to sign up for the trip. Currently there are 13 signed up with a possible 7 others (singles) going. We are allowing couples to ask another couple along so that hopefully we can have a big enough group to be on our own. Commitment won't be until August when Sheryl Butler, our AAA travel agent, will talk to those going. We have to wait that long because some 2024 tours are not all out yet.

If you have questions you can talk to Ruth Reinoehl or contact her at 330-284-6080 or rebrowning5@gmail.com. There is an information sheet in Luther Hall.



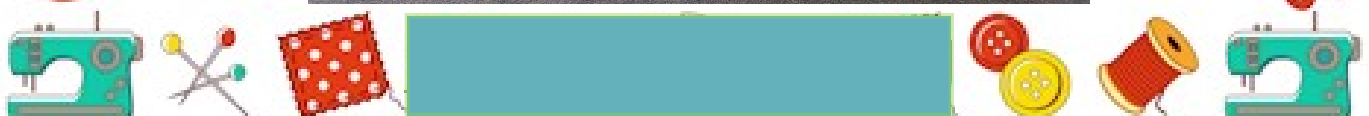
COMFORT GIVERS— Darlene Milavickas Elder

We have completed comforters for the men at Refuge of Hope. We are going to have a blessing of the comforters this month before we take them down to Refuge of Hope. We will be making more for Refuge of Hope later in the year. We are also busy working on getting ready for Vacation Bible School.



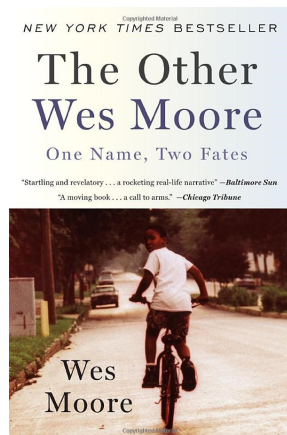
The Comfort Givers will be working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of VBS week putting 10 quilts together with squares the children will be making and ones we have cut out. It is always great to see the children's faces when they see their colored squares in the quilts.

Come join us on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10am-12pm. We make the quilts, and have great fellowship with coffee and treats



BOOK DISCUSSION

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 Other Wes Moore, by Wes Moore - June 2, 2023

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



Blood Drive - Wednesday, June 14 3 – 7 pm in the gym
We Want Your Blood! They Need Your Blood!

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Each patient is someone's daughter, like Aria, 6, whose 40 transfusions kept her alive during a three-year leukemia battle; or someone's father, like Dan, who needed 121 units of blood to survive a serious car accident; or a mom like Taylor, who lost 60% of her blood from childbirth complications but is alive today thanks to blood donors. Thanks be to God for all those who donate!

There is still a critical need for blood so please give if you can. It truly is the gift of life! You can schedule your own appointment, or Debbie Fox can schedule one for you.

To make your own appointment go to:

Vitalant.org

Click on "donate"

Click on "schedule an appointment"

And search by city, zip and date

Or use "Advanced Search" and Group code: U1525

Remaining 2023 Blood Drive dates:

Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 3-7pm

Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 4-7pm

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

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



FINANCE

MAY UPDATE

Peace be with you! I trust the sun and God's blessings are shining on you all!

Easter has ended and Pentecost is beginning; Memorial Day weekend signifies the start of the summer season. It also signals the start of a number of Zion ministries; Habitat for Humanity Faith Build with "3" Saturday work days throughout the summer to help create affordable housing; VBS is on the horizon with its educational and entertaining spiritual instruction and the Cruise-In will occur in July to benefit Valor Home for homeless veterans. Each of these ministries provide an opportunity for your stewardship participation by supplying your physical, spiritual and financial resources to make them successful in achieving our mission of "mattering to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ". We trust you will provide your enthusiastic support and participation to these activities in addition to our monthly Food Pantry and Shared Goods Place ministries which are sorely needed.

To reinforce that our 2023 Stewardship campaign, "Building a Culture of Generosity" continues to be a point of emphasis, we provided you with feedback on your execution of Intent Card commitments with a 4-month Giving Statement at end of April. More than 90% of Zion Intent Card participants are meeting or exceeding their commitments. In addition, most Zion givers are participating at levels which exceed 2022. Your spiritual, physical, and financial support is critical for us to accomplish Zion's ministries and share the good News with our community in a fiscally responsible manner.

April giving results were an 11% improvement over March 2023 and 2% increase versus April 2022. Giving year-to-date is 13% ahead of 2022 levels. April results produced an operating deficit of \$6,146 and year-to-date deficit of \$19,732. We solicit your continued positive financial support to adequately fund Zion's ministries.

Opportunities abound for us to make 2023 a safe, happy, and healthy year of sharing our resources to positively impact our community. God will assist to make your individual contributions compound to ensure it happens.

Prayer: Lord, we are blessed to consider resources you make available to do your work at Zion. Please provide the 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

| | April 2023 | Full Year 2023 |
|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Giving | \$28,115.75 | \$106,529.98 |
| Expenses | \$34,262.42 | \$126,262.90 |
| Difference | -\$6,146.67 | -\$19,732.92 |

Shared Goods - Darlene Milavickas, Elder

We started a great month for shared goods by being open on May 2nd for the community and our food pantry friends. We had all our tables out in the gym for a huge night with North Canton Care Teams, "Summer Tote Give Away". We had about 10 new families go through Shared Goods after they received their items from the Care Team. The evening was a great success with the families getting lots of items. We were open again for the community on May 15th in the evening.

We had about 6 families. Some were repeaters from the Care Team give away night, which is fantastic. We also had a great turn out on Tuesday May 16th. It is great to see we are able to provide our friends with things they need. It is wonderful that we have such support from the community with donations and from the congregation with donations and volunteers.



God, thank you for giving us the space, items and volunteers that enables us to help your people that are in need. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to be able to serve more people. Amen.

Debbie,
Thank you so very much
for donating an upright
freezer to our food cupboard.
It will help storing more
food. It is organizations
like yours that help the less
fortunate in our
community.

Thanks again,
The Fairless Food Cupboard

I have not stopped
giving thanks to God
for you.

EPHESIANS 1:16 GNT



2023 Stamp Out Hunger - submitted by Debbie Fox

The US Postal Service hosts a national event each year to help fight hunger called Stamp Out Hunger. This year's event took place on Saturday, May 13th. The Postal Service asks our communities to leave non perishable food items out by their mailbox for this event. The postal workers then collect this food on their routes and bring it back to the post offices.

In Stark County, the Stark County Hunger Task Force is the recipient of all of the food donations. The Food Pantries that are part of SCHTF all have the opportunity to pick up this food to help supply their pantries. We were fortunate to have two post offices to collect from – Uniontown and Jackson Belden. Zion's Food Pantry received over 2,000 pounds of food from Stamp Out Hunger this year – Praise God! Thank you to the US Postal Service and members of the Stark County Community for their efforts in the fight to stamp out hunger!



A huge thank you to Cathy Harvey, her friend Mike, George Martin, Darlene Milavickas, John & Mallory Rhodes and Jayne Schrader for helping me load all the food and deliver it back to Zion. Thank you to Darlene, Jayne, Mallory & John, and Ken & Ruth Reinoehl for helping sort all of the food for distribution! It was a very busy day and everyone's time and efforts are so greatly appreciated!



Friday
July 21, 2023
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church **Cruise-In**

Helping Homeless Veterans *Valor Home*

**Valor Home's Choice Award
Door Prizes, Free Food, 50/50
Drawing to benefit
Homeless Veterans**

*Music by:
"The Spikeman"*

*For more information contact Darlene at: (330) 412-4336
349 Lindy Lane Ave., North Canton*





- A group from Zion are going to the Akron Rubber Ducks Baseball Game on Sunday, July 20th.
- The game will begin at 2:05 pm
- If we can get more than 24 in our group, we will be able to get a discount of \$12, per ticket. (This means we do not know the price of the tickets until we know if we have at least 24 signed up)
- We have a sign-up sheet in Luther Hall for those who are interested in attending the game.

- This activity is open to **EVERYONE!!!!**
- **Mom's, Dads, Kids, Grandparents, and even friends.**
- PS. [some partial scholarships will be available]
- PPS: We will only be providing the tickets. Transportation and refreshments will be considered as "Dutch Treat".

**Zion Lutheran Church
North Canton, Ohio**

JUNE ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| June 4, 2023 | Cindy Bagocius |
| June 11, 2023 | Linda Weidenbach |
| June 18, 2023 | Ken Reinoehl |
| June 25, 2023 | George Miller |

JUNE ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

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| June 4, 2023 | LJ Brown |
| June 11, 2023 | Ben Keith |
| June 18, 2023 | Ava Medina |
| June 25, 2023 | Kenadi Medina |

JUNE READER SCHEDULE

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| June 4, 2023 | John Long |
| June 11, 2023 | Ruth Reinoehl |
| June 18, 2023 | Jayne Schrader |
| June 25, 2023 | Brian Milek |

JUNE ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE

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| June 4, 2023 | Carol McKimm |
| June 11, 2023 | Carol McKimm |
| June 18, 2023 | Steve Moore |
| June 25, 2023 | Jack Brannen |

JUNE CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE
SATURDAY

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| June 3, 2023- | Sally Bunyan & Jayne Schrader |
| June 10, 2023- | Beth Shaheen & Sally Bunyan |
| June 17, 2023 - | Darlene Milavickas, Beth Shaheen |
| June 24, 2023 - | Darlene Milavickas, Jayne Schrader |

SUNDAY

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| June 4, 2023 - | Sally Bunyan & Jayne Schrader |
| June 11, 2023 - | Beth Shaheen & Sally Bunyan |
| June 18, 2023 - | Beth Shaheen, Jayne Schrader |
| June 25, 2023 - | Darlene Milavickas |

9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS

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| June 4, 2023 | George Miller |
| June 11, 2023 | Laura Thompson |
| June 18, 2023 | Dave Palumbo |
| June 25, 2023 | Darlene Milavickas |

**Call the office
to find out
how you can
get involved!**

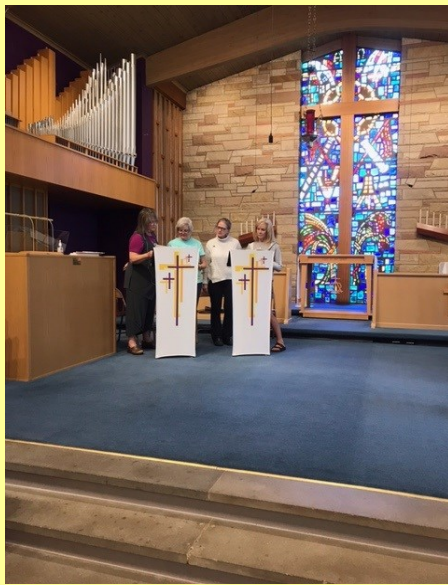


Paul Bagocius— Worship Ministry Elder

Final plans have been made for starting a modified worship service on the first Sunday of each month. While the liturgy will remain the same, praise songs will be sung by the congregation and led by the First Sunday Singers (Darlene M., Cindy B., Beth H., and Linda W.). This revised service will begin on the first Sunday in June with Carol McKimm playing piano. The other Sundays of the month will remain a traditional service with hymns played on the organ. A special "THANK YOU" goes to Darlene and Carol M. for the time they are putting into these first Sundays in making this change a meaningful time to worship our God.

Installation of Council and VBS commissioning will take place on Sunday, June 25.

Our sponsored Scout Troop will be approached about helping during the Sunday service on November 12 honoring Veterans' Day.



Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for providing an abundance of willing servants to make your Sunday and Wednesday Services times of praise and honor to You, to Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen



Vacation bible School 2023 – Twists & Turns

Join us at Twists & Turns this year where we will learn that following Jesus not only changes the game, it changes everything! Zion's Vacation Bible School is **June 26th – 30th, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday.** At Twists & Turns VBS, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based week as they learn that Jesus guides us through all of the twists and turns of our lives. They will discover that even when they mess up, it is never "game over" with Jesus!

This year's program is designed for children ages 4 through those who have completed 5th grade, and remains **FREE** to all participants because of your continued support. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis with a maximum of 50 children. Activities will include Bible study, games, crafting, singing, outdoor activities and community service. Snacks will also be provided for the children Monday through Thursday, and we will provide pizza for lunch on Friday.

For your convenience, a registration form is included. Please return the completed form by **Thursday, June 22nd** to help us plan for the appropriate class sizes and numbers. Registrations will be accepted during the week of VBS only if space is available.

Each child must be picked up by a parent or alternate person that you have designated on the registration form, regardless of the child's age. We also ask that your child wear tennis shoes, or shoes with enclosed toes every day for safety reasons.

Twist & Turns Highlights:

- ✝ **Monday, June 26th:** The twist and turns begin! Quilt Square Creation begins today!
- ✝ **Tuesday, June 27th:** Special Guests, Jackie Godbey from Stark County Humane Society & some furry friends
- ✝ **Thursday, June 29th:** Twists & Turns Water Fun and Games Day (weather permitting) – swim suits & sunscreen and the Kona Ice Truck will be here
- ✝ **Friday, June 30th:** Twists & Turns Celebration – outdoor games & activities and our Music Program at 12:00 pm followed by pizza and ice cream.

Please feel free to call the church office at (330)499-3909 with any questions you might have. Thank you for sharing your child with us for a week of fun, friendship, learning, service and God's Love!

2023 VBS SERVICE PROJECTS



Community service is an important part of Zion's VBS Program. It teaches the children love and compassion, and how they can put God's love into action! They will experience how important serving God is by doing his will and helping others in their lives! We hope they realize that no matter how old you are, and no matter how big or small the act, you can truly make a difference in showing others that they are loved and cared for by God and others!

Donations are always optional and appreciated, if you are able. The following is a summary of this year's projects on page 17.



FOOD COLLECTION – Zion is partnering with the North Canton Cares Pantry to support a weekly backpack program for North Canton Students this summer. Zion will be collecting items to help fill the backpacks for the students in our community.



Items we are collecting:
Assorted Fruit Cups
Assorted Cheese or
Peanut Butter Cracker
Packs



LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION – We will have a collection jar out each morning for the kids to bring in loose change. We will keep track of our total each day and see how much we can collect from this small act of kindness. The money collected will be donated to Stark DD Special Olympics (<https://www.specialolympicsstark.com/>).

QUILT SQUARES - The children will continue a VBS tradition and create quilt squares for Zion's Comfort Givers to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will raffle one quilt to be chosen Friday. Tickets will be available during the week - 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. All proceeds from the Quilt Raffle will go to Stark DD Special Olympics.

DAILY PROJECTS - The children will work on several service projects throughout the week at Zion and at home making a difference in the lives of many in our community and beyond. God calls us to go out and serve, making disciples of others and telling about his amazing love!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you.

- Matthew 28:

Pastor Weidenbach-

In these days following Easter, I give thanks for the ways you led God's people through Holy Week. May the alleluias of this season be refreshment for your soul!

Peace,

Bishop Barbins

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!



Our first volunteer work day is coming up Saturday, June 10th. We are so excited to get to work to help build three homes for three amazing 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! Check out the Bulletin Board in the hall by the restrooms for more information and photos of the build throughout the summer.

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

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

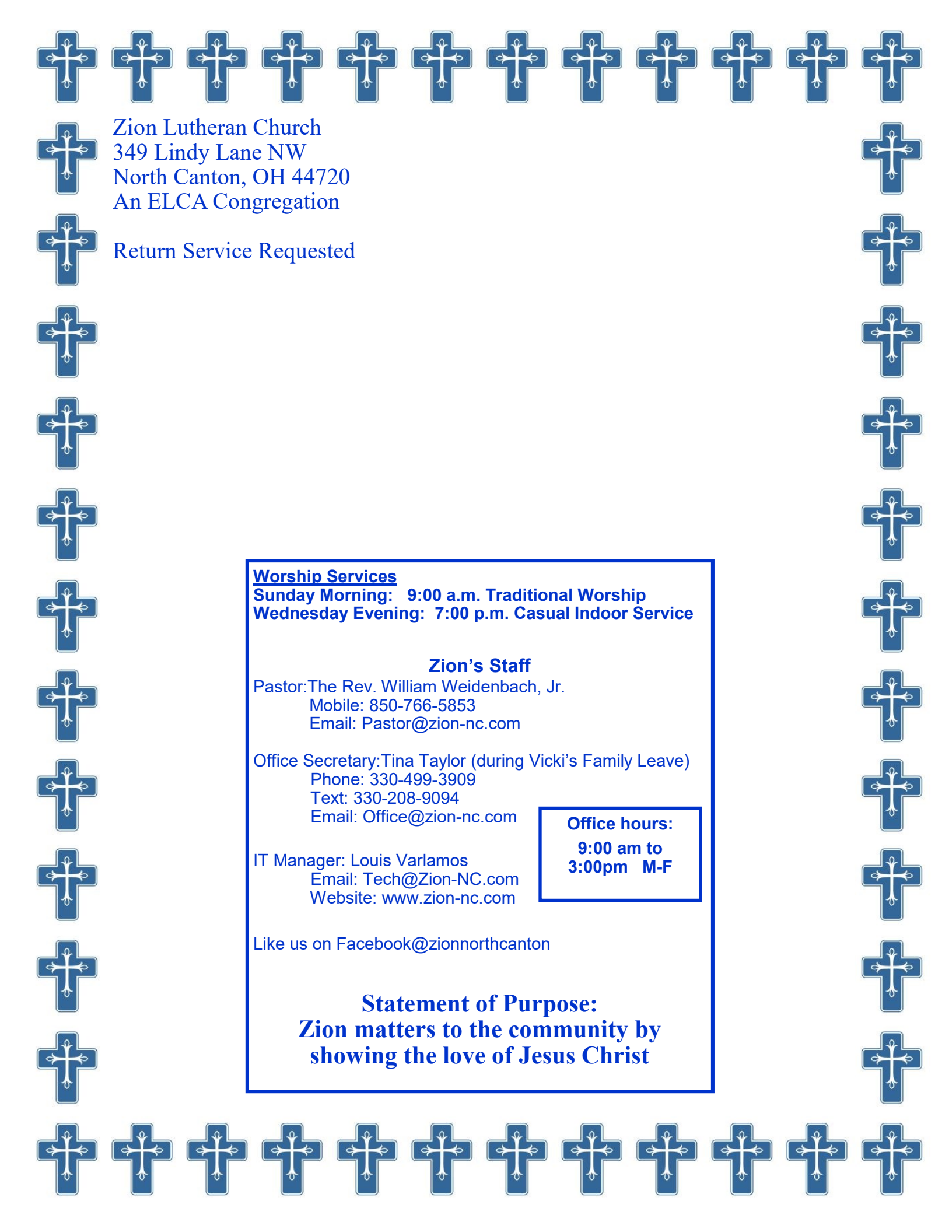
Task: Paint

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!



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An ELCA Congregation

Return Service Requested

Worship Services

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

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