

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

August 2023

*“FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO THE PLACE
WHERE IT SETS, THE NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE
PRAISED.”*

PSALM 113:3



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Message from our President:

For the most part, we associate the month of August with the climax of Summer. We view it as a final opportunity to relax and enjoy leisurely recreational activities with family, friends, relatives and those we might not have a chance to get together other times of the year. Leisure affords us the opportunity to restore emotional and intellectual balance in our lives so that we may face the daily rigors of a hectic, busy world with calmness and confidence.

As Christians, we appreciate that leisure time is another blessing bestowed by God to rejuvenate us and replenish the spiritual juices that enable us to continue with efforts to do His work. "... for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun." Ecclesiastes 8:15

As Christians we seek to use our leisure time to reflect on our blessings and contemplate what God expects of us. As children of our Divine Creator we understand the importance of stewardship in our whole lives. We recognize that God has entrusted to our care not only all that we have but all that we are. He has entrusted to our care not just our money and material possessions but also our talent, time, intelligence, moral character, and the capacity to judiciously use our ability to interact with others to establish meaningful relationships in pursuit of efforts to contribute to the welfare of our fellow beings.

As Christians we must continue to ask ourselves if we are being good stewards of these resources. Are we using them in ways that are pleasing in His sight? Are we behaving in ways that nourish our relationships with family, friends and the community? Are we employing the resources He has entrusted to us to equip us to have a closer relationship with Him?

As members of a vibrant Congregation we are all familiar with Zion's Statement of Purpose: "Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ." Opportunities abound for each and every one of us to utilize the personal resources entrusted to us by God to assist in accomplishing that stated purpose. In your leisure please consider how you may best assist in facilitating Zion's effort to be a part of the community and serve others. Can you be of service on Council? Are you in a position to serve on one of our many committees? Might you be able to participate in efforts at Christian education or the Worship Service? Would you be able to help at the Food Pantry or volunteer at one of our other outreach activities? As you ponder these questions, enjoy the rest of Summer.

Lord, thank You for the Command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help those of us who have been entrusted with more than we need to recognize God's call to be more generous to those in need. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fidler
Council President**



“August come she must”! As we start to harvest the vegetables from our gardens; let’s give thanks for vine ripened tomatoes, zucchini, squash, peppers, and beans. I plant in alphabetical order; therefore, my only weed problem is in the zucchini. Because we are caring people, let us be generous with our abundance by providing extras to our friends and neighbors.

Supporting Teams:

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

Visitations – No Team Leader Assigned.

Transportation – No Team Leader Assigned.

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

Funeral Reception Meals – No Report.

Feed a Friend – Laura Thompson: No meals were served in June.

Blood Program—Debbie Fox: Next Blood Drive is Wednesday August 9th 4:00 pm to 7:00. Thank you for your support.

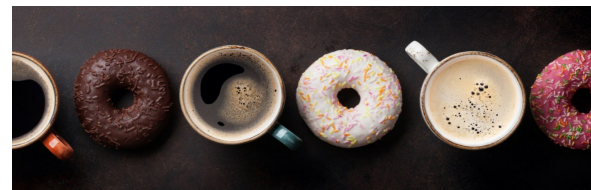
Comfort Givers – Darleen Milavickas. See article in this months Herald.

Greeting Cards – No Report.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that in Christ our sin is forgiven; give us the courage to overcome sin in our daily lives. Amen.

G. Scott Gross—Caring Ministry Elder

Coffee & Donuts Social - Darlene Milavickas



There will be a Coffee & Donut Social following the Sunday Worship Service every Sunday through the summer.

Acme Community Cash Back Program starts this month!



The Community Cash Back program will run from August 1, 2023 – February 15, 2024.

Community Cash Back is BIGGER and BETTER than ever! Acme Fresh Market is proud to provide our community with more time to collect, which means more Community Cash Back to Zion! We have registered for this year’s program and collection jars will be located at the Coffee Exchange and in the Narthex. Please bring in your Acme Receipts dated August 1, 2023 through February 14, 2024. Zion will receive 5% of the Community Cash Back amount listed on the bottom of the receipt.

Israel Trip - Ruth Reinoehl

We will have AAA Travel Agent Sheryl Butler come to Zion on August 20th at 11:30 am to discuss details of the trip. I highly recommend that those who plan on going on trip in November 2024 attend.



LEARNING MINISTRY– Debbie Fox

Adult Sunday School

Calling all adults! Join us in Luther Hall after Sunday service at 10:15 am for coffee, delicious treats and Bible discussion. The group will be led by Pastor William. Join us for a meaningful and worthwhile discussion of God’s Word as we further our Christian Education journey – there is so much to learn!

Confirmation & High School Classes

These classes will meet Wednesdays at 6 pm throughout the summer. We will gather at the Coffee Exchange for classes.

Summer Bible Adventure Pre-K thru 6th Grades

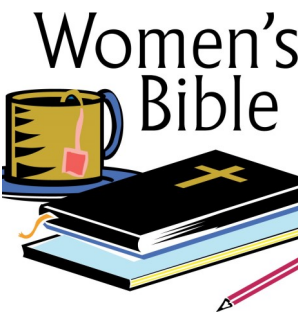


Summer Bible Adventure will continue Wednesdays at 6 pm through August 23rd. Join us for important lessons in to God’s Word along with crafts, games and snacks! We will meet at the Coffee Exchange and head to class. We will see you on Wednesday evenings for fun and learning about God’s Word.

On, Sunday, September 3rd we will kick off our Sunday Bible Adventures with a scavenger hunt and service project for Habitat for Humanity after service. Sunday Bible Adventure will meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 am after service in our classrooms in the back hall.



Women’s Bible Study



Women’s Bible

Calling all women! You are invited to join our first at-home Bible Study on Monday, August 7th. Cindy Bagocius is leading one session at her home (1600 Chadford Gate SE North Canton) from 10 – 11 am. Call Cindy at 234-207-3638 for more information.

Ruth Reinoehl will host a second session on Monday August 7th from 7- 8 p.m, at her home (407 9th Street, North Canton). Her phone contact is 330-284-6068.

Come and devote an hour in the Word and in the company of each other. This session is titled, “Salvation Now”, and is from the GATHER

Magazine of WELCA.

There are two additional sessions scheduled for the first Monday in September and October at the same time and locations. We hope you will join us and dive into God’s Word for an engaging discussion.

Weekly ZOOM Bible Discussion

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 the session.
- If this time doesn’t work, contact Pastor William to set up a time that does.
- We encourage everyone to join the weekly Bible discussions – please let us know how we can make joining this discussion easier and inviting to you!

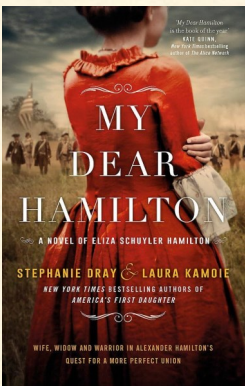
Dear God, help us to open our minds, our ears and our hearts to what You are telling us, and to do what You want us to! Guide us in our pursuit of learning your Word every day. Amen

The Picks are In

Like to read? Consider joining one or more of our Reading Discussion Group sessions in the 2023-24 season, which opens the first Friday in September, 2023 at 10 am and continues through the first Friday of June, 2024 at 10 am.

Here's the new picks -

September: *My Dear Hamilton*, by Eliza Schuyler



October: *And It Was Good*, by Madeline L'Engle*
November: *Dust Child*, by Nguyen Phan Que Mai
December: *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, by Khalid Hosseini
January: *A Stone for a Pillow*, by Madeline L'Engle*
February: *The Wisdom of Morrie*, by Morrie Schwartz
March: *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict
April: *The Wright Brothers*, by David McCollough
May: *Dorothy Fuldheim*, by Patricia Mote
June: *The Night of Many Endings*, by Melissa Payne

*These two stories by L'Engle can be found in a one-volume trilogy called *The Genesis Trilogy*

The meeting place is Zion Lutheran Church, unless otherwise directed.
For information, call, text, or email Linda Weidenbach at 850-766-5640 or lindakjw@gmail.com.





Marcus Rhodes	August 4
Janet Slease	August 5
Justin Dague	August 5
Beth Shaheen	August 6
Dean Fox	August 7
Dave Valykeo	August 8
Renee Palumbo	August 9
Kay Davis	August 10
Jim Whalen	August 10
Pastor William	August 16
Christian Henderson	August 18
Rich Biggerstaff	August 19
Chrissy Nicholson	August 20
Cathy Harvey	August 21
Laura Thompson	August 26
Gary Fairman	August 27
Darlene Milavickas	August 28
Steve Dague	August 28



Amanda and Keith Haga	August 1
Cathy and Steve Harvey	August 2
Carole and Ron Singer	August 17
Louise and Melvin Lindberg	August 20
Linda and Dan Wilson	August 29



My sincere thank you to everyone for the inspiring get well cards during the last couple of months after surgery and recuperation and for my birthday cards. A special thank to Pastor for his visits and giving me Holy Communion.

*God Bless
Evelyn Moore*



**Every Wednesday
7pm**

**In the Pavilion
Bring family and friends!
Everyone Welcome!**

**Child care available—Infant thru
Kindergarten**

Paul Bagocius, Worship Ministry Elder

Our Ministry is already planning for the Christmas season in December. Plans call for Advent Services on Sunday evenings beginning Dec. 3, with dinners at 5:30pm and services at 6:15pm. There will be 9am Sunday services during Advent. Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, there will be a Christmas Eve service in the evening at 7pm (no dinner), which will replace the Advent evening service on Dec. 24.

There will also be a Monday morning Christmas Day service at 9am to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It will be a special service specifically designed for the celebration of His birth. Just like an Easter Sunrise service would be different than a normal Sunday service, so will our Christmas Day service be different.

Plans are being made to have a "Blue Christmas" service on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 3pm for those who may appreciate knowing that this special service is for them, who may have experienced emotional difficulty during this season. Jesus loves them and so do we through this support.

Our First Sunday Singers will lead the congregation with three Praise Songs (Gathering, Song of the Day, and Sending) beginning in August. We are excited that Darlene, Linda W., Beth, and Cindy have stepped up in leading the singing on the first Sunday of each month. They did an outstanding job in July!

During the Sunday morning service on August 13, Pastor will do a "Back to School" blessing for all individuals involved in going back to school (students, teachers: Sunday School and regular school, college, etc.) Special Zion back pack tags will be distributed to these individuals as a reminder that Jesus is with them, even at school.

Dear Father, thank you for providing the people who love you and work to conduct two services per week to honor and glorify You, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit. And thank you for providing a congregation that faithfully comes and supports our Church as we continue to make a difference in our community through the love of Jesus Christ. Amen

AT-YOUR-TABLE SUPPER CLUB

Purpose Statement: To meet and fellowship with other church members in an at-home setting, getting to know them beyond just a Sunday greeting. Groupings are not necessarily formed to meet with prior friends, but to meet different people attending Zion.

Guidelines:

- Couples/singles are grouped to form a party of 5 or 6.
- This party will meet once a month for 3 months (Fall: Sept., Oct., Nov.).
- Each couple/single will prepare and host one at-home dinner for the group during their designated month.
- Dates, times, and month of hosting of these dinners are mutually agreed upon by the group (party).
- No dinners during the 4th month (Dec.).
- Registration required. Supper groups formed by Paul and Cindy Bagocius from sign-up lists. Questions? 330-329-4678

At-Your-Table Sign Up

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Please return form in the offering plate or office or call 330-329-4678 no later than Sunday, August 27, 2023.



The North Canton Jaycees hosted Safety Town at Zion the week of July 17th. Safety Town is a program for children in North Canton that are going into Kindergarten and teaches a variety of safety issues like fire safety, bus safety, bike safety, dog safety, water

safety and more. Thank you to Gary Coen from the NC Fire Department and Abby & Angie from the North Canton Jaycees along with their Jaycee team for organization and running such a great event, and thank you to all the police officers, firemen, hospital workers, dog handlers, YMCA Aquatics Director and bus driver that taught the kids such important issues to keep them safe. There were 40 children that took part in the program.



Zion was honored to host an ice cream social on Thursday for the kids and their families after they graduated to celebrate all they learned! Finally, thank you to all the families that donated food or cash donations to Zion's Pantry on Thursday. The Jaycees raffled off a grilling basket to anyone that supported the Food Pantry.



Thanks be to God for such a great partnership in our community.





**NORTH CANTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT BIKE RODEO
JULY 8, 2023**

Zion Church provided hot dogs and chips for the Bike Rodeo this year. This is a good community event Zion can be part of, to help serve the local community. Each year more children are attending the event.





Blood Drive - Wednesday, August 9th 4 – 7 pm in the gym
We Want Your Blood! They Need Your Blood!

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This could be a little girl in the ICU or a mother with Stage 3 leukemia. If you're worried about needles, don't be—most blood donors compare the experience to a mild, split-second pinch! The entire process is very safe and very fast, and you will feel amazing knowing you potentially saved up to three people. There is still a critical need for blood so please give if you can. It truly is the gift of life and there are so many who need your donation!

You can schedule your own appointment, or Debbie Fox can schedule one for you.

To make your own appointment go to:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=rpWCGMfJ%2FsldxPH1ITaq1BVINJAIDMQz5XTZt7rvy0o%3D>

or 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:

- Sunday, October 8th, 2023 10am-2pm**
- Sunday, December 17th, 2023 10am-2pm**

2024 Blood Drive Dates:

- Sunday, Feb 18th, 2024 10am – 2pm**
- Sunday, April 14th, 2024 10am – 2pm**
- Wednesday, June 12th, 2024 (3:00-7:00pm)**
- Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 (3:00-7:00pm)**
- Sunday, October 13th, 2024 10am – 2pm**
- Sunday, December 15th, 2024 10am – 2pm**



Staple Items for Zion Lutheran North Canton Food Pantry

These items are always needed because we try to give them out at each Pantry distribution. Many times, it is hard to purchase these items from the Food Bank, or the cost is very high. Please add one or more of these items to your grocery list – it is greatly appreciated by our Food Pantry friends!

- Soup – Chunky, Hearty or Creamy - Canned Fruit - Boxed Cereal/Instant Oatmeal**
- Spaghetti Sauce - Jelly - Peanut Butter - Toilet Paper**

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

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden season is well underway. All the gardens look so nice and are growing rapidly. We have a new picnic table, bench and umbrella. Thank you to my husband who spent hours putting the table and bench together for me.

I would also like to thank Dave Dawson (one of our gardeners) who installed a shelf on our information booth. It looks so nice.

We also installed a scale that we can use to weigh our vegetables and herbs for the food pantry. Speaking of food pantry, we had our first pantry harvest. We collected about 2.5 lbs of lettuce, radishes, parsley, basil and chives. I am so proud to see the fruits of our labor.



In a couple weeks we should start getting our tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers in. I am working with Cindy Petitti to present some classes to the gardeners and the public on harvesting and canning and also find different ways to prepare vegetables and using herbs.

Main Street Festival

We will participate in the Main Street Festival this year on Saturday, August 12th from 10-8. We will need volunteers to help set up Friday night and help at the tent on Saturday. If you are able to volunteer for a 2-hour shift or any amount of time, please let me know. Any help is appreciated.

Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with your presence and the excitement to do your work. Open our eyes and hearts to help guide our community closer to you.

Sue Whalen - Witness Ministry Elder



We will be finalizing the new Zion Lutheran Family Directory with the information that everyone was to review and update on the sheets from our data base during the month of May that were located in the narthex.

We used that information and directory pictures that were taken in 2021 to compile the updated Family Directory.

There will be a sample Family Directory available for your review at the Wednesday and Sunday Worship Services the first 2 weeks of August before final printing.

If you wish to have a different picture, or we did not have a picture for you, it can be submitted to the office email at office@Zion-NC.com in jpeg format on or before August 16th.

Zion Lutheran Church
North Canton, Ohio
AUGUST 2023

ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

August 6, 2023 Ken Reinoehl
August 13, 2023 Chris Parker
August 20, 2023 Darlene Milavickas
August 27, 2023 Cindy Bagocius

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

August 6, 2023 Ava Medina
August 13, 2023 Ben Keith
August 20, 2023 Kenadi Medina
August 27, 2023 LJ Brown

READER SCHEDULE

August 6, 2023 Jayne Schrader
August 13, 2023 Randy Cizek
August 20, 2023 Ruth Reinoehl
August 27, 2023 Brian Milek

ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE

August 6, 2023 Carol McKimm
August 13, 2023 Carol McKimm
August 20, 2023 Steve Moore
August 27, 2023 Jack Brannen

CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

August 5, 2023 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
August 12, 2023 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
August 19, 2023 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
August 26, 2023 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease

SUNDAY

August 6, 2023 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
August 13, 2023 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
August 20, 2023 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
August 27, 2023 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease

9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS

August 6, 2023 Jayne Schrader
August 13, 2023 Darlene Milavickas
August 20, 2023 Laura Thompson
August 27, 2023 Dave Palumbo



SUMMER SPRUCING UP



God has provided this building for us and it is our responsibility to take care of it. I am proposing that we all chip in to do a very deep cleaning of the church. Dick Seeton, Property Manager/Custodian, is off on medical leave for up to 12 weeks. We don't want Dick to come back and have to try to catch up on all the cleaning. We are setting up some cleaning dates for you to volunteer your help. The first one is Wednesday, August 9th, either in the morning or afternoon. Second

one is on Thursday, August 10 in the evening 6:30PM- 8:30PM. The last one would be Saturday August 26th, 9AM – whenever.

If none of these times work for you and you would like to help give the office a call, or call Darlene at 330-412-4336, and we will work out a time for you. Let me know what works for your schedule so I can make a definite time schedule.



START OF SCHOOL BLESSINGS



SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 2023
9AM WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be a Blessing of Backpacks, other school carriers and those participating in any capacity for back to school. Everyone is welcome so please ask your family and friends to join us at this once a year Worship Service.

Students of all types and ages, staff, teachers and school employees, are encouraged to come forward. Bring your backpacks, cases, laptops, and other carriers for a blessing and sending.



COMFORT GIVERS - DARLENE MILAVICKAS

The Comfort Givers were able to expand their mission at Zion, “Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ,” by providing comforters for Refuge of Hope residents. They use the comforters while they stay at Refuge of Hope and then they take them to their new residence. We made 20 beautiful comforters that everyone blessed at the Sunday service on July 2, 2023. It was wonderful to see the excitement of the staff and how happy they were to receive them. They really loved the blessing we put on the underside of the comforter. It read:

*As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May he go before you to show you the way.
Beside you to befriend you.
Behind you to encourage and empower you.
Above you to watch over and protect you.
And may Christ go in your heart to give you peace. Amen*



It was fantastic at VBS making the comforters with all the kids' drawings. We were able to make 10 quilts. You can all still enjoy the quilts hanging in Luther Hall. The ministry is still making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

This year we are going to be making school kits and personal hygiene kits to send with the quilts. There will be more information about the kits in the next newsletter.





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. His 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. But we only do one chapter at a 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!
(PS. A “Friend” doesn’t necessarily have to be a member of Zion.)

It has been decided to make **GAME DAY** a monthly event, [September thru May], and we will take vacation through August, and **‘GAME DAY’** will start up again on Saturday, Sep. 16, at 4pm.
Bring some friends and have fun!!!!

Those of us who went to the Akron Rubber Ducks ballgame enjoyed themselves! Perfect seats, fantastic weather, plenty of shade (through the 7th inning), a winning score, and lots of fun.

We will, once again, host an End of Summer Celebration on Sunday, Sep, 3rd at the pavilion, with **FREE** food of all kinds. Plan to eat around 12:30 and most importantly invite friends, relatives and even those you don’t know. (If we don’t get together, how can we get to know them?)

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 change your furnace filters, mow lawns, 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!”

SHARED GOODS - DARLENE MILAVICKAS

We are so excited to have our new sign (Zion’s Shared Goods) on display on the south side of the building. We thank God for providing a place and the Holy Spirit for guiding us to provide for the community. We were able to help a woman, her teenage daughter and her foster teenage girl with clothes and other items. It was very uplifting to be able to help them and see how happy they were. We have been able to help more of the community with all the donations that our community has given us. We were able to take some clothes to Refuge of Hope. We collected business style clothes for the Career Store at Kent University, where the students can get attire for interviews and work. We were able to help a neighbor who has come to this country and moved down the street. He was able to get a vacuum cleaner, pots, pans, dishes, desk, chair, lamp and other items. We are planning on partnering up with Care Team again this month for a back to school give away. I want to thank everyone that helps with Shared Goods: sorting, tagging and helping all the people find things they needed and some things they didn’t need but were excited to get.



Pastor’s Ponderings
August, 2023



August 1 2019 was my first day as your Called Pastor. It’s been four years of hopes, challenges, joys and sorrows. Four years ago, we had hopeful anticipation of what the future would look like for this congregation and then the pandemic hit. The economy managed to flourish in spite of it, but many churches did not. Zion, however, blossomed and expanded its mission.

In the past four years, we continued to serve and fund ministries to the community and to those in need. We expanded some of those ministries and even added several community outreach activities.

- ◇ Food Pantry now serves hot meals to everyone who shows up. Each week we feed 100+ people a delicious hot meal as they wait to come in to select from the good food and staples we provide.
- ◇ Shared Goods has expanded its offerings and broadened further into our school and community groups being served. Recently, a father was directed to us when he was granted emergency custody of his three out-of-state daughters. He had nothing for them at his home; no clothes, home furnishings, toys, or other essentials for raising children. He was so overwhelmed with the help he received here that he went home crying in relief.
- ◇ Habitat for Humanity Faith Build welcomed us as a partner. We are in our third year of contributing \$5,000 and helping build three homes. So far, eight families had their lives changed because you are helping financially or physically so they have safe affordable homes in which to raise their families.
- ◇ Trunk or Treat was created and each year reaches further and further into the community, last year saw another doubling of the number of our neighbors served – over 350! These families not only had a safe place to have fun, but you fed them a hot meal, snacks and beverages provided free of charge because you paid for them through your weekly worship service offerings. Many of the neighbors commented on how pleased they are to see our expanding interaction with the community.
- ◇ North Canton Police reintroduced their Bike Rodeo in 2022 and, after checking out all the churches in North Canton, asked us if they could use our facilities. We jumped at the chance and asked if we could provide free food to the participants. For two years now, they continue to be overwhelmed by your generosity and what we do in the community. The police chief, our mayor, and our city council representative, amongst others, all made a point to come up to express their appreciation and wonderment at how much we do in the community.
- ◇ Valor Home Benefit Cruise-in was launched. It provides our community with a great evening event complete with a plethora of hot food, snacks and beverages; all provided free of charge because of your generosity in your weekly worship service offerings. Because we don’t charge for anything, those who come express their appreciation by buying 50/50 raffle tickets; last year, \$2,000 was given to Valor Home to support our homeless veterans.

Zion is slowly gaining recognition as the church that cares about the community. With each event and activity more and more people are getting to see the love of Jesus being expressed for them. Way to go!

What does our future look like? Bold and beautiful!
Let us all dig deeper into our faith, and live a life of service and love.

Graciously, Pr. William





We will once again be blessed to have Chris Parker from Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Centers join us at our 9am Worship Service on August 13th. He will even bless us by being our Assisting Minister.

Wernle Treatment Center is a family focused, child centered agency providing opportunities for the growth and development of troubled children and their families through caring programs and healing relationships which are reflective of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ.

As part of the Zion Church Family, please plan on attending this Worship Service and reception in Luther Hall to welcome and meet Mr. Parker.

Summer Fun Raffle Basket for Wernle

Help us support our friends at the Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center this month! You can learn about Wernle at wernle.org or on Facebook [@Wernle](https://www.facebook.com/Wernle). Raffle tickets will be available for a Summer Fun Basket through Wednesday, August 9th. Proceeds from this raffle will go to the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center to support the needs of the kids. Chris Parker will choose the winner on Sunday, August 13th during the reception after service.

Below is the current needs list if you would like to bring in any of the items to send back with Chris on August 13th. There will be a collection box in Luther Hall for any donated items.

Current Needs List

Art Canvasses 12" x 12" and 12" x 16"
Body Wash for both male & female (we are no longer able to accept bar soap)
Shampoo for both male & female
Toothbrush Holders
Cantu, Cream of Nature, and Mane n Tail Shampoos
Gently Used Suitcases

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
Full size bath towels & wash cloths
Women's deodorant
Men's deodorant (Power Sticks if Possible)



Gift cards are welcome in all denominations from stores such as Meijer and Walmart
Or from food establishments such as McDonald's, Burger King, Dairy Queen,
Taco Bell, Wendy's, Culver's and Subway.

Thank you for sharing God's love and supporting Wernle! The kids and staff there are amazing, we want them to know how much God loves them and so do we!

2023 Habitat Faith Build Update

We completed our second work day Saturday, July 15th. Nine volunteers from Zion came out to help put up siding on one of the houses. It was a hot and busy day! Thanks be to God for the Habitat families, the staff and all the volunteers that came together for a common good – building safe, affordable housing for three deserving families, and thanks to Cindy and Ruth for delivering delicious lunches for all that day! Our final work day is Saturday, August 19th.



How can you help? Volunteer to work on site – no experience necessary! Prepare and deliver lunches for our work days! Sign up sheets are located in Luther Hall. 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. You can also check out photos of all three builds at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/habitateco/sets/72177720307150670/>.

Remaining Volunteer work date:

DAY THREE – we still need a couple volunteers!

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



Thanks to your support of this project, we truly see God's love in action!



Thank you for helping the homeless veterans at the Valor Home!!

On Friday July 21, Zion Church hosted a Cruise-In which had over 90 vehicles on display. Our efforts raised over \$3000.00 for the Valor Home.

Thanks to those who came in support of the Valor Home and a special thank you to all the volunteers who made desserts, served dinner, set up and cleaned up. Over 20 Zion members gave of their time and talent to this very important event.

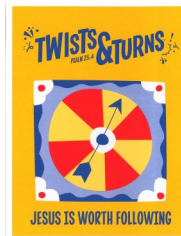




VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: TWISTS & TURNS WRAP UP

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4

What an amazing week at Twists & Turns VBS! We all learned that following Jesus changes the game, well it changes everything!!! Jesus loves us so much that we can always count on him no matter what. He will always be with us, even when things are tough, walking beside us helping us through all the twists and turns in our lives. We should always follow Jesus, and help others to see that they should too! He loves us all equally and is here for everyone! Praise and thanks be to God for that great news!



- We had 40 children registered Pre-K thru 6th grade and 13 kids in Middle School & HS from 28 families this year! We were so excited for the increase in numbers of the past few years! Praise God!
- We tried something new this year, we added a class for our Middle School and High School helpers led by Renee Keith. The had Bible discussion each morning about the day's lesson and then did a few extra projects and helped with the other classes and rotations after. There were 13 kids by the week's end in this group. It was well received, and we feel it is important for this age group to also learn the lessons and discuss the Bible in addition to helping with the younger kids.
- Zion's Comfort Givers put together 10 quilts this year from the kids' and volunteers' creative artwork. We hope you are all enjoying the quilts in Luther Hall. Terrie Riffle won the quilt of her choice in this year's Quilt Raffle. The other quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Praise God for the talented quilters and creative kids and volunteers who worked together to make the quilts.
- We collected \$270.40 from the children's daily loose change donations. Miss Connie's Class won the contest to see which class could bring in the most change by the end of the week. We also collected \$112.00 from the Quilt Raffle. A check for \$382.40 was sent to Stark DD Special Olympics as our chosen charity. God is Great!
- The kids brought in fruit cups and individual cracker packets all week for the North Canton City Schools Summer Backpack Program and filled a shopping cart. Thanks be to God for everyone's generosity, love and support for the kids in our community!
- Other Service Projects during the week included making Garden Stones with Sue Hicks from the North Canton Community Garden. The stones came out great and line the garden at Zion. Head out to the garden and take a look some time! Thank you to Sue for coming and leading this project.



- The kids made posters for the Valor Home residents letting the veterans know how much they are loved and appreciated by God and us! We supported Refuge of Hope by making 55 Care Kits for the men in their shelter that contained hygiene items, water and snacks. The kids and volunteers also colored and created over 200 meal placemats that will be used during the meals Refuge of Hope serves for anyone who is hungry. The placemats all had a Bible verse and shared the sentiment that “God loves you, and so do we!”. What a great job by everyone all week sharing God’s love!
- Jackie Godbey, Executive Director of the Stark County Humane Society, visited with the kids on Tuesday of VBS and brought two adorable puppies. She talked to the kids about caring for pets and how we can help those animals at the Humane Society that need a forever home. Thank you Jackie! The kids loved those puppies and the time they spent with Jackie!
- We finished the week with Water Fun & Games on Thursday and Carnival and Game Day Friday followed by our music program and pizza party. The weather was warm, the games were fun and the food was great! The kids, volunteers and Pastor William really enjoyed the inflatable 17 foot water slide and the Kona ice truck on Thursday. Thank you to the members of the congregation who joined us Friday, in addition to families and friends of the children for our program and pizza party. The Worship Space was full, the kids were awesome and we had very little left over food! Thanks be to God!
- We received a lot of feedback from parents and children. They were very excited about coming back next year. We are truly making a difference in these kids’ lives by letting them know how much they are loved by God and us! It’s so important to let them know this, and that they can make a difference in so many ways, no matter how big or small the act, by sharing God’s love!
- We had over 50 volunteers (adult and youth) that helped in many different ways this year. Many thanks and praise to all of our volunteers who did an amazing job! We are a great team and work well together with God’s guidance. Thanks be to God for their time, their dedication, their enthusiasm and their love for the kids! The following is a list off those people:

Pastor: Rev. William Weidenbach, Jr.

Coordinator: Debbie Fox

Leaders:

Pre-K/K: Janet Slease, Sue Whalen & Mallory Rhodes

1st & 2nd: Connie Riffle & Ashley Davis

3rd & 4th: Cindy Bagocius

5th & 6th: Pastor Eli Seitz

MS & HS: Renee Keith

Music: Debbie Fox, Darlene Milavickas, Christopher Noah, Julia Egli

Service Leaders: Nicole Milek, Amelia Milek, Cora Bankert, Chloe Garner, Dana Nichols

Snack & Kitchen Crew: Jayne Schrader, Dave Palumbo

Outdoor Games: Chris Thompson, Rigby Mazarita

Quilters: Mary Humbert, Darlene Milavickas, Dave Palumbo, Ruth Reinoehl, Kay Reis, Carol Rossbach, Linda Randles, Linda Smith, Betty Tracy



Youth Helpers: Kierra Deweese, Allen Egli, Ethan Egli, Andie Green, Grace Honaker, Eli Honaker, Ava Medina, Kenadi Medina, Molly Kossbiel, Ali Reed, Joey Riedinger, Chandler Green

Volunteers: Laura Thompson, Malia Reed, Melissa Leasure, Moe Alters

The Quizler & Photographer: Ken Reinoehl

Guest Speaker: Jackie Godbey, Stark County Humane Society Executive Director

Props, Set Up & Decorations: Carol Rossbach, Mary Humbert, Cindy Bagocius, Linda Weidenbach, Doug Roman, Jeremy Fox, John Black, Debbie Fox, Darlene Milavickas, Mallory Rhodes, Janet Slease, Susan Whalen, Connie Riffle, Pastor Eli Seitz, Carli Brown

A big, heart-felt THANK YOU to MissionView Church and the NC Chapel for sharing their amazing decorations for our VBS. The church looked so fun and inviting thanks to all of the decorations and we are so grateful to everyone who helped and contributed. The community working together to help and support each other to do God's work is so amazing! We have offered to share our decorations as well.





Please visit: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/598mNBRzTcVhpSKN6> to see all the VBS fun in photos!!



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Return Service Requested



Worship Services
Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Casual Outdoor Service
***Services are streamed through Facebook**

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9:00am to 3:00pm M-F
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Paul Bagocius—Worship Ministry

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

