

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 Worship Service
*Services are streamed through Facebook

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

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Darlene Milavickas—Vice President
Jayne Schrader—Secretary
Beth Shaheen—Treasurer
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Debbie Fox—Learning Ministry
Tina Linz—Parish Life Ministry
George Miller—Property Ministry
John Rhodes—Resource Ministry
Susan Whalen—Witness Ministry
Paul Bagocius—Worship Ministry

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

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

January 2024



BULLETIN BOARD - Created by Debbie Fox and Janet Slease

Message from our President

In January, we make resolutions, contemplate our personal situation and vow to take control of our lives so that we may reach those goals we think are important and acquire those objects we think we crave. Being human, we look inward and focus on pleasing ourselves rather than outward and focusing on trying to do what is pleasing in God's sight. When we fail to recognize that we own nothing but are stewards of the abundant resources God has entrusted to our care we miss out on the true joy and sense of peace that come from stewarding the resources God has provided in service to others. Faithful stewardship entails prayerful awareness and conscientious endeavors to make conscious, thoughtful decisions that will take us in the direction in which God wants us to go. We must prayerfully seek God's guidance as we steward the abundant resources He has entrusted to our care in ways that will help us be the people God wants us to be, living the lives He wants us to live.

Jesus commands us to love, serve and be generous to others. In 2 Corinthians 9:11 St. Paul tells us "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." Let us all resolve to make 2024 our year of generosity. If we are more generous in 2024 not only we, but our neighbors and community as well, will be blessed. When we cultivate a habit of giving others the benefit of the abundant resources placed at our disposal—money, time, kindness, compassion, love, joy—by our Divine Creator we become generous-hearted people who experience a spiritually uplifting sense of joy, peace, love and security.

The Congregation has expressed its support of the 2024 Spending Plan, which ensures allocation of the abundant resources God has entrusted to our care among Zion's Ministries in such a manner as to materially enhance Zion's capacity to serve the community. Successful execution of the Spending Plan requires the Congregation's enthusiastic and generous support of the "Stewardship for all Seasons Campaign." During His brief three-year Ministry, Our Lord and Savior set the example of selfless service to others. He taught His disciples that they must learn to think little of serving themselves and focus on serving others. We are all His disciples. Faith in the Risen Christ mandates that we commit ourselves to making 2024 the year in which we fulfill our Statement of Purpose: Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ.

Lord, Thank You for the message of generosity and service to others. Help us to realize that joy and peace that can come only by showing concern for others. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Fidler
Council President



Blood Drive Update - Sunday, December 17th

Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood on December 17th! There were 17 people who came out to donate, and 15 units of blood were collected which will help up to 45 people.

To date, Zion's Blood Drives have collected 346 units (just over 43 gallons) helping to save or sustain the lives of 1038 people. Thanks be to God for everyone who is willing to donate blood and give the gift of life!

There is still a critical need for blood so please give if you can. It truly is the gift of life!

Please mark your calendars for our 2024 Blood Drives at Zion and consider donating if you can:

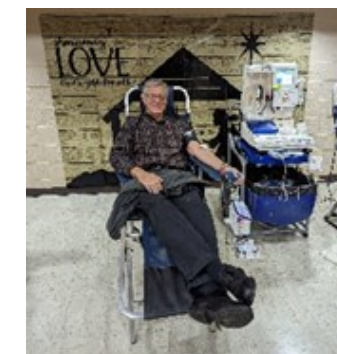
Sunday, Feb 18th, 2024 10am – 2pm
Sunday, April 14th, 2024 10am – 2pm
Wednesday, June 12th, 2024 3 - 7pm
Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 3 - 7pm
Sunday, October 13th, 2024 10am – 2pm
Sunday, December 15th, 2024 10am – 2pm



You can schedule your own appointment, or Debbie Fox can schedule one for you. If the above dates don't work with your schedule, you can go to the Vitalant Donation Center at 4119 Tuscarawas St West, Canton, OH 44708. Call 877-258-4825 or schedule an appointment online.

To make your own appointment online 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



Paul Bagocius- Worship Ministry Elder

As a Ministry, we continue to evaluate and refine our church services so everyone can experience a spiritual and meaningful relationship with our God. If you have suggestions that would help us to achieve that goal, please share your idea (s) with our members: Connie Riffle, Janet Slease, Scott Gross, Pastor William, Darlene Milavickas and/or Paul Bagocius.

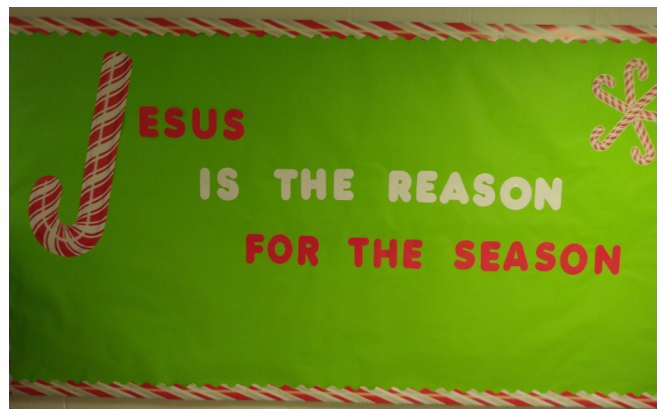
We started using our new video monitors during our services. We will continue to expand their usage in preparing our hearts and minds to worship our God, including pre-worship power points, hymn/song words, Bible passages, and sermons (when Pastor is absent). Other ideas are welcome, so please share your thoughts.

We have begun to use the pre-recorded organ music downloads during Advent services. This music option will be explored for the fourth and fifth Sunday music needs beginning in March. It can also be used for funeral services.

Dear God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to our Ministry meetings as we discuss and plan worship services worthy of You as we pray and sing your praises. Amen



CLASSROOM BULLETIN BOARDS - Created by Debbie Fox, Janet Slease and Linda Weidenbach



Congratulations and Godspeed to Pastor Eli Seitz

We wished Pastor Eli a fond farewell and Godspeed on Wednesday, December 13th during our worship service.



Pastor William presented them with a lap blanket and stole that were sewn and created by Zion's sewing group as a token of our appreciation and gratitude for the time they were here.



Pastor Eli received a call to Old Trinity Lutheran Church (German Village) in Columbus, Ohio and will begin there on January 2nd.



We will miss them, but wish them all the best in the next part of the journey God has planned for them.



Adult Sunday School

Everyone is invited to join us in the Coffee Connection area after Sunday service at 10:15 am for coffee, delicious treats and Bible discussion. The group, led by Pastor William, is discussing the book, "Autopsy of a Deceased Church -12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive". The weekly discussions give important insight into how we can move Zion forward in positive and meaningful ways that align with our mission!

Confirmation & High School Classes

Classes meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 am. Join us at the Coffee Connection and then we will head off to classes. Cindy Bagocius leads our Confirmation classes studying the "Here We Stand" curriculum and Renee Keith is our High School leader using t.b.d. curriculum.

Bible Adventure Pre-K thru 6th Grades

Hey kids! Join us at Sunday Bible Adventure which meets Sundays at 10:15 am after service in our classrooms in the back hall for fun and learning about the Bible and how much God loves us!

Miss Connie and Miss Janet teach great lessons from Whirl that include games, crafts and snack. Please bring a friend!



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study plan for 2024:

There will be two sessions on the first Monday of each month, Cindy Bagocius will lead a session at 1:30 pm in her home, and Ruth Reinoehl will lead a session at 7pm in her home. Because January 1st is the first Monday in January, Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, January 8th. Ruth is willing to do an additional session each week if those times don't work for you. Please contact Debbie Fox, Cindy or Ruth if you are interested or have any questions.

The group will continue to devote an hour in the Word and in the company of each other discussing the Bible Study from the ELCA's GATHER Magazine.

The women's Bible studies had their Christmas Party on Dec 4th. There were nine women and we had an ornament gift exchange. We enjoyed a table of yummy appetizers (and so did Rosie). We are looking forward to the coming year and will continue with two different studies with both groups using the Gather magazine.

We would love to see more women join us!



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

Food Pantry News - Debbie Fox

2023 was a very busy year for the Food Pantry. We saw an increase in numbers as the year went on and we averaged about 75 - 80 households with our highest distribution of 107 households during our first distribution in November. The food we provide allows our pantry families to reduce their grocery costs and pay other bills like rent, utilities and medical. The families are so grateful for the support they receive and often tell us how much we mean to them! They also appreciate receiving a hot lunch each time – many have said it is the only hot meal they will have that day! We do matter to the community by feeding the hungry as God commands us to do

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Thank you to the many volunteers that make our Food Pantry run so smoothly. We have



a great group who truly shares God's love with our community! There are many opportunities to help – see Debbie Fox if you are interested. We have started setting up on the Monday before our distribution dates from 9 -11 am. Sign up sheets are on the Food Pantry door or you can call the Church Office if you are interested.

In 2024, the plan is to continue with two monthly distributions on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month with our first distribution of the year on January 2, 2024. We will need everyone's continued support from volunteer hours to food

donations to make this ministry successful in 2024.

Our numbers have been up and down a bit, but we still average over 80 households. December plans included giving each family a holiday bag with laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper and tissue. We put together at least 1 dozen assorted holiday cookies for each family from cookies donated by the congregation. Dave made a special lunch with pasta and meatballs for the clients on December 19th. We had coffee and hot cocoa available when they arrived, and they received a Christmas card with their cookies as well.

There is still much need in our community, and we are making a difference! I pray that God will continue to guide and help us feed the hungry in 2024! We are so blessed with an amazing group of volunteers that keep our Pantry running smoothly.

A huge thank you to all of them, we had a pizza and salad lunch for them on December 19th at 11:30 (thanks to Dave Palumbo) as a small token of our appreciation.

Shared Goods - Darlene Milavickas

We had a great Christmas give away for our friends and neighbors. Shared Goods and the Christmas Shop were open on Dec. 5th, 18th and 19th. We had a lot of new items that were donated for our Christmas Shop. The Christmas Shop is there for the people to pick couple of items to help with their Christmas list of gifts for family or friends. The people could shop either Dec. 5th or Dec. 18th. Then everyone was able to shop again on Dec. 19th. We also made one of the Sunday School Classrooms into a toy and book shop. We had all our usual clothes and linen room set up. It was very fulling to hear the people say how thankful they were for everything.



One lady, who is divorced and now is on her own, was a stay at home Mom and home provider. Now she had to find a job to support her family. She is thankful for the Food Pantry for food and the Shared Goods for household items and clothes. She said she likes coming to Shared Goods because it is set up like a store and she doesn't feel humiliated. We don't make them feel belittled. It is very gratifying to hear these things and to see the smiles on their faces when they find items they need or want. It really makes all the hard work and time spent on Shared Goods worth it when we see even just one person thankful and feeling good about themselves.



If you would like to help with this ministry, we have work days on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10 am to Noon. If those times don't work you can give me a call and we can set up a time that works for you to help. We sort through the items donated such as household goods, linens and clothes. We size the clothes and put them in the appropriate areas. We also need help on

the days Shared Goods is open, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. We set up items from 10 to 12. Pastor William does communion with all the volunteers for Food Pantry and Shared Goods. Lunch is provided for all volunteers at 11:30AM. Shared Goods is then open for shoppers at 12PM – 2PM. The volunteers help the people find the items they are looking for.



January ushers in the New Year, all our New Year's Resolutions, and our hope for peace and prosperity. Let us pray that our caring will outlast our many resolutions and we will be inspired and enlivened throughout 2024.

Supporting Teams:

Handyman Services, leader - Ken Reinoehl
Volunteer and Request forms are available on the bulletin board across from Pastor's Office. There have been no requests for handyman services this month.

Visitations – Ken Reinoehl - Ken had one house and two nursing home visitations during November.

Transportation – No Team Leader Assigned.

Parish Nurse – Not Currently active.

Prayer Chain – Jayne Schrader

Funeral Reception Meals – No request in November.

Feed a Friend – Laura Thompson
No requests in November.

Blood Program – Debbie Fox
The next Blood drive will be Sunday February 18th 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Thank you for your support.

Comfort Givers – Darlene Milavickas
No Report.

Greeting Cards – No Report.

O God, as we look back over 2023 inspire and enliven us for the upcoming needs of 2024. Amen.

G. Scott Gross—Caring Ministry Elder

Coffee & Donuts Social - Darlene Milavickas

Join in every Sunday for Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship!



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Bobbi Wilson	January 7
Juanita Cignetti	January 14
Randy Cizek	January 15
Eli Seitz	January 15
Gail Vogt	January 20
Randy Elsass	January 20
Laurel Venable	January 20
Liam Medina	January 21

Happy Thanksgiving

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

Northeastern Ohio Synod

Saints at Zion -

I am so grateful for your partnership in the gospel. And so grateful for your recent hospitality as you hosted a synod event on Reformation. Thank you!

Peace,

Bishop Barbins

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Johanna and Robert Henderson
January 2

Pastor William and Linda Weidenbach
January 9

Chancel Flowers are available in memory or honor of your loved one (s) or special occasion and are used in the Chapel for any Sunday Service of your choice.

They are only \$20.00 each and you can order as many as you wish!

You also get to take them home after the service and enjoy their beauty and your memories!!

We currently have any Sunday in February available. Arrangements can be made in the front office.

Happy New Year! May it be safe, healthy and productive.

Lord, we continue to be humbled by the resources you make available to do your work at Zion and the inspiration you provide to recognize needs in our community and to appropriately respond to them. We do this in honor of your glorious name, Amen.

	November 2023	Year-To-Date 2023
Giving	\$23,678.88	\$298,522.41
Expenses	\$30,566.53	\$346,947.11
Difference	-\$6,887.65	-\$48,424.70

Christmas Community Support – Debbie Fox

Thank you everyone for your generous support! We really do matter to the community!!!

Our Giving Tree Service Project was a huge help to our community this Christmas season. All tags were taken and everything was delivered by December 13th to the Plain Local School families and North Canton City Schools children we supported. We supported four families from the Plain Local School district, and Connie Riffle said many tears were shed about the generosity shown for these four families when she delivered the gifts to the school.

We collected & delivered four large bags and one box full kids' pajamas and warm, fuzzy blankets for the North Canton Cares Team. They were very grateful. These items are part of their shopping experience for the families they support.

Finally, we sent Amazon and Walmart gift cards to support the Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center this Christmas. These gift cards would help them provide a good Christmas for the kids on campus. Wernle can really use our prayers right now because they are going through some changes and challenges!

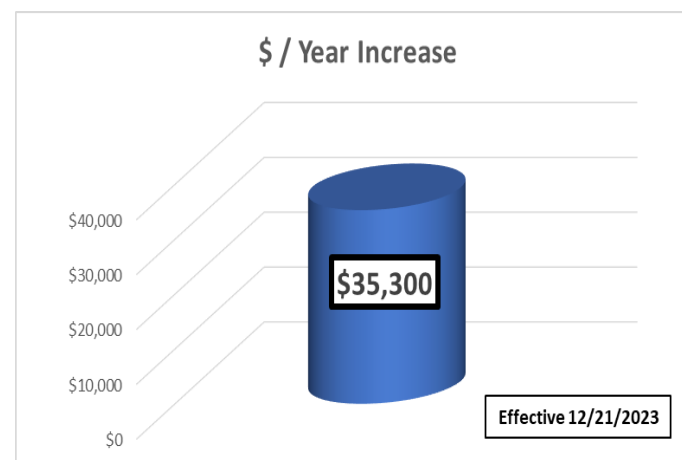
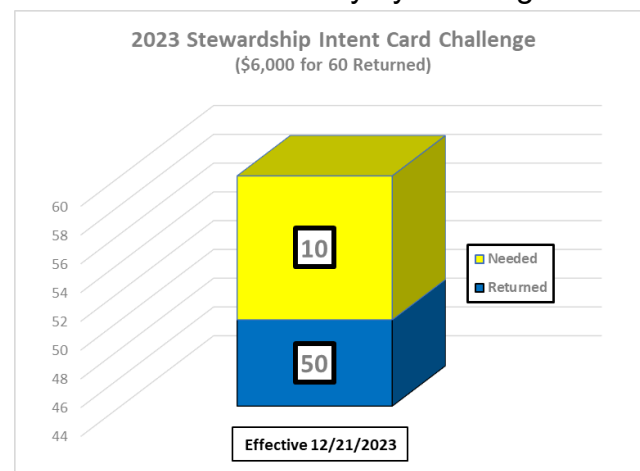
Thanks be to God for everyone's support of this year's Giving Tree and Christmas Service Project. So much love and gratitude has been shared over these small acts of kindness that make such a big difference!

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

John Rhodes—Resource Ministry

God's plentiful blessings be with you all! The 2024 New Year is almost upon us, and we have much to be thankful for. Mild weather has provided for safe travels to holiday gatherings and celebrations of our Lord's birth, although I do miss the chill in the air and a soft white coating of snow. Guess we can't have everything, and I do favor safe and healthy activity in my older years. Fortunately, frequent sunny skies have made the days inspirational reminders of God's positive impact on our well-being.

Your enthusiastic, prayerful support of our Fall 2023 stewardship campaign, **"Stewardship for All Seasons"** has resulted in Intent Card submissions as noted in the following graphs. Our current response rate is 83% of our card submission goal, translating into a significant projected increase to our 2024 General Fund Giving (>10%). General Fund Giving is the "fuel for the engine" which supports Zion operations and ministry activities. If you have not submitted an Intent Card, there is still time to do so; it is never too late! The final totals will also be summarized in the February newsletter. We are committed to utilize Zion's combined spiritual, physical and financial resources to enable ministry activities which align with our mission, "Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ."



Our November giving results produced a monthly deficit and increasing our Year-to-Date ("YTD") operating deficit. Our YTD Giving is currently 2 % greater than 2022, but it is an insufficient rate to eliminate our current budget deficit. On one hand, 66 % of Zion Giving members are giving at a rate which is more than 110 % of their 2022 levels, and 77 % are giving at rates greater than 2022. This is excellent and in alignment with our 2023 approved budget of 10 percent increase; however, the current total giving YTD is 10 percent less than our budgeted amount producing noted deficit. Cost controls have been implemented to minimize the negative impact, but the solution is an increase in Zion total giving rate. December results will be substantially better due to your holiday generosity. 2024 Intent Card submissions will be a positive impact as noted above.

We are encouraged by your 2023 support and enthusiastic participation in Stewardship for All Seasons. Our collective successful execution will ensure that we are properly funded to make a difference and matter in our community by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. God bless you for your prayers and support in sharing God's Blessings and improving the lives of Zion members and the community.



Our Boy Scout Troop on a weekend campout at Hocking Hills, a scout is leading them in a Vespers service, which is the same thing we were doing that same evening (December 3) at our Advent Evening Worship.

That was an unplanned occurrence of the Holy Spirit working with all of us. My oh my, what else can the Holy Spirit accomplish in us? Let us rejoice for God's work being done in our scouts and us.



Hey you guys:

The new year is here! Whether that is something to cheer about or shake your head over, that is up to the individual. Sometimes, we tend to do both! (even at the same time)! The men are still meeting on the **LAST SATURDAY** of each month (except May = Memorial Day weekend). And starting the end of December we will be back to doing a Bible Study. I will be emailing to those interested, the text for the month and some of the questions you might want to think about before hand. If you would like to receive those questions at the beginning of the week before our study, just give me your email address, and I will include your name along with the rest. Even if you don't get to the questions before hand, come and join in the discussion any way. And you are always encouraged to bring someone along with you.

The men will be leading a group to the museum of the master carver, WALTHER, in Dover, on Sunday, January 21st. We plan to meet at the museum at 2 pm, for the tour starts at 2:30 pm. A sign up sheet is located in Coffee Bar Area, for **ANYONE** who is interested. Just because the men are organizing this trip, does **NOT** mean this if only for men. **ALL** are invited! Young and old and even those in between.

Don't forget the **HANDYMEN** are still offering their services for those pesky 'odd jobs' that we all have around the house that need to be done. Give us those "TO DO" jobs, we will gladly "GIT 'ER DONE!"

Christmas Memorials 2023

GIVEN BY

Nick & Juanita Cignetti
Jim Fidler
Clarence & Vicki Givler

Gross Family

Gary & Shirley Horton
Peggy Ingalls
Lou & Darlene Milavickas

Milek Family
George Miller
Kay Reiss, Laura Thompson
and Christopher Thompson

Carol Rossbach
Janet Slease
Linda Tvorik, Carli, LJ and
Chrissy

GIVEN BY

Jennifer Elkins

Lou & Darlene Milavickas

Mike & Jayne Schrader

IN LOVING MEMORY

Charles Cignetti
Elaine M. Fidler and Frances Mejsrik
Wilbert & Ila Mae Givler, John & Patricia Stayer and
Jessy Stayer
JF Gross, Anne O. Gross, Clara Mae Gross and
Edward Gross
George & Arlene Horton and Andrew & Selma Bjorgen
John Ingalls
Ellis & Anna Mae LeBeau, Otto & Grace LeBeau
Glenn & Emma Tillinghast, Dr. Dean LeBeau
Gordon LeBeau, Dan Dennis and Jack Brannen
Family and Friends
George & Audrey Miller
Arthur E. Reiss, Kathryn Morrison, Martha Thompson
Michael Park, Eva Reiss. Arthur A. Reiss and
James Morrison
Gregg Evanoff
John & Marge Mavrich
Ron Tvorik

IN HONOR

Kyle, Jessica, Anderson, Abes, McKenlec Elkins
Kaitlyn, Aaron, Kylee, Atlas McCorkle
Gary & Shirley Horton and Peter & Joan Johnson
Children, Grandchildren, Family at Zion and
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Children and Grandchildren

Boy Scout Troop 12 has been with us
a year, since December 4th, 2022.
They have 35 scouts on their roster.
The scouts put in 2 hours of prep
time getting the luminaries ready to
put out on Christmas Eve.



Then on Christmas Eve there
were about 17 to 20 scouts and
adults taking an hour of their
time to place 350 luminaries
and light them for Zion and the
community to enjoy. Tuesday
morning they came back to
take all the luminaries down.
We are so grateful to have
Boy Scout Troop 12 and also
the Cub scouts with us.

We want to send out a
really big thank to the
Scouts for providing the
luminaries on Christmas
Eve. We look forward to
hearing more of what the
Scouts and Cub Scouts are
going to be doing in 2024.





Weekly ZOOM Bible Discussion

Bible discussions for adults are on Thursdays at 9 am via Zoom. Please contact Tina Taylor in the church office if you would like the Zoom link to be part of this discussion.

Please remember to turn in your survey about possible times for in person Bible Discussion. (See page 11 for Survey.) We will notify you this month of

the survey results and what day and time is chosen for an in person Bible Discussion. We will continue with the Thursday morning Zoom session at 9:00 am.

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!

Zion Lutheran Church North Canton, Ohio JANUARY 2024

ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

January 7, 2024 Jim Fidler
January 14, 2024 Darlene Milavickas
January 21, 2024 Beth Heller
January 28, 2024 Linda Weidenbach

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

January 7, 2024 LJ Brown
January 14, 2024 Ava Medina
January 21, 2024 Kenadi Medina
January 28, 2024 Ben Keith

READER SCHEDULE

January 7, 2024 Laura Thompson
January 14, 2024 Randy Cizek
January 21, 2024 Nick Cignetti
January 28, 2024 Renee Keith

CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

January 6, 2024 Connie Riffle and Lisa Frock
January 13, 2024 Connie Riffle and Nikki Milek
January 20, 2024 Connie Riffle and Juanita Cignetti
January 27, 2024 Connie Riffle and Harriet Bowers

SUNDAY

January 7, 2024 Connie Riffle and Lisa Frock
January 14, 2024 Connie Riffle and Nikki Milek
January 21, 2024 Connie Riffle and Juanita Cignetti
January 28, 2024 Connie Riffle and Harriet Bowers

9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS

January 7, 2024 Paul Bagocius
January 14, 2024 Janet Slease
January 21, 2024 George Miller
January 28, 2024 Jayne Schrader

ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE

January 7, 2024 Carol McKimm
January 14, 2024 Carol McKimm
January 21, 2024 Steve Moore
January 28, 2024 Steve Moore



The Children's Christmas Program - Debbie Fox

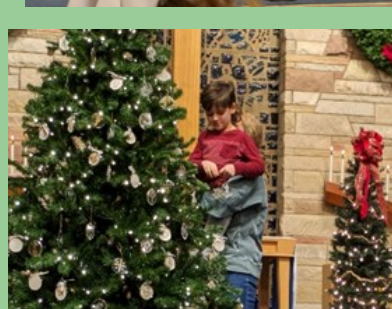
Zion's youth did a fantastic job this year during our Sunday evening Advent Service on December 17th. They told the Christmas Story through 22 Chrismon symbols and hung these symbols on the Christmas tree in the front of our Worship Space.



Each symbol had a special meaning and scripture related that the children shared. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all that attended.



You can watch the video of the service on Zion's Facebook page! Thank you to all the children who participated and to Kathryn Milek who volunteered to help and lead in the program. You all were awesome!



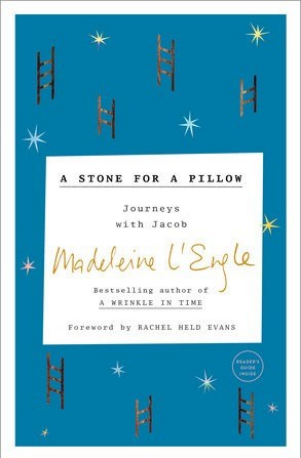
The Picks are In

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 -

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.

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to Debbie Fox and Darlene Milavickas for their countless volunteer hours of decorating the entire facility for the holidays!

Their dedication, talent and hard work is a blessing to the church!

We have some more great news! A great addition has been made to our Technology staff. Please give our new Technology Administrator Ray LePelley, a warm Zion Lutheran Church welcome!

Ray began work at Zion mid December and has already jumped right into our Worship Technology. We really appreciate Ray's "we'll figure it out" attitude and optimism. Ray is very capable and has about 15 years experience in the industry working with various technologies. He has 2 degrees in Computer Science from Stark State College as well.

Ray lives in North Canton and has a daughter at Hoover High School. Ray and his girlfriend have 2 Shiba Inu pups and enjoy volleyball, hiking and are avid board game enthusiasts.

We are very thankful to have added Ray to our team at Zion! You will see Ray most Wednesday evenings and Sundays mornings working in the back to ensure quality live and recorded worship services.

In Person Bible Study Survey

Please let us know your interest and/or availability for in person Bible Study that will start in 2024. Currently Bible Study meets online Thursdays at 9am by Zoom, and that session will continue.

The following are options for in person dates and times. Please mark which work for you – you can choose more than one.

☐ **Wednesday 5:15 – 6:15 pm**

☐ **Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 am** (offsite at Samantha's – can get breakfast)

☐ **Thursday 12: 00 – 1:00 pm**
(will meet every Thursday except the 4th Thursday of month)

☐ **Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 pm**

☐ **Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

Name: _____

Based on Survey results, we will advise when in person sessions will take place.