

# THE ZION HERALD

**Proclaiming Good News** 

October 2023

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Oktoberfest CHARITY CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

> Craft Show: 10:00am - 3:00pm German Meals Available

Raffle Drawings ~ Concessions ~ Bake Sale "Themed" Basket Raffle Church Proceeds Benefit Habitat for Humanity Faith Build



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#### Message from our President

October is the month we embrace Fall with all its rich bounty, endless promise for our lives, and the myriad opportunities to immerse ourselves in activities that challenge us physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Jesus said "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John10:10

October is also a time when we as Christians must seriously contemplate our role as stewards of all the resources God has entrusted to our care. We must ask ourselves whether we are conscientiously and faithfully utilizing those precious resources in service to others. Are our endeavors focused on spreading the Gospel or the weekend sports schedule? On Sunday are we intrigued by the mysteries of worship or enveloped by the hype and publicity of the big football game? As we rearrange our daily schedules to accommodate our desire to balance work, leisure, entertainment and sporting activities, do we afford the same time and intellectual energy to attempting to find ways to strengthen our personal relationship with God, enhance our worship service, and fulfill His Commandment to love one another by including in our social calendar time for reaching out to the community?

Jesus tells us that where one or more gather in His Name He is with us. Are we focused on being near to Christ all the time?

Zion's outreach efforts in the month of October include the craft show, Trunk or Treat and other activities. Immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, October 22, 2023 we will conduct our Congregational Meeting, at which time the Councilmembers will present the Annual Report and submit for the Congregation's consideration and support a Balanced Budget Proposal for the year 2024. Ministry Elders with expertise in financial matters will candidly and forthrightly explain the deliberations underlying the proposal that is being made by the Council and will set forth the rationale for the decision to move away from budgets that appear to endorse the concept of deficit spending. We on Council take seriously our responsibility to clearly and concisely present an accurate portrait of Zion's financial position and the correlation between our financial situation and efforts to fulfill Zion's Mission. We trust that the Congregation will be persuaded that we on Council are correct in concluding that bringing expenses into line with projected revenue is a prudent exercise of our stewardship responsibilities, enhances our efforts to make the most of the abundant resources God has entrusted to our care, and maximizes our potential to demonstrate that "Zion matters to the community by showing the Love of Jesus Christ."

Lord, thank You for making us people who appreciate the wisdom of Your Plan that our lives be inextricably intertwined with the lives of others. Continue to instill in us an understanding of the virtue of good stewardship. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Fidler Council President



October brings me to a sad time, the end of sailing season. This year's season became extremely short due to family obligations

and weather conditions. The boat had to fend for itself in its slip most of the summer. I can never get use to the adrenaline rush when I point into the wind, hoist my sails, and then turn away on a point of sail and feel the rig snap to attention while the sails fill and the generated lift pulls the boat forward. Here at Zion, we have many ministries and teams that also generate lift and provide outreach moving our missions to the community forward; therefore, let us pray that more people will feel the adrenaline and join us and support our ministries.

#### **Supporting Teams:**

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

**Visitations** – Ken Reinoehl. Let us all give Ken our support in this important ministry.

**Transportation** – No Team Leader Assigned.

**Parish Nurse** – Not Currently active.

Prayer Chain – Jayne Schrader

Funeral Reception Meals - No Report

**Feed a Friend** – Laura Thompson One family served in August. **Comfort Givers** – Darlene Milavickas has an article in the August News Letter covering latest Comfort Givers projects.

Greeting Cards - No Report.

O Lord, make us mindful of the needs of those that nature's forces have hindered. May we not only show pity, but act in Thine own spirit and name. 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.



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**Blood Program** – Debbie Fox The Blood drive will be Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Thank you for your support.

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#### Adult Sunday School

Calling <u>all</u> adults! Join us in Coffee Bar Area after Sunday service at 10:15 am for coffee, delicious treats and Bible discussion. Pastor William leads the group in a meaningful and worthwhile discussion of God's Word – there is so much to learn! Invite a friend!

#### **Confirmation & High School Classes**

These classes meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 am. Join us at the Coffee Exchange and then we will head off to classes. Cindy Bagocius will lead our Confirmation classes and Renee Keith will be our High School leader

#### Bible Adventure Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

Sunday Bible Adventure meets every Sunday at 10:15 am after service in our classrooms in the back hall. Join us for great lessons from Whirl, games, crafts and snack and have your kids invite their friends.



Connie Riffle will lead the Kindergarten -  $2^{nd}$  grade group and Janet Slease will lead the  $3^{rd} - 6^{th}$  grade group.

#### Women's Bible Study

Calling all women! You are invited to join our October Bible Study session on Monday, October



2<sup>nd</sup>. Cindy Bagocius will lead one session at Zion from 10 – 11 am. Call Cindy at 234-207-3638 for more information.

Ruth Reinoehl will host a second session from 7- 8 p.m, at her home (407 9th Street, North Canton) Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her contact number is 330-284-6068.

There will be morning and evening sessions with Cindy and Ruth on the first Mondays of November and December.

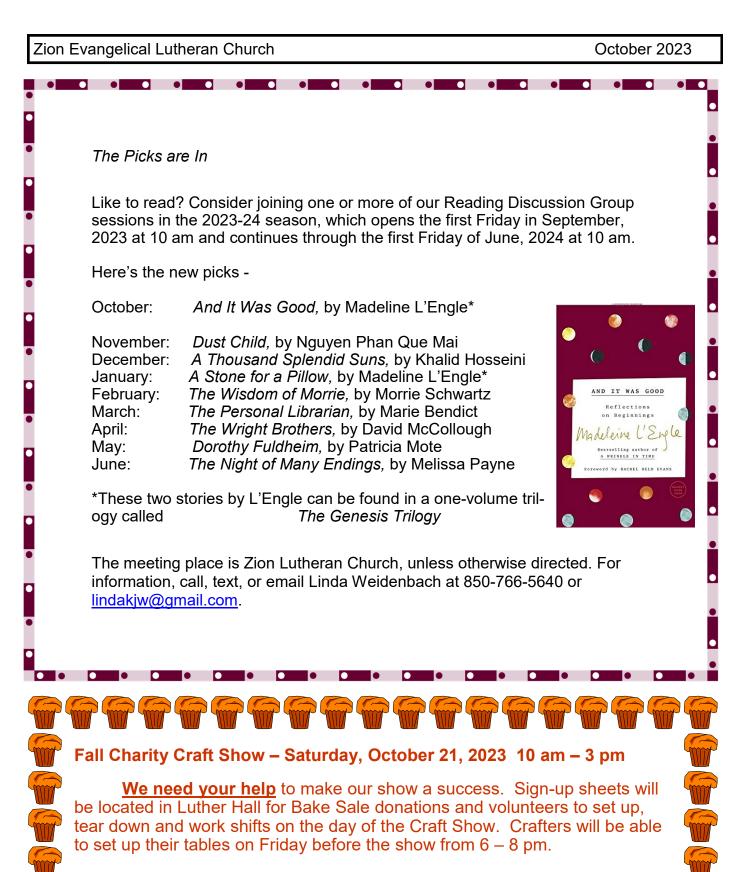
Come and devote an hour in the Word and in the company of each other" as we discuss the Bible Study from the ELCA's GATHER Magazine.

#### 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



We have a great need for people to help them unload their items and take them to their space both Friday evening at 6 pm and Saturday morning at 8 am. We encourage everyone to help out if you can – your support is



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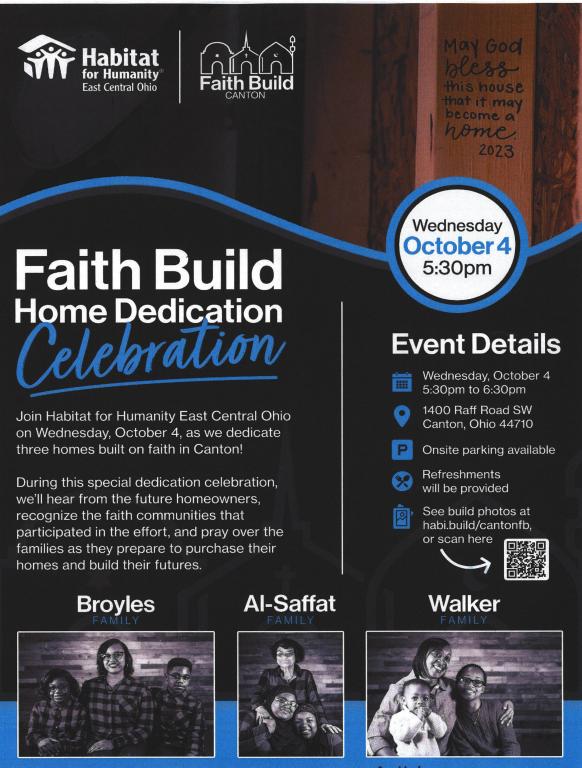




## Bring family and friends! Everyone Welcome!

Child care available—Infant thru Kindergarten

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# Thank you for building on faith!

- Christ Presbyterian Church, Canton
   Islamic Society of Akron and Kent
   RiverTree Lake Community Chirstian Church
- First Christian Church, Canton
- Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ

- NewPointe Community Church
- St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church Temple Israel

Heritage House	<ul> <li>Richville United Church of Christ</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>woodlawn Church</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Islamic Society of Northeast Ohio</li> </ul>	RiverTree Jackson	Zion Evangelical Luth

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# Food Pantry - Debbie Fox

Thank you to Zion's Youth who baked and handmade items to raise money for Zion's Food Pantry. On God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Brody & Jordyn Davis, Eli & Gracie Haga and Hannah Venable all made items that our Zion family gave donations for. What a perfect fit for that Sunday. The children were raising money to help feed the hungry – God's work using our hands! Praise God! Thank you for supporting our kids! They raised \$181.00 in donations that will be used to buy items for the Food Pantry. We will be



going on a field trip in October to Aldi so the kids can shop for items with the money they raised – everyone is invited to join as we do one of the things God asks of us – feed the hungry!

We saw an increase in September serving 81 and 84 families during our distributions, and expect this increase to continue. We are seeing new families in addition to past families who have not been coming regularly. They are struggling with all the costs they are experiencing, and our Food Pantry is helping them get through some tough financial times.

Please add 1 or 2 of our most needed items to your shopping list each time! Such a small act can have such a large impact. We especially need boxed cereal, spaghetti sauce, hearty soups and canned fruit & vegetables right now. Thank you for your support, and we pray that God will help and guide us to do what he wants with this important ministry, especially as we head into the holiday season!



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.

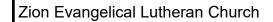


Please add one or more of these items to your grocery list – it is greatly appreciated by our Food Pantry friends!

Soup – Chunky, Hearty or Creamy -Canned Fruit - Boxed Cereal/Instant Oatmeal - Spaghetti Sauce - Jelly

*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

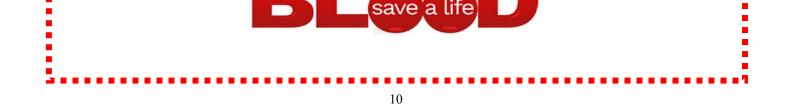
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and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing...
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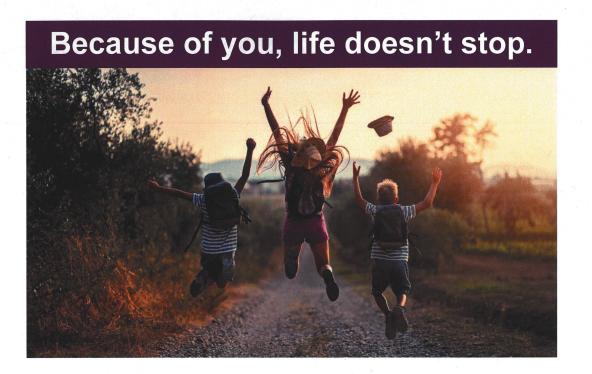
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October 2023 Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Blood Drive - Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 4 – 7 pm in the gym We Want Your Blood! They Need Your Blood! vitalan **Blood Donation** THERE IS A CRITCAL SHORTAGE RIGHT NOW – PLEASE HELP SAVE AND SUS-TAIN LIVES! 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. 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%2FsIdxPH1ITaq1F543FDSuUawN928iemW8Xs%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 Final 2023 Blood Drive Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 10am-2pm 2024 Blood Drive Dates: Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am – 2pm Sunday, April1 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am – 2pm Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (3:00-7:00pm) Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (3:00-700pm) Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am – 2pm Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am – 2pm



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# **BLOOD DRIVE**

# Zion Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 10 AM – 2 PM

Gym 349 Lindy Lane NW North Canton Please eat before you donate.

Bring a photo ID and a list of any medications you take.

To make an appointment and earn reward points, go to vitalant.org and search with Blood Drive Code: U1525

GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825



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#### Zion Lutheran Church North Canton, Ohio OCTOBER 2023

#### **ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE**

October 1, 2023 Ken Reinoehl October 8, 2023 George Miller October 15, 2023 Jim Fidler October 22, 2023 Darlene Milavickas October 29, 2023 Cindy Bagocius

#### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

October 1, 2023 Ben Keith October 8, 2023 Ava Medina October 22, 2023 Kenadi Medina October 22, 2023 LJ Brown October 29, 2023 Ben Keith

#### **READER SCHEDULE**

October 1, 2023 Ruth Reinoehl October 8, 2023 Mark Denman October 15, 2023 Randy Cizek October 22, 2023 Jayne Schrader October 29, 2023 Renee Keith

#### **ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE**

October 1, 2023 Carol McKimm October 8, 2023 Carol McKimm October 15, 2023 Steve Moore October 22, 2023 Jack Brannen October 29, 2023 Steve Moore

#### CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE SATURDAY

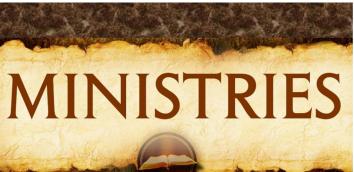
October 7, 2023 Connie Riffle & Lisa Frock October 14, 2023 Connie Riffle & Juanita Cignetti October 21, 2023 Connie Riffle & Nikki Milek October 28, 2023 Connie Riffle & Betty Tracy

#### SUNDAY

October 1, 2023 Connie Riffle October 8, 2023 Connie Riffle & Lisa Frock October 15, 2023 Connie Riffle & Juanita Cignetti October 22, 2023 Connie Riffle & Nikki Milek October 29, 2023 Connie Riffle & Betty Tracy

#### 9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS

October 1, 2023 Paul Bagocius October 8, 2023 Janet Slease October 15, 2023 George Miller October 22, 2023 Jayne Schrader October 29, 2023 Dave Palumbo



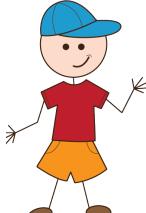


#### Shared Goods - Darlene Milavickas

Monday night, September 18<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful night at Shared Goods. We had a woman, her little girl and her mother, who told us she was moving into an apartment and could us anything to help her start her new home. It was fantastic that with donations from you and the community we were able to make a big difference in her and her little girl's life.

We had just received a round glass top table and matching coffee table over the weekend that she was able to use. We were able to help her with a lamp, dishes, blender, wood stand, bedding, towels and lots of other things. Her daughter found some toys,

clothes and a Halloween outfit while her Mom was shopping. God truly does provide for us.



We also had a young couple with a little boy that found a lot of things they needed for their home and their little boy. It was so exciting that he got a new pair of shoes. He showed me his old ones that the souls were totally worn out. He had holes in them. When he went to leave he showed me his new shoes and gave me a high five. The three of them got on their bikes. The cart that the mom pulled behind her bike was totally full. I asked if they lived close, she said they had a 48 minute ride to get home. We also had 6 other families that were able to find a lot of things to help them.

So again thank you for your donations and support. This is a truly great ministry to help our friends in this community. We can always use volunteers to help with this ministry. We have the Shared Goods open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 12pm to about 2pm. We set up and prepare for the day around 9:30am. We are also open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 6pm to 8pm. We also have work days on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12pm. If any of these times work for you we would love to have you join us. We sort, size and put the clothes out that have been donated. We box up older clothes and items that we have had for a while and distribute them to our partners. If these times do not work but another time would work, please call me, 330-412-4336, and we can work something out.

Lord we thank you for always providing for us, for enabling us to do your work. Help us to notice ways we can help our neighbors here and all around the world. In Jesus name we pray.



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# **STEWARDSHIP** FOR ALL SEASONS

**God's blessings be with you all!** Chris Parker of Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center recent visit provided an opportunity for a short, inspirational update on activity at Wernle and what Zion's support means to improve the quality of life for these youth. It was also an opportunity to see Chris in action serving as Assisting Minister during our service. It was a fitting pre-amble to our October 2023 stewardship campaign, "**Stewardship for All Seasons**". It is such a wonderful and fulfilling reminder of what God's abundant provisions for us can accomplish if we share them and not take them for granted in our daily lives. We are committed to utilize Zion's combined spiritual, physical and financial resources to enable ministry events such as Wernle which align with our mission, "Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ." If only we can do more, the needs are there......

October will be an active month with several important ministry events in addition to our bi-weekly **Food Pantry** distributions. The **Craft Show** is scheduled and is the major fund raiser to support our **Habitat for Humanity-Faith Build 2024.** Your generous support of time, talents, attendance and purchases will continue to make this a successful event. **Trunk-or-Treat** is scheduled for Halloween and has become a major community event with more than 350 attendees last year under ideal weather. This is a very rewarding activity, even more so with the volume of youth, parents, grandparents, etc enjoying themselves and interacting. Many smiles will be in evidence, young and old alike. We can include yours as well with volunteers and participation.

Our August giving results are positive and exceeded our monthly expenses to provide a reduction on our Year-to-Date ("YTD") operating deficit. Our YTD Giving is currently 15% greater than 2022 but it is insufficient rate to eliminate our current budget deficit. On one hand, 63 percent of Zion members are giving at a rate which is more than 110 percent of their 2022 levels, and 75 percent of members giving rates are 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 a noted deficit. Cost controls are being implemented to attempt to minimize the negative impact but the solution is an increase in Zion's total rate.

For your information, Zion has received offerings from 109 givers YTD; 22 who are new this year. Based on our median giving level, top 50 percent of Zion givers are generating 95 percent of our total giving. This confirms that the other 50 percent are giving 5 percent of total giving. This illustrates there is ample opportunity for all givers to improve these rates and ensure funds are available to support our ministries when they are needed. Small increases can aggregate and have a large positive impact. Your consistent, positive financial support is critical to our mission to adequately fund Zion's ministries

We are encouraged by the increasing trajectory in our giving pattern and trust that availability of your YTD 2023 Giving Statement (end September) provides you with necessary visibility and feedback to ensure that your contribution rate accurately reflects

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your commitment to Zion's ministries, and serve as the foundation of your support for our 2024 stewardship campaign. The final three months of the year always produce our highest giving rates and we trust that you will continue to make this a reality for 2023. Doing so 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. Lord, we are humbled by the resources you continue to 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. Faithfully yours, Resource Ministry—John Rhodes Elder

	August 2023	Year-To-Date 2023
Giving	\$38,345.67	\$215,330.69
Expenses	\$34,660.02	\$253,615.30
Difference	\$3,685.65	-\$38,284.61

**Fall Charity Craft Show – Saturday, October 21, 2023 10 am – 3 pm** Join us at this year's Fall Craft show on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm. There are still a few spaces available if you know any crafters who might be interested. Contact Tina in the office for an application. Spaces are filled first come, first serve. All proceeds received by our church from the Craft Show will go to fund Habitat for Humanity Faith Builds. We pray that God will guide us and others to support Habitat and the great work they do.

We will have German Dinners this year for \$10 each. Tickets for these dinners will go on sale October  $4^{th}$  and will be available before and after Wednesday & Sunday services, and in the office from 9 am – 3 pm during the week. Dinner tickets choices will be brats with sauerkraut or apple cider pork with spaetzle. Tickets can also be donated to share with members of our community.

We have great raffle items this year. Raffle Tickets for these items will be on sale before and after sour services starting October 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available in the office during the week. Raffle ticket cost will be 1 for \$1 or 10 for \$5. This year's raffle items are as follows:

#### Christmas Quilt – crafted by Zion's Comfort Givers Delicious Treats Basket ~ OSU Basket ~ Lottery Ticket Wreath ~ Pet Basket



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#### Pastor's Ponderings, October, 2023

What does it mean to ponder?

That statement reminds me of René Descartes' dictum *cogito, ergo sum,* Latin meaning; I think, therefore I am (from his work, *Discourse on Method*, 1637).

Unlike thinking, pondering might not be proof of one's existence, but rather, might be proof of the existence of others; both fauna and flora.



So, do you ponder?

- $\Rightarrow$  Do you think of things, other than yourself and those things that affect you?
- $\Rightarrow$  Do you think of others and how they are affected by human action, or inaction?
- $\Rightarrow$  Do you think about creation and how it is affected by human action, or inaction?
- $\Rightarrow$  Do you think of God and how God is affected by human action, or inaction?

You see, that's what I've been pondering lately. And that led me to the following:

#### + What is it God wants me (us) to do with my (our) life?

Is my life for my own benefit, or is it to benefit the greater good? Do my actions help or hinder the growth of others? Am I to be pleased with what I accomplish, or am I called to look for what I can accomplish to benefit others? Is God proud of what I do with the life God entrusted to my care?

- **†** What does God hope I (we) care enough about to make a difference for creation? Is my life filled with things I think are important, or what God thinks are important? Do I consider my comfort more important than the health and well being of creation? What can I do differently that will matter to the health of the world and its creatures? Is God proud of what I do to care for the fauna and flora God entrusted to my care?
- **† Who does God put in front of me (us) and how am I (we) to interact with them?** Am I so busy with my life that I don't see those around me and their need for life and meaning? Am I more concerned with how the actions of others affect me, or with how my actions affect others? Do I welcome interruptions as an opportunity to assist

### GOD,

May Your Kingdom come in my life today. All of my best plans and best efforts fail. I want Your way today. someone else? Is God proud of the way I consider the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those God entrusted to my care?

God trusts us with so much. As our weekly offering prayer goes; All that I have is yours (God) alone, entrusted, Lord, to my care. Perhaps I (we) can add – help us Lord be worthy of your trust.

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





Let us all dig deeper into our faith, and live a life of service, love and connection.

Graciously, Pr. William





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#### Darlene Milavickas - Chairperson for Property

It has been a few years since we had a review of our safety routes for the church if there is a fire. Here is the map which has the arrows showing you which way to exit from any room in the church. The North Canton Fire Department has given us the routes and doors we should be using. This map of the building also shows the locations of the fire pull stations, fire extinguisher and where to go in case of a Tornado. All the fire extinguishers are ABC, which cover wood, paper, fabrics, flammable liquids and electrical. The kitchen has a Wet Chemical fire extinguisher for commercial cooking oil, appliances and a BC extinguisher which does flammable liquids and electrical.

Please take a few very important minutes to review this map so you know where they are located and also your exit route. It could save your life or someone else's. There is a map by the door in every room.

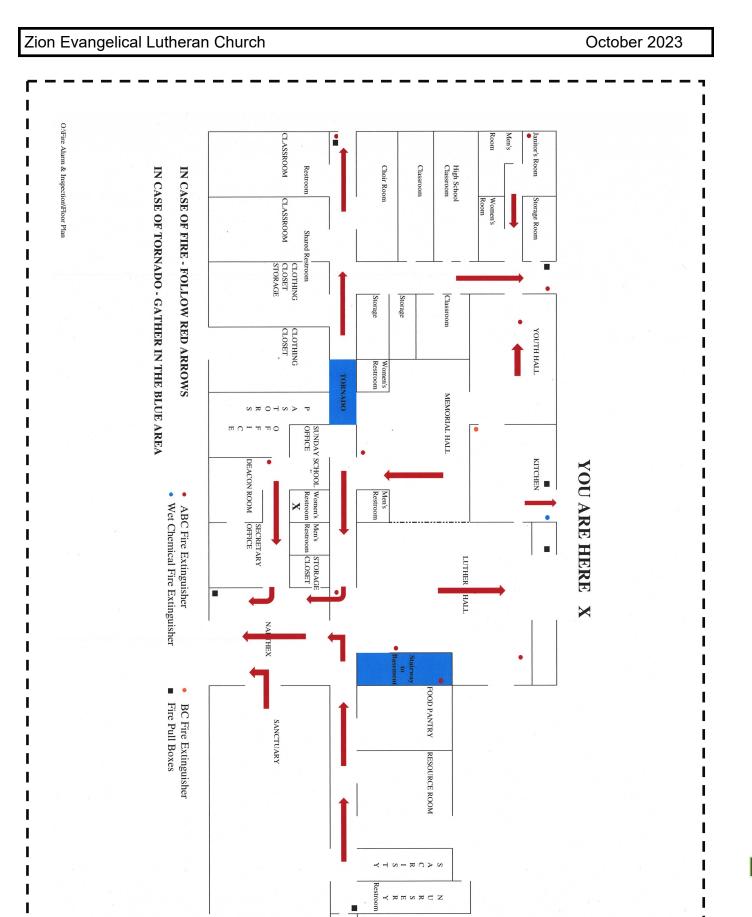
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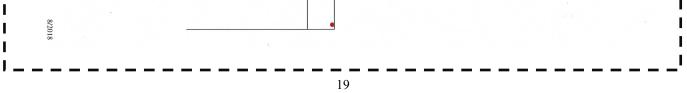
### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING October 22, 2023 10:15 am

Our church fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 and so we will gather together as a congregation on Sunday October 22, 2023 to review our prior year and make plans for the coming year. The meeting begins immediately following the worship service, at about 10:15.

Copies of the 2022/2023 Annual Report, which contains all the items for consideration at the October 22 meeting, are available for pick up in the church office, and at each week's Wednesday and Sunday worship services. Please call the church office to make other arrangements if you are unable to pickup.

Please plan on attending this very important meeting.





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#### 8/8/23

Zion Church c/o Laura 349 Lindy Lane Ave N.W. N. Canton, Ohio 44720

Dear Zion Church,



Thank you for your generous donation! Veterans experiencing homelessness living in the Summit County area and across Ohio turn to Valor Home for help and we are here to give them the critical programs and support that they so desperately need.

The thoughtful donation you recently made couldn't have come at a better time. As you may know, Valor Home is the only male shelter in Summit County that provides emergency shelter and supportive programming to homeless Veterans. The demand for shelter continues to rise, and you have made it possible for us to continue to provide safety and comfort to Veterans.

Your support gives Veterans opportunities to achieve their goal of having a safe place to call home. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

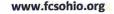
Sincerely, Susan Kilpatrick Program Manager

Valor Home 1121 Exeter Rd. Akron, OH 44306 330-773-7000

Donation; household items



No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation, which is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Valor Home, a program of Family and Community Services, Inc. is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code: EIN #34-1902451



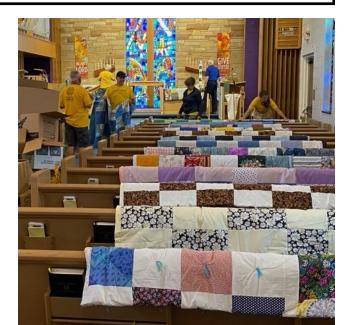
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### Blessing of the Quilts and Blankets September 24, 2023













May your Bobbins be full and everflowing. May your stash be rich, colorful, and abundant. May your Stitches-in-the-Ditch be even and straight. May you always be comforted by the warmth and joy of a Handmade Quilt. And may your heart be joy-filled and your life SEW BLESSED

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We celebrated our 10-year anniversary of God's work our hands on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We had a special worship service. We were even all sprinkled with water by Connie and Janet as a reminder of our baptism.

Connie and Janet made signs to put out front on Portage Road with a message for the community that God loves them and so do we. Hopefully, we have touched someone who needed to see that.

The kids from the Sunday Bible Adventure classes made items to sell during the coffee and donut time. They raised \$180 to buy groceries for the Food Pantry. They will go grocery shopping as part of their lesson. It is so nice to see God working in our youth.

We had a blood pressure station run by Doctor Mike Linz. Quite a few people took advantage of that.

We made 162 cards for the residents of St. Luke's. They were so appreciative that we thought of them. There were a lot of creative cards submitted. There was a lot of feedback of how fun it was to color them. Who doesn't like to color right? We would like to make cards a couple times a year. Everyone had a good time with fellowship.

Thank you for making this a successful event.

Sue Whalen Connie Riffle

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