

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

September 2023



**“LIKE A FLOWER HE COMES FORTH AND
WITHERS. HE ALSO FLEES LIKE A SHADOW
AND DOES NOT REMAIN.”**

JOB 14:2



Message from our President:

September is the month in which we anticipate the cooler weather of Fall and get back to a more hectic schedule after what we traditionally refer to as the leisurely, recreational, “hazy, lazy, crazy days” of Summer. At Zion’s “End of Summer” party on September 3 we’ll relax, sample good food, enjoy the company of others, count our Blessings (which we should be doing every day of the year) and contemplate new efforts to spread the Gospel to the community.

In the ELCA, Sunday, September 10, 2023 marks the 10th anniversary of “ God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, our annual day of service. On that day we at Zion will be wearing our yellow “ God’s work. Our hands.” Tee shirts as we engage in efforts to “Matter to the community by showing the Love of Jesus Christ.” This day of service is an extension of the work we are already doing to serve our fellow beings and is consistent with an ongoing effort to become a part of the community. For Lutherans, confidence in God’s Grace is the foundation of a conviction that a life in Jesus Christ is inextricably intertwined with service to others.

As Christians, we hold the firm belief that all of the resources - financial, physical, emotional, spiritual- in our possession have been entrusted to our care by God and that He expects conscientious and judicious endeavors on our part to be good stewards of those resources to facilitate their effective utilization in service to others.

As we focus on ensuring Zion is positioned and equipped to fulfill its Statement of Purpose, the Councilmembers are reading (in some instances rereading) Thom S. Rainer’s “Autopsy of a Deceased Church.” One of the many cogent and salient points Rainer makes is that vibrant and living churches look after the interests of others while dying churches look inward. Just as we as human beings are at our worst when we look inward and concentrate on our grief and troubles rather than outward at the Blessings God has provided. A church that focuses on the comfort of its members to the exclusion of the interests and needs of others outside the church cannot survive.

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus gives us the Great Commission to make disciples, baptize and teach; and tells us that He will be with us to the end of the age. In the months ahead Zion’s Elders will be asking the Congregation to take a good, hard look at our budgeting and resource allocation process to gauge the extent to which we on Council are being forthright and transparent and to evaluate whether our humble efforts are truly focused on accomplishing the Great Commission.

Lord, thank You for entrusting to our care the abundant resources needed to serve others. Thank You for instilling in us the wisdom and determination to be good stewards of those resources. Guide us in our performance of the Great Commission. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fidler
Council President**



"September remember a love once known has now grown old"! The bountiful harvest of our squash, zucchini, and beans is almost over; however, the tomatoes and peppers are still coming on strong. September gives us a time to reflect and give thanks to the Lord for all the good things he has provided to us while he satisfies our hunger.

Supporting Teams:

Handyman Services, leader - Ken Reinoehl
Volunteer and Request forms are available on the bulletin board across from Pastor's Office. One fuse was replaced at the home of Dave Vallykeo, our thanks to Clayton Van Scoy for handling this repair.

Visitations – Team Leader pending.

Transportation – No Team Leader Assigned.

Parish Nurse– Not Currently active.

Prayer Chain – Jayne Schrader

Funeral Reception Meals – One reception was held for the family of Gregory Evanoff Friday August 11th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

Blood Program—Debbie Fox
A Blood Drive was held Wednesday August 9th 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The next Blood drive will be Sunday October 8th 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Thank you for your support.

Comfort Givers – Darlene Milavickas
has an article in the August News Letter covering latest Comfort Givers projects.

Greeting Cards – No Report.

Lord, let us give thanks for your unfailing love and all the wonderful deeds you do for not only us, but all mankind. 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



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 are 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 October 22nd 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. Pastor William leads the group in a meaningful and worthwhile discussion of God's Word – there is so much to learn!

Confirmation & High School Classes

These classes will meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 starting September 3rd. Join us at the Coffee Exchange and then we will head off to classes.

Bible Adventure Pre-K thru 6th Grades

We will kick off our Sunday Bible Adventure on Sunday, September 3rd at 10:15 am with a scavenger hunt and service project for Habitat for Humanity. Sunday Bible Adventure will meet every Sunday at 10:15 am after service in our classrooms in the back hall. Join us for great lessons, games, crafts and snacks!



Women's Bible Study

Calling all women! You are invited to join our at-home Bible Study. Cindy Bagocius is leading one session at her home (1600 Chadford Gate SE North Canton) from 10 – 11 am on Monday, September 4th and Monday, October 2nd. Call Cindy at 234-207-3638 for more information.

Ruth Reinoehl will host a second session from 7- 8 pm at her home (407 9th Street, North Canton) on Monday, August 28th and Monday, October 2nd. Her phone contact is 330-284-6068.

Come and devote an hour in the Word and in the company of each other. This current session is titled, "Salvation Now", and is from the GATHER Magazine of WELCA.

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!

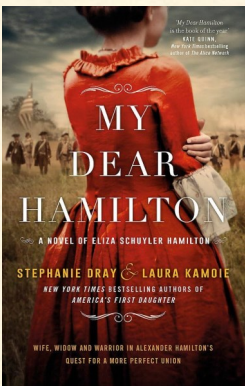
Dear God, help us to open our minds, our ears and our hearts to what You are telling us, and to do what You want us to! Guide us in our pursuit of learning your Word every day. Amen

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Paul Bagocius	September 4
Carol Rossbach	September 6
George Miller	September 8
Clint Davis	September 9
Shirley Horton	September 11
Judy Arter	September 13
Lisa Kay	September 15
Nancy Biggerstaff	September 17
Lisa Roman	September 21
Connie Riffle	September 23
Natalie Henderson	September 23
Nikki Milek	September 26
Jayne Schrader	September 27
Kay Reiss	September 30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John & Virginia Long	September 3
Drew & Beth Heller	September 3
Sam & Beth Shaheen	September 21
Doug & Lisa Roman	September 30

**Every Wednesday - 7pm
In the Pavilion**

OUTDOOR
worship

Bring family and friends! Everyone Welcome!

Child care available—Infant thru Kindergarten



Growing in Faith is a ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith. We believe that lay members of our parishes are integral to healthy discipleship in our churches and communities.

Thus, we gather followers across congregations to grow in faith together.

Growing in Faith is a series of classes that you can take all in one year or over the course of many years. This Fall, the classes are being offered online through other synods. We will begin offering these courses through our pastors and in person in the Spring.

Each course runs for 5 weeks and costs \$70 (this is the suggested course fee plus a small amount for celebrations at the end of the year).

Go to <https://www.neos-elca.org/growing-in-faith.html> for the fall class topics, dates and times and to register.

Shared Goods - Darlene Milavickas

We had a great month with being open four times this month and with all the donations we received. We were open on our regular 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in conjunction with the Food Pantry and our Monday evening prior to our 3rd Tuesday Food Pantry. We were excited to join with the North Canton Care Team on their Back to School give-away. They set up in the gym to give their families the school supplies they needed. Then the families were all able to shop at the Shared Goods. We had about 10 different families. It was great to see the children able to get a lot of clothes. All the families were taking out multiple bags of items. It is so wonderful getting to see the Holy Spirit in action. It was so fulfilling helping and seeing the families find different items that they wanted.



Lord, we thank you for giving us the building and all the people that support our Shared Goods so we can provide for the less fortunate. Please have the Holy Spirit continue to work through us and show us new ways to help others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Food Pantry - Debbie Fox

Zion's Food Pantry was blessed to receive a generous donation from the Massillon-North Canton Elks 2029 on Tuesday, August 15th. Pat and Matt from the Elks stopped during Food Pantry set up that morning and gave us a check for \$400 – Praise God! They also had a chance to see our volunteers in action and learn about the Food Pantry.



We are so grateful for their donation!



Thanks be to God for organizations in our community working together to support each other as we serve God and the people in our community!

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 and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing...*

Paul Bagocius - Worship Ministry Elder

Connie Riffle and Sue Whalen have been working on the 10th anniversary celebration of our ELCA slogan "God's Work, Our Hands" to be held during Sunday service, Sept. 10. We are encouraging everyone to wear their yellow logo shirts during Sunday service. (Don't have a shirt? No problem! Sign up for a free shirt in Luther Hall). Immediately after the



service, join us in Luther Hall to color and add a spiritual message (message ideas will be available) to cards that will accompany our gifts outside of the church. Be a part of this important way to show that Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ. Lets get 100% participation on Sept. 10!

The "Blessing of the Animals" will be held as part of the "Zion Community Fun Day" being planned for Saturday, Sept. 30. It is scheduled for 1pm.

A new Trustee Chair was chosen by the Trustees on Sunday, August 13. Scott Gross was voted into that position. We thank John Long for his faithful service as Chair these past several years.

Our worship space projector is not working and we are in the process of assessing the problem. We are also in discussion on how to best use technology to enhance our services. Maybe replacement with a large screen television for added clarity and brilliance?

Our Ministry is looking at softly piping prelude type music throughout our building prior to Sunday worship for the benefit of those attending as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship our God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

Did you notice the Acolyte rolling the Food Pantry wagon down the aisle during the offering portion of the Sunday service. We want to highlight and encourage this form of giving to our community. Next time you grocery shop, please consider buying and bringing an extra box or can of food or a toiletry item for this special offering.

We are in the beginning process of analyzing and evaluating our implementation of our Purpose Statement: "To equip people of all ages to respond to God's call by regularly participating in the celebration of Word and Sacrament." This assessment will be on our monthly agenda for several months. This is the result of our discussions at our Council workshops earlier this year.

Dear Heavenly Father, guide us with your Holy Spirit and our love for Jesus as we work to bring meaningful and spiritual worship services to praise, honor, and glorify you. Amen



Blood Drive Update - Wednesday, August 9th

Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood on August 9th!

There were 23 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 319 units (almost 40 gallons) helping to save or sustain the lives of 957 people. Thanks be to God for everyone who is willing to donate blood and give the gift of life!

A note from Becky, mother of Remy who needs blood transfusions every 2 weeks:

"Remy is living proof that blood is needed and that it works. She couldn't thrive without it."

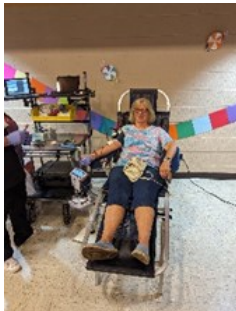
The following are the remaining 2023 Blood Drive dates at Zion – please give if you can!

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

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





**September 10, 2023
9am Sunday Worship Service**

What is God’s Work our Hands Sunday?

Together in Jesus Christ, we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully. On this day, we bear witness to the love and concern God’s people have for one another. Our congregation does this work daily. Loving our neighbors and improving our community.

This year, we will be celebrating the 10-year anniversary of “God’s work, Our hands”.

We will have a special worship service followed by a donut and coffee reception. We will be making cards to distribute to the residents of St. Luke’s Nursing Home showing our love for them. Please plan to stop by and make a card. We need 160 cards for every resident.

We will be wearing our yellow “God’s work Our hands” shirts so please plan on wearing yours that day.

Thank you for being a part of this anniversary.

Sue Whalen - Witness Ministry Elder

OCTOBER 21, 2023
CRAFT SHOW TABLE SPACE AVAILABLE
\$35.00 PER 8 foot table
Proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity

Zion Lutheran Church
North Canton, Ohio
SEPTEMBER 2023

ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

September 3, 2023 George Miller
September 10, 2023 Beth Heller
September 17, 2023 Jim Fidler
September 24, 2023 Linda Weidenbach

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

September 3, 2023 Ben Keith
September 10, 2023 Ava Medina
September 17, 2023 Kenadi Medina
September 24, 2023 LJ Brown

READER SCHEDULE

September 3, 2023 Renee Keith
September 10, 2023 Laura Thompson
September 17, 2023 Nick Cignetti
September 24, 2023 Randy Cizek

ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE

September 3, 2023 Carol McKimm
September 10, 2023 Carol McKimm
September 17, 2023 Steve Moore
September 24, 2023 Jack Brannen

CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

September 2, 2023 Darlene Milavickas
September 9, 2023 Darlene Milavickas
September 16, 2023 Darlene Milavickas & Jayne
Schrader
September 23, 2023 Sally Bunyan & Beth Shaheen
September 30, 2023 Sally Bunyan & Beth Shaheen

SUNDAY

September 3, 2023 Darlene Milavickas & Jayne
Schrader
September 10, 2023 Darlene Milavickas
September 17, 2023 Darlene Milavickas & Jayne
Schrader
September 24, 2023 Sally Bunyan & Beth Shaheen

9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS

September 3, 2023 Paul Bagocius
September 10, 2023 Darlene Milavickas
September 17, 2023 George Miller
September 24, 2023 Laura Thompson

Call the office
to get involved!

SERVING IN LOVE



OCTOBERFEST CHARITY CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

Craft Show: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Crafter space is available for \$35.00 per 8 foot
table

German Dinners: 11:00am - 3:30pm

Eat in, takeout or donate a meal

Raffle Drawings ~ Concessions ~
Bake Sale

“Themed” Basket Raffle
Church Proceeds Benefit Habitat
for
Humanity Faith Build

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God's blessings to you all! It is so refreshing and uplifting to see evidence of God's abundant blessings every day: the sun shining brightly, pleasant temperatures, sufficient rain but only in the evenings, and nature's abundant colors radiating for all to enjoy. Truly the Holy Spirit is shining on us and I hope you take the time to embrace it, enjoy it and pass it forward!

This summer has been very exciting with numerous examples of Zion's ministries. VBS in the last week of June was an exhilarating schedule of events for children in our community as well as a rewarding experience for a multitude of Zion volunteers. During July and August, Zion's enthusiastic team of "yellow shirt" volunteers completed our 2nd and 3rd work sessions for the 2023 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. The 2nd session focused on siding to finish the exterior for one of three deserving family's homes and 3rd to complete internal painting. Habitat personnel love to work with Zion's efficient and effective Team, while the positive reinforcement received from the Habitat deserving families is heart-warming.

Another major ministry event was the Cruise-In on July 21 to benefit Valor Home for homeless veterans. Excellent weather served as the backdrop for a very successful evening involving 90+ colorful vintage cars filling our yard around the pavilion, 300+ hungry patrons which were efficiently served by a cadre of 25+ Zion volunteers. This positive and rewarding environment supported our efforts to raise \$3,000 to contribute to Valor Home operations.

Your enthusiastic participation and financial support to these activities, in addition to our monthly Food Pantry and Shared Goods Place ministries, allow us to demonstrate that "Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ". The community is noticing this effort as evidenced by the numerous positive comments received at these events.

Our July and Year-to-Date ("YTD") giving results are a conundrum. On one hand, 60 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 noted deficit. Our issue is not with expenses, which YTD are actually within budget in aggregate, but with giving.

For your information, Zion has received offerings from 104 givers YTD; 22 who are new this year. Based on our median giving level, 50 percent of Zion givers are generating 93 percent of our total giving. This confirms that 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.

Opportunities abound to make 2023 a safe, happy, and healthy year sharing the resources God has made available to us to positively impact our community. God will assist to make your individual contributions multiply to ensure it happens.

Lord, it is amazing to see the positive impact that your resources can have on the community. Please provide the inspiration necessary for us 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

	July 2023	Year-To-Date 2023
Giving	\$29,654.76	\$176,985.02
Expenses	\$30,220.84	\$218,982.34
Difference	-\$566.08	-\$41,997.32



July 25, 2023

Dear Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the coaches and athletes of Stark County Board of DD Special Olympics, I would like to thank you and the VBS attendees for choosing us as your charity of choice this year. Also, thank you for your generous donation of \$382.40, to the Special Olympics Ohio-Stark DD Program.

Stark DD Special Olympics currently serves more than 300 athletes registered to participate in one or more of our seven sports programs throughout the year.

With the support from people like you, we are able to offer athletes in our community opportunities they would not otherwise have. These opportunities include not only competitions locally but the opportunities to travel and compete around the state. The personal growth that I have witnessed in our athletes through our program is exciting!

Thank you for recognizing the importance of these endeavors for our Olympians. Your actions speak louder than words. We appreciate that very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Gardner".

Paula Gardner
Stark DD Special Olympic Coordinator

Special Olympics Ohio is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. (51-0183468) Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.



Comfort Givers - Darlene Milavickas

We are collecting items for making school kits and personal hygiene kits to be sent overseas with the quilts. Here is a list of the items for both kits. There will be a tub in the Coffee Bar room for you to place the items you have purchased. If you want to donate but are not able to get out and shop let me know and we will get the items for you.

School kits: Spiral notebooks (wide or college rule), 30-centimeter ruler (or inches & centimeter), pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), box of 16 or 24 crayons and 2 ½ " eraser.

Personal hygiene kits: Light-weight bath towel (20X40 or 52X27), bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. in original wrapping, sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed), and metal nail clippers.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the abundance of items you provide for us which enables us to provide for others in our community around the world. We ask that the Holy Spirit enlightens us with new ways of helping. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

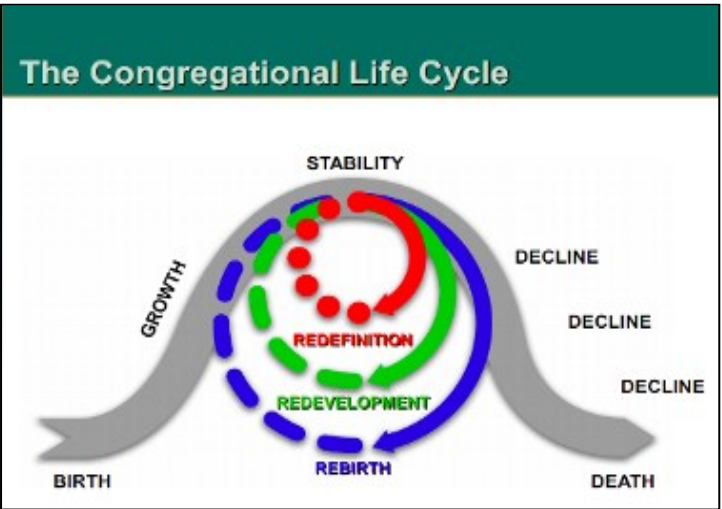
Pastor’s Ponderings, September, 2023

Lately, I’ve been pondering life. Well, actually, death. I heard somewhere that we begin our journey to death the moment we are born. Well, that takes a lot of the fun and excitement out of being around newborns. So, I stopped pondering that line of thought. Elsewhere, I heard that we begin to die when we stop growing. And that got me to pondering again.

I think we begin to die when we stop growing in spirit, wisdom, and outward focus. And that, my fellow siblings in Christ, got me to thinking about Christ’s church. In an upcoming gospel (or rather, by the time you read this, it will be a recently past gospel) Jesus tells Peter that Christ will build his church upon Peter’s confession that Jesus is the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16-18).

Christ built his church and it expanded around the globe. But when Christ’s church stops growing, it begins to die. You see, like people, churches have a life-cycle: birth, growth, stability, decline, and death. But, unlike humans, churches don’t need to die; they can redefine, redevelop, and experience rebirth.

As in our eternal life with Christ, churches can have eternal life with Christ. They can focus on their mission as defined by Christ (Matthew 28:19-20) and grow indefinitely. All it takes is committed disciples. So, what do the people of this congregation need to do for it to grow?



- † Redefinition – looking at our mission; what we are called to do and who we are called to serve for the benefit of the greater good outside our walls.
- † Redevelopment – identifying our strengths and abilities, maybe even cultivating some new ones, and finding ways to use them in our community.
- † Rebirth – a complete resurgence of life that comes only from making some tough decisions and committing to doing some hard work. The result is an improved revitalized community, improved revitalized congregation, and improved revitalized congregants.

The only question that remains is: what will you choose? Life or death?

What does our future look like?

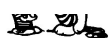
Bold and beautiful!



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!

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



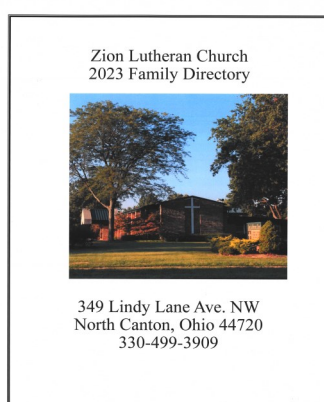


History Corner - Darlene Milavickas

There have been some people asking about our entrances. Why we say our main entrance is off of Lindy Lane and the west entrance isn't the main one. When the church was built back in 1960 there was no west entrance. There was a stage located there and the kitchen was at the other end of the Coffee Bar room, down by the closets. The picture is from 1979, at the Mother Daughter Banquet. They had a style show of their wedding gowns. The model is Sue Gieb in her wedding dress. So that is why the entrance off of Lindy Lane was our main entrance, it was our only entrance at first. As I come across old pictures showing the different areas, I will publish them with some history around them.



2023 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FAMILY DIRECTORY



Stop by the office to get your copy of the new directory!!

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WEEKLY ZION ACTIVITIES EMAIL???



If you would like to get on the email list for receiving current Activities, Notices and Updates about Zion, please call the office at 330-499-3909.



We had a great visit with Chris Parker, Church Relations Officer at Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center on Sunday, August 13th. Chris did a great job as the Assisting Minister and shared so much important information about Wernle. It was our pleasure to give Chris a check for \$3,082 from donations and the basket raffle that day along with all of the donated items (gift



cards, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, socks, underwear, bras, shoes and winter and fall coats from our Shared Goods). Chris was overwhelmed with gratitude and so appreciate of the support Zion gives to the kids and staff at Wernle. Thanks be to God for everyone's generous donations and thanks be to God for the staff and kids at Wernle. Please continue to pray for them!



Chris drew the winning ticket for the basket raffle that morning during our meet & greet reception after service. Brian and Lisa Kay won the Summer Fun Basket! Congratulations to Brian and Lisa!





The Wernle Welcome

This past Sunday took me northeast to Zion Lutheran in North Canton, OH. Pastor William Weidenbach allowed me to be his assisting minister for the day. It was a very rewarding experience to be part of a service that has so many wonderful friends to Wernle. Pastor William's sermon on Jesus and Peter, with less success, walking on water, took us back to their mindset at the time. A special thanks to Ben, the acolyte, for getting me where I was supposed to be. Fellowship in the hall after the service gave me more time to chat with these wonderful folks. The fellowship hall is decorated with art from Wernle boys and girls. These folks sent me back to Wernle with a whole bunch of support. Thank you to Debbie Fox and Darlene Milavickas for putting together the Wernle raffle and for their friendship.

In 1954, the small town of Milan, Indiana, won the Indiana High School basketball tournament. The movie Hoosiers is based on this story. This weekend I will travel to St. Paul Lutheran church in Milan. This will be my second trip to visit Pastor Sue Socha and her congregation. Wernle has a lot of support in this part of Indiana.

We are in need of sports bras for our girls if anyone can help. Soon we will be putting our needs on an Amazon wish list, and I will keep you informed.

Wernle Day is coming October 8th. Details will be forthcoming.

Blessings!



Chris Parker
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2023 Habitat Faith Build Update

We completed our third and final work day for this year's Faith Build on Saturday, August 19th. Nine volunteers from Zion came out to help paint the interior of one of the homes. It was a beautiful and very productive 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!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 4th which will be this year's dedication and turning over of the keys to the families for the three homes. This is such an emotional and moving day – please join us!

We ask that you continue to pray for the families, volunteers and Habitat staff as they complete this year's Faith Build. Check out the Bulletin Board in the hall by the restrooms for more information and photos of the build. You can also check out photos of all three builds at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/habitateco/sets/72177720307150670/>.

Thank you for everyone's prayers & support and thank you to Zion's Habitat Crew this year:

Work Day Volunteers: Mark Denman, Dean & Debbie Fox, Beth & Drew Heller, Lou & Darlene Milavickas, George Miller, Dave Palumbo, Ken Reinoehl, John, Tobias & Marcus Rhodes, Doug Roman, Grant Schilling, Pastor William Weidenbach

Lunch Crew: Cindy & Paul Bagocius, Ruth & Ken Reinoehl







THANK YOU!

Thank you for being the giving type and hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, August 9th, 2023. It takes the support and dedication of people like you to make blood drives successful and your time and commitment was appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

As coordinator of the Zion Lutheran Church Blood Drives, you know that there is no substitute for human blood. Donating blood gives strength, hope, and courage to our community and to those who need it most. Due to your efforts, we were able to register 23 donors and collect 15 blood products.

On behalf of Vitalant and the patients who are the ultimate beneficiaries, please extend our gratitude to everyone who donated to help others. Their generosity will help our neighbors in need, including cancer patients, critically ill newborns, burn patients, accident victims, transplant patients and many more who require blood products.

I look forward to working with you on our next blood drive on Sunday, October 8th, 2023.

Thank you for helping save so many lives,

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*cannot thank you enough for
all you do!*

One blood donation can change the lives of so many people. Almost 2 ½ yrs. ago someone's selfless act of donating blood changed my life as well.

My younger brother, Mat, is an ER Doctor. He began feeling sick after working the night shift in the ER and thought he wasn't eating enough or drinking too much coffee while he was working. A few weeks later he began vomiting after his shifts.

Mat had bloodwork done and his enzymes were elevated so he scheduled an MRI. 10 days after his 40th birthday he was diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer and given 6-12 months to live.

He has had surgeries to remove his gall bladder, spleen, part of his pancreas, 50 tumors out of his liver and scar tissue. Mat has needed blood transfusions after his surgeries. Blood Donors are part of the reason he is still here 31 months after his diagnosis!

With all my heart I would like to personally thank you for organizing blood drives, recruiting for them, and for all the heroes that take time out of their day to donate blood.

People like you have given my family the greatest gift you can give someone. The gift of more time.

Forever grateful,
Katy Neff





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

