



Zion Lutheran Church
349 Lindy Lane NW
North Canton, OH 44720
An ELCA Congregation

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THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

April 2024

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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Council Members

Jim Fidler—President
Darlene Milavickas—Vice President
Jayne Schrader—Secretary
Beth Shaheen—Treasurer
G. Scott Gross—Caring Ministry
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



Message from our President:

The month of April signals the onset of Spring. It is a time of evident abundance of life. Flowers and plants bloom. Animals come out of hibernation. We humans enjoy longer, milder days, green grass, and the rejuvenation brought by encounters with others. As Christians we celebrate the new life brought by Jesus' Resurrection. On March 31, 2024 we joyfully proclaimed, "Christ is Risen! Risen Indeed! Alleluia!" Those triumphant words signal Jesus' victory over the grave and announce for us the start of a new life, just as Spring ushers in a new beginning.

As we contemplate the hope and promise brought by the month of April we embrace the new direction that Jesus' Resurrection brings to our lives. We turn away from the values and precepts of the world and look toward the Kingdom of God and opportunities to align ourselves with God's purposes and mission.

Spring is a time for reflection and reevaluation of our role as disciples of Christ and stewards of all of the abundant resources God has entrusted to our care. It is a time when we dispense with the mistaken belief that what we wrongly call "our" money and "our" possessions provide us with security and realize that our worth and security are in Jesus. We draw closer to family and friends and appreciate that true wealth is measured by the love we give and receive. Because Jesus frees us from the grip possessions have on us we are able to contribute more to church and charity.

As we celebrate Earth Day on April 22 we are reminded that the new life we have through our Resurrected Lord calls for us to be good stewards of the "very good" home God has provided for us.

As members of Zion, each and every one of us must ask ourselves how we can best use the abundant resources- physical, mental, athletic, intellectual, artistic, financial- God has entrusted to our care for the enhancement of Zion's capacity to matter to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ.

Lord, thank You for the newness of life given by the Resurrection of Your Son. Help us to continue to experience the joy that comes from faithful stewardship of all of the resources You have provided. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fidler
Council President



Easter Memorials 2024

GIVEN BY

Paul & Cindy Bagocius
Sally Bunyan

Sondra & Randy Elsass

Family
Jim Fidler
Dean & Debbie Fox
Rob & Lisa Frock

Gross Family

Vera Harris
Peggy Ingalls
Lou & Darlene Milavickas

Janet Slease
Laura Thompson

Linda Tvorik, LJ & Carli

GIVEN BY

Rob & Lisa Frock

Lou & Darlene Milavickas

Milek Family
Mike & Jayne Schrader
Betty Lou Tracy

GIVEN BY

Her Siblings in Christ
Susan Kaschak
Dean & Debbie Fox

IN LOVING MEMORY

Benedict Bagocius Family and Doug Hudson Family
Charlie Bunyan, Robert & Grace Paustian
Judie Holmberg
Michael Elsass, Ray Elsass Jr., Ray Elsass Sr.,
Catherine Elsass, Carl & Beulah Swinehart,
Lon Swinehart
Gina Marie Lehn (Brakus) and Rebecca Brakus
Elaine M. Fidler and Frances M. Mejstrik
Loved Ones who have joined the Church Triumphant!
Orrin & Eileen Bose, Elden & Ruth Frock
Joseph X. Semerero
J.F. Gross, Anne O. Gross, Clara Mae Gross,
Edward Gross
Brad Harris
Jeanne H. Babcock
Ellis & Anna Mae LeBeau, Otto & Grace LeBeau
Glenn & Emma Tillinghast, Dr. Dean LeBeau, Dan Dennis
Gordon LeBeau, Kay Davis, Earl & Juanita Bathol
John & Marge Mavrich and Lourie Staib
Eva Reiss, Arthur A. Reiss, Michael Park, David Reiss
Kathryn Morrison, Lowell Thompson, Arthur E. Reiss
Martha Santangelo and Mike Santangelo
Ronald Tvorik


IN HONOR

Our Zion Family, Children & Grandchildren
Tom & Danielle, Rosie, Caroline and Poppy Welnak
Mark & Kayle, Vivian, Teddy and Eloise Vanderbilt
Ethan & Monica Frock
Jesus Christ Our Lord
Children and Grand-Children
Friends, Family and all of God's Creatures
Children and Grand-Children
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren


IN CELEBRATION


Gracie Haga's First Communion
Christ's Resurrection!
In Celebration of Our Risen Lord!





Stark County Humane Society Love Collection - Debbie Fox






Thank you to everyone that donated items to help the animals and staff at the Stark County Humane Society. The items were delivered along with a check for over \$350 in March. Thanks be to God for sharing the love with these animals who cannot speak for themselves.

If you would like more information about the Stark County Humane Society, please visit starkhumane.org. There is info about volunteer opportunities, wish lists for items needed and photos of the adorable and lovable animals that are looking for their forever home.

Please continue to share the love!



Food Pantry News

In March, we ordered over 5,000 pounds of food from the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank to be distributed to our pantry families. We also received over 200 pounds of donations from our congregation, members of our community, and our friends at Community Christian Church in North Canton and North Canton Grace. We served 158 families that included 364 people in March with those items.

We recently had our annual Pantry inspection by Linda Steinhebel from the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank, and received the following email:



Dear Network Partner,

Thank you for completing your site visit on 03/13/2024. We are grateful for you and proud to partner with Zion Lutheran Church (North Canton). Below is a summary of our visit. If you have a question, please reply to this email.

Overall Site Visit Assessment Percentage:

100%

Opportunities for Improvement:

- keep the Foodbank informed if the need for culturally sensitive food is becoming a request

Note from Linda Steinhebel:

Hi Debbie,

Thank you and Jayne for taking so much time to speak with me at your site visit. Everything looked great, just as I had thought it would. You are all doing amazing work in the community. I look forward to many more years of your pantry ahead.

Linda

Thank you to all of our volunteers and everyone who provides food donations and financial support to our Pantry. We would not be successful in doing God’s work to feed the hungry without everyone’s collective effort. Thanks be to God for everyone who is doing as Jesus commanded to feed the hungry, and help end food insecurity in our community.

Want to help?

Pray for those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity and all the staff and volunteers from the Food Pantries and food banks who work to end hunger.

Donate nonperishable food items. Our most needed items include spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, jelly, canned soup, boxed cereal or oatmeal and toilet paper. Please consider adding one item to your grocery list.

Help set 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.

Volunteer on distribution days (1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month). We start at 9:30 am with final set up, lunch starts at 11:30 am for volunteers and 12:15 pm for our pantry families, and food distribution from 1 - 2 pm with tear down to follow. We appreciate any time you may have available to volunteer from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm on those Tuesdays.

Please see Debbie Fox if you have any questions or would like more information about volunteer opportunities!



CARING MINISTRY - G. Scott Gross

April, come she will, and we are all another month older. Therefore, The Caring Ministry is encouraging members to consider being Certified in CPR & AED procedures. Courses are offered each month through the NCFD at the 7th Street Station. The dates vary each month because of a rotating shift. The cost is \$40 per person; however, if you are financially restricted, we will offer a scholarship to cover the training. If you are interested, you can schedule your training with Capt. Jean Trent at (330) 497 4899. Scholarships will be available through Pastor. Thank you for your consideration.

Supporting Teams:

Handyman Services - Ken Reinoehl
Volunteer and Request forms are available on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s Office. No Request for February.

Visitations - Ken Reinoehl
5 Visits in February.

Transportation – No Team Leader assigned.

Parish Nurse - Not Currently Active.

Prayer Chain – Jayne Schrader
If you would like to make a request, please contact Jayne at Prayer@zion-nc.com.

Funeral Reception Meals – Darlene Milavickas
One reception for the family of Margaret Robarge. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Feed a Friend – Laura Thompson
Two families served in February.

Blood Program - Debbie Fox
The next blood drive will be Sunday April 14th, 2024 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

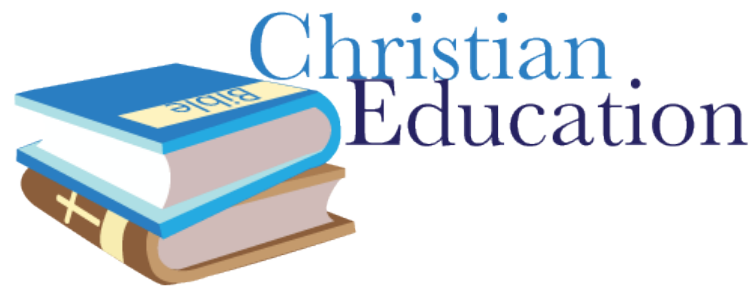
Comfort Givers – Darleen Milavickas.
No report.

Greeting Cards - No report.

Dear heavenly Father, make us thankful for our many blessings. Teach us to share them with others who are in need and may not know you. Amen.



Coffee & Donut Social Every Sunday After Worship Service



LEARNING MINISTRY– Debbie Fox
Bible Adventure - Pre-K thru 6th Grades
Sunday Bible Adventure meets Sunday mornings at 10:15 am after service in our classrooms in the back hall. Bring a friend or two for fun and learning about the Bible and how much God loves us! In April, we

will be doing some extra Easter activities like an egg hunt and Easter Program as we study our lessons during the six weeks of Easter.

Adult Christian Education

Join us after Sunday service for coffee, delicious treats followed by an hour of learning and discussion. In April, the group will begin “The Lutheran Course”. Led by Pastor William, this is a seven session study that covers:

- How to Tell the Difference Between the Law and the Gospel
- Five Things You Should Know about the Lutheran Reformation
- The Anatomy of a Baptism
- How to Receive Communion
- The Three Most Rebellious Things Jesus Did
- How to Read the Bible
- How to Share Your Faith with Someone

Confirmation & High School Christian Ed

We offer these classes Sunday mornings at 10:15am. Join us at the Coffee Bar after service, and 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.

Vacation Bible Adventure

Preparation continues for this summer’s Vacation Bible Adventure that takes place June 24th – 28th (Monday thru Thursday 9 am – 12:30pm, Friday 9am – 1pm). The week-long adventure in God’s Big Backyard is all about service - serve family, serve friends, serve neighbors, serve community and serve Jesus. Vacation Bible Adventure is designed for kids age 4 through those who have completed 5th grade. We also have a group for Middle School and High School kids who would like to help out. There are many opportunities to help out – volunteer during the week of VBA, help with decorations, prep and set up, pray for the volunteers and children who will

be attending. Please see Debbie Fox if you are interested in helping out or if you would like more information.

Women’s Bible Study

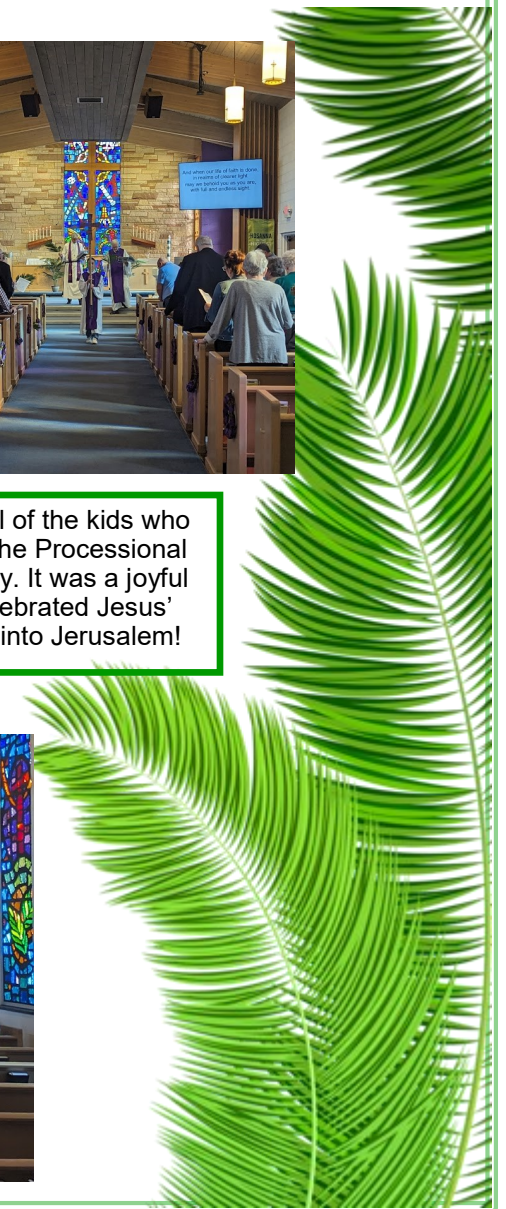
The next Women’s Bible Study will meet Monday, April 1st. Cindy Bagocius will lead a session at 1:30pm in her home (2308 Market Ave North, Canton), and Ruth Reinoehl will lead a session at 7pm in her home (407 9th St NW, North Canton).



MARCH 24, 2024 - PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



Thank you to all of the kids who participated in the Processional on Palm Sunday. It was a joyful noise as we celebrated Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem!



STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

John Rhodes - Resource Ministry

God's plentiful blessings be with you all! Are you ready for Spring to be sprung in earnest, I am! The diversity of occasional frigid temperatures with interspersed forms of precipitation is getting very old creating opportunities for colds, sickness, etc. I am praying that we will have fitting weather for Holy Week and Easter's culmination celebration of our Lord's resurrection. I trust you participated in all our Holy Week opportunities and celebrated the joy that they inspire.

Our February Unrestricted ("General Fund") giving results were positive and a continuation of our strong January giving pattern. Thank you! February 2024 was 10% greater than 2023, combining with our strong January results to create YTD Giving Rate which is 23% ahead of 2023. Unfortunately, our utility bills for gas and electric were excessive in February, and significant unanticipated building repairs combined to produce a deficit for the month and YTD. Our other planned cost controls have been effective encouraging operating expense plans for the remainder of Spring and Summer.

Though we have had a strong start to 2024 Giving, we have not enjoyed this increase from all members. On one hand, 50 % of Zion Giving members are starting the year giving at a rate which is more than 110 % of their 2023 levels, and 70 % giving at a rate greater than 2023. This is very encouraging and in alignment with our objective to achieve our approved 2024 Spending Plan. On the contrary, 30% of Zion 2024 givers are giving at a reduced rate compared to 2023 and 20% of 2023 Givers have yet to give anything in 2024. We need support from all of you to positively resolve this situation and remain confident about achievement of 2024 ministry plans.

May God bless each of you during this Lenten season, and for your prayers of support in sharing God's Blessings to improve the lives of Zion members and the community in 2024 and beyond.

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.

	February 2024	Year To Date 2024
Giving	\$21,554.69	\$65,529.19
Expenses	\$36,011.08	\$68,076.65
Difference	-\$14,456.39	-\$2,547.46

The groups typically meet on the first Monday of the month devoting an hour in the Word and in the company of each other discussing the Bible Study from the ELCA's GATHER Magazine during the sessions. Please contact Cindy or Ruth if you are interested. Ruth is willing to do an additional session each week if those times don't work for you. Please contact Debbie Fox, or Ruth if you are interested in scheduling an additional meeting time

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



Our new disciple, Vera Harris, was received into the church March 6, 2024 at the 7pm Worship Service. Welcome to the Zion Family!!





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Grant Schilling	April 5
Renee Keith	April 7
Sandy Elsass	April 7
Lorraine Weinman	April 9
Johanna Henderson	April 16
Lou Milavickas	April 16
Weston Milek	April 18
Beth Heller	April 20
Jane Fairman	April 22
Ava Medina	April 23
Christopher Thompson	April 23
Keith Haga	April 24
Cindy Bagocius	April 26
John Long	April 26
Dick Seeton	April 27
Art Brakus	April 28
Clarence Givler	April 29

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Susan & Bob Heyard	April 5
Vicki & Clarence Givler	April 16
Mel & Chris Whalen	April 20

2024 Zion Fall Charity Craft Show

OCTOBER 19, 2024

**Taking applications for booth space
Inquire in the main office**

Learning Ministry - Debbie Fox

Weekly Bible Discussion

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join weekly Bible discussion! Why should you join Bible Discussion? Well...you can learn so much more about our weekly lessons and Gospel! There are many points of view shared in each session which raises very interesting questions that you may have never thought of.



"Personally, I leave each week saying, wow I never thought of that, and I have learned how important it is to pay attention to the context and translations of the Bible passages. The sessions allow for so much more knowledge and understanding that you cannot get from just coming to worship service." Debbie Fox



Please join one or all of the sessions if you would like! It is an hour that is definitely worth your time!

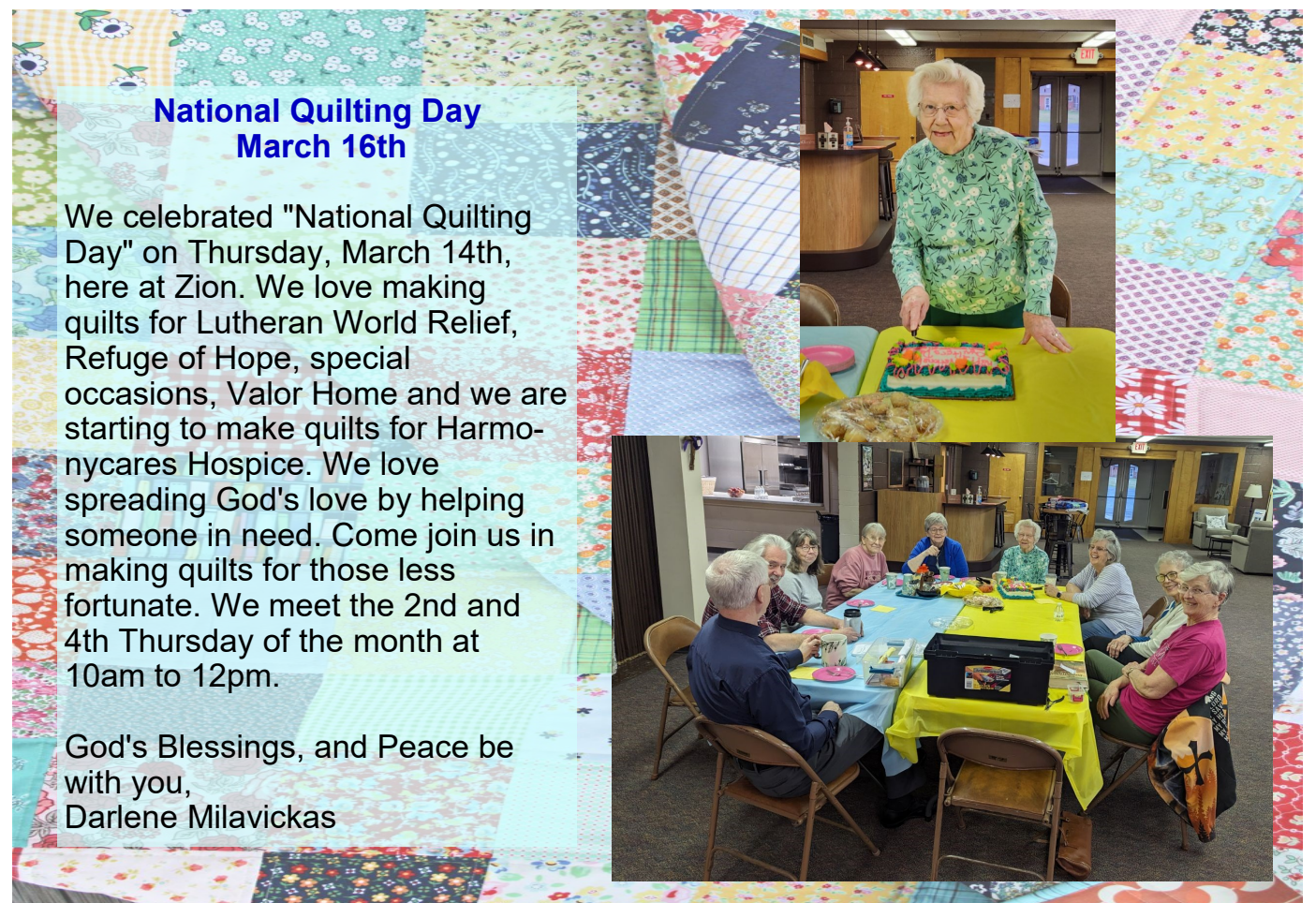
7am in person at Samantha's Restaurant on Market Ave
9am Zoom session – contact Tina in the office for link
12pm in person at Zion in the Library

The weekly lessons and Gospel message are discussed during each of the Bible discussion sessions.

**National Quilting Day
March 16th**

We celebrated "National Quilting Day" on Thursday, March 14th, here at Zion. We love making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Refuge of Hope, special occasions, Valor Home and we are starting to make quilts for Harmonycares Hospice. We love spreading God's love by helping someone in need. Come join us in making quilts for those less fortunate. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10am to 12pm.

God's Blessings, and Peace be with you,
Darlene Milavickas



Stark Hunger Walk – Feed the Need!

Join Team Zion as we walk to end hunger on May 5th at the 2024 Stark Hunger Walk. This is a 2.1 mile walk that is dog friendly where many different faith organizations and members of our community come together to raise funds for the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. Did you know... 12% of Stark county's population is food insecure, and the child food insecurity rate is 14.9%? Let's all join together to end the hunger and food insecurity in our communities! How can you help? Sign up to be a walker on Team Zion, bake desserts for the Hot Soup Social, volunteer at the event, donate to support Team Zion and/or pray for all involved. Sign-up sheets are in the Coffee Bar area. We will be collecting funds all this month for our team donation.

Team Zion will join together with all the other walkers between 2 and 3 pm on Sunday May 5th at Community Christian church on Main St in North Canton wearing our yellow "God's Work Our Hands" t shirts. Don't have one? Ask Debbie Fox and she can get you a shirt! The walk starts at 3 pm and will be followed by a Hot Soup Social and desserts at Community Christian. This is a great event – fun, fellowship, exercise, food and most importantly serving our community and sharing the love of God! Please join in by walking, baking, donating,

volunteering and/or praying for all involved! Thanks be to God for everyone who fights this important battle against hunger!

Matthew 25: 35 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

UPDATING INFORMATION

Important

We are in the process of updating our member data and need your help! If you have moved, new phone number, email, family status, etc., please contact the main office at 330-499-3909 with your current information.

If you would like to become a member of the Zion Family simply stop in the office to register.

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PRAYER INITIATIVE

Witness Ministry - Sue Whalen and Ken Reinoehl

The idea of a **Prayer Initiative** stemmed from sessions in Adult Education following church. Pastor expressed how in a former church, a few members gathered to pray during the worship service, and he was able to tell when they stopped.

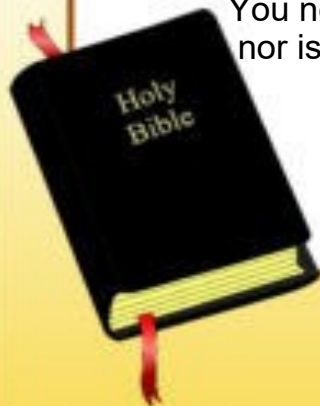
Pastor has also mentioned, several times since, how he would like to see it started here. We have expanded on the original prayer project and are asking ALL members to participate in following Paul's admonition in I Thessalonians 5:17, "**Pray continually.**" All we are asking is for each member to **PRAY DAILY**, somewhere during your day, even if for only a minute. Stop and pray. If you wish a specific time, then try putting a setting on your phone for 8:26 [am or pm, or both], this will remind you to stop and pray. If you look at Romans 8:26 we read: "**In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.**"

This **PRAYER INITIATIVE**, will begin Easter morning, by handing out four colored cards with suggested prayers for different concerns. The white card will be suggestions for Daily Prayer. The blue card will be for prayers for worship, Wednesdays and Sundays, as-well -as at other times we worship. The yellow card is to remind us to pray for our ministry teams and council when they meet. And the orange card will remind us to pray for members birthdays and anniversaries. Periodically, additional cards will be handed out for special occasions, such as Vacation Bible Adventure (formerly VBS), the new school year, etc.

The cards are designed to get you started.

You need not restrict yourself to the contents of the card, nor is it necessary to use the whole card.

The most important thing is to
"TAKE TIME TO PRAY!"



I look harmless enough nestled amongst these other household beverage containers don't I? But . . . I am known as a single-use plastic item doing my part in harming the soil, the air, and waterways--and ultimately, both human and animal health. There are so many of me everywhere!

You say you want to do away with me? HA! That would mean:

- 1.) Limit the production of single-use and virgin plastic with more dependence on recycling;
- 2.) Reduce consumer demand for convenience;
- 3.) Refrain from buying single-use beverage containers;
- 4.) Clean up littered roadsides, parks, ditches, etc.;
- 5.) Write to officeholders and policymakers;
- 6.) Learn through online resources, one of which is "Creation Justice." An ELCA representative, Christine Moffitt, is on the board.

Again, I say, "HA!"

Cindy Bagocius

RECYCLE FAIR

ELECTRONICS: Ecycle Solutions of Ohio LLC. says "if it plugs in, we'll recycle it." This service is offered free with the exception CFL Bulbs (\$0.50 each), tube style fluorescent bulbs (\$0.25/foot), flat screen TVs (\$10), and flat screen monitors (\$5). Tube TVs and monitors will NOT be accepted this year. [See what ecycle will accept.](#)

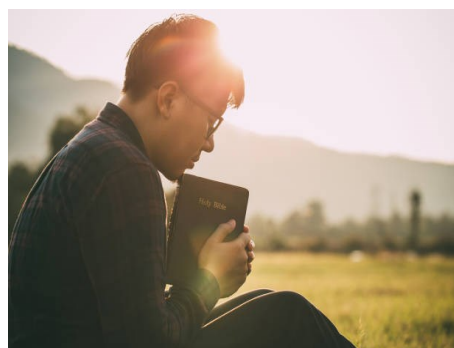
PAPER SHREDDING: Bring up to three boxes of paper per household to the City Hall parking lot for shredding by U-Shredd-It. This program is sponsored by the City of North Canton.

GOODWILL COLLECTION: A Goodwill Collection truck will be on-site to collect your donations.

NEW THIS YEAR: Goodwill and eCycle collections will take place in the St. Paul's parking lot (behind The Howlin Bird and Chamber of Commerce).

ORGANIC PLANT SALE

Choose from a selection of organically grown plants from Know Your Roots.

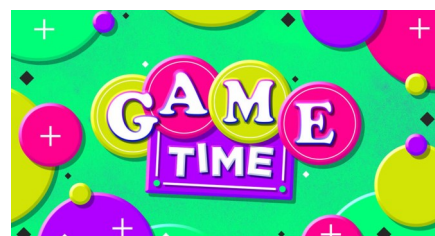


Hey You Guys

The men are still meeting on the LAST SATURDAY of each month. We are back to doing a Bible Study. Each month, Ken Reinoehl is now emailing the Bible text to those interested, the Sunday before our meeting. I am also adding some of the questions you might want to think about before-

hand. If you would like to receive the questions at the beginning of the week before Bible Study, send an email to Ken Reinoehl at reinoehlk@gmail.com. Even if you don't get to the text or questions before hand, come and join in the discussion any way. And you are always encouraged to bring someone along with you. On Saturday, April 30th, we will be discussing Hebrews 13:1-6. (8:30 am)

April's **GAME TIME** will be on **April 13th** – 4 pm – whenever. All who have attended have had a lot of fun. Come and join the fun.



Whether in the men's group or not, part of being a Christian, is us sharing our love of Christ with all those we come into contact with. Of course, inviting them to come to church for worship, functions, or just inviting them to a cup of coffee/tea and conversation, is a priority. Getting to know them and making sure they know that God loves them and so do you, can still be accomplished, even if they don't accept your invitation. It is vital that we always "plant the seed" until it begins to sprout.



Life is a project.

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. We have had a few new requests, especially with Spring in the air, a few people are looking at getting ready for planting. Keep us in mind.

We can always use more hands, if you would like to lend a hand, just let us know what you are willing to do and we will add your name to the 'helpers' list. For the rest of you, give us those "TO DO" jobs, we will gladly "GIT 'ER DONE!" Those who have tried us

seem to be grateful for our assistance.

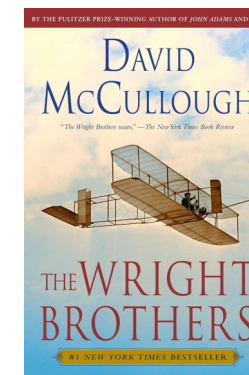
There is a sign-up sheet for our outing to the Akron Rubber Ducks. We have purchased 24 tickets to the game in even a better location than last year. Tickets are \$12 each. We will be able to purchase more if needed. We will be attending the game on SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH. Game starts at 2:05. You will need to arrange your own transportation.



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 -

- April: *The Wright Brothers*, by David McCollough
- May: *Dorothy Fuldheim*, by Patricia Mote
- June: *The Night of Many Endings*, by Melissa Payne



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.



2024 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Saturday, April 13th is the kick off meeting for this year's Faith Build. We will meet the families we are building homes with, meet the other faith groups that will be participating in the build and receive important information at the meeting. This year's ECO Faith Build will include two homes on Tremont Ave SE in Massillon.

Habitat will notify us by April 25th of the dates, times and tasks for our three work days. There are lots of opportunities to help – volunteer on the build site, prepare and deliver lunches on our work days, pray for the homeowner families, staff and volunteers, donate items to the Habitat Restore.

We are excited to be part of this amazing project where many groups of different faiths come together for one purpose – sharing God's love by building safe and affordable homes for deserving families in our community. God's love in action. His work, our hands!



**Blood Drive: Sunday, April 14th 10 am – 2 pm in the gym
We Want Your Blood! They Need Your Blood!**

Our next Blood Drive is Sunday, April 14th from 10am – 2pm in the gym. Please give if you can. It truly is the gift of life and there are so many who need your donation!



From Vitalant:

After suffering not one but two life-threatening pregnancy complications nine years apart, Kristin needed a total of 42 blood transfusions that changed her life and her family’s lives.

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– Kristin, blood recipient

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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

If you are unable to donate on February 18th, 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.

Mark your calendars for our remaining 2024 Blood Drive Dates and please donate!

- Wednesday, June 12th, 2024 3:00 - 7:00pm
- Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 3:00 - 7:00pm
- Sunday, October 13th, 2024 10am – 2pm
- Sunday, December 15th, 2024 10am – 2pm



Because of you, life doesn’t stop.



BLOOD DRIVE



Zion Lutheran Church

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14
10 AM – 2 PM**

**Gym
349 Lindy Lane NW
North Canton**

All donors will be entered into Vitalant’s Blaze a Trail/Earth Day Giveaway for a chance to win a \$420 gift card (redeemable via the Donor Rewards Program).

Please eat before you donate.

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

Appointments are preferred.

To make an appointment and earn reward points, scan the QR code or go to vitalant.org and search with Blood Drive Code: **U1525**

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Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

