

THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

July 2025

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***Living in Faith,
Known by Love,
Serving like Jesus***

***A community of believers who
are diverse in background yet
one in Christ. We serve the
community and welcome all
to worship, grow and learn
the Word of God.***

June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday



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Message from our President:

July is the month we as Americans celebrate the birth of this great nation. On the Fourth of July we remember the courage and sacrifice of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence. We extol the virtues of those who pledged their lives and sacred honor to the cause of freedom. Thomas Jefferson's eloquent words have resonated for 249 years: "All men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights....the Right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Although the Founding Fathers were, like us, flawed, imperfect human beings, they recognized that any effort to found a country dedicated to freedom, political equality and opportunity for all could not succeed without the Blessing of God.

We as Christians know that among God's greatest gifts to us are His all encompassing Love and our Free Will. He so loved the world He sacrificed His only Son to free us from our sins. We are to use that Free Will to love Him with our heart, mind and soul. We are to love others as Christ loves us. Jesus tells us that we who would be His disciples are to demonstrate that love through service to others. He tells us we are to be of a mind to serve others, address their needs and do what we can to help them. By serving others we are serving the Lord.

In the context used by the Founding Fathers the word "Happiness" is synonymous with "Virtue." They understood that God expects us to exercise our Free Will in a virtuous manner by seeking opportunities to serve others and make the lives of our fellow beings better.

At Zion we know that opportunities abound for our Congregation to steward the abundant resources God has entrusted to our care in service to our neighbors in the North Canton community. A new Council term begins July 1 and Zion's Councilmembers, Ministry Teams, volunteers and Call Committee Members will continue to employ the many varied financial, physical, artistic and intellectual resources God has entrusted to their care to preserve Zion's physical structure, to ensure meaningful Worship Services, to provide Christian Education and enjoyable activities for Zion's Members, to encourage discipleship among our Members, and to make Zion a beacon of service to the community. Outreach activities such as the Food Pantry and Cruise-in will continue through the summer months while every suggestion aimed at enhancing Zion's ability to be a positive influence on the surrounding community will be conscientiously considered. Hopefully, these efforts will inspire more of Zion's Members to become Christ's disciples in service to others.

Lord, thank You for the gift of Free Will, which we ask you to help us exercise in service to others. In Jesus's Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Fidler, Council President

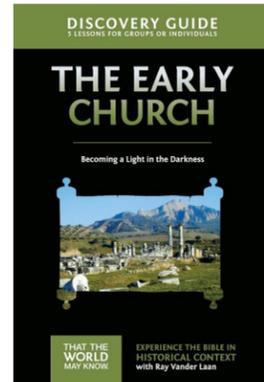
VBA in a nutshell. Stay tuned for all the details and photos next month.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
BIBLE BUDDY	 PONDER the sea otter	 CLAWDIA the king crab	 KODY the bear	 EARNEST the bald eagle	 BRUCE the moose
BIBLE POINT	When we wonder, we can trust Jesus.	When we feel alone, we can trust Jesus.	When we feel powerless, we can trust Jesus.	When we need hope, we can trust Jesus.	When we need help, we can trust Jesus.
BIBLE VERSE	"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise." Matthew 7:24	"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28	"Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" Matthew 14:27	"And his name will be the hope of all the world." Matthew 12:21	"I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20
BIBLE STORY	John prepares the way and baptizes Jesus. Matthew 3: 11:1-6	Jesus teaches about God's love for us. Matthew 6:25-33: 18:12-14	A Roman officer trusts Jesus. Matthew 8:5-13	Jesus dies and comes back to life. Matthew 26:47 - 28:8	Jesus gives the Great Commission, and the Holy Spirit Comes Matthew 28:16-20: Acts 2:1-12



Adult Christian Education – Sunday Mornings at 10:15 am

Join us as we finish the DVD series by Ray Vander Laan called “The Early Church”. The series focuses on the church becoming a light in the darkness. Don’t worry if you miss a session, you can join in at any time for learning and great discussion!



After finishing this series, we are hoping to have a Bible discussion on the weekly Gospel and lesson led by the Pastor who is presiding over service. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Confirmation & High School Classes

This summer, the classes will meet one Sunday a month for class, and will participate in one service project each month. We will resume our normal weekly schedule on Sunday mornings in September.

Sunday Bible Adventure Pre-K thru 6th Grades – Sunday Mornings at 10:15am

We will have Summer Bible Adventure twice a month, meeting one Sunday morning a month after service and meeting one day for a special service project during the months of June, July and August. We will resume our Sunday morning weekly schedule in September. In June the kids worked on a project for Valor Home, and did service projects at Vacation Bible Adventure. This month we hope to have a car wash and in August we will go shopping at Aldi for the Food Pantry.

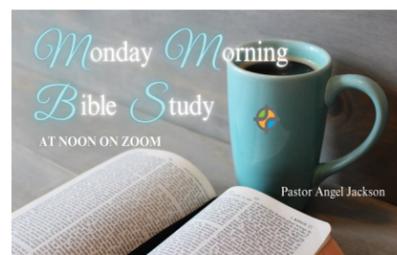


First Communion Classes

Carli Brown completed her First Communion Classes in May and received her First Communion on Pentecost (Sunday, June 8th). Please help us support and pray for Carli in this important part of her Christian life. Let her know how much she is loved by God and her Zion family!
Thank you to Connie Riffle and Janet Sleese for leading the classes this year!

Weekly Bible Study – Mondays at Noon by Zoom

Pastor Angel Jackson from St. Jacob’s Lutheran Church on State St. leads a Bible Study on Mondays at Noon via Zoom. She has graciously invited members of Zion to join during our transition time. You can contact Tina in the office for the link.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group is taking a break this summer . The group will resume meeting in September – stayed tuned for the date, time and location. Please contact Cindy Bagocius or Debbie Fox for more information.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group meets once a month on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am for good food, fellowship and an hour of engaging Bible discussion. All men are invited and encouraged to attend - please bring a friend or two! If these times don't work for you, contact Ken Reinoehl to see if we can arrange a time that does work!

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



Comfort givers ,

Thank you so much for the graduation quilt! I love it and will be taking it to college with me!

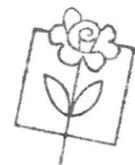
Amelia



Zion Family,

Thank you for the graduation reception! I really enjoyed the cake. The Amazon giftcard will be going to school supplies and college essentials!

Amelia








Harriet Bowers	July 3	
Virginia Long	July 4	Connie & Rick Riffle
Louise Lindberg	July 5	Margaret & Clayton Van Scoy
Carole Singer	July 9	Tina & Michael Linz
Ron Singer	July 15	Fritz & Sandy Cizek
Brian Milek	July 18	Lisa & Brian Kay
Dawn Tyburk	July 23	Darlene & Steven Dague
Sally Bunyan	July 25	

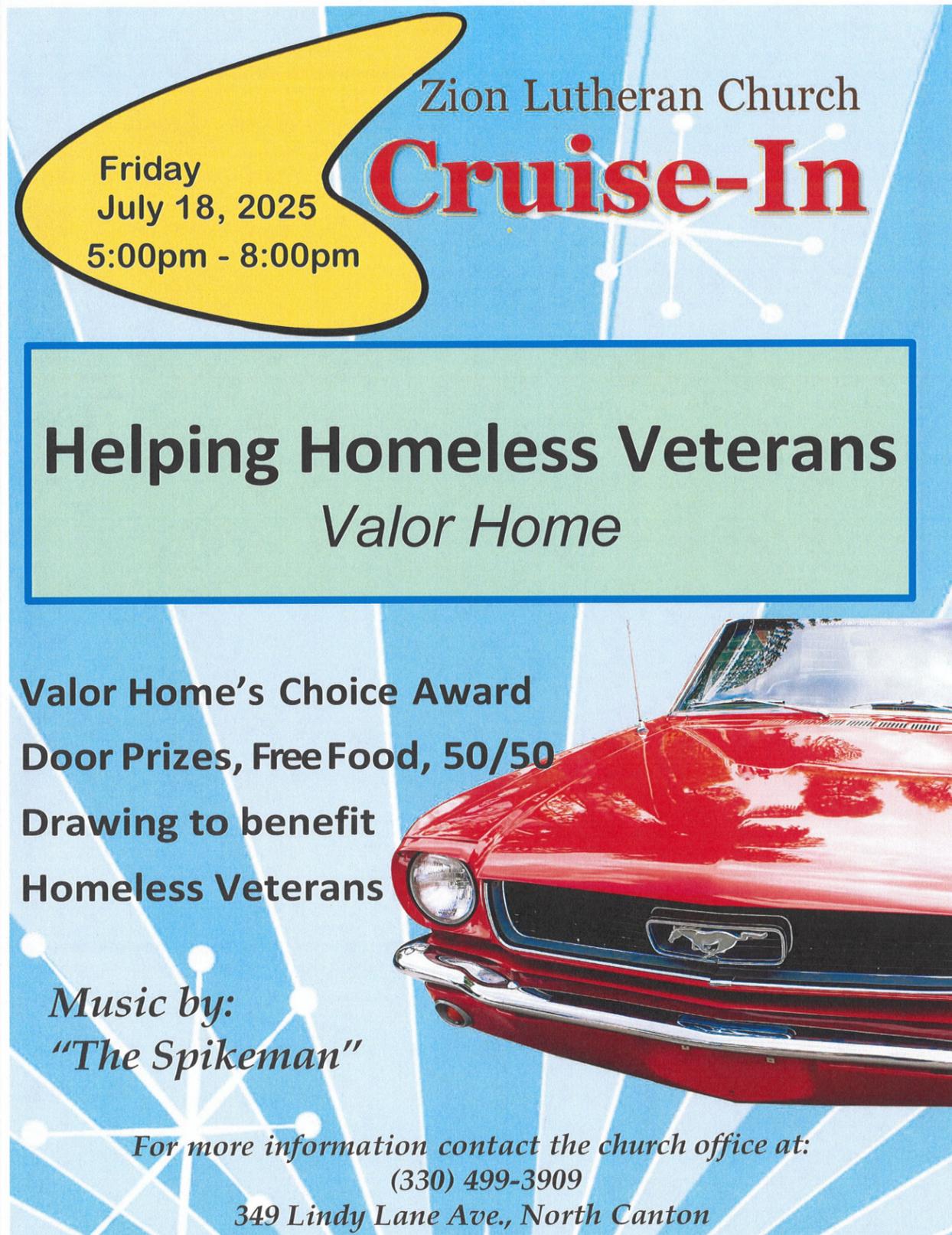
2025 Fall Charity Craft Show

Mark your calendars!
Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10am – 3pm.

Applications for tables are now available in the church office. Table space cost is \$35 for an 8 foot table.

Crafter raffle items, basket themed raffles, concessions, a Bake Sale and of course German Dinners.

All church proceeds will benefit the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Program. God's Work, Our Hands!



Zion Lutheran Church
Cruise-In

Friday
July 18, 2025
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Helping Homeless Veterans
Valor Home

Valor Home's Choice Award
Door Prizes, Free Food, 50/50
Drawing to benefit
Homeless Veterans

Music by:
"The Spikeman"

For more information contact the church office at:
(330) 499-3909
349 Lindy Lane Ave., North Canton



The NEOSWO coordinating committee invites ALL units and women to gather on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 10 AM at Zion Lutheran Church, Youngstown. This gathering will serve as a condensed synodical convention, with business meeting for the purpose of electing

voting members for the 2026 Triennial Convention. The 2026 Triennial Convention will be held by Zoom, July 13-14, 2026. The Triennial Gathering will take place July 16-19, 2026 in Des Moines IA. The voting members should plan to meet at a 'central place' so everyone is on the same page. More details regarding that will follow later.

Monday, July 13 - July 14, 2026 - TRIENNIAL CONVENTION via Zoom

Thursday, July 16 - July 19, 2026 - TRIENNIAL GATHERING, Des Moines, IA

Anyone interested in serving as a voting member to the 2026 Triennial Convention should submit an application to Cathy Byers by July 30, 2025. We are entitled to 4 voting members.



Comfort Givers - Darlene Milavickas

- ◆ We have completed 37 quilts so far this year.
- ◆ It will soon be time to put together kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are going to do Personal Hygiene Kits and School Kits this year. This month we will be collecting for Personal Hygiene Kits. We would like to send 25 kits this year with your help. These are the items that you can pick up at the store when you go for your supplies.
 - Light weight bath size towel (20"X40" to 52"X27")
 - Bath size bars of soap (4 to 5oz.), any brand in original wrapping
 - Adult size toothbrush in its original wrapping
 - Sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
 - Metal nail clipper (attached file optional)



There will be a poster listing these items and a tub in Luther Hall into which you can place the items.

Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us the talent and materials to do your work and to share our love for others. You ask us to help our brothers and sisters, to provide for them. Help us see these missions and new ones. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



Shared Goods Leader - Darlene Milavickas

Shared Goods Update

In June, we were able to help City Mission in Cleveland with men's and women's clothing. We sent 15 boxes of clothes to them the 1st of June. The Mission is very excited to get the boxes of clothes for all their people. They are really in need of whatever clothing we can send them.

We have had a good month supplying needed clothes and household products for a lot of our neighbors. We are fulfilling God's command to cloth our neighbors. We want to thank everyone for your donations and for letting others know about donating.

We would love to have you help us with this very important ministry. There is always something that everyone could do. We have work days that you could sort and size the different clothes and go through the donated household goods. If that doesn't sound like something you would like to do, you could come on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month when Shared Goods is open from Noon until 2 PM. You could come and help the community find the clothes or household items they are looking for.



This time with the people is very meaningful. It is very satisfying to see the appreciation of some of these people, knowing that you were able to help them like God has directed us to do. If you can't do these two things, then pray for our ministry. Contact Darlene at 330-412-4336 if you can help on a work day or you want to help when Shared Goods is open.



Call Committee Chairperson
Darlene Milavickas

We have almost finished the next step. The committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile. This form is what the Pastors look at when interested in looking for a new church.

- ❖ We list what we are looking for in a Pastor. It lets them know what areas we want the Pastor to focus on. We also list what Zion has done, what we are doing now and what we want to do in the future.
- ❖ The council approved the Ministry Site Profile. We are now waiting on Pastor Phillips, the Assistant to the Bishop, to finish reviewing the Ministry Site Profile. Once Pastor Phillips approves the Ministry Site Profile, he will post it on the Synod website which links to a churchwide database.
- ❖ The call committee will go to the next step which is to meet with Pastor Phillips to prepare to interview candidates.

Please continue to pray for the Call Committee, that the Holy Sprit will continue to guide us and steer us in the right direction.



I want to thank everyone, Debbie, Dave, Randy E., Ruth, Sally, Bobbi, Laura, for pitching in and covering the custodian's duties while Dick was out on sick leave, when he retired and while we were looking for a new custodian.

Then God sent us our new custodian. He saw our ad on the sign as he was driving by. I had just parked my car at the church and he stopped to ask about the custodian position. He filled out an application. We interviewed him and two others. We offered the position to him and he accepted.

Our new custodian is Mr. Herb Beale Sr., who is a longtime resident of North Canton. He started working on Monday, June 23rd. Let's give Herb a big Zion welcome. We will have more information about Herb in next month's Herald.

Darlene Milavickas



Blood Drives—Debbie Fox

Our next blood is:
Wednesday, August 20th from 3 – 7pm in the gym.
We Want Your Blood! They Really Need Your Blood!

There is always a critical need for blood so please give if you can. It truly is the gift of life and there are so many who need your donation!
 You can schedule your own appointment, or Debbie Fox can schedule one for you.

To make your own appointment, go to:
 Vitalant.org
 Click on “donate”
 Click on “schedule an appointment”
 And search by city, zip and date
 Or use “Advanced Search” and Group code: U1525



Remaining 2025 Blood Drive Dates – Mark Your Calendars and plan to donate!
Ask a friend or family member to join you in donating and giving the gift of life!

Sunday, October 19th, 2025 10am – 2pm
Sunday, December 21st, 2025 10am – 2pm

If you are unable to donate on the above dates, 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. Thanks be to God for everyone who is willing and able to donate blood and give the gift of life.



*FAVORITE SONG
 SUNDAY IS BACK!*

*FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE
 NARTHEX RACK TO PICK
 YOUR FAVORITE !!*

Food Pantry News - Debbie Fox

June Pantry service numbers:

- ⇒ 160 Households served which includes 389 people
- ⇒ 3,565 Pounds of food ordered from the Foodbank to be distributed in addition to congregational and community donations
- ⇒ 200 hot lunches served to our pantry friends

The items we currently need to help stock the Pantry are hearty soups, cereal, spaghetti sauce, jelly, canned fruit and paper products like toilet paper and paper towels. Please add one or more items to your shopping list if you are able!



Volunteer Opportunities

Help with set up on the Monday before our distribution dates from 9 -11 am. 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.

Thanks be to God for all of our volunteers and people who donate funds and food. We are so fortunate and blessed!





BASEBALL OUTING
SUNDAY, JULY 6
GAME BEGINS AT 1PM
Tickets \$13.00 Each



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!!!

The Worship Ministry NEEDS volunteers to help with the Sunday Worship soundboard system.

It's FUN and EASY! One hour tutorials are being offered! To sign up contact Ray LePelley at 330-499-3909.



The Stephen Ministry System™ provides a proven way to equip laypeople as caregivers to make life-changing ministry happen.

**Zion Lutheran Church
North Canton, Ohio**

JULY ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

July 6, 2025 Ken Reinoehl
 July 13, 2025 Beth Heller
 July 20, 2025 Jim Fidler
 July 27, 2025 George Miller

JULY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

July 6, 2025 Ken Reinoehl
 July 13, 2025 Ben Keith
 July 20, 2025 Eli Haga
 July 27, 2025 Ben Keith

JULY READER SCHEDULE

July 6, 2025 Randy Cizek
 July 13, 2025 Jayne Schrader
 July 20, 2025 Laura Thompson
 July 27, 2025 Renee Keith

JULY ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE

July 6, 2025 Carol McKimm
 July 13, 2025 Carol McKimm
 July 20, 2025 Susan Kaschak
 July 27, 2025 Digital Music

JULY CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

July 5, 2025 Janet Slease
 July 12, 2025 Connie Riffle & Juanita Cignetti
 July 19, 2025 Connie Riffle & Nikki Milek
 July 26, 2025 Connie Riffle & Lisa Frock

SUNDAY

July 6, 2025 Janet Slease
 July 13, 2025 Connie Riffle & Juanita Cignetti
 July 20, 2025 Connie Riffle & Nikki Milek
 July 27, 2025 Connie Riffle & Lisa Frock

9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS

July 6, 2025 Dave Palumbo
 July 13, 2025 Jayne Schrader
 July 20, 2025 Laura Thompson
 July 27, 2025 Janet Slease

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in the Worship Service ministries contact the office.





Approximately 40 people celebrated Father's Day with a wonderful breakfast! Men received a chocolate bar in salute of Father's! Thank you to Dave Palumbo, Tina Linz, Janet Slease, Connie Riffle, Darlene Milavickas, Mary Humbert, Jayne Schrader, Ruth Reinoehl, and food preparers for helping make this event possible.



First Communion

Carli Brown received her First Communion on Pentecost (June 8th). What a wonderful day! We are so proud of Carli and can see God's love in her. She is so full of love and excitement that it is contagious! We pray that God will guide her and help her to continue to be bold and brave in her faith as she goes out to share His love throughout the rest of her life!



High School Graduation

We are so proud of Amelia Milek and all of her accomplishments as she graduates from High School. She received the graduation quilt on Pentecost that our Comfort Givers made. What a special moment to see her, her family and the congregation share in that celebration together! We pray that God will continue to guide and help her as she heads off to Ohio University!







2025 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

We completed our first work day on Saturday, May 31st. Five of us tar and braced the Richards/Lidderdale home in Massillon. It was a great start for the build!

Our second work day was scheduled for June 14th but was unfortunately rained out. Thank you to Dave Palumbo and Doug Roman for representing Zion on Wednesday, June 18th for the makeup day. They helped put up the exterior walls for the Varnadore home in Canton. They got to see all the signed studs from the faith groups – 17 signed studs were put into one wall of the home including Zion’s. Praise God – what a wonderful day despite the rain and hot weather! This keeps the rest of the build dates on track.

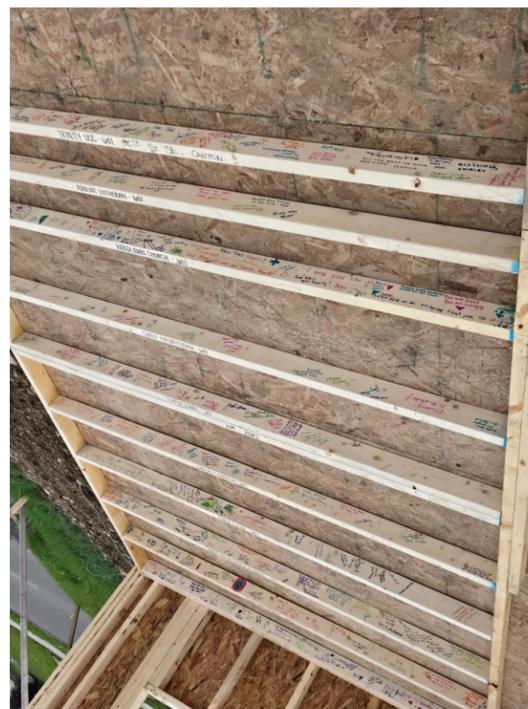
Here are the remaining volunteer dates:

DAY THREE – ALL Community Volunteer Day

Date: Saturday, July 19th
Time: 8:15am-12:00pm
Location: Habitat ECO Office - 1400 Raff Rd, Canton, OH
Number of Zion Volunteers: 3
Minimum Age: 18
Lunch: will be provided

DAY FOUR – Varnadore Family

Date: Friday, July 25th
Time: 8:00am-12:00pm
Location: 607 14th St. SE, Canton, OH 44707
Task: Drywall
Number of Volunteers: 7
Minimum Age: 18
Lunch: Zion’s lunch crew will provide lunches for the site



Please keep praying for the families, volunteers and staff as the homes continue to be built this summer. Mark your calendars for Dedication day - Thursday, October 16th at 5:30 pm at the Habitat Office on Raff Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please see Debbie Fox. We hope you will consider being a part of this important community project where God's work is being done with our hands!



Financial Update - Laura Thompson, Resource Ministry

- **Through May our Giving has exceeded our use of funds by over \$10,700. In the month, Zion enrolled in Stephen Ministries and will begin the training of 2 Leaders next month.**
- **In July, we will have our annual Cruise In car show to raise funds for homeless veterans.**
- **Thank you for your continued generosity. Thanks be to God for your commitment to healthy Stewardship.**
- **We are planning for window air conditioning units for Sunday school rooms, exterior doors and other property improvements. We expect to be on our approval of \$85,000 for the total project including the new windows. We have spent just over \$67,000 to date. We are thankful for your generosity, we are able to repair and prepare our church building to serve our communities for many years to come.**
- **We are graciously awaiting and praying for a Called full time Pastor to join our Mission at Zion. Each month we are saving towards the expenses needed to interview and Call potential Pastors.**
- **Zion will continue to work effectively and efficiently to manage the resources of God's church.**

Thank you Jesus for providing all that we need.



Have a safe and blessed holiday weekend!



Celebrating Dick Seeton's Retirement Party
Congratulations
on your retirement





Cindy Bagocius
Amanda Haga
Peggy Ingalls
Judy Arter

People

Lesson

All

Superfluous Use

That

Injures

Creation



**Community Garden
Jayne Schrader & Nikki Milek**

How wonderful it is to watch the plants grow and how blessed the growers will be to reap the bounty from the hard work!



*“The land produced
vegetation: plants bearing
seed according to their kinds
and trees bearing fruit with
seed in it according to their
kinds. And God saw that it
was good.”*

Genesis 1:12

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An ELCA Congregation

Return Service Requested



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

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

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