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

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# THE ZION HERALD

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### Worship Services

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

### Office Hours

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

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Ken Reinoehl—Witness Ministry  
Paul Bagocius—Worship Ministry

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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.*

*WOW  
Women of Worth  
Picnic*



*Our group for single ladies held a picnic on Wednesday, July 16th, at the church. Everyone brought in their favorite dishes and it was quite a variety of delicious food from a dozen ladies. We had a wonderful time socializing.*

*If you are a single woman and would like to join the group, please contact Moe Alters or Janet Slease.*

**Message from our President:**

For the most part, we associate the month of August with the climax of summer. We view it as a final opportunity to relax and enjoy leisurely recreational activities with family, friends, relatives and those we might not have a chance to get together with other times of the year. Leisure affords us the opportunity to restore emotional and intellectual balance in our lives so that we may face the daily rigors of a hectic, busy world with calmness and confidence.

As Christians, we appreciate that leisure time is another blessing bestowed by God to rejuvenate us and replenish the spiritual juices that enable us to continue to do His work. "...for there is nothing better under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun." Eccl. 8:15

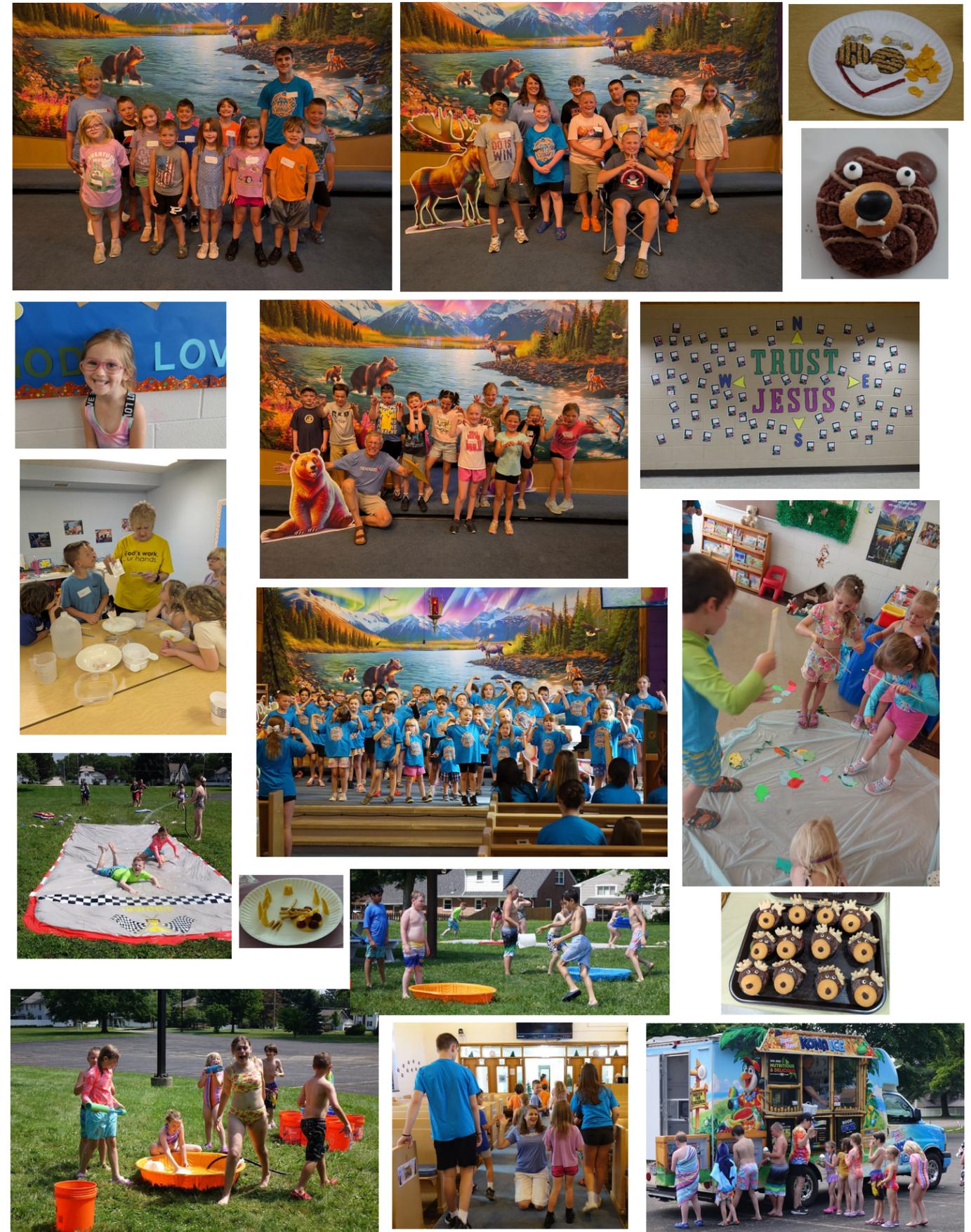
As children of our Divine Creator we understand the importance of stewardship in our whole lives. God has entrusted to our care not only all we have but all we are. He has entrusted to our care not just our material possessions but also our talent, time, intelligence, moral character, and the capacity to interact with others in a manner that contributes to the welfare of our fellow beings. We must continually ask ourselves if we are being good stewards of these resources. Are we using them in ways pleasing in His sight, in ways nourishing our relationship with the community and equipping us to have a closer relationship with Him?

Zion is a vibrant Congregation in the midst of the Call Process. We continue to address the challenge of preparing for a Call Pastor while fulfilling our Mission Statement, "Living in Faith, Known by Love, Serving like Jesus." As the Call Committee pursues its cooperative efforts with the Northeast Ohio Synod, the Congregation Councilmembers continue to ensure Supply Pastors are available for all Worship Services and that all activities and community outreach endeavors traditionally associated with Zion occur as scheduled, including a Congregational Meeting at the end of October.

Opportunities abound for each of us to use the resources entrusted to our care to further Zion's Mission. In your leisure consider how you can contribute to Zion's efforts to serve its Members and the community. Can you serve on Council or one of our many committees; in Christian Education, Worship Service or Food Pantry? Please ponder these questions during August.

Lord, thank You for the Command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help those of us entrusted with abundant resources to recognize God's Call to be more generous to those in need. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Fidler  
Council President**





### True North STAFF:

**Coordinator:** Debbie Fox  
**Leaders: Pre-K/K:** Janet Slease  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Connie Riffle & Ashley Davis  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** Cindy Bagocius  
**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** Renee Keith  
**MS & HS:** Ken Reinoehl



**Music:** Debbie Fox, Darlene Milavickas

**Service Leaders:** Nicole Milek, Amelia Milek, Jayne Schrader

**Tundra Treats & Arctic Cart:** Jayne Schrader, Linda Tvorik, Susan Kaschak

**Outdoor Games:** Jenny Elkins, LJ Brown, Ben Keith, Jathan Caitt

**Quilters:** Dave Palumbo, Mary Humbert, Carol Rossbach, Susan Kaschak, Ruth Reinoehl, Kay Reiss, Linda Randles, Linda Smith, Linda Tvorik, Linda Lancashire, Moe Alters

**Youth Helpers:** Jordyn Davis, Kierra Deweese, Eli Honaker, Simon Krueger, Maggie McCormick, Ava Medina, Kenadi Medina, Carter Pritchard, Ali Reed, Camden Reed, Rosalie Riffle, Savannah Schrader, Hannah Venable

**Volunteers:** Moe Alters, Laura Thompson, Melissa Leasure, Mark Denman

**Photography:** Melissa Leasure

**Special Guest:** Susie Asadorian, Sleep in Heavenly Peace

**Props, Set Up & Decorations:** Carol Rossbach, Mary Humbert, Debbie Fox, Darlene Milavickas, Connie Riffle, Melissa Leasure, Janet Slease, Doug Roman, Tina Taylor

**Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their donation of the Community Impact Gift Card that helped pay for the pizza and ice cream party! We are so grateful for their support!**



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Dear Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of all of us at Stephen Ministries, congratulations on your congregation's enrollment in Stephen Ministry!

We're excited for your congregation to join the more than 13,000 congregations and organizations from over 180 denominations in the United States, Canada, and 30 other countries providing high-quality, Christ-centered care for hurting people, and for the opportunity you have to equip members of your congregation for life-changing caring ministry.

This envelope contains your congregation's **Certificate of Enrollment**. I encourage you to display this certificate prominently and let it remind you of God's call to care.

If you have questions regarding anything related to Stephen Ministry, contact us at (314) 428-2600. When you call, you'll get a member of our highly trained Customer Service team, who can answer many questions you may have or connect you with one of our Stephen Ministry consultants. These consultants are available for enrolled Stephen Ministry congregations and can talk with you about any aspect of getting Stephen Ministry started in your congregation.

We welcome your congregation as a partner in bringing Christ's healing love to hurting people and are looking forward to working with you for years to come.

In Christ,

Kenneth C. Haugk



**Adult Christian Education – Sunday Mornings at 10:15 am**

Thank you to Pastors Steve and Sprite Johnson for leading three Bible discussions last month during Adult Christian Education! What a great hour of discussion, sharing and learning! Our plan is to continue with this format in August as long as our upcoming supply pastors are willing.

**LEARNING MINISTRY– Debbie Fox**

As a reminder, Adult Christian Education will take place in the carpeted classroom in the back hall and will begin around 10:15 after we share some refreshments in Luther Hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Sunday Mornings at 10:15am**

Thank you to our kids and their families for all of the donations to the Valor Home Service project! They were able to create a basket and 3 bags full of needed items!



Thanks be to God for their generosity and love for our Veterans! Stay tuned for dates and times for our last couple of summer classes and projects. We will resume our regular Sunday Bible Adventure schedule on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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*



• The kids made posters and cards for the veterans at Valor Home that were included in the gift basket that was given to Valor Home at this year’s Cruise In.



• Our week ended with Water Fun & Games on Thursday and our True North Celebration on Friday which included our final lesson, carnival games & fun, our music program and pizza party for every-



one. The weather was extremely warm, the games were fun and the food was great both days! Everyone especially enjoyed the water balloons, inflatable 17 foot water slide and Kona Ice Truck on Thursday. Thank you to the members of the congregation who joined us Friday, in addition to the families and friends of the children for our program and pizza & ice cream party. The Worship Space was full, the kids were so amazing and everyone left fed and happy! Thanks be to God for a perfect ending to a great week of adventure!



• As always, we had such an amazing group of volunteers (adult and youth) that helped in many different ways this year. Many thanks and praise everyone for making this year another success! We are an awesome team and work well together with God leading us!. Thanks be to God for everyone’s time, their dedication, their enthusiasm and their love for the kids!



### Vacation Bible School Adventure: True North

What an epic Alaskan adventure at True North where we all learned that Jesus is our True North! True North is a fixed point on Earth's globe, that is unmoving, unchanging, reliable, resolute. Jesus is our rock, our True North because he is all those things. His love is forever, and he will always guide us in the right direction as we try to find our way in a world gone wild. We can always trust Jesus!



We had 42 children registered Pre-K thru 6th grade and 15 kids in Middle School & HS! Praise God for all of these amazing kids who did such a great job all week! Their enthusiasm, energy, love and generosity made for such a great week! We learned all about trusting Jesus in any situation, we sang songs of praise & danced, we played games, we did service projects and we made lots of new friends! Thanks be to God for bringing us all together at True North!

#### Highlights from our week:



- We had a special guest during the week. A big thank you to Susie Asadorian from the Cuyahoga West Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace for coming down to talk to the kids about the important work they do for kids in Ohio. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children in need. SHP's mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population. For more information go to [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org)



- Zion's Comfort Givers put together 8 quilts this year from the kids' and volunteers' creative artwork. Ben Kossbiel won the quilt of his choice in this year's

Quilt Raffle. Ben has been coming to VBA for many years and we are so excited that he won this year! The other quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Praise God for the talented quilters and creative kids and volunteers who worked together to make the quilts.



- Daily Offering - We collected \$568.05 from the children's daily loose change donations. Ken's Pondering Otters won the contest to see which class could bring in the most change by the end of the week. We also collected \$219.00 from the Quilt Raffle. Total collected for the week was \$787.05 which will be split up and sent to our two charities for the week – Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Operation Kid to Kid (an organization that buys warm coats, clothing and blankets for kids across North America. For every \$5 donated they can purchase \$70 of warm items). Thanks be to God for everyone's amazing generosity,

- The kids brought in food items and school supplies all week showing their love and support for the kids in our community!

### STEPHEN MINISTRIES - Ken Reinoehl & Jenny Elkins Future Stephen Ministry Leaders

Jenny Elkins and I have begun our training as Leaders for Zion's Stephen Ministries (SM) Team. We have been told that one of the first things we should do is "publicize" and let the congregation know what Stephen Ministries is and what it can and will do for the congregation as a whole and each member.

That means each member CAN and WILL benefit from Stephen Ministries, if you are willing to embrace the concept and allow yourself to accept the assistance Christ is offering through this program.

We are reminded from I John 4:1 – "Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." And vs19 – "We love because God first loved us."  
John 1:12 – "Love one another as I have loved you."

Gal. 6:2 – "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the love of Christ."

Eph 4:32 – "Be kind and compassionate to one another."

I Thess 5:11 – "Encourage one another and build each other up."

James 5:16 – "Pray for each other."

We have heard these verses since our childhood, but yet, somehow, we find it difficult to put these principles into our daily actions. Stephen Ministers will be taught and encouraged to develop these skills to the point where we hope they become second nature.

As soon as we are Commissioned, we will be issuing applications for Stephen Ministers, who will be trained to care for those assigned to them in order for God's healing to manifest itself in the lives of care receivers, as well as the care giver.

As Jenny and I continue our training, we will keep you abreast of what you need to know and help you to be the disciple God wants us all to be. Be sure to help us by praying the Prayer Card to be issued soon.



**ACME RECEIPTS BEGIN AUGUST 1, 2025! PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE AND BRING IN YOUR RECEIPTS**

**COMMUNITY CASH BACK**

EARN 5% COMMUNITY CASH BACK On These Acme Fresh Market Store Brands:

### August Birthday's

Marcia Miller	August 3
Janet Slease	August 5
Beth Shaheen	August 6
Dean Fox	August 7
Rich Biggerstaff	August 19
Cathy Harvey	August 21
Laura Thompson	August 26
Darlene Milavickas	August 28
Steve Dague	August 28
Jenny Elkins	August 31

### August Anniversaries

Amanda and Keith Haga	August 1
Cathy and Steve Harvey	August 2
Carole and Ron Singer	August 17

### Welcome to the Church!

Jenny Elkins

# THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards. God has really blessed me as I turned 101 this year.

### 2025 Fall Charity Craft Show

All church proceeds will benefit the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Program

Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10am – 3pm  
Table space cost is \$35 for an 8 foot table

German Dinners: 11:00am - 3:30pm  
Eat in, takeout or donate a meal

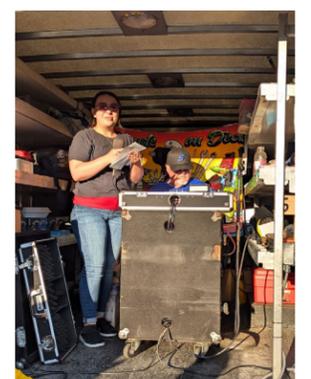
*God's Work, Our Hands!*



We had a lap quilt for a veteran to win. Any veteran could go to the Valor Home table and get a free ticket for the lap quilt drawing. We raised \$1331.16 from the 50/50, quilt and donations in the cans. We will get the final total after we have the amount that the members of Zion donated through the offering plate.



The neighbors enjoyed looking at the beautiful cars, trucks, jeeps etc. and having great fellowship with friends and neighbors. I want to thank everyone very much for your donation of food, time and work that made the cruise-in a success.





### Cruise-in - Darlene Milavickas

We hosted our annual cruise-in July 18, 2025 from 5-8pm. The morning had some rain but it cleared up and the show went on. The beautiful cars started rolling in about 3 pm. Clarence and Arnie started parking them early.



The rest of the crew was setting up tables, chairs, and icing water and pop in the coolers. People were inside dishing up potato salad in containers, cutting up pies and brownies and placing cookies in bags for the dessert table. We had a total of 25 people helping in the different areas and at different times. By 5pm the yard was full of cars and the food was ready to serve. They had a choice of hot dog, coney dog, sloppy joes, shredded chicken sandwiches, potato salad, assorted chips, dessert and drink.



Spike Man provided wonderful oldies but goodies music throughout the evening. The people that registered their cars were given a ticket for door prizes and they were drawn throughout the evening. We had tickets for sale for a 50/50 drawing and a patriotic quilt.



### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church -- Book Club Schedule September 2025 – May 2026 -- First Friday\* 10:00 – 11:00 am Zion Church Classroom -- Coordinator, Peggy Ingalls

**September 5 – Ruth Reinoehl, When Crickets Cry, Charles Martin**

*A shared journey...in a sleepy Southern town, a seven-year-old...lemonade stand...the ugly scar on her chest...stranger drains his cup...boat he's restoring...bread truck careening...miracles lurk...around unexpected corners.*

**October 3 – Sue Whalen -- Astor: The Rise and Fall of An American Fortune, Anderson Cooper**

*1883 German immigrant...John Jacob Astor...beaver trapping business...grew into an empire...Manhattan real estate...generations...ruled Gilded Age New York...political and cultural life...Titanic...2009 son...defrauding his elderly mother...*

**November 7 – Jayne Schrader --The First Ladies, Marie Benedict & Christopher Murphy**

*First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt...awestruck by daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod...refuses to back down as white supremacists...shared beliefs in women's rights...power of education...fast friends...collaborate on civil rights.*

**December 5 – Peggy Ingalls -- The Teacher of Warsaw, Mario Escobar**

*Based on a true story...1939 Warsaw, 60-year-old Janusz...respected...Jewish orphanage...lives altered...one man's capacity to love...drastic measures...shield the children...tiny army of love...prepare the children...resilience of the human spirit.*

**January 9\*– Laura Thompson -- A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles**

*1922 Moscow...Count Rostov, aristocrat...tribunal...sentenced to house arrest Metropol, a grand hotel...erudition and wit...never worked...lives in an attic...witness to tumultuous decades...entry into larger world of emotional maturity.*

**February 6 – Linda Gotthardt -- The Last Temptation of Christ, Nikos Kazantzakis**

*Based on Luke 4:13...masterpiece...brilliantly fleshes out Christ's Passion...courted controversy...depicting a Christ far more human than the one seen in the Bible...gloriously divine but earthy and human... subject to fear, doubt, and pain.*

**March 6 – Johanna Henderson – Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club, J. Ryan Stradal**

*Mariel needs a break...Ned...having an identity crisis...beloved restaurant bleeding cash...mother Florence...holed up at church...lasting rift between mother and daughter...devastating tragedy...will the Lakeside Supper Club be their salvation?*

**April 3 – Carol Rossbach -- My Sister's Keeper, Jodi Picoult**

*A family torn apart...Anna...countless surgeries...so her sister, Kate...can fight leukemia...preimplantation bone marrow match...sue her parents...rights to her own body...perhaps fatal...what it means... a good person...morally correct?*

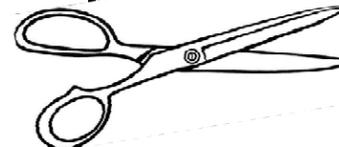
**May 1 – Kay Reiss -- The Great Bridge, David McCullough**

*Years around 1870...building Brooklyn Bridge...longest suspension bridge...greed, corruption...vision...optimism, heroism...lives lost...odds overwhelming...social climate of the time...remarkable family...great personal cost...Emily's dedication.*

**"May Bonus Book" – Cindy Bagocius -- Junkyard Wonders, Patricia Polacco (Grades 3-5)**

*Based on true events...celebrates influence of a teacher...Trisha devastated...new school...special class known as "the junkyard" ...teacher divides into tribes...sense of unity...visit a local junkyard...science fair...school bully.... the Junkyard Wonders.*

\*Second Friday



**Comfort Givers - Darlene Milavickas**

First, a really big thank you for all the items you donated to make the personal (health) kits for Lutheran World Relief. We were able to make up 26 kits this year. We will send these out with the quilts in October.

Comfort givers made a patriotic quilt to be raffled off at the cruise-in and a patriotic lap quilt for a veteran. Anybody could buy tickets for the full-size quilt and all veterans could get a ticket (free) for the lap quilt. Randy won the lap quilt; there is a picture of him with the quilt and wearing the quilt over his shoulders.



The sewers are making banners for the Hoover senior soccer players. You will be able to see these banners all around North Canton. The banners are decorated by the cheerleaders with the senior's name, number etc. The banners are displayed in the player's yard. This is one way of showing the love of Jesus to our community. A big thank you to Dave Palumbo, Mary Humbert, Linda Lancashire and Linda Randles for sewing these banners for the Hoover senior soccer players.



In September we will be collecting for School kits. We sent 40 kits last year; we would like to try to send 45 this year. School kits will include: Spiral notebooks (wide or college rule), 30-centimeter ruler (or inches & centimeters), 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 1/2 eraser. If you see these items on sale before we collect in Sept. and you want to get them, you can bring them into Darlene.



*Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us the talent and materials to do your work and to share our love for others. Please help us to see other ways that we can provide for our brothers and sisters, to expand our ministry and show them your love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

But what truly sets the Ken Weber Community Campus apart is the **breadth of community partnerships** it supports. The campus is home to 21 nonprofit organizations, each providing essential services that complement Goodwill's work and create a web of holistic support. One of our key partners is the **Stark County Hunger Task Force**, which operates a full-choice emergency food pantry right inside the building. This pantry ensures that individuals and families facing food insecurity can access nutritious groceries with dignity.

Another critical partner is **LifeCare Family Health & Dental Center**, which offers primary medical, behavioral health, and dental services. LifeCare provides high-quality, affordable care regardless of a patient's insurance status.

**Access Health Stark County** adds another essential layer to the campus by helping individuals navigate the healthcare system. Through case management, prescription assistance, and wellness navigation, Access Health connects people—especially those with chronic conditions or without insurance—to the care they need to stay healthy and thrive.

Also on site is **Triad Deaf Services**, an agency that serves the Deaf and hard of hearing community through interpreting services, advocacy, and communication support. Triad's presence ensures that campus services are inclusive and accessible to all members of our community, regardless of hearing ability.

These partnerships are more than just shared space—they're shared solutions. On any given day, a person may come in needing help with employment and leave with groceries, a dental appointment, and a referral to a community health navigator. That's the magic of the Ken Weber Community Campus: coordinated care that meets people where they are.



**Ever wonder who is emptying the "Tower of Plastic" so its contents do not take over Luther Hall? Thanks go to Ken Elsass and sometimes, Paul Bagocius!**

**Ken also takes the recyclable cardboard on a regular basis! THANK YOU!**

Judy Arter of our Social Responsibility Ministry team has brought an idea to us here in North Canton, Ohio from her days of living in Miami, Florida where she was a devoted collector of clean, empty plastic pill bottles. She washed, dried, and sanitized them before sending them on their way through an organization called "Matthew 25." The pill bottles are sent by "Matthew" to countries all over the world in need of safe containers for dispensing pills to patients in need.



Judy has designed a collection basket now on the table in Luther Hall to hold your pill bottle donations. Please remove the labels as best you can from both prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles. We will take it from there!

This idea is right up SRM's alley, first because it helps the medical profession in its safe and just distribution of medicines and second, it recycles our everyday PLASTIC containers.



Cindy Bagocius  
Amanda Haga  
Peggy Ingalls  
Judy Arter

Hooray!

Your Social Responsibility Ministry team is once again, in connection with "God's Work Our Hands", offering you an opportunity to go out into the community to see where the action is!

Last year there were SIX choices of places to go--Equal Exchange, Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, Hope Woods/Lutheran Camp, the Valor Home, and/or STARK FRESH. A dinner for the field trippers to share impressions and gained knowledge was then prepared and served by the SRM team.



Twenty-five diners attended the dinner. (As a side note, those of us who went to STARK FRESH are saddened by the news of its closing after 12 years of serving that "food desert" area. One CAN get weary of doing good.)

This year, we have reduced the number of field trips down to ONE. But, it is a great one! We have arranged for there to be TWO chances to learn about the Ken Weber Community Campus of Goodwill in Canton.

The first date is **MONDAY, AUGUST 11 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.** The second date is **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** There will be sign-up sheets on the table in Luther Hall. Those who sign up can decide upon the best way to get there--by individual cars or by carpooling. Again, there will be a dinner for all to either speak or hear about the Campus experience. Neither the date nor the menu for the dinner have been decided yet, but they will be soon after the September 10th visit.

*Please read the article below, authored by Diane Pilati, VP of Marketing and Development of Ken Weber Community Campus of Goodwill.*

In the heart of downtown Canton stands a place where dignity is restored, opportunities are created, and lives are changed every single day—the **Ken Weber Community Campus at Goodwill**. More than just a building, the campus is a collaborative force for good, housing a network of nonprofit organizations committed to serving the community's most pressing needs. Named after the late Ken Weber, a beloved and transformational leader of Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, the campus was designed with a bold but simple vision: to provide seamless access to critical services under one roof. Since its opening, the campus has done just that, becoming a one-stop center for hope, healing, and upward mobility for thousands of people each year.

At the core of the campus is **Goodwill's own mission programming**, which helps individuals overcome barriers to employment and life stability. Goodwill's services go far beyond its well-known retail stores. On site, trained professionals offer **job training, placement assistance, financial literacy education, and case management** for individuals facing challenges such as poverty, justice involvement, disabilities, or lack of access to education. From preparing resumes to navigating public benefits, the staff meets people where they are—and walks with them toward greater independence.



Zion's Community Garden - Jayne and Nikki

All of the gardens are looking great. The sun and humidity have really made them grow and harvesting should begin soon. We are looking forward to having tomatoes, peppers and squash to distribute to our Food Pantry families.

We have been fortunate to have the Group from **Clearview Developmental Services** working at the garden and completing spreading the mulch. We are so thankful for their hard work to help our garden look good. They will continue to come every other Wednesday for the rest of the summer. If you have a chance, please stop by the garden to see it for yourself.

**END OF SUMMER PARTY**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 STARTS AT NOON**

**FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**

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**Blood Drive Update**

Thank you to everyone who came out for July's drive! They were able to collect 13 units from the people that signed up or walked in that evening. Thanks be to God for all of these people!



Our next blood drive is this month – **Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 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:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=rpWCGMfJ%2FslDXPH1ITaq1lnB9N5p2yYMK6u7o2HcpSE%3D>

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 10am – 2pm**  
**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.



**Resource Ministry—Laura Thompson**

- **Through June our Giving has exceeded our use of funds by over \$19,000. This is primarily because we do not have the cost of a full time Called Pastor. Our goal is to use this time between Called Pastors and the savings that creates, to plan and complete large property improvements.**
- **New windows for the church and air conditioning units for the Sunday Schools rooms have been installed. Work continues on a few exterior doors. Thank you to all involved for managing these projects. We plan to be within our approval of \$85,000 for this project.**
- **Thank you for your continued generosity. Thanks be to God for your commitment to healthy Stewardship.**
- **As we look ahead, teams are reviewing the repaving of our parking lot. We will also continue to invest in our mission to serve those in need and minister to the needs of the Congregation.**
- **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.**



**Property Chairperson - Darlene Milavickas**

We have completed the window phase with the installation of the window air conditioners in the classrooms in the back hall. We are very grateful to Doug Roman for getting the air conditioners in before Vacation Bible Adventure.

We are looking at doing repairs to the pavilion and getting quotes for work on the parking lot. We are going to continue to take good care of God’s property.

All we have is from God and is God’s. We are here to take care of what he has given us.



**2025 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build - Debbie Fox**

Despite the weather, this year’s build has remained on schedule and is moving along nicely.

The houses continue to take shape and are now to the interior work phase.

John Canon represented Zion at the All Community Volunteer Day on July 19<sup>th</sup>. He said it was time well spent learning all about Habitat, touring the facility and work shop and then doing some projects for the homes that are being built. He said it was well attended by the different faith communities and future homeowners. He even had the opportunity to teach some new homeowners how to use a circular saw. Thanks John for representing Zion!

Stay tuned for photos and an update from our final volunteer work day – drywall at the Canton home! Please continue to pray for the families, volunteers and staff as the homes are getting completed.

*Mark your calendars for Dedication day - Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Habitat Office on Raff Rd. Everyone is invited to attend this very special and important event!*

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!

**Food Pantry News - Debbie Fox**

July Pantry service numbers:

- ◇ 143 Households served which includes 320 people
- ◇ 4,363 Pounds of food ordered from the Foodbank to be distributed in addition to congregational and community donations
- ◇ 163 hot lunches served to our pantry friends

Thank you to all of our volunteers and generous donors of food and funds that keep our pantry going! There are many challenges for families right now that are experiencing food insecurity. We so appreciate everyone for all of their support that helps us be a blessing to those in our community in their time of need!

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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday & Tuesday of every month:**

- Monday setup 9 -11am.
- Tuesday final setup begins 9:30am.
- Tuesday volunteer lunch 11:30am and 12:15 pm for our pantry families.
- Tuesday food distribution from 1 -2pm with tear down to follow.
- We appreciate any time you may have available to volunteer from 9:30am – 2:30pm 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!*

## START OF SCHOOL BLESSINGS SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be a Blessing of Backpacks, other school carriers and those participating in any capacity for back to school. Everyone is welcome so please ask your family and friends to join us at this once a year Worship Service.

Students of all types and ages, staff, teachers and school employees, are encouraged to come forward. Bring your backpacks, cases, laptops, and other carriers for a blessing and sending.



### Zion Lutheran Church North Canton, Ohio

#### AUGUST ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

August 3, 2025 Beth Heller  
 August 10, 2025 Cindy Bagocius  
 August 17, 2025 Beth Heller  
 August 24, 2025 Jim Fidler  
 August 31, 2025 George Miller

#### AUGUST CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY**  
 August 2, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith  
 August 9, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease  
 August 16, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith  
 August 23, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease  
 August 30, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith

#### AUGUST ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

August 3, 2025 LJ Brown  
 August 10, 2025 Eli Haga  
 August 17, 2025 LJ Brown  
 August 24, 2025 Ben Keith  
 August 31, 2025 Eli Haga

#### **SUNDAY**

August 3, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith  
 August 10, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease  
 August 17, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith  
 August 24, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease  
 August 31, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith

#### AUGUST READER SCHEDULE

August 3, 2025 Mark Denman  
 August 10, 2025 Brian Milek  
 August 17, 2025 Nick Cignetti  
 August 24, 2025 Renee Keith  
 August 31, 2025 Ruth Reinoehl

#### 9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS

August 3, 2025 Jayne Schrader  
 August 10, 2025 Laura Thompson  
 August 17, 2025 George Miller  
 August 24, 2025 John Rhodes  
 August 31, 2025 Dave Palumbo

#### AUGUST ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE

August 3, 2025 Carol McKimm  
 August 10, 2025 Carol McKimm  
 August 17, 2025 Digital Music  
 August 24, 2025 Susan Kaschak  
 August 31, 2025 Steve Moore



**Call the office  
to find out  
how you can  
get involved!**

## North Canton Police Department Bike Rodeo

This year's Bike Rodeo was held on a very, very hot day, July 12, but it didn't keep the young bikers from having a great morning. This is a child focused event to teach and promote bike safety for our community. The police department provide helmet fittings, bike safety tips and bike challenge courses to put the children's skills to the test. Zion helps with this fun-filled event by providing hot dogs and chips for the young riders.



The police department provide water, and also awards trophies for different competitions. Kona Ice was there also to provide relief from the heat. The North Canton Police Department is very appreciative of the use of our parking lot and the food that Zion provides.



Thanks to Connie Riffle, Dave Palumbo, Darlene Milavickas and Janet Slease for helping with this event.