



May 2026

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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.*

We had a wonderful Easter morning as we celebrated our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The month of May evokes the embodiment of Spring with all its beauty, charm and promise of greater interaction with others.

As Christians we believe everything- the world, its inhabitants, the universe- belongs to God the Creator. We acknowledge that we are obliged to be good stewards of the abundant resources He entrusts to our care. The Commandment that we love one another mandates that each of us employ the resources entrusted to our care in service to others. Acting on this Commandment requires our appreciation of the fact that the term resources encompasses a wide range of assets-financial wealth, physical ability, artistic talent, intellectual acumen-and as noted in the parable in Matthew about the master and his servants, God distributes talents to each of us according to our abilities. This year, the five Sundays of Easter culminate in May. They focus on the Acts of the Apostles who, emboldened by the Resurrection, fortified with courage and determination, and committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ regardless of the personal consequences, strove to teach themselves how best to serve others and follow His Commandment to love one another. While enduring persecution and horrific deaths, the Apostles showed others how to practice Jesus' Mandates of love and service so effectively that the number of adherents multiplied exponentially and Christianity flourished, triumphing over ruthless adversaries.

For several months our Church Elders have been speaking about Stephen Ministry, a proven and effective way to organize, equip and support a team of Congregation Members-called Stephen Ministers- to provide high quality, one-on-one, Christ-centered care to those in the Congregation and community experiencing life difficulties-loss of a loved one; terminal illness; divorce; medical problems; job loss; etc. Stephen Ministry allows individuals who are hurting to receive distinctively Christian care when they need it the most. Three individuals will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers at the Worship Service on Pentecost Sunday, May 24,2026. These lay people will be using their gifts in ministry to make Zion Lutheran a warmer, more loving place. And the fact the program frees the Pastor to engage in other areas of ministry is worth emphasizing as we proceed through the Call process.

In a month wherein we celebrate mothers who nurture us with loving care and military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom we need to be conscious of all opportunities to show we are " Living in Faith, Known by Love, Serving like Jesus."

Lord, thank You for the Commandment to love one another. Teach us that caring for others is essential to our faith. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fidler, Council President

Stark Hunger Walk - May 3, 2026!

There is still time to join in the fun on Sunday, May 3rd for this year's Stark Hunger Walk as we walk to end food insecurity in our community! If you aren't able to walk 2.1 miles, you can still be part of Team Zion and join us that day to support the cause! It is a pet friendly event as long as they are leashed. Wear your yellow "God's Work, Our Hands" t-shirts and invite your family and friends to join us!

STARK HUNGER WALK

FEED the NEED

THE NEED IS CRITICAL.
HUNGER AFFECTS 1 IN 5 CHILDREN
 20.5% or 16,440 children may struggle with hunger in Stark County

HUNGER AFFECTS 1 IN 7 INDIVIDUALS
 14.5% or 54,230 individuals may struggle with hunger in Stark County

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

- 2:00 p.m. - Registration at North Canton Community Christian Church
 210 North Main St. North Canton, OH 44720
- 3:00 p.m. - Start of approximately 2.1 mile walk (RAIN OR SHINE)
- Afterwards - Hot Soup Social

AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOOD BANK
 Serving Carroll, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne Counties.

FACEBOOK: STARK-HUNGER-WALK
 STARKHUNGERWALK@GMAIL.COM

STARK MAP

SCAN HERE to sign up! Not required.

All proceeds benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank.

Walk Highlights:

- ◆ Location: Community Christian Church on N Main St. in North Canton
- ◆ Registration is at 2 pm and the 2.1 mile walk begins at 3 pm
- ◆ There are many fun activities from 2 -3 pm before the walk including face painting done by our Zion artists
- ◆ A Soup Social for all follows the walk with delicious soups and desserts
- ◆ All proceeds from the walk benefit the Akron Canton Food Bank.
- ◆ Any food collected from the walk will be donated to our Food Pantry.

We pray that God will continue to lead us on this important journey to end hunger and food insecurity that so many are facing!

Learning Ministry



LEARNING MINISTRY– Debbie Fox

There will be no Christian Education classes for all ages on Pentecost (May 24th).

Adult Christian Education – Sunday Mornings at 10:15 am

Stick around after Sunday service and refreshments for a lively discussion on the week's Gospel! We're thankful to the supply pastors leading these sessions and helping us

grow deeper in God's Word. All are welcome!

Confirmation Class

Each Sunday at 10:15 am, Cindy Bagocius leads our youth in their journey toward affirming their baptism. We invite you to hold Cindy and the participants in your prayers as they explore the Old and New Testaments and diving into Luther's Small Catechism. We are so proud of their commitment to deepening their faith!

Sunday Bible Adventure Pre-K thru 6th Grades

We're wrapping up a great year! Join Connie Riffle and Janet Slease each Sunday at 10:15 am as they share wonderful Bible lessons with our children. Our final class for the school year will be Sunday, May 17th. While we'll be taking a summer break before resuming this Fall, keep an eye out for details on our special summer projects! We can't wait to see you there.

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to join us as we dive into the ELCA *Gather* magazine's Bible study! We will meet on the first Monday of May and June before taking a summer break in July and August.

Our next meeting is May 4th at the home of Judy Arter. Don't have a copy of the magazine? No problem! We can help you sign up, or you can pick up a copy at the church. Feel free to bring a friend—we'd love to see you there! For more details, please reach out to Cindy Bagocius or Debbie Fox.

Men's Bible Study

Calling All Men! Join us at Zion on **Saturday, May 30th (8:30 am)** for our monthly Bible study. We're currently diving into the Letter to the Romans—come for the food, stay for the great discussion and fellowship!

Interested but can't make the time? Contact Ken Reinoehl; we'd love to find a time that works for everyone. See you there, and feel free to bring a friend!

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



Vacation Bible School

Our Road Trip is fast approaching! Join us June 22nd - 26th as God guides us wherever we go during the week – and always! There will be great lessons, crafts, fun games, music, snacks and so much more! The week is designed for children ages 4 through those who have completed 5th grade. We also have a class for our Middle School and High School students where they gather for about an hour each day to talk about the lesson before helping with the younger children throughout the week.



Our friend, Scout, wants to let everyone know what we will be learning about each day:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



How Can You Help? We are so excited for our upcoming program and would love for you to join the team! There are many ways to get involved, whether you have a full week or just an hour to spare. You can support us by:

Praying for our children, families, and volunteers.

Assisting in a classroom or during a rotation.

Helping with snacks, decorating, set up or our pizza and ice cream party.

Donating supplies to keep our "Road Trip" running smoothly.

Sign-up sheets are located in Luther Hall, and registration packets are available in the office. For more information, please contact Debbie Fox. We are grateful for any time you can give—we look forward to seeing everyone on the road in June!



Join us in celebrating Zion's wonderful Women on May 10th, 2026 after service.

Breakfast will be provided by The Men of Zion.

Laurel Derry held the rapt attention of 21 attendees at the Social Responsibility Ministry's first Speaker Series event on Thursday, April 9th.

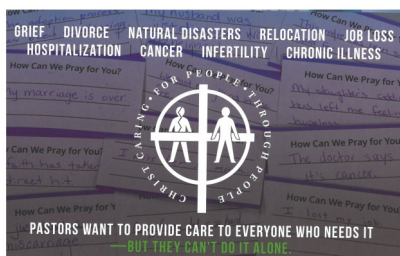
She articulated well and with conviction about being able to share her love of Christ in a prison environment and how Christ's love is extended to all--no matter the past. There are extensive "red tape" steps to hurdle in prison ministry from the "outside," but once they are cleared, the results can be chain-breaking. She and her husband David were invited to

present and conduct a day-long marriage encounter at a local prison--much to their surprise. From there, other opportunities arose. Laurel encouraged all to pray with intention for those behind bars for whatever reason and for however long.

Prayers for her and for her family are also appreciated. The SRM will be considering how we at Zion can provide further tangible support for this prison ministry."



Here we are from left to right--Cindy Bagocius, Laurel Derry, Amanda Haga, and Judy Arter. Peg Ingalls was not able to attend, but her contribution to getting the word out is duly noted!



Stephen Ministry - April Training

April 9, **Module 14** Understanding Suicide: How to Help People Get the Care They Need. The trainees were given basic facts about suicide; risk factors; thoughts and behaviors; and the steps to take when it is believed a person may be

considering suicide.

Module 15 was addressed on April 16: Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close. They learned how closure takes place; value closure as essential; signs it is appropriate; and how to respond to challenges.

On April 23 & April 30 We addressed our Peer Supervision Sessions. **[Modules 16 and 16A]** This will require 4 – sessions, over a two-week period. We will be exploring how the sessions will be conducted, the importance of these sessions; given supervision tools; how additional support can assist the caregiver in their task; and of course, hands-on practice in conducting a peer session.

STEPHEN MINISTERS TO BECOME AVAILABLE

We all find that our needs change as we age. Whether when we lose a loved one, have a health or personal crisis, divorce, spiritual issues or end-of-life issues, we all need someone to talk to and overcome our trials.

The problem is finding someone willing to listen and will actually offer weekly conversations which will inspire you to improve your life into a semblance of normalcy.

Stephen Ministers are trained to assist you in a truly Christian approach. They will not force you to do or say anything, because that is not how God wants them to act. God will be with you throughout your sessions.

On May 24th, 2026, Zion's 3 Stephen Ministers will be commissioned, ready to help members who want to use their help. They have been trained in how to help individuals overcome these issues, allowing the care receiver to return to a happy and productive life.

If you or a **loved one** would like support in getting through these times, contact the Stephen Ministers' Referrals Coordinator, Ken Reinoehl. He will let you know if you qualify and the right individual for your situation. There are only three ministers so far, so you may be put on hold, until other ministers become available.

2026 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

The foundations for both homes have been dug, one in Massillon for the Swogger Family, and one in Canton for the Hernandez Family. What an exciting time for both families!



Thank you to everyone who signed the two studs in Luther Hall. One stud will go in each home. God's love will always be part of these homes through these messages, even though they are covered by drywall!



Our volunteer work days on site begin this month. On May 9th our crew will be working on the decking on the Swogger home in Massillon, and on May 16th we will be constructing exterior walls on the Swogger home in Massillon.

Deck
 Age Requirement: 18+
 Duration: 3.5 hours
 Volunteers: 5

Task Description: Install OSB sheets with nails and glue to complete the floor assembly.
Physical Description: Most of the task requires kneeling and working on the knees.

Exterior Walls
 Age Requirement: 18+
 Duration: 6 hours
 Volunteers: 5

Task Description: Nailing studs together to build and raise the exterior walls of the home.
Physical Description: This task requires standing, kneeling, bending, and lifting.

Our final work day will be drywall in July at the Hernandez home in Canton. We hope you will consider volunteering! No experience is necessary! God's work done with our hands! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 1st at 5:30pm for this year's dedication and plan to attend this incredible night at the Habitat ECO Office (1400 Raff Rd. in Canton) where the families receive their keys and celebrate the start of this new chapter in their beautiful new homes!

We hope you will join in with the different opportunities provided and pray for the families, volunteers, faith communities and staff at Habitat as this year's build begins! Praise God for such a great organization that serves so many in our community and across the United States and many other countries!

Join us for a
RIGATONI DINNER
Fundraiser Event

Supporting a great cause - Habitat for Humanity ECO Faith Build!
DINE IN or CARRY OUT

FRIDAY MAY 29, 2026 4 - 8 PM



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
349 Lindy Lane Ave NW
North Canton, OH

TICKETS

Available Presale or at Door

\$15 Adults

\$10 Kids (5 - 12)

Kids Under 4 Free

Dinner includes penne with red sauce, meatballs, salad,
garlic bread /rolls, dessert, and drink.

ALL proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity ECO Faith Build
For tickets or more information: 330-499-3909 or zion-NC.com



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church -- Book Club Schedule; **REVISED**
 November 2025 – May 2026 -- First Friday*, 10:00 – 11:00 am
 Zion Church Classroom
 Coordinator, Peggy Ingalls (330-284-3518)

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.



May Birthdays

- May 20 Becky Jo Aquillo
- May 28 Betty Tracy
- May 28 Steve Moore

Happy May Anniversary

- May 8 Lou & Darlene Milavickas
- May 21 Dean & Debbie Fox
- May 24 Brian & Nikki Milek
- May 27 Paul & Cindy Bagocius



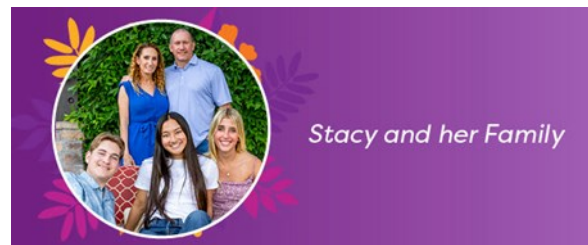


WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE BLOOD?

A Message from Vitalant:

“Eleven million red blood cell, platelet and plasma transfusions are given to US patients every year. Nearly one in every three seconds. They include trauma victims, cancer patients receiving treatment, children with sickle cell disease, and surgical patients of every kind. More than 4.5 million Americans receive transfusions every year.

The patients who depend on that supply, include mothers like Stacy, 1 in 83 of whom will need a transfusion during childbirth. At 27 weeks pregnant with twins, a crisis none of her doctors had predicted sent her into emergency surgery. She needed blood, urgently, and she needed it in volume.



It was there because someone had donated weeks before she ever called for it.

That is how the blood supply works. It is not a resource that appears on demand. It is a living system, sustained by continuous human generosity, and is the quiet foundation beneath every trauma bay, and hospital in America.

And the blood supply is shrinking.” So...

Please plan on giving for the rest of our 2026 drives! Ask a friend or family member to join you in donating and giving the gift of life!

Sunday, July 12, 2026 10am – 1:30pm
Sunday, Sept 13, 2026 10am – 1:30pm
Sunday, Nov 15, 2026 10am – 1:30pm

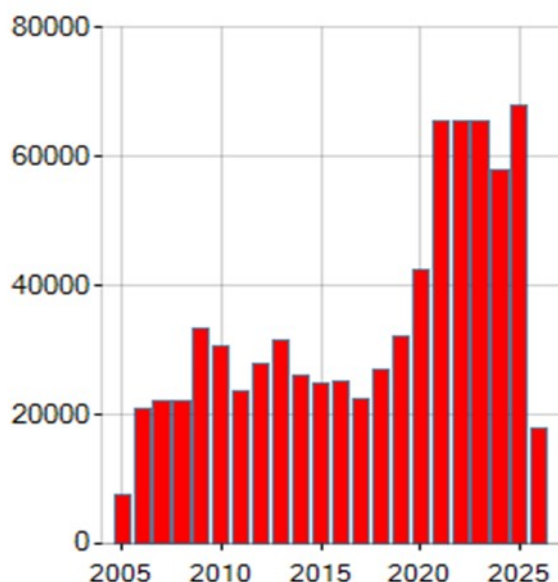
If you are unable to donate on the above dates, you can go to the Vitalant Donation Center at 4119 Tuscarawas St West, Canton, OH 44708. Call 877-258-4825 or schedule an appointment online. Thanks be to God for everyone who is willing and able to donate blood and give the gift of life.

Food Pantry News

April Pantry service numbers:

- Households served which includes 337 people
- 4,793 Pounds of food ordered from the Foodbank to be distributed in addition to congregational and community donations
- 167 hot lunches served to our Pantry friends

Total Pounds Distributed



This graphic shows the good work our Food Pantry has been doing for over 20 years. The amount of food purchased and distributed from the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank increased to meet the needs of our community in 2019, 2020 and 2021, and has remained steady. Thanks be to God for our partnership with the Food Bank allowing to purchase and receive food so affordably as we serve our neighbors. God has commanded us to feed the hungry, and we pray for his guidance as we continue our Food Pantry Mission at Zion.

Your donations along with our ability to purchase food from the Food Bank keeps us well stocked! Thank you for your generosity! We are so grateful and blessed! Items most needed at this time include spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, canned meats (chicken or tuna), laundry detergent and paper products like toilet paper & paper towels.

Volunteer Opportunities – we appreciate any time you have to give during the following:

- Set up on the Monday before our distribution dates from 9 -11 am.
- Volunteer on distribution days (1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month).
- 9am – Unload truck and finish set up
- Lunch starts at 11:30 am for volunteers and 12:15 pm for our pantry families
- Food distribution for our pantry families from 1-2 pm
- Tear down from 2-3pm

Please contact Debbie Fox if you have any questions or would like more

Financial Update

- **John Long was a long time member of the Finance and Budget Committee. John, with a group of others at Zion, played an important role in creating and investing funds for the long term needs of the church. John was also a faithful servant to Zion in many other roles. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace John, the Audit went fine!**
- **Speaking of Audit - Dave Palumbo led our 2025 Audit of Zion's Books and Records. Our Audit Committee consists of Brian Kay, Brian Milek, Nick Cignetti and John Canon. Some suggestions for improvement but a good audit report. Thank you to Dave and the rest of the team.**
- **Through March, our Giving remains strong allowing Zion to have a surplus of about \$27,000. We will use this towards our New Parking Lot.**
- **We are praying for a Pastor to hear a call from the Holy Spirit to join us at Zion. To facilitate this, we have set aside over \$32,000 for expenses related to interviewing and moving a new Pastor if necessary. This remains a priority for us.**
- **Our parking lot is an essential part of delivering our mission. It is heavily used all 12 months of the year not only for worship services but for food pantry distribution and many other community services. The surplus this year, plus designated giving of almost \$50,000 through March, will be used for this large project which could begin in May.**
- **Our long term investment funds continue to deliver returns. We are well prepared to welcome a new pastor, fulfill our Mission, while making improvements in our church property.**
- **Thank you for your support through healthy stewardship.**

**Laura Thompson
Resource Ministry**

Chancel Flowers are available in memory or honor of your loved one (s) and are used in the Chapel for any Sunday Service of your choice.

They are only \$20.00 each and you can order as many as you wish!

You also get to take them home after the service and enjoy their beauty and your memories!!

Arrangements can be made in the front office.





As this school year is winding down, we are already looking toward next school year to help ensure **all** of the children in our community have the supplies they need.

We will be collecting school supplies this summer to help the North Canton City Schools Family Support Specialists with their Back to School Bash where they provide supplies to families who need a little help.

The following is a list of supplies that are needed:

- #2 Pencils - sharpened and unsharpened
- Mechanical Pencils
- Large Erasers – white or pink
- Pencil Supply Box
- Zippered Supply Pouch
- 1-inch 3-ring Binder (hard cover with pockets)
- 2-inch 3-ring Binder (hard cover with pockets)
- Pack of 5-subject Tabbed Dividers for 3-ring binder
- Plastic 3-Prong Folders (red, green, yellow or orange, blue)
- PLASTIC, Two-bottom pocket folder WITH FASTENERS
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Colored Pencils – 12 or 24 pack
- Crayons
- 8 or 10 Box of Classic Markers - Broad Line
- Pack of Washable Classic Markers
- 8 or 10 Box of Classic Markers - Fine Line
- Pack of Highlighters
- Red/Black Pens
- Black Sharpie (fine point)
- Black Sharpie (ultra fine)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Black Dry Erase Markers—CHISEL TIP
- Expo Dry Eraser (for dry-erase boards)
- Pair of Pointed Scissors - 5" or larger
- Scissors – blunt tip
- Glue Sticks
- Elmer's Glue
- Earbuds or Headphones
- Box of Tissues



We will also be collecting school supplies for our pantry families, and school supply collection is one of our service projects during Vacation Bible Adventure. If you are out and about shopping and see some good deals on school supplies, please consider picking a few up. We will have a collection bin in Luther Hall later this month through mid-July. We appreciate your generous support of the kids in our community!

MAY 2026 ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

May 3 rd , 2026	George Miller
May 10 th , 2026	Jim Fidler
May 17 th , 2026	Darlene Milavickas
May 24 th , 2026	Ken Reinoehl
May 31 st , 2026	Beth Heller

MAY 2026 ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

May 3 rd , 2026	LJ Brown
May 10 th , 2026	Ben Keith
May 17 th , 2026	Eli Haga
May 24 th , 2026	Maggie McCormick
May 31 st , 2026	Ben Keith

MAY 2026 LECTOR SCHEDULE

May 3 rd , 2026	Laura Thompson
May 10 th , 2026	Renee Keith
May 17 th , 2026	Nick Cignetti
May 24 th , 2026	Brian Milek
May 31 st , 2026	Cindy Bagocius

MAY 2026 ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE

May 3 rd , 2026	Susan Kaschak
May 10 th , 2026	Susan Kaschak
May 17 th , 2026	Steve Moore
May 24 th , 2026	Digital Music
May 31 st , 2026	Susan Kaschak

MAY 2026 CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

May 2 nd , 2026	Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
May 9 th , 2026	Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
May 16 th , 2026	Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
May 23 rd , 2026	Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
May 30 th , 2026	Jane Fairman & Janet Slease

SUNDAY

May 3 rd , 2026	Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
May 10 th , 2026	Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
May 17 th , 2026	Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
May 24 th , 2026	Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
May 31 st , 2026	Jane Fairman & Janet Slease

Chancel Guild Annual Meeting



The Chancel Guild held its annual breakfast meeting and cleaning day on Saturday, March 28. The members participated in a detailed cleaning of the worship space and sacristy. We all enjoy the fellowship and faithful service of this ministry. Our current members are Harriet Bowers, Sally Bunyan, Juanita Cignetti, Corlene Coulter, Jane Fairman, Lisa Frock, Darlene Milavickas, Nikki Milek, Connie Riffle, Jayne Schrader, Beth Shaheen, Janet Slease, and Linda Smith.

We thank the members for their planning and work in making our services run smoothly. A special thanks to Paul Bagocius, Worship Ministry Elder, for participating with all of us. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. If you would like to become a member to help with this service for our church, please see one of us.

Connie Riffle and Janet Slease



CRAFT
SHOW

We have some exciting news! We are having the Fall Charity Craft Show this year to benefit Habitat for Humanity future Faith Builds. The show will be Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 10am - 3pm.

Applications are available in the office!



Women's Bible Study

Seven lovely "gather" Girls met at the home of Cindy Bagocius on April 6th, bearing gifts of bread to go along with Session One in the "gather" magazine's MARCH/APRIL/MAY issue. (We welcomed a younger young lady to our group--one Miss Carli!) The theme of this session was identifying with Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Judy, who is an avid indoor plant caretaker, also brought a lush English ivy plant from which several of us took cuttings. Jesus is further known as "The True Vine" and we are known as His branches. Jesus also answers to the name, "Light of the World!"

May 4th is this month's discussion date. Judy Arter will host at her home located at 130 Brookview Drive SW in North Canton--just a bit beyond the Herbert Hoover Bridge on Main Street, to the right. Arrival time is still 1:45. Ruth Reinoehl will be the facilitator for Session Two: "God the protector: Gate and shepherd" (pages 24-29).

One online source credited Jesus with having 200 names in the Bible. At this rate, we have 195 more names to go!

Cindy Bagocius

P.S. Please pray for Paul and Cindy as they travel to, in, and from Egypt. Here is an acronym that was whispered to Cindy--E is for Eternal, G is for God, Y is for You; P is for Provide and Protect; and T is for (I) Trust. E-G-Y-P-T.

Call Committee Report:

The call committee is excited that we have an in-person interview with a candidate the first of May. They are driving in from Indiana Friday May 1st and going back May 2nd. We will interview the candidate, show the candidate the church and take the candidate around N. Canton. Pastor Phillips said that the profiles for new candidates appear after Easter so he will be looking at the new profiles. We will continue to update on the process. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 330-412-4336 or catch me at the church. Please continue to pray for the committee and Pastor Phillips.

God's Blessings
Darlene Milavickas



LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA

On Saturday, April 18, 2026, seventeen people gathered and enjoyed a day of fellowship sewing dresses for Little Dresses for Africa. Little Dresses for Africa is a Christian non-profit agency that provides simple dresses to girls in Africa. The group received a Thrivent Action Team Grant which enabled them to purchase sewing supplies for the mission project



We started the day enjoying a cup of coffee, muffins and coffee cake before we started our actual sewing. Everyone kept very busy learning each step needed to complete their dresses. Many of the women re-ignited sewing skills from the past, while Carli, age 9, learned for the first time how to use a serger and how to cut fabric using a pattern. Special thanks to Linda Lancashire for teaching Carli these new skills! After working hard all morning the participants enjoyed a salad bar lunch and dessert.

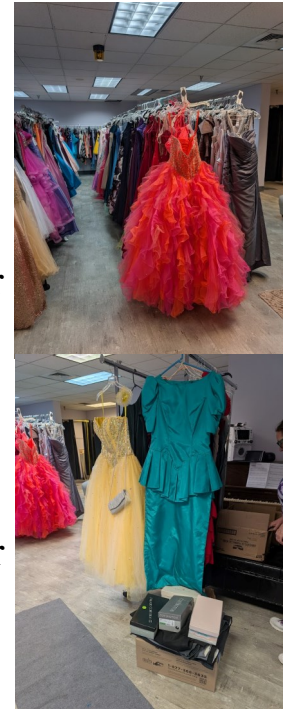


The participants enjoyed the day and all are looking forward to sewing dresses again! Another work day will be scheduled in early June to finish dresses that have been started, and then we will have the dresses blessed during a worship service before sending them to Little Dresses for Africa. Thank you to everyone that participated! It was a fun mission project!



Shared Goods,

We started transitioning from winter to spring and summer clothes for our last opening in April. It always feels so good getting the summer things out. We also made a trip to the Jackson Bear Hugs shop. We had collected items for their prom shop. The Bear Hugs PROMise in Purple Formal Wear Boutique was open Thursday April 30th at 3-6pm. They have formal wear for prom, band and choir concerts, graduations etc. The shop is open to all students from all schools. It is great to see what they are doing for all the area students. It is great that we get to help in this small way. We thank you all for your donations that make it possible for us to help the community.



Darlene Milavickas

Easter News

We had a wonderful Easter morning as we celebrated our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Our youth's time with Pastor Sander was so special as the beautiful Holy Week and Easter quilt was revealed. The kids' artwork represented various Easter and Holy Week symbols - the cross that Jesus took up for us, the empty tomb – He is Risen!, the bread and cup for communion, the Lamb of God, palms, the coins Jesus was betrayed for and the crown of thorns that Jesus wore. The solid colors represent red for Jesus' blood that was shed, dark red for communion wine, green for Palm Sunday, purple for Lenten season and yellow representing the celebration on Easter morning and the light of Jesus. A huge thank you to our leaders for such a great project, our kids for their fabulous artwork and our sewing crew who put together such a beautiful quilt! All praise be to God!



After service the youth enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt to continue our celebration of Jesus! They had a great time, found some treats and even won some prizes. What a great group of kids that we love so much! Thanks be to God for all of them!

Zion Lutheran Church
349 Lindy Lane NW
North Canton, OH 44720
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 2:00pm M-F
Doors open at 9am

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