

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:

October is always a super busy month for Zion. It is the month we offer our *Communion Is for Kids* class for all of our children who are not yet confirmed. We want to have an open Table where all of the baptized are invited to receive the life and love our Lord offers with Holy Communion. But this means that we have to help our children understand what we are inviting them to receive by participating in Holy Communion. There are no better persons to offer this introduction than Chuck Danner, Debbie Fox, and Miriam Keating. We are truly blessed with their willingness to take the lead in teaching these classes. All we ask is that parents support this effort with your children's presence at these Sunday morning sessions.

Rally Day is past, Sunday School is in full swing; and that means getting ready for our annual Halloween Party, which is scheduled for the evening of *Wednesday, October 26th*, beginning with some great food at 6:00 p.m. That is also the evening of our Fall Congregational Meeting, which also begins with great food. Our Church Council will host and serve a delicious dinner, which begins at 6:15 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Dinner will be followed by our meeting in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. As an added treat, we have invited a friend of the congregation to join us for a *meet-and-greet* during dinner. Jennifer Creighton Kling, who has visited with us at Zion many, many times, mostly related to the annual summer ritual we call Vacation Bible School, is running for the North Canton Board of Education this year, and she would like to answer any questions we might have about the difference she plans to make with her service.

Speaking about service to the community, the Men of Zion are teaming up with the Witness Ministry to offer our second annual Prosecutor's Program at Zion, with this year's edition focusing on *Senior Citizen Safety*. It is scheduled for the first Wednesday in October, which is October 5th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. All the big guns from North Canton will be here – the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, and the Director of Administration. These programs are always very interesting, and sometimes a lot of fun. This particular program is intended to offer practical advice that works to help keep our seniors safe. The Men of Zion will be ready with refreshments. Our guests are planning a great program. Our Witness Team is excited. All we need to make our evening complete is you. Please join us.

Communion Class, Community Programs, Congregational Meetings, and a Halloween Party: October features all of these activities, and more. This year we will host our Eighth Annual Youth Missions Craft Show & Oktoberfest. This means that the church will be filled with crafters and craft tables on Saturday, October 22nd, along with German dinners for sale all day long! I'm sure you know the routine by now: Pork Schnitzel and Bratwurst dinners for \$8.00 apiece, with tickets sold by the Youth of Zion. Tickets will be everywhere. Buy some dinners for yourself, and donate more for others! It's a great way to enjoy a program that helps our youth and the community, too. That's Saturday, October 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As if that were not enough, October ends with the *Festival of Reformation*: the choir singing at both services, the world-changing life of Martin Luther noted, his insight into the gospel of our salvation proclaimed, historic hymns, great readings, all inspiring services of worship on October 30th that you will not want to miss. The Sanctuary looks splendid in red, and it will look even better with you in the pew. Plan to join us. You'll be glad you did; and so will we.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Jim Fidler called our September Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Sue Heyard, Lorin Beaber, Juanita Cignetti, Jim Dansizen, Dale Jacobs, Beth Shaheen, Renee Keith, Vicki Givler, Pastor Sherwindt. Our Treasurer's Report for August showed our first monthly deficit in six months. We hope to turn this back around in September. After showing monthly surpluses in March (\$1,600), April (\$2,196), May (\$1,375), June (\$490), and July (\$232), August registered a small monthly deficit of \$701.52. With a little bit of luck, and some good old-fashioned generosity from you, we hope to get back on track with another surplus in September.

In addition to saying goodbye to summer, our September meeting looked ahead to the Congregational Meeting that deals with the 2012 Proposed Budget. All of our ministries are making their respective contributions to the process. The Finance Team will meet on October 3rd to formulate a proposed budget that Council will take up on October 11th, and then pass along to you for your approval at our Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, October 26th, which begins with dinner in Memorial Hall at 6:15 p.m., followed by our meeting in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS FOR AUGUST

August Income	\$ 17,471.35
August Expenses	\$ 18,172.87
August (Deficit)	(\$ 701.52)
Income thru August	\$165,277.82
Expenses " August	\$171,098.82
2011 Deficit thru August	(\$ 5,821.00)
2010 Deficit thru August	(\$ 8,940.69)

We thank you for your generous support!

MORE COUNCIL NEWS

Witness Ministry: In responding to your choice with a recent survey gauging interest in community presentations sponsored by the Prosecutor's Office, the Witness Team, with help from the Men of Zion, will host our second annual community outreach event with a Senior Citizen Safety Workshop set for the evening of **Wednesday, October 5th**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. The Men of Zion will meet at 5:30 p.m. to make sure that everything is set for the evening. Pastor Sherwindt will offer words of welcome. Then come the big guns: North Canton's Mayor David Held and the Chief of Police, Stephan Wilder, Fire Chief John Bacon, the Director of Administration, Michael Grimes. It looks to be a great night!

Property Ministry: With Jayne Schrader making calls from the Church Office, the Trustees enlisted the help of twenty members in hosting a painting party for the pavilion on **Saturday, September 17th**. Chris Thomas and Bob Lancashire organized the work, and Jaret and Tina Beaber, Chuck Danner, Debbie Fox, Verle Elsass, Carl Geib, Scott Gross, Cathy Harvey, Gary Horton, Garry Leed, Darlene Milavickas, Loretta and David Panzarello, Carol Rossbach, Pastor, Peg Thomas, Laura Thompson, Mark Votaw, Kelly and Kevin Walters, and Dan & Linda Wilson were there to get the pavilion painted and stained in record time. We were rained out the Saturday before, which gave Brian Walters, Mark Votaw, Verle Elsass, and Lorin Beaber a chance to injure the Pastor while we worked to clear some older booths out of Senior Independence, ironically enough, to reduce the chance of personal injury that might be caused by these booths! The Trustees would like to thank everyone who helped.

BISHOPS IN THE ROOM!

The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, one Mark Hanson, is planning a visit to our neighborhood. There will be an Open House from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on 55th and Middlebranch on Saturday, October 8th. Then on Sunday, October 9th, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Alliance will host a worship service at 7:00 p.m., where Bishop Hanson will preach. Clergy are invited to join Bishop Hanson for an Open House at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on October 10th at 10:00 a.m.

If you need still more time with an ELCA Bishop, our Canton-Massillon Conference has scheduled the Bishop's Fall Gathering with Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church on State Street, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Our topic is *What Is God Doing and How Can We Help?* The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. David Daubert, the author of *Living Lutheran: Reclaiming the "V" Word* and *Seeing through New Eyes*. Bishop Eaton will lead our Bible study on 1st Peter 2:4-10, *Becoming Living Stones*. Please let Pastor Sherwindt know of your interest in attending.

If these Conference and Synod events have whetted your appetite for more, Reformation Sunday on October 30th also features a number of area events which may interest you. The 26th Annual Festival Celebration of the Reformation for the Eastern Cluster of the Canton-Massillon Conference will be hosted by Israel's Lutheran Church in Paris, with Pr. Ron Zoesch, the Director of Evangelism for the Northeastern Ohio Synod, serving as the Guest Preacher. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m., with a Social Hour to follow. The service features Holy Communion, a Combined Adult Choir, with a Nursery fully staffed.

BLANKETS FOR THE WORLD

We hope you have found bargains on buying blankets. Bring them to church with you on ***Blanket Sunday, October 9***. We will have one colorful display covering our pews when we add your blankets to the quilts that Zion's Comfort Givers have been working on in Luther Hall throughout the year. It is always a sight to see! Our blankets and comforters become a part of a larger shipment through which *Lutheran World Relief* delivers blankets, quilts, school kits, and personal care kits to families across the globe.

In 2010, with the help of Verle Elsass and Garry Leed, the Women of Zion were able to pack up their 83 quilts, 29 blankets, 70 school kits and 65 personal care kits into 38 boxes and get them delivered to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville. This year, Zion's Comfort Givers will gather in Luther Hall at 9:30 a.m. on ***Thursday, October 13***, to begin packing our items in boxes so that they can be driven to Jerusalem Lutheran Church on ***Saturday, October 15***. Join in if you are able to help.

The monthly Bible study for the Women of Zion meets on ***Tuesday, October 18***, when we will continue our study of *To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark*. Session 2 focuses on *Mothers and Brothers*, the new family that is ours through the call that is extended by Jesus and the life that is ours in Christ. Mark 3:35 is the verse that established our focus: "*Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.*" Mark is a fast-moving Gospel that sets a hectic pace for introducing us to the message and ministry of Jesus and its message for us. You will enjoy the Bible study Patricia Lull has prepared; and you will surely enjoy the company of the Women of Zion who are planning to meet in the Resource Center, ***October 18th, 9:30 a.m.***

HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

Our premise is very simple. Since we offer Holy Communion to all the baptized, we must also offer opportunities to grow in our understanding of what God is doing through this gracious gift. That's what we are trying to do with our annual *Communion Is For Kids* class, which is offered during the second service each and every Sunday in October, beginning with Sunday, October 2. All of our kids who have not yet been confirmed are invited to attend. Understanding Holy Communion is not a once-and-done event. In fact, growing in our understanding God's grace is a life-long journey, for adults as well as our children. That's why we offer these classes; and that's what we want our children to learn as we join in this journey together.

"What are the classes like?" you ask. I think that Chuck Danner said it best with a story he told several years ago, and I've learned that I cannot improve on it: "We discuss the *Means of Grace* as the ways God shows His love to us through the Word and Sacraments. Part of this discussion raises the question of what we need to know to be ready to receive the body and blood. Our answer is *simply a believing heart*. This opens the door to discussing a believing heart as a *faithful heart*, a *loving heart*, and a *forgiving heart*, all while remembering that we have Jesus in our hearts to be with us." These classes are a great experience for our kids, the teachers, their helpers, and parents, too. There's always something to learn about the meaning of Holy Communion.

Here's how the class works. Our kids remain at worship through the children's sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service, when they join our teachers across the hallway in the Resource Center, until they rejoin us in the Sanctuary during Communion. It's simple, and it's fun.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Talk about growing in our understanding of God's grace, the Adult Sunday School Class gets a renewed dose of that every week. Our text is entitled *Making Sense of the Christian Faith*; and every time we think we're making progress and we've got it down, David Lose throws in another wrinkle, and we realize that learning about the treasures of our faith really is a life-long journey.

Is time on a line, or does each moment stand alone, a perfect whole contributing to a longer narrative? Which came first, the word, the sentence, or the story that helps us make sense of our lives and our world? Are the best questions about God the ones we read in a textbook, or the ones that arise with our challenges in life? Is the story of salvation a promise or a plan? Does it make a difference? Is it better to know the next turn or the final ending? We don't often get to answer these questions; but we always have fun trying.

First, we read about the blessings of creation. Then, it was the arrival of original sin. From there we talked about God's four covenants (with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David), leading to the final covenant, which we call the New Covenant. That brought us to the topic of Jesus, which invited our revisiting Christmas and Easter. With Christmas, we examined the miracle of Incarnation; and with Easter, our focus turned to the mystery of Resurrection. All of this eventually leads to the birth of the Church as our invitation to participate in the life of the Body of Christ, where the Holy Spirit is alive within us and at work among us. We call this our life together in the Christian community. But the long and the short of this is quite simple. Join us in Luther Hall between the services on Sunday. You'll be glad you did; and so will we.

GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sunday, October 2:** *Communion Is For Kids* class begins during the second service
- Sunday, October 16:** Sunday School Event: Service Project for the Craft Show
- Saturday, October 22:** Youth Missions Oktoberfest & Craft Show 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 26:** Zion's Annual Sunday School Halloween Party at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 6:** All Saints' Day: Communion Class Certificates at 10:30 a.m.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THE SIXTH GRADE

Our Sunday School year is off to a great start! The kids will be enjoying some new lessons this year. As always, there will be great stories, crafts, games and snacks that go along with each lesson. Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. each morning and ends at 10:15 a.m. We hope your children will join us!

Thank you to this year's teachers who have dedicated their time and effort to our great kids:

- Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten: Connie Riffle
- Elementary Grades Boys' Class: Janet Slease
- Elementary Grades Girls' Class: Nicole Milek & Sharon Stout

On Sunday, October 16th, the kids will be dipping chocolates and making items for the Bake Sale table during Sunday School to help get ready for our Craft Show. It will be a great morning of messy, but delicious, fun!

THANKS TO ALL FOR MAKING RALLY DAY A SUCCESS!

A big thank you goes out to our Catechism and High School Classes, Sunday School teachers and parents who helped with Rally Day. The kids had a lot of fun, ate lots of donuts, and won many carnival prizes that morning! We really appreciate everyone's willingness to pitch in!

ZION'S "COMMUNION IS FOR KIDS" CLASS CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER

Chuck Danner will continue to lead our *Communion Is For Kids* class. This class takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. Its first session is October 2nd, and classes will continue through October. On November 6th, *All Saints' Sunday*, we will congratulate our children with certificates that thank them for participating in this important introduction to the meaning of Holy Communion. Charlie's class will be for our Sunday School children in Kindergarten thru 6th grade. Debbie Fox & Miriam Keating will also have short sessions during this time for our Pre-K children, if parents are interested. Please contact Charlie Danner or Debbie Fox with any questions.



MORE GREAT NEWS FOR ZION'S YOUTH

ZION'S ANNUAL YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY IS ON ... WITH AN INTERESTING TWIST

We will once again have the Youth of Zion Halloween Party at the same time as our Congregational Meeting. The party will be Wednesday, October 26th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are going to try something new this year. We will meet outside in the pavilion for pizza and other delicious snacks at 6:00 p.m., and then roast marshmallows and enjoy s'mores for dessert. There will be games, crafts, and other surprises, followed by "door-to-door" trick-or-treating at the end. *The children should wear their costumes (dressed for the weather), bring a pumpkin to decorate, and bring a flashlight, too.*



If anyone would like to donate things like graham crackers, Hershey's small chocolate candy bars, marshmallows, candy, and small items for trick-or-treating, that would be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets for the party are located in the Church Office. Please sign up by Sunday, October 23rd, so we have enough food and supplies. The children are welcome to invite a friend. We also need our older youth to help out if they are available that evening. We look forward to seeing all the kids and their awesome costumes. If the weather does not cooperate, we'll move the party inside, which is no problem, since that's how we have done it in the past.

ZION'S EIGHTH ANNUAL YOUTH MISSIONS CRAFT SHOW & FALL "OKTOBERFEST"

The Craft Show is fast approaching! Zion's Youth will once again have a table at this year's show. The kids will be making chocolates and other goodies to sell this year along with our Bake Sale Table. We look forward to the delicious items our youth are making. We will again have great raffle baskets that will be donated by the Sunday School Classes. Raffle tickets for these baskets will go on sale Sunday, October 9th: the cost will be three for \$1, or twenty for \$5. The baskets will be raffled off the night of our Congregational Meeting, October 26th. All classes will make the following baskets: the *Sweet Treats Basket*, the *Pink Ribbon Basket* (to honor Breast Cancer Awareness month), the *Ohio State University Fan Basket*, the *Arts & Crafts/Rainy Day Basket*, and the *Family Fun Night Basket*.



Our Youth Missions Craft Show raises money for all sorts of youth ministry programming. The youth will again be selling German take-out dinners for \$8.00 each. You will see them selling tickets after both services and just before second service each Sunday at church. They'll be set up at a table located in the hallway by the *Food Pantry*. Please support our Youth as they serve God by helping those in need. By the way, youth will be needed on October 22nd to help with the Craft Show. We will need the kids to staff the youth table, help the other crafters unload, help in the concession area and Bake Sale table, and any other odds 'n ends that come up. We will also need help with set up on Friday, October 21st. There are sign-up sheets in Luther Hall for all who can help! There are also sign-up sheets in Luther Hall for food items, bake sale items, set up, and help during the Craft Show. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated!

MEN OF ZION NEWS

It is common knowledge by now that Zion's *End-of-the-Summer Party* was another huge success! Even though the weather did not cooperate, we had great attendance, great food, great music, and we displayed great support for our many ministries. Once again, our grilling stations were outstanding. Randy Cizek and his crew prepared ribs and brisket and pulled pork. Mark Votaw made stuffed pork tenderloin. Dale Jacobs grilled south-western chicken. Brian Walters prepared some really hot Italian sausage sandwiches. Dave Palumbo grilled tilapia and shrimp. Two newcomers also joined in the fun: Steve Robbins, who stuck with wings 'n things, and Garry Leed, who made sure we had hotdogs and hamburgers. Cathy Harvey, Loretta Panzarello, and Cherie Henson, along with lots of additional help (including Jayne Schrader's phone calling), did a great job organizing sides, salads, desserts, and drinks.

The food was unbelievable. The fellowship was great, and we thank Zach once again for letting us know that he really enjoys playing for us. Thanks so much to everyone who made this event such a huge success. When all was said and done, cleaned up and paid for, we raised \$1,600 to help with expenses we'll encounter as we attend to some repairs needed at the parsonage.

The regular monthly meeting for the Men of Zion is **Wednesday, October 5th**, when we will meet at 5:30 p.m. so that we can get ready for the great evening we're planning with the Witness Team, a program that will focus on **Senior Citizen Safety**. You already know about our special guests. So, invite a friend. Bring your neighbor. Just make sure to come expecting a fun time, great refreshments, and good fellowship. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on October 5th. It'll be worth your while.

THANK YOUS TO ZION

Dear friends,

I want to express how much your prayers, cards, and love have meant to me both during my recent illness and with my ongoing recovery. I also want to thank Pastor for his visits, support, and prayers. Thanks, as well, to Dick & Edna Smith for bringing the beautiful Chancel flowers to me.

*Sincerely,
Shirl Hertler*

Dear members of Zion,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to remember the 30th anniversary of my ordination with cards, gift certificates, and great attendance on August 14th. We have enjoyed what will soon be ten years together, returning stability and trust to the life of our church family, along with strengths at worship, extraordinary excursions into food and fellowship, solid support of our budgets, and all of our special projects, too, be they property or outreach related. I am deeply appreciative of the support that has made this possible. May God continue to bless us with a productive relationship that makes our church stronger and our lives more richly blessed as we strive to grow in love and service by grace.

*God's richest blessings,
Pastor Mark Sherwindt*

Thank you in advance for collecting Acme Receipts this year to help raise funds for the youth. We will receive cash back credit for receipts dated **September 24, 2011 through February 11, 2012**. Be sure your receipt has the "*Community Cash Back*" amount at the bottom. There will be collection cans in the kitchen by the coffee on Sunday mornings and in the Church Office all week long. Again, thank you in advance for your great support!

JAYNE'S ECOLOGY CORNER

Autumn is a wonderful season until it's time to rake leaves. This year, recycle your leaves at home rather than burning or sending them to a municipal compost site. Fall leaves are rich in minerals and organic matter, and if you throw them away every year you will gradually make your soil less fertile. Here are four ways to recycle this valuable resource on your yard and in your garden.

Rake up the leaves, but instead of throwing them away, stockpile them next to your compost pile, if you have one, so you can mix them with grass clippings next summer. This grass/leaf mix makes excellent compost.

Make a compost pile; you can toss the leaves into a simple circle of wire fencing. Or if you prefer, bag the leaves, punch a few holes in the tops of the bags, water well, and leave them to decompose. Either way, next year you'll have a rich, crumbly leaf mold that is an excellent organic soil enrichment.

Shred the leaves by mowing, or put them into a garbage can and chop them up with a string trimmer. Use this mulch in your garden and flowerbeds to enrich the soil by tilling or digging the leaves into the dirt to improve the soil's quality. They also make wonderful mulch around trees and shrubs.

Mow the lawn to chop up the leaves and most of them will fall back into the grass and decompose. The leaves are pulled down into the soil by earthworms. By late spring the worms will have either consumed or moved all those leaves below the soil's surface. The leaves become food for the microbes that populate a healthy soil. Let the wind carry the rest into shrub borders where they will protect plant roots from severe cold. After the soil freezes in late November insulate roses and perennials with crinkly dry leaves.

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✠ November 10, 1483: Martin Luther was born in Eisleben, Germany to Hans and Margarete Luther;
- ✠ July 2, 1505: Luther pledges to become a monk after the near miss with a strike of lightning during a thunder storm while a student at the University of Erfurt;
- ✠ October 19, 1512: Luther is awarded his Doctor of Theology, appointed to the faculty of the University of Wittenberg, called to a position of Doctor in Bible;
- ✠ October 31, 1517: Luther posts *95 Theses* to the doors of All Saints' Church, also known as Castle Church, in Wittenberg on All Hallows Eve, otherwise known as Halloween, the eve before All Saints Day;
- ✠ June 15, 1520: Pope Leo X issues the Papal Bull *Exsurge Domine*, inviting Luther to recant, with excommunication to follow his refusal;
- ✠ January 3, 1521: Luther excommunicated with Papal Bull issued by Pope Leo X;
- ✠ April 16, 1521: Luther to defend his *95 Theses* and various positions protesting church practices at the Diet of Worms;
- ✠ May 4, 1521: Luther is kidnapped by Frederick and taken to Wartburg Castle for his own protection;
- ✠ 1524-25: The Peasants' Revolt is the low point of anarchy inspired by Luther's focus on the *Freedom of a Christian*;
- ✠ June 13, 1525: Engagement & Marriage with Katharina von Bora;
- ✠ June 25, 1530: The Augsburg Confession is read at the Imperial Diet of Augsburg convened by the Emperor, Charles V;
- ✠ February 18, 1546: Luther dies in Eisleben

THE CHANGING FACE OF POVERTY IN NORTHEAST OHIO

The Great Recession of 2008, along with its extended aftermath, changed the face of poverty in the United States. Statistics attest to the fact that more middle class families are finding the realities of economic need closer to home than many thought possible. The explanations are many; but for Zion these facts can be seen on the faces of the families we serve through the ministry of our Food Pantry. When the first and third Tuesdays come around, all we can say is thank God we're here; and thank God the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is here to help us as we try to help others.

Daniel Flowers, the Director of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, wrote an editorial in the *Akron Beacon Journal* recently entitled *Our Moral Obligation to Relieve Hunger*, which I thought you might enjoy reading. I have included edited portions in what follows. "Our nation has weathered a violent storm since the start of the Great Recession and no calm is yet in sight.... The *Akron Beacon Journal* reported new Census data last week [in an article that is posted on our bulletin board in the main hallway] showing that nearly three in ten area residents are living below the poverty line. The data reflects what food pantries in our community have been seeing for the past several years.

"Every county in the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank's service region has seen significant increases in poverty since 2007. This, paired with the fact that one in every six Americans, or 46.2 million, lived in poverty in 2010, signifies a new way of life for many. Families are struggling to pay their bills and put food on their tables, as they wait for an economic recovery that is not forthcoming. [Many area social agencies say that they are hearing from formerly middleclass families who have no idea how to cope with being poor.]

"Since the start of the Great Recession, distribution from the docks of the Foodbank has been increased by nearly 50 percent, and last year 19.2 million pounds of food were distributed to those seeking assistance from one of the Foodbank's 450 hunger relief programs [with Zion's Food Pantry being one]. Participation in federal food assistance programs rose to an all-time high of more than 45 million Americans, and lifted 3.9 million people above the poverty line in 2010. Yet many still faced the reality of hunger due to the skyrocketing prices of food and fuel.

"Food banks are already facing a crisis in meeting local needs this year due to these rising food and fuel prices, along with decreases in donations from national food manufacturers, making federal support all the more critical. Members of Congress need to make very difficult choices in what is a largely thankless and politically hazardous time. We need to thank legislators who have stepped out in their districts to visit a food pantry. In fact, our local legislators have demonstrated that hunger is not a partisan issue." As a community of faith, I might add, it is important to remember that responding to hunger is a moral obligation as well as a political responsibility. We know that better than most, since Zion is at the front lines of service when it comes to rubbing shoulders with folks who benefit from the love we share and the food we distribute in our resolve to help as a sign of what it means to share God's love ... in Jesus' name.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

349 Lindy Lane NW, North Canton, 330-499-3909

Date: *Saturday October 22, 2011*

The Craft Show: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church Fall "Oktoberfest" Youth Missions Craft Show

German-Style Takeout dinners are

available for \$8.00. Choose Bratwurst with

sauerkraut and German potato salad or Pork

Schnitzel with spaetzle. Enjoy the meal yourself

Prize Drawings

Concessions Area

"Themed" Basket Raffle

Bake Sale

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

