

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:

Why can't the Pastor help us grow? This is a question that is asked by many congregations across denominational lines in every area of the country. The truth is that the Pastor can help us grow. But that doesn't mean that the Pastor can grow for us. It means that the Pastor can help a congregation grow ... if the congregation has the will to do what they must to make growth happen. At one point in my thirty-plus years of parish ministry, I served as the "Evangelism" Pastor at a large, multi-staff congregation. What is true for large congregations is true for us, too. I have often said it this way: "I can help you accomplish what you are willing to do; and conversely, I cannot help you accomplish what you do not have the will to do." You are the key, and that is as it should be.

As many may already know, my call to Zion focused on restoring trust, stability, and integrity. By every measure, I have succeeded in helping you to accomplish what you clearly had the will to do. Zion has been growing in love and service by grace for almost two hundred years. A brief period filled with strains of tension and division doesn't destroy a long history of proven witness to the life of Christ alive among us. I was called to relocate that long history of continuity and sustained witness to the gospel. I didn't restore trust and stability by myself. I was able to help you accomplish what you were willing to do. I am a fast learner, and I quickly discovered that, like most Lutherans everywhere, we are a reserved people who like to give others the space they need to grow comfortable among us. That's a great trait for not driving visitors away; but it falls short of the intentionality in initiative and planning that the will to grow requires.

However, I also discovered that like Lutherans in many places, we were a generous people who would balance our budget and fund all sorts of special projects with the right kind of focus and leadership. So, for several years we allowed our focus to shift to a number of property concerns: the re-roofing of the parsonage, the renovation of the restrooms, the renovation of the sound system, the renovation of the Sanctuary, the replacement of the HV/AC system, with a few smaller projects along the way; and we added in a number of benevolence campaigns that led to an unbroken record of sustained support for the work of the wider church that exceeded the high bar of generosity with which we began each year. Seven successive balanced budgets, with additional property projects approaching \$200,000 over that time, and benevolence collections that exceeded \$200,000 ... with plenty to spare!

Can the Pastor help us grow? Of course, the Pastor can help us grow. But we will need to remember two things as we get started. First, growth doesn't just happen. It requires planning and programs, along with intentionality and will. Second, we need to remember that there is a difference between being willing to grow and having the will to grow. Being willing to grow if somebody else does it for us is different from being willing to grow in the sense that we have the will to do what we must to cause growth and cultivate it. None of the things that we have accomplished have been easy, whether we are talking about restoring trust and stability, balancing budgets, as well as pursuing property improvements and excelling with benevolence. The common theme has been that I have helped you accomplish what you had the will to do. Growth might take us out of our comfort zone; but like our other accomplishments, it is a goal that can be addressed, measured, and, God willing, to some degree mastered. It is not the end-all of our life in Christ; but it can be one aim among many, which might be worthy of attention.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Lorin Beaber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance: Brian Milek (Vice President), Dave Palumbo (Treasurer), Cathy Harvey (Caring), Beth Shaheen (Resource), Todd Elsass (Property), Beth Willis (Social Outreach), Renee Keith (Learning), Vicki Givler (Parish Life), and Pastor Sherwindt. Dale Jacobs, Juanita Cignetti, and Valerie Cizek were excused.

The September Treasurer’s Report showed that we have now enjoyed surpluses for nine consecutive months. Income for September exceeded expenses by \$327.19, which means that our year-to-date Operating Budget surplus has grown to \$6,187.91. That is \$11,385.61 better than where we were at this time last year! This is clearly great news. All of us have done a great job.

There are two main items of business on our agenda as we get ready for our *Fall Congregational Meeting*. We are seeking congregational approval for moving ahead with our application for an Intern; and we are looking for formal approval of our 2013 Proposed Budget Guidelines. So, join us as we gather for a delicious dinner (at 6:15 p.m.) and our Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, October 31st.

FINANCIAL FACTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September Income	21,331.61
September Expenses	<u>21,004.42</u>
September Surplus	327.19
Income thru September	187,295.01
Expenses " September	<u>181,107.10</u>
Surplus thru September	6,187.91
2012 YTD Surplus	6,187.91
2011 YTD (Deficit)	(5,199.70)

We thank you for your generous support!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We began with a truly exceptional dinner, prepared by Dale Jacobs, with help from Dave Palumbo, and the Church Council. Having enjoyed some great German dinners the weekend before, we added some spice and variety to our menu with a focus on Italian – pasta, sauces, garlic bread, great salads, and plenty of desserts. Council members helped with set-up and clean-up, while also contributing to the full array of desserts that graced our buffet. The food was great, and so was the turnout.

We easily met our quorum, and the business part of our congregational gathering was called to order by Lorin Beaber at 7:05 p.m. Pastor Sherwindt opened the meeting with prayer: *“O Lord our God, the heavens and earth cannot contain you, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts. We are the temple of your presence and this building where we worship is the house of your church. Be present to guide your church and illumine our way.”* Brian Milek led our discussion of the Internship Proposal, as we sought congregational authorization to continue with the application process. The discussion went well, and the proposal passed.

Laura Thompson and Dave Palumbo then introduced our 2013 Proposed Budget Guidelines, and after a couple of questions, the vote was taken and the budget passed. We then adjourned into Luther Hall to pick the winners of our 2012 Themed Basket Raffle. The 2013 Budget includes our funding for the possible assignment of an Intern, beginning as soon as September 2013, and extending through to August 2014. We cannot be sure of this time-frame; but we now are sure of the good news that Zion’s members have embraced the challenge, as well as the costs and benefits an Intern would offer.

SPONSORING AN INTERN

Brian Milek suggested the idea of an Intern last fall, when he became our Vice President. It came from a great experience he brought from his previous congregation in Minnesota. St. Mary Magdalene Lutheran Church found that hosting an Intern brought with it a sense of camaraderie and accomplishment. He thought that our becoming a Sponsoring Congregation could be a real game-changer, especially when it came to thinking about growing our effectiveness in the area of youth and family ministries.

Brian has always been clear in pointing out that serving as a Sponsoring Congregation in the Internship Program is not primarily a financial challenge, but an opportunity for faithful service. It involves service to the seminary, as the wider church prepares a new generation of pastoral leadership. It involves service to the seminarian, who has sensed God's call, which now needs to be confirmed and cultivated in the life of the church. It involves service to our Lord, as we commit ourselves to being the kind of people who will lead with grace, practice forgiveness, and embrace the work of the kingdom through the mission of our church.

As a ministry to the Intern, we need to make sure that we support a student with our love. We need to make sure that we respect the process of discernment through which God's servants listen for God's Word, follow the Spirit's lead, and cultivate that sense of call that can last for a lifetime. As partners with the seminary, we need to make sure that knowledge about the church learned in books is tested and strengthened by being immersed in the life of our church. It is surely useful *to know about the church*; but it is far more important for us *to actually be the church*.

MORE COUNCIL NEWS

Mutual Ministry: Yes, we expect the placement of an Intern at Zion will help us grow our ministry with youth and families. This will come from a long process of listing what we're doing now, evaluating what works, why it works, what can be done better, and what we might need to do that we're not doing now. The Intern is one resource in a process of evaluating, planning, implementing our plans, and then evaluating again. There's no magic pill, formula, or bullet, except to say that the Holy Spirit will provide as we step forward in faith.

Caring Ministry: With the recent retirement of Jayne Schrader into *grandmotherhood*, our Food Pantry Leadership Team faces another period of transition. Fortunately, with Cathy Harvey (Caring Ministry Elder) and Beth Willis (Social Outreach Ministry Elder) still in place, we expect that this transition will go as smoothly as the last, even better because Jayne will remain in place through November as we distribute our turkeys, and will help in December as we focus on the Giving Tree and Christmas hams. Keep us in your prayers.

More on the Budget: With the month of October now in the books, we can say with certainty that we just enjoyed our tenth consecutive monthly surplus in 2012, with income exceeding expenses in October by \$290.62. That's ten for ten. Let's make it eleven for eleven with a generous November. Because of our Early Bird Giving, we have stayed in the black all year long. As a result, we do not need our fourth quarter to be our strongest quarter; we just need it to be a strong quarter. So far, so good. In addition to balancing our budget in October, we also added \$530 to the Food Pantry, and over \$4,000 to the Youth Fund. Our thanks to all!

A LOOK AHEAD TO ADVENT

With our Singing Chef back from his excellent adventure in Iowa, we are now ready to move forward with our plans for Sunday Evening Advent Dinners and Devotions. Advent begins on Sunday, December 2nd. Church Council will host our first Sunday Evening Advent Dinner, which will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the Senior Choir will help lead worship as we introduce some liturgical settings from the new hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The Chancel Guild will host our Sunday Evening Advent Dinner on December 9th, and the Senior Choir will again help in leading our evening worship service. The Youth of Zion will host dinner on December 16th, as we bring back the Poinsettia Trees and our Celebration of Chrismons. The Men of Zion will host our fourth Sunday Evening Advent Dinner, and Carole Singer will lead what has become a great festival of Christmas Carols at Zion.

Preparing an Advent Devotional Book: Zion has had great fun and a lot of success in tapping the memories of our members in preparing seasonal daily devotional books for Pentecost, Easter, Lent, and Advent. With our Bicentennial coming up in 2014, I would like for our members to think about their favorite Christmas memories. These are member memories, so they do not have to be about Zion, although I am sure that many will be, and that'll be great. For now, just think of a great Christmas memory, and try to join us in the Adult Sunday School Class in Luther Hall between the services. The Pastor will talk more about how we can turn great memories into meaningful devotionals. It's simple: just add a Scripture verse and a prayer; and the Pastor can help. What makes these daily devotional books so meaningful is that they lift up our church and members in such a great light. We can do it, and you can help.

THE WOMEN OF ZION

BLANKET SUNDAY was a great success when measured both by how beautiful the Sanctuary looked with the many colored quilts draping the pews and filling the Chancel on **October 7th** and by the results, namely, 74 quilts, 21 blankets, 39 school kits and 36 personal care kits. With the help of Verle Elsass, Carl Geib, Chris Thomas, Dan Wilson, Bob Lancashire, and others on Thursday, October 11, these items were packed into 36 boxes, which were packed into the Elsass pick-up, and readied for delivery to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville by Saturday, where they became part of a larger shipment headed to places all over the world. We extend our thanks to all.

The Women of Zion celebrate their annual ***THANKOFFERING SERVICE*** on the Sunday of ***November 18***. This is an opportunity to lift up the ministry of women in the ELCA, and to honor the work done by women's organizations in congregations all over the country, including our own. *Love Offering* envelopes will be made available in the bulletin on Thankoffering Sunday. We are all invited to show our thanks with an offering of support for the work that is done by the Women of the ELCA. That's Sunday, November 18!

The monthly ***Women's Bible Study*** meets on ***Tuesday, November 20th***, with our focus on *The People Who Are Gathered by God*. Our theme verse for November's Bible study is drawn from John 6:11-12, gathering up the fragments left over from the feeding of five thousand. Audrey West reminds us that there are two kinds of fragments: the leftover bread, a reminder of God's abundance; and the people who remained, recognizing that Jesus was the true bread. We'd love for you to join us in the Resource Center at 9:30 a.m. on November 20th, both for great fellowship and for good discussion.

GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sunday, November 4:** Celebration of Certificates with the Completion of Communion Class
Sunday, November 11: Thanksgiving Service Project for All Youth during Sunday School
Sunday, December 2nd: The Advent Giving Tree is introduced with our First Advent Dinner
Saturday, December 15: Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program and a Pizza Party!
Sunday, December 16: Zion's Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30 a.m. service (only)
Sunday, December 16: Youth, Parents, and Leaders host our Sunday Evening Advent Service

PRE-K THROUGH THE SIXTH GRADE

As we look to November and December, we will continue our regular Sunday School lessons at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday. We will also start practicing for the Christmas Program this month. We will have reading and non-reading parts for all of our youth, from age 3 through High School. This is a great time of the year for Zion's Sunday School children, and they will have a lot of fun learning about our Lord's love. We get to practice some of that love with the Advent Giving Tree, which our Sunday School sponsors for the families we serve through our Food Pantry. By the time we get to the big weekend, we will have collected money for Christmas hams and received presents for several of our pantry families. The Christmas Program will be performed at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 16th. We'll have dress rehearsal, our traditional Christmas Pizza Party, and wrapping of the Giving Tree gifts on Saturday, December 15th.

ZION'S COMMUNION CLASS FOR KIDS



Every fall Zion offers an opportunity for kids during the 10:30 a.m. service: our *Communion Is For Kids* class. Each time we offer this class, we see more clearly the meaning of our challenge that we are not just learning *about the church*; we are learning *how to be the church*. Our sessions have centered on the question, "What do we need in order to be aware that we are ready to celebrate communion?" Our answer: "simply a believing heart."

Thank you to Chuck Danner for doing an outstanding job leading our *Communion Is for Kids Class*. We would also like to thank Debbie Fox, Miriam Keating, and Eric Dague for assisting Chuck during class. The children learn so much about God's love and grace through His WORD and the SACRAMENTS (Baptism and Holy Communion). They really enjoy the time they spend with Chuck during the month of October, and all were very eager to participate in the weekly class discussion. The children will receive Certificates of Completion on Sunday, November 4th, during the 10:30 a.m. service.

MORE GREAT NEWS FOR ZION'S YOUTH

NEWS FROM THIS YEAR'S YOUTH HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

This year's **Halloween Party** was wild & crazy and a lot of fun! We had 18 children dressed in great costumes or their school colors, and just raring to go! A big thank you to everyone who helped make the party such a great success – especially Janet Slease, Connie & Melissa Riffle, Jeff & Connie Frank, Tina Beaver, Sharon Stout, Nicole Milek, Corlene Coulter, Cheryl Roman, and our youth from the High School and Catechism classes, Brandon Stout, Nathan Fox, Carley Frank, Jaret Beaver, Eric Dague, and Lya Milek. We also had some additional youth helpers: Emma Shaheen, Brooke Stout, Kat Milek, and Taylor Chufar!



The party started off with pizza and goodies, and then we played Halloween trivia. Who knew that a pumpkin is a fruit and not a vegetable! Next, there were great crafts, creative pumpkin decorating, Halloween Bingo, and Pumpkin Four Corners. Then the kids enjoyed a mini “haunted” maze room, a strobe light dance party room, and the Mad Scientist’s gross anatomy room. We ended the night with a Trick-or-Treat Scavenger Hunt all through our church, followed by root beer floats! A great time was had by all! We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the party and helped us Trick-or-Treat at the end! We truly appreciate everyone’s time, donations and support.

THANKSGIVING YOUTH SERVANT EVENT

We will be working on our traditional Thanksgiving Service Projects during Sunday School this month. The kids will be making “specially decorated Thanksgiving bags” for the Food Pantry, which will serve as delivery bags for the holiday meals that go to 92 area families. We will have brown bags for all of the classes to decorate. We’ll work on this project November 11th & 18th. As a part of this project, we’re asking each family to donate a specific item that is needed for the bags. Also, please don’t forget that November’s *Food of the Month* for our pantry is canned Cranberry Sauce.



ANOTHER GREAT YOUTH MISSIONS CRAFT SHOW & OKTOBERFEST

Thank you, Connie Frank, Jayne Schrader, Debbie Fox, Dale Jacobs, and everyone who joined in this fabulous effort! We enjoyed another great success, with 54 crafters, who rented 60 tables, selling more than 325 German dinners, along with other concessions, and a whole lot of baked goods. A huge thank you goes out to Connie Frank and Jayne Schrader for organizing and heading up this great event. They put in a lot of hours, along with Jeff Frank, to make our Craft Show what it has become! We would also like to thank our Singing Chef, and all his helpers, for the time and care they invest in making those great German dinners. Thanks to Dale Jacobs, Dave Palumbo, Marilyn Espe-Sherwindt, Darlene Milivickas, Mark Votaw and Susan Everhart.

Our list of essential volunteers also includes Debbie Fox, who does a great job in getting the Sunday School involved with our Raffle Baskets, as well as Janet Slease, Connie Riffle, and Melissa Riffle, who head up our Saturday afternoon Concession Stand. As always, everything ran very smoothly and nobody went away hungry or thirsty!

OUTSTANDING NEWS FROM OUR 2012 YOUTH MISSIONS CRAFT SHOW

- ☛ We extend a big thank you to Jayne Schrader, Carley & Cassie Frank, Laura Thompson & Christopher, Jeremy Fox, Sharon Stout, along with Brooke & Brandon, Tina Beaber, along with Jaret & Grant, Darla Dague & Justin, Loretta Panzarello & David, Shirley Cary, Mabel Kolarik, Beth Willis & AJ Edwardo, Casey Walters, and Natalie Henderson, all of whom helped in handling the bake sale, raffle tickets, and youth duties during the day of the Craft Show!
- ☛ We also extend another big thank you to the many volunteers who helped with set-up on Friday and tear-down Saturday: the Rhodes family, the Fox family, the Mileks, the Dagues, the Franks, the Beabers, the Riffles, the Stouts, Gary Horton, Janet Slease, Chris Thomas, Pastor Sherwindt. This event takes a large group of committed volunteers, and we are so very grateful to everyone for their time and hard work.
- ☛ The Raffle Baskets, which were created by the Sunday School classes, were amazing once again! Thank you to our teachers, to the youth, and to their parents for donations for the baskets. We extend a special thank you to Evelyn Moore & Susan Heyard for putting together the beautiful *Snowman Basket*, and donating it to our youth for the Craft Show.
- ☛ Raffle Basket winners were drawn after the Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, October 31st, and the winners were: Faye Shankle, who won the ***Kids' Fun & Rainy Day Basket***; Joyce Gibeaut, who won the ***Sweet Treats Basket***; Esther Oprandi, who won the ***Family Fun Night Basket***; Cathy Harvey, who won the ***Sports & Ohio State Basket***; Lisa Kay, who won the ***Snowman Basket***; and we are still locating a winner for the ***Spa & Pamper Yourself Basket***.
- ☛ We would also like to thank the members of the congregation who donated items for the concessions and delicious bake sale items to help raise funds for the youth during the Craft Show. Your amazing support is always greatly appreciated! Thanks also to the youth for the delicious *chocolate covered oreos, marshmallow suckers & pretzels* and *Hobo S'mores*, which they made during Sunday School for the bake sale.
- ☛ In terms of dollars and cents, when the final totals were tallied, our income from renting craft tables was \$2,240.00. The Bake Sale contributed \$275.00 to our totals. Tickets sold and donated for our German dinners totaled \$2,600.00. The Concession Stand added \$642.00. Last, but not least, our Themed Raffle Baskets produced \$645.00 in ticket sales. Cash donations added another \$200.00. All of this adds up to \$6,602.00. Wow! That is absolutely amazing!
- ☛ It is hard not to stand in awe at what our Youth Missions Craft Show & Oktoberfest has become. Ten years ago, it was just someone's idea. Now, with our Ninth Annual Craft Show behind us, we can only praise God for an event that has given us an impressive legacy of funding for youth activities, Sunday School parties, mission trips to New Orleans, fun days at Cedar Point, overnights at LYO Winter Gatherings, support for our summer day camp called Vacation Bible School, and now, significant support for our hope to receive an Intern through Trinity Lutheran Seminary!

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT OF ZION'S YOUTH!!!

THANK YOU'S AND MORE

Dear Pastor Sherwindt and Marilyn,

The Hertler Family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to you for serving us communion at home, for allowing us to plan Shirl's service with your guidance and patience, for creating a personal and appropriate sermon in honor of Shirl, and for your generous donation to Zion in her honor and memory. We were and are blessed to have you in our lives, and all of your kind gestures will never be forgotten

*May God bless you & yours always,
Don, Don, Jr., Becky & Suzie Hertler*

Dear Zion Members,

Thank you for the cards I received while I was in the hospital. I also want to thank Pastor Sherwindt for his visits and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Edna Fischer*

ODDS 'N ENDS AT ZION

On Observing the Reformation: "Five years from this October 31, a man dressed as a 16th century monk will stride toward the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, and symbolically 'nail' on the church door (now made of heavy brass) a facsimile of Martin Luther's 95 Theses to observe the 500th anniversary of the event that began the Protestant Reformation and changed the world.... Most now believe that Luther's challenge was properly directed and led to needed changes in the church, even though the schism that resulted is far from fully healed.... For that reason, it's called an 'observance', not a 'celebration'.... We do not celebrate the brokenness of the church, but the observance is a time to go back and look at the positive contributions that we made at the time." (These are the comments of Donald McCoid, presently serving as Executive of Ecumenical Relations, ELCA, also in the October edition of *The Lutheran*.)

A VETERANS DAY PRAYER

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, for their many different contributions to victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Jesus' name we pray; Amen

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETTY DAGUE

August 25, 1921 – October 1, 2012

91 years, 1 month, 6 days: that is quite a long life, starting out in Westfield, New York, serving in the service as a nurse in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II, winding up in North Canton, married for 50-plus years to Delmer, three children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. The Dagues have been a multi-generational family at Zion since the 1950s. The years of Betty's life that I knew were the so-called *golden years*, post-eighty, when she lived at The Danbury, then at Pebble Creek, and for the last couple of years at Mulberry Gardens, where for some wonderfully inexplicable reason she had a marked resurgence in health, losing weight, becoming stronger, more lucid, more mobile, and really squeezing a couple of additional quality years out of a life that was filled with many blessings.

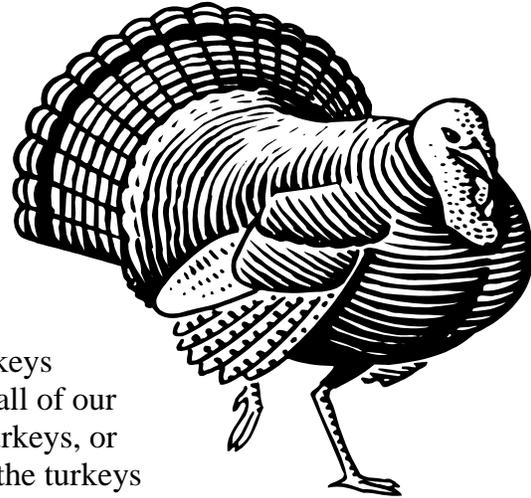
The one blessing that shaped our life and hers was the silver lining in the cloud of Steve's fall four years ago. Betty loved Zion, as did you all. Delmer was highly respected and contributed a great deal to our life with his time, his talents, and his treasures. Our older members who remember the good old days, still marvel at the Dague contribution during some of the strongest years Zion ever enjoyed. But there was a strength that was shown and shared after Steve's fall that impressed even those older members who remembered life at Zion in the 1960s and 1970s. Members of Zion and friends of the Dagues put their hearts and heads together, and after three years we had raised more than \$33,330.00, an amount that was truly astounding, providing the exact amount of help that was needed to keep Steve's family intact, in their home, and their future stable. May God be praised!

Of course, there was no shortage of life-changing surprises in the Dague family. Cathy discovered she needed a new kidney, found one, and has been off dialysis and working to get back to normal this past year. Dan retired, along with Debbie, and they decided to make sure that they got to enjoy these early retirement years with travel, better weather, and the freedom that accompanies being on the open road. With all the changes your family has absorbed these past few years, we are all confident – as was Betty – that now was the right time. She was ready – at times, eager – to join Delmer in heaven and leave a growing list of maladies in an aging body behind. As I said, she had lived a long life, having experienced war and peace, love and loss, with new generations carrying the legacy of family pride forward. Betty will be missed. The world is better for her having been God's gift to us, and our lives are richer in the things that matter because of the love we've shared and the faith that's in us.

While we celebrated Betty's life with a brief committal service at the gravesite, the Scriptures that we read proclaimed the comfort that is ours as we entrust all that we are and everyone we love to God's gracious keeping, clinging to the promises that are proclaimed with our Lord's Resurrection. As Paul writes in 1st Corinthians 15, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.... And when this happens that the perishable puts on the imperishable, and our mortality is clothed in God's eternity, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who has given us the victory – freely and forever – through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1st Corinthians 15:51-57)

THANKSGIVING MEANS TURKEYS FOR NINETY-TWO FAMILIES

We're looking for a few good turkeys - not the human kind, but the poultry kind!



Please help us achieve our goal of providing 92 turkeys so that we can offer a full Thanksgiving dinner for all of our food pantry families. You are welcome to donate turkeys, or cash so that we can purchase the turkeys. We need the turkeys and the cash donations to be in place by November 18. That will give us the time we need to make sure that our pantry clients receive the gifts we have for them. We also are lacking in the cranberry department. If each family could bring in a can of cranberry gel or sauce, that would be great. Remember, money and cans of cranberry sauce are due by Sunday, November 18.

We are now accepting Cash Donations or the Actual Frozen Bird!

When it comes to Thanksgiving, we not only serve our pantry clients, but also thirty-two of the Siffrin homes in Stark County! Siffrin homes are group homes for individuals with mental or physical disabilities. Our goal for Thanksgiving is **ninety-two 12-pound turkeys**. The turkeys are just a part of what we supply through the ministry of our Food Pantry. Every family is handed bags filled with stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, pies, and something to drink. We know that with your help, and God's, we will achieve our goal. Feel free to call Jayne Schrader or the Church Office with any questions.

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As we celebrate our sense of community and camaraderie in service,

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