

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:

Wow! Incredible! Fantastic! What a party! What great food, and what great generosity! Thank you. Thank you to everyone who found a way to join in this miracle of mutual support. Thank you to the Men of Zion, who grilled some extraordinary combinations of pork (of all sorts), shrimp, chicken, fish, Italian sausage, hamburgers, hotdogs, and just about everything else imaginable. Thank you to all for extraordinary desserts, great sides and salads, snacks and drinks. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, serve, and clean up. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. And thank you for your generous support of our Bicentennial Task Force. Between the sale and donation of tickets, along with outright donations to the cause, we are closing in on an *End-of-the-Summer Party* that will probably raise over \$3,500.00 to help cover all the expenses incurred in creating a packed schedule of bicentennial anniversary events. Wow!

The weather turned out to be pretty much perfect. The rain kept up, as in not coming down between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The cloud cover actually kept the afternoon cool. It couldn't have been more comfortable. I'd hate to miss any of the men who made the grill off great; but thank you to Dave, Dale, Chris, Gary, Dan, Mark, Randy, Tony, Brian, and Brian. Thanks, too, to Cathy, for all the calling she did, and for assembling a team of helpers that kept the kitchen clean and the buffet tables full. Thank you, too, to Council members for selling and donating tickets; and thank you to the Bicentennial Task Force, both for your part in helping with the tickets, and for the great job you did with all aspects of our bicentennial anniversary celebration: the honored guests and special speakers, the historical placards and artifacts on display, special services, prime rib dinners, a daily devotional and a powerful video. What a great job, and what a great time!

This was the most money we've ever raised through our quirky *End-of-the-Summer Party*. In large part, I suspect that this had everything to do with how appreciative we all were of the good work that so many did on our behalf in helping us honor turning two hundred. While I wouldn't say that we were extravagant, we made it a point to try our best to make our special guests feel honored and loved. We also made it a point to make outreach a big part of our celebration, both in terms of the members and friends we invited to join us throughout the year and with gifts of gratitude to partners in ministry in the Northeastern and Southern Ohio Synods. Our desire to be generous and gracious helped us incur more than modest expenses. But thanks be to God, and thanks be to you, those expenses are now history. Our two prime rib dinners helped us raise over \$3,500.00. Our many bicentennial gifts – plates, ornaments, t-shirts, even the video – have added another \$1,000.00 in donations. And now, with the *End-of-the Summer Party* nearing \$3,500.00 in funds raised and given, we have the perfect end to a perfect bicentennial year.

We now begin our 201<sup>st</sup> year of growing in love and service by grace with Rally Day on September 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday of Sunday School classes on September 14<sup>th</sup>, with Blanket Sunday and the Festival of Reformation in October, Thankoffering Sunday and Thanksgiving in November, and then Advent leading us through to Christmas in December. Between now and then, there will be another Youth Missions Craft Show, our annual Halloween Party aligned with our Fall Congregational Meeting, and a season full of dinners during Advent. God is clearly not finished with us yet. So let's get focused on the work God is calling us to do.

## RALLY DAY AND THE START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



**THE KICK OFF TO A GREAT YEAR:** This year's Rally Day will be Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. It is going to be a great event filled with fun and fellowship! Rally Day will take place between services in the gym starting at 9:15 a.m. There will be carnival games, face-painting, a service craft, refreshments, and more for the kids. We will have lots of information to give the parents along with the necessary forms for Sunday School. We'll see you at 9:15 a.m. on September 7<sup>th</sup> as we kick off the new Sunday School year!

We are asking all of Zion's older youth (from the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> grades) to help out with this event. (Anyone else who might be interested in helping is also invited.) We will need helpers to set up, to lead our games and activities, and to tear down. Set up will begin at 8:30 a.m., and our activities will start at 9:15 a.m. Any help that you can offer during these times will be greatly appreciated.

**THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR:** We are looking for new volunteers to help with teaching and leading our Sunday School classes and activities. It is always great to have new and fresh ideas for our program. If you are interested in being a teacher, a classroom helper or a substitute for any of our grades (Pre-K thru 12), please contact Debbie Fox at (330) 966-2433. It is such a rewarding and enjoyable opportunity to share God's love and His Word with Zion's Youth!

**PRE-K THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** As we look forward to Rally Day and the start of the new Sunday School Year, we are planning a year of great lessons and activities, along with our Christmas and Easter Programs. We will have our traditional Halloween Party, service projects at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and other fun events this year! Our children's classes are for kids from age 3 through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We're excited about the lessons and are looking forward to a year full of fun and learning. Classes begin September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Confirmation classes will start on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 a.m. in the Resource Center. This class is for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It is an important time for this age group, and we encourage regular attendance each Sunday for these two years before our younger members are confirmed at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a nice group returning from last year, Summer Heller, Kat Milek, and Mallory Rhodes. Six more of our youth could be joining them: Justin Dague, Jeremy Fox, Carley Frank, Chrissy Nicholson, Emma & Jacob Parkomaki, Marcus Rhodes, and Casey Walters. Wow! Renee Keith will continue to use the *Hear We Stand* Confirmation program. The kids will have great discussions and learn a lot about our Lutheran faith. We thank Renee for her continued support and commitment to our kids.

**OUR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS:** Our High School class will also start on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room. We are still looking for volunteers to help lead this class on Sunday mornings. It is a great way to get involved with our young adults as they continue their Christian education experience. We encourage all of our High School students to join us each Sunday morning, and we look forward to seeing them! You'll be glad you came; and so will we.

## **AUGUST'S BUDGET SURPLUS**

This year has had its ups and downs, with end-of-the-quarter reports helping to push us into the black. So, while July with its four summer Sundays left us in the red, August, with its five Sundays, pushed us back into the black. Now we can head into September with a good feeling about staying ahead of our expenses the rest of the year. Our August Council meeting was short and to the point: let's make the *End-of-the-Summer Party* count; and let's get to work on preparing our 2015 Proposed Budget Guidelines. President Mark Votaw called us to order at 7:03 p.m. Also present were Carol Rossbach, Dave Palumbo, Jayne Schrader, Renee Keith, Jim Fidler, and Pastor Sherwindt. We adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The Treasurer's Report for July could have been worse. Our monthly deficit for July was (\$584.08), which left us with a year-to-date deficit of (\$83.65). When it comes to summing up August, it looks like we ran a healthy surplus of almost \$2,000 for the month, putting us back in the black for the year; and that's in addition to the incredible generosity of our *End-of-the-Summer Party!*

### **ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN JULY**

July Income	\$ 16,235.70
July Expenses	\$ 16,819.78
<b>July Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (584.08)</b>
Income through July	\$ 189,371.52
Expenses thru July	\$ 189,455.17
<b>2014 YTD Deficit</b>	<b>\$ ( 83.65)</b>
2013 YTD Surplus	\$ 2,927.65
Food Pantry Fund	\$ 6,562.12
Zion's Youth Fund	\$ 6,972.46

*We thank you for your generous support!*

## **CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Property Projects:** Todd Elsass and the trustees have been moving forward with our parking lot overhangs and the updated fire suppressant system in the kitchen. Canton Flooring is working with Bonsky Sheet Metal to repair and refinish the canopies. That work is ongoing, and should be finished in September. We are awaiting permit approvals for the kitchen project. In the meantime, our Thursday Retirees' Club added some playground mulch to the play structure on the south end of our west lot.

**Caring Ministry:** Jayne Schrader was able to be on hand for some of our Food Pantry Tuesdays this summer, and had nothing but positive things to say about our volunteers, the families we serve, and the support we've received from our members, the community, and area congregations. Cathy Harvey's crew is doing a great job. We extend our thanks to all. The Stark County Hunger Task Force has replaced their old van with a new box truck. Steve Robbins and Richard Zumkehr attended the workshop that now allows them to drive it. We thank them for their help and interest. On that note, we would like to thank Dan & Linda Wilson, among others, for their helping out with vehicles while we were waiting on the Stark County Hunger Task Force's new truck.

### **ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN AUGUST**

August Income	\$ 28,571.87
August Expenses	\$ 26,697.67
<b>August Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 1,874.20</b>
Income through August	\$ 217,943.39
Expenses thru August	\$ 216,152.84
<b>2014 YTD Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 1,790.55</b>

*We thank you for your generous support!*

## MORE COUNCIL NEWS

**Worship Ministry:** Dale Jacobs has been a part of our Search Committee as we seek to move forward with our music program. It turns out that Jon Elsass, who directs choirs for a living, offered to help keep our choral schedule on track by serving, on an interim basis, as our Senior Choir Director. Since Jon likes to focus on directing, Carole Singer has agreed to help by providing accompaniment both at rehearsals and on Sunday mornings. Our first choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The choir will sing at the 8:00 a.m. service on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We invite everyone to join us.

**Resource Ministry:** Jim Fidler has been leading our discussions about the parsonage on Sunday mornings as we reflect on what the next chapter for the parsonage should look like. We understand that we are reluctant landlords, and that the parsonage is entering into a period when more and more work will be required to maintain it. There is still much research to do as we assess the costs for needed improvements, and learn more about the particularities of our property. At this point, we simply want to remain open to listening to those who would like to add their voice to the conversation.

**Learning Ministry:** Renee Keith reported that Vacation Bible School was another great success thanks to the many members and friends of Zion who contributed to our effort. Turnout was good, support was great, and the week went superbly. The 2014-2015 Sunday School year will soon begin with Rally Day set for September 7<sup>th</sup>, and the beginning of classes for all ages on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We thank all of our teachers for their dedication and much needed assistance as we turn our attention to the new Sunday School year.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have something exciting planned for the beginning of our Sunday School year. He is called Jeff Hissong! Jeff has agreed – if we want him (and we surely do) – to lead our adult discussion group in a weekly review of *Luther's Small Catechism*. Sure, it sounds kind of, well, uneventful; but if you know Jeff Hissong, and all of us do, then you know that this class will be anything but uneventful. Jeff Hissong is downright exciting. He loves to teach; and his preparation is simply unparalleled. We expect that there will be some Sundays when our High School Class, and even our Confirmation Class, joins Jeff simply because he is that good.

So, what's the catch? You're the catch. We are throwing the nets far and wide in the hopes of catching some new attendees. When you're blessed with someone as talented as Jeff Hissong leading the adult discussion group, you like to make sure that everybody has a chance to experience what a great class he leads. There's nothing you have to read in order to join us. *Luther's Small Catechism* is so basic that we already know it. There's the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a few other items that cover Baptism, Holy Communion, and the key to new life, namely, forgiveness.

What do I need to do? Just join us. It begins with an open discussion on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Jeff has said that if we say we want him, he is ours, in the classroom, that is, leading discussions, and dazzling us with important stuff. Then, on September 14<sup>th</sup> we want every seat filled around the table where we gather in Luther Hall. If you are a newer member, you will want to join us. If you have been a member for a while, you, too, will want to join us. All of you will want to join us. So, please do!

## GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

### UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>:** Rally Day Festivities fill the morning. Let's start with a bang!  
**Sunday, September 14:** The 2014-2015 Sunday School Year begins today at 9:15 a.m.  
**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:** 2014 Youth Missions Fall Craft Show, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### FALL OKTOBERFEST YOUTH MISSIONS CRAFT SHOW NEWS

The Craft Show will be here before we know it. So we are planning to start working on the youth's projects this month. We will once again put together raffle baskets from the Sunday School classes. Classes will receive their basket themes on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, which, as we've announced, is Rally Day. We would like all items to be donated for the baskets by Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for these baskets will go on sale in October. The youth of Zion will again host a bake sale at the Craft Show. Their project this year will be making items like chocolate-covered pretzels, chocolate-covered oreos, and much more. We will also be asking for additional baked goods from our Zion family to help round out the Bake Sale Table.

Our *Eleventh Annual Craft Show* will take place on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registrations are right about where we were last year, with 35 craft tables rented! We have plenty of time to reach our goal of 70. This is a great event at Zion, which helps our youth program; and we need lots of help to make it a success. There will be sign-up sheets in Luther Hall later in September for volunteers, bake sale items, and other food items we will need. We encourage everyone to help. Again, we very much appreciate your support of Zion's youth!

### ZION'S YOUTH SPOTLIGHT PAGES WILL BE BACK

We hope you enjoy our Youth Spotlight page each month. We plan to continue with our monthly questions for this year's Youth Spotlight section of the newsletter. Starting with October's newsletter, we will again ask the kids a question about many different things – their favorites, their interests, their talents and more. We will then share all the kids' answers to each month's question. The children will be asked these questions during Sunday School and through email. Parents, please be sure Debbie Fox has your correct and updated email address.

### AN ACME COMMUNITY CASH BACK PROGRAM UPDATE

It's that time of year again! We will begin collecting Acme receipts again this month to help Zion's Youth. Acme's *Community Cash Back* program runs from September 18, 2014 through February 4, 2015. We'll have a collection jar in the Narthex (and on the kitchen counter) starting Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Last year was a banner year for Acme *Cash Back* receipts. We look forward to another great year. Thanks for your support!

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Women of Zion will begin a new Bible study when they meet on the third Tuesday, which is *September 16*. Our Sunday morning worship texts have been following Paul's epistle to the Romans with our Second Lessons. Session 1 of this year's Bible study uses Romans 12:1-2 as our theme verse: "Be not conformed to the ways of this world, but transformed by the renewal of your minds through the power of the Spirit." Our focus will be on *Transformation and Conversion*. Carol Schersten LaHurd is our guide. She is a lifelong teacher with degrees from Augustana College, the University of Chicago, and the University of Pittsburgh. She is the author of *Luke's Vision: The People of God*, the 1998 Bible Study for *Lutheran Women Today*.

She writes, "In both the Old Testament and New Testament, and especially in Acts of the Apostles, we will read about people who have life-changing experiences: Paul on the road to Damascus, Moses in the wilderness of Midian, Lydia praying by a river in Macedonia, an Ethiopian man traveling from Jerusalem to Gaza. We will watch them turn to and with God as their minds, hearts, and daily lives are altered. And we will reflect on the ways we, too, have been and will be transformed and called by God to serve God's mission in the world."

This month we will learn from God's call to the Apostle Paul, who turned the message of the kingdom into a world religion by including all people – rich and poor, male and female, Jews, Gentiles, and everyone in between – in God's plan to redeem the world through life in Christ. You are invited to join the Women of Zion at their monthly Bible study, which will meet in the Resource Center on **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 a.m.

## **MORE WOMEN'S NEWS**

*Zion's Comfort Givers* return to their regular schedule of meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, **September 11 & 25**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Luther Hall. We are heading toward Blanket Sunday in October, when we gather up a year's worth of service and send blankets and quilts around the world through the efforts of Lutheran World Relief. We can really use more help, so surprise us with your presence. You'll enjoy the coffee and conversation; but mostly you'll enjoy being filled with the feeling of knowing that we're helping others through the good we do.

*The Women of Zion thank you in advance* for your support in their drive to provide Lutheran World Relief with more *Personal Care Kits* and *School Kits* this year. We have been diligent all year long and have had a great response from previous requests. The items we need now are limited to bath-size bars of soap for our *Personal Care Kits*, and ball point pens (no gel ink), pink erasers, and pencil sharpeners for our *School Kits*. Don't forget that cash donations are also appreciated. We can do the shopping for you, or even help Lutheran World Relief pay for shipping.

*Zion's Chancel Guild* continues its work with our monthly assignments in preparing for Sunday worship. As we move into the fall, we look forward to an annual cleaning meeting on the evening of Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The usual meeting time is 6:30 p.m., with our polishing of silver and cleaning of the Chancel followed by a meeting in Luther Hall. As we look ahead to the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent, it looks like we could have a chance to host one of the Sunday evening Advent dinners. Keep that in mind. We thank you for your interest and support. Contact Betty Tracy with any questions.

## ZION'S SENIOR CHOIR

 We have been extremely blessed to have a wonderful group of singers dedicated to lifting up a joyful noise at worship through the ministry of our Senior Choir. Of course, with the departure of Fred Locker this past June, and Phil Lehenbauer's moving to Florida, some changes are underway in our music program. Suzanne Walters, a mainstay of what we have enjoyed musically during the almost twenty-five years that the Walters family have shared their vocal, instrumental, and leadership talents with us, remains the formative force behind our second service.

As previously reported, Jon Elsass, and his wife Barb, have stepped forward to help (on an interim basis) as we try not to miss a beat, or a note, on our way through the 2014-2015 choral year. They can't do it without you. Even if you have not sung in the choir for some time, or at all, we hope that you will consider joining us to sing praises to God! In the meantime, a Search Committee continues the search for a fully staffed music program. Suzanne Walters is the Convenor, joined by President Mark Votaw, Worship Ministry Elder Dale Jacobs, musician and community leader Carole Singer, and Pastor Sherwindt

The Senior Choir is set to resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Our rehearsals are on Wednesdays, and run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our first Sunday to sing will be **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will typically sing at the 8:00 a.m. service, although on festival Sundays we also sing at 10:30 a.m. The choral season runs through Trinity Sunday, which will be May 31<sup>st</sup>. We'd love to have some additional voices join us this year. If you are at all interested, contact Jon Elsass, or, if you prefer, call the Church Office (330-499-3909).



## BISHOP ABRAHAM ALLENDE

On the fifth ballot of our ecclesiastical election for the Office of Bishop in the North-eastern Ohio Synod, the Rev. Abraham Allende received 228 of the 382 votes cast, significantly more than the simple majority required for election, to become the fourth pastor elected to the Office of Bishop in the history of our synod. Bishop-elect Allende will celebrate his Service of Installation on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 1361 West Market Street in Akron. Pre-service music begins at 1:30 p.m., with the Eucharistic Service at 2:00 p.m., and a reception to follow. ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preside. All are invited. Everyone is welcome.

Pastor Allende has enjoyed an interesting journey on his way to his present calling, serving as a teacher in the Akron school system (1966-1972) after graduating from California University of Pennsylvania in 1966. He did graduate work in Spanish at Kent State University (1967-1971), then moved into broadcasting in North Carolina and Ohio (1972-1995), when he became the Director of Community Relations for the Cleveland Indians (1995-2000). This is not your typical route to becoming a bishop.

Working closely with Dr. John Mann and Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuscarawas, he matriculated through a program with Trinity Lutheran Seminary known as TEEM (Theological Education for Emergent Ministries), which leads to ordination for candidates who are committed to serving in traditionally underserved settings. He served as the Pastor-Developer of *Iglesia Luteran La Trinidad* in Canton from 2003 to 2009, and as Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Covenant in Maple Heights from 2009 to 2014. It's been quite a journey, which continues still. TBTG!

## **BICENTENNIAL TASK FORCE**

After meeting monthly for quite some time, it might be time to begin winding down our busy schedule over the past year and a half. Our members include Darlene Milavickas, Carol Rossbach, Brian Walters, Jim Fidler, Chuck Danner, Susan Heyard, Mark Votaw, and Pastor Sherwindt.

We reviewed the many events we added to our calendar over the past year: two prime rib dinners, a Mother's Day Breakfast with Pastor Lutz and his family, Sunday mornings with the Meuschkes, Bishop Dillahunt and Carol Darcy, Pastors Mike Wiechers and Louise Mollick, Sunday evenings with Pastor Ralph Edwards, Father Jay Clarke, and Reverend Sarah Taylor Peck, historical placards and posters, Confirmation Reunions, combined choirs, our joint outdoor service at the cemetery, a bicentennial daily devotional guide, a great bicentennial video, beautiful bicentennial plates, and ornaments, even T-shirts.

It's been quite a year. We still have twenty-nine ornaments we would like you to buy, and a couple of T-shirts, too. If you'd like a copy of our bicentennial video, *Celebrating 200 Years*, there is a sign-up sheet in the Church Office. (A \$15 donation is invited.) We are planning to create a permanent display for our historical memorabilia, pictures, and placards in the Resource Center and main hallway. Brian Walters is our primary resource for visualizing what this might look like and how to make it happen.

Needless to say, we were all humbled by the incredible outpouring of generosity and support that was expressed through the *End-of-the-Summer Party*. We extend our thanks and gratitude to all of you for a great year, a great church family, and a wonderful history of growing in love and service by grace.

## **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

***The Canton-Massillon Chapter of LMM (Lutheran Men in Mission)*** invites you to an ANNUAL STEAK/CHICKEN FRY at Israel's Lutheran Church in Paris, Ohio on ***Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>***, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meal includes a choice of steak or boneless chicken breast, with baked potato, coleslaw, bread & butter, and dessert. The cost is \$15 for steak or chicken. All proceeds will benefit the ministries of Lutheran Men in Mission, which are considerable. If you plan to attend, call in your reservation to Bernie Bresson at 330-704-3449 (cell), 330-875-2362 (home), or by email: [LMM6Bres@gmail.com](mailto:LMM6Bres@gmail.com).

***Messiah Lutheran Church & their Youth*** (4700 S. Main, Akron) are proud to present *Agape* in concert on ***Sunday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.*** The cost is \$5 at the door. *Agape* is a nationally known Christian Rapper, who has shared the stage with Bishop Desmond Tutu, Gospel giant Kirk Franklin, and Tony Campolo. *Agape* was the 2009 winner of the "Tommie" Award for Youth Ministry.

## **MORE IMPORTANT DATES**

### ***Bishop's Fall Gatherings for the NEO***

***Synod:*** The theme will be *Caring for Body, Mind, and Spirit*. We will have choices, lots of them: choices of workshops, choices of locations, and dates, too. On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Allende will gather us together at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Warren (2860 East Market), from 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. If that date doesn't work, the Bishop's Fall Gathering will meet at Zion Lutheran Church in Wooster on Thursday, October 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Finally, our third location will be Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brecksville, on Sunday, November 23, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. A light supper will be served. The cost is \$7 at the door. Please see Pastor Sherwindt with your interest in attending.

### ***Women's Fall Gathering for the Canton-***

***Massillon Cluster:*** We will *Gather in the Pumpkin Patch* at St. Luke Lutheran Community (220 Applegrove NE, North Canton) on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, with registration to begin at 9:30 a.m. Our devotions will be led by the Rev. Rhonda Gallagher. The program will be presented by Mr. Terry Gram, who is the owner of Arrowhead Orchard in Paris, Ohio. We invite in-kind gifts of individually wrapped Halloween candy for the residents at St. Luke's to host a Trick or Treat. The offering collected at worship will be divided between NEOSWO (Northeastern Ohio Synod Women's Organization) and the St. Luke's Resident Fund. Lunch will be served in the Waterford Dining Room. It includes lemon herb chicken, Greek salad, fresh California blend, twice-baked potatoes, dessert, and a beverage. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$8.00. Please see Betty Tracy with your interest in attending.

## **REMEMBERING WHEN**

During his sermon on May 25<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Dane Meuschke used his time in the pulpit to reminisce a bit. Dane made it through his teenage years in the 1960s, and recalled various reasons for having lost a few brain cells along the way. He thought this might be relevant: "Talking about fond memories, as we drove into the parking lot this morning and saw the parsonage, I couldn't help but notice that one thing was missing. For many years, as many of you will remember, since Darrell and I still remember it, and I've got lumps on my head to prove it, we used to have a little Scotty camper that always sat right by the side door of the parsonage. I was notorious for not paying attention when I'd step into that trailer, and I cracked my head on the threshold every morning!"

Dane actually remembered a lot from his time at Zion. His words were quite moving: "For two hundred years I think that it is safe to say that Zion Lutheran Church of North Canton has been a vehicle of the Holy Spirit. Who can even begin to count the number of adults and children who have been strengthened by God's Spirit through people like you? As our Lord was preparing to face his death, he made a profound promise to his disciples. He said, 'I will not leave you.' That promise is ours today. What is that Spirit? What's it like? How do we understand it? How does it work? Bible scholars try to define the Spirit. They use fifty dollar words and complex theories to express it. Some have even written thick books to explain it. Honestly, we don't need all that much information. We just know it and feel it. In a moment of crisis or pain, our fears leave us because we know that we are not alone. We know that God is with us."

(If you have some ***Remembering When*** moment, we would love to hear from you.)

