

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:

October started early for me. When I was asked by the Stark County Humane Society to offer a prayer of blessing for the animals at their Annual Mutt Strut, I did my due diligence by visiting Assisi, Italy, where St. Francis is remembered and honored. Francis is officially remembered by all of Christendom, and by all the world, on October 4th, which is the date of his death in 1226. Around 800 years ago he was transforming the life of the church through a witness that lifted up the sacred bond that connects God to all of creation, with each and every creature endowed with the gift of praising God in their own unique way. Many churches will use the Sunday of October 5th to bless pets and their owners and caretakers. Our prayer for one and all is that God blesses our furry friends with long life, good health, and a happy home.

In addition to remembering the witness of St. Francis of Assisi, Zion celebrates Blanket Sunday on October 5th. The Sanctuary will display the colors of our Comfort Givers' many splendid quilts sewn throughout the year, soon to get packed into boxes, loaded onto a truck, taken to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville, Ohio, and then transported around the globe through the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. It is quite an impressive Sunday, and it is an even more impressive ministry through which we are able to get quilts, blankets, school supplies and personal care kits to families who need these items all over the world. We will also celebrate the new life God gives through Holy Baptism, as Elijah Scott Haga joins the ranks of the people of God. Make it a point to join us for this wonderful day in the life of Christ's Church.

The arrival of October also signals the big event of our *Eleventh Annual Youth Missions Craft Show*, which is set for Saturday, October 18th. Craft tables are being rented. Our youth are getting organized. All of this reminds us that it is time to buy and donate tickets for our world-famous German dinners! Zion's kitchen will be active preparing Bratwurst and Apple Cider Roast Pork dinners for \$8.00 each. As usual, they are the greatest dinners on earth priced so low that I don't know how we make money selling them, but we do ... because of your support and generosity! Make it a point to help our youth with the purchase of these delicious German dinners, which, as we well know, will be ready for take-out on Saturday afternoon, October 18th.

The next big day on our calendar will be the Festival of *Reformation Sunday*, which is October 26th. With each passing year, we are getting closer to the 500th Anniversary of the nailing of the 95 theses to the doors of Castle Church in Wittenberg, a turning point in the history of the church, and an even more significant turning point in the history of the world, which occurred on All Hallows Eve, otherwise known as Halloween, October 31st, 1517. Having visited Germany again this June with Marilyn, Austin, and Anna, it is very easy to get excited about the great Lutheran hymns we'll sing, the grace-centered message we'll hear, and the pride that arises when history gives birth to traditions that form the gift we call our Lutheran heritage.

Finally, all are invited to another of Zion's great traditions, our *Fall Congregational Meeting*, which is scheduled to coincide with the Annual Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 29th. The evening begins for our Sunday School families with pizza at 6 p.m. The rest of us enjoy a nice dinner at 6:15 p.m., with our meeting to follow at 7 p.m. The Congregational Meeting is usually extended by a few minutes so that we can have the drawing for our Raffle Baskets and give away those incredible gift baskets. It is a great evening at Zion. It really is great fun for all!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Mark Votaw called our September Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Those in attendance were Brian Milek, Carol Rossbach, Dave Palumbo, Heather Hoffman, Todd Elsass, Jayne Schrader, Dale Jacobs, Jim Fidler, and Pastor Sherwindt. Our August Treasurer's Report showed the monthly surplus we were looking for, helping us to rebound from the red we experienced in July to get back into the black for the year. We enjoyed a monthly surplus of \$1,874.20 in August, which put us in the black by \$1,790.55 for the year. We added to that figure in September. We are so thankful for your generous support.

In addition to saying goodbye to summer with an incredibly successful *End-of-the-Summer Party*, our September meeting looked ahead to the Congregational Meeting that deals with our 2015 Budget Guidelines. The Finance Team met with Mutual Ministry to review staff performance and recommend levels of compensation for 2015. Council will put our finishing touches on the proposed budget at our October meeting, and then mail it to our members in time to invite your approval at our Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, October 29th, which begins with dinner in Memorial Hall at 6:15 p.m., with our meeting in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL FACTS: AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

August Income	\$ 28,571.87
August Expenses	<u>\$ 26,697.67</u>
August Surplus	\$ 1,874.20
September Income	\$ 17,349.57
September Expenses	<u>\$ 17,261.68</u>
September Surplus	\$ 87.89
Our 2014 YTD Surplus	\$ 1,878.44

We thank you for your generous support!

MORE COUNCIL NEWS

Resource Ministry: We were very happy to enjoy a nice surplus in August, and happier still to enter September with a year-to-date surplus. September, October, November, and December are usually strong months for us both in terms of programs and finances. What stands out most, financially speaking, is how we were able to raise almost \$3,500 through our End-of-the-Summer Party to retire all of our bicentennial celebration expenses.

While we did nothing that would be called extravagant, between inviting special guests, planning special services, reimbursing for travel, lodgings, and meals, providing guests with parting gifts, as well as expressing gratitude with generous gifts to our partners in ministry, our expenses totaled \$7,399.09. Between the sale of our bicentennial plates, ornaments, T-shirts, and our End-of-the-Summer Party, all is now well and in balance.

For those who wonder about our many other funds and the assets at Merrill Lynch, the Youth Fund has \$6,298.34 in it; the Food Pantry Fund, \$6,664.99; our Bicentennial Property Projects Fund has \$9,215.29 in it; and even our various funds that are held at Merrill Lynch have enjoyed great strength, with balances related to our New Building, Reserve, Master Plan, and Memorial funds exceeding \$276,208.38.

As is always the case, we certainly have our challenges in ministry cut out for us; but we continue to balance budgets, grow our savings, and try as best we can to think boldly about our future. We truly do thank you for your generous support; and together, we thank God for two hundred years that have taught us that we can trust our Lord to provide what we need to continue our journey of growing in love and service by grace.

STILL MORE COUNCIL NEWS

Property Ministry: We have had a lot going on this month, with work continuing on our parking lot overhangs, some tree trimming happening at the parsonage, and a number of odd jobs tended to by our Thursday morning Retirees' Club. We are really grateful for the leadership that Carl Geib, Verle Elsass, and Bob Lancashire have shown in keeping our grounds under control. We encourage any of our retirees who would like to join them to call the Church Office, or just show up and help. They've played a big role in rolling back the overgrowth at the edges of our property, keeping an eye on unwelcome weeds growing in the cracks of our parking lot, and even removing some trees that didn't make it through last winter's ice and snow. We'd also like to thank Jayne Schrader, Carol Rossbach, Ruth Elsass, Faye Shankle, and Gail Vogt for quietly caring for our flower beds. The grounds really look great because of all the work so many do. Thank you.

Worship Ministry: We are thankful for the help and leadership offered by Jon Elsass in getting the choral year started, and grateful for the willingness of choir members to go with the flow as we wonder what the future will hold. The work of our Search Committee moves forward, and is going well. In the meantime, we would like to thank members like Suzanne Walters and Carole Singer for the musical leadership they've shared at our 8:00 a.m. service. It is an exciting time for our Senior Choir. The future is unfolding before our eyes. It might be just the right time to consider joining the choir. The Festival of Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, the arrival of Advent, and then Christmas: this simply has to be the best time of year to draw closer to God as we prepare for the gift of our Savior's birth.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We have set **Wednesday, October 29th**, as the date for our **Fall Congregational Meeting**. This is the meeting set aside to discuss and approve our Operating Budget for 2015. This year's meeting will be a tad different, since for the first time in three years, our interest in participating in the internship program is not a part of our proposed budget. We still have a hefty commitment included in our budget for youth & family ministry programming. We also have the Church Office Secretary's position fully funded. In some respects, however, the budget is simpler and the meeting should be pretty uncomplicated. It is hard to improve on the efficiency of conducting the meeting portion of our evening in less than fifteen minutes; but the Church Council is determined to wow us with food even more delicious than the fare we usually enjoy.

The evening begins with our families gathering at 6:00 p.m. for our Annual Halloween Party. The rest of us will sit down in Memorial Hall for the delicious dinner prepared and served by Council. While our kids get to work on games, crafts, snacks, and trick-or-treating, the rest of us will gather in the Sanctuary for our celebrating the mission we share in song, with prayers, and then by approving our 2015 Proposed Budget Guidelines. That will be followed by gathering in Luther Hall to pick the winners for our Themed Basket Raffle, which leads to our being dismissed to head home after a great evening together as a church family.

New members at Zion: We will welcome Keith & Amanda Haga into membership on the same Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for their son Elijah, which is set for the 10:30 a.m. service on Blanket Sunday, which is October 5th. Plan to join us.

THE WOMEN OF ZION

The *Chancel Guild* will meet to work on polishing the silver and cleaning the Chancel on the evening of **Monday, October 13th, at 6:30 p.m.** We always have a great time cleaning, and what better way to spend Monday evening than to meet with friends to enjoy the gifts of delightful fellowship and delicious treats. You're welcome to join us.

Zion's Comfort Givers meet on the second and fourth Thursdays, which are the 9th & 23rd of October, at 9:30 a.m. in Luther Hall. There's lots of work to be done, but we enjoy more than our share of good conversation, along with some breaks that allow for coffee, cookies, cake, or some such thing. We can always use the help. So try to join us.

Our *Women's Monthly Bible Study* meets on the third Tuesday of every month. October's session will revisit the call of St. Paul, and begin by focusing on God's call to Isaiah, as our theme of *Transforming Life and Faith* leads our way to reconsider how our call in baptism follows us as we learn to follow our Lord. The theme verse is Isaiah 6.8: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here I am; send me!'" While the call of a prophet is often associated with speaking out at moments of great social change, or confronting the world with its need to heed the Word of God, the simple message of this lesson gets back to the message of the much loved song, "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart." (*With One Voice*, #752) Isn't that always the essence of the call, to hold God's people in our heart? You are welcome to join us in the Resource Center on **October 21st**, where everything begins at 9:30 a.m.

MORE WOMEN'S NEWS

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 22nd, with registration to begin at 9:30 a.m. [Please note that this is a Wednesday, not a Saturday!]

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.

Zion's Comfort Givers extend their THANKS to everyone who helped us sew, assemble, organize, and box our quilts, blankets, school kits and personal care kits. This is a huge project; the amount of support that is required to sustain it is quite humbling. We want to make sure that those who do so much to help sense our gratitude for the good that they do. We can't name everybody by name, since we'd surely miss naming many; but you know who you are, and so do we. Thank you all very much. The numbers continue to amaze; and we are very thankful for all that you do, and our friends around the world who benefit from your concern and generosity are grateful, too. May God be praised!

GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sunday, October 12th:** Raffle Tickets for our 5 Themed Baskets Go on Sale This Sunday
- Friday, October 17th:** Set-Up for our 11th Annual Youth Missions Craft Show – 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 18th:** Youth Missions Oktoberfest & Craft Show 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 29:** Zion’s Annual Sunday School Halloween Party begins at 6:00 p.m.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THE SIXTH GRADE

Our Sunday School year is off and running! The kids are starting out with a review of the books of the Bible and some activities to help them become more comfortable with reading the Bible. They will soon move into some great Bible stories as the year continues.

Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., 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-K & Kindergarten: Chrissy Parkomaki, Debbie Fox
- 1st thru 5th Grades: Connie Riffle, Janet Slease
- Confirmation Class: Renee Keith, Catechist
- High School Class: Laura Thompson, Mark Votaw

ZION’S ANNUAL YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY IS ON ... WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

We will be having the Youth Halloween Party during October’s Congregational Meeting. That’s Wednesday, October 29th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are going to try to enjoy the outdoors again this year for part of our party. We’ll meet out in the pavilion for pizza and other delicious snacks for dinner, and then enjoy some fall treats for dessert. There will be games, crafts, and other surprises followed by trick or treating at the end. **The children can wear costumes, but please dress for the weather, and bring a flashlight, too.**



Sign up sheets for the party are located in the Church Office. Please sign up by Sunday, October 26th, so we can make sure to have enough food and supplies. Should anyone 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 great, and greatly appreciated, too. (We usually need about 30 pieces of each candy.) The children are welcome to invite a friend. We’ll also need our older youth to help if they’re available that evening. We look forward to seeing all the kids dressed up in great costumes. It should be an evening of GREAT FALL FUN. If the weather doesn’t cooperate, then, of course, we will move the party inside, and still have a great time.

MORE GREAT NEWS FOR ZION'S YOUTH

THANKS TO ALL FOR MAKING RALLY DAY A SUCCESS!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with Rally Day. The kids had a lot of fun, ate lots of donuts and cinnamon rolls, won many, many carnival prizes and made bird feeders to hang around the outside of the church! We really appreciate everyone's willingness to pitch in and make the start of our Sunday School year a great success!

ZION'S ELEVENTH 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 at our Bake Sale Table. If there is anyone who would like to bake some yummy treats for the Bake Sale Table, that would be great. There are sign-up sheets in Luther Hall. Please bring your items packaged and ready to sell. We look forward to the delicious items that Zion's Youth are making and all the delicious donated goodies.



The Sunday School classes are making awesome raffle baskets again this year. All classes will join in making the following baskets: an *Ice Cream Basket*, a *Chocolates Basket*, a *Family Fun Night Basket*, a *Pamper Yourself & Spa Basket*, and our traditional *Sports & OSU Fan Basket*. We once again thank Dave Zastawny (and Thrivent) for the support given to assist in making these baskets so inviting. Each child is asked to donate items to help fill the baskets. They may choose any of the baskets to donate items, and will receive one raffle ticket for each item donated. All items are needed by Friday, October 10th. Raffle Tickets for these baskets will go on sale Sunday, October 12th. The cost is 2 for \$1.00 and 15 for \$5.00.

The Youth Missions Craft Show helps raise money for our youth & family ministries, whether we're talking about fun parties, mission trips, or regular programming. The youth will once again be selling tickets for German take-out dinners for \$8.00 each. We will be selling tickets after both services and just before second service each Sunday before the craft show. The table will be located in the hallway by the Food Pantry. As always, we can sure use your support as Zion's Youth do their part in learning what it means to serve God through helping others.

Youth will be needed to help on the day of the Craft Show. *That's Saturday, October 18th*. 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 and ends that come up. *We will also need help with set up on Friday, October 17th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.* There are sign up sheets in Luther Hall for all those that can help! There are also sign up sheets for the congregation in Luther Hall for food items for concessions, bake sale items, set up, and help during the craft show. Your help and support is always greatly appreciated!

AN ACME COMMUNITY CASH-BACK RECEIPTS REMINDER

We're back to collecting Acme Receipts to raise funds for our youth. We will receive cash back credit for receipts dated **September 18, 2014 through February 4, 2015**. Be sure your receipt has the "Community Cash Back" amount at the bottom. There is a collection jar in the Narthex.

YOUTH IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

While our Confirmands are learning about the Small Catechism with Renee Keith in the Resource Center on Sunday mornings, and there are quite a number of Confirmands this year (Summer Heller, Kathryn Milek, and Mallory Rhodes completing their second year, along with Justin Dague, Jeremy Fox, Cassie Frank, Chrissy Nicholson, Emma and Jacob Parkomaki, Marcus Rhodes, and Casey Walters beginning their first year), the Adult Class has also assembled a good number of participants in a refresher course taught by Jeff Hissong. As promised, Jeff has proven to be dynamic, informed, insightful, engaging, interesting, a good Lutheran, and a great teacher. Everyone in the class has had a great time and has learned a lot ... about Luther's Small Catechism, the different Creeds in our hymnal, the history of the Reformation, and the faith we share as the church catholic.

Jeff is a lifelong teacher, who loves to teach, and is quite good at it, which is very good for us. His refresher course on Luther's Small Catechism will continue through to October 19th. This allows us to celebrate the insights we have gained with a Reformation Review on the Festival of the Reformation, which is Sunday, October 26th. Jeff has made it clear that he loves being a teaching resource for us; and we look forward to his next choice of topics.

October has previously served as a month to teach pre-Confirmation kids about the meaning of Holy Communion. We typically met in the Resource Center during the 10:30 a.m. service. With so many of our children enrolled in Renee's Confirmation Class, we decided to provide the resources of home lessons for our parents to talk with their younger children about the story of God's grace in this holy meal.



THANK YOU'S & MORE

Dear Pastor Sherwindt,

I wanted to thank you for coming out to our Annual Mutt Strut. I greatly appreciate your help in continuing our tradition of having a blessing prior to the walk.

This event is our second largest fundraiser. There were 140 dogs that participated that day! The day was enjoyed by all!

We hope that you enjoyed your visit as well. On behalf of our furry friends, thank you!

*Sincerely yours,
Jackie A. Godbey
Assistant Director
Stark County Humane Society*

REFORMATION NEWS

On the afternoon of ***Reformation Sunday, October 26th***, all are invited to join in an event that celebrates the Lutheran Catholic Covenant signed in October, 2000 between the Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA and the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. Bishop George Murry and Bishop Abraham Allende encourage our presence and will lead the Service of Evening Prayer, which follows the two major presentations offered by the Rev. Dr. Gerald Bednar (St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe) and the Rev. Dr. Walter Taylor (Trinity Lutheran Seminary). These presentations will offer Roman Catholic and Lutheran insights into the theology of the cross. The afternoon begins with registration at 2:00 p.m. Opening prayers are offered at 2:30 p.m., with presentations by Professors Bednar and Taylor beginning at 2:40 p.m. Following a break at 5:30 p.m., Evening Prayer begins at 5:45 p.m., with a common meal concluding our day at 6:30 p.m. This event will take place at the University Parish Newman Center at Kent State University, which is located at 1424 Horning Road in Kent, Ohio. (See Pastor Sherwindt with your interest in attending this ecumenical celebration.)

If you are still looking for an evening event commemorating the Reformation, *Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church*, which is located at 930 South Nickel Plate Avenue in Louisville, is hosting the ***29th Annual Reformation Celebration*** organized by the Eastern Cluster of the Canton-Massillon Conference. The Rev. Marty CashBurless, University Chaplain at the University of Mount Union since 1991, will be their Guest Preacher. The service begins at 7:00 p.m., includes the Eucharist, and concludes with a light reception. Child-care is provided. Everyone is invited. All are welcome.

MORE SYNOD NEWS

The *Bishop's Fall Gatherings* have begun; and Zion was represented at the gathering that occurred at St. Paul's in Warren on September 28th. Bishop Allende began the afternoon with some opening comments and prayers; and we then chose two of the many workshop opportunities that were scheduled. A number of participants joined the workshop that shared Synod-wide plans for inviting our youth to participate in the **2015 Lutheran Youth Gathering in Detroit**. Jill Koubal (from the Cleveland West Conference) invited congregations to think creatively about the *Parish Nurse Program*. One workshop dealt with the imperative to organize a plan for *Emergency Preparedness* in our congregations. Thrivent Financial was on hand to help us talk about *Personal Finance*, with an eye toward saving wisely and living generously. One workshop looked at non-traditional approaches to *Vacation Bible School*; and a final workshop focused on going through the autumn ritual of creating operating budgets – *Killing Sacred Cows: How Budgets Relate to Mission*. It was quite an afternoon, with interesting workshops, a light dinner, and our departure at 5:45 p.m.

The Service of Installation for Bishop Allende on September 13th was an event that included row upon row of clergy (in red), greetings from ecumenical partners throughout northeast Ohio, the good humor of the ELCA's Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, many musicians, and the great sounds of a diverse selection of hymns and canticles for worship. The offering was directed to help with an AIDS Drop-in Center located in our Companion Synod, the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. It totaled \$3,270.00. Visit the Synod website to learn more about Bishop Allende.

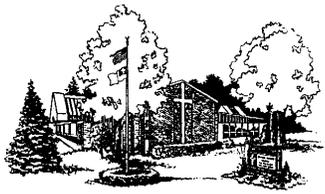
BICENTENNIAL CORNER

Do You Remember When? It was a Hall of Fame Weekend when the hot air balloons were filling the sky. Larry and I were on our way to church and we could see that some were coming the northeast. Our worship service started, and just as Pastor Lutz was ready to give the sermon, an usher gave him a note. Pastor Lutz read the note and then announced that a balloon had landed on the church lawn, and that we were all going out to see it! We all went out and circled the balloon. The pilot invited Pastor Lutz to preach his sermon from the balloon, but he declined. We then returned to our seats in the Sanctuary and finished the service. That was really neat!

(This *Remember When* moment was shared by Evelyn Moore. It is memories like these that we would like more of our members and friends to share. If one comes to mind, write it down. We would love to hear from you.)

Our bicentennial video, *Celebrating 200 Years*, is available for those who would like a personal copy. Brian Walters did a great job producing the video, and has done an even better job in making these videos the perfect gift for family members who would like to spend twenty minutes or so making the connection between American history and Zion's past, with familiar faces and events helping us to appreciate what a neat story we share. Give the Church Office a ring if you'd like a personal copy of this great video.

Speaking about bicentennial momentos, we still have a couple of bicentennial t-shirts left (large), and our bicentennial ornaments really do make great gifts ... and they're already in gift boxes! We've got 29 of the ornaments left. They are \$10 apiece, as are the t-shirts. The Bicentennial Task Force appreciates your interest and support.



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to the Present*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT ZION WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

Dear Family of Zion:

This is a reminder of Zion's Congregational Meeting on **Wednesday, October 29, 2014**, which begins with a dinner in Memorial Hall at 6:15 p.m. Current members of the Church Council will host and serve the dinner. Our meeting will follow in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. This is a great time for fellowship with your family at Zion.

Our Fall Meeting typically focuses on approving our Operating Budget Guidelines for 2015. We will finalize our recommendations at our October meeting, and then send the 2015 Proposed Budget to our members so that you will be able to look at it before the meeting scheduled for the evening of October 29th.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order, Opening Hymn, and Opening Prayer
2. Presentation, Discussion, and Voting for our Proposed Budget Guidelines for 2015
3. The Lord's Prayer, our Dismissal and Adjournment

Please plan on attending the Congregational Meeting; and join us for the wonderful meal beforehand. I believe you will find pleasure in both!

This is a great time to show your support for Zion. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting. That's **Wednesday, October 29th**, beginning with dinner at 6:15 p.m.

God's peace be with you,
Mark Votaw,
Church Council President

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER, 6:15 PM
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 7:00 PM
