

## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:

The program year gets started in September, but the pace really speeds up with October. We welcome the month with a Painting Party at the Parsonage Saturday morning on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then, on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> we honor St. Francis by remembering him as the patron saint of all animals, and the spiritual inspiration behind the Stark County Humane Society's Annual Mutt Strut. I was again invited to offer a prayer of blessing to start the Mutt Strut. I thought that it might be a good idea to plan a *Blessings of Our Pets* service to honor St. Francis here at Zion; but while Pope Francis told the world that all dogs go to heaven, a quick read of our insurance policy reminded me that it's still a good idea to keep them out of the church!

On Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited to celebrate Blanket Sunday. 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, and then transported around the globe through the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. It is 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. Everyone is invited to join in the fun by bringing blankets, new blankets, which we will include with everything we pack into boxes on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll need to get everything ready for the drive to Seville quickly, since the Craft Show arrives that Saturday!

Our *Twelfth Annual Youth Missions Craft Show* gets underway on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next big day on our calendar will be the *Festival of Reformation Sunday* on October 25<sup>th</sup>. With each passing year, we get closer to the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517. It is always 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 Carol Rossbach, Dave Palumbo, Jayne Schrader, Todd Elsass, Janet Slease, Jim Fidler, and Pastor Sherwindt. Our August Treasurer's Report showed a small monthly surplus, but not one large enough to get us in the black year-to-date. September's surplus helped us to do that! We enter October with a clean slate; and it is up to us to turn the fourth quarter into yet another demonstration of why this is always the most generous quarter of the year. We will need your support as we strive to make sure that even during difficult transitional times our generosity is up to the challenge of keeping everything in balance.

In addition to thanking our great grillers (and your support) for another great edition of our *End-of-the-Summer Party*, the September meeting looked ahead to the Congregational Meeting, which deals with our 2016 Budget Guidelines. Council will put the finishing touches on our proposed budget guidelines, and then mail it to our members in time to invite your approval at our Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, which begins with a light dinner in Memorial Hall at 6:15 p.m., with our meeting to follow in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

### **FINANCIAL FACTS: AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

August Income	\$ 16,619.09
August Expenses	<u>\$ 16,602.16</u>
August Surplus	\$ 16.93
September Income	\$ 16,353.27
September Expenses	<u>\$ 15,927.49</u>
September Surplus	\$ 425.78
<b>Our 2015 YTD Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 91.11</b>

***We thank you for your generous support!***

## MORE COUNCIL NEWS

**Resource Ministry:** We were very happy to enjoy two more monthly surpluses: \$16.93 in August and \$425.78 in September, giving us a year-to-date surplus of \$91.11. October, November, and December are usually strong months for us both in terms of programs and finances. We would like for 2015 to extend our streak of budgets in balance, which we've sustained for more than a decade now. Well done ... and thank you!

The Operating Budget is one aspect of our financial picture. We also maintain many special funds, like the Food Pantry Fund, which has a balance of \$7,815.96, and the Youth Fund, with a balance of \$6,526.83, and a Women of Zion Fund, with a balance of \$2,094.63. We also hold a portfolio of funds in an account at Merrill Lynch. As we entered August, this account, with balances related to a New Building Fund, a Reserve Fund, the Master Plan, and our Memorial Fund, stood at \$292,779.77. A good portion of this money is reserved for special purposes; but much remains undesignated, which means that if the congregation desires, we can access these funds for various improvements, special projects, and pressing property needs.

So, whether we are talking about present day giving or legacy funds, God is good, and the assets we hold remain strong and healthy. 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 be attentive to God's call and faithful in this ministry that God has given us. We truly do thank you for your generous support; and together, we thank God for two hundred and one 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.

## SOME PARSONAGE NEWS

The one thing that has made 2015 a challenge for us budget-wise has been the loss of three long-time renters, and the rental income these rental partners provided. Arlene Fouts retired, and the Bixler Pre-School called 2014-15 its grand finale. Senior Independence decided to consolidate their operations in Akron. The four adult men (with significant disabilities) who lived in our parsonage for fourteen years decided to move to a conventional apartment.

The loss of rental income was significant, exceeding \$25,000 annually. We decided to take some time and reflect on the rental partnerships we had enjoyed. The Bixler Pre-School and Senior Independence shared our space in the church building. We wanted to see what having more space in the church might mean for us. We have also asked many questions about the parsonage. How has the last fifteen years effected its resale value? What is its value as rental property? What do we need to do right now to prepare for what comes next?

With that in mind, we have put together a painting crew to cover the walls of the parsonage with a fresh and neutral coat of paint. Our Thursday Morning Retirees have taken up the carpet in the addition, and have sealed the floor boards underneath to get it ready for carpeting. We got the painting party started, and have made significant progress. There are still some rooms that need a fresh coat of paint; but we have been blessed with many willing workers. One thing has become increasingly clear: the parsonage is a big house, well built, on a huge lot, with spacious grounds, and lots of privacy. What's more, we've learned that North Canton is a great location for rental property, which is good news for us, and encouraging to know.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We have set *Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>*, as the date for our *Fall Congregational Meeting*. This is the meeting set aside to discuss and approve our Operating Budget for 2016. This year's proposed budget will look a little different from previous ones, since Pastor Sherwindt has indicated that he plans to retire by the time he turns 65 in July. As a result, we have planned for seven months of his full-time service, and five months of interim pastoral ministry. This kind of transition requires that we anticipate fully funding the Church Office Secretary position. None of the issues on our agenda should entail lengthy discussion. So, we anticipate another of our many brief business meetings, with the Church Council determined to wow us with a light dinner that proves to be 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 2016 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 Dan and Diane Nicol into membership on the Sunday we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation, which is October 25<sup>th</sup>, at the 8:00 a.m. service, which is the service they usually attend. Please join us and meet them.

## THE WOMEN OF ZION

*Zion's Comfort Givers* meet on the second and fourth Thursdays, which are the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, at 9:30 a.m. in Luther Hall. In between these Thursdays, we'll be meeting the week of October 11<sup>th</sup> to get everything boxed and ready for the drive to Seville. 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 and cookies, 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 continues our focus on *Slow Faith*, with leader Liv Andrews raising the age-old plea, *Make Haste, O Lord*. The theme verse is drawn from Psalm 31.15: "My times are in your hand. Deliver me from all who seek my harm." While this seems, at first glance, to be kind of negative, we often find ourselves in difficult situations. This plea does not desire to multiply others' ill will with our own. On the contrary, we hope that by trusting in God, we will show patience with others and grace under pressure. Our Bible study will focus on Psalm 13. If you take a moment to read the song *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*, you will soon find yourself in the psalmist's spirit of prayer and trust. Join us in the Resource Center on Tuesday morning, **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. We know that if you take the time to join us, you'll be glad you did; and so will we.

The *Chancel Guild* will meet to work on polishing the silver and cleaning the Chancel on the evening of **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## MORE WOMEN'S NEWS

*NEOSWO Biennial Convention* is set for Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at Grace Lutheran Church in Wadsworth. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., with breakout sessions, Bible study, information workshops, and worship with Bishop Abraham Allende preaching and presiding. Registration is \$40.00, which includes lunch, as well as breakfast, and childcare upon request.

*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.

*Special Thanks to Betty Tracy:* As you gaze around the Sanctuary on October 11<sup>th</sup> you will see just a portion of the quilts produced by our Comfort Givers. You may already know that a quilt is made up of three layers, a pieced top, batting, and a back. What you may not know is that all of the tops were pieced together with love, care and devotion by one woman, Betty Tracy. We would like to take this moment to thank Betty for her dedication, perseverance, and for the hours of sewing that this project requires. As quilters, we are blessed and fortunate to add our finishing touches to her creations. There can be no doubt that this time of quilting together brings with it a sense of unity to our women and our church. It would be wonderful if more women (and men, too) would join in the camaraderie we share through this ministry of outreach and love. Zion's Comfort Givers extend our many thanks to Betty Tracy for all that she does behind the scenes to make what we do a labor of love and mutual support.

## GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

### UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sunday, October 11th:** Raffle Tickets for our 5 Themed Baskets Go on Sale This Sunday  
**Friday, October 16th:** Set-Up for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Missions Craft Show – 6:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, October 17th:** Youth Missions Oktoberfest & Craft Show 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, October 28:** 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 some great lessons, crafts, and activities, with many great lessons and activities planned for the rest of the year. Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., and ends at 10:15 a.m. We hope that your children will join us!

### 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 ANNUAL YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY IS ON ... WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

We will be having the Youth Halloween Party during October's Congregational Meeting. That's Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are going to try to enjoy the outdoors again this year for some part of our party. We'll meet in Luther Hall 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

### ZION'S TWELFTH 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: a *Sweet Treats Basket*, a *Family Fun Night 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. Raffle Tickets for these baskets will go on sale Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. 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. But please see any of the kids in our High School and Catechism Classes for tickets. 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 17<sup>th</sup>*. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. This has been a great way to raise money for our Youth Fund. We will receive cash back credit for receipts dated **August 20, 2015 through January 6, 2016**. You'll notice that the dates have changed. They started earlier, and will end earlier than has previously been the case. But the rules are still the same. You need to make sure that your receipt has the "Community Cash Back" amount at the bottom. We have a collection jar in the Narthex that is beginning to fill up with "Community Cash Back" Acme receipts. Keep them coming. We appreciate your interest and support.

## COMMUNION IS FOR KIDS

For as long as I have served as Zion's Pastor, and long before that, actually, it has been the case that we offer Holy Communion to all the baptized. When parents desire to have their children baptized, Zion asks only that they embrace the commitment to raise their children in the faith we believe, by bringing their children to church, and providing for their instruction in the Christian faith, so that their children will grow in their understanding of God's grace, Christ's love, and the Spirit's presence. There is no need to raise the bar higher when it comes to receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion. Baptism and Communion are gifts of God. It is not what we do that makes us worthy. It is God's gracious love that makes us worthy to receive the gifts God freely gives.

All we ask of parents who want their baptized children to receive the grace that is ours with Holy Communion is that they allow us to help them teach their children about the meaning of Communion. We have often offered classes about Communion for children at church in October. This year we will offer lessons for home study that parents and grandparents can use to introduce their children and grandchildren to some of the basics. Learning about the meaning of Holy Communion is a lifelong adventure. Our experiences in life help us all to learn more about the depth and breadth of God's love sustaining us. But the one thing we want to affirm is that it is our Lord's invitation that opens the door, and it is our Lord's love that makes us worthy, and it is our Lord's



faithfulness that facilitates the growth in gratitude God hopes will serve as the foundation of our faith and life in Jesus Christ.

## SOLA & SOLA & SOLA!

Jeff Hissong continues to bring high energy, great insight, and a lot of humor to our Adult Sunday School Classes on Sunday mornings. *Sola Gratia* affirms the priority of God's grace in all things. God's grace always comes first. Then, *Sola Fide* helps us to remember that receiving God's grace through the gift of faith helps us steer clear of thinking that we're the difference-makers, that if we don't do the right thing in the right way at the right time, everything that God did in Christ won't matter. Sure, we're called to be disciples. We are expected to grow in grace. God's goal is that we will have true life, life in abundance! But *sola gratia* and *sola fide* proclaim that *we are saved by grace through faith ... not by works, or any merit of our own.* These are the truths that set us apart as Lutherans. These are the truths the Reformation proclaimed, truths that have enriched the life of the church, both Protestant and Catholic, for what will soon be five hundred years!

We've said it before, but every single Sunday morning we discover it anew: Jeff Hissong is a lifelong teacher, who loves to teach, is good at it, and has a voracious appetite for learning and teaching about the insights of Lutheranism. We know that Jeff has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to learning about the Civil War; and he has a deep and abiding love for Gettysburg, both because of its place in learning about America, and because of the role Gettysburg continues to play in lifting up Lutheran heritage. Jeff combines this love for Lutheranism and his mastery of history in teaching us about the emergence of *Sola Scriptura* as a pivotal authority in keeping the focus on what God has done to open the gates of the kingdom to all believers. Join us in Luther Hall between the services on Sunday. You'll be glad you came; and so will we.

## THANK YOU'S & MORE

*Dear friends at Zion,*

Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. I extend many thanks to all for your prayers and lovely get well cards. Thanks to Pastor Sherwindt, Dr. Michael Linz, and Helen Alex for visits and prayers while I was at the hospital. Also, thanks to my dear family for all they did.

*Love and blessings,  
Helen Heller*

*Dear friends at Zion,*

I am very grateful for your prayers and expressions of concern and encouragement as I continue to recover nicely from recent quadruple bypass surgery.

*Heartfelt thanks,  
Ron Tvorik*

## DATES AND EVENTS

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church* (on 3295 South Union Avenue in Alliance) will serve as host **the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival Celebration of the Reformation** on the evening of October 25<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Abraham Allende will preach and preside. 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.

**The 2015 Bishop's Gathering will be All Saints Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2551 55<sup>th</sup> St. NE). The Rev. Dr. Walter Taylor, Ernst and Edith Orgram Professor of New Testament Studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, will provide *A Perspective on the Holy Lands*, based in part on his experiences in the Middle East, including a 2015 traveling seminar to Israel and Palestine. It should be very interesting. All of us are invited to attend.

Pastor Sherwindt and Marilyn are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, **Anna Espe Sherwindt**, to **John Hale Cordas** in a **Service of Christian Marriage** to be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley, Ohio on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Pastor Sherwindt will preach at the service. Anna graduated from the Ohio State University in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Special Education., and presently teaches in the Columbus area (Alexandria, Ohio) at Northridge Primary School. John, the son of Andrew and Charlene Cordas of Mansfield, graduated from the Ohio State University in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Business and Marketing. John manages the Columbus franchise of the Title Boxing Club, which features cardio-fitness classes in building strength and agility, Anna and John will make their home in the Columbus area.

## **DAVE IN NICARAGUA!**

Dave Zastawny, our congregation's Thrivent Financial representative, recently went on a 9-day mission trip to Nicaragua to help build simple, decent, affordable homes with Nicaraguan families in need. The trip was sponsored by Thrivent Builds Worldwide, part of Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, a multi-year, multi-million dollar partnership designed to involve members in helping to provide a "hand up" to people who lack decent shelter.

Working with a team of 28 other Thrivent Financial representatives and employees from across the country, Dave helped construct block homes, carrying dirt and rock, mixing cement, digging trenches and enjoyed building with the masons and the partner families who will soon live in the new homes. Dave humbly acknowledges that it was a life-changing experience, not only doing hard labor with simple tools, but also getting to know the Nicaraguan people who have so little, yet are happy and full of faith in God.

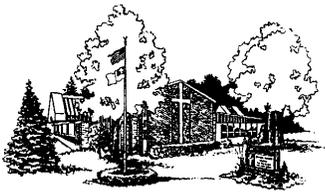
Like all Habitat homeowners, they will buy their home with sweat equity and a low-cost loan. Their mortgage payments are part of the "Fund for Humanity," which is used to help build more Habitat homes. Do you want to learn more? Attend Dave's presentation here at Zion on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Dave has put together a great presentation featuring highlights of his trip. For the convenience of those who would like to attend, he will offer his presentation twice, first at 1:00 p.m., and then again in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Please make it a point to join us. Invite your family. Bring your friends! We will enjoy great fellowship, tasty treats, and an inspiring look at what goes into making a difference for folks in need all around the globe.

## **MORE MISSION NEWS**

Speaking of Dave Zastawny, between the services in Luther Hall on **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, which is Christ the King Sunday, Dave will be back, with oodles and oodles of delicious cookies, to offer a seminar on saving strategies both as we get ready for retirement and as we try to enjoy it. We're living longer and longer, which is good; but this means that we have to make sure that we continue to grow our savings to last a lifetime.

The **North Canton Ministerial Association** has scheduled our *Community Thanksgiving Service* for **Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Zion United Church of Christ, 415 South Main Street, will host the service. Fr. Jay Clarke will be our Guest Preacher. A community choir will provide special music, and our members are invited to participate. A light reception will follow the service; and childcare is provided.

**The Feed-the-Need Stark County Hunger Walk is back!** Community Christian Church, 210 North Main Street, will host it again; Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer from the Canton City Lutheran Parish will chair it again; and Zion Lutheran Church will participate again, since we had so much fun, great turnout, and such generous support! This year, the Feed-the-Need Hunger Walk will take place on **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, with registration at 2 p.m., and the short walk at 3 p.m. It's a great event for youth and adults, and pets, too! We had a great time this past May, when we joined 304 walkers, with 22 of our own. We contributed \$2,802.00 to the total of \$12,693.37, which was raised to support the work of the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank; and as we know, when it comes to battling problems caused by hunger, we couldn't have a better partner than the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank.



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8:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
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*“Growing in Love  
and Service  
by Grace”  
from 1814  
to the Present*

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT ZION WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

Dear Family of Zion:

This is a reminder of Zion's Congregational Meeting on **Wednesday, October 28, 2015**, 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 2016. We will finalize our recommendations at our October meeting, and then send the 2016 Proposed Budget to our members so that you will be able to look at it before the meeting scheduled for the evening of October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 2016
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 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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**

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