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ZION'S "
LABOR DAY

ZION'S "END OF THE SUMMER" PARTY!
LABOR DAY WEEKEND SUNDAY AFTERNOON
SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Worship Services

Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

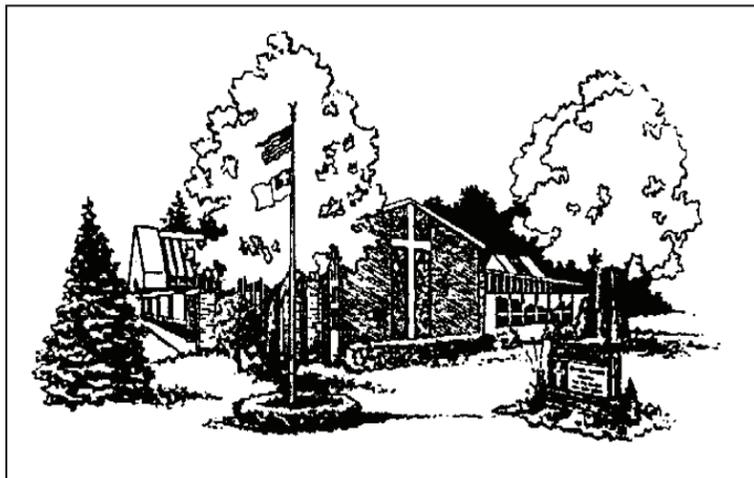
Sunday School Classes

(Adult Discussion) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
(Classes: All Ages) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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A Message from Pastor Hal

My Very Best to My Dear Friends in Christ and the disciples and missionaries of Zion,

The Great Commission calls for the church (**Zion**) to **GO OUT** and share with all people, all the time, in all places the blessings of Love, Mercy, Grace, Justice and Unity. Sitting in our own building while giving invitations for people to come and join us where **WE** are comfortable **IS NOT** a Christ-like mission. Going out into the world to meet people where they are and build relationships is a Christ-like mission.

I challenge the people of Zion to find ways to build relationships with all people regardless of age, economic status, race, sexual orientation, and all other people who currently we do not know or have yet to meet. Oh no, how we dislike change, especially at Zion; "We need to go slow", some say. **WE ARE GETTING BETTER!** The reason why I call for this change and renewed focus on building relationships outside our comfort zone, is we have completely ignored and/or failed to meet them on their turf. We want to share the grace, love and mercy of God, but often on our turf.

I sincerely hope that you will take this calling and challenge seriously and those who have reason to mistrust us or don't really know us will someday be able to share God's Grace with us. **LAST**, we have much work to do as the church!!! Fervent prayer is needed to change our way of doing some ministries in an effort to fulfill the Great Commission.

Remember the Great Commission was essentially the "Last Will and Testament" of Jesus, the One who loves us more than our parents and/or our grandparents. Why should we not honor His wish and command? What could be more important?

SUNDAY IS COMING and with it the opportunity to invite others to worship, grow and serve... **THESE ARE STILL TERRIFIC TIMES FOR WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION** ... times we remember that God came to earth as our Savior and rose from the grave in victory over sin, Satan, and death!

THESE ARE SPECIAL TIMES... it's God's time and **GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE** gather faithfully to worship him each Lord's Day. You are invited and encouraged to be present each Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. for worship.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our exciting worship services with a smile on your face and a friend by your side whom you brought with you!

God bless and love you abundantly,

Pastor Hal

We had an opportunity to see several of their staff folks who are doing a great job of running a facility like this. It's a challenge to get children to the facility paid for, but they cannot pay for it with only the clothes on their backs. We have additional clothes or bedding for them so that all our clients have warm and safe places to sleep. That when they go they are

Pastor Nunn also gets an



about. The whole story of the church and basketball together. Now we are trying to get some pretty "rocky soil" on the floor.

Sunday we had a quick event on hard ground came very well. Some pretty "rocky soil".

We talked a lot about "No" of the folks at Wernle. The next trip might look like? The Feeling of being Christ we did were appreciated too.

Come along on the next trip. **GO ZIONEERS!**

Mark Votaw



All of the desks you see in the middle were heaped with “Stuff”. To give you an idea of the scope: We saved 3 big totes of yarns (and that was neatly wound – tangles got pitched), Two laundry baskets of fabrics, I would guess there were fifty pounds of crayons. Reams and Reams of construction paper.



And then came the beads! There were bags of beads that all needed sorting. Cassie Frank led a crew of willing but less than agile bead sorters.

You get the idea. Pine cones and feathers, doilies and paints, pipe cleaners and magazines; they all needed homes.



Once we got that all done it was time to fill up the storage room with school supplies. By the way this is the only picture of Debbie Fox who was the personnel Director for the weekend!



The young people finished up organizing the school supplies. They really did a great job!

President’s Message

Hail The Zioneers!

I want to thank you all for Wernle Home. Please see was here in the spring it so do to help. Later as I tho Spirit in action. I felt like sheltered little community get people interested, to g congregation. (St. Paul’s for children. How can we What causes need our help community? Thank you to ou

Zion’s financial picture co behind for the year but tha try have published proced tee completed its annual a Audit” and found that we Synod. And talked about is receiving support, thoug support!

UP NEXT! September! Labor Day Sunday – Grill Festival of smoke and fun split our donation between for the Wernle Family Tre



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Saturday September 9th is County Humane Society. fessional staff and a comm have more details a little c support the work of the H

Pastor Biermann is workin There are more pastoral p process is moving ahead!

Enjoy the rest of the Sum at Zion!

Yours in Christ, Mark Votaw

THE CALL PROCESS

Utilizing the Congregation's Ministry Site Profile, prepared by the Call Committee with input from the Congregation, the Northeastern Ohio Synod Call Process Administrator, Pastor Karl Biermann, is combing ELCA personnel records to identify those individuals seeking a call who possess the intellect, experience and temperament to partner with the Congregation in pursuing Zion's vision.

The task of ascertaining which individuals are available and most suitable for interview by Zion's Call Committee is a daunting one and can only be accomplished through a deliberative process that includes thoughtful consideration of how a particular candidate's perspective on Pastoral Ministry conforms to our Congregation's views as to how our history, resources and objectives inform our vision for what Zion should be.

As our Ministry Site Profile makes clear, Zion Lutheran is a vibrant institution with sound financial, technological, structural and human resources which wants to continue to inspire our members in worship and continue its leadership role in the community. The task before us is to find that individual who looks at Zion the same way we do and who shares the same sense of excitement in meeting challenges and seizing opportunities for Zion to "Grow in Love and Service."

The Call Committee will continue to keep the Congregation informed of developments in our efforts to successfully accomplish this task.

Faithfully,

Your Call Committee:

Laura Thompson (Chairperson)
 Rob Frock
 Cathy Harvey
 Marissa Keating
 John Long
 Brian Walters
 Jim Fidler (Council Representative)

RESOURCE MINISTRY

After taking a hiatus from surpluses in the month of May, Zion bounced back with a \$14.39 surplus in June, putting our deficit for the year-to-date at slightly under \$1,500. Although the surplus in June

was small, it is encouraging, in view of the fact that there was very low attendance on two of the four Sundays in June. The positive figure for June, albeit small, is a tribute to sound management of expenses and bodes well for efforts to slice our deficit as we go through the summer and prepare for the fall and holiday seasons.

Our contributions to charitable and humanitarian efforts, as well as the transition fund, remain strong.

This year's Audit Committee Report indicated that the financial records of Zion Lutheran are in order and that we have adopted and implemented appropriate guidelines for incoming and outgoing cash procedures.

We anticipate sufficient resources to fulfill Zion's mission and pursue its vision.

Jim Fidler
 Resource Elder

CARING MINISTRY

Please mark the dates of August 1st and 15th on your calendars for the next Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Remember set-up time is at 9:00 AM with the doors opening at 1:00 PM for those in need. If you've been wanting to help out NOW is your chance. We guarantee you will feel "GOOD" about yourself. Vegetable and creamed soups, cereal, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, pasta of ALL shapes, and spaghetti sauce are still needed. Toddler's clothes, sizes 2 to 4, and household items are still being requested for the Clothing Closet. Check at home or purchase something new and drop off at church.

Your PRAYER REQUESTS should go to Kay Davis at stitchandsewk810@sbcglobal.net. If you wish to remove a prayer request, please let Kay know.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,

Peace,
 Ron Tvorik

PARISH LIFE

Zion had another fruitful week of Vacation Bible School with the children and helpers having fun learning about heroes.

Wernle Family Treatment

We had an intrepid group
 lavickas, Mary Jo Robbins



Richmond, Indiana is about
 one vehicle and I had all the
 thunderstorms off to our s



We spent the day on Saturday
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 Queen of Organization!



The Zion delegation went to the Wernle Youth and I Special thanks to **Play It** nation of more than \$300 for the center.

October 31st marks the 50 Luther's posting of the 95 ing ways to celebrate this for further details.

May God Bless Us Every

Miriam Keating

WOMEN OF ZION

The Comfort Givers would all who helped with Vacat **Comfort Givers**—Those blocks ahead of time, teach quilt blocks were created dren, to the assembling gr enclosing, and displaying small group but they did a to see the children look fo blocks, all the smiles and shared in so many ways.

There will be Comfort Gi 24th. We would love to h ers.

Luther World Relief Pro forts will be shipped and o for **Personal Care Kits**. ing items will start August

Each kit will contain one towel (20 x 40 to 27 x 52) in original packaging, one fine toothed combs), one file is optional, and one brand (Ivory is preferred).

Women's Gather Bible S day, September 19, 2017 a ing forward to the three-se *tle's Creed* by Julia Seym have ready to review your chism. All women of Zion share materials. Hope to s

In His Service,
Betty Tracy

Our Sick, Shut-Ins, and Elderly as of August 2017

Listed below are those we know to be sick, shut-in or elderly. They are mentioned in the hope that our members will remember to pray, visit and send cards to them. The list will vary month to month as those

Chuck Danner Whitewood Village 3146 Whitewood St. North Canton, OH 44720 330.499.4576	Dick & Barbara White 2026 Penhurst Circle NE North Canton, OH 44720 330.498.0778	Mary John 812 Lorena St. SW North Canton, OH 44720 330.499.6235
Dick Spall Whitewood Village 3146 Whitewood St. North Canton, OH 44720 330.499.7369	Barbara Achauer 2533 Hyacinth Drive North Canton, OH 44702 330.499.7533	Verle & Ruth Elsass 5397 Portage St. NW North Canton, OH 44720 330.497.7088
Maureen (Moe) Alters 906 Valley Drive NW North Canton, OH 44720 330.497-0459	Orrin & Eileen Bose 1500 Chatham North Canton, OH 44720 330.499.2499	Susan Everhart 2048 Redwing Canal Fulton, OH 44614 330.408.7160
Susan Heyard 1354 Devon Dr. NW North Canton, OH 44720 330.499.9858	Audrey Hartman 201 Holl Rd. NE, Apt. 115 North Canton, OH 44720 330.806.8396	

Pastor and Margie Robarge

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness in helping us prior to Michael's service.

Thank you for the wonderful and meaningful service. Although, we all fall short in our lives to sin, we have the assurance of love and peace and forgiveness through Christ, Our Savior.

Sondra Elsass and Randy Elsass

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Christian Music Fest: A Summer MusicFest will be held on Market Square in Downtown Canton, Thursday, June 22nd, Thursday, July 13th, and Thursday, August 10th.

Market Square is located on the west side of Market Avenue North between 3rd and 4th Streets. The event is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. A Prayer Tent will be on location.

Thursday, August 10th (Rain Date August 11th)

5pm Roslyn Pratt
The Bryant Family

News from the Zion Sunday School

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

Sunday, September 10th: Start of 2017-18 Sunday School Classes

Sunday School – Pre-K thru 12th Grade

Just a reminder - There are no Sunday School classes this summer. We will start up again in September on Sunday, September 10th at 9:15am.

First Church of God in Christ
EN-RICH-MENT Frontline Dancers
6pm Jerusalem Baptist Church
The New Beginnings Band
7pm Michael Kelley & Next Level

The children were once again successful because of the grace of God this year. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Offering – We continued to raise the most money during the week. We collected a total of \$78,360. The Youth & Family Treatment Center is a place of hope that focuses on reaching out to the community. We stressed each day that we are here to help. Wernle. What a great job!

Food Pantry – The children went to Zion's Food Pantry to help collect items for a "Spaghetti Challenge" to help collect items for spaghetti sauce, macaroni, and a challenge and served their own.

Quilt Squares – We continue to raise a lot of "SUPER" quilt squares. Five of these quilts will be donated to Wernle Youth Center. The quilt raffle will be held on Sunday, August 13th. The winner was this year's lucky winner. The student's in Miss Renee's class were recognized for their hard work and time. The "Market Square Crew" for the market square volunteers for all of your hard work.

Daily Service – Another service that stressed how important the subjects listed above, the kids at Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center. The children also made a prayer card and wants us to help other children. The teachers that said "thank you" to the teachers during closing time. The letters that will be sent to O'Connell Kits" that have water and other items.

Daily Homework – The children read the Hero Code and Hero Values. The children learned of how they went out and did good. WISDOM, HOPE and PEACE.

Thank you again to everyone who supported us. We all were God's Heroes!

HERO CENTRAL STAFF

Director: Debbie Fox

Teachers:

Pre-K/K: Linda Tvorik & Janet Slease

1st - 3rd: Connie Riffe

4th - 6th: Renee Keith

Music: Darlene Milavickas & Brianna Artz

Crafts & Service: Connie Frank, Cheryl Roman & Carol Rossbach

Outdoor Games & Service: Eric Dague & Amber Hassig

Morning Snacks: Kay Reiss

Youth Helpers: Cassie Frank, August Genovese, Chrissy Nicholson, Sydney Pepper, Mallory Rhodes, Marcus Rhodes, Max Schroeter, Delaney Snodgrass, Brandon Snyder, Christopher Thompson, Alanna Walsh & Abby Wilsbacher

Other Volunteers: Jeff Frank, Nathan Fox, Dean Fox, Melissa Riffle, Doug Roman, & Merin Wood

Quilters: Kay Davis, Joyce Gibeaut, Helen Heller, Darlene Milavickas, Kay Reiss, Donna Roan, Carol Rossbach, Carol Snyder and Betty Tracy

Special Guest Speaker: Ron Tvorik, US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Registration: Vicki Givler

Newsletter: Debbie Fox

Decorations: Carol Rossbach

Photography: Carley Frank

T Shirts: Designed & donated by NC Embroidery – Jeff Frank

This year was truly awesome! Because of the above people, our program was such a SUPER success. Zion is very blessed with a great group of volunteers who make our VBS program one of the best! Everyone's flexibility, time commitment and hard work are invaluable! I could not do it without everyone's help and support, and for that I am grateful from the bottom of my heart!

Thank you again to all involved!
Debbie Fox

GOD'S HEROES HAVE HEART, COURAGE, WISDOM, HOPE & POWER!



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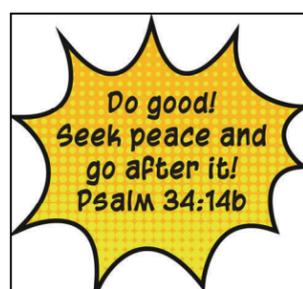
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On Friday our final our Hero Code was “God’s Heroes Have POWER”. Our lesson was “Pentecost” from Acts 2:1-41. In this New Testament story, we discovered a powerful lesson about the Holy Spirit. All through the Gospels, Jesus’ disciples had many moments of being confused or afraid, but at Pentecost things changed. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples a power that enabled them to preach the good news of Christ without fear and to remain courageous even when faced with difficult situation. They did many good things for others. God gives us the power to share the good news of Jesus. God’s people are heroes because they use their power to do good, to seek peace and share the good news of Jesus with others. That is exactly what the followers of Jesus did in the story of Pentecost.

Thanks be to God for a week of SUPER lessons with such powerful messages that help us to find the strength God gives us to be His Heroes! We have the HEART, COURAGE, WISDOM, HOPE and POWER to serve God. No matter what we look like (it is what is inside that matters), no matter what our fears (it is ok to be scared), no matter what our circumstance (there is always hope that things will get better), no matter how big or small the deed (they are all important), we simply need to trust in God and have faith that we can do all that God wants us to.

We had a “SUPER” group of Hero Leaders this year at VBS. Janet Slease, Linda Tvorik, Nathan Fox and Merin Wood shared the teaching duties in our Pre-K/K group throughout the week along with youth helpers, Max Schroeter, Chrissy Nicholson and August Genovese. Connie Riffle led our 1st – 3rd grade group with youth helper, Alanna Walsh and Renee Keith led our 4th – 6th grade group. They put in a lot of time and hard work to make this year’s program such a success. I am so grateful to them for the amazing job that they did! The children learned so much and had a great time thanks to these Heroes!

Music once again was one of the favorite parts of VBS thanks to Darlene Milavickas and Brianna Artz. They did a SUPER job with the kids, teaching them the songs, motions and dancing. They also put together a SUPER program on Friday that the kids’ family and friends truly enjoyed. We saw a lot of group hugs and smiles all week during the music rotation. The children really enjoyed this year’s songs which were fun and had great meaning. I am sure they will be singing and dancing to these songs for a long time! Thanks Darlene and Brianna, and thanks for pitching in wherever you were needed during the week when the kids were not in music!

Our “SUPER” crafts were outstanding as always thanks to Connie Frank and Cheryl Roman along with their youth helpers, Cassie Frank and Sydney Pepper. This year the kids did crafts and service projects which included quilt squares, superhero masks and capes, superhero slime, painted t-shirts, superhero bracelets and “Power Kits”. The finished products were awesome! Thank you to Connie and Cheryl along with their great group of helpers throughout the week for all the prep and hard work to lead the kids during this rotation!!!

This year’s outdoor games & service rotation was led by Eric Dague and Amber Hassig. We had a week of mixed weather that kept us inside a couple days but the kids loved playing a variety of games and activities that included a superhero workout, a superhero training course, relay races, tag and much more. The games and activities encouraged teamwork and reinforced the Hero Codes and Hero Verse throughout the week. The kids also made “Thank You Scrolls” for their “SUPER TEACHERS” on Wednesday as a service project. These scrolls were presented to the teachers by their classes during closing that day. Thank you to Eric and Amber for a job well done!!!

Thank you to Kay Reiss a Snyder, Delaney Snodgrass day. We appreciate all the traveling popsicle and ice of their rotations! We also

This year we were very bl Tuesday morning and spe Auxiliary and brought all kids really enjoyed and ha spending time with us and Hero Code - “God’s Hero for each of the kids!

The week finished out wit Music Program on Friday to go outside and enjoy loo loon toss and tag and the s and sunny day which allow ing good, seeking peace a performance of all the som were amazing singing and for leading the kids in mu Central Week with a pizza rootbeer floats! A SUPER about how we are all God

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