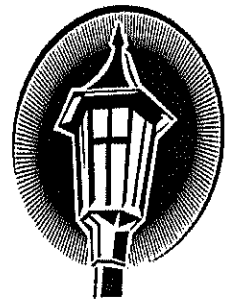


The Lutheran Lantern

A newsletter of the Canton City Lutheran Parish 330-495-7481



Shedding light on our life together in Christ
First Lutheran Church, & Zion Lutheran Church
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November 2018

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SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST

Sunday, November 4
All Saints Sunday
Daylight Saving Time Ends

Tuesday, November 6
Election Day

Saturday, November 10
Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483

Sunday, November 11
Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 20
7:00 PM
39th Annual Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service
Zion United Church of Christ
North Canton, OH

Wednesday, November 21
Church Offices Closed

Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving Day
Offices Closed

Sunday, November 25
Christ the King

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."

November, in the church, is a full month of thanksgiving. We begin by giving thanks for all God's saints. All Saints' Day is November 1. We will observe this celebration of those who have gone before us in faith at our weekend services on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4. God's grace has come into our lives through followers of Jesus who we have known and loved and also through followers of Jesus who the church recognizes for their witness during past decades and centuries.

We continue our giving of thanks as our country celebrates a national day of Thanksgiving on November 22. In preparation for it, many of our members will once again participate in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 20. This year Zion UCC in North Canton is hosting it.

We conclude our month of thanksgiving by celebrating Christ the King Sunday on November 25. We give thanks for the in-breaking reign of God in Jesus the Christ. In this time of great anxiety and fear in our nation, it is helpful to turn to Jesus' teaching so that our eyes may be open to his presence even in the midst of this messy world.

In Matthew 6:25-33 Jesus says we should not be anxious for tomorrow. We should not worry about what we will eat or what we will wear. God takes care of the birds of the air and the flowers of the field so surely our heavenly Father will take care of us. We can't add any length to our life by worrying. "Desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33 CEB)

This should seem comforting. God will take care of us. We are worth more than the birds or the flowers. But it is not always comforting. Birds get eaten by larger birds or by cats. There are no longer many places where flowers are allowed to grow freely in the field. They are mown down. They may suffer drought. Other flowers are grown only to be cut down to make decorations for weddings or church altars and then discarded a few days later. And we know that humans suffer. Consider just one example—Syria. The estimated number of deaths in the Syrian war by 2016 was approximately 400,000. There have been thousands killed since then, but it is no longer possible to get good estimates. Besides those killed, there are millions of Syrian refugees.

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First Lutheran—10:30 am
Zion Lutheran—9:00 am
 (Saturday—5:00 pm)

WORSHIP SERVICE SCRIPTURES

Sun., Nov 4—All Saints
 Isaiah 25:6-9 or Wisdom 3:1-9
 Psalm 24
 Revelation 21:1-6a
 John 11:32-44

Sun., Nov 11—Pentecost 25
 1 Kings 17:8-16
 Psalm 146
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44

Sun., Nov 18—Pentecost 26
 Daniel 12:1-3
 Psalm 16
 Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
 Mark 13:1-8

Sun., Nov 25—Christ the King
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 Psalm 93
 Revelation 1:4b-8
 John 18:33-37

Advent Devotional Booklets



Advent devotional booklets will be available. Please pick

up one and use it daily during the month of December.

Pastor Kratzer has a special set of Advent Cards for each family with children. They will be given to the children during Sunday Services on November 25 and December 2.

Pastor's column continued

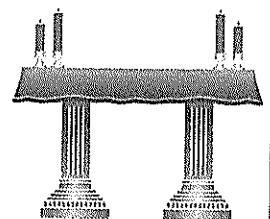
In this country, we know of the homeless, the hungry, those who live in poverty, and those who are killed by violence at way too young of an age.

Scholars disagree on how Matthew 6:24-33 should be interpreted. But for me, I think one of the keys is the connection between food and clothing needed for this life and desiring God's kingdom. Food and clothing are needed for the here and now. They are needed for this physical life. And so if we are to desire first and foremost God's kingdom, that too must be for the here and now. That too must start with this physical life. It is in Jesus (God made physical in the flesh) that we most clearly experience the in-breaking kingdom of God. We need not worry about God's kingdom in the future. God's kingdom will continue to come with or without our anxiety. Earlier in the 6th chapter of Matthew is the Lord's Prayer where Jesus teaches us to pray, "[God's] kingdom come...on earth as in heaven." Matthew 25 tells us that when we feed the hungry and clothe the naked, we are feeding and clothing Christ, himself. We participate in making God's kingdom visible in this time and in this place. It is God's kingdom. It is God's work. God wants God's children to be cared for in the present. But it is our hands that help to make the in-breaking of the kingdom a reality to those around us in the here and now.

Pastor Darla Ann

Liturgical Forecast

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| Nov 4 | All Saints Sunday |
| Nov 20 | Thanksgiving Interfaith Service |
| Nov 25 | Christ the King Sunday |
| Dec 2 | Advent 1 |
| Dec 9 | Advent 2 - Christmas Pageant & Music |
| Dec 16 | Advent 3 |
| Dec 23 | Advent 4 & Christmas Eve (Sunday) |
| Dec 30 | Christmas 1 |
| Jan 6 | Epiphany of Our Lord |
| Jan 13 | Baptism of Our Lord |



**Time Change
November 4**



Remember to change your clocks and other electronic devices when you go to bed on Saturday, November 3.

**39th Annual Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service 7 PM**

*Zion United Church of Christ,
415 S Main St, North Canton*

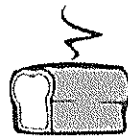


Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to gather with those of other faith traditions in our common desire to express our gratitude for all that has blessed our lives in the past year.

This is on a **Tuesday evening** so that those who are traveling can attend. It also allows those hosting Thanksgiving Day gatherings to be at home cooking and cleaning on the eve before the big day.

Each of the clergy from the participating congregations will have a role in the service. Choir members from each congregation are asked to arrive at 6 pm to rehearse together before the service begins.

**Fresh Baked Goods
for Thanksgiving**



Order your Thanksgiving desserts from the list below. Proceeds will benefit adopting a family for Christmas this season.

Orders will be taken until November 11. Pickup will be Sunday, November 18 from 9am-12pm at First Lutheran.

- ◆ Cinnamon Apple Bread (1 loaf) \$4.00
- ◆ Blueberry Bread (1 loaf) \$4.00
- ◆ Banana Bread (1 loaf) \$4.00
- ◆ Date Nut Bread (1 loaf) \$4.00
- ◆ Pumpkin Bread (1 loaf) \$4.00
- ◆ Ginger Snaps with Pumpkin Dip (1 doz.) \$4.00
- ◆ Pumpkin Shaped Sugar Cookies (1 doz.) \$4.00

Last orders will be taken on November 11.

Contact Tim Stuhldreher if you are unable to pick-up your baked goods during that time. The First Lutheran Church Service Committee is unable to deliver orders.

Products may contain nuts; or be produced on equipment with the presence of nuts.



Canton City Lutheran Parish Council Notes

Parish Council met on October 8, 2018 at First Lutheran. We discussed the upcoming Reformation Sunday Joint Service at Zion on 10/28/18, the rummage sale at Zion on 10/13/18, and upcoming Program Planning Committee meeting in November. We also discussed that in Pauline's extended absence, Teresa Bohland will be filling in for her. We also discussed the proposed Parish budget for 2019 and any changes needed. Also, some cost cutting measures were discussed and proposed relating to the Worship bulletins and those will be presented to the congregations in the near future. Our next meeting will be December 3, 2018 at Zion.

Noisy Offering

On Sunday, September 30 we had a Noisy Offering during our CCLP worship service at First. This offering will help support a local ministry: Hartville Migrant Ministry. Thank you for your generosity toward our brothers and sisters in Christ. Total amount given was \$281.00

**Walsh University
Lifelong Learning Academy
Barrette Business & Community Center**

A Taste of Torah & Talmud

The Walsh University Lifelong Learning Academy will present a two-part series titled "A Taste of Torah and Talmud" with Rabbi John Spitzer on Wednesday, November 14 from 7—8:30 pm. **November 14** "A Taste of Torah" will be an up close and personal look at this sacred handwritten text. **November 28** "A Taste of Talmud" is an introduction to the Talmud, the classic compendium of Rabbinic Law and Lore.

**Make Joyful Noise Unto the Lord:
The Music of the Mass
Monday, November 12 & 26**

This is an overview of Music of the Mass from medieval to modern times in a two—part survey tracing the evolution of Catholic liturgical music celebrating the Mass from Jewish cantillation and ancient manuscript sources through the centuries to the masterpieces of the Renaissance up to contemporary interpretations. Part 1 will cover the period from antiquity through Medieval period to the dawn of the Renaissance. Part 1 will give samples of the great masterpieces by famous composers of the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical & Romantic periods, concluding with compositions of our own times including the Jazz idiom.

Challenge Grant for UrbanArk



2 corinthians 9:7

A generous donor has offered to match all donations made to the UrbanArk during the fourth quarter of this year. Up to \$15,000.00 will be matched. So, this is a great time to give to the UrbanArk. Donations may be given through your congregation or sent directly to this food and clothing ministry. If giving as a part of the offering you share during a worship service in your congregation, please mark your envelope with the amount for UrbanArk and it will be credited to you on your Report of Giving for the year. Checks being sent directly to UrbanArk should be sent in care of St. Stephen Martyr, 4600 Fulton Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Through the UrbanArk food and clothing ministries God's love is shared with many in need.

Cross Cultural Conversations

The CCC Team invites you to an intentional conversation that crosses racial lines and addresses issues of race and privilege.

**November 10 10 am—Noon
Holy Trinity, Akron
50 N Prospect St., Akron**

David & Susan Cherwin

Hymn Festival: The Spirit of Transformation with David & Susan Cherwin

Friday, November 12 at 7 pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
50 N Prospect St Akron, OH

Gathered by the Spirit of God, we will sing together of ongoing forming and re-forming in lives, in hearts, in community. Led by David & Susan Cherwin, we will enter into that holy place where word and melody, voice and heart, create a space for encounter, for beauty, for newness.

Reception to follow in the Chapel Lounge Gallery.

REMINDERS

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Please submit all information for the Sunday bulletin to the office **NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM** on **WEDNESDAYS**. The bulletins are printed on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit all information for the December 2018 Newsletter to the office by **9:00 AM** on **Wednesday, November 14**.

Please call the Parish Office at 330-456-0210 or email firstlutheran1810@sbcglobal.net with your information. Thank you!



The purpose of UrbanArk is proclaiming Jesus and sharing His love by helping about 400 families a month with clothing and groceries. Your prayers are requested for the people being served and also for those who are privileged to serve and share the love of Christ.

In-season clothing only - **fall/winter clothing** is being accepted now.

Super Six Most Need Food Items

Boxed Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna
Canned Vegetables, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Soup.

Also needed are items that do not require cooking to be given to those who are homeless. Examples: canned fruits with pop-tab lids, cereals, crackers, canned meats with pop-tab lids. These donations will go to UrbanArk.

Prayer Chains

First Members:

Please call Carole Nichols (330-484-3306) if you wish to have a person's name added to the First Prayer Chain.

Zion Members:

Please call Monica Stinson (234-207-9661) if you wish to have a person's name added to the Zion Prayer Chain.



Hospitalizations

If you or a loved one is hospitalized and you desire pastoral care, please call the church office. Due to privacy laws, hospitals cannot tell pastors who has been admitted to the hospital without the patient's purpose. That may mean that your clergyperson will not know of a hospitalization. So, please call the church office if you desire a hospital visit for yourself or a loved one. On evenings and weekends, you may also wish to leave a message for Pastor Kratzer on her cell phone: 330-495-8710.

The Artful Family Enrichment Center

The Artful Family is looking for caring individuals to rock babies and read to toddlers. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Rossetti at (330)324-3451.



Worship Anew

This 30-minute weekly television program features classic hymns of the church, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a 10 minute message from a Lutheran pastor.

For those of you in the Canton/Massillon area who have **Spectrum**, the program is on **Channel 12 at 11:30 am**.

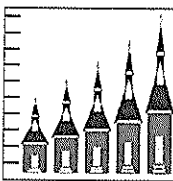
CCL Parish Office at First Lutheran:
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Thursdays
9:00 am - 12 noon



Zion Lutheran office on:
Tuesdays 12:00 pm-3:30 pm
Wednesdays 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Capital Campaign

Raised so far: \$26,282.42



There are just three months left in Zion's Capital Campaign. We have raised enough to cover the cost of the air conditioning units. But not enough to move on with other facility projects. Although we will fall far short of the original goal, it would be a great success if we could bring in enough to have the flat roof section replaced. So, please consider an extra gift to the Capital Campaign this fall.

**Annual Fall Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 11**

Following service.

Packets are now available for you to pick up that have a Budget Summary page and the Budget in detail.

This meeting includes adopting a budget for 2019 and electing new Zion Council members and a Parish Council member.



**Assisting Minister
& Lector Schedule
OCTOBER 2018**

Saturday Service

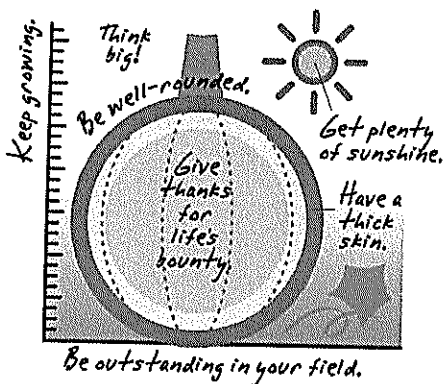
- Nov 3** AM Jill Glover
L Dana Brost
- Nov 10** AM Dennis Gedra
L Celeste Martin
- Nov 17** AM Jill Glover
L Dana Brost
- Nov 24** AM Jill Glover
L Celeste Martin



Sunday Service

- Nov 4** AM Doug Miller
L Erika Offineer
- Nov 11** AM Doug Miller
L Jake Mandator
- Nov 18** AM Doug Miller
L David Rennecker
- Nov 25** AM Doug Miller
L Jamison & Olivia Offineer

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord at Zion. If you are unable to do so on the assigned date, please arrange to switch with another person and notify Marie at 330-456-0210 or the church office so that the bulletin information will be correct.



Women's Group

The women meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Elevator Café at 9:30 am at Zion. All are welcome to join us.



Rummage Sale Results



On Saturday, October 13 we held a Rummage Sale & Craft day at Zion Lutheran. There was a table designated with items for the CCLP.

The total of sales came to \$40 which will be used for future CCLP events. Thanks you for all who stopped by, shopped, donated or participated in some way.

Card Shower

Please help us brighten the day of a fellow member by sending them a card or note in the mail. If you have a suggestion for a future Card Shower recipient please contact the Church office.



Our recipient for October will be:
Jean Devis
St. Luke Lutheran Community
220 Applegrove St NE
North Canton, OH 44720

Cookie Hour

Bakers or cookie buyers are needed to enable cookie hour to continue each week. If you are able to help out, please contact Marcia Schmidt or the church office to schedule a date to bring cookies.

Hall Rental

Planning a fall event or party? Or perhaps a family reunion? Zion has several different spaces available to rent for whatever your next event might be! Members of Zion and First receive a significant discount on rentals. Stop in or call the church office for more information.

Wednesday Workdays

Zion needs you!! There continues to be a list of items that need repaired, cleaned and/or reorganized here at Zion. Please join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. Contact John Aiken at (330)904-2780 or Brian Kaufman at (330)284-3523 for more information.

Copy Machine

Members of Zion who need either black & white or color copies are invited to use the machine in the Zion Office. Monica will show you how to use the machine and you can deposit payment in the specially marked can. The rates are very reasonable:

5 cents per copy for black & white
20 cents per copy for color
Double that amount for duplex copies

Donations were given In Memory of:



Norma Blankenship-Maullar
Cindy Burrell

St. Luke Lutheran Community Annual Meeting of the Corporation

Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 pm
In the Chapel—North Canton
220 Applegrove Street NE

St. Luke's Mission: Is to provide faith-based services to enrich the lives of older adults.

The Founders, members of the Lutheran Women's League of Stark and Adjacent Counties, were a group of women from local Lutheran churches who saw a need in the community and were called to take action.

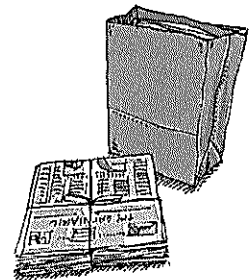
On November 13, you will hear stories about the impact St. Luke is making in the community and learn from their newest team members, how they are working to make positive changes in the organization.

RSVP to Heather Coontz, 330-966-5626

Paper Recycling

Zion has a paper Recycling Bin in the parking lot near 7th Street (across from Giant Eagle).

Please bring all your recyclable paper products and deposit them in the bin. Thank you for helping both the environment and Zion Lutheran by recycling. There is no longer a recycling bin at First.



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ZION'S BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, NOTES

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11-2 Catelyn Hastings
- 11-8 Melinda Cox
- 11-11 Emmalou Clark
- 11-15 Dana Brost
- 11-17 Jake Mandator
- 11-21 Maureen Nye
- 11-17 Rosemary Lutzko
- 11-24 Dawn Gamble
- 11-30 Richard Jones
- 11-30 Robert Welling

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12-5 Lois Smyser
- 12-10 Noelle Dyer
- 12-10 Gregory Harris
- 12-16 Robert Jacks
- 12-18 Richard Anderson
- 12-20 Thomas Brost
- 12-24 Jeffrey Polen
- 12-25 Catherine Safford

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None

ENID ABBOTT

CAROL MIDAY

JEAN DEVIS

JEAN SUAREZ



CHRISTINE KENDIG

EMMA WELLING

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Zion's Council will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

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2018 Parish Council

Larry Bogue (First) - Convener—2020
Dana Brost (Zion) - Recorder—2018
Mary Steiger (First) - 2018
Luella Zink (Zion) - 2020
Carolyn Safford (Zion) - 2019
Judy Reisinger—Treasurer
Darla Ann Kratzer—Pastor