

The Lutheran Lantern

A newsletter of the Canton City Lutheran Parish 330-456-0210



Shedding light on our life together in Christ
First Lutheran Church & Zion Lutheran Church
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PASTOR DIANA'S OFFICE HOURS

First Office:

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-4:30 pm

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Saturdays, 1:00 pm until after
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Adjusting Expectations

I ask myself this question every few months. What has changed about myself? Health, faith, family, finances, friends, etc. If we are honest with ourselves, we know that we are in a constant state of change. Often, differences can be subtle and easy to miss. I like to use the example of watching a child grow daily and occasionally seeing a child. It is much easier to see the changes when we don't see the incremental changes in daily life. Sometimes, we have a shocking change, but most modification is minor and adds up over time.

Congregations are also going through constant change. Again, there are times when a significant change occurs to delineate a before and after.

Just like our personal lives, we need to stop and reflect on the changes in congregations. This is not any easier as a congregation than it is an individual. It requires honesty and intention. We miss the opportunities to take proactive steps when we ignore small changes to keep ourselves emotionally comfortable. We become reactionary and only deal with the crisis. This increases anxiety because we are not planning ahead and it makes us feel like we are blind-sided.

So what do we do? We, individually and communally, ask what is the state of our personal lives and the life of our congregation. We give honest answers or talk it through with a trusted person who will point out the changes. Questions can include: How am I different today from a year ago? What have I gained and what have I lost? This can mean touching of painful changes in your life and may not always be easy. You may also find that when you are intentional in this process you are consciously aware of the positive things that have come into your life. We can ask the same type of questions as members of a congregation. Such as: What are our greatest successes? What do we need to let go of for the sake of the mission of Christ?

Self-reflection is not an easy process. It can be hard to confront unpleasant truths about ourselves/community. It can also be hard to see the positives if we have a pessimistic mindset. By answering both questions of loss and gain we can realize that no one and nothing is all positive or negative experience.

I encourage you to take a page of note paper and make a list of losses and growth in yourself and the congregation. See where God calls you to continue to grow, what you are asked to give up because it is not life-giving, and what you want to work on to make your growth intentional.

Peace, *Pastor Diana*

WORSHIP MATTERS

First Lutheran, 10:30 am

Zion Lutheran, 9 am

(Saturday service, 4 pm)



PLEASE plan to join us for the Joint CCLP Worship Service Sunday, October 29, Reformation Sunday, 10am at Zion. There is **NO worship** service Sat., Oct. 28 at 4 pm. This joint worship opportunity is a great gift where we can show our love and support for one another. We look forward to seeing everyone there!! *Bring your Noisy Offering!*

PLEASE remember to take the time to pray for our pastor, church councils, parish leaders, and your siblings during your daily prayer time!

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesdays, 10 am—Zion Property Work Day

Thursdays, 10 am—The Cut-Ups at First Lutheran meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to join us WHEN you can. It need not be every Thursday.

Thursdays, 7 pm— Zoom Bible Study continues

Sundays, 11:45 am — "Brown Bag Lunch" Bible study continues

OCT DATES

Tue., Oct. 3—6 pm First Witness Committee Meeting, Muggswigs downtown

Sat., Oct 7—10 am Worship Committee, First

Mon., Oct. 9—6:30 pm Parish Dandelion Meeting at Zion

Tue., Oct. 10—7pm Zion Council Meeting

Sat., Oct. 21—9 am Dandelion Project Meeting at First

Sun., Oct 22—Last Sunday to bring items for the "Urgent Community Needs" project

Thu., Oct. 26—10 am, Cut-Ups and Service Committee to assemble and deliver "Urgent Need" supplies

Sun., Oct. 29 —10 am Joint CCLP Worship at First. Noisy offering will be collected.

Mon., Oct 30—3 pm through 5 pm Canton City Trick-or-Treat

LOOKING AHEAD DATES

Mon., Nov. 6—6:30 pm First Council Meeting

Tue., Nov. 7— Stewardship Meeting, First

Tue., Nov. 14—7 pm Zion Council Meeting

Sun., Nov. 19—Zion Congregational Meeting immediately after worship

Wed., Nov. 22—Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Thurs., Nov. 23—Thanksgiving Holiday

Sat., Dec. 2— 9 am Decorate First for Advent/Christmas

Sun., Dec. 3—First Congregational Meeting following worship

Sat. Dec., 23—No Saturday Worship

Sun. Dec., 24—10 am Joint Parish Worship at Zion; 4 pm Christmas Eve at Zion; 7 pm Christmas Eve at First

Sun., Dec. 31—10 am Joint Parish Worship at First

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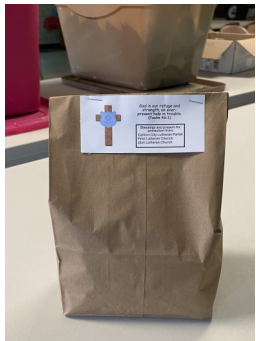
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PARISH NEWS

FUEL the BLUE—Thank You

Fuel The Blue project was blown out of the water by our generous Parish! We collected **\$663**. This allowed us to bless 150 officers and 8 K-9 Unit Officers. The 8 K-9 Dogs were given a special treat bag too. 160 bottles of water were delivered. The delivery crew Mary Steiger, Cheryl, Kari, Kelly and Tim were assisted by 3 strong male officers and 2 strong female officers. The SMILES were HUGE on the officers faces with appreciative hand shakes and thank yous. We filled their breakroom tables and chairs! They were impressed we included the K9 unit and all 150 officers. Pictures with the officers were not allowed to protect their identity. Our parishes combined, used *Gods blessings & Work* to provide the community police recognition for their services. All this was done by **OUR HANDS**. God Bless all who donated monies, time, shopping and assembling this **FUEL THE BLUE** project!



MEAL MINISTRY

Our Meal Ministry (formerly Soup Kitchen) continues as we are in partnership with Refuge of Hope. Even though we do not serve the meals out of our building, we do provide workers for those meals on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (10:30 – 12:00) and the last Wednesday of each month (10:30 – 12:00). Thirty-five meals are prepared and delivered to the YWCA as well. We also contribute \$200 monthly for the Meal Ministry to Refuge of Hope to help with the cost of food. **Any donations** to this worthy cause would be so much appreciated.

We could use more **volunteers** from the congregations to help serve the meals mentioned above. Even if you cannot serve each month and would like to be a back-up, that would be helpful as well. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Geri Keeler, Francie Seaman or Carole Nichols.

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS

We are blessed to live in and near a community with so many FREE cultural events. Malone University has three (3) upcoming concerts in October. Both Christ Presbyterian Church, Canton, OH, and Arts at Holy Trinity Akron have released their schedules for the 2023-2024 year. Arts at Holy Trinity Akron is celebrating 40 years of incredible music! Schedules have been posted at both churches. You may go online to any of the above mentioned sponsors for more information or call the parish office, 330-456-0210. What wonderful opportunities for our enjoyment!

URGENT Community Needs Project October 1-22, 2023.

We have a new service committee project starting October 1st and collecting through October 22nd. Urban Ark has requested the following items that they urgently need for our community. **Feminine Hygiene products** (individually wrapped) sanitary pads, liners and tampons, **Laundry Detergent, 10 oz. size** so they can carry them and **Toilet Paper**.

When disasters strike, the first things needed other than bottled water and diapers are the three (3) above things. Our committee has decided this is a much needed service we could assist them with. There will be bins labeled "**Urgent Community Needs Project**" and strategically placed at both churches. If you wish to donate money instead of the actual items you may reference this project as the "Aunt Flo" project for shorter entries on the memo line of your checks.

PARISH NEWS

Annual Bake Sale

Our Annual November Bake Sale will take place November 19th. Orders will be taken October 15th thru November 12th. Proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels, Stark County.

Inflation of baking supplies has resulted in an increased price. The items will be \$6.00 each this year.

Following are items we will have for available to order: BREADS – banana, blueberry, cinnamon- apple, date, and pumpkin. Gingersnaps with pumpkin dip and cutout cookies will be available too.

You may use the order form that's included here. Order forms will also be included in the weekly bulletins beginning Sunday, October 1.

Annual Bake Sale Oder Form—All items \$6.00 each

Sales Benefit Meals on Wheels of Stark County

Breads

_____Bannana _____Cinnamon Apple _____Date

_____Blueberry _____Pumpkin

Cookies

_____Ginger Snaps w/ Pumpkin Dip _____Cut-out Cookies

Total item purchased: _____ Total Amount Due:\$ _____

Name: _____

ZION NEWS

Zion Congregational Meeting



There will be a congregational meeting **Sunday, November 19**, immediately following worship. Please mark your calendars with this date and plan to attend. The church budget for the upcoming year will be one of the items discussed. Your voice is important!

Ongoing Capital Campaign for the Roof

The Capital Campaign for the roof continues. Please continue to watch the display by the elevator to see where we are in gifts toward the roof campaign. We have received over \$14,000.00 to date. Thank you to all have contributed. If you have not yet given in support of this campaign, PLEASE prayerfully consider what you can give.



God's Work. Our Hands Caring Cards Outreach

Thank you to the members of Zion who participated in the "God's Work, Our Hands - Caring Cards Outreach" on September 10.

Cards and bookmarks were mailed to our homebound members, those on the prayer list, and friends of Zion. We appreciate the donations of cards, stamps, and labels to support this outreach. More than 150 cards were mailed in the past year.

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FIRST NEWS

Parking Reminder

First Lutheran Council extends the reminder to not park in the west 2nd street lot on Sunday mornings. Our neighbors next door have asked that we leave that lot open on Sundays. First Lutheran has inquired about the use of the lot during the week. Correspondence is still pending. For the time being, park at your own risk. FLC owns the spots directly adjacent to the church building (4 spots).

Our Church Home - A Property Update

A lot has happened within the recent months at our church home. First Lutheran Property Committee has prepared a list of projects that need to be completed around the building. Below is a list of projects completed, in-flight and upcoming that need our attention.

Completed:

Fellowship Hall Women's restroom renovation
Fellowship Hall Men's restroom renovation
Pastor's Office Restroom upgrade

In-Progress:

Sunday School Boy's Room— demolition & cap

Sacristy Pipe Leak - A legacy issue that has exacerbated into a more pressing concern. A rusted pipe has caused plaster to fall within the basement stairway causing a mold concern. The ceiling will need to be removed in order to understand the full scope of the leak. The water has been shut off to this restroom until further notice.

Front Step Posts—One of our stairwell posts was hit and destroyed recently. A police report has been filed, with the culprits unlikely to be found. Property members were able to clean up the debris. Council has voted to have the non-damaged post removed for consistency and uniformity in appearance. An insurance claim was not submitted to avoid the \$5,000 deductible.

Exterminator Engaged— Loveless Extermination has been hired to maintain the grounds as there have been issues with roaches in the lower basement and fellowship hall. A year-long, quarterly treatment engagement has been enacted and will be reviewed for renewal upon completion.

Upcoming Large Projects:

Roof Estimates - Hostetler Roofers were contacted regarding falling plaster within the main sanctuary. A drone was used to review the rest of the roof and offered a second opinion, which alluded to a more significant issue. First Lutheran Council in conjunction with the property committee will be working to receive additional quotes to better understand the scope of the roofing issues presented. Members of First Lutheran Council are reviewing potential grant options regarding the building's historical registry.

Alarm System—Our current alarm system is well over 30 years old and is continuing to have maintenance issues. As time progresses, our sensors are needing more and more attention - some have even been retired. Council is reviewing options to upgrade the system to a more modern configuration. First attempts are being taken with our current vendor, however, additional companies may be contacted for comparison.

Bob Beck Memorial Committee

A committee convened to brainstorm ideas for a memorial event in Bob Beck's name. A decision was made to have a dedication Sunday in the springtime where a specialized plaque will be presented to the church and hung. Efforts will be made to advertise the event in various local media outlets. Once a date is selected, volunteers will be needed to assist with planning a reception and preparing invitations.

Communion Wine

A donation of boxed red/white/pink wine has been received and will be used for communion wine in the coming Sundays. This wine will not be used during joint Sundays so it is not confused with the grape juice option.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

At First Office, Mon., Tues., & Thurs 9:00am-4:30pm;
Wed., 12:30pm-5:30pm

At Zion Office, Wed., 9:00am-12:00pm

You may reach Teresa at the parish office, located in
First Lutheran Church, 330-456-0210,
or email to firstlutheran1810@sbcglobal.net

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST October BIRTHDAYS

Pauline Horvath, 10-6
Tyler Koleski, 10-9
Carla Koleski, 10-14
Vern Nelson, 10-14
Dave Herritt, 10-17
Samantha Nichols, 10-18
Joseph Schlegel, 10-19
Devin Koehler, 10-24
Mike Bruckner, 10-27



ZION October BIRTHDAYS

Jocelyn Hastings, 10-08
Ray Harms, 10-24
Harold Rine, 10-30
Elizabeth Wenning, 10-31

FIRST November BIRTHDAYS

Steve DeNayer, 11-14
Dana Brost, 11-15
Todd Steiger, 11-18
Abigail Nichols, 11-19
Grace Nichols, 11-19
Vicki Beck, 11-20
Matt Reisinger, 11-23
Jordan Fiddler, 11-10



ZION November BIRTHDAYS

Melinda Cox, 11-6
Emmalou Clark, 11-11
Rosemary Lutzko, 11-17
Charles "Jake" Mandator, 11-17
Maureen Nye, 11-21
Dawn Gamble, 11-24
Richard Jones, 11-30

FIRST October ANNIVERSARIES

Alex & Ashley Rehfus, 10-17
John & Ingrid Mueller, 10-22
Albert & Angela Koehler, 10-24

FIRST November ANNIVERSARIES

Klaus
Karen

&



ZION October ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Noelle Dyer, 10-15

ZION November ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

Surprise Birthday Party for Nicki Yoder (First) with family and Cut-Ups.



From left to right: Joanie Smishko (Nicki's sister), George Smishko (Joanie's husband), Nicki, and Dave Yoder (Nicki's husband)



Nicki with her beautiful cake.



Nicki enjoying her party with family, Cut-Ups, and other members of First.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

BULLETIN: Please submit all information for the Sunday bulletin to the office **NO LATER THAN 10:00 AM on TUESDAYS.** Bulletins begin printing Tuesdays late afternoon.

NEWSLETTER: Please submit all information for the newsletter by the 3rd Sunday of the month, **Sunday, October 15, 2023, for November 2023.**

Please call the Parish Office at 330-456-0210 or email firstlutheran1810@sbcglobal.net with your information. We want to include you! Thank you for your cooperation.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

FIRST LUTHERAN

DOROTHY BRENNER
3667 IRA CIR SW
CANTON OH 44706-4987

MIKE BRUCKNER (*cards only*)
ST LUKE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY
220 APPLGROVE ST NE
NORTH CANTON 44720-1610

VELTA GUBESCH
(Mailing address for cards only.)
1610 25TH ST NE
CANTON OH 44714-1956

DAVE HERRITT
5535 VELDON CIR NE
CANTON OH 44721-3445

JOHN KRACH
1131 31 ST NE
CANTON OH 44714-1523

FRITZ MILLER
8517 STONEBRIDGE AVE NW
NORTH CANTON OH 44720-4649

MARY NUSKE
1021 CHAPEL RDG NE
CANTON OH 44714-2723

DONA RIDGE
1033 SMITH AVE SW
CANTON OH 44706-1456

JOHN & DONNA SALMEN
1336 DELVERNE AVE SW
CANTON OH 44710-1308

NANCY ZELMER
BETHANY NURSING HOME
626 34th ST NW RM #226
CANTON OH 44709-2943



First Cards for Our Homebound

Cards are a great way to brighten the day of someone who is homebound.

Our card recipient for **October** is:

MIKE BRUCKNER
ST LUKE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY
220 APPLGROVE ST NE
NORTH CANTON 44720-1610



Zion Card Shower

Please help us brighten the day of a fellow member by sending them a card or note in the mail.

Our recipient for **October** will be:

RON CLARK
142 WOODLAWN AVE NW
CANTON OH 44708-5161

ZION LUTHERAN

RON & EMMALOU CLARK
142 WOODLAWN AVE NW
CANTON OH 44708-5161

FLOYD COX
ASTORIA SKILLED NURSING & REHAB
3537 12TH ST NW
CANTON OH 44708-3818

DARLEEN JACKS
TWIN HILLS RM #237
ST LUKE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY
220 APPLGROVE ST NE
NORTH CANTON OH 44720-1610

TED JACKS
1035 LOIS AVE
NORTH CANTON OH 44720-1845

EILEEN LOWER
CANTON CHRISTIAN HOME
2550 CLEVELAND AVE NW RM #330
CANTON OH 44709-3371

ROSEMARY LUTZKO
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CANTON OH 44718-2870

MARGARET MAGEE
BETHANY NURSING HOME
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CANTON OH 44709-2943

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LOUISVILLE OH 44641-9083

HAROLD RINE
DANBURY SENIOR LIVING
2550 UNIVERSITY DR SE APT 213
MASSILLON OH 44646-7414

CATHY SAFFORD
THE INN AT BELDEN VILLAGE
3927 38TH ST NW

SAM SPAYD
(Theresa Newbauer's father.)
CANTON CHRISTIAN HOME
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CANTON OH 44709-3371

EMMA WELLING
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MASSILLON OH 44646-9455

DONALD & ELIZABETH WENNING
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CANTON OH 44708-2135

LUELLA ZINK
BETHANY NURSING HOME
626 34th ST NW RM #206
CANTON OH 44709-2943



Both First and Zion Lutheran have prayer chains. If you or a loved one wants prayer, please contact the parish office at 330-456-0210. You may also call Carole Nichols (First) or Karen Mann (Zion) directly if you wish. Prayer is a powerful gift we can offer to each other and our community.

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	<p>If you are in need of computer advice - whether for business or home - please call or text me at 330-737-1023, by email: josh@aiocslc.com, or check out my website at http://www.aiocslc.com. <i>Josh Speer</i></p>
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JOINT WORSHIP ON REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 10 AM AT FIRST

We will collect the Noisy Offering.

**Make plans to stay for the
Parish Picnic following worship.**



“A Might Fortress is our God” and we are stronger together.

*Note: No Saturday Service
on October 28.*