

# 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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## November 2023

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### All Saints quickly towards Advent and Christmas

I don't know if this is a clergy reality or if you may feel the same way. Once Halloween and All Saints pass, It feels like we are running toward Christmas. Because of this feeling, I try to build more time for quiet moments into my calendar. This may include getting coffee with someone, reading a book, or taking a walk. We celebrate some marvelous Holy Days between November 1 and December 25.

All Saints on November 1 (celebrated on Sunday, November 5), where we honor and celebrate the Saints that have gone before us. We will celebrate the following Parish Members who have passed since All Saints Sunday last year. Tom Brost,

Mary Lou Page, Raymond Pifer, Doris Drotleff, Ed Zelmer, Norma Jean Davis, and a non-member whose funeral I officiated for the family, Ralph Wilson. I encourage you to reflect on the saints that have brought you into or strengthened your faith.

On Sunday, November 26, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. This is a reminder of the reign of Christ. It concludes the liturgical year. We start a new liturgical year with Advent. I will be writing more about living out Advent in the December newsletter.

Peace, *Pastor Diana*

### PASTOR DIANA'S OFFICE HOURS

#### First Office:

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-4:30 pm

#### Zion Office:

Saturdays, 1:00 pm until after Sat. service

Sundays by appointment.

Her cell number for calls and texts is 330-409-5776 and her email address is  
TheRev.Thompson@gmail.com.

You can also connect via social media.

Twitter @callednsent

Facebook @dithompson

Instagram @rev\_diana

Her blog is

callednsent.blogspot.com

### Our Next Bible Study— "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible"

Dr. Mark Allan Powell, is a Lutheran pastor and Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. In this seven session video series Powell invites you to explore seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. He does not prescribe "the Lutheran way" to read the Bible nor does he dismiss the way you may have come to understand the Bible. Instead Powell presents a variety of Lutheran perspectives for interpreting the Bible. Through Powell's rich discussions you will discover answers to questions you have always had about the Bible.

The study guide is free and available at both congregations

Join us on Sundays, starting November 5, 11:45 am at First or Tuesdays, starting November 7, 1 pm at Zion or via Zoom.

The Tuesday Zoom link is <https://ow.ly/lmIA50Ptzqy>

## CALENDAR November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 am Work Day, Zion	2 10 am Cut-ups, First	3	4 4 pm Worship, Zion
5 9 am Worship, Zion 10:30 am Worship, First 11:45 am Bible Study, First	6	7 Polling at Zion all day 1 pm Bible Study, Zion & Zoom 6:30 pm Stewardship Meeting, First	8 10 am Work Day, Zion 10:30 am Meal Ministry, Refuge of hope	9 10 am Cut-ups, First	10	11 4 pm Worship, Zion
12 9 am Worship, Zion 10:30 am Worship, First 11:45 am Bible Study, First <b>Bake Sale Orders Due</b>	13 6:30 pm First Church Council, First	14 1 pm Bible Study, Zion & Zoom 7 pm Zion Church Council, Zion	15 10 am Work Day, Zion	16 10 am Cut-ups, First	17	18 4 pm Worship, Zion
19 9 am Worship, Zion 10 am Congregation Meeting, Zion 10:30 am Worship, First 11:45 am Bible Study, First <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	20	21 <b>No Bible Study,</b> 7 pm Canton City Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's Episcopal	22	23 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 4 pm Worship, Zion
26 9 am Worship, Zion 10:30 am Worship, First <b>No Bible Study</b> <b>Poinsettia Orders Due</b>	27	28 1 pm Bible Study, Zion & Zoom	29 10 am Work Day and Decorate Worship Spaces, Zion 10:30 am Meal Ministry, Refuge of hope	30 10 am Cut-ups, First		

## LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JOB

We have had seven lessons on the Book of Job. These are my reflections on what I have learned. Don Daniels

**Purpose:** The Book of Job helps us to understand the following: Satan cannot bring financial and physical destruction upon us unless it is by God's permission.

**Brief Summary:** At the beginning of the book is a scene in heaven where Satan stands before God. God asks Satan, "Have you considered my servant, Job?" (Job 1: 8), and Satan immediately accuses Job, a righteous man, of fearing God only because God had prospered him. "Strike everything he has," Satan says, "and he will surely curse you to your face" (Job 1:11). God grants Satan limited permission to put Job to the test. Why do the righteous suffer? This is the question raised after Job loses his family, his wealth, and his health. Job's three friends Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, come to "comfort" him and to discuss his crushing series of tragedies. They insist his suffering is punishment for sin in his life. Job, though, remains devoted to God through all this and contends that his life has not been one of sin. A fourth man, Elihu, tells Job he needs to humble himself and submit to God's use of trials to purify his life. Finally, Job questions God Himself and learns valuable lessons about the sovereignty of God, His sheer awesomeness, and his need to totally trust in the Lord.

Job is then restored to health, happiness, and prosperity beyond his earlier state.

**Practical Application:** The Book of Job reminds us that there is a "cosmic conflict" going on behind the scenes that we usually know nothing about. Often we wonder why God allows something, and we question or doubt God's goodness, not being privy or able to see the full picture. The Book of Job teaches us to trust God, not only WHEN we do not understand, but BECAUSE we do not understand. The psalmist tells us, "As for God, His way is perfect" (Psalm 18: 30). If God's ways are "perfect", then we can trust that whatever He does whatever He allows- is perfect.

This may not seem possible to us, but our minds are not God's mind. It is true that we can't expect to understand His mind perfectly, as He reminds us, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55: 8-9). Nevertheless, our responsibility to God is to obey Him, to trust Him, and to submit to His will whether we understand it or not.

Furthermore, as harsh as Job's cries of injustice were at times (EX. 9: 21-24; 10: 13-17; 12: 13-25), he continued to

cry out in his pain to God. He never turned his back on God, but continued to pursue Him, considering God his only hope (Refer to 13: 22-24; 16: 19-21; 19: 27; 31: 35-37).

When God finally spoke to Job (Chapters 38-41), He neither defended Himself against Job's charges nor explained Job's suffering. To do so would mean that faith must be based on understanding rather than on knowing the God who created all things and maintains order in the cosmos. God demonstrated to Job that He is worthy of man's delighting in Him. Job thus laid aside all of his earlier claims and submitted in faith to the God who rules with wisdom, power, and grace.

Job 42: 5-6, "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

God demonstrated His grace by restoring prosperity to His servant in whom He took delight. And Job came to know God better than he ever had before. He is "the Rock- His work is perfect; all His ways are entirely just. A God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32: 4).

### SOURCES:

GotQuestions.org Summary of the Book of Job - Bible Survey pgs 2-4  
Job - A Story Of Unlikely Joy by Lisa Harper Lifeway Press Brentwood, TN pg 32

**FIRST NEWS****Parking Reminder**

After communication with One Leadership, we have full access to the 2nd Street parking at any time. Please refrain from filling that lot on Sunday mornings to leave room for Pastor Diana and Doug Bower, organist for worship.

**First Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, December 3, following worship**

First Lutheran will have its annual meeting to elect council, parish council, approve a budget, and receive an update about the congregation.

**Decorating for Advent and Christmas**

Join in decorating First Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 2 at 9 am. We will have lunch and fellowship following.

**PARISH NEWS****URGENT Community Needs Project**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all for the *overwhelming support* of the “Urgent Community Needs Aunt Flo Project”. A complete count of items donated to Urban Ark will be forthcoming.

**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!

**WOW!!!****Capital Campaign Update**

We have exceeded our goal of \$25,000! As of 10/22 we have \$26,540.00. Any further gifts will continue to pay off the total roof bill of \$48,000.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

**Decorating for Advent and Christmas**

Join in decorating Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 29 at 10 am.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### FIRST November BIRTHDAYS

Steve DeNayer, 11-14  
Paula Stokes, 11-15  
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

### FIRST December BIRTHDAYS

Ingrid Miller, 12-01  
Albert Koehler, 12-02  
Robert Marchbank, 12-12  
Rayne Schlegel, 12-17  
Klaus Steinbach, 12-19  
Tom Brost, 12-20  
Mary Steiger, 12-26  
Christopher Nichols, 12-28  
Jackson Samuel Rehfus, 12-31

### FIRST November ANNIVERSARIES

Klaus & Karen Steinbach, 11-22

### FIRST December ANNIVERSARIES

None

### 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

### ZION December BIRTHDAYS

Noelle Dyer, 12-10  
Gregory Harris, 12-10  
Richard Anderson, 12-18  
Jeff Polen, 12-24  
Cathy Safford, 12-25

### ZION November ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

### ZION December ANNIVERSARIES

None

## FIRST AND ZION LUTHERAN 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.

## FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS

We are blessed to live in and near a community with so many FREE cultural events.

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.

What wonderful opportunities for our enjoyment!

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

**BULLETIN:** Please submit all information for the Sunday bulletin to the office **NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM on MONDAYS.** Bulletins print on Tuesday morning.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please submit all information for the newsletter by the 3rd Sunday of the month, **Sunday,**

**November 19, 2023, for  
December 2023.**

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

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

### FIRST LUTHERAN

**DOROTHY BRENISER**  
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

Cards are a great way to brighten the day of someone who is homebound. Please help us brighten the day of a fellow member by sending them a card or note in the mail. Our card recipients for **November** are:

**VELTA GUBESCH**  
1610 25TH ST NE  
CANTON OH 44714-1956

**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**  
4072 LINDEBERGH AVE NW  
CANTON OH 44718-2870

**MARGARET MAGEE**  
BETHANY NURSING HOME  
626 34<sup>TH</sup> ST NW RM #220  
CANTON OH 44709-2943

**CAROLE MIDAY**  
ST JOSEPH'S SENIOR LIVING  
2308 RENO DR  
LOUISVILLE OH 44641-9083

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

**CATHY SAFFORD**  
THE INN AT BELDEN VILLAGE  
3927 38<sup>TH</sup> ST NW  
CANTON OH 44718-2900

**SAM SPAYD**  
(THERESA NEWBAUER'S FATHER.)  
CANTON CHRISTIAN HOME  
2550 CLEVELAND AVE NW RM #244  
CANTON OH 44709-3371

**EMMA WELLING**  
6891 NAVARRE RD SW  
MASSILLON OH 44646-9455

**DONALD & ELIZABETH WENNING**  
3019 25<sup>TH</sup> ST NW  
CANTON OH 44708-2135

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

<b>PARISH NEWS</b>
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**Annual Bake Sale**

Please make arrangements to pick up your Baked Good Items after Worship on Sunday November 19th.

***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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Poinsettia Order and Dedication Form!**

Please fill out this form and place in the offering plate with your payment included.

Prices: \$10 per single poinsettia. Total Singles: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 per double poinsettias. Total Doubles \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ To the Glory of God

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Payment due at time of order.

What church do you want your flowers at? First or Zion? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the church where your flowers will be displayed.



**Orders will be taken through Sunday, November 26.**

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after worship on Christmas Eve, December 24.

**First Lutheran Church**  
**909 E. Tuscarawas St.**  
**Canton, OH 44707**



Canton City  
 Lutheran Parish

The Canton City Thanksgiving Service is

*Tuesday, November 21, 7 pm*

*at St. Paul's Episcopal Church,*

*425 Cleveland Ave SW.*

The Christmas Poinsettia Order form is

*inside.*

*Orders must be returned by Sunday,*

*November 26!*

**We are**



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](mailto:josh@aiocslc.com), or check out my  
 website at <http://www.aiocslc.com>. *Josh Speer*

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