

ZIONNEWS

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Sharing the Message of Salvation through Jesus Christ, Strengthening Believers, and Caring for People in Need.

This year, Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday. Although our culture cannot see the beauty in this, Christians should. Valentine's Day connotes love in relationship. Ash Wednesday communicates death because of sin—"dust you are, and to dust you shall return." What is the connection between love and death?

Death reveals our failure to love. Well, we failed to love because we first failed to trust—the original sin. But the fact of the matter is: God created humans for relationship with him. We should fear, love, and trust in him above all things. But, we place our trust in people and things other than God, and we love people and things more than God. We rebel against the Lord who first loved us. This is sin—and the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).

God reveals his love for us by sending his Son to die. By giving up his life and dying on the cross for us, Jesus saved us from eternal death and hell, forgiving our sin. In this way, God loved the world (John 3:16). Jesus restored our relationship with God, our heavenly Father.

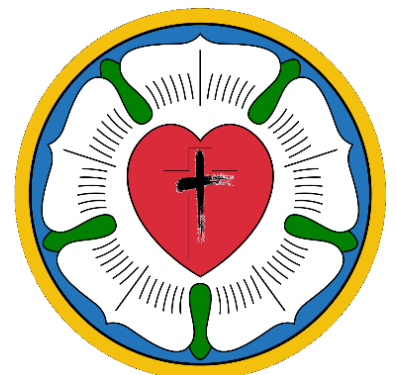
Only the dead receive the love of God. We still seem to be walking in sin, and we are dead in our trespasses (Eph. 2:1). "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:4-7). Only the dead can be resurrected. Behold the love of God in our risen Lord!

True love walks intrepidly into death for the sake of others. Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). Then again, even the culture could produce someone who lays down his life for someone considered a friend; Jesus calls us to love our enemies. Jesus himself died to save a world of people who opposed him. And, once he has made you new creatures, you walk in his ways. Called to love, Christians treat no one as though they were enemies, even if it means facing death. Although, one can only do this if he places his trust in the promises of God for his identity, security, and meaning.

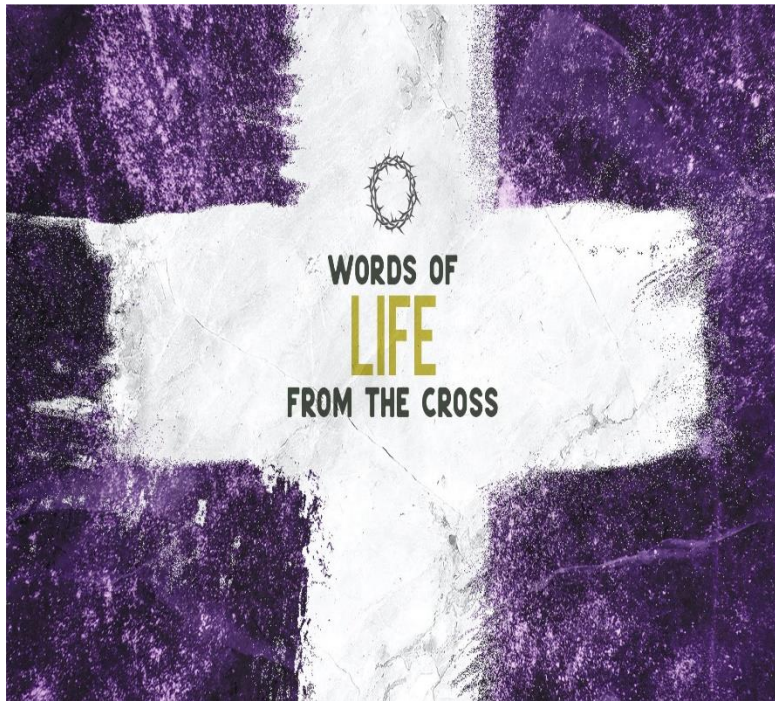
Out of his great love, God has defanged death. Christ is risen! And, we shall follow. Ash Wednesday prepares us to confess this love with which God has loved us—a love that has restored our relationship of fear, love, and trust in him.

Baptized in Christ,

Pastor Travis Henry



OBSERVING LENT:



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS

12:30 PM
&
6:30 PM

Ash Wednesday – February 14, 2024

“THE PARDONING WORD” (LUKE 23:34)

REV. TRAVIS HENRY

Midweek 1 – February 21, 2024

“THE PROMISING WORD” (LUKE 23:43)

REV. DR. KURT ZIEMANN

Midweek 2 – February 28, 2024

“THE SUFFERING WORD” (JOHN 19:28)

REV. JONATHON SCHROEDER

Midweek 3 – March 6, 2024

“THE FAITHFUL WORD” (MATTHEW 27:46)

REV. TRAVIS HENRY

Midweek 4 – March 13, 2024

“THE DYING WORD” (LUKE 23:46)

REV. DR. KEVIN GUYNN

MIDWEEK 5 – MARCH 20, 2024

“THE COMPASSIONATE WORD”

(JOHN 19:26-27)

REV. PAUL SUNDBOM

Lenten Suppers Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday)-

Tortellini Soup, Rolls/Butter
& Dessert

February 21, 2024 - Pulled Pork

Sandwiches, Beans, Coleslaw
& Dessert

February 28, 2024 - Tomato Soup,

Cheesy Garlic Bread & Dessert

March 6, 2024 - Chicken Alfredo,

Bread/Butter & Dessert

March 13, 2024 - Corned Beef

Sandwiches, Macaroni Salad,
Chips/Pickle & Dessert

March 20, 2024 - Penne Pasta with

Meatballs, Bread/Butter & Dessert

Volunteers to host coffee hours after the Sunday 9 am worship service are still needed for February 4, March 3 and 17, and April 7. If you are interested, please contact Ann Marie Bollas at 440-221-0610 or at ambollas47@gmail.com.



Zion Exchange Bulletin Board

located in the lobby next to the Zion Office

Check out what's available: Solid wood rocking chair, Lowry Organ, ping-pong table, crib, Yamaha drum w/ accessories, wheelchair ramp, private voice & piano lessons and a free baby grand piano!

Do you have something you would like to part with? Post it here! Are you looking for something you need? Post your request here! If you have posted something and it is no longer available, please withdraw your post. This is a great opportunity to help each other out.

Zion Welcomes a Temporary Secretary!

Our secretary, Caitlyn Snyder, is welcoming her baby boy a bit earlier than expected! Thank you for all of the kind words, gifts and prayers as she enters this new phase of her life. She is excited to take some much needed time off to adjust & bond with her new baby.

Thankfully, God has heard our prayers in this time of need, and has sent us the perfect person to fill Caitlyn's shoes! Leeann Boyce will be joining us in the office starting in February. Some of you may know Leeann from her long-time Zion membership & various activity involvements over the years- from altar care, to food pantry, to Sunday school, etc.

If you are not familiar with her, please feel free to greet her after service or stop in to the office to say hello!



WOMEN'S Fellowship

Zion Women's Fellowship Group

The Zion Women's Fellowship group's next meeting is February 17, 2024 from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Zion. In addition to our regular meeting activities, we will have a presentation by Deaconess Intern Elizabeth Dobbelaire on "Successful Visitation and Active Listening" Part 1. We will also be collecting Premie and Parent Support boxes for Rainbow's Babies' and Children's Hospital NICU patients. All ladies are welcome!

Contact: Carole Cooper-440-376-7798 or cvocooper@gmail.com

Zion Blood Drive

Join us for Zion's **third** blood drive!

Where: Zion Gym
508 Mentor Ave.
Painesville, OH 44077
When: Monday, February 19, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A single blood donation can help more than one person. Please make your lifesaving appointment today!

Share your heart! Come give in February for a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/heart





LWML MISSION OF THE MONTH

Disaster Response Team Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, TX — \$50,000

Trinity Lutheran Church Disaster Response Team (TLC DRT) in Tyler, Texas, answers the call to serve our neighbors in need by ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people affected by severe storms such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. The team is comprised totally of volunteer workers who set up base camps in areas that have been affected by natural disasters. They listen compassionately to the stories of people who have been affected by storms and share Christ's love with them in Word and action.

TLC DRT's equipment and trailers are also used by volunteers from other teams, causing additional wear and tear on equipment. This grant of \$50,000 was voted on by the delegates at the June 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee. This grant will allow repair and

replacement of necessary equipment so they can continue to be Christ's hands and feet and share God's love to people affected by disasters. We praise the Lord with thanksgiving for those who serve Him in this way.



Removing tree from damaged house.

LWML WEEKEND is scheduled for February 17-18. The LWML has an 80 year old history of supporting and encouraging missionaries, ministries and other outreach organizations which serve people all over the world through sharing the love of Christ with the gospel message, supporting them financially through mission grants. That is the foundation upon which Mites are collected and used to provide that support. During LWML weekend, there will be Mite Boxes available for Zion members in both lobbies to collect your Mite Box contributions that will be combined with those of all the other churches in the Ohio District in order to fund all of the mission grants for this biennium of 2022-2024. Mite Boxes will be available if you do not have one. Please bring as much loose change and currency as you are lead to do that weekend. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. God blesses each mite given and all of those mites with prayer and service. Thank you, Zion, for helping to fund the many outreach programs, ministries, and missionaries who serve faithfully in the mission field and in obedience to the Great Commission,

Ann Marie Bollas

***"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."* (Martin Luther)**

Shoebox Ministry

"Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."—Matthew 21:22

In these cold months we are making items that you could help us with. If you knit, sew, crochet or use a glue gun, there are projects that can be done in front of the TV, fireside or in your craft room. In 2023, our ladies knitted & crocheted hats and wash cloths, sewed cinch sacs, pouches & assembled fishing kits; for 2024 we still need these items, and are adding hacky-sacs, Frisbees, tic-tac-toe game pouches, sewing & craft kits. We have materials, just need your help producing them.

Please continue to pray for Team Zion as we plan our 2024 calendar. Follow us on Facebook- Shoebox Team Zion, you can see pictures from the excitement of 2023 and what is being planned for 2024. We would like to hear from you. Let us know that you liked the pictures, suggest items to pack, or volunteer to work on a project.

Joyfully in His Service,

Shawn Biese,
Facebook: Shoebox Team Zion



Coming Up:

- February- Begin Friday morning work sessions, starting at 10 am
- March- Start collecting store bought items
- April- Start group craft evening sessions

Other Ways to Help Behind the Scenes:

- Scouts- watching for clearance & bargains
- Purchasers- Grabbing the bargains
- Informers- Posting on bulletin boards
- Inventory Control - help count & sort
- Quality Control – repairing or cleaning items

Tri-bonds: What bonds together Burundi, Columbia & Honduras?

Answer: Team Zion's 311 Shoeboxes! That is where our Shoeboxes were sent.

Our goal for spreading the Gospel news through Shoeboxes for 2024: 325!!

Zion Food Pantry

In 2023, the Zion Food Pantry fed 2,577 individuals in 24 hours of distribution. That does not include the countless hours volunteers inventoried, ordered, and rotated stock, and bagged canned and frozen food and personal care items, in addition to the actual hours of registration and distribution. The Pantry is open one hour, twice a month, and it fed 2,577 people. That is a 40% increase over the 1,835 people served in 2022 and a 116% increase over the 1,188 served in 2021. There is a reasonable expectation that numbers will continue to increase given the current economic climate.

The addition of fresh food from Trader Joe's to supplement the frozen and canned food is a blessing but has tested the Food Pantry team's flexibility and creativity. There is no room in the pantry for the guests to "shop" this food in the cold months. There is also no room in the rain and snow, to weigh, sort and display the food for shopping. As it warms, we can provide outside tables under pop up tents, but not during 20-degree weather and 25 mph winds. The team continues to look at options to provide this much needed addition to the distribution.

The food pantry consists of a very old 484 square foot garage that has been used as a food pantry for about 18 years now. But given the statistics and conditions cited above, the proposal for a new, larger building to meet those needs is readily apparent. The work to make that building a reality continues and the pantry team will continue to apprise the congregation of ongoing efforts to meet the goal.

Certainly, additional space is necessary to accommodate the increasing number of people being served, but if our new pantry becomes a part of a more visible, inclusive community outreach that might include a community garden and/or a pavilion, it lets the community know we are here for them and moves us a little closer to fulfilling part of our mission:

Sharing the message of salvation in Jesus Christ, strengthening believers, and caring for people in need.

We ask for your prayers for wisdom and guidance as God works out His will for this ministry through us.

Proverbs 19:17 – *"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done". NIV*

- Zion's food pantry serves a growing clientele, and
- sometimes requires the generosity of our
- congregation to supplement items not provided
- by the Cleveland Food Bank. Here are some items
- needed at this time: dish soap, bar soap, toilet
- paper (does not have to be individually wrapped).
- Bins are located in the lobby. Thank you!



- 1 Miranda Moses
- 2 Debra Knauff, Trey Shinkle, Carol Sippola
- 3 Anna Faralli, Rusty Nelson, Cherie Lane, Nancy McCormick
- 4 Ryan Hess, Tim Holste, Diane Powers
- 5 Eric Lakia, Terri Nolan, Lacey Skoch
- 6 Catherine McIlveen
- 7 ----
- 8 Sharon Lance, Kathleen Satterfield
- 9 Ryan Buck
- 10 Alissa Sullivan, Rev. Jim Zinkowich
- 11 David Champa, Susan Tagg
- 12 Cyndi Alden
- 13 Simon Pham
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 Sherrie Stefansky
- 16 Dawn Chico, Kayla Reynolds, Art Randa, Amelia Swan
- 17 Ryan Hanyok, Ruth Marcis
- 18 Kellen Nocera
- 20 Patricia Goodridge, Caitlin Potter
- 21 Pam Diemert, Michaela Faralli, Fran Nelson, Michael Wojkowski, Barb Roberson
- 22 Stephanie Nelson, Ryan Nolan
- 23 ---
- 24 Barry Oltmanns, Joe Palinkas
- 25 Ethan Lange, John Palinkas
- 26 Tiffany Buehner, Lydia Sandor
- 27 Jill Brockway, Casey Lazdinis, Angela Barsa
- 28 ----
- 29 ----

If your birthday is not listed here,
please let the office know.
We want to help you celebrate your special day!

Looking Ahead

Bringing America Back to Life Convention

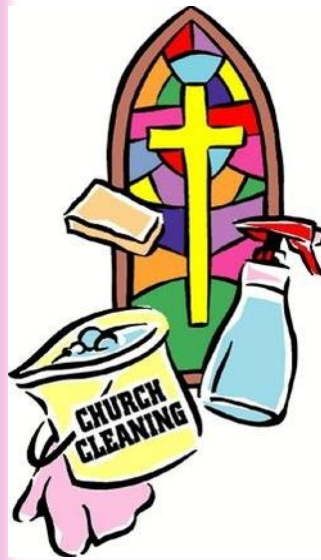
will be held March 8 & 9, 2024, at the Embassy Suites in Independence, Ohio. This gathering of pro-life and pro-family individuals will motivate us to continue praying, doing, voting, and educating toward the protection of **ALL** life. To register and for speaker information, go to bringingamericabacktolife.org.



Cleveland Right to Life
Education, Inc

The Annual Church Cleaning

is scheduled for March 23, 2024, from 9 am - noon. The Sanctuary and Praise Hall pews/chairs, the choir loft, and the Narthex will be cleaned. More detailed information will be provided in the next newsletter. We hope you will plan to join us, so please mark your calendars accordingly. Thank you!



*Join us in wishing our members a
Happy Milestone Wedding Anniversary!*

Chuck & Donna Lombardy
60 yrs on 2-8!
Richard & Mary Ohler
45 yrs on 2-10!
David & Rachel Parsons
35 yrs on 2-11!
Terry & Barbara Reckart
50 yrs on 2-16!
Ilmar & Tiina Haller
25 yrs on 2-27!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry	2	3 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
4 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Sun. School/ Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service 1:30 P Confirmation 2-Meet in Church	5 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P Parishscope Deadline 7:30 P Scouts	7 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word 6:30 P Confirmation 1	8 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 P Elders	9	10 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
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18 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service 1:30 P Confirmation 1	19 <i>Presidents Day</i> 11 A- 5 P Blood Drive @ Zion Gym 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00 A Bible Breakfast 4:00 P Parishscope Deadline 6:00 P Food Pantry 7:30 P Scouts	21 9:30 A Women in the Word 12:30 P Lenten Svc 1:30 P Women in the Word 5:30 P Lenten Supper 6:30 P Lenten Svc	22 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 6:30 P Men's Ministry (Meal @ 6 P)	23	24 9:30 A LWML Prayer Service- Peace Chardon 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
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Light up
the Night
WITH
BIRTHRIGHT

Dinner, Fashion Show & Auction

Thursday, February 22, 2024
6:00 PM

Villa Croatia
34900 Lakeshore Blvd.
Eastlake, OH 44095

Fashion Show featuring
BRuSH Boutique and
Ticknors Men's Clothier

Scan QR Code to register
or visit
www.birtherightlake.org



**\$70 per person
(presale only)
Dinner included +
Open Bar**



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Jesus lays down His life for...

WORSHIP

TRADITIONAL:

Saturday 6:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

CONTEMPORARY:

Sunday 11:30 am

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LWML Prayer Service



*But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever
sing for joy...*

Psalms 5:11a

An Invitation to the Women of Zion:

The annual Prayer Service of the LWML Northeast Zone is scheduled for February 24 at Peace Lutheran Church, 12686 Bass Lake Road, Chardon, Ohio. The service begins at 10 am, but a coffee fellowship begins at 9:30 am. Lunch will be served after the service at the cost of \$6 per person. A sign-up sheet is on the mission bulletin board in the lounge lobby. Please register no later than Feb. 18 if you plan to attend. The Zion reservations will be made for you. Carpooling is available if you are interested.