

## A Glimmer of Light!

(There's hope in this messed up world.)

By Pastor Kurt Ziemann

No doubt you've had enough of election talk, negative ads, and the general election tone. It's not pretty no matter what side you are on. You must wonder – "where are we going?" It's frightening and depressing to be sure. Yes, it's enough to make you sick.

Not only that, the clear testimony of Scripture is getting lost or ignored. There's a movement underfoot to cut and paste God's Holy Word to one's own liking. What it means to be a male or female is questioned and redefined. The lives of our unborn children are on the ballot. The Creator is replaced by "all knowing" scientists who insist we are merely the result of chance design that took place over billions of years. And then some would claim that God is dead, and we can only trust ourselves.

We know the truth. We know what God means when He says: **"Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the Lord, who remains faithful forever."** (Psalm 146:3-6 – NIV) The only hope is in the Living God. The only hope is to fall into His strong hands and trust His mercy for poor miserable sinners like us.

Because of our merciful and loving God, there is hope in this dark and troubled world. There is a glimmer of light peeking through the clouds. It's in the One who remains firmly seated on His throne. It's in the One who is patient – who wants no one to perish but all to come to repentance. Yes, where there is forgiveness, there is always hope.

No doubt there is plenty that is wrong about our country lately, and it is enough to sicken the strongest optimist. Yet in faith we can say with St. Paul, **"I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."** (Romans 8:38-39)

So, who holds the future? Rest assured. It is not in the hands of mortal men, but rather in a God who loves us, cares for us, and who has planned for our future in heaven above. And that has me feeling better already.





## Why a Photo Directory?



Written By Elizabeth Dobbelaire, Deaconess Intern

What would you say if your pagan neighbor asked about the work of Christ's church? When unimportant frivolities are stripped away, what remains? You might first tell of Christ's atoning sacrifice and resurrection from the dead, and the beautiful history of faithful pastors administering Christ's word and sacrament to a hurting people. You might also share a personal story of how a fellow member brought you support in a time of uncertainty or grief, strengthening your faith.

Many theologians say the work of the church is summed up by the great commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [Matthew 28:19-20] But how does this broad statement translate to everyday church activity? What avenues of mercy does God use to reach his people as sin, the world, and the devil constantly build walls of isolation and despair?

Sinners enter the family of God with the matching of a face with a name. In the waters of baptism, God sees your face and calls you by your name: you are adopted as his child. In our church fellowship, we too build bonds of love as we connect faces with names. When all of our members recognize and understand each other deeply through regular and meaningful connection, the work of the church is strengthened.

It is because of this foundation that the photo directory is being updated. The project will provide essential information for the connection and care of members. For it is through connection, love, and mutual encouragement that the fruits of the spirit are visible in us. Through the sharing of God's love within the church, the world will come to know the face and name of Christ our Lord.

Please sign up for a directory photo session!

**"Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind." [1 Peter 3:8]**

### Coffee Fellowship

Thank you, Zion, for stepping forward. We have several volunteers for future Sunday morning coffee hours. The success of fellowship depends upon additional help from our members. The Coffee Fellowship will require two+ volunteers to commit to one month each: our kitchen coordinator who will provide all food, drink and supplies, and our facilitator who will supervise scheduling.

Beginning again in January, Coffee Fellowship after the 9 AM services will occur on the first and third Sundays each month only when there are enough members committed to hosting them. Volunteers will work in teams and oversee food and beverage distribution, as well as set up and cleanup of each event.

If you are interested in contributing to the presence and success of Coffee Fellowship, sign up and commit to two events during your month of choice. Sign-up sheets run from January to June and will be posted on the Zion Office window in the lobby.





**The Christmas "Shoppe"**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**9 am – 11 am**  
**Set-up begins at 8:30 am**

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT RETURNS!

In our efforts to broaden Zion's outreach into the community and care for our neighbors, Zion will host a **FREE Christmas Shoppe** on **Saturday, December 2, from 9 – 11 AM**. This Christmas Shoppe will provide our community with an opportunity to shop until they drop, but never spend a dime. This involves YOU! We need table hosts. Table hosts are members who collect good-to-gently used items, then on Dec. 2, bring them to a reserved table in the gym to give away to anyone who has need. Hosts oversee all their stuff from set-up, "shopping time," and clean-up of any unclaimed items. Zion will provide the table. This is a chance to declutter your home and provide for the community. **Hosts will need to sign up on the lobby bulletin board or call the office for a table.** We must limit tables to one per household. Table space is *limited*, so sign up as soon as possible!

Deadline for sign-up is November 17.

We are also seeking donations of cookies to offer our guests!

Please wrap them 6 cookies per bag or plate  
 and include a list of ingredients with your cookies.

**A separate sign-up sheet is provided for Cookie Donations.**

**It's that time of year! Church decorating!!**  
**Saturday, November 25 at 9:00 am!!**



...and **we need your help!** It takes a lot of people to beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season. We need strong folks to help assemble the trees (they are heavy), youth to help bring things down from the attic and up from the closets, and lots of people to hang wreaths and garland. This is an ideal family activity for kicking off our joyful celebrations. If you can't make it at 9:00, come any time before noon. Please prayerfully consider giving your time to make our church glow for Advent while enjoying Christian fellowship.



### Zion Women's Fellowship Group

The Zion Women's Fellowship group's next meeting is November 18, 2023 from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Zion. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and monies for turkeys and pumpkin pies for Zion's Food Pantry Thanksgiving baskets. All ladies are welcome!

Contact: *Carole Cooper* - 440-376-7798 or  
 cvocooper@sbcglobal.net

### The Christmas Card Mailbox is returning

Nov. 26 – Dec. 17! Send Christmas cards to Zion members by placing them in the Mailbox in the lobby. A freewill offering will be accepted to "cover postage" and will benefit Zion's Outreach Ministry toward our community! If you have questions or would like to volunteer to sort cards, contact *Diane Shook*, 440-413-7654.





## LWML MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

### **Orphan Grain Train, U.S. — \$100,000**

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) has carried out the mission of the Lord for thirty years by providing humanitarian service. They work through the church so the Gospel always accompanies their service. They have assisted orphans, carried out domestic disaster relief, gathered, sorted, packed, and distributed food, clothing, medical supplies, equipment, and educational materials for those experiencing poverty in the U.S. and internationally.

The original facility in Norfolk, Nebraska, is outdated and lacking adequate space to carry out their expanding work. They need to build an additional facility to increase their mission capacity and increase the safety level for volunteers. With an increased work area, larger groups of volunteers can work on donations received and the output of mercy meals can double to 10,000,000 meals annually. This LWML Mission Grant will help OGT complete its building project.



*This is an overhead view of the entire block. Orphan Grain Train now owns the whole block except for the grain silos. The old warehouse is to the left of the silos and you can see how the entire building wraps around the silos. The white pitched roof toward the back of the building is the Mercy Meals renovated building.*

**Zion Members: Please remember to fill your Mite boxes with your donations and prayers. The Lord works mightily through the LWML to reach the lost and share the Gospel message through ministries such as OGT. You may drop your Mite donations into the large Mite boxes either in the Narthex or on the credenza under the mission bulletin board. Thank you!**

### **FOOD PANTRY REQUEST!**



To Our Generous Congregation,

The Food Pantry will be packing food bags for Thanksgiving distribution on November 21, 2023. We are especially in need of cranberries, instant potatoes, turkey gravy and pancake syrup. Please consider donating one of these much-needed items. We also purchase turkeys and pumpkin & apple pies for this special giving to our needy. Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to the Food Pantry can do so using your church envelope and marking the donation for Food Pantry.

We ask everyone to continue to pray for this ministry as we find ways to continue to serve many in our community who turn to our church for help.

Thank you



### **November Diaper Drive**



Did you know 1 in 3 families in the United States experience diaper insecurity? Because of this unacceptable statistic, Zion is hosting a diaper drive during the month of November. We are partnering with The Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland, a nonprofit organization founded to respond to this incredible need by providing free diapers to low-income families and raising awareness for the cause. To donate, you can bring diapers of any size to the church or donate financially to The Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland directly at [diaperbankgc.org](http://diaperbankgc.org). Please direct questions to *Elizabeth* at the church office.



## Zion Shoebox Ministry

Well Done Team Zion! On Behalf of Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child and the 200+ children who will be introduced to Jesus through 'The Greatest Journey' and receive one of our Shoeboxes, "Well Done Team Zion!"

Who is Team Zion? You. The Zion Family. Everyone who prayed for our mission. Everyone who contributed craft supplies for the craft nights or came to the craft nights. Everyone who took craft & sewing projects home. Everyone who contributed towards the cost of shipping, soccer balls or purchased items. All the kids, parents & volunteers who participated in the Packing Party & all the families who had their own Packing Parties. YOU, WE, US are all TEAM ZION. Thank all of you for supporting & participating.

We are not quite finished, though. Some families are still having their Packing Parties. Please don't forget to include dresses from 'Clothe a Girl'. This group of volunteers provided us with 200 dresses to clothe and protect the girls. Many of our Shoeboxes will go to impoverished or third world villages where girls are exploited, abused, kidnapped, or just neglected, but a pretty dress can serve as protection and a self-esteem boost. Pick up a dress for each girl Shoebox you put together.

Don't forget to write a short note of love and your picture! I have left a stack of pictures from last year's packing party if you would like to include that. When writing the note to the child, DO NOT use your home address. Use Zion's (508 Mentor Ave). We have set-up an e-mail for corresponding. Feel free to use it, too. ShoeboxTeamZion@gmail.com Also, follow us on FaceBook at "Shoebox Team Zion" for the latest news and photos.

On Nov. 15 we will deliver our first load of Shoeboxes to the drop-off site. First Church of Christ has been a Lake County drop-off site for many years, and their volunteer base is 'aging-out' and looking for help. If you are available to help them load cartons onto trucks November 17 – 20, please let me know.

The next few months we will be re-stocking our supplies of crafts and homemade items, having crafting gatherings, cleaning our office and recruiting new faces for these tasks. Watch the bulletins, Parishscope and Facebook for details – it is the only invite you need because we can always use your input.

The strongest need is for continued prayers for Operation Christmas Child. Pray for the volunteers at Team Zion, the receiving child, safety in shipping, removing obstacles against perceived Christian 'propaganda,' to allow additional countries to open their borders and custom policies to allow our Shoeboxes tax free exoneration AND that many families come to know the Risen Lord through the gift of a Shoebox.

To God Be the Glory,

*Shawn Biese*  
Church Resource Liaison

*Jan Brown*  
Project Manager

*Judy Gladen*  
Supply Chain Coordinator



Email: ShoeboxTeamZion@gmail.com Find us on FaceBook @ Shoebox Team Zion

**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.**

Eph 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

### Do you have a heart for God's children experiencing food insecurity?

St. James Episcopal Church is looking for teams of 4-8 people to assist them with their meal program at lunchtime on one Saturday a month. St. James provides all the food and supplies, while volunteer teams help serve it to our community in need. If you are interested in being a part of a volunteer team, or have any questions about the meal program, please contact *Elizabeth* in the church office at [elizabeth.dobbelaire@zionpainesville.org](mailto:elizabeth.dobbelaire@zionpainesville.org).

### Salvation Army Angel Tree

will be set up soon outside the church office. To participate, remove the bottom portion of the tag and write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet. Purchase clothing and/or age-appropriate gifts for the child and return the gifts UNWRAPPED with the code number of the Angel tag affixed to the gifts. Place the gifts in the church office. Stay tuned for gift due dates! Thank you for making this program a success!!





- 1 -----
- 2 Allison Borlie
- 3 Margaret Beebe, Pat Greene, Bonnie Robison
- 4 Janet Oltmanns
- 5 Jeri Leigh Hruby, Jared St. Julian
- 6 Jason Pentek
- 7 Marlyn Bain, Patricia Beifuss, Gregory Peck
- 8 -----
- 9 Janet Drotleff, Ashlyn Fronczek, Robert Jones,  
Donna Schoenig, Robert South, Madison Wood
- 10 Kristina Fronczek
- 11 Emma Schoenig
- 12 Patrick Garrett, Karen Snell
- 13 Ella Banno, Genevieve Mononen
- 14 -----
- 15 William Brott
- 16 Linda Kirby
- 17 Michelle Pham
- 18 James Rihaly, Jennifer Rusack
- 19 Cindy Grumback, Nancy Milanich, Martha  
Peck, Barbara Reckart, Donald Wagner
- 20 Tiffany Light, Elisabeth Jones
- 21 Bobby Cline, Daniel Engert, Rachel Lance,  
Ronald Olwert, Samuel Tharp
- 22 Kristy Berkheimer, Leeann Boyce, Jeremy  
Campaign, Gwen Lomeli
- 23 Terrence Kessler, Nicholas Noll, Violet Pham
- 24 -----
- 25 Mason Bilicic
- 26 Kristina Oslin, Owen Meacham, Robert  
Scranton
- 27 -----
- 28 Elizabeth Chuba, Allyson Losey, Mary Lou  
Luhta, Natalie Palinkas
- 29 Reese Skaggs
- 30 Carole Cooper, Olivia Demore, Aimee Moffat,  
Richard St. Julian

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



## LEAF ANNUAL APPEAL

Friends and Supporters of Our Shepherd,

Summer has faded into fall, and its again time for LEAF's Annual Appeal. The Lutheran Endowment and Aid Fund (LEAF) was established in 1987 to provide financial assistance to Our Shepherd. In years when the school's revenue doesn't meet its expenses, LEAF helps fill the gap. A board manages and oversees this fund. Zion is represented on the Board by Brian Brockway, if you have any questions. Gifts we receive from your generosity are invested in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and CDs, which produce interest and dividends that we turn over to OSLS as they have need. Every year since 1987, this fund has produced income and will every year in the future. That is how endowments work.

This year Principal Paul Goodwin, teachers, and staff welcomed 111 students to be Anchored in Christ as classes and activities began in August. The enrollment is up nearly 20, but the school will again need to call on funds from LEAF to help meet its expenses. This is why we come to you asking for your support. Our Shepherd is an outreach mission into our community, providing in many cases students' first or only exposure to the Gospel and God's many blessings. Its quality education meets and exceeds state requirements in a safe and caring environment—some local schools do not. Parents in failing schools can choose to send their kids to passing schools, like Our Shepherd. For these reasons, LEAF comes to you for your support, as this is our only source of income. No gift is too small and all are truly appreciated. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to LEAF. We thank you for your past support and hope you will keep LEAF and OSLS in your prayers.

God's richest blessings,

The LEAF Board



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




Jim & Liz Zinkowich –

60 yrs on November 9!

Jay & Lynae Brunstetter –

10 yrs on November 16!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word 6:30 P Confirmation 1	<b>2</b> 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 P Trustees	<b>3</b> 6:00 P Ladies Movie Night- Hayes House	<b>4</b> 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
<b>5 All Saints Day</b> <b>Daylight Savings Time- Don't forget to "Fall Back"!</b> 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Sun. School/ Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service 1:30 P Confirmation 2	<b>6</b> 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 7:00 A Bible Breakfast <b>4:00 P Parishscope Deadline</b> 7:30 P Scouts	<b>8</b> 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word 6:30 P Confirmation 1	<b>9</b> 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 P Elders	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
<b>12</b> 9:00 A Traditional Worship Service 10:15 A Sun. School/ Bible Study 11:30 A Contemporary Worship Service	<b>13</b> 6:45 P Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 7:00 A Bible Breakfast <b>4:00 P Parishscope Deadline</b> 7:30 P Scouts	<b>15</b> 9:30 A Women in the Word 1:00 P Women in the Word 5:30 P Zion Chili Cookoff 6:30 P Confirmation 1	<b>16</b> 9:30 A Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 P Council 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 A Women's Fellowship 5:30 P Growing in Prayer Group 6:30 P Worship Service 7:30 P Bible Study Class
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## ANNUAL PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**  
**(Two serving times: 5:00 PM or 6:00 PM)**

**\$15 Adults / \$8 for children 12 yrs. and under**

**MENU:** Pork roast, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, gravy, bread & butter, beverage & pie.



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 32410 Willowick Drive  
 Willowick, OH 44095  
 440-943-5000  
[www.bethelwillowick.org](http://www.bethelwillowick.org)

Tickets sold after Bethel Church services, or contact Georgann Beaumont at 216-299-9465. Make checks payable to Bethel Lutheran Church Ladies Aid. **Absolutely no tickets will be sold after November 12 and no tickets will be sold the day of the dinner.** Limited space available for both serving times so please call early to reserve yours now!!

## Ladies Movie Night

Friday, November 3, 6 pm  
 at Hayes House!



Wear red in honor of the Reformation as we watch the movie "Luther". Popcorn & beverages provided. Sign up today on the lobby bulletin board. All ladies welcome!





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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

### SENIOR PASTOR

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Zion will once again be hosting **Lake Erie College students** for an evening of food, fellowship and devotional time on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 PM. Sign up to participate in this **Chili-Making Contest** on the lobby bulletin board or by contacting Deaconess Intern Elizabeth, [elizabeth.dobbelaire@zionpainesville.org](mailto:elizabeth.dobbelaire@zionpainesville.org)! We'd love to get a handful of cooks to bring their favorite chili to welcome these students from LEC!