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# Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne Street

Saint Marys, Ohio 45885

Zion Lutheran Church is a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)  
and a congregation of the Northwest Ohio Mission District.

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## Today, Tomorrow & Forever

Dear Zion Member,

Grace to you and peace this October.

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) has identified a strategy for future growth and sustainability in its Vision 2020 documents. As part of its Vision 2020, the NALC initiated a challenge to its member congregations called: Today, Tomorrow & Forever (TTF). It is an opportunity for each of its member congregations to have a hand in making this strategy successful.

The goal of Today, Tomorrow & Forever is to raise five million dollars over the next three years, above what is already contributed in yearly giving. There are four comprehensive categories in TTF: **Grow, Serve, Renew** and **Fulfill**. They address more immediate opportunities as well as longer-term challenges.

**Grow** – We seek to grow in Discipleship, Church Plants, Spanish-Speaking Church Plants, and Stewardship. (\$1.6 million of the \$5 million)

**Serve** – We seek to develop The North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS), aid Pastoral Development, provide for the Call Process, expand Mission involvement, improve Youth and Family Ministries, excel in our ability to Communicate with our members and member congregations and provide resources for them to use as they carry out the mission of sharing the gospel with the world, sustain a Centralized NALC Office, and strengthen existing Missional and Ecumenical Relationships as well as establish new ones. (\$2.1 million of the \$5 million)

**Renew** – We plan “Fresh Eyes for Mission” summits through 2024 to identify the effectiveness of our missional practices, provide Congregational Mission and Renewal Grants so congregations are able to renew missional focus if such help is needed, and establish Worship Renewal Conferences for Pastors and Lay Leaders to explore best practices in the church. (\$800,000 of the \$5 million)

**Fulfill** – We recognize the many generations that faithfully served the Lord and proclaimed His deliverance, joining in His overarching mission of redeeming and renewing his creation. Through the 2020 Vision, our congregations devote themselves to join God in His work to Fulfill His promises, taking with them our call to discipleship and our core values as we continue the legacy of faith. So, we seek to address our Legacy, Our Purpose, Our Call to Discipleship and the Opportunities the Lord presents to us through the lens of our four Core Values: Being Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, Congregationally Focused. (\$500,000 of the \$5 million).

We have additional information on Today, Tomorrow & Forever in the Church Office, as well as additional Pledge Cards so you can become an active part of this exciting, comprehensive goal of the North American Lutheran Church.

*Pastor Bill Maki*

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## October Birthdays

We invite you to include the following members, in your greetings and prayers as they celebrate their birthdays this month.



03–Andy Elking, Ann Maki, Isabella Ross, Steve Opperman, Stella Yahl

04–Kevin Puthoff

05–Catherine Austin, Jeremy Kemmann

06–Quinn Cisco, Holli Enderud, Robert Hance, Hayden Roby

08–Angela Gibson, Benjamin Opperman, Bobby Wingett

11–Timothy Paul, Russell Nolan

12–Kermit Hecht

14–Rick Green, Rebecca Torsell

15–Samantha Ackroyd, Braden Elshoff, Hannah Vondrell

16–Lindsey Karner, Mark Langsdon

17–Izetta Fulton

20–David Sprague, Michael Weadock, Nathaniel Freewalt

21–Thomas Grunden

22–Ted Hertenstein, Ryan Wuebker

23–Karen Vornholt, Jodi Wasinski

24–Amelia Staugler

25–Miriam Johns, Suzanne Langsdon, Susan Nuss

26–Carly Gibson, Zoey Lampert

27–Ella Glass

28–Lee Smith

29–Brenda Henning, Joni Immenschuh

30–Deb Green, Kathryn Schneider

31–Darl Bishir



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

This year our Thanksgiving collection will be items needed by the Auglaize County Crisis Center. Please bring your donations to the church at our Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m., or can be dropped off in the tub provided in the Narthex beforehand. Donated items will be delivered to ACCC after Thanksgiving. The items are:

- canned fruit
- Jell-O
- Hamburger Helper
- taco kits
- canned beans
- soup
- cereal
- breakfast bar
- any type of snack food (cookies, chips, etc.)
- juice
- paper towels
- laundry soap
- trash bags



## Agape

Agape has asked Zion and other area churches to make up Birthday Bags for distribution to their clients who have a birthday that month. The bags consist of 1 box of cake mix, a tub of icing, a can of pop, 2 ingredient recipe and a birthday card. We will be putting together 30 bags in January to give to Agape for February distribution. We need donations of cake mixes and icing. With the holidays coming up there may be sales, a good time to buy these items, but watch the expiration dates. There will be a tub by the elevator to place items in on the first of October. If you would rather donate, please note on your envelope and we will purchase the items. Thank you for supporting this project, another way of serving and helping our community.

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## News for the Women of Zion

Here it is October. Leaves will be changing colors. We will have cool mornings, warm afternoons and cool evenings, what great weather!

The 70 & Over Dinner is Sunday, October 2, at 12 noon. Alexa Kemmann is the guest speaker. She will tell us about music therapy and play for us.

We will not be holding elections for secretary and president this year as we only had one person willing to run and we need two for each position. Sandy Wierwille will continue to serve as secretary, and I will continue to serve as president for two more years.

Our Thankful Offering Services will be Sunday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 16. I hope you have been filling your containers with change for all your thankful blessings in your life. If you don't have a container, there are some in the green basket on the table in the Narthex. All donations will go to Crime Victims Services, in Lima, Ohio. They provide many services for victims and help fight human trafficking. This is one way we can help those in need in our area.

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, October 5, at 1 p.m. Sue Hecht will lead the discussion on the book "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon G. Brown. November's book is "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova, led by Pam Fledderjohann.

Workday in October is Thursday, October 20, at 9 a.m. We will be putting health kits together. Mary Bates said the NALC Disaster warehouse needs to be restocked. Supplies are low and they also need gift cards. If you would like to purchase gift cards, please drop them off in the church office. We will send our kits, blankets and buckets out in October after workday.

Creative Crafters will meet Sunday, October 9, at 1:30 p.m. The project is diamond art painting. The fee of \$15 includes canvas, diamonds, picture frame, mat board and all supplies needed to complete the project. Please

sign up in the binder in the Narthex. The November Creative Craters will meet on Sunday, November 13, at 1:30 p.m., in the all-purpose room. Watch for more details for this project.

Look for the articles in this newsletter about the Birthday Bags for Agape and an article about Zion's Thanksgiving food drive.

That's what's happening in October here at Zion. Come be a part of our activities!

This month: "Nature waits outside your window...give yourself the gift of time to look." --Barbara Loots

*Nora Staunton, Chair of Zion Women of the NALC*

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## **Worship & Sunday School Opportunities**

Sunday Worship.....	8:00** & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:15 a.m.
Wednesday Worship ( <i>held in Chapel</i> ).....	6:30 p.m.

*\*\*Broadcast on WCSM Radio--96.7 FM and Live Streamed*

*The first, third and fifth Sundays of each Month will be used to celebrate Holy Communion regardless of other festivals. On the fifth Sunday of the month a youth led worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m.*

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## **Weekly/Monthly Activities**

Each Mon.—Pastor Led Bible Study.....	7:00 p.m.
Each Mon.—Women's Fellowship Bible Study.....	7:00 p.m.
Each Tue.--Dorcas Quilting.....	9:00 a.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue.--Trustee Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue.--Congregation Council Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
Each Wed.--Confirmation Class (During School Year).....	7:00 p.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.—Book Club.....	1:00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.—Jeremiah Bible Study.....	7:00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu.—Jeremiah Bible Study.....	2:00 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu.—Workday.....	9:00 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat.--Men in Mission Bible Study.....	9:00 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun.—Creative Crafters.....	1:30 p.m.

*All activities are subject to change due to our holiday or summer schedule, inclement weather, or virus shutdown.*

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## **Sunday School Teachers Needed!**

**Help wanted!** Sunday school teachers are needed for PreK - 5th grades. Minimal prep! Everything is done for you! As little as one weekend per month! Contact Mindy for more information at [zionbpe@gmail.com](mailto:zionbpe@gmail.com).



## Prayer List

We invite you to include the following people, who are family or friends of our members, in your daily prayers:

Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Mark, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, Ken Ankerman, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Deb Ranly, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Courtney Spencer, Brandye Patterson, Beth Olberding, Eileen Zimmerman, Bill Nuss, Mark Torsell, Bruce Pannabecker, Kristin Hemmelgarden, Gene Kuck, Lillian, Mary Willmann, Edward Adams, Leslie Cook, Judy, Kim Roode, Tracy Anderson, Michael Daniel, Emily Henkle, Vicki Bishir, Teresa Roode, Jan White, Steve Reed, Levi Fischer, Debbie Brown, Pam Fledderjohann, Barb Franks, Family of Michael Hardin, Family of Martha Coby, Family of Janine Loyer, the Family of Debra Sudman and Family of Dave Feldwisch.

**Please pray** for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

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## Special Congregational Meeting

A special Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 2**, at 9:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary. The meeting will only address the repairs on our aging heating system in the education building.

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## The 70 and Over Dinner

The 70 & Over dinner will be held **Sunday, October 2**, in the auditorium, at 12 noon. If you are 70 or over, come for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. All spouses are welcome. The menu will include cube steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls & butter, and pumpkin dessert. Alexa Kemmann will speak on Music Therapy and will perform. Please sign up on the "I Worship Today" by **Sunday, September 25**, or call the church office.

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## Creative Crafters

On **Sunday, October 9**, at 1:30 p.m., in the all-purpose room, the Creative Crafters will meet to work on "diamond art" paintings. The \$15 fee includes canvas, diamonds, picture frame, and all that is necessary to complete the project. Sign up in the notebook provided in the Narthex.



## Flower Chart for 2022

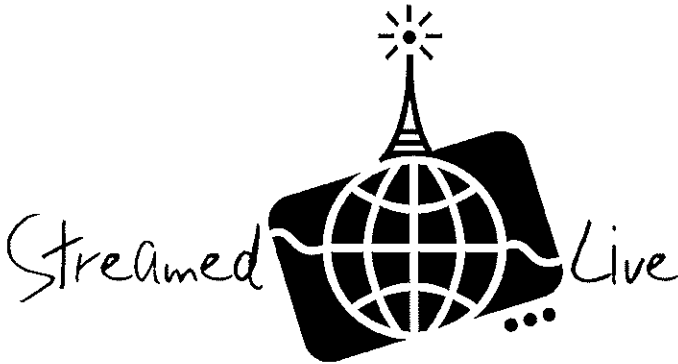
The 2022 Flower Chart is available on the bulletin board by the elevator. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and contact the church office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Upcoming date still available:

- October 16
- November 6
- November 20
- November 27

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## Fully Funded

Thank you for your generous gifts towards our carpet, kitchen update, kitchen electrical, and window blinds projects. They all have been fully funded. We anticipate celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sanctuary, Office space, Lounge, and adjacent rooms in 2023. Thank you for making these improvements prior to our celebration.



## Livestreaming of our 8 a.m. Service

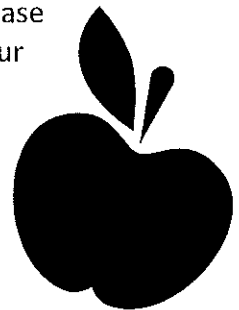
We have installed equipment for livestreaming of our 8 a.m. worship service. The worship services can be found on our Facebook page. Volunteers are needed to help with recording the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this new ministry opportunity.

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## November Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for our November Newsletter is **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit all articles to the church office by 3:30 p.m. Here are the various ways to submit your articles to us:

- Fax: 419-394-1239
- Bring it to the church office by the deadline.
- Call the church office and leave a message on our answering machine. (After six rings)
- Write us a note on the "I Worshiped Today"
- Send your article by e-mail: [kbishir@hotmail.com](mailto:kbishir@hotmail.com) or [zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net](mailto:zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net)



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## Memorials

Gifts were given by Ed & Linda Yahl in memory of Sandy Suchland and Don Maxwell.

## Live Radio Broadcast

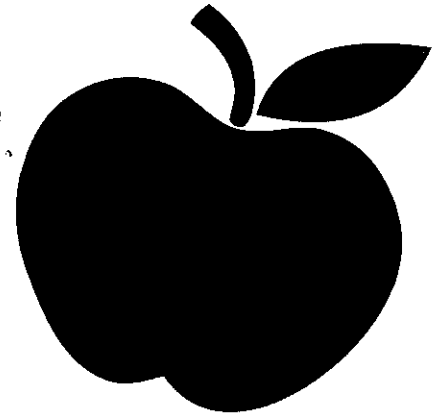
**Our 8 a.m. worship service** is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast--St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

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## Year-to-Date Financial Information

Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month, September 22, 2022.

- 1/1/2022 Beginning Balance--\$81,668
- September 2022 YTD Income--\$198,040
- September 2022 YTD Expenses--(\$201,927)
- Payroll WH/Benevolence--(\$1,053)
- September 2022 Ending Bank Balance--\$76,728



## Staff E-Mail Addresses

Zion is linked to the Internet. We are currently receiving e-mail service provided by bright.net. Staff e-mail addresses are:

- Pastor Bill Maki .....wem1@aol.com
  - Kathy Bishir .....kbishir@hotmail.com
  - Ann Maki.....annmmaki@yahoo.com
  - Mindy Thiebeau .....zionbpe@hotmail.com
  - General Mail.....[zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net](mailto:zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net)
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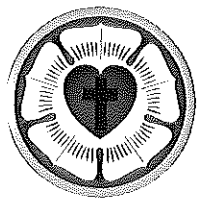


## 5k Run and Fundraiser

The St. Marys Rotary Club has undertaken some repair work on the Elm Grove Chapel, in anticipation of the Bicentennial celebration in the Summer of 2023.

To raise funds for the repairs of the Chapel, Rotary will host a 5K run inside of Elm Grove Cemetery. The event will take place on Saturday, October 29, at 9 a.m. The entry fee will be \$15, and they are hoping for 70 participants.

For more information, contact Joe Sutton or Rev. Tim Benjamin, at 419-394-3615 or [pastortimbenjamin@gmail.com](mailto:pastortimbenjamin@gmail.com).



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# CONGREGATION PLEDGE CONFIRMATION

We pledge to make a gift to the 2020 Vision in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total commitment)

## CONGREGATION INFORMATION:

Congregation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEDGE TERMS:

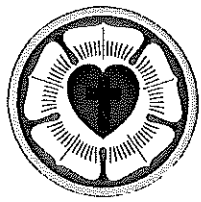
It is our intention to make our gift:

- as a one-time donation
- over and above our normal belevolence for the next \_\_\_\_\_ years
- through Advent offerings
- through Lent offerings

## PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Our donation check is enclosed, made payable to the North American Lutheran Church, 2655 Innsbruck Drive, Suite A, New Brighton, MN 55112-9304. On the memo line, please note "2020 Vision."
- We would like to make pledge payments. Please invoice us per the following schedule:
  - Monthly  Quarterly  Semi-Annually  Annually
- We would like to be contacted regarding fulfillment of my/our pledge using appreciated securities, mutual fund shares, or other assets.
- We would like to make electronic payments to fulfill our pledge:
  - We hereby authorize the North American Lutheran Church to establish automatic withdrawals for our pledge payments for the 2020 Vision from my bank account.
    - Checking account\*
    - Savings account\*
- We would like to be contacted regarding fulfillment of our pledge using a qualified disbursement through an IRA account.
- We will fulfill our pledge using a Donor Advised Fund account through:
  - Schwab  Fidelity  Thrivent  Other





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# CONGREGATION PLEDGE CONFIRMATION

## PAYMENT OPTIONS (CONTINUED):

We hereby authorize the North American Lutheran Church to automatically charge our pledge payments for the 2020 Vision to our credit card.\*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: If you indicated that you would like to make your donation via a checking account, savings account or credit card, you will receive a secure link to provide your account or card information electronically.

## PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED PLEDGE FORM TO:

North American Lutheran Church  
2655 Innsbruck Drive, Suite A  
New Brighton, MN 55112-9304

OR

email to Anne Gleason at [agleason@thenalc.org](mailto:agleason@thenalc.org)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Little at [alittle@thenalc.org](mailto:alittle@thenalc.org) or (419) 571-8689.

*No goods or services have been or will be received for this contribution.*