



Zion Lutheran Church, Waterville, Ohio, to celebrate Mission Sunday on October 22, 2017

Zion will celebrate the 13th year of distributing awards from its Endowment Fund toward mission programs and capital improvement projects during both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services on October 22, 2017. Representatives of 20 mission programs and five capital improvement projects have been invited to join in the acknowledgment and celebration of these gifts.

The guest speaker at both services will be the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA from 2001 to 2013. He was president of the Lutheran World Federation from 2003 to 2010 and bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod from 1995 to 2001. Prior to that, he served three Minnesota congregations. Bishop Hanson earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Augsburg College and a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary. He also attended Luther Seminary and was a Fellow at Harvard University Divinity School. Bishop Hanson is the author of *Faithful Yet Changing* and *Faithful and Courageous*, both published by Augsburg Fortress.

Abby Paskvan will be the guest soloist at both services. A Southern Gospel recording artist with Chapel Valley Recording Studios, Abby is a student at Bowling Green State University. For more than a decade, she has been entertaining, providing hope and sharing God's message through song. Abby sings at churches and gospel concerts throughout the United States. She has released five CDs and her songs can be heard on a number of southern gospel radio stations.

This year the Endowment Fund is awarding \$107,100 toward mission programs and \$11,900 toward capital improvement projects at Zion. The Endowment Committee thanks all of Zion's members who have embraced this program by submitting applications and participating in the voting process to help "Bring Mission to Life." Please join us in celebrating these gifts that benefit our church, our community, and our global neighbors.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 22 N SECOND ST, WATERVILLE OH 419-878-0266 SUNDAY, October 1, 2017 LATE BREAKING NEWS



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Community Luncheon

October 3, 11:30-1:00PM will be the first free lunch of the fall season, sponsored by Heritage Village of Waterville. The lunch is held here at Zion

and will feature Everyone is welcome to attend. The lunches will continue on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Garden News

Many thanks goes out to John Lusch for refinishing the railings at the front entrance to the church. They look great.

Thanks also goes out to Randy King and Paul Wielinski for spreading 4 yards of top soil around the new garden walk. Grass seed has been planted and the project is completed.

Many thanks to all the gardeners this year the gardens look amazing.

You are all appreciated and we are blessed.



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Upcoming Worship Highlights

Sunday, October 15- ONE WORSHIP SERVICE. In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Sr. Choir will lead a special music Sunday singing Reformation hymns. The combined service will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by a social hour in the family life center.

Sunday, October 22- Mission Sunday. 9:00 Traditional Service. 10:45 Praise Service. Bishop Mark Hanson, former President of the ELCA will preach, and Abby Paskvan will be our guest soloist. A social hour will be in between services hosted by the Endowment Committee.

Sunday, October 29- Celebrating 500 years of the Reformation. 9:00 Traditional Service. 10:45 Praise Service.

Sunday, November 5- All Saints Sunday. 9:00 Traditional Service. 10:45 Praise Service. We will lift up all those who have gone before us in the last year, and celebrate those who have been baptized.

Endowment Distributions for 2017

Mission

- A. Zion and Waterville area (Acts 1:8: "Be my witnesses in Jerusalem...")
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| \$ 3,000 | Empowered for Excellence Behavioral Health (art therapy) |
| \$ 3,500 | International Boxing Club (Knock-Out Parkinson's) |
| \$ 7,500 | Lucas County Drug Abuse Response Team (equipment) |
| \$ 6,000 | National Church Residences Foundation (homeless veterans) |
| \$ 9,550 | Sunshine Foundation (handicap accessible furniture) |
- B. Northwest Ohio ("Be my witnesses... in all Judea and Samaria...")
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| \$ 10,000 | The Daughter Project (resident counseling) |
| \$ 4,500 | Immanuel Lutheran Church, Deshler (accessible bathrooms) |
| \$ 3,400 | Living in Faith Together (Latino/Hispanic ministry) |
| \$ 2,150 | SNAP Ministries (church construction in Careroon) |
| \$ 3,500 | Waterville Rotary Club (early childhood learning in Belize) |
- C. National and global ("Be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth.")
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| \$ 2,000 | Assemblies of God World Missions (Laos missionaries) |
| \$ 800 | Dodoma Diocese of ELC Tanzania (parsonage construction) |
| \$ 6,200 | Dodoma Diocese of ELC Tanzania (high school construction) |
| \$ 4,900 | Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (South Sudan clinic) |
| \$ 4,100 | New Dawn Christian School (student computers) |
| \$ 4,500 | New Hope Bulgaria (Kairos Christian education) |
| \$ 10,000 | Tumaini III Medical Mission (Tanzania trip in 2018) |
- D. Seminary education/funding
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| \$ 5,500 | Trinity Lutheran Seminary (Summer Sampler) |
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- E. Recommendations from Northwestern Ohio Synod
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| \$ 10,000 | Glenwood Lutheran Church, Toledo (kitchen upgrades) |
| \$ 6,000 | Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA (thriving congregations) |
| \$107,100 | Total Mission |

Capital Improvements

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| \$ 3,500 | Two gas stoves |
| \$ 2,500 | Entryway mortar and concrete |
| \$ 1,000 | Replace ceiling tiles |
| \$ 750 | Video camera and recorder |
| \$ 4,150 | Fire-resistant file cabinet |
| \$ 11,900 | Total Capital Improvements |

The Congregational voting is complete and the Endowment Committee has finalized the 2017 distributions. All projects are listed above, just as they appeared on the voting form, along with the amount awarded to each project. Thank you to all who voted and congratulations on "bringing mission to life" in our community and beyond! Endowment recipients will join us for recognition and celebration during Mission Sunday services on October 22, 2017. Please contact any Committee member if you have questions (Sheri Luedtke, Kevin Pool, Mike Scheiding, Jon Rhoades, Sherry Moon or Pastor Steve).