

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Black Friday has come and gone, and with it the Christmas shopping season has begun. It is almost as if the whole world relies on American shopping mania for its economic good health. What kind of health can that be! Over-consumption based on addictions to spending that leave us feeling no better about ourselves and no better about the budgets we've driven further into the red. I've heard that Black Friday is about helping merchants to get out of the red and into the black, and I'm not sure that's going to happen this year; but I am sure that that does not hold the key to good health or well-being. Getting *Christ* back into *Christmas* as the real reason for the season: that's the key to good health, well-being, true joy and lasting peace.

We have been a part of some unbelievable surprises during the course of this past year, some tragic, others deeply gratifying. It was back in February when Steve Dague fell backwards from the ladder holding him steady as he stuffed insulation into his garage ceiling. His fall left him injured and motionless on his garage floor, resulting in a spinal chord injury that required a series of surgeries, along with months and months of various forms of therapies, which continue to this day. We have stood with the Dagues as Steve has wowed us all with his amazing recovery. First, it was his joining us at worship in May. Then, it was his walking with a walker, with a cane, and now, without a cane! May God be praised for all the blessings He bestows.

It is so very easy to become distracted by the overly-crowded and highly-stressed schedules of the holiday season. It is easy to find ourselves wondering what it is that we are supposed to be focusing on, and easier still to find ourselves questioning how our almost maniacal commitment to present-buying and gift-giving is supposed to bring us peace, or happiness, or anything except exhaustion. I've asked Steve Dague to think about these questions because I've often wondered what life looked like from the eyes of someone laying there on his garage floor, completely immobilized. I've wondered what we learn to focus on when, without a moment's notice, we are ripped from our regular routines and forced to think about what really matters.

So, Steve is going to share with us what he's looking forward to this Christmas, what it is that he's focused on, what it is that he gives thanks for as he spends his days thanking God for the gifts of life, family, and community. It has been quite a year for the Dagues, and quite a year for Zion, as we have walked together sharing a long history, a common faith, and a heartfelt hope for finding the key to what it means to be happy and blessed. We know that this key has nothing to do with the things we can buy, nor with the crowded schedules that go 'round and 'round without leading anywhere. Knowing God through faith, feeling God's presence in the love we share with one another, standing on our own because of everything that our community of friends and family are doing to make us strong: these are the key to being happy and blessed.

Whether we walk slowly with a cane, and a goodly amount of lingering pain, or run the hundred yard dash in under ten seconds, our strength is not found in standing alone but in sharing with others the gifts God gives through the communities that make us who we are. Christmas is a time for valuing these gifts – community ties with family, church, and friends. These are the things that become clear when we cut through the clutter of life's many distractions to find the key to what matters in life. Let's give a listen to what Steve has to share with us in this regard.

WHAT REALLY MATTERS BY STEVE DAGUE

Have you ever looked back in your life and noticed that certain events have occurred that have altered the course of your life? Perhaps in very subtle ways, perhaps in very obvious ways, maybe slowly, over time, or suddenly, in the blink of an eye, your life changed. As your life's path has been *adjusted* with these course corrections, have you noticed that you can look back on certain things and realize that although you once thought they were important, you realize now that they really were not? Have you been able to realize, or discover, just what really is important as we move quickly through this short and fragile life of ours?

I began 2008 with all of the excitement and nervousness that can possibly be associated with a new job opportunity. I was very aware of the importance of my new responsibilities and the need to work hard to be successful with all these new challenges facing me. On February 17, in the blink of an eye, my life's direction was "*adjusted*". My life changed. My challenges changed. Many things that seemed so very important to me instantly became pointless and meaningless. As I look back on that day when I was lying on the floor, praying and fighting for my life, that is when I began to understand and realize just what was really important. At that very moment, everything changed. Short term goals consisted of fighting to stay awake and alive until help arrived, and have now become the stepping stones to continued recovery.

Long term goals, as we previously knew them, have now become non-existent. Talk about refocusing on what's important! Trust me when I say it is not the economy, gas prices, 401K's, presidential candidates, or even my job loss due to injury. God has a reason why I am still here, and why you are here. I believe there is a plan, that there is a purpose behind these life-altering events. However, knowing the details of that plan, figuring out the purpose behind these events does not seem as important as doing everything I possibly can to strengthen this faith, rejoice in this faith, and share this faith. I now have a greater understanding of the importance of family and of their love and their willingness to do anything because of this love. *That* is important. My eyes have been opened so that I can see how many wonderful friends I have and what they are continually willing to do. I wish I could have been present to see all of the friends and family who were present at the choral concert Zion hosted for my benefit. *That* is important. I have been blessed with meeting new friends and I look forward to opportunities to strengthen these friendships. *That*, too, is important.

I have no idea where I keep finding the strength to push myself during some of the grueling rehab sessions ... because it is not without pain! I am quite sure it would be very easy to give that up. But words of Scripture have helped: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13) How many times have we heard these words of encouragement? How true they are, and how important these words have become to me. Where will all of this lead me? I am reminded of a bumper sticker: "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet."

As I look forward to this year's celebration of Christmas, I want to quickly share with you my personal feelings of the miraculous, the wonderful, and the absolute magnificence of God's love. I know it is there for all of us. I wish you the warmest of holidays filled with peace, joy, friendship, and the Spirit that defines everything that is truly important. Merry Christmas!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Carol Rossbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Carol Rossbach, Jayne Schrader, Dave Palumbo, Tina Beaber, Chris Thomas, Mary Humbert, Mark Votaw, Linda Lancashire, Steve Ross, Dale Jacobs, Pastor Sherwindt. Jim Fidler and Betty Tracy were unable to attend. We enjoyed some great news, with October boasting another highly successful Craft Show, as well as a productive Congregational Meeting, and significant progress on the budget front, as we pulled very close to balancing our operating budget year-to-date.

The *Treasurer's Report* for October displayed some impressive figures for overall income, and some good news about income relative to expenses. In addition to receiving \$4,622.42 in net income from the Craft Show, \$883.50 for the HV/AC, and \$1,100.00 in Memorials, income for the Operating Budget exceeded expenses by \$4,254.69, which leaves us with a year-to-date deficit of just (\$752.72). There is no doubt that a strong finish to the end of the year will move us out of the red and into the black, setting the stage for a strong start in 2009. With five Sundays in November, five major services in December, and your help, we can end the year with a flourish.

ZION'S OCTOBER FINANCIAL FACTS

October Income	\$20,396.21
October Expenses	<u>\$16,141.52</u>
October Surplus	\$ 4,254.69
Income thru October	\$205,766.62
Expenses " October	<u>\$206,519.31</u>
Deficit thru October	(\$ 752.69)
Our 2008 YTD (Deficit)	(\$ 752.69)
The 2007 YTD (Deficit)	(\$ 3,479.45)

We thank you for your generous support!

MORE COUNCIL NEWS

The *Worship Ministry* reported that Zion's Search Team enjoyed a series of interview meetings with Megan Meyer, the candidate for our position of Choir Director who has accepted the offer we were still formulating. Her role with the Praise Team and Senior Choir began almost immediately, and her work with the children's Sunday School choirs will begin with the New Year. She will also have a role with the music program during Vacation Bible School. You can read more about Megan and her family on page 10 of this newsletter. We are blessed to have her on board. God has again been good to us.

The *Learning Ministry* is looking forward to a holiday season filled with opportunities for service. The Sunday School will be active in decorating and packing Thanksgiving bags for the Food Pantry on November 9 & 16, and then scouring the neighborhood for food on November 23. The Christmas Program is moving forward, and will be presented at the 10:30 a.m. service on December 14. The Youth of Zion (and their leaders and families) will host the Sunday Evening Advent Service on December 21, when we will take the time to thank our recent graduates who served as acolytes during their high school years. A good part of our meeting focused on plans for a *Dedication Sunday Breakfast Buffet* on November 23, when we plan to thank everyone for their help with our Sanctuary Renovations, and with replacing the old boiler with a new HV/AC system. Dale Jacobs will take the lead in getting the main course ready; Mark Votaw & Linda Lancashire will assist with hors d'oeuvres; Chris Thomas will help with set-up; Dave Palumbo with clean-up; Betty Tracy & Carol Rossbach with fruit; Jim Fidler with juice; Steve Ross, Tina Beaber & Jayne Schrader with bagels and breads.

ZION'S ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

The First Sunday in Advent: Gathering as Families around Advent Wreaths

- Sunday, November 30, 8:00 a.m.: Our Traditional Service, with Fred Locker as Organist
- Sunday, November 30, 10:30 a.m.: Our Family Service, with Megan Meyer on Keyboard
- Sunday, November 30, 5:30 p.m.: Our First Advent Dinner hosted by the Church Council
- Sunday, November 30, 6:00 p.m.: Our Family Craft invites all to make an Advent Wreath
- Sunday, November 30, 6:30 p.m.: *Advent's Theme: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World*

[The First Sunday Evening Advent Service focuses on a family craft that all of us can enjoy. Carol Rossbach has outdone herself yet again, with an even more beautiful Advent Wreath designed for home use. Make every effort to join us. You'll be glad you did, and so will we.]

The Second Sunday in Advent: A Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols

- Sunday, December 7, 8:00 a.m.: Our Traditional Service, with the Senior Choir singing
- Sunday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.: Our Blended Service, led by Zion's Praise Team
- Sunday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.: Our Second Advent Dinner hosted by the Men of Zion
- Sunday, December 7, 6:15 p.m.: Our Traditional Service of *Lessons & Carols* at Zion

[Our evening program features the many talents that Zion possesses with solos, small vocal ensembles, the Men of Zion and Senior Choir. Join us for an Evening with Lessons & Carols.]

The Third Sunday in Advent: Gathering as Families around Chrismons

- Sunday, December 14, 8:00 a.m.: Our Traditional Service, with the Senior Choir singing
- Sunday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.: Children's Christmas Program, *The Road to Christmas*
- Sunday, December 14, 5:30 p.m.: Our Third Advent Dinner hosted by the Chancel Guild
- Sunday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.: Our Family Craft invites all to make their own Chrismon
- Sunday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.: *Telling the Story of Christ's Coming through Chrismons*

[Carol Rossbach has honed the process of inviting all who join us to make a *chrismon* for home use. Come to enjoy the story and the sight of *chrismons* adorning our Christmas Tree at Zion.]

The Fourth Sunday in Advent: Singing Carols from around the World

- Sunday, December 21, 8:00 a.m.: Our Traditional Service, with the Senior Choir singing
- Sunday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.: Our Blended Service, led by Zion's Praise Team
- Sunday, December 21, 5:30 p.m.: Our Fourth Advent Dinner hosted by the Youth of Zion
- Sunday, December 21, 6:15 p.m.: Celebrating *Christmas Carols from around the World!*

Our Christmas Eve Schedule at Zion: Two Services, 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.: Our Family-Friendly Service, with special music by the children of Zion, Mr. Walters' story-time, plus our Carol Setting for Holy Communion
- Wednesday, December 24, 8:00 p.m.: Special Music offered by our many talented members
- Wednesday, December 24, 8:30 p.m.: Our Traditional Candle-Light Service, with Zion's Senior Choir singing, as well as our special Christmas Carol Setting for Holy Communion

GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, December 13: The Children's Program Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 13: Older Youth meet for an Advent Giving Tree Gift Wrapping Party

Sunday, December 14: The Children's Christmas Program – at the 10:30 a.m. Service only

Sunday, December 14: Our Advent Chrismon Craft & Service begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 21: Youth of Zion and their families host our Advent dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24: Sunday School Children sings at the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

PRE-K THROUGH THE SIXTH GRADE

The month of December will be devoted to play practice and the Christmas Story.

This year's program is called *Beyond Christmas*. It will tell the traditional Christmas story and then take us beyond the story as we realize the culmination of God's plan for Jesus as our Savior. There are plenty of speaking roles for all who are interested. We also have many important roles for those who do not want a speaking part. The children will meet in their classrooms at 9:15 a.m. for their lessons and play practice. This is a great time of the year for Zion's Sunday School children.

The kids have a lot of fun and learn the true meaning of Christmas. The Christmas Program will be performed at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 14. Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have a pizza party after play practice to celebrate the kids' hard work, and then we will wrap the gifts placed under the Advent Giving Tree. Our older youth are invited to join us for pizza and gift wrapping.



THANK YOU'S FOR TWO GREAT SERVICE EVENTS

Thank you to all of our youth for the great job they did decorating this year's Thanksgiving bags for the Siffrin Home recipients of our *Great Turkey Give-away!* Zion's Youth – ages 3 to 18 – decorated 34 grocery bags for this project, and then helped to fill those bags on Sunday, November 16. We had a great service event with food, fun and fellowship, along with a lot of hard work! A big thank you goes out to the Pantry Crew and Youth Leaders for their help! We also extend our thanks to the youth and adults who braved the cold on the afternoon of Sunday, November 23, for the Food Scavenger Hunt. Our group went door-to-door in the neighborhood asking for food or money to help the Food Pantry. The group collected lots of food, and \$51.00, too! Many thanks to Tina & Lorin Beaber, Steve Ross, Darlene Dague, Sharon Stout, Taylor & Brooke Roman, Christian Heller, Kelly Walters, Laura Kay, Jaret & Grant Beaber, Jeremy Fox, Cassie Frank, Brooke & Brandon Stout, Eric & Justin Dague, Natalie & Christian Henderson and Natalie's friend, Madison. Thank you again to everyone for your time and hard work.

MORE GREAT NEWS FOR ZION'S YOUTH

CHRISTMAS IS A SEASON OF GIVING FOR THE YOUTH OF ZION

The Youth will again sponsor an Advent Giving Tree to help with Christmas for several families in our community who are in need. The Advent Giving Tree, which will once again be located in the Narthex beginning with the First Sunday in Advent (November 30) has tags with gift suggestions for these families. We are also hoping to help all of our pantry families by giving them Christmas dinner. With that in mind, we have placed plenty of tags on the tree asking for a \$25 donation for the gift of a Christmas dinner. Please take one (or more) of these tags, purchase the item, and bring the gift – *unwrapped with the giving tag attached* – to church by Friday, December 12. The older youth will be getting together on Saturday, December 13, at 12:00 p.m. (after play practice), to join in the pizza party and then wrap the Giving Tree gifts so that they can be delivered to the families before Christmas Day. Please make it a point to help our youth to help these families have a Merry Christmas, so that all of us, givers and recipients, might feel God's love through the service we offer others.

As an added bonus, we are also collecting cookies again this year to help both our pantry families and our shut-ins enjoy Christmas. We are asking that families bake four dozen cookies – that's forty-eight cookies – to share with these families. There will be a sign-up sheet available in Luther Hall, or you can contact Debbie Fox if you are willing to bake for this project. We are asking anyone that is interested to please sign up and indicate the type of cookie you will make so that we can have a variety. Again, we will need these cookies by the weekend of December 12—14 in order to distribute these cookie trays to the pantry families on Tuesday, December 16. It would be great to have them by Saturday, if possible, so we can start packaging them while the youth are wrapping the Advent Giving Tree gifts. This is yet another great way to share the love and joy of the Christmas Season!

MORE GREAT NEWS FOR ZION'S OLDER YOUTH

Advent has arrived along with our wonderful Advent dinners and services. The following are some important dates and information that we are asking the youth and their families to mark on their calendars. **December 14** will be the Chrismon Service. This is a wonderful evening when we get to make beautiful Chrismons for our own trees along with decorating a tree full of Chrismons for Zion. We will need the help of our youth for the readings and decorating that takes place during the service. On the next Sunday, **December 21**, the youth will be in charge of dinner for the Sunday Evening Advent Program. We'll be contacting the youth and their families about donating items for dinner, helping to set-up, cook, serve and tear down for that dinner. This is always a great dinner and we appreciate everyone's help to make it happen!



**Zion's Sunday School Staff would like to wish all of
our families a very Merry Christmas and a
Peaceful and Happy New Year!**



GREAT FELLOWSHIP AT ZION

The *Chancel Guild Christmas Dinner* is set for Tuesday, December 9, with a *Social Get Together* beginning at 6:00 p.m., and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The menu includes cranberry salad, pork tenderloin, potatoes, green beans with bacon & onions, rolls & butter, a sweet dessert, coffee and tea. Please let Susan Heyard know of your desire to join us, by Sunday, November 30, if possible.

All women are invited to join us for our *monthly Bible study*, which meets in Luther Hall on the 3rd Tuesday, which is December 16, at 9:30 a.m. We begin our study of the wisdom of Daniel. You'll enjoy the conversation, and we'll be glad that you came.

The Men of Zion are going to be very active in December. We'll meet on the first Wednesday, **December 3**, to plan our strategy. On Sunday, **December 7**, we will host and serve dinner for the Second Sunday Evening in Advent. During the *Lessons & Carols Service* that follows dinner, we'll offer a musical moment (of sorts), leaning heavily on the voices of Dale Jacobs and Brian Walters.

THE MEN OF ZION are planning their Second Annual *Christmas Prime Rib Dinner*, with our Singing Chef doing the honors of serving up this sumptuous feast on the evening of **Wednesday, December 17**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. Men are invited to invite their wives for an evening of fine dining and great fun. The menu promises to be exceptionally delicious. Please let Steve Ross (or the Church Office) know of your interest in joining us. We'd love to have you.

Zion Lutheran Church on Raff Road and Seventh Street SW, Canton, is hosting a *Seniors Advent Party* on Monday, December 1st, beginning at NOON. There will be great entertainment, a light lunch, and door prizes.

IN THE COMMUNITY, TOO!

Did you know that we had great fun at our *Community Thanksgiving Service* at Trinity Baptist Church this year? The special music offered by the *Walsh University Praise Team* was fabulous. Our Community Choir was fifty-strong, with a rousing anthem based on the hymn, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. Pr. Matt Skolnik (*Northminster Presbyterian Church*) offered a message that was right on the mark, and our offering, designated to go to the Stark County Hunger Task Force, topped \$600.00! Thank you all for your interest and support.

Did you know that we have a thriving Latino ministry right in Canton? The congregation of *Iglesia Luterana La Trinidad* cordially invites Canton-area Lutheran congregations to share with them their celebration of the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*, which will take place Friday evening, December 12, 7:00 p.m., 701 Walnut St. NE, which is also the home of Martin Luther Lutheran Church. This day is central to the faith of all Latino Christians, in particular to those of Mexican heritage. It is a national holiday in Mexico, established in honor of their patron Saint. Traditionally, people attend church early in the morning and place roses at the feet of the statue of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Children dress in native costumes. Here in Canton, it is one of the most joyful occasions on the liturgical calendar of *La Trinidad*. This year, we are again pleased to welcome the Rev. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, who will preside at the Eucharist. Following the service, we will feast on traditional Mexican foods in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and worship with us. No Spanish language skill is required. Just enjoy the food, our hospitality, and a different side of Lutheran witness.

(That's Friday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m.)

GIVING THANKS FOR ZION

To Zion's Food Pantry Volunteers,

I hope you know how appreciated you are for making Thanksgiving so special for so many.

*Many thanks,
Mrs. Jessie Zarlingo*

Pastor Sherwindt & Zion Lutheran,

Thank you for all you have done for our Aunt, Aleene Heist, both with her Memorial Service at St. Luke's, and while she was alive and living here in northeast Ohio. We are so glad we were able to give Aleene a Memorial Service that would have pleased her. All of you were a big part of making that happen.

*Sincerely,
Kris Parsons, Kathy Naylor, Keith Heist*

Please help fill the Sanctuary with the colors of Christmas by purchasing your **Christmas poinsettias**. The cost is \$9.00 per plant, and we will need plenty to fill out our poinsettia trees. Orders need to be in by December 21st.

GIVING THANKS FOR MEGAN

God often works in wonderfully surprising ways. When one door begins to close, another swings wide open. That's what happened with us and our new Choir Director, Megan Meyer. God's timing proved impeccable, making Thanksgiving a perfect time for giving thanks. The search for a new Choir Director began in earnest as summer gave way to our fall programming needs. The interview process began slowly and seemed to be leading nowhere until we received a promising lead through an online inquiry asking whether we were still seeking to fill the music position.

Every conversation with Megan (pronounced *Mee-gan*) encouraged more of us to believe that this was the one. It didn't take long to see God's hand in what was unfolding. Megan lives just three blocks from the church, teaches music Crenshaw Middle School in Canton, and, until recently, was driving to Hudson several times a week serving as Director of Music Ministries, and before that, to New Philadelphia serving in a similar capacity.

Megan is an accomplished church musician who was born and raised in Holmes County. She started her vocal training at age 12, and was in various choirs in Mennonite churches. She spent her freshman year of school at Greenville College studying contemporary Christian music, and finished her college education at Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education. She is presently pursuing her Master's degree in Music Education through an online program with Boston University. Megan keeps a very busy schedule. In addition to her choir directing and teaching, she sings with the Canton Symphony Chorus and performs in choral concerts throughout the year. In terms of family life, Megan is married to Mason, and they have two sons, Ian and Christopher.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR ADVENT: CAROL ROSSBACH

With the arrival of Advent, the new church year begins; and such beginnings are marked with an honored tradition we call *New Year's Resolutions*. Sure, it seems that we might be a month early, but the resolutions I am asking us to consider focus on our resolve to continue the journey of becoming a healthier and stronger church in 2009. We do not need to start from scratch in thinking about such things, since we spent a good deal of time several years ago creating a Membership Covenant at Zion, which focuses precisely on those things that we can and should do as members of Zion in our desire to become healthier and stronger. Without rehearsing all of the pillars and planks that went into constructing our Membership Covenant, Carol Rossbach – our Church Council President and resident artist – offers her reflections on the plank in our Membership Covenant that most moved her in thinking about how we at Zion might become a healthier church. Carol's focus is on our commitment to serve when needed or called. She begins by drawing inspiration from 1st Corinthians 12:27. "*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*"

If we are all part of the body of Christ, which is the church, we need to take ownership in our part of the body and work to strengthen it. We can do that by volunteering our time and talents. The church is for the most part a volunteer body. I remember when I first came to Zion. I had no idea how much went on behind the scenes just to prepare for Sunday services. It was not until I joined Chancel Guild that I became aware of this. Take a moment to imagine what it would be like on Sunday without Zion's volunteers. As you drive up to the church you would notice all kinds of dead leaves and shaggy shrubbery. When the service starts you might wonder such things as where's the communion wafer, the candles, the music, the readings, the bulletins? You would ask who will collect the offering and count it? What about taking your children to Sunday School? Where are the teachers? Where's the coffee?

Of course, it is not just on Sunday that we have volunteers. How about the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet workers? How about the Church Council and those who serve in our many ministries? How much would the Sanctuary Renovations and the HV/AC have cost Zion without volunteers doing a huge amount of the work? Brian Walters figured that we actually saved \$65,313 because of volunteers working on the Sanctuary. Whisler Plumbing estimates that Chris Thomas saved us close to \$20,000 because of his oversight and work on the HV/AC system. Why do these people volunteer again and again? In his book *The Purpose Driven Church*, Rick Warren reminded us that time is the most precious gift we can give, because once we give it we can't get it back. In truth, we get back something better than time, namely, the satisfaction of being used and empowered by God to work for the body of Christ, each in our own way. If you haven't volunteered, try it. But be careful, the satisfaction is addicting!

What better way is there to begin this New Year than to close with a word of prayer. *Thank you, dear Lord, for the opportunity to serve as one of your kingdom workers. Help us find that being part of the action is better than being on the sidelines. Help us to be willing servants, and let your life flow through us according to your will. Amen*

