

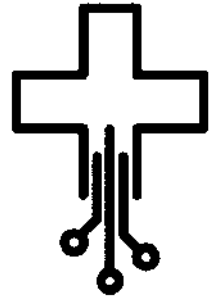
**January 7-8, 2023**

*Please welcome guest organist Mrs. Ruth Schian, this Sunday,  
as our Mrs. Bobbie Jo Upton, enjoys some vacation time.*

### **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL GATHERS**

Following chapel this week, Mrs. Thiel, our Young Fives teacher, gathered her students around the manger bed in the front of church and gave these children an opportunity to touch the straw and to ask questions about the birth of Jesus. It was a tremendous moment to witness as these little lambs of Jesus were filled with awe and wonder at our Savior Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger for us and our salvation. Thank you for giving to the Lord with your gifts of love to the King of love.

Through our offerings given over Christmas through New Year's Eve, the people of God at Zion gave more than \$30,000 to the ministry efforts of our church and school.



**MONTHLY MISSION:** Our mission focus for January is **LIFELINIC COMMUNITY RESOURCES**. This Christian faith-based organization serves pregnant women and their families with the hope of providing encouragement for them to choose life for their unborn child. We will participate in the **BABY**



**BOTTLE** Campaign beginning this weekend and running through Valentine's Day. When you fill a baby bottle (available in the Great Hall) with spare change, cash, or a check, you are helping LifeClinic provide free and confidential medical services, parenting education classes, and resilience support to anyone in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Please join us in supporting this very worthy organization. For more information about LifeClinic there is literature on the table in the Great Hall or you may visit their website at [www.LifeClinic.org](http://www.LifeClinic.org).

### **ARE YOU OVER 18 WITH YOUTH BASKETBALL REFEREE**

**EXPERIENCE?** Zion Lutheran School is seeking the services of two referees for January 13th. Zion will host two games, one at 5:30 and one at 6:30. Zion will pay for the services of the referees. If you are available, contact Julie Glumm at 989.893.5793 or [jglumm@zionbaycity.org](mailto:jglumm@zionbaycity.org) or Holly Essex at [admissions@zionbaycity.org](mailto:admissions@zionbaycity.org).

**This weekend's bulletin is being sponsored by Nancy & John Peltier.  
"Thankful for the Blessings during our 60 years together."**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**ROCK WARMUP**, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**, 8:30 a.m., Ministry Room A.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ARE COMING DOWN**, Monday, January 9, beginning at 9 am. Any and all help will be appreciated!

**LWML QUILTING**, Monday, January 9, 2-4 p.m., Ministry Room A.

**BOARD OF ELDERS (BOE)**, Tuesday, January 10, 4:30 p.m., Pastor Baerwolf's office.

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATION BOARD (CAB)**, Tuesday, January 10, 6 p.m., Ministry Room A.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**, Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m., Nursery.

**SHUT IN VISITS**, Wednesday, January 11 and Thursday, January 12.

**CHAPEL**, Wednesday, January 11, 8 a.m.

**ORCHESTRA**, Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP**, 7 p.m., Great Hall.

**RUTH BIBLE STUDY**, Thursday, January 12, 10:30 a.m., Ministry Room A.

**LWML NEWS:** All ladies of Zion are welcome to come to a LWML gathering on January 16th at 7pm in Ministry A to help make witness bracelets for missions. These are very easy and fun to make, no experience is necessary! We will have a brief devotion first and refreshments while making the bracelets. If you have any questions call or text Kay Arnold, 751-0855.

**SCRIP NEWS:** This week we highlight our Jet's Pizza gift cards. We carry in the office gift cards valued at \$10.00 with a rebate of 10%. These cards can be picked up in the church office or placed on an order form but we do this locally so they cannot be done online. Any orders in the office by noon on January 15 with payment will be processed and you will get a call when they are ready. If you have any questions, call Nancy Bailey at 989.906.5585 or Doug Bolzman at 989.615.8205.

### **AREA HAPPENINGS...**

We would like to invite you to our monthly Bible study! It's a Bible Study for One and All! Come to Grace (303 Ruth Street, Auburn 48611), as each month we deal with a standalone question, such as "What can I do when my loved one is no longer in church?" "How can limits actually not limit?" "How can our golden years actually be the most golden?" We'll be meeting at Grace on the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Our first study is on Sunday, January 15. Babysitting is offered. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend! Our Lord has comfort for us in our questions! Come and be encouraged!

**GRIEFSHARE @ GRACE, AUBURN** Have you suffered loss? Are you grieving the death of a loved one? There's help for you. Grace Lutheran, Auburn will be starting a new round of GriefShare on Tuesday, January 24, at 10:00 a.m. GriefShare is a 13-week program designed to provide comfort to those who mourn. Each session is around 90 minutes, beginning with a video and followed by a discussion. GriefShare is a safe space to open up about your sorrow and be heard. GriefShare reminds us that we're not alone but rather Jesus comes alongside us to comfort us and lead us through our grief. GriefShare is open to all people. It's free and all materials will be provided. Every session is a standalone session, so you can come and go as you please during the 13 weeks. If you have questions call 989.662.6161.



**CALLINGS FOR LIFE!** Have you ever asked yourself, "What is God's plan for my life? You're not alone. We're all seeking to understand our lives and see God's plan in it all. We want answers! Come to Grace Lutheran (303 Ruth St., Auburn) to be encouraged with insights and answers! On Saturday, February 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor Jeffrey Leininger, author of the CPH book *"Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose,"* will unpack for us God's callings for our lives. Pastor Leininger serves as the University Pastor at Concordia University, Chicago, IL, and is so excited about talking about our callings in Christ in life! Free lunch will be provided, and a free copy of Pastor Leininger's book will be given to each family while supplies last. For more information, please contact Grace (989) 662-6161 or [office.graceauburn@gmail.com](mailto:office.graceauburn@gmail.com).

**DO YOU ENJOY CARD GAMES?** Would you like to support the Valley Lutheran Booster Club? Then mark your calendars for Saturday, February 4! The VL Booster Club is holding a Card Night Fundraiser beginning at 6. (please arrive at 5:30 to learn the rules!) at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Saginaw. No experience needed and everyone is welcome! \$20 to play. Head to [www.vlhs.com/VLcardnight](http://www.vlhs.com/VLcardnight) to learn more, or contact Jenny Rauschert ([jenrausch@gmail.com](mailto:jenrausch@gmail.com), 989-751-4525) or Cathy Miller (989-790-1676) by January 30 to RSVP.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...**

**In Remembrance of Tom Fry at Christmas**, from Sue and Hannah Fry...\$50-General Fund.

**Gifts Received**...\$1,400-Church Roof Repair SF.

## **PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**

Christmas Eve-3pm (192), 10pm (90), Christmas Day (52),  
New Year's Eve (55), New Year's Day (55)

## **This Weekend – January 7-8 - Epiphany**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 2:1-11

Hymns: LSB 379, 367, 374, 409, 412, 397

## **Next Weekend - January 14-15 - More Than Enough**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Psalm 111:1-4; Ephesians 5:25-33; John 2:1-11

Hymns: LSB 408, 554, 623, 664, 411

## **AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

- 2018-2022 Monthly Reports
- Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for December-February
- January Calendar of Events
- **NEW** January Valley Vision
- **NEW** Cougar Newsletter-week of January 3-6

**ACCESSING FACEBOOK STREAMING SERVICES.** You can access the streaming service site at  
<https://www.facebook.com/zionbaycity>.

**ACCESSING YOUTUBE STREAMING SERVICES.** To access the service from YouTube, go to  
<https://youtu.be/c7Wvx6h96XA>, select the PLAYLISTS tab, select Church to find the Live-Stream  
and hit SUBSCRIBE to add this site.

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**Worship: Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9:30am; Wednesday 7pm**

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“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”

Matthew 2:10

# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns**

**January 7-13, 2023**

**Those ill, hospitalized (or recently hospitalized), seeking medical treatment or with long term needs...**

Ashley Tober and those with struggles who suffer silently.

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Raymond & Susanne Fick celebrating 64 yrs. on January 9

John & Nancy Peltier celebrating 60 yrs. on January 11

Rick & Bonnie Ziesemer celebrating 12 yrs. on January 11

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Judy Skornia-1/7

Marilyn Jacobson celebrating her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday-1/8

Matthew Powers-1/8

Alana Rabedioux-1/10

Lori Royer-1/10

Laurie Johnson-1/11

Jacob Bolzman-1/12

Hannah Gradowski-1/13

Victoria Sumner-1/13

**For this week's homebound/nursing home patients ...**

Barbara Metz, Richard Nagel, Mary Riedy, Jane Royer, and  
Rebecca Schaefer

### **Other prayer concerns...**

- In your prayers ask Jesus to remind you of your new birth in Holy Baptism—the forgiveness, life and salvation He gives to you there. Pray for the Lord to bless your day, your family, your church. Pray that God blesses powerfully the pastors and teachers of our church and school so that we may continue to do the work that God has given us to do in His kingdom today.
- Gratefully remember the many gifts with which the Lord has blessed us. In this new year, may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ follow each of us all the days of our lives, and let us dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### **May our prayer be that of the psalmist who teaches us to pray: Psalm 23 – A profession of joyful trust in the Lord as the good Shepherd-King**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me besides quiet water, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Use this list as a daily reminder for your prayer time.

If you would like a prayer noted in upcoming weeks, please call the church office at 989.894.2611 or you may email April at [secretary@zionbaycity.org](mailto:secretary@zionbaycity.org). Requests may be made for you, a family member, or a friend.

Those noted on the hospitalized or long-term lists will remain on the insert for three weekends; after that, they or a family member may call to have them remain listed for an additional period of time.