

January 21-22, 2023

***We welcome Guest Pastor Seth Hemme, Zion Lutheran Church-Auburn,
to our weekend worship services and Sunday morning bible class.***

MONTHLY MISSION: Our mission focus for January is **LIFECLINIC 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.

**"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).**

Will you consider serving...

- Approximately 1 hour a month refreshing our "Jesus" bags. All supplies will be furnished. You are able to sit in a comfy chair with the bags/supplies right in front of you. You can be as creative as you would like refilling the bags with the church seasonals teaching the Lord's little lambs all about Jesus.
- Approximately 1 hour on the first Sunday of the month preparing coffee, serving refreshments-optional, and cleaning up the Great Hall, restoring our Coffee Hour following the Sunday service.
- Approximately 30 minutes every week, preferably on a Monday, setting our Sanctuary, Cry Room and Balcony back in order. Picking up any left bulletins, setting the Bibles/Hymnals back upright, restocking/throwing out used pew cards, placing pencils back in their place and or sharpening pencils, and refilling attendance pads, as needed.
- Approximately 2 hours on February 14 serving a light meal at the Pastor's Circuit Meeting.
- Approximately 2-3 hours to be part of our Funeral Hospitality Team when called upon for Funeral services.

Contact April at 989.894.2611 or abirch@zionbaycity.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

ROCK WARMUP, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

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

LWML QUILTING, Monday, January 23, 2-4 p.m., Ministry Room A.

LADIES CHOIR, Monday, January 23, 4 p.m.

ROCK, Monday, January 23, 5 p.m.

MEN'S CHORUS, Monday, January 23, 6 p.m.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS, Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m., Nursery.

CHAPEL, Wednesday, January 25, 8 a.m.

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

RUTH BIBLE STUDY, Thursday, January 26, 10:00 a.m., Ministry Room A.

CLOSE TO HOME BIBLE STUDY, Thursday, January 26, 1:30 p.m.

ARE YOU WONDERING what to do with extra copies of Bibles and Christian books? From now until mid-February bring them in for the Bible Drive. You can put them on the table to left of the church entrance in Narthex. Your donations will be taken to Mission Cry in Fowlerville, MI to be used in missionary work. English and Spanish publications accepted.



NEW FEATURE FOR SCRIP - Did you ever wish to provide Gift Cards as a present, but did not really know which stores to choose? Now Zion is



offering SCRIP VOUCHERS where you can pay for the amount you wish and give the VOUCHER as the gift. The recipient can cash in the VOUCHER for the specific cards they desire. You can purchase a VOUCHER in any amount from the Scrip Store in the Church Office.

They can be redeemed at the Scrip Store, attached to an order form or used for payment on RaiseRight.com. If you have any questions, call Nancy Bailey at 989.906.5585 or Doug Bolzman at 989.615.8205.

THE WORD WORKS - Building an Ethic of Bible Reading - 2023 Theological Conference. On February 4, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., we will livestream this event in Ministry Room A. Come join us for a day of instruction, conversation, and reflection that will enable you to build an ethic of Bible reading. We will be serving lunch around noon, including beverages. For lunch planning purposes, let April know if you plan on attending. For more information visit: michigandistrict.org/theological23.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY! We are asking for church and school volunteers to join us February 18th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch and Child Care provided. Please RSVP by February 16th as this will help us plan what projects we can accomplish.

AREA HAPPENINGS...

THE 2023 REMEMBRANCE EVENT hosted by Bay County Right to Life is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2023 on the front steps of the Bay County Building at the corner of Center and Madison Avenues in Bay City. Program begin at 1:00 p.m. Questions call 989-895-8481 or email baycountyright@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 to learn more, or contact Jenny Rauschert (jenrausch@gmail.com, 989-751-4525) or Cathy Miller (989-790-1676) by January 30 to RSVP.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD...This week in chapel Pastor Baerwolf asked the kids to talk about what the hands of Jesus did. One kindergartner answered that the hands of Jesus held little children. What a precious response! A second grader later remarked that Jesus' hands bled for us. Wow! Every day children are being filled with the joy of Jesus in our school. This only happens because of your faithful, generous, sacrificial support of the work we do together here at Zion. Your offering is making an eternal difference in the lives of these students and their families. Thank you for your gifts of love to the King of love and to all those that we are privileged to serve.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED USING ZION'S AUTOMATED GIVING?

If you check out our church's website you will find the ability to sign up for weekly or monthly giving from your checking account. Whether or not you are able to attend church, your offering will be delivered to Zion in a safe and secure way to ensure that we can continue to share the joy of Jesus with so many others. What a wonderful way to be a faithful steward of the good gifts that Jesus gives to us. We rejoice that everything we have is a gift from God and He gives us the amazing privilege to return a portion of all that He has entrusted to us to use to build up the kingdom of God here in our community and even around the world.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

Gifts Received...\$400-Church Roof Repair.

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (68), Sunday (45), Wednesday (28)

This Weekend – January 21-22 - Gather

Guest Pastor Seth Hemme

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Psalm 27:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:18-25

Hymns: LSB 761, 711, 761, 664, 740, 791

Next Weekend - January 28-29 - Grow

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Psalm 15:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Hymns: LSB 709, 707, 770, 643, 733, 878

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
- January Valley Vision
- **NEW** Cougar Newsletter-week of January 23-27
- **NEW 2022 Offering Statements**

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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Website: www.zionbaycity.org (Church and School)

Church Office: secretary@zionbaycity.org (Church)

School Office: schoolsecretary@zionbaycity.org (School)

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12 p.m. (written, faxed or emailed)



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

January 21-27, 2023

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

Ruth Batschke, Robert Gerken, Richard Poppe, Jim, Meghan and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Karen & Michael Howell celebrating 31 yrs. on January 22

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Brooks Morin-1/21

Susan Wernecke-1/22

Robert Gerken celebrating his 82nd birthday-1/26

Jacob Wood-1/26

Sue Lamirande-1/27

Judy Buerkel celebrating her 83rd birthday-1/29

James Rabedioux-1/29

Fay Barcia celebrating her 91st birthday-1/31

Deborah Gwizdala-1/31

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

Judy Buerkel, Lucille Crook, Sue Freudenburg, Ernie Highlen, and Betty Ittner

January 22 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

Other prayer concerns...

- Pray for our Child Care Ministry at Zion as every day these precious lambs of Jesus are drawn closer to our Savior. Ask the Lord to bless these families with His presence and His peace.
- By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

May our prayer be that of the psalmist who teaches us to pray: *Psalm 61 - A prayer for restoration to God's presence.*

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

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. 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.