

May 6-7, 2023

TIME CHANGE! Our Wednesday, May 10 worship service will begin at 5 p.m. and will include the Poppy-Preschool Spring Musical. Following the service, pizza, beverages and a sweet treat will be served in the Great Hall/Ministry Room A. (If the weather is nice, we will enjoy our meal outside.) For planning purposes, please rsvp to Bobbie Jo at bupton@zionbaycity.org by May 8.

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

For your consideration...

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE** -The Finance Committee is responsible for the end-to-end financial system and processes at Zion and oversees that all roles are synchronized for smooth delivery. We are working on a Finance Manual to document all our processes, roles, and tools. We need committee members to help manage the yearly budget cycle and oversee the Salary Committee. Members are involved 4-8 hours per month and Zion needs 2-3 people to fill the needs of this committee. For anyone with financial experience, this is a great opportunity for you!
- **MUSIC FEST 2023 HELPERS** Friday, May 19, Bobbie Jo needs volunteers to drive students to and from Valley throughout the day and also to help students while at Valley to move between their performances and the homeroom. Contact Bobbie Jo if you are able to help at bupton@zionbaycity.org.

Contact April at 989.894.2611 or abirch@zionbaycity.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 21, is Confirmation Sunday and New Member Welcome. There will be a reception following the worship service. More details to come.

MAY'S MONTHLY MISSION: Our mission focus for May 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. For the month of May, we will be collecting diapers to be donated to our local LifeClinic. To participate, please purchase any of the following items: Diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6; Pull-Ups Sizes 2T-3T, 4T-5T; Girl & Boy Underwear Sizes 2T, 3T; and Wipes. You may bring your purchases to the church any time during May, placing them on OR below the Mission table in the Great Hall. Please join us in supporting this very worthy organization. If you have questions, contact the church office.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

ROCK WARMUP, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

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

LADIES CHOIR, Monday, May 8, 4 p.m.

ROCK, Monday, May 8, 5 p.m.

CHAPEL, DAY AND TIME CHANGE, Tuesday, May 9, 2:15 p.m.

BOARD OF ELDERS, Tuesday, May 9, 4:30 p.m., Pastor's office.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD, Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m., Ministry Room A.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS, Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., Nursery.

SHUT IN VISITS, Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 11.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE/SPRING MUSICAL, 5 p.m., Sanctuary.

TRUST FUND MEETING, Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., Nursery.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY, Thursday, May 11, 10 a.m., Ministry Room A.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Immanuel Lutheran has invited pantries to partner up with them on Memorial Day weekend at the Dry Dock Beer Garden in Downtown Bay City. Immanuel is asking for 5 to 10 helpers, over the age of 21, who can help serve drinks and snacks. The fundraiser proceeds will be shared with the partnering pantries. Can we get any volunteers? Please let Gail Mueller (989.860.6344) or Jeanne Schultz (989.450.1157) know as soon as possible. You may also contact Cheryl Wischmeyer (989-928-4254). All proceeds from our volunteer efforts will go directly to Zion's Food Pantry.

AREA HAPPENINGS...

MID-MICHIGAN LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY: "PEOPLE NOT PROBLEMS!"

– When it comes to ideas/behaviors that conflict with Scripture, we can have our doubts about what we believe. Out of fear, we can get angry and write folks off. We want to encourage the mid-Michigan Lutherans not to go nuclear on these folks but to love them as Christ does. This means seeing them not as problems but as people. Christ has already won the victory over sin, death, and the power of Satan so we can proceed with patience from that victory and have a conversation that has this person's salvation in mind. It took some time for this person to be caught up in some error so it will take time to lead him or her out of the error with the help of the Holy Spirit working through the Word. In all of this messiness, the Lord holds us in those nail-scarred hands which encourages us to keep the lines of communication open. Come and be encouraged by this conversation to see people and not problems. **We will get together on Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. in the Library at Grace Lutheran Church (303 Ruth Street, Auburn 48611).** See you there!

VLHS SPRING CONCERT - The VLHS Music Department invites you to their Spring Music Concert featuring Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Mixed Chorus, and Golden Voice. The concert will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at 6 p.m. at the Worship & Event Center (WEC) at St. Lorenz in Frankenmuth. As part of the evening the musicians will be premiering a new piece that was specifically commissioned for this event from Scott Ostrander! We look forward to seeing you there!

VLHS SUMMER CAMPS - Valley Lutheran is excited to once again invite middle school students to summer camps at Valley Lutheran in June! With many sports and extra-curricular favorites returning, and new offerings in Baking and Trap Shooting, it's sure to be a fun summer! Head to www.vlhs.com/camps for full offerings, schedule, and registration information. Early registration runs through May 24. Contact Tasha Mulder, Summer Camp Coordinator, at tmulder@vlhs.com with any questions. We look forward to being a part of your summer!

SCRIP FAQ #13 - Is Scrip Safe? YES, for ordering any online payment, they use security protocols as with other institutions you use to pay online such as utilities, Amazon or other monthly bills. As for the cards, they are safer to use than credit or debit cards, since if they are stolen or lost, only the amount on the card can be used versus depleting your line of credit. This gives me comfort when I use card machines at gas stations or supermarkets that have the potential to be monitored.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In memory of the birthdays and love of my son and brothers, Robert King, Robert and Carl Wieland, from Ruth King...\$300 to the General Fund.

In honor of Don Spychalski's 95th birthday, from Kathy Martin...\$20 to the Bulletin Fund.

Donation to Zion honoring Julie Glumm and Pam Degg for their 25 yrs. of service at Zion school, from Ken & Erma Thomas...\$100 to the General Fund.

In celebration of my 95th birthday, May 7th, from Don Spychalski...\$100 to the General Fund.

Gifts Received...\$568-April Mission of the Month Door Offering-Food Pantry.

*"Thank you for all the gifts, cards, and prayers
in celebration of my 25th teaching anniversary". ~ Pam Degg*

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (51), Sunday (155), Wednesday (15)

This Weekend – May 6-7 – Fifth Sunday in Easter

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Psalm 27:1-5, I Corinthians 15:20-26, John 11:17-27, 38-44

Sunday Hymns: 684, 478, 570, 651, 524, 909

Next Weekend – May 13-14 – Sixth Sunday in Easter

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Psalm 56:3-9; I Corinthians 15:51-58; Luke 7:11-17

Hymns: LSB 649, 461 vs. 1-4, 862, 878, 461 vs. 5-8, 761

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

- Portals of Prayer devotionals for April-June
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for March-May
- Cougar Newsletter
- May Valley Vision

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.



510 W. Ivy St., Bay City, Michigan 48706; 989-894-2611

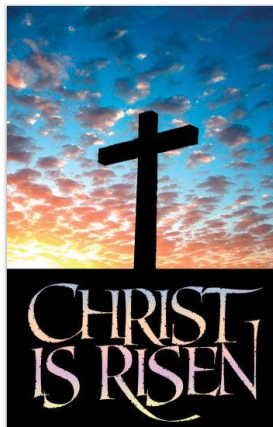
Worship: Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9:30am; Wednesday 7pm

Pastor Phillip Baerwolf, pbaerwolf@zionbaycity.org, 989.284.0500

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

**“Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while have my being.”**

Psalms 146:1





Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns May 6 - 12, 2023

Those mourning the loss of loved ones...

Friends and family of Mary Olson-5/1/23 (Joan Stout's sister-in-law)

Friends and family of Mary L. Riedy-4/18/23

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

Arlene Henderson, Rebecca Schaefer, Midge, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Connie and Richard Bolduc celebrating 23 yrs. on May 6

Gary & Becky Morgan celebrating 40 yrs. on May 7

Rich & Carol Jezewski celebrating 37 yrs. on May 9

Mark & Kristie Schmidt celebrating 27 yrs. on May 11

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Wrenn Arnold-5/6

Kristy Bridges-5/7

Regina Schwark-5/7

Donald Spychalski celebrating his 95th birthday-5/7

Mike Butler-5/8

Gordon Gremel-5/9

Tracy Petro-5/9

Rena Madison-5/10

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

Tilly Arnold, Frank & Ruth Batschke, Ardythe Biskupski, and Judy Buerkel

Pray for:

- This month's mission-Life Clinic Community Resources
- Our Poppy-Preschool Spring Musical Service

Other prayer concerns...

- Pray for our three-year-old students taught by Miss Ybanez. Ask the Lord to fill their hearts with His peace and His presence as they are drawn closer to Jesus.
- Power of the eternal Father, help me. Wisdom of the Son, enlighten the eye of my understanding. Tender mercy of the Holy Spirit, unite my heart to yourself. Eternal God, restore health to the sick and life to the dead. Give us a voice, your own voice, to cry out to you for mercy for the world. You, light, give us light. You, wisdom, give us wisdom. You, supreme strength, strengthen us. Amen.

May our prayer be that of the psalmist who teaches us to pray:

“I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.” (Psalm 7)



The Sacrament of Holy Communion Our Understanding and Practice

Since Scripture instructs us to examine ourselves before receiving Holy Communion, please sincerely reflect on these questions:

1. Am I truly sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin because He gave His life on the cross for me personally?
3. Am I depending on Him, and not my own goodness, as the only way to heaven?
4. Do I firmly believe that Jesus gives His actual body and blood to me in this sacrament?
5. Do I expect to receive God's gift of forgiveness through this meal?
6. Do I sincerely intend, with the help of God, not to return to a life of sin but to live to Jesus' glory?

All who have been instructed about the meaning of communion in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and who confess these statements of belief are welcome to receive communion.