

August 12-13, 2023

**We welcome Reverend David Jung as our Guest Pastor
to this weekend's worship services.**



Our Prayer Partner Ministry is asking you to pray for five of our students during this coming school year. Sign up today by calling or emailing April in the church office at 989.894.2611 or abirch@zionbaycity.org. (If you participated last year and would like to again this school year, please sign up again.) We will partner you with the five students you will be praying for during this school year. What an exciting opportunity to share Jesus and His love with many as we pray for God to bless and keep these children close to Christ and His cross as they attend school at Zion.

OUR FINAL WOWZA WEDNESDAY Back to School BBQ Childcare Musical is here! This August 16, worship begins at 5 in church as our Childcare Ministry reminds us of God's faithfulness to Noah. After church, we will enjoy grilled hot dogs, potato chips, watermelon, and desserts outside under the pavilion, weather permitting. Then, we will get to tour school and find out all that is planned for the year. We hope you can join us for Wowza Wednesday!

SAVINGS STAMPS (CHURCH EXTENSION FUND)

Zion administers a stamp savings program sponsored by the Church Extension Board (CEF) of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Students will be able to invest by buying stamps, starting at 25¢ and upwards, which they will put in their own savings investment books. Money invested in this program is in turn loaned to parishes wishing to build churches and schools or start new mission churches in Michigan. This is an individual savings account and money can be withdrawn at any time. Kickoff is planned for WOWZA Wednesday, August 16th. Questions can be directed to Sharon Schilke, 989-619-3777.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

MUSIC PRACTICE, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP with COMMUNION, August 12, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS will not be held August 13 & 20.

The class will resume August 27, at 8:30 a.m., in Ministry Room A.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS resumes in September.

WOWZA WEDNESDAY BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ CHILDCARE MUSICAL, 5 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes in September.

Pastor Baerwolf's vacation continues through August 15. In case of an emergency, contact the church office during office hours at 989-894-2611 or the Board of Elder Chair, Scott Lebsack at 989-327-7771.

FROM THE ZION FOOD PANTRY: Things have been picking up in the pantry which is a great thing!! But we are in need of some helpers. We're looking for someone that is available to contact the person in need (info supplied to you by email) to set a time to meet at church to give them what they need. Also, you will need to help keep the pantry in a neat and orderly fashion, help with packing and distributing bags for the holidays and maybe some help shopping. Training is available. We need your help to continue our ministry. It will be so greatly appreciated if you would consider helping. If interested please contact Gail Mueller 989-860-6344.



AUGUST MONTHLY MISSION: WELLSPRING LUTHERAN SERVICES

OFFERING ENVELOPES - Zion will be using the envelope booklet option again for 2024. The booklet will be mailed in November. If you received a booklet last year you are on the schedule to receive one again. If you do not want a booklet for 2024 or you didn't receive one and would like to, please contact April at abirch@zionbaycity.org or 989-894-2611, by September 1. If you are interested in electronic giving or need more information on tax-free IRA gifts to Zion, we will be happy to provide you additional information.



PLEASE HELP OUR PRAYER CHAIN CONTINUE.

Our Mrs. Ilene Dietlein has decided to retire as our prayer chain coordinator after many faithful years of supporting this ministry. We thank you Ilene. With Ilene's retirement we are in need of a coordinator-would you be willing to help? Contact April by email, abirch@zionbaycity.org or phone, 989-894-2611, for the details of this ministry opportunity.

The church secretary will be away Monday, August 14 and will return Monday, August 21. On Tuesday, August 15 and Wednesday, August 16, Karen Savage and Gail Mueller have generously volunteered office coverage between the hours of 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please phone ahead before making a trip into the office to make sure someone is in.

Have you canceled your land line telephone? Many members have indeed canceled but didn't remember to inform the church. If you have, please contact the church office to update your information.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEWS: We load a container Tuesday, August 15, at 11 a.m. Destination: Malawi, East Africa. Anyone willing to volunteer for a couple hours on Tuesday, August 15 will be more than welcomed. A 40-foot shipping container will arrive here in Sebewaing at 11 a.m. We have an inventory of 1,600 boxes which will need to be loaded within a two-hour window. These are great and joyful occasions for our Michigan branch. If you have questions, call 989-600-2264.

AREA HAPPENINGS...

CONCERT BY HUBERT VELTEN VOKALENSEMBLE, Friday, August 18, 7 p.m. - Join us for a night of beautiful music! This elite vocal group from Regensburg, Germany returns to Michigan to delight audiences with their repertoire of music including German folk songs, baroque and romantic music for liturgy and American Gospel. Prior to the concert from 4-7 pm, St. Lorenz is also hosting a 178th Anniversary Open House – tour the church, log cabin, bells, Chippewa memorials, historic cemetery, and church museum. St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, 1030 W. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, MI 48734. Cost is Free, Donations Welcome.

NEW ROUND OF GRIEFSHARE-Grace Lutheran (303 Ruth Street, Auburn) will be starting a new thirteen-week GriefShare cycle on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Grace's library. This is the new 4th edition that just came out this summer! All are welcome to come to this grief support group. Each session is a standalone topic and includes a video and a time for group sharing; each session lasts about 90 minutes. All are welcome to come to all or only some of the sessions as their schedule allows. Materials are provided for free. You can also check out Grace's GriefShare info online and share it with friends and family: <https://www.graceauburn.org/griefshare>. Pastor Aaron Schian and Kathy Feinauer will be facilitating discussions. Please contact Grace church office (989-662-6161) or Pastor Schian (607-972-5792) if you have any questions.

VL CLASS REUNION-Did you graduate in 1982 or 1983 from Valley Lutheran? The committee is planning a class reunion September 16 in Saginaw. This also coincides with Homecoming (Football game Friday night)! If you have not been contacted or made aware, you may contact Heidi Behnke at Valley Lutheran High School 989-790-1676, Tracie (Lynes) Riebschleger at 616-318-7034 or Sheila (Witto) Neuenfeldt at 810-845-7297 for details.

OUR THANKS to Carol Wright who served as Zion's acting treasurer for the last few years. We thank the Lord for her willing service to our ministry and as she resigns from this work, we also ask the Lord to bless her with His goodness. Our Church Administrative Board is looking for volunteers who are willing to help with our finance team. Please contact our congregational chairman, Warren Nuffer, or speak to Pastor Baerwolf if interested in helping.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In honor of Nancy Persinger's 80th birthday...\$80 to the Lanes 2 Learning SF.

Gifts Received...\$100 Wellspring Lutheran Services-Monthly Mission

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (57), Sunday (68), Wednesday (16)

This Weekend – August 12-13 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Pastor Reverend David Jung

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Job 38:4-18; Matthew 14:22-33

Hymns: LSB 794, 803, 814, 637, 832, 921

Next Weekend – August 19-20 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Matthew 15:21-28

Hymns: LSB 837, 892, 801, 617, 830, 835

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

- Portals of Prayer devotionals for July-September
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for June-August
- August Valley Vision
- August Wonderful News

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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ZION LUTHERAN

Summer Sermon Series—The Promises of God

August 20: "The Lord gathers" Isaiah 56

August 27: "The Lord comforts Zion" Isaiah 51

"And how are they heard without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"

Romans 10:14b-15

**Zion's Weekly
Prayer Concerns
August 12-18, 2023**



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

Valerie Conachan, Lori Ruthruff, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Stacy & Michael Curtis celebrating 14 yrs. on August 15

Kim & Charlie Wood celebrating 37 yrs. on August 16

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Karen Almond-8/12

Michael Powers-8/12

Joan LaPorte-8/13

Brent Roller-8/14

Susan Birch-8/15

Joan Stout celebrating her 87th birthday-8/15

Ryan Lang-8/17

Gail Mueller-8/17

Barbara Dunn-8/18

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

Betty Ittner, Leonard Kaczorowski, Patricia Keene, and Della Marotzke.

Pray for:

- Wowza Wednesday Childcare Musical Back to School BBQ.
- For everyone who interacts with our children throughout the school day and students, may their interactions be blessed. Watch over them throughout the school year, giving them the wisdom, strength, and courage to be successful.
- Our Mission of the Month-Wellspring Lutheran Services.

Other prayer concerns...

- For our loved Zion Church & Congregation that we would be a people of Faith, Hope and Love. Faith in our Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and all the blessing that brings to us. Hope in the promise that our future is secure in the message of Christ. Love for our God as He loves us and to share that love to & with others.
- Praise and thank your heavenly Father for all the blessings of music that He has given to us here at Zion.

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

“I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings” (Psalm 17)



The Sacrament of Holy Communion Our Understanding and Practice

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship, firmly believing that Jesus' words, *"This Is My Body...This Is My Blood"* mean what they say. Therefore, Communion is more than a "memorial" or a "representation" of Jesus. Rather, we believe that with the bread and wine of Holy Communion, Christ gives us His true body and blood in a miraculous way through this sacrament. Because of this promise in the Bible that Jesus is truly present, we have confidence that God forgives our sins and likewise strengthens our faith.