



**July 1-2, 2023**

**UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION:** The 2023 Directory is being submitted to the publishers on July 6, 2023. If you have any information that requires updating such as: address, phone number, landline no longer in use, email address, marital status, a birth, your child no longer resides in your home, please contact April at 989.894.2611 or [abirch@zionbaycity.org](mailto:abirch@zionbaycity.org) by Wednesday, July 5.

**WOWZA WEDNESDAY:** We look forward to welcoming you to our next WOWZA Wednesday on July 12 at Monitor Township Park, beginning at 5:30 where you will meet our next Old Testament Hero, Abraham. We will be using the pavilion at the park so there will be plenty of seating. You can play horseshoes and use the playground equipment. Invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids, and family to be part of our celebration. If you would like to help with setup, food preparation, and cleanup, contact Kay Arnold at 989-751-0855.

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY** to think about this year's Helping Hands program! Personal care items will, once again, be needed to fill bags for disbursement at Christmas. Items to be on the lookout for include shampoo, bar soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant for men and women, and new washcloths. Our collection basket is always available, within the church library shelving unit, for your donations. Monetary donations are welcome as well; please label Personal Care. Watch the ads for summer sales!

**MONTHLY MISSION:** Our mission focus for July is **The Luke Project**. The Luke Project is a ministry launched in 2016 out of love for mothers and their babies. The Luke Project provides prenatal and postpartum care



**THE LUKE PROJECT**  
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to moms in need. They serve women no matter who they are and where they have been. The Luke Project values that every person they serve is created in the image of

God and should be treated with respect and love at all times. This ministry of the Michigan District originally began in Detroit and now has expanded into the Flint region. What a tremendous opportunity to rejoice in being people of life as the Lord of life fills our hearts with His good gifts that we get to share with others. We will be taking a door offering the last weekend of July to help them in their tremendous work of taking care of pregnant moms and their babies. There are copies of their monthly newsletters from July 2022, when we last focused on The Luke Project, through June of this year, available at our Missions table in the Great Hall.

**CHURCH ROOF TILE CAMPAIGN** - Thank you members of Zion for purchasing the tiles that were replaced last year over our church. Your efforts generated an additional \$2,515.00 that will be used for future roof repairs and replacements. Phase 2 will replace the membrane over the church offices, east entrance and narthex and Phase 3 will replace the original roof membrane over the Great Hall and ministry rooms. This campaign was not possible without you purchasing the beautify inscribed tiles or the hard work of Susan Priem, George Walker, Doug Bolzman, Bobbie Jo and Tom Upton. We look forward to future campaigns as we support our future roof needs along with Lanes 2 Learning.

### **CHILDCARE NEWS**

The Childcare will be closed the week of July 3-7.

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

**MUSIC PRACTICE**, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP**, July 1, 5 p.m., will not be livestreamed.

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

**SCRIP ORDERS DUE**, Monday, July 3.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS** resumes in September.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**, 7 p.m., Great Hall.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** resumes in September.

**ZION EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND:** A scholarship is available to Zion students attending a synodical school, including high school and college. Applications are available in the church office and must be returned by July 31.



## LEFTOVERS

Do you have any leftovers in your refrigerator? They are what is left of last night's dinner that you put away to eat later. There are times when you create a delicious concoction from those leftovers. Other times they may be forgotten in the back of the refrigerator until they can't be used. The Old Testament tells us of the offerings the people made to God out of gratitude for God's care. They gave God the very best of their animals or produce. This is where the term "First Fruits" originated. They did not give their leftovers. In the New Testament we read that Jesus watched how people gave and noted how some of the wealthy were only giving their "leftovers" and then the Savior commended the widow who gave out of her poverty, all she had. As we consider our gifts of time, talents, and money, let's be sure that our gift is not just what we have leftover but a gift that is planned, prayerfully considered and the first on our list of disbursements. This is our response to what God has made possible to us—God's amazing grace!

## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE—SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY

Can you help us at the Loons game on Sunday, July 30? Please consider this fund raiser for a special Zion ministry, our support of the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry. We need volunteers to serve at the game. If you would like to help or have some questions, contact Gail Mueller at 989-684-3363 or 989-860-6344. She will fill you in on all the information you need. Thanks for your help!

## AREA HAPPENINGS...

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-GOD'S LIVING WATER** Faith Lutheran Church, 4241 Williamson Road, Bridgeport, MI, July 17-21, 10-Noon, snacks and lunch provided. Free.

Faith Lutheran Church is sponsoring David Paul Britton in celebration of our **75TH ANNIVERSARY** on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Bridgeport Historical Society, 6190 Dixie Hwy., Bridgeport, MI. Food, drinks, face painting and prizes along with Free Kona Ice for the first 50 people.

**STUDENTS WILLING TO WORK FOR HELP WITH FRANCE MISSION TRIP.** Next July, a team of students and chaperones are planning to travel to Brittany, France to serve at Parole de Vie's Christian summer camp for teens. The students are willing to babysit, rake leaves, do general yard work and assist with other odd jobs to help fund their trip. If you, or someone you know, is looking for help and would like to support this effort, please contact Madame Cristina Urbytes at [curbytes@vlhs.com](mailto:curbytes@vlhs.com) or 790-1676. Merci beaucoup!

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

**Gifts Received...**\$100- Food Pantry; \$2,500 - General Fund;  
\$6,010 Lanes 2 Learning SF; \$577 Door Offering (Brian's House).

## **PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**

Saturday (59), Sunday (75), Wednesday (17)

## **This Weekend – July 1-2 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Galatians 6:6-9; Mark 14:3-9;

Hymns: God of our Fathers; Battle Hymn of the Republic; LSB 965; LSB 966;  
God Bless America; LSB 717

## **Next Weekend – July 8-9 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Matthew 11:25-30

Hymns: LSB 906, 684, 524, 644, 718, 677

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

- **NEW** Portals of Prayer devotionals for July-September
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for June-August
- **NEW** July Valley Vision
- **NEW** July 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**

Pastor Phillip Baerwolf, [pbaerwolf@zionbaycity.org](mailto:pbaerwolf@zionbaycity.org), 989.284.0500

**Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12 p.m. (emailed)**



The Church office will be closed  
Monday & Tuesday, July 3 & 4.

*“And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”*  
**Matthew 10:42**

# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns**

**July 1 – 7, 2023**



## **Those mourning the loss of loved ones...**

Family and friends of Monica Katt-June 25

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

Sherry Sylvester, Denny, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

## **For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Bruce & Sandy Barcia celebrating 6 yrs. on July 7

Joshua & Donna Billow celebrating 22 yrs. on July 7

## **For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Stacy Curtis-7/1

Chelsey Kraft-7/1

Nancy Engelhardt-7/3

Paul Birch-7/4

Andrew Balzer-7/5

Taegan Johnson-7/5

Sarah McFarland-7/5

Rhemi Rappuhn-7/5

Kathy Martin-7/7

Bob Roberts celebrating his 80th birthday-7/7

Bill Wright-7/7

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

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

## **Pray for:**

- For our Nation. As we celebrate our Nation's Independence Day, we thank you Lord for the freedom to openly and freely worship you without the threat of persecution. May we use this freedom to help others to know your true love and grace.
- Our Mission of the Month-The Luke Project.

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

- As you pray thank the Lord for this congregation and ask the Lord to bless our church. Pray that the faith of God's people would be strengthened in the hope that comes from knowing that our sins have been forgiven by Christ's death on the cross and that the Holy Spirit would guard us from the temptations of the evil one.
- Pray for those who lead and shepherd our educational and child care ministries at Zion including Dr. Frederick, Mrs. Reese, and Mrs. Worthing. Ask our gracious God to give them wisdom and skill as we work together to plan for the future and all that God will enable us to do here at Zion in the years to come.

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

"O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long? Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love." (Psalm 6)



### **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.