

**July 15-16, 2023**

**We welcome Pastor Kurt Eichinger as our guest pastor  
this weekend and Wednesday, July 19.**



God is giving and generous. Everything we have - our families, friends, home, food, job, and even our money - is a gift that God has graciously given to us to steward on behalf of the world.

As followers of Jesus and practicing disciples, giving generously is one way we extend the flow of God's gifts to the world. When we give, we trust that God uses our money for the wellbeing of all creation, and we are reminded that we worship God, not our possessions.

Giving is an act of trust in the God who has entrusted us with our abundance. When we share our abundance, we partake in the very life of God and are then sent out into the world as what Martin Luther called "little Christs."

At Zion Lutheran Church, we invite anyone that comes into our doors or joins us through our digital ministry to participate in the flow of God's gifts to the world. In giving, we experience God's kingdom among us, a new world where there is enough for all people.

**In a word, WOWZA Wednesday, July 12, was WOWZA!**

Many members and friends of Zion enjoyed a gorgeous evening. We ate shredded pork and sampled an assortment of side salads, ending with scrumptious homemade desserts. We played, chatted, sang, and worshipped together as God's people. Many thanks to all those who helped make it possible. We look forward to welcoming you to our final WOWZA Wednesday of the summer on August 16 here at Zion. The Childcare Musical featuring Noah and our childcare children will begin at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary followed with dinner, dessert and fellowship outside under the pavilion. Invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids and family to be part of our Old Testament Heroes celebration.

Pastor Baerwolf is on vacation July 15-19. In case of an emergency,  
contact the church office during office hours at 989-894-2611;  
in the evening or on the weekend,  
Board of Elders Chair, Scott Lebsack at 989-327-7771.

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

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

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP - NO COMMUNION**, July 15, 5 p.m., will not be livestreamed.

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

**SCRIP ORDERS DUE**, Monday, July 17, Noon.

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

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

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

**COME SAIL AWAY** on the Princess Wenonah Tuesday, July 18th from 10-12. This year we will be going upriver! If you have a computer, please go to [baycityboatlines.com](http://baycityboatlines.com) to book your ticket (courtesy of Realtor Association of Bay County) or call Kay Arnold at 989-751-0855 to get a ticket. I can only order 4 tickets for one day. Any questions, give me a call or text me, I will be happy to help you!

**JOIN US FOR OUR GAME DAY AT ZION**—on Thursday, July 27 from 10-2 all friends of Zion are invited to gather in Ministry Room A for fun, food, and fellowship. Bring your favorite table or card games to play and come ready to learn some new games and make some new friends. You can bring your own lunch to eat, or you can order from Wanigan's Deli. What a fun way to celebrate summer by joining us for Game Day at Zion!

**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.

## **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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-HERO HOTLINE** Come join the Hero Hotline at Pilgrim Lutheran in Essexville! This interactive Vacation Bible School will be held on August 6-10 from 6:30-8:00pm. Students may register online at: <https://www.myvbs.org/pilgrimessexville>

**SAVE THE DATE!** To Mission Cry's Sixth Annual Golf Scramble. Wheatfield Valley Golf Club, Saturday, September 9, 2023. Registration from 7:15-8:15 a.m., Shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. 1600 Linn Road, Williamston, MI 48895. Contact Kim at (517) 223-3193 ext. 112.

Valley Lutheran High School is in search of a **Freshman Volleyball Head Coach** for the upcoming season. Practices start 8/7. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact VL Athletic Director, Tyler Yahn at [tyahn@vlhs.com](mailto:tyahn@vlhs.com) or Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Jon Frank at [jfrank@vlhs.com](mailto:jfrank@vlhs.com).



**THE LUKE PROJECT**  
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**MONTHLY MISSION: 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 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.

**Summer Sermon Series—The Promises of God**



During the next few months, we will be exploring the amazing promises that God makes to us in His Word. Each week we will focus on the assurances that the Lord shares with us. You are invited to memorize these promises with us over these coming weeks so that we can saturate our hearts with the Good News.

July 23: "You will shine like the sun" Matthew 13

July 30: "The Lord loves you" Deuteronomy 7

August 6: "I will make an everlasting covenant with you" Isaiah 55

August 20: "The Lord will gather you" Isaiah 56

August 27: "The Lord comforts Zion" Isaiah 51

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

**Gifts Received...**\$220 IRA Distribution - General Fund; \$50 Lanes 2 Learning SF; \$100 July Monthly Mission (The Luke Project); \$1,250 Thrivent Charitable Fund Grant - General Fund.

## **PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**

Saturday (83), Sunday (64)

## **This Weekend – July 15-16 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Guest Pastor Eichinger

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hymns: LSB 912, 802, 809, 623, 826, 917

## **Next Weekend – July 22-23 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Hymns: LSB 901, 578, 496, 878, 523, 537

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

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

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*“and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”*  
*Romans 8:17*

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

**Zion's Weekly  
Prayer Concerns  
July 15 - 21, 2023**



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

Family and friends of Darlene Laney-July 3 (Diane Eischer's mom)

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

Diane Eischer, Krista Staudacher, Duane and those with struggles who suffer silently.

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Jack & Sharon Mueller celebrating 36 yrs. on July 17

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Emma Pauwels-7/15

Lori Ruthruff-7/15

Jason Essex-7/16

Nancy Bailey-7/17

Jack Ruthruff-7/17

Rosemarie Janiskee-7/18

Pam Bublitz-7/19

Ashley Morgan-7/19

William Connors-7/20

Michael Lang-7/20

Emily Petro-7/20

Gary Berkompas celebrating his 83rd birthday-7/21

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

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

**Pray for:**

- For our church, we will each recognize the role God has for us to play. Just as a body has many indispensable parts, we are each indispensable to the future of Zion. (1 Cor. 12)
- Our Mission of the Month-The Luke Project.

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

- Rejoice in God's forgiving grace and confess to Him those sins which bother you and then be assured in His forgiveness and His love—in Christ's death for you, He offers to you all of His precious gifts.
- God of justice, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all people may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" (Psalm 8)



### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion Our Understanding and Practice**

The Bible tells us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod are asked to speak with the pastor prior to receiving this sacrament.

All adults and children not taking part in communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor. Please indicate this by simply refraining from receiving the bread and wine.

Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available for those desiring this option for reasons of health or conscience.