

**August 5-6, 2023**

**SAVE THE DATE! Our final Wowza Wednesday Back to School BBQ *Childcare Musical*.** August 16, 5-7 p.m. 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 This is an individual savings account and money can be withdrawn at any time.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.

**MONTHLY MISSION:**



Recalling the words of Jesus about whatever you did to the

least of these, you have done for me, we look forward to supporting our August Mission of the Month, which will benefit our friends at Wellspring Lutheran Services. Every day this awesome group of people are in the business of being the hands and feet of Jesus as they care for friends who need all sorts of assistance in their daily lives. Through our gifts of love, prayer, money and support, they are sharing and showing the love of Christ to those who have so little. Besides taking a door offering to support this ministry at the end of August, there might be items you can donate to assist their efforts—take a look at the Mission of the Month table in the Great Hall to find out more information. We thank God that Wellspring Lutheran Services is such a blessing to our church and community.

**THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND** awarded a \$2,000 Scholarship to Taegan Johnson to attend Valley Lutheran High School this fall. She is the granddaughter of Brian and Lisa Johnson. The Fund provides members of Zion financial assistance to attend Valley Lutheran High School and/or Lutheran Synodical Colleges and Universities. Congratulations Taegan!



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](mailto: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.

**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.



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

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

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP - NO COMMUNION**, August 5, 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** will not be held August 6, 13 & 20.

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

**LWML QUILTING**, Monday, August 7, 2-4 p.m., Ministry Room A.

**DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT both the BOE (Board of Elders) and CAB (Church Administrative Board) meetings have been postponed to Tuesday, August 22.**

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

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

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

***Pastor Baerwolf will be away, from August 10-15, for some relaxation. 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.***

## **AREA HAPPENINGS...**

**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>.

**TRINITY MONITOR WILL BE HOSTING ITS ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ AND PIG ROAST WEEKEND AUGUST 11 – 13.** You are invited to join us as we celebrate 40 years of fun, fellowship, and delicious food! The festivities begin **Friday** night with the concession stand opening at 6 pm and live music by Whiskey 6 (former students of Valley Lutheran High School) from 7-10 pm. The Chicken BBQ (\$14/meal) will be **Saturday** from 11 am-3 pm. Live music will be from 6-10 pm by Floyd G's Juice Machine with fireworks to follow. The concession stand will be open 11 am-9 pm. **Sunday** begins with Outdoor Worship at 10:30 am. The Pig Roast (\$14/meal) will be from 12-3 pm. The concession stand will also be open from 12-3 pm. Other weekend activities will include a Coed Blooperball Tournament (Contact Matt at 989-757-7509 for more information), Craft Show (Vendors wanted! Contact Deadra at 989-450-0256), and Cornhole.

**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.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** 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.

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

**Gifts Received...**\$4,275.46 IRA Distribution-General Fund;  
\$272.00 The Luke Project Door Offerings

## **PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**

Saturday (62), Sunday (74), Wednesday (29)

## **This Weekend – August 5-6 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Hymns: LSB 869, 575, 435, 915, 744, 589

## **Next 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

## **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**

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

**ZION LUTHERAN**

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

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

August 27: "The Lord comforts Zion" Isaiah 51



***"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever."  
Psalm 136:1***

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

# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns**

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

Ruth Batschke, Valerie Conachan, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

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

John & Susan Wernecke celebrating 52 yrs. on August 7

Pam & James Degg celebrating 9 yrs. on August 8

Trevor & Gina Morin celebrating 9 yrs. on August 9

Ed & Sharon Barry celebrating 44 yrs. on August 11

Taylor & Joshua Rappuhn celebrating 6 yrs. on August 11

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

Abby Johnson-8/6

Lois Bergdolt-8/7

Dale Gillisse celebrating her 88th birthday-8/7

Mike Royer-8/7

John Jurik-8/8

Russell Maillette-8/8

Kathy Pisarski-8/9

Nancy Persinger celebrating her 80th birthday-8/10

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

Michael Creer, Lucille Crook, Rebecca Freudenburg, and Ernie Highlen.

## **Pray for:**

- Our Mission of the Month-Wellspring Lutheran Services.
- Our U.S. Coast Guard-founded 233 years ago-August 4.
- For Zion teachers and administrators as they gather together for an offsite retreat.

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

- As you reflect on the words of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm rejoice in understanding that the Lord is your good Shepherd—He watches over you—He leads you beside the still waters—He restores your soul. Let Him do that now as you listen to His Word. In your prayer time look forward to that day when you will stand before your good Shepherd in heaven and live forever in His goodness and mercy.
- God, our refuge and strength, our present help in time of trouble, care for those who tend the needs of the sick. Strengthen them in body and spirit. Refresh them when weary; console them when anxious; comfort them in grief; and hearten them in discouragement. Be with us all, and give us peace at all times and in every way; through Christ our peace. Amen.

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

"Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16)



## **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.