

## June 24-25, 2023

### In a word, WOWZA Wednesday, June 14, was WOWZA!

- ❖ 71 members and friends of Zion enjoyed a gorgeous evening
- ❖ We ate yummy sub sandwiches and amazing salads followed by delicious ice cream with all the toppings for dessert
- ❖ We played, chatted, sang, and worshipped together as God's people
- ❖ Old Testament Hero, Joseph regaled us with his coat of many colors' colorful history

Many thanks to all those who helped make it possible. 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. Invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids and family to be part of our Old Testament Heroes celebration. If you would like to help with setup, food preparation, and cleanup, contact Kay Arnold at 989-751-0855.



**JOIN US FOR GAME DAY AT ZION**—on Thursday, June 29 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!

**MONTHLY MISSION:** Our mission for June is **Brian's House**.

To conclude this month's mission focus, there will be a door offering collection for Brian's House at this weekend's Saturday and Sunday worship services and again on Wednesday, June 28. We encourage you to generously give to this work through your offerings, as well as your gift of time, as Brian's House is always looking for volunteers to help out in so many different ways.

**DIAPER DRIVE UPDATE:** We collected 414 diapers and 13 packages of diaper wipes. Thank you for your generosity and choosing to support life!

**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.

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

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

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP**, June 24, 5 p.m., with communion.

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

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

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

**ZION GAME DAY**, Thursday, June 29, 10-2, Ministry Room A.

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

## **AREA HAPPENINGS...**

**CONCORDIA NIGHT AT DOW DIAMOND**-Join us for a night of family fun, food, and Christian fellowship on June 29<sup>th</sup> for our second annual Concordia Night in Midland. The Great Lakes Loons will be playing the Lansing Lugnuts in a classic match-up of western farm clubs (Dodgers, Athletics). With any questions, please call John Richert, Director of Donor Relations, at 734-751-7545.

**VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** in Saginaw is looking to fill one part-time faculty position for teaching Physics and Physical Science beginning August 22, 2023. The ideal candidate would have an LTD and a high school science teaching certificate but other certifications and experience will be considered (i.e., certified in K-8 Science or experience as an Engineer). Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Dr. Lisa Meyers by mail (3560 McCarty Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603) or email ([lmeyers@vlhs.com](mailto:lmeyers@vlhs.com)).

**LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES** is looking for a part-time resource room teacher position at St John's Lutheran School in Rogers City, MI. Applicants must hold a current Teaching License with a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253.

**VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** is in search of a Varsity Women's Basketball Head Coach for the upcoming season. If you are interested, please send a resume, cover letter, and contact information to VL Athletic Director, Tyler Yahn at [tyahn@vlhs.com](mailto:tyahn@vlhs.com)

**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!

## **SCRIP NEWS: Instant reload is now available**

Shopping and earning with Meijer gift cards is now even easier. Instead of waiting for your reloaded funds to show up overnight, they will now be available in minutes! Fill up your shopping cart, add funds, and be ready to go at checkout. Add funds to your existing physical card from RaiseRight, or order a new one to register, and enjoy the convenience of instant reload today.



## **ACTING TREASURER'S REPORT**

God continues to bless us every day at Zion Lutheran Church and School. Earlier this month, we were privileged to witness the baptism of three children as the Lord poured out His grace and goodness. We kicked off our Lanes 2 Learning initiative with the gym roof at school being replaced and many other improvements being made to our Childcare and Day School ministry.

Using 22 weeks of operation,

Average weekly expenses through May: \$21,482

Average weekly receipts through May: \$17,987

Shortfall or loss on average each week: (\$3,495)

June also presents us with some challenges as we face three payroll periods. Our Church Administrative Board secured a \$50,000 loan from the Church Extension Fund. We trust that our members will prayerfully consider their offerings which help to fund Zion's operations over the summer. For the next school year, we are implementing a robust plan to increase funding of our Childcare and Day School operations through registration and tuition increases for the coming school year.

After reviewing our unadjusted May report as shared at the Voters' Assembly, we were able to reduce our loss to \$76,879.56 for this current period. We thank the Lord for His provision and providence for us here at Zion and pray that the Lord of the harvest would continue to provide for the beloved ministry of our church and school.

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

**In memory of Marilyn Jacobson** from Bill & Paulette Allwardt...\$20-General Fund.

**Gifts Received...**\$500 IRA Distribution - General Fund; \$1,250 Thrivent Charitable Fund Grant – General Fund; \$100 June Monthly Mission (Brian's House).

### **PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**

Saturday (42), Sunday (78), Wednesday (24)

### **This Weekend – June 24-25 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Isaiah 56:6-8; I Corinthians 12:3-7; John 3:1-8

Hymns: LSB 560, 496, 707, 617, 702, 570

### **Next 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

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

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



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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)**



***"So everyone who acknowledges me before men,  
I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."  
Matthew 10:32***

# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns**

**June 24 – 30, 2023**



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

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

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

Bee Keith and Michael Marvel celebrating 6 yrs. on June 24

Ralph & Janice Knop celebrating 56 yrs. on June 24

Bob & Eileen Roberts celebrating 54 yrs. on June 29

Kim & Teresa Norton celebrating 44 yrs. on June 30

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

Anne Chambers-6/24

Matthew Fisher-6/24

Candace Tacey-6/24

Neil Klemm-6/25

Mark Duran-6/26

Kyle Jankens-6/26

Gage Curtis-6/28

Jenna Fryzel-6/28

Avery Grauherr-6/28

Kim Priem-6/28

Zachary Nuffer-6/29

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

Barbara Metz, Richard Nagel, Eldine Parent, Eileen Partlo, and Jane Royer

## **Pray for:**

- Our Mission of the Month-Brian's House.
- For the Deaton family as they recover from a house fire.

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

- For the Lord's abundance to be given to the faculty and staff in our school where every day children are being drawn closer to Jesus through the sacrifice, love and generosity of the offerings of God's people here at Zion.
- As you come before the Lord, cast all your cares upon Him—every need—every hurt—every doubt—He always listens and never turns away—He is here for you to rescue you and to help you.

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

"But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield." (Psalm 5)



### **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.

The psalmist asks, “How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me?” (Psalm 116:12) What a great question—the answer is it can not be done—we could never repay the Lord for His forgiveness, His sacrifice, His love and His grace. And yet—God does desire our response. Our response to His love and kindness brings a smile to the heart of God.



As we enter these summer months—we invite you to answer this question—how will you respond to all that God has done for you—how can you offer your time and talents and money to continue insuring that people will be drawn closer to Christ here at Zion Lutheran Church and School?

Maybe these few suggestions will help guide you to a God-pleasing answer:

- ✘ Check out [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) for a directory of churches where you and your family can attend while on vacation.
- ✘ Plan special times late at night around a bonfire or while driving in the car where you will sing a favorite worship song, or hymn or share a beautiful Bible verse with those you love.
- ✘ Consider using our website to set up automatic giving to make sure your offerings to the Lord and His Church reach us weekly or monthly.
- ✘ Join us for our next WOWZA Wednesday on July 12 at Monitor Township Park to meet with different families rejoicing in the beauty of God’s creation.
- ✘ Make sure your weekly offering reaches us here at Zion for while you may be on vacation, our work continues including lighting and cooling our building and making sure our church and school staff is paid without interruption.
- ✘ Carve out time during the day to read some of the Psalms and then reflect on what you have read.
- ✘ Reach out to a friend or neighbor and invite them to church with you some weekend or Wednesday night.

In so many ways, the Lord has blessed our beloved Zion Church and School, and He continues to do that through the generous and sacrificial offerings given by the Lord's people.

We wanted to remind you of a special opportunity to donate a distribution from your IRA as a tax efficient opportunity to support Zion. If you have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or 401(k) and are 72 years or older, you likely know that you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA. However, you can take advantage of a unique tool—a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) which will greatly support the mission and ministry of Zion to share Jesus and His joy with many others within our church and school, communities, and the world. Beginning at age 70.5 you can begin making these unique distributions from the appropriate retirement fund.

Making a QCD from your IRA is a wonderful way to support Zion's life changing work and you can allocate up to \$100,000 per year directly to eligible charities like Zion. If you designate Zion as the recipient of your required minimum distribution, the trustee will send that check directly to Zion and this does not require you to itemize your deductions and your gift will be free from federal or state income taxes. Please share this with your income tax preparer who is familiar with your income and your deductions. The benefits from



## A TIME FOR GIVING

such a gift are overwhelming not only as it satisfies your required minimum distribution and qualifies as a tax-free gift, but it also supports the work of Zion so that even more people can experience the joy of Jesus.

The Bible encourages us to “grow in the grace of giving” and to “imitate the faith” of those who have gone before us—could the Holy Spirit be working in your heart right now to think about and pray about the gifts you give to the Lord and His Church? Your weekly, generous, sacrificial gifts to the General Fund are an amazing way to show and share your love for the Lord—thanks for helping to gather the Lord's harvest and draw more people closer to Christ.