

**September 23-24, 2023**

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



**SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS:**

We thank God that Good Samaritan Rescue Mission is such a blessing to our church and community. This weekend and next Wednesday, the 27th, we will have a door offering to support this ministry.

**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

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

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP - with COMMUNION**, September 23, 5 p.m.

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

**LWML QUILTING**, Monday, September 25, 2-4 p.m., Ministry Room A.

**ROCK**, Monday, September 25, 5 p.m.

**MEN'S CHORUS**, Monday, September 25, 6 p.m.

**LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR**, Tuesday, September 26, 11a.m.

**ORCHESTRA**, Tuesday, September 26, 6 p.m.

**LION SECURITY TRAINING**, Tuesday, September 26, 6 p.m.,  
Ministry Room A.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS**, September 26, 6:30-8 p.m., Nursery.

**CHAPEL**, Wednesday, September 27, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

**HAND BELLS**, Wednesday, September 27, 5:30 p.m.

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

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**, September 28, 10-11:30,  
Ministry Room A.

**THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** begins this week, September 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. in Ministry Room A. Ramona Baerwolf will be facilitating a discussion of "**Your Strong Suit**" based on Ephesians 6:10-18 as we learn about the spiritual battles we face, our enemy, the devil, and the armor of God. We pray this study helps us trust the rock-solid truth that God has provided everything needed for us to rejoice in the ultimate victory which Jesus wins for us.

Pastor Baerwolf's vacation continues through September 24.  
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.

### **CHURCH SECURITY TRAINING SEPTEMBER 26 FROM 6-9 PM**

We invite all elders and ushers along with any other volunteers as we meet with Dr. Julian Petzold, our security coordinator, who will walk us through the Emergency Operations Procedures for Zion Lutheran Church. Dr. Petzold has already trained our faculty and staff in the school and on Tuesday he will be training our church to prepare for any crisis which might arise as well as informing us of best practices for church security. All are invited to join us for this informative and helpful focus on church safety.

### **LWML WEEKEND**

On October 7th and 8th, we will be celebrating LWML Weekend! The theme for the weekend is "The King is Coming", based on Psalm 24:7-10. Please see next week's Tidings for more information.

Our **NEXT FOOD OF FAITH** meal that we will be serving is Thursday, October 12th, at Messiah Lutheran, on the west side of Bay City. If you would like to help prepare the meal or help serve the meal that day, please let me know by October 4. I can be reached by text or call me at 989-751-0855. We also will be accepting any donations of money to help with the cost of the meal. If you can help in that way, see me or drop off a check or money to the church office. Blessings on all who are able to help us again feed the hungry in our town. Kay Arnold, Program Development.

### **ZION SCHOOL NEWS...**

**SMART CARD SAVINGS** packs coming soon! Zion students will be selling Smart Cards again this year. We will let you know as soon as they are available. Please contact Holly Essex with any questions 989-225-6935.

### **SAVE THE DATE ST. LORENZ WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2024**

Hi Friends! We hope you can join us again for our second-annual **White as Snow Women's Conference** on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Worship and Event Center in Frankenmuth, MI. Join us for a day of renewal as we explore the message of Revelation 21:5 "Behold, I am making all things new." Our keynote speaker, **Heidi Goehmann**, will explore emotional and relational renewal through a secure foundation in Christ. Learn more: [stlorenz.org/womens-conference](http://stlorenz.org/womens-conference). Registration opened July 1, 2023. We recommend getting your tickets early; our 2023 conference sold out! God's Blessings! Contact Kay Arnold for more information.

## **AREA HAPPENINGS...**

**ZION AUBURN SMORGASBORG** The Ladies of Zion Lutheran Church of Auburn will be having a take-out only Smorgasbord Dinner and Country Store on Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church's school located at Eleven Mile and Seidler Roads northwest of Auburn. The price is \$14 per take-out and includes pork sausage, ¼ chicken, dressing, sauerkraut, German potato salad, real mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, squash, coleslaw, and pie. The Country Store will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and features Christmas items, sweethearts, plants, home-grown produce, candy, baked goods, and hand-crafted items.

**FESTIVAL SERVICE FOR ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS** On Sunday, October 1 at 4 p.m. St. Michael Lutheran Church in Richville, Michigan will be hosting a festival Evening Prayer Service for St. Michael and All Angels. The preacher for this service will be Michigan District President Rev. David A. Davis. Kantors for the service will be Jon Eifert, Nathan Beethe, and Brian Heinlein. There will be a Mass Choir comprised of members from area congregations, instrumentalists, and pipe organ. Anyone who wishes to participate in the mass choir should contact Nathan Beethe at [kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com](mailto:kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com). Please mark your calendars for this exciting event! We hope you will join us!

**COME TAKE A PEEK AT VALLEY LUTHERAN.** We invite prospective 7th and 8th grade students and their families to a *Peek at Valley* on Thursday, October 5th. These one-hour guided tours provide a peek into the Valley Lutheran experience and what sets Valley apart. Please let us know you're coming and pick an arrival time at [www.vlhs.com/takeapeek](http://www.vlhs.com/takeapeek). Contact Amy Cooper, Director of Communications and Admissions at [acooper@vlhs.com](mailto:acooper@vlhs.com) with any questions.

Valley Lutheran High School is in search of a **JV Women's Basketball Head Coach** for the upcoming season. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please send a resume, cover letter, and contact information to VL Athletic Director, Tyler Yahn at [tyahn@vlhs.com](mailto:tyahn@vlhs.com)

Valley Lutheran High School is in search of a **Freshman Men's Basketball Head Coach** for the upcoming season. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please send a resume, cover letter, and contact information to VL Athletic Director, Tyler Yahn at [tyahn@vlhs.com](mailto:tyahn@vlhs.com)

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

**In celebration of Millie Nuffer's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday**, from Janet Schnell...  
\$94 - General Fund.

**In honor of the wonderful work of the school music program**, from Bill & Carol Wright...\$500 - School Music Special Fund.

**Gifts Received**...\$100 - Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, Mission of the Month.

**PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**

Saturday (55), Sunday (66), Wednesday (15)

**This Weekend – September 23-24–Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Guest Pastor Dave Winningham

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 20:1-16

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

**Next Weekend – September 30-October 1 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Hebrews 10:19-25; John 15:1-5

Hymns: Connected School Hymn, Abide, LSB 524, 878, 718, 611

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

- **NEW** Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for September-November
- September Wonderful Times (Division on Aging)
- Cougar Newsletter

**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



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

# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns September 23-29, 2023**



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

Family and friends of Lee Olson (Joan Stout's brother) – 9/19/23

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

Jeanne Alcorn, Frank & Ruth Batschke, Lucille Crook, Lawrence Eichhorn, David Persinger, Susan Rosecrans, Veronica Ontiveros, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

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

Becky & Robb Schaffer celebrating 12 yrs. on September 23

Rev. Steve & Sharon Schilke celebrating 56 yrs. on September 23

Ken & Julie Corrion celebrating 42 yrs. on September 26

John & Gail Mueller celebrating 44 yrs. on September 29

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

Kimberly Stanley-9/23

Stacie Story-9/24

Dan Bauer-9/25

Eli Kraft-9/25

Joan Moeller-9/25

Teresa Norton-9/25

Lorri Oldenburg-9/25

Debra Gruehn-9/26

Donna Gerken celebrating her 83rd birthday-9/27

Brent Bednar-9/28

Anna Schmidt celebrating her 89th birthday-9/28

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

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

## **Pray for:**

- Our Mission of the Month-Good Samaritan Rescue Mission of Bay City.

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

- Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace, we pray. Amen.
- Pray for our kindergartner students and their teachers, Mrs. Degg and Mrs. Thiel. Ask our loving Father in heaven to give these kids curious minds and a steady faith as they learn about the world around them and are drawn closer to Jesus.

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

The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121



### **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.