

September 16-17, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER...

ALEX KEIT AND ANGELA DEFORD'S WEDDING, Saturday at 3 p.m.

MUSIC PRACTICE, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP - no COMMUNION, September 16, 5 pm. (This service will not be livestreamed.)

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

ROCK, Monday, September 18, 5 p.m.

LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR, Tuesday, September 19, 11a.m.

ORCHESTRA, Tuesday, September 19, 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS, September 19, 6:30-8 p.m., Nursery.

CHAPEL, Wednesday, September 20, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

HAND BELLS, Wednesday, September 20, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, Guest pastor Dave Winningham, 7 p.m., Great Hall,

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

LWML MEETING, Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., Ministry Room A.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS resumes this week, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the nursery. We will be doing a study titled ***Unshakable*** by Donna Snow. In a world that can shake us to the core, God has given us a kingdom that CANNOT be shaken! Come join for this new study. Any questions contact Kay Arnold, 989-751-0855.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins on 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.

LWML NEWS...

Ladies of Zion, please join me for a brief brainstorming session of how we can all become better mission minded women! We will meet Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Ministry A. Bring all your thoughts and ideas to share and then we will have fellowship with dessert and punch! Any questions, contact Kay Arnold, LWML President at 989-751-0855.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Paul Wilczynski in loving memory of Marilyn Wilczynski on the 10th anniversary (September 16) of her being called to her eternal home.

Pastor Baerwolf will be on vacation September 18-24. 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.



SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS:

Please visit our Mission of the Month display for more information.

PRAYER PARTNER MINISTRY

Only **1** more prayer partner is needed. Won't you consider praying for six of our Zion students as they attend school this year? Please email April at abirch@zionbaycity.org to sign up. Such an exciting opportunity to share Jesus and His love with many!

Mrs. Kellie Battle has graciously said she will become our **PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR**. Next week training will take place, her contact information will be in next week's bulletin, and once again the prayer chain will be fully operational. We are truly grateful for Mrs. Battle, thank you!

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

Dr. Frederick has resigned from her role as interim administrator of our school. She will remain as a consultant to Mrs. Reese and to our school, for which we are so thankful. Dr. Frederick has been such a gift from God to all of us here at Zion. She has been a blessing with her ability to sift through so many complex issues and provide such a beautiful groundwork for the future endeavors we hope to happen here at Zion. Her focus on security and educational development will continue to be our work as she takes this time stepping away from the day-to-day administration of our school.

Mrs. Reese is continuing her part-time service here at Zion as our interim administrator and pastor will be working alongside her as we make our way through this school year. We are meeting with experienced educators who may be willing to help us navigate the path forward as our church and school begins the process of calling a full-time principal to serve us in the future. We thank the Lord for Mrs. Reese and all the gifts she shares with us here at Zion. Her sacrifice of time and talent is remarkable.

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. 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.

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. Contact Amy Cooper, Director of Communications and Admissions at acooper@vlhs.com with any questions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In celebration of my two prayer warrior sponsors birthdays, Arlene Henderson, 9/13 and Aunt Millie Nuffer, 9/15 and for our daughter Darcy's birthday, 9/13, from Warren & Amy Nuffer...\$195 for the Lanes 2 Learning SF.

Gifts Received...IRA Distributions-\$4,210 for Lanes 2 Learning and \$842 for General Fund; \$100 Waylon Gehrcke Baptism-General Fund.

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (71), Sunday (77), Wednesday (20)

This Weekend – September 16-17 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35

Hymns: LSB 394, 571, 744, 618, 790, 696

Next 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

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

- Portals of Prayer devotionals for July-September
- 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, 989.284.0500

ZION LUTHERAN



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

Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns September 16-22, 2023



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, Brock, Christy Almond, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Kevin & Lora Lisk celebrating 38 yrs. on September 17
Jacob & Kayla Wood celebrating 4 yrs. on September 20
John & Dawn Jurik celebrating 22 yrs. on September 22
Scott & Wanda Witzke celebrating 44 yrs. on September 22

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Patricia Keene-9/17
Steve Bermejo-9/18
Callan Jankens-9/18
Eileen Partlo celebrating her 98th birthday-9/18
Ramona Baerwolf-9/19
Deborah Cole-9/19
Lisa White-9/19
Rev. Steve Schilke-9/20
Celia Staudacher-9/20
Elizabeth Bolzman-9/21
Kaden McKay-9/21
Samantha Nagel-9/21
Eileen Roberts-9/22

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

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

Marriages...

Alex Edward Keit and Angela Jean Deford-9.16.23

Pray for:

- Those who lead and shepherd our educational and child care ministries at Zion including 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.

Other prayer concerns...

- Our Mission of the Month-Good Samaritan Rescue Mission of Bay City.
- Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- Rejoice that you are a child of God—He invites you to call on Him as your Father. During your prayer time thank the Lord for our secretaries, custodians and other staff who help to keep Zion running smoothly.

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

Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. Psalm 111



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.