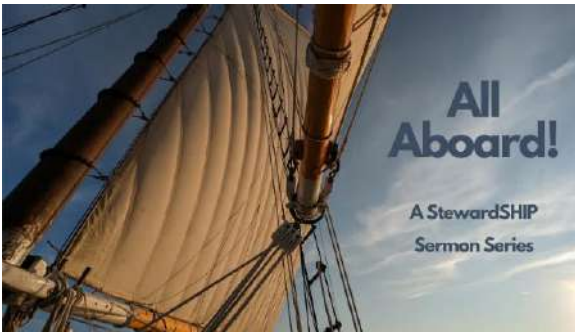


October 21-22, 2023

CALL COMMITTEE FOR ZION PRINCIPAL

As we plan for Zion's future, we are hoping to call a full-time principal to serve us next school year. If you have a name of a potential candidate for this position, please share with the church office by October 29. We are hoping the Lord sends us a deeply devoted follower of Jesus who is a rostered church worker and an experienced educator with administrative training or experience. Join us in praying for this call committee as they begin their work. If you would like to serve on the committee, speak to Pastor Baerwolf.



“ALL ABOARD”

During the coming weeks, you are encouraged to pray that the Lord would send a mighty current of generosity through your heart and the hearts of His faithful here at Zion as we look forward to all that God

has planned for us as His people. You will be asked in the coming weeks to consider sharing a love offering to help us meet the ministry needs of today and you will be challenged to pledge what you will be giving to the Lord next year as we begin to budget for all that God is preparing for us to do here at Zion.

CHURCH SECURITY TRAINING NOVEMBER 7TH FROM 6-8:30 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, November 7th 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.



Come and join us for an in-home bible study on God's Love, Wednesday, October 25 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. This will continue each Wednesday and end the second week of November. Please join us at 4259 Zander Dr. Questions? Call Susan Wernecke at 989-397-4343. All are welcome!



A table is up in the Great Hall, where you may drop your cards, gifts, or tokens of appreciation anytime through October 28th. We will give these gifts of love to our pastors during next Sunday's Reformation service. Following the Sunday service,

join us in the Great Hall to share our appreciation of the dedication and support we receive from Pastor Baerwolf, Pastor Roberts, Pastor Schilke, Pastor Wernecke and all our church workers. Desserts, coffee and fellowship will be enjoyed by all!

DATES TO REMEMBER...

MUSIC PRACTICE, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP - with COMMUNION, October 21, 5 p.m.

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

LWML QUILTING, Monday, October 23, 2-4 p.m., Ministry Room A.

ROCK, Monday, October 23, 5 p.m.

MEN'S CHORUS, Monday, October 23, 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Monday, October 23, 6 p.m.

LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR, Tuesday, October 24, 11 a.m.

ORCHESTRA, Tuesday, October 24, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS, October 24, 6:30-8 p.m., Nursery.

CHAPEL, Wednesday, October 25, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

HAND BELLS, Wednesday, October 25, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, October 25, 7 p.m., Great Hall, (Door Offering for Food of Faith/Mite Box Return for LWML)

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, October 26, 10-11:30, Ministry Room A.

Once again, the Food Pantry will be giving out **THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS**. The following is a list of items needed: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Green Beans, Fried Onions, Yams, Fruit Cocktail, Cranberries in a Can, Cake Mix, Frosting, Jell-O, and a Reusable Shopping Bag. Thank you for all the generosity you show to our pantry every year.

OCTOBER'S MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

LWML Mites and Food of Faith, next Wednesday, October 25 and Saturday and Sunday, October 28-29, your LWML Mite boxes may be returned and a door offering will be collected for Food of Faith.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH'S RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE TRUST FUND COMMITTEE will be receiving applications for project funding until Nov 5, 2023. Applications for projects are now available in the church office. Applications may be left in the Trust Fund church mailbox. If anyone has additional questions, please contact, Jan Knop, 989-697-3299, or another committee member, Dan Bauer, Barb Dunn, Al Story, and Carol Wright.

APPRECIATE YOUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHERS IN OCTOBER

We encourage the expression of appreciation for all our church workers, but this year our church is focusing on our Lutheran school teachers. At Zion, we are faithfully served by some amazing educators and administrators, who everyday help to connect our kids to Jesus. Please pray for those who serve in our Childcare and Day School ministry. Send them a note of thanks for their hard work and devotion to all that is happening in our school. This week we encourage you to pray for our 1st through 8th grade teachers, Mrs. Priem, Mrs. Splattstoesser, Ms. Newkirk, Mr. Young and Ms. Schrader, as they connect young children to Jesus—what an amazing blessing they are to all of us at Zion!

The **PROPERTIES COMMITTEE** is looking for a few individuals that are able to prune the shrubs, trim the trees and clean up the Church grounds. Please call George Walker or Carl Krueger to sign up!



CHURCH SECRETARY / OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION OPEN

St. Martin Lutheran Church in Birch Run, is seeking a Church Secretary / Office Administrator. The ideal candidate for this full-time job with full benefits would be a highly organized self-starter who can take direction and work independently or with a team when needed. Confidentiality and excellent communication skills required. This position also requires the ability to multi-task daily with updating the church bulletin and church news, data entry, financial recordkeeping, assisting the staff and members with needs, maintaining a positive attitude and a friendly work environment. Applicants must be proficient in these MS Office Applications: Word, Excel, and Publisher, and will be trained on two software programs, Shepherd's Staff and QuickBooks. Please send resumes to: info@stmartinbirchrun.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS...

You are invited to a **Reformation Organ Concert** on October 29 at 4 pm at St. Lorenz Church in Frankenmuth. St. Lorenz's new Director of Music Ministries, Myles Hayden, will perform cherished Lutheran hymn preludes, including Bach's "O God Our Help" (St. Anne Prelude and Fugue), and Reger's "A Mighty Fortress" and others. Reception to follow.

Trinity Lutheran Church, corner of Salzburg and 8 Mile Rd., will be hosting its annual **Harvest Dinner and Bake Sale** on Sunday, October 29. Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dine in or take out. Each meal will include homemade pork sausage, roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, sauerkraut, squash, dessert, and roll. The cost is \$15 per meal. The bake sale will be held in the gym. Mark your calendar and join us for one of the best harvest dinners around!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In memory of Ruth Batschke, from family and friends...\$1,565 for the General Fund and \$50 for Lanes 2 Learning.

A loving gift, from Paul & Susan Birch...\$2,000-General Fund, \$1,000-Lanes 2 Learning.

Gifts Received...\$65-Lanes 2 Learning; \$4,000-Financial Review SF; \$100 for Thanksgiving/Christmas Bags-Food Pantry SF.

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (66), Sunday (77), Wednesday (19)

This Weekend – October 21-22 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Jonah 2:1-3:6; Matthew 12:38-40

Hymns: LSB 782, 763, 915, 623, 478, 744

Next Weekend – October 28-29 – Reformation

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 4, pg. 203

Readings: Psalm 46; John 3:16-21

Hymns: 923, 656, 577, 664, Connected School Hymn, 655

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

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



ZION LUTHERAN

510 W. Ivy St., Bay City, Michigan 48706; 989-894-2611

Worship: Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9:30am; Wednesday 7pm

Pastor Phillip Baerwolf, pbaerwolf@zionbaycity.org, 989.284.0500

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

**Zion's Weekly
Prayer Concerns
October 21-27, 2023**



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

Arlene Henderson, Pastor Schilke, Rhonda Sepos, Jim Tacey, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

William & Liz Connors celebrating 24 yrs. on October 22
Robert & JoAnn Riffelmacher celebrating 46 yrs. on October 22
Allen & Renee Gradowski celebrating 41 yrs. on October 23
Norman & Gloria Pfund celebrating 55 yrs. on October 26

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Shirley Clemens celebrating her 80th birthday-10/22
Jean Laverty-Weiss-10/22
Irene Bauer-10/24
Joyce Poppe celebrating her 87th birthday-10/24
Alex VanSumeren-10/25
Bonnie Goetz-10/27
Leonard Kaczorowski celebrating his 99th birthday-10/27
Bev Preston celebrating her 81st birthday-10/27
Kayla Treib-10/27

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

Tilly Arnold, Frank Batschke, Ardythe Biskupski,
and Judy Buerkel.

Pray for:

- Mrs. Priem, Mrs. Splattstoesser, Ms. Newkirk, Mr. Young and Ms. Schrader
- Our Mission of the Month-LWML Mites & Food of Faith

Other prayer concerns...

- For Zion's financial challenges that we can meet our obligations and our members return God's blessings in the spirit of a cheerful giver.
- Pray for our third and fourth grade students and their teacher, Ms. Newkirk. Ask our gracious God to be with these students as they grow and learn.

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

"But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the Lord, and He answered me from his holy hill. Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!" (Psalm 3)



The Sacrament of Holy Communion Our Understanding and Practice

Since Scripture instructs us to examine ourselves before receiving Holy Communion, please sincerely reflect on these questions:

1. Am I truly sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin because He gave His life on the cross for me personally?
3. Am I depending on Him, and not my own goodness, as the only way to heaven?
4. Do I firmly believe that Jesus gives His actual body and blood to me in this sacrament?
5. Do I expect to receive God's gift of forgiveness through this meal?
6. Do I sincerely intend, with the help of God, not to return to a life of sin but to live to Jesus' glory?

All who have been instructed about the meaning of communion in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and who confess these statements of belief are welcome to receive communion.