

September 30 – October 1, 2023



Next weekend we will celebrate **LWML WEEKEND** with a special guest, Ann Hume. Ann started an orphanage in Haiti in 2011 to help children in need of health care, housing, education, and to hear of the love of Jesus. She will be speaking during

Saturday and Sunday services about what she has done and continues to do in Haiti. There will also be refreshments in the Great Hall after each service provided by the ladies of LWML. Please join us to celebrate all that the Lord has done thru LWML! We will be giving out mite boxes to support other missions and ministry here and around the world.

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. Kay Arnold, Program Development.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

MUSIC PRACTICE, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP - No COMMUNION - "All School Sing", September 30, 5 p.m.

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

ROCK, Monday, October 2, 5 p.m.

MEN'S CHORUS, Monday, October 2, 6 p.m.

LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR, Tuesday, October 3, 11a.m.

FOOD PANTRY, Tuesday, October 3, 4:30 p.m., Ministry Room A.

ORCHESTRA, Tuesday, October 3, 6 p.m.

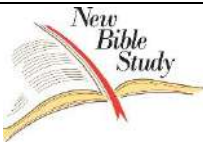
TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS, October 3, 6:30-8 p.m., Nursery.

CHAPEL, Wednesday, October 4, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

HAND BELLS, Wednesday, October 4, 5:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, October 5, 10-11:30, Ministry Room A.



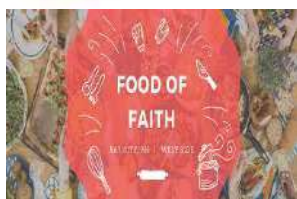
I am starting an in-home Bible study on **God's Love** beginning Wednesday, October 11th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Please join us at 4259 Zander Dr. Questions? Call Susan Wernecke at 989-397-4343. All are welcome!

LWML MITES AND FOOD OF FAITH OCTOBER'S MISSIONS OF THE MONTH



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Every woman who is a member here at Zion is a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and each of us are encouraged this weekend to take home a Mite Box and fill it with pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and cash and return it the last weekend of October, when we will have the door offering for the Food of Faith mission, so that these mites can be returned to our friends at the LWML to be used by them to share Jesus and His love with many others. With a goal of over two million dollars to be raised from 2021-2023, our friends at the LWML have ambitious plans to GO and tell the good news of Jesus to many others. Please fill up those mite boxes and return them to Zion so that we can share in this ministry. On Monday, November 13, our own LWML group will gather for fellowship, fun, and prayer, more information to follow, we hope you can join us for this special time in Ministry Room A.



Food of Faith

This month we will host another Food of Faith ministry moment as we feed the poor and hungry in our community. Your generous donation to this Mission of the Month gives us the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the "least of these" in our area. Many of us never wonder where our next meal is going to come from but for many in our region, food scarcity is a major problem and as we couple with other churches in our area, we have an amazing opportunity to feed the hungry and care for their needs. Your gifts of love to help support this ministry will give Zion the means to continue caring for the hungry in Bay City and the surrounding communities. Thanks for your generous gifts to our Food of Faith Mission of the Month.



APPRECIATE YOUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHERS IN OCTOBER

October has been designated as Church Worker Appreciation Month — we encourage the expression of appreciation for all our church workers, but this year LCMS *Set Apart to Serve* is focusing on our Lutheran school teachers. In the LCMS, there are approx. 5,400 active rostered and 10,700 non-rostered teachers forming our children in God's Word and academics. You know these teachers—they are faithful, committed, and they love Lutheran education. You also know their challenges—they work long hours, often with low wages.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! Cooler weather, changing leaves and Holiday Food bags. Again, this year the Food Pantry will be giving out food bags for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The list of items needed is as follows... instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cream of mushroom soup, green beans, fried onions, yams, cake mix, frosting, Jello, fruit cocktail, and cranberries in a can. This is a slight change of item because some items are hard to find at this time of year. And we always would like to put the food in a nice reusable bag. Thank you for all the generosity you show to our pantry every year. Also, every so often when filling food needs, we get a request for laundry soap, softener, dish soap, cleaning supplies, hygiene products and hair products. If you find a bargain on these items, please consider picking up extras for the pantry. We don't need huge bottles of anything just a bit to help people get by.

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.

The annual **VALLEY LUTHERAN FRUIT SALE** is just around the corner. Place your order with any Valley student or by calling the VL Office at 989-790-1676. The sale runs October 9-November 8 and will be available for pickup December 9 from 7:30am-2:30pm. A 20lb box of

Florida Indian River Navel Oranges, Pink Grapefruit or Mixed box is \$39.00. A 40 lb. box of Navel Oranges, Pink Grapefruit or Mixed box is \$51.00. A 10 lb. box of Mandarin Oranges is \$35.00 and a Citrus Delight box of oranges, grapefruit & mandarin oranges (6 pieces of each) is \$39.00. Thank you for your support!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In honor of October birthdays: Connor Spence-Oct 1, Lucas and Matthew Knop-Oct 4, Matt Spence-Oct 8, Ralph Knop-Oct 18 and Janice Knop-Oct 20, from Ralph & Jan Knop...\$600 for the Lanes 2 Learning SF.

In memory of Lee Olson, from Bob & Eileen Roberts...\$25 - General Fund.

Gifts Received...\$353 - Door Offering for Good Samaritan Rescue Mission; \$500 - IRA Distribution for General Fund; \$20 - Jack Mills memorial for Food Pantry.

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (62), Sunday (60), Wednesday (27)

This Weekend – Sept. 30-Oct. 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

Next Weekend – October 7-8–Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 11:25-30

Hymns: LSB 527, 575, 809, 644, 826, 917

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

- **NEW** Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for September-November
- **NEW** October 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.



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

ZION LUTHERAN

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

Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

September 30 - October 6, 2023



Those mourning the loss of loved ones...

Family and friends of Lucille Crook - 9/23/23

Family and friends of Ruth Batschke - 9/24/23

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

Jeanne Alcorn, Christy Almond, Arlene Henderson, Ralph Knop, Bonnie Majka, David Persinger, Susan Rosecrans, Veronica Ontiveros, Carter, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Cindy & Kenneth Krupa celebrating 29 yrs. on October 1

Kimberly & Brandon Stanley celebrating 13 yrs. on October 2

Earl & Kay Arnold celebrating 38 yrs. on October 4

Gordon & Veronica Gremel celebrating 5 yrs. on October 6

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Sharon Schilke-9/30

Erin Grauherr-10/1

Carl Krueger celebrating his 80th birthday-10/1

Connor Spence-10/1

Edgar Engelhardt celebrating his 81st birthday-10/2

Rhonda Kuehn-10/3

Thomas Nellett-10/3

Peggy Klopff-10/4

Timothy Teeples-10/4

Talon Crowl-10/5

Kayla Remer-10/5

Ruth Doege-10/6

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

Michael Creer, Rebecca Freudenburg, and Ernie Highlen.

Pray for:

Our Mission of the Month-LWML Mites & Food of Faith

Other prayer concerns...

- For the Lord to give us a renewed sense of hope and joy as we worship together hearing the Good News of sins forgiven and life restored through our Savior Jesus and all He has done for us.
- Pray for our seventh and eighth graders at Zion including their teacher, Ms. Schrader. Ask our loving Father in heaven to draw these young adults closer to Jesus.

May our prayer be that of the psalmist who teaches us to pray: Psalm 23 – A profession of joyful trust in the Lord as the good Shepherd-King

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me besides quiet water, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.



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.