



November 18-19, 2023

ALL ABOARD

As our stewardSHIP series concludes this weekend, what joy is ours in the wonder of the church—that Jesus brings us together as His children and gives us the privilege to share and show the love of Christ with so many others. Thank you for your special offerings given to Zion and for the pledges you make as to your commitment for next year's giving to the Lord and the work we are doing together here. With eyes on Jesus, we trust that miracles happen!

THANKSGIVING EVE SUPPER: Please join us this Wednesday, November 22 for a Thanksgiving meal, right here in Ministry Room A and the Great Hall. Fresh roasted turkey with all the fixings will be served, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All Zion church and school families are welcome to join us in these bountiful blessings. Following our meal, continue our fellowship by staying for our Thanksgiving worship service at 7 p.m. where you will be able to enjoy the sounds of Zion's Men's Chorus, Orchestra, Ladies Choir and Handbells, along with a beautiful message from Pastor Baerwolf.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS to beautify the sanctuary are available once again. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center. Orders with payment are due to the church office by Monday, November 27.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN SPONSORS AND ALTAR FLOWERS: The following dates are still open for sponsoring a bulletin: November 25/26, December 2/3, and December 16/17. And the following altar flower dates are: December 2/3, 9/10, 23/24, 30/31 and January 6/7. Please contact April at 989.894.2611 or abirch@zionbaycity.org.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS will be set up on **Monday, November 20, beginning at 9 a.m.**; completed on **Saturday, December 2, beginning at 9 a.m.** Everyone is welcome!

DATES TO REMEMBER...

MUSIC PRACTICE, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP - no COMMUNION, Nov. 18, 5 p.m.

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

PACKING THANKSGIVING BAGS, Sunday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m., Min. Rm. A.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING, Monday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BAG DISTRIBUTION, Monday, Nov. 20, 9-11 a.m.

ROCK and **MEN'S CHORUS** will not meet Monday, Nov. 20,

LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR will not meet Tuesday, Nov. 21.

ORCHESTRA, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m., Nursery.

GOD'S LOVE BIBLE STUDY will resume after the New Year.

HAND BELLS, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING EVE DINNER, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m., Great Hall/Ministry Room A.

WEDNESDAY, THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE - walking communion, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will not meet Nov. 23, Ministry Room A.

VOTERS' MEETING, Sunday, December 3, in the sanctuary, following our Worship service. Agenda to include adopting a fiscal year plan and the 2024 budget.

NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS: Zion's Food Pantry

Thanksgiving food bags needs include: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Green Beans, Yams, Fruit Cocktail, Cranberries in a Can, Cake Mix, Frosting, and Jell-O. The food donation deadline for Thanksgiving is **this November 18** and distribution will happen Monday, November 20. Food donations may be dropped off at our mission table in the Great Hall. As always, monetary donations are welcome-make a note that it is for the Thanksgiving food bags. Thank you for all the generosity you show to our pantry every year.

"LUTHERAN WITNESS" SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Lutheran Witness is the official periodical of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Published 11 times a year, LW provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. **Place or renew your subscription** through the church office for **\$19.00**. Make checks payable to "Zion" - we'll send one congregational check to the district. The deadline is **Tuesday, December 5**.

Reggie Schwark would like to attend the Thanksgiving dinner and service on Thanksgiving Eve, but needs a ride to and from church. If anyone is able to help with this, please call Reggie directly at 989-977-0426. She lives at Garfield Manor on Fraser Street, just a mile from church and a 5-minute drive.

Christmas Store – We are now accepting new and like new items for our annual PTL Christmas Store. Donations can be dropped off at the church or school office from now until Wednesday, December 6th.

AREA HAPPENINGS...

You're Invited! Cub Scout Pack 3113 and Pilgrim Lutheran Church invite you to attend their annual **Deer Widows Craft Show and Bazaar** on Saturday, November 18 from 10:00am-4:00pm. Join the fun at 1705 Nebobish Ave. in Essexville!

St. Paul Lutheran Church Frankenlust Ladies Aid Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 in the St. Paul School Gymnasium located at 6094 Westside Saginaw Rd. The bake sale is from 9:30 am – 11:00 am with coffee and donut hour from 8:30 am – 9:30 am. Come get your goodies which include traditional homemade German treats like Springerle, Eisenkuechle, Stollen, Lebkuchen and other delicious breads and cookies. Hope to see you there!"

27th Annual "Living Nativity – A Journey to Bethlehem", Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankentrost, 8220 E. Holland Rd. in Saginaw, on Friday, December 1, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, December 2, 6-8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 3, 6-8 p.m. Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on that blessed night when Jesus Christ was born. This is a free 30-minute outdoor walk, so dress for the weather. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the school.

German Christmas Song Fest in Frankenmuth

On Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 pm, the 31st annual "Weihnachts-Singfest" at St. Lorenz Church, 1030 W. Tuscola Rd., Frankenmuth will be held. The one-hour event of favorite German carols, hymns, and scriptures will also feature harp pre-service music - beginning at 2:45 pm, a trumpeter, and violinist Vicar Teggatz for 'Stille Nacht.' The service will recognize St. Lorenz's sister congregation St. Paul Frankenlust as they celebrate their 175th anniversary. Afterward, please visit the log cabin and church bells specially decorated for a pioneer Christmas. The Songfest is organized by the Frankenmuth German Club. There are no reserved seats or tickets to purchase; we simply ask for a free will donation. Please join us as we celebrate the Savior's birth!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In loving memory of Aunt Bee, a General Fund donation was received from Carol Hutter.

Gifts Received...\$1,755-“All Aboard” Offering-General Fund; IRA Distribution-4,220 General Fund, \$1,000 Lanes2Learning SF; \$100-Food Pantry SF; \$650-Lanes2Learning SF; \$50-Building Preservation SF.

THANK YOU for all the donations to the LWML Mission of the Month for October. We're still getting some donations, so we expect the total to be around \$300. All of us working together with other chapters adds up to help with mission projects around the world. There are empty mite boxes in the narthex and in the Great Hall by ministry Room A, so please continue to save your coins. They can be emptied into the large boxes in both locations, so you can reuse your box many times. This is a continuing project for LWML, and we appreciate your support.

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (118), Sunday (65), Wednesday (19)

This Weekend – November 18-19 – Twenty Fifth Sunday a. Pentecost

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Hebrews 12:1-3; Matthew 14:22-33

Hymns: LSB 789, 528, 892, 618, 912, 782

Next Weekend – November 25-26 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Daniel 12:1-4; Luke 21:5-9

Hymns: LSB 905, 525, 709, 527, 549, 924

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

- Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December
- **NEW** Our Daily Bread devotionals for December-February
- Cougar Newsletter
- **NEW** 2023 Advent Devotionals, “*What Child Is This?*”, published by the Lutheran Hour; available in regular or large-print
- **NEW** 2024 Wall Calendars compliments of Gephart Funeral Home

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

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ZION LUTHERAN

Note: The church office is closed Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21 and Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24.

Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

November 18-24, 2023

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

Christy Almond, Martina Leslie, Joan Stout, Rick Ziesemer, Wendy Dominowski, Bob Jankens, Judy Sepos, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Warren & Amy Nuffer celebrating 54 yrs. on November 22

Brent & Lori Bednar celebrating 5 yrs. on November 24

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Ernie Schoenheit-11/18

Jan Vogtmann celebrating her 86th birthday-11/21

David Eischer-11/22

Jenny Gwizdala-11/23

Kaitlyn Royer-11/23

Bee Keith-11/24

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

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

Pray for:

- For the Church, that God would move in His people and they would respond with acts of love and service.
- For those that are struggling to make ends meet, that God would use our Food Pantry to touch lives with His love this Thanksgiving season.
- We give thanks every day for the blessings the Lord has given, especially the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, for another day, for family, for friends, for food on the table. He is the source of all good things and we praise Him for the simple things that bring us joy.



Other prayer concerns...

- 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.
- Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

“O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long? Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.” (Psalm 6)



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.