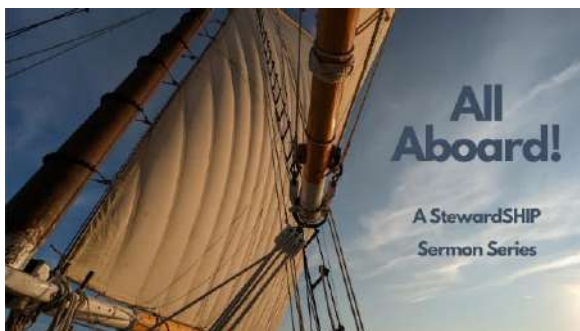




November 11-12, 2023

“ALL ABOARD” We are so grateful for all those who have already returned their *All Aboard* commitment cards for next year. These confidential pledges are a beautiful way to prayerfully prepare for what you plan to give back to the Lord through your offerings to Zion. Every day kids are being connected to Christ and in so many other ways, the good news of Jesus and His love is being shared in our community. We are thankful for those who have returned their special *All Aboard* offerings so that we can finish this year in a stronger financial position. We look forward to many more of the faithful here at Zion returning their commitment cards and their special offerings next weekend in worship.

THANKSGIVING EVE SUPPER: Friends and family of Zion, we are asking for your help in the preparation of a Thanksgiving Eve supper, Wednesday, November 22, at 5:30 p.m., in Ministry room a. This supper is an excellent opportunity to share a Thanksgiving meal with friends who either don't have family in the area or enjoy sharing their meal with their Zion family. We are looking for volunteers to make one, two or three of the dishes listed on the sign-up sheet. We also need help with serving and cleanup. Sign-up sheets are located in the Great Hall or you may call April at 989.894.2611 or abirch@zionbaycity.org.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS to beautify the sanctuary are available once again. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center and as an insert in this week's bulletin. Orders with payment are due to the church office by Monday, November 27.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN SPONSORS AND ALTAR FLOWERS: Would you like to sponsor a weekend bulletin or provide altar flowers for one of the weekend services between Thanksgiving and Epiphany? The cost of sponsoring a weekend bulletin is \$40; altar flower costs start at \$45 depending on florist and flower selections. Please see the other side of the Poinsettia insert for sign-up opportunities and or contact April for more information (989.894.2611 or abirch@zionbaycity.org).

DATES TO REMEMBER...

MUSIC PRACTICE, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP - with COMMUNION, Nov. 11, 5 p.m.

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

ROCK, Monday, November 13, 5 p.m.

MEN'S CHORUS, Monday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.

LWML ACTIVITY NIGHT, Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30-8 p.m., Ministry Room A.

LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m.

BOARD OF ELDERS (BOE), Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., Pastor's office.

ORCHESTRA, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m., Nursery.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION BOARD (CAB), Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Min. Rm. A.

CHAPEL, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

GOD'S LOVE BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10-11:30 a.m., Susan Wernecke-4259 Zander Dr.

HAND BELLS will not meet Wednesday, Nov. 15.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Great Hall.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, Nov. 16, 10-11:30 a.m., Ministry Room A.

Note: The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21, while staff is in attendance of the Professional Church Workers Conference.

LWML NEWS: Ladies, please join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and snacks as we make fleece blankets for Orphan Grain Train! We will meet in Ministry room A from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on Monday, November 13. No experience is necessary. If you weren't able to turn in your mite boxes, this would be a good opportunity to do that. Any questions, please contact Kay Arnold 989-751-0855.

NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS: Zion's Food Pantry Thanksgiving food bags need includes: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Green Beans, Yams, Fruit Cocktail, Cranberries in a Can, Cake Mix, Frosting, and Jell-O. For your convenience, a list of needed items is available in the Great Hall. The food donation deadline for Thanksgiving is 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.

SCHOOL NEWS: A-Boys Basketball Coach – We are looking for someone to coach our 6th-8th grade boys basketball team. Practices start the week of November 27th, games start the week of January 8th, and the season wraps up with the tournament on February 11th. Please contact Holly Essex at (989)225-6935 if you are interested.

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.

ARE YOU A "SNOWBIRD"? If you winter in warmer climates, please contact the church office (989.894.2611 or secretary@zionbaycity.org) and give us your winter address as well as your "going south" and "returning north" dates so we can keep our records up to date!

AREA HAPPENINGS...

Valley Lutheran High School Parent Organization will be hosting our **Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale** on Saturday, November 11 from 9-3 at the high school. There will also be a luncheon from 11-1. Admission is free and we hope you can join us!

Surviving the Holidays – Sunday, November 12 at Grace Lutheran, Auburn. Are you dreading the approaching holidays because of the death of a loved one? You're not alone. Come to Grace Lutheran Church (303 Ruth Street, Auburn) on Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. to be comforted and encouraged. All are welcome to attend, no registration necessary. Please contact the church office if you have any questions (989-662-6161).

On Sunday, **November 12 St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service** will be held at 11 am in the Church - 1030 W. Tuscola Rd., Frankenmuth.

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!"

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In memory of Arlene Henderson, from family and friends...\$1,843 for the General Fund.

In memory of husband Jim and sons Danny & David Goetz, from Bonnie Goetz...\$250 for the General Fund.

Gifts Received...\$2,760 "All Aboard" Offering-General Fund; \$535-Food Pantry SF; \$50-Lanes2Learning SF.

First, Sharon and I want to thank everyone for the many cards and gifts that you showered on us recently. The many kind words are very touching. Thank you so much for your love. I also wanted to thank you for the show of concern and support this last week following a heart procedure. It took 3 night time ER visits and one trip by ambulance to U of M Ann Arbor to find why I had a very bad bleeding issue. I am now feeling so much better and looking forward to seeing everyone at Zion soon. Once again, thank you and God's blessings on all of you! ~Pastor Steve and Sharon Schilke

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (62), Sunday (72), Wednesday (18)

This Weekend – November 11-12 – Twenty Fourth Sunday a. Pentecost

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: Acts 27:39-44; Luke 8:22-25

Hymns: LSB 783, 658, 698, 637, 702, 917

Next 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

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

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



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

"May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'"

Psalm 90:1-2

Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

November 11-17, 2023

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

Christy Almond, Martina Leslie, Pastor Schilke, Rhonda Sepos, Rick Ziesemer, Wendy Dominowski, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Bette & Tyre Jones celebrating 21 yrs. on November 11

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Bette Jones-11/11

Mike Piotrowski-11/11

Kay Krager celebrating her 80th birthday-11/13

Hudson Treib-11/13

Thea Demo-11/16

John Peltier celebrating his 84th birthday-11/16

Greg Gledhill-11/17

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

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

Pray for:

- Our Mission of the Month-Zion Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Food Bags.
- For those people in our community and around the world who suffer with hunger, that God would use us to help fill their need.
- A Prayer for Veterans Day ~ Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.

Other prayer concerns...

- Pray for Mr. Young and our fifth and sixth grade students at Zion. Ask the Lord to give these kids strength and safety for every day and a heart filled with faith to trust all of His promises to us and for us.
- Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

"But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield." (Psalm 5)



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.



Poinsettias for Christmas

*to enhance our worship services...
to honor or remember someone special...*



QUANTITY	SIZE	PLANT BRANCHES	COLOR*	PRICE
	6" Pot	1		\$15.00
	10" Pot	4		\$40.00

***Color choices: Red, White, or Pink**

**Each pot is hand wrapped in gold foil and decorated
with a handmade green bow.**

The plants are grown locally in Essexville by Rooted by Keits.

YOUR NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PRESENTED IN HONOR OF _____

PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ (check payable to "Zion")

☐ I will pick up my plant(s). ☐ I do not want my plant(s).

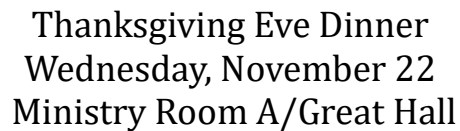
**Poinsettias may be picked up immediately after the 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Day service or during office hours up to Epiphany.**

**Please return this order form with your payment to the
church office by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27.**

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsor Options

Weekends Available	Bulletin	Altar Flowers
	Name/Contact Info	Name/Contact Info
Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving		
Dec. 2-3 1st S. in Advent		
Dec. 9-10 2nd S. in Advent		
Dec. 16-17 3rd S. in Advent		
Dec. 23-24 4th S. in Advent		
Dec. 25 Christmas		
Dec. 30-31 New Year's		
Jan. 6-7 Epiphany		

Leave your name and number and you will be contacted to gather information.

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Final setup begins at 5:00; Serving begins at 5:30;
Clean-up begins about 6:20 ending at 6:55.
Thanksgiving Worship at 7:00.



Wednesday, November 22, 5:30 p.m., Ministry Room A/Great Hall
Thanksgiving worship follows at 7 p.m.

POTLUCK SIGN-UP

NAME/PHONE NUMBER	I WILL BRING
Doug & Deb	15-20# Turkey-already carved in roaster pan
Valerie	15-20# Turkey-already carved in roaster pan
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	Spiral Ham-medium to large
	Mashed Potatoes
	Mashed Potatoes
Rhonda	Sweet Potatoes (Casserole)
	Sweet Potatoes
Rebecca	Green Bean Casserole
Kay	Green Bean Casserole
Sara	Mac & Cheese
	Mac & Cheese
	Dressing
	Dressing
Susan	2 dozen Rolls
Gail	2 dozen Rolls
	2 dozen Rolls
	Butter
Cheryl	1 gallon Gravy
	Coleslaw
	Pistachio Salad
Susan & Rebecca	3 Pumpkin Pies
	3 Apple Pies
	2 Cherry Pies
	5 Cans Whipped Cream
	2 Pumpkin Rolls
Jan	2 dozen Cut-Out Cookies
Carol	2 gallons Milk
	Other
	Other
	Other

This sign-up sheet is in the Great Hall on the Missions Table. You may email April (abirch@zionbaycity.org) or call the office (989.894.2611) to sign-up or if any questions. Also needed are 3-4-5 people to help serve and tidy up after.