

**January 20-21, 2024**

***We welcome David Paul Britton to this weekend's worship services as well as Wednesday, January 24. Pastor Baerwolf will be leading the liturgy and sharing the Lord's Supper.***

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS...**

Hard to believe that Easter is coming fast. The food pantry will again be filling food bags. The items needed are boxed scalloped/au gratin potatoes, jelly, syrup, mac & cheese, baked beans, canned fruit (any kind), small canned hams or funds to buy fresh, chocolate crosses/bunnies', and jelly beans. Pancake mix and peanut butter are not needed as we received a donation from Hidden Harvest. Thank you for continuing to support your food pantry.

**MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE** - The *Simply Give* winter campaign will run through March 30. This is ONLY at the Essexville store. This will Benefit the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry in which Zion is a partner. Meijer will double match any cards purchased on Saturday, March 2 and 23, effectively tripling contributions made on that day. Customers shopping online using Meijer pickup or home delivery can also purchase *Simply Give* donation cards as an add-on to their orders.



**CAN YOU HELP?** Our Properties Committee purchased a snowblower for our custodian to use while clearing our church and school campus. The cost was \$650. If you can donate to the purchase price of the snowblower, we would be so grateful.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHILDCARE CENTER** is searching for a toddler room lead teacher. This special person will lead classroom activities and care for children while sharing the love of Jesus. Please share this wonderful opportunity as we search for a qualified candidate. Experience caring for children and State of Michigan licensing classes are required. Please contact Mrs. Reese at [jreese@zionbaycity.org](mailto:jreese@zionbaycity.org).

**MONTHLY MISSION: LIFECLINIC COMMUNITY RESOURCES.** This Christian faith-based organization serves pregnant women and their families with the hope of providing encouragement for them to choose life for their unborn child. We are participating in the **BABY BOTTLE** Campaign through January. When you fill a baby bottle (now available in the Great Hall) with spare change, cash, or a check, you are helping LifeClinic provide free and confidential medical services, parenting education classes, and resilience support to anyone in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**MUSIC PRACTICE**, Saturdays, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP with Guest David Paul Britton**, 5 p.m.

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

**ROCK**, Monday, January 22, 5 p.m.

**MEN'S CHORUS**, Monday, January 22, 6 p.m.

**LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR**, Tuesday, January 23, 11 a.m.

**ORCHESTRA**, Tuesday, January 23, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**, January 23, 6:30-8 p.m., Nursery.

**CHAPEL**, Wednesday, January 24, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

**HANDBELLS** will next meet on Wednesday, January 31, 5 p.m.

**FINANCE**, Wednesday, January 24, 5:30 p.m., Nursery.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE with Guest David Paul Britton**,  
January 24, 7 p.m., Great Hall.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**, January 25, 10-11:30 a.m.,  
Ministry Room A.

## **AREA HAPPENINGS...**

**Right to Life Vigil**, Sunday, January 21, 1 p.m. Memorial for the Unborn 'With Every Woman, For Every Child' 2024, St. Stanislaus Church, 1503 Kosciuszko Ave, Bay City (sidewalk on 22nd Street side of church). Questions? Call 989.895.8481 or email baycountyrntl@gmail.com.

**Come Take a Peek at Valley Lutheran.** Is high school right around the corner? Or thinking ahead to your child's future? Any and all interested families (students included!) are invited to come take a *Peek at Valley* on Wednesday, January 24th. These one hour guided tours provide a peek into the Valley Lutheran experience and what sets Valley apart. Let us know you're coming and pick an arrival time-[www.vlhs.com/takeapeek](http://www.vlhs.com/takeapeek). Contact Amy Cooper, Director of Communications and Admissions at [acooper@vlhs.com](mailto:acooper@vlhs.com) with any questions.

**New Season of GriefShare at Grace Auburn** — On Tuesday, February 6, at 10 a.m., a new season of GriefShare begins at Grace Lutheran Church (303 Ruth Street, Auburn)! All are welcome! This is the most up-to-date version of GriefShare that will help any person who is grieving to find hope and peace in Christ. Each session stands alone and lasts about an hour and a half. GriefShare will meet on Tuesdays through May 7 at 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Grace's office at 989-662-6161.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...**

**In memory of Elfriede Kuemmerle**, from family and friends...\$100-  
Lanes 2 Learning.

**In memory of Gerald & Carolyn Mueller**, from Joan Laflamme...\$100-  
General Fund.

**PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**

Saturday (40), Sunday (35), Wednesday (8)

**This Weekend – January 20-21 – Third Sunday a. Epiphany**

Guest David Paul Britton

**Next Weekend – January 27-28 – Fourth Sunday a. Epiphany**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Mark 1:21-28

Hymns: LSB 811, 810, 789, 637, 748, 878

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

- Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for December-February
- January Wonderful Times (Div. on Aging)
- December/January Valley Vision
- Cougar Newsletter
- 2023 Offering Statements

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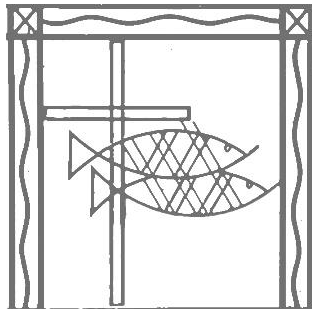
**Worship: Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9:30am; Wednesday 7pm**

Pastor Phillip Baerwolf, [pbaerwolf@zionbaycity.org](mailto:pbaerwolf@zionbaycity.org), 989.284.0500

Bulletin submission deadline: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.



ZION LUTHERAN



# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns January 20-26, 2024**

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

Adrienne Jankens, Steve, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

## **For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Karen & Michael Howell celebrating 32 yrs. on January 22

Gerald & Patricia Pett celebrating 54 yrs. on January 23

## **For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Edwin Weber-1/20

Susan Wernecke-1/22

Peyton Splattstoesser-1/24

Robert Gerken celebrating his 83rd birthday-1/26

Jacob Wood-1/26

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

Tilly Arnold, Ardythe Biskupski, and Judy Buerkel.

## **Other prayer concerns...**

- Pray for those who lead and shepherd our educational and child care ministries at Zion. 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.
- Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

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

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore. (Psalm 133)