



ZION LUTHERAN
March 9-10, 2024

We invite you to join us during the season of Lent for our *“Wounds of Jesus”* sermon series each Wednesday. We will be focusing our hearts on the many wounds of Jesus.

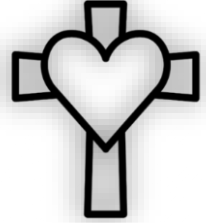
March 13 – The Wound of Mockery

March 20 – The Wound of Abandonment

March 28 – Maundy Thursday – A Meal for the Wounded

March 29 – Good Friday

LENTEN HYMN SING begins at 6:45 p.m.



MARCH LOCAL MISSION – ZION FOOD PANTRY

Did you know? Zion’s pantry has had many volunteers who have helped stock the shelves, fill the bags, and meet with clients. Currently we have a team that alternates service. However, in the 40 years that we have serviced the community, we have only had three lead coordinators. The first was Billie Keene, followed by Diane Kocher and now, Gail Mueller. These ladies help to coordinate purchases, manage special drives, and help coordinate distributions. Their dedication is outstanding. Please keep our pantry volunteers in your prayers. We really couldn’t be there for those who need the service without them.

YOUR OFFERINGS TO ZION

1 John 3:17-18 says: “If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God’s love? It disappears.” Through your generous gifts to Zion Lutheran Church and School, we see God’s love changing lives, meeting needs, and restoring hope in our church, community, and world. We’re grateful for your support of any of the ministries at Zion! Giving to the General Fund allows us the most flexibility in allocating your gifts to the greatest need. Thank you for your generous and sacrificial gifts to the General Fund which enable us to do so much good for our community and the world.

LAST WEEK FOR COLLECTION OF EASTER BAG ITEMS!!

Items still needed: small, canned hams, boxed scalloped/au gratin potatoes, canned fruit (any kind), mac and cheese, baked beans, jelly, syrup, chocolate crosses or bunnies’, and jellybeans. If you can help with any of these items, please bring them to the display table in the great hall no later than March 17. ~ The Food Pantry Team

DATES TO REMEMBER...

ROCK PRACTICE, Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP, 5 p.m.

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

EASTER CANTATA PRACTICE, Sunday, March 10, after the worship service.

LWML QUILTING, Monday, March 11, 2-4 p.m., Ministry Room A.

LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR, Tuesday, March 12, 11 a.m., Ministry Room A.

BOE, Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m., Pastor Baerwolf's office.

ORCHESTRA, Tuesday, March 12, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, March 12, 6 p.m., Nursery.

CAB, Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m., Ministry Room A.

SHUT-IN VISITS, Wednesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 14.

CHAPEL, Wednesday, March 13, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

HANDBELLS, Wednesday, March 13, 6 p.m.

HYMN SING, Wednesday, March 13, 6:45 p.m.

LENT WORSHIP SERVICE, Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, March 14, 10-11:30 a.m., Ministry Room A.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN MEMBERS: Do you know of a Zion family member or friend who would benefit from our monthly shut-in visits? As you may know, we have teams of visitors who call on the homebound members of Zion every month. Although the church office is aware of many of our homebound members, individuals can unfortunately slip through the cracks. You are often our best "eyes and ears." If you are aware of someone who would benefit from such visits, call the church office at 989.894.2611 or speak to Pastor Baerwolf, and we will contact those individuals and make arrangements for private home/nursing home visits.

ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORS: If interested in sponsorship, please contact the church office at 989.894.2611.

TEACHER NEEDED

Mrs. Kelsey Splattstoesser, our second-grade teacher at Zion has accepted a call to serve St. Lorenz School. We thank God for this ministry opportunity and pray God's richest blessings on all that Jesus will do through her gifted teaching in Frankenmuth. Please share names of possible teacher candidates with the church office as our Call Committee begins working on trying to find her replacement as we ask the Lord of the harvest to continue to provide for the needs of our school.

AREA HAPPENINGS...

Music at St. Lorenz invites you to "**March Mania**", a concert of stirring and exciting marches played by the St. Lorenz Wind Ensemble on Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. in the Worship and Event Center, Frankenmuth. Audience members will be invited to choose a favorite march in tournament-style voting. The concert is free and open to the public.

On Sunday, March 17, the 80 musicians of the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir of Valley Lutheran High School, under the direction of Rebecca Sugden and Paul Eschmann, will present a **Lenten worship concert** beginning at 3pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church Frankentrost.

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 Monday, March 25th. 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 at www.vlhs.com/takea_peek. Contact Amy Cooper, Director of Communications and Admissions at acooper@vlhs.com with any questions.

The **2025 LCMS Youth Gathering** is 18 months away, but plans are already underway to make this event successful. The Gathering will provide thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. A major part of Gathering's success is the thousands of volunteers—including Gathering Ambassadors—who dedicate their time and energy pouring into the youth participants and adult leaders attending. Gathering Ambassadors are humble servant leaders, age 26 and older, who are joyful, energetic, quick to listen, and safety-minded. They are fun, friendly, and flexible! Most of all, Gathering Ambassadors love Jesus and shine His light in all circumstances. If you or someone you know would love to serve as a Gathering Ambassador, applications are open through March 15. To apply to become a Gathering Ambassador, visit www.lcmsgathering.com/volunteer. Contact the Gathering Ambassador Leadership team at gatheringambassador@gmail.com.

Please plan to attend the **Tri-City Good Friday Service**, March 29 at 1 p.m. at the Horizon's Conference Center, 6200 State Street, in Saginaw. This year, unfortunately, we will not be having the Cross Walk. An invitation is extended to men or women who are interested in ushering for the service. We're looking for 2 to 4 people from each congregation. Please contact Margie Begick, at 989-686-0578 or email begickm@gmail.com for more information. We would like you to be there 30 to 45 minutes early to receive your row assignments and name tags. Also please bring a collection plate.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

Gifts received: \$200 Easter Food Bags-Food Pantry; \$2,500 IRA Distributions-General Fund; \$275 Soar in 2024-General Fund.

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday (74), Sunday (88), Wednesday (47)

This Weekend – March 9-10 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; John 18:12-27

Hymns: LSB 420 v1-4, 566, 618, 702, 698, 580

Next Weekend – March 16-17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Readings: 2 Corinthians 3:15-18; John 18:33-40

Hymns: 430, 849, 424, 725, 729, 349

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

- **NEW** Spring 2024 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly
- Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for March-May
- Lutheran Hour Ministries devotional "Lamb of God"
- Concordia Publishing House Lenten devotional "Witnesses to Christ"
- **NEW** March Wonderful Times (Div. 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.

Zion Lutheran Church

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

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Bulletin submission deadline: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

**This Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m. don't forget
to "spring" your clocks ahead 1 hour!**



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns March 9-15, 2024

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

Erma Thomas, Kate Wagner, Connie Fisher, Lisa White, Ken Franz, Amy Nuffer, Kristy, Pauline King, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Bernard & Deborah Gwizdala celebrating 49 yrs. on March 15

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Jeff Piotrowski-3/9

Becca Wernecke-3/9

Philip Engelhardt Jr.-3/10

Bill Klopf II-3/12

Brian Rabedioux-3/12

JoAnn Riffelmacher-3/12

Krista Syring-3/12

Wilma Essex-3/14

Renee Gradowski-3/14

Richard Nagel-3/14

Doug Nuffer-3/14

Ken Corrion-3/15

David Staudacher-3/15

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

Richard Nagel, Eldine Parent, Jane Royer, and Erma Thomas.

Pray:

- for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- for Christ's work throughout the world, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to all people and the forgiveness of sins delivered through the Means of Grace.

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

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." (Psalm 9)



The Sacrament of Holy Communion Our Understanding and Practice

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship, firmly believing that Jesus' words, "*This Is My Body...This Is My Blood*" mean what they say. Therefore, Communion is more than a "memorial" or a "representation" of Jesus. Rather, we believe that with the bread and wine of Holy Communion, Christ gives us His true body and blood in a miraculous way through this sacrament. Because of this promise in the Bible that Jesus is truly present, we have confidence that God forgives our sins and likewise strengthens our faith.

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.

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.