

April 6-7, 2024

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** – At our Voters’ Assembly this week, Zion called Mr. Eric Frisco to be our principal and we also called Mrs. Alexandra Frisco to be a teacher in our school. We ask for your prayers for the Frisco family as they deliberate the calls they have to serve Anchor Lutheran School in Anchorage, Alaska as well as the calls which Zion has given to them. As they seek the Lord’s guidance and direction as to where He wants them to serve, we continue to pray for our school ministry that the students in our classrooms would be connected to Jesus. At the Voters’ Assembly, we also shared a peaceful release for Mrs. Splattstoesser as she has accepted a call to serve as teacher at St. Lorenz in Frankenthuth. We thank the Lord for the work and service that she has given to our Zion family over these years and pray God’s richest blessings on her ministry to that school and church. We are also excited to share that Mrs. Amy Jezowski has accepted our contract offer to teach second grade at Zion next school year. What a blessing she will be to our families and what a gift for our faculty. Your generous and sacrificial gifts to our General Fund are needed to be able to continue to fund this mission priority of our church as we seek to share the light and love of Christ with all our students and their families—thank you for your gifts of love.

**APRIL MISSION: Sleep in Heavenly Peace.** SHP greatly appreciates Zion’s continued support of the ministry of building and delivery of beds for children in our community. There are several ways you can be a part of this ministry –

**BUILD** – We need volunteers to assist in the bed building.

**DELIVERY** – We need volunteers for the delivery and assembly of beds.



**BEDDING** – We need **TWIN** size waterproof mattress protectors, blankets, quilts, comforters, and single sheet sets-66” x 86”. Please place these items in the donation box (located in the Great Hall of the church)

**PRAY** – Pray for GOD to continue to bring these opportunities, for us to reach out to those in our community, for us to grab onto them, and act in a loving and Christian manner.

## **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 DRESS REHEARSAL**, Sunday, April 7, following service.

**LWML QUILTING**, Monday, April 8, 2-4 p.m., Ministry Room A.

**LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR**, Tuesday, April 9, 11 a.m., Min. Room A.

**FOOD PANTRY**, Tuesday, April 9, 4:30 p.m., Ministry Room A.

**BOE**, Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m., Pastor Baerwolf's office.

**ORCHESTRA**, Tuesday, April 9, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**, April 9, 6 p.m., Nursery.

**CAB**, Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m., Ministry Room A.

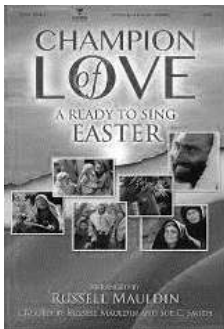
**SHUT IN VISITS**, Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11.

**CHAPEL**, Wednesday, April 10, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

**HANDBELLS**, Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**, April 10, 7 p.m., Great Hall.

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



Our Easter celebration continues with the Cantata, "*Champion of Love*", at both April 13 & 14 worship services.

This cantata features a blend of classic songs beloved by the church and new worship songs. The video accompaniment assists in the powerful picture of the amazing grace and courage it took to redeem us.

Continuing the celebration following Saturday's service, please join us in Ministry Room A for a slice of pizza, a little salad, and some yummy dessert.

## **WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU GOING?**

**Orphan Grain Train—Michigan** answers this time: Lima, Peru. A shipment will be departing this month for South America. Distributions are also always accompanied by the sharing of the Gospel of Christ. We thank those who participate and pray for this Christian mission. Learn more about Orphan Grain Train at [ogt.org](http://ogt.org). Pictures from the Michigan branch may also be seen at [ogt-mi.blogspot.com](http://ogt-mi.blogspot.com).

**Want to take a road trip and help Zion at the same time?** We need some Christian reading material taken to Christian Resources International in Fowlerville, Michigan (off I-96 between Brighton and Lansing). The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm. Contact the church office (989.894.2611 or secretary@zionbaycity.org) if you're interested in helping out.

**AREA HAPPENINGS...**

**German Worship Service** – On Sunday, April 14, St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service will be held at 11 am in the Church - 1030 W. Tuscola Rd., Frankenmuth. Continuing in the Lord's Prayer sermon series, "A Prayer for All Seasons".

**SAVE the DATE: Lutheran Women's Missionary League Spring Rally** St. John's Lutheran Church, Amelith, April 20, 9 a.m. More information next week.

**Benefit Dinner – Jacob Aiden @ Grace Lutheran, Auburn:** This benefit is for the purpose of helping to purchase a transport van with a lift to be able to transport Jacob and have a quality of life outside of his bed/home. This benefit will be held at Grace's gym on Sunday April 28 from 12 – 4 pm. Spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and desserts will be served. Adult and takeout meals are as follows: Adults - \$15.00, Children - \$10.00 and children under 5 – Free.

Apply now to attend the **2024 Michigan District Special Friends Camp** for adult individuals (age 18 and older) with cognitive disabilities. Special Friends, each with their own unique set of abilities and challenges, will attend Camp Copneconic in Fenton for a week at camp, July 15-19. The camp's mission is to share Jesus, our most special friend; provide experiences to participants outside of their normal schedules; and give caregivers a break from daily responsibilities. For more information and to apply, visit [michigandistrict.org/sfc24](http://michigandistrict.org/sfc24).



Many, many, thanks to all the wonderful friends of Zion's Food Pantry. Once again you all helped to make Easter a little better for our community. We helped 45 families this year, that's 176 people!! A special thanks to Dave Staudacher, Jeanne Schultz, Harriett Roller, Kelli Battle and Kay Arnold for filling bags and Karen Hamme with help distributing them. Thank you all, Gail Mueller.

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

**In remembrance of my mother's birthday**, from Lane Valliere...\$100  
Soar in 2024-General Fund.

**In memory of Cheryl Kaye LaPan**, from Mary Garcia...\$20-General Fund.

**Gifts Received**...\$441 Door Offering-Food Pantry; \$1,200 proceeds from the sale of the 1994 truck with snowplow-GF; \$9,000 IRA Distribution-General Fund.

**PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**

Maundy Thursday (83), Good Friday (119) Easter-7a.m. (78), 9:30a.m. (211)

**This Weekend – April 6-7 – Second Sunday in Easter**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service I, pg. 151

Readings: Jeremiah 31:1-6; John 20:11-18

Hymns: 487, 478, 547, 643, 480, 469

**Next Weekend – April 13-14 Third Sunday in Easter**

Weekend Worship Setting: Champion of Love Cantata

Readings: Easter litany; Luke 24:28-35

Hymns: 490, 465 v1-3, 575, 618, 633 v1-4, 463

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

- Portals of Prayer devotionals for April-June
- Our Daily Bread devotionals for March-May
- **NEW** April 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**

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

**Bulletin submission deadline: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**



# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns**

**April 6-12, 2024**

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

Pastor Steve Schilke, Connie Bolduc, Rhonda Sepos, Sheri Schumann, Kristy, Sarah Fick, Sherry Sylvester, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Shirley & Lawrence Clemens celebrating 57 yrs. on April 8

Jeff & Cindy VanSumeren celebrating 30 yrs. on April 9

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Heather Warren-4/6

Kim Norton-4/7

Bill Leslie-4/9

Becky Schaffer-4/9

LeRoy Schumann-4/9

Waylon Gehrcke-4/10

Steven Bermejo-4/11

Brian Poppe-4/11

Jeanne Alcorn-4/12

Susanne Fick celebrating her 87th birthday-4/12

Nicholas Nellett-4/12

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

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

**For those called by Zion to serve on our faculty...**

Mr. Eric Frisco called to be Zion's next principal and Mrs. Alexandra Frisco called by Zion to be one of our teachers. We pray as well for their current ministry to Anchor Lutheran School in Anchorage, Alaska

**Pray:**

- For Gods Easter triumph to change everything! Alleluia! Christ is risen! By His victorious grace, we are raised to new life.
- Thank the Lord for this congregation and ask the Lord to bless our church. Pray that the faith of God's people would be strengthened in the hope that comes from knowing that our sins have been forgiven by Christ's death on the cross and that the Holy Spirit would guard us from the temptations of the evil one.
- For this month's mission-Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



## 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.