

April 27-28, 2024

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



APRIL MONTHLY MISSION: Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

71 children have been put into these beds thus far in 2024. In the 3 ½ years since we began this outreach ministry, we have put almost 1,300 children into their own bed – wow, we did not expect that much need in our communities, but what a gift GOD provided for these families.

Zion has been a very enthusiastic participant in this community need and SHP greatly appreciates all that you make possible for kids – **Thank You.**

This weekend we will be sponsoring a door offering at the end of each service for Zion to provide financial assistance to this organization who provides blessings to our community children and their families.

COLLECTING COPPER TO COMBAT HUNGER World Hunger Day is Tuesday, May 28, 2024. To help the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network combat hunger in Bay and Arenac counties, we are participating in a penny drive during the month of May. Beginning May 1, a glass milk jar will be available in the Great Hall for your contributions. Any questions, please contact Gail Mueller.

SOAR in 2024

As we thank the Lord for His grace and goodness, we give our offerings so that the work of Jesus continues through Zion's ministry. As you prayerfully consider your gifts of love to the King of love, we ask you to contribute to our SOAR in 2024 campaign which seeks to reduce our congregation's indebtedness. Already, we have received \$30,000 in gifts to this noble effort, and we need another \$40,000 to pay off our loan to the Church Extension Fund. These offerings are over and above the gifts we give to the General Fund. Thank you for connecting kids to Christ through your sacrificial and generous gifts to our church and school ministry.



FOOD OF FAITH, May 9, Messiah Lutheran Church. All food is made at Messiah and then put in containers to be given out to people between 5-5:45 p.m. If you would like to be part of this servant event please contact me, Kay Arnold, by text or call 989.751.0855. Come and be a blessing to others!

DATES TO REMEMBER...

ROCK PRACTICE, Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP, 5 p.m. Note: The Saturday, April 27 service will not be livestreamed.

ZION SCHOOL FUN FAIR & SILENT AUCTION, Saturday, April 27, 6-8:30 p.m.

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

LADIES TEA & COFFEE CHOIR, Tuesday, April 30, 11 a.m., Min. Room A.

ORCHESTRA, Tuesday, April 30, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, April 30, 6 p.m., Nursery.

CHAPEL, Wednesday, May 1, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

HANDBELLS, Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, May 1, 7 p.m., Great Hall.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, May 2, 10-11:30 a.m., Ministry Room A.

THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS: I am reaching out to all members of Zion asking if you have Thrivent Insurance or any type of Thrivent products to let me know so you can get signed up for the Thrivent action team cards. Thrivent gives out \$250.00 gift cards to all members, all you have to do is sign up for a project or activity and they will send you a card. With these cards we have been able to fund many activities and projects here at Zion such as the Easter breakfast, pizza parties, Wowza Wednesdays, and Food of Faith ministry. We have instructions on how to sign up or if you need help, please let me know. Also, if you do sign up, please let me know what activity or project you are signing up for, so we don't have several cards for the same activity. Any questions please let me know, call or text me at 989-751-0855 Kay Arnold, Program Development. Thank you!

POSITION OPENINGS

Facility and Grounds Coordinator Valley Lutheran High School is seeking applicants. Ideal candidates would recognize how this position supports and furthers the ministry of Valley Lutheran High School and have experience with maintenance, custodial work and groundskeeping. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Executive Director, Al Kaul, at akaul@vlhs.com by May 10, 2024. The position will begin in June.

Head Freshman Volleyball Coach/Pompon Coach VLHS is looking to fill two Athletic positions for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in either of these positions or know someone who is interested in taking on either of these roles, please send a resume and cover letter to Athletic Director, Tyler Yahn, at tyahn@vlhs.com.

Summer Camps return to Valley Lutheran! To see this year's offerings and schedule and to sign-up head to www.vlhs.com/camps! Camps are in June and include one-week, half-day offerings in sports, technology, and the arts. Contact Tasha Mulder, Summer Camp Coordinator, at tmulder@vlhs.com with any questions.

AREA HAPPENINGS...

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.

The Valley Lutheran Drama Department invites you to their spring production of '**Little Women**'. Showings are nightly, May 2, 3, and 4th at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$5/students, or \$24/family.

Valley Lutheran is excited to host the **Concordia Vocal Jazz Choir** (from Concordia, Nebraska) on Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. for the first ever concert in the VL Music Room! The Concordia Vocal Jazz Choir was formed in the fall of 2006 and has earned a reputation for fine singing of jazz/pop influenced choral music, touring throughout the United States performing concerts and school assemblies. All the members are also members of the University A Cappella Choir, an internationally acclaimed touring concert choir. We invite you to hear this group at Valley on May 6th!

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ - May 12, 2024, Drive thru only. \$12.00 Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Coleslaw, & Cupcake. Starting at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's School, Richville. All proceeds benefit St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

LUTHERAN ADULT GATHERING October 11-13 | Mackinac Island

The Lutheran Adult Gathering entertainment includes Ms. Lizzie Boeck. Lizzie is a former coach and Division I athlete turned standup comedian and writer. She has performed at some of LA's top venues and shows and has also performed in New York, Philadelphia, and Milwaukee. A Midwest native and lifelong Lutheran, Lizzie is excited for the opportunity and challenge to perform in front of her toughest crowd yet—Midwestern Lutherans. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

Gifts Received...\$500 IRA Distributions-General Fund; \$50 SOAR in 2024; \$50 Building Preservation; \$135 Sleep in Heavenly Peace; \$50 Debt Reduction.

"Participants of your recent Baby Bottle Campaign donated a total of \$650.88. Thank you for partnering with LifeClinic to eliminate barriers, restore hope, and empower choices for life."

PREVIOUS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Wednesday (14) Saturday (77) Sunday (114)

This Weekend – April 27-30 Fifth Sunday in Easter

Weekend Worship Setting: Divine Service IV, pg.203

Readings: I Corinthians 15:1-9; John 20:24-29

Hymns: 470 v1-4, 470 v5-9, 711, 617, 477, 465

Next Weekend – May 4-5 – Sixth Sunday in Easter

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Service I, pg.151

Readings: I Corinthians 15:12-22; John 21:1-14

Hymns: 478, 464, 729, 738, 850, 461

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

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

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

Bulletin submission deadline: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Please note: The church office will be closed April 29-30.
Before visiting, please call ahead to make sure
someone is available to assist you.



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

April 27 - May 3, 2024

Those mourning the loss of loved ones...

Family and friends of Gary VanDriessche 4/20/24 (Cindy VanSumeren's dad)

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

Tina Demo, Connie Fisher, Rhonda Sepos, Cheryl Carstens, Kristy, Sarah Gwizdala, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Nancy & Tom Bailey celebrating 51 yrs. on April 28
Greg & Tammy Gledhill celebrating 40 yrs. on April 28
Rich & Michelle Knoll celebrating 45 yrs. on April 28
A.J. & Samantha Glumm celebrating 7 yrs. on April 30
Lisa & Douglas Maillette celebrating 25 yrs. on May 1
Joan and Walter Moeller Jr. celebrating 54 yrs. on May 2
George & Shannon Pauwels Jr. celebrating 21 yrs. on May 3

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Elsie Fleming celebrating her 80th birthday-4/27
Peggy Watson-4/27
Libby Gage-4/28
Mary Garcia celebrating her 82nd birthday-4/28
Karley Haggitt-5/1
Ann Balzer-5/2
Linda Piotrowski-5/3

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

Patricia Keene, Della Marotzke, and Barbara Metz.

Pray:

- For each individual as a part of Zion Lutheran Church and School, that God would guide us in our walk of faith and our discipleship so that we could better understand his love for us and his will for us in this place.
- For Zion's financial challenges that we can meet our obligations and our members return God's blessings in the spirit of a cheerful giver.
- For Mr. and Mrs. Frisco as they deliberate the calls they have received to lead and teach at Zion and Anchor Lutheran School.

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

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19)



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.