

**Bulletin Sentence: Amos 7:8** – “And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.” One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that’s no surprise when we consider how God’s activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord’s own nature.

**Church Attendance July 7 & 8, 2018**  
**Saturday:75 (C74) Sunday: 136 (C111)**

Offerings July 7 & 8 **\$9,679.47** (Weekly need is \$11,420.00)

**Those serving this weekend:**

**Organist: L. Engelhardt**

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**Sat:** ELDERS: Del Marsh and Dennis Hyatt

USHERS: Don & Kathy Hilbrandt and Evan & Amy Bickham

**Sun:** ELDERS: Kevin Miller and Bill Kohn

USHERS: Jerry & Andrew Diener and Sophia & Lilly Steelmon

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# Welcome

*I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

**July 14 & 15, 2018**

*Psalm 122:1*

The mission of Zion Lutheran  
is to better know & show Christ’s love.

**Worship Whys:** *Why do we use candles?* Candles used to serve a utilitarian purpose of illuminating a sanctuary. Now they are used for symbolic reasons. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." The candles remind us of our need for his light to chase away our darkness. There are several unique sets of candles in the front of the church. The single large "Paschal Candle" adorned with the cross and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega is a reminder of Jesus' visible presence in the midst of his disciples. Its use is most closely associated with the celebration of Easter and it is lit for each service during the Easter season. Just like God led the children of Israel out of slavery in the Passover so God leads us from death into life through Jesus. This candle is lit at baptisms because in baptism the baptized person is joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus. The candle is also lit and placed by a casket of one who has died in Christ while in the sanctuary to remind us of that same passing through death into life.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available from an usher and may be helpful to our guests, making it easier to follow the service without using a hymnal.

**Children’s Bulletins** are also available from an usher.

**Zion’s Web Site:** [www.zionbeaver.com](http://www.zionbeaver.com) The website contains the most recent church newsletter, and information about activities at Zion.

**Our focus** today...is on the first part of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians where he speaks about all the ways we are blessed in Christ. We are chosen in him, adopted, redeemed and united. Over the next several Sundays our focus will be on the implications of these many blessings for us as God's people.

**This week at Zion**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Worship 9AM</b> <b>Bible Study 10:15 AM</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Worship / SOAR outdoors 7 PM</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM</b> <b>Worship w/Communion 7 PM</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Worship w/Communion 9 AM</b> <b>Bible Study 10:15 AM</b>

**Summer Office Hours 8 AM—Noon**

**Retable Flowers:** In loving memory of Deanna Lieber from the Selle family.

**Pastor's Bible Class:** On Saturday nights at 5:45 in the sanctuary, the pastors are going through the Small Catechism. On Sunday mornings at 10:15 they are looking at the new explanation of the Catechism.

**Discussion Bible Class** led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of *The Lutheran Difference*. They will meet in the conference room after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

**Corn Hole BBQ** in the pavilion has been cancelled. Stay tuned for further event information.

**During the week of July 30 - August 3** the church/school office will have new flooring installed. If you need assistance from the office staff or pastors at this time they be working out of the Cafeteria. Office hours will still be from 8-12. Thanks for your understanding.

**Free Office Furniture!** During the process of preparing for the installation of the new office flooring some unused office furniture has been moved outside the school. If you are interested in any of these items they are free for the taking.

**Lutheran Laymen's League Congregation Ambassador:** Zion needs a Lutheran Laymen's League Congregation Ambassador to help promote and support the Lutheran Laymen's League and it's Lutheran Hour Ministries in our congregation. This ambassador would also work with other ambassadors in the Saginaw Valley Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League and attend occasional meetings. Please talk to one of the pastors if you would be interested in volunteering or have any questions.

**Children's Church** is an opportunity for younger children to hear an age appropriate Bible lesson in the church basement during the sermon time of the Sunday morning worship service. Children are invited to follow the leader to the basement during the hymn before the sermon and they return to worship with their parents at the time of the offering. Children's church allows younger children to continue to learn Bible stories during that time of the year when we do not have Sunday School. If you would like to assist with children's church as a lesson presenter or helper please contact Pastor Hemme. This is an opportunity to use your teaching gifts without a multiple week commitment.

**It's Zion Beaver Night at The Great Lakes Loons** Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:05PM join us for a night of fellowship and baseball! The Loons will be awarding \$1,000 to the non-profit that sells the most tickets on their night. We won in 2016, LET'S DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR! Tickets are \$10 for reserved seating or \$15 for reserved seating with a food combo voucher CHECKS *MUST* BE MADE OUT TO: THE GREAT LAKES LOONS. Sign up forms are located in the narthex. Hope to see you there!

**Over the last few years** our CGLT giving has diminished. Please continue to give to this fund in addition to your regular offering. If you've not given to CGLT before, please consider doing so.

**Land of the free, home of the brave.** A donation of money has been given to Zion's Cemetery black top fund, on the heels of celebrating July 4th. Please consider a donation in memory of our fallen military. Any amount will help keep Zion's cemetery looking beautiful.

**Cemetery road update:** A huge Thank You to the Cemetery Committee members, past chairman; Randy Fritz, current chairman; Ron Pugsley, board members; Robert Block and Burt Casey. The east road is now complete and ready for use, grass seeding will be done when the Lord blesses us with some rain. Monies can still be donated to this project. Thank you.

**2nd Annual Auburn Community Festival** will be held at Grace Lutheran in Auburn on **July 27, 28 & 29**. Friday night features a tenth annual 50's Block Party with classic cars, music and food from that era and family games will be played. Saturday will feature "Family Day" with a bounce house, outdoor bowling, Alpacas, touch a truck and a Michigan State Police bikers safety program as part of the activities. Sunday will include worship service at 10:00am followed by a chicken BBQ in the gym. Mark your calendars for this week-end of family fun!