

Zion Messenger



Zion Lutheran Church

Auburn, MI

Message from Pastor

Broken Barriers

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ... Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.” Ephesians 2:13-14, 19-20

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, humans have been far away from God. Sin caused the perfect creation to be imperfect. All of creation is dealing with the consequences of sin. Your sin separated you from God, and you were far away from God. Thankfully that is not the entire story.

Jesus has broken the barrier of sin in our lives. The barrier of sin was broken down through Jesus' death and resurrection. But now you are brought near through the blood of Christ. Jesus' blood has removed all of your sins from you. You have forgiveness and life through Jesus. That message is the heart and center of the Bible and the heart and center of the Christian faith.

And because of this broken barrier, you are now a part of God's family. You are no longer aliens. You are no longer outsiders. You are a part of the family of God. You have been adopted into God's family through your Baptism. You are now children of God. You are brothers and sisters in Jesus. And Jesus is the foundation of our faith. He is the chief cornerstone. Without a foundation, a building collapses. Without Jesus as our foundation, our faith would be in vain. But with Jesus as our foundation, our faith is solid and secure. He holds His Church together.

Jesus has brought you near to Himself through His blood. You are His child. All of your sins are forgiven. Trust in Jesus and His blood that He shed for you. Trust in Jesus as the sure and certain foundation of your faith.

In Christ,

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♥ The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to better know and show Christ's love. ♥

Preschool and Day School News

We are well underway to having an excellent school year. We started the school year with 89 day school students. We have 23 preschoolers, which will fill 38 spots (because those that go all day count as two).

We are so blessed and thankful to the family of Lois Schember and to T.E.A.M. for providing the funds to install AC units in four classrooms and our computer lab. Dale's Plumbing and Heating completed the certified and inspected work for us. They were a wonderful company to work with; great quality and very professional. We want to extend a big thanks to them for hooking up our new water fountain free of charge; because he said he appreciates the work we are doing at the school.



Soccer season is coming to a close; and all of our teams are undefeated so far. We have four different teams; the 5-8th graders, 4th grade, and two 2nd/3rd grade teams. This is a total of 37 athletes which equals a busy season and many opportunities to come out and support the Beavers. We are so grateful to all the coaches; Craig Hurst, Tim Whalen, Traig Savage, Travis Fahy, Ben Schwartz, and Alex Rettelle. Also I want to thank Cherie Whalen for being our certified ref for all of our games. Girls' basketball season will follow soccer, starting games in late October.

The staff had a meeting with Charles Winterstein (Assistant Superintendent LCMS Michigan District) to discuss the process of accreditation. We will be forming groups in the next month or so to complete each standard required. We will need to collect supporting evidence over the next year, so we are prepared for our accreditation visit in the fall of 2019.

Zion was represented by Pastor Hemme, Sarah Diener, and me at Valley Lutheran High School's Groundbreaking event. They are preparing to build a 10 million dollar expansion soon; you can view their webpage for more details about the project.

Our Kindergarten teacher, Angela Riske is working on her colloquy. The colloquy program is through Concordia University. It allows teachers to receive their Lutheran Education Certificate. She started in July and she has completed 3 of the 8 classes.

It's APPLE PIE time and many hands make light work. We are projecting to make around 3,000 pies this year and we would love your help. Orders are due October 1st. Pie assembly will be October 10-12, and pie pickup is on October 13th. Apple pie time is a great time for fellowship and fun.

Preschool and Day School News

Church Camp was a great time with over 150 campers. We enjoyed; food, fellowship, a cornhole tournament, euchre, and more. We will be going back to Mitchell State Park in Cadillac for the weekend of July 26-28, 2019. We will have registration for 2019 camp in January.



We sold 130 tickets to the Great Lakes Loons game in August. At that time we were in 1st place for most tickets sold. We should be hearing soon the results and who the winner is. Our night was fun and full of surprises; the Midland Balloon Fest balloons flew over the game, we watched a great game, and we saw Roger Clemens (he even autographed a few baseballs for us).

Words can't express our gratitude for the care, support, and prayers of our congregation members. It is fulfilling to know that we all continue to work together to achieve our mission, "To better know and show Christ's love."

Please look at our webpage and Facebook page as they will be updated with the Choir schedule, special events, athletic game schedules, and more.

In His Service,
Colett Dominowski

Our Shut-ins

If you would like to share some joy with members of Zion who are “Shut-Ins,” below is a list of their names and address. A simple card from someone in their church family could really brighten their day.

Carol Strawn
1263 W. Beaver Rd.
Auburn, MI 48611

Doris Buechler
2395 S. Eleven Mile Rd
Auburn, MI 48611

Sandy Krieger
1275 S. Eleven Mile Rd
Auburn, MI 48611

Ken Jenkins
2892 Chip Rd.
Midland, MI 48642

Roy Krieger
1233 S. Eleven Mile Rd.
Auburn, MI 48611

Betty Engerer
Medilodge Nursing Home
500 School Rd
Sterling, MI 48659

Mel Garchow
4835 Cardinal Dr
Bay City MI 48706

Mary Meliant
4471 Sheffield Place
Bay City, MI 48706

Dorothy Schwab
1073 E. Beaver Rd
Kawkawlin, MI 48631

Luella Strohpaal
744 W. Seidlers Rd.
Auburn, MI 48611

Karen Wenglikowski
960 S. Eight Mile Rd
Kawkawlin, MI 48631

Luella Ittner
2452 S. Garfield Rd
Auburn, MI 48611

Gary Wirsing
5224 Perrine Rd.
Midland, MI 48640

Albert Philipp
805 E. South Union
Bay City, MI 48706

Marci Jammer
4710 Orchard Manor
Apt. 11
Bay City, MI 48706

Pam Daley
2306 W. River Rd.
Midland, MI 48642

Connie Buechler
1991 W. Townline Rd
Auburn, MI 48611

Emil Philipp
874 W. Kitchen Rd
Linwood, MI 48634



Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever.

Please join us for our Thanksgiving service.

Thursday, November 22 at 9 AM.

New Member Class

It's that time of year again, the start of school, confirmation instruction and Sunday school are right around the corner. This is a great time to begin another new member class. So, starting on Sunday September 30th, during the Study hour, I will be teaching the basics of the Faith as taught in Luther's Small Catechism.

In addition to the Catechism we will have a few other texts as well. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member please join us. If you are already a member but would simply like to have a refresher in the teachings of our church we'd love to have you.

-Pastor Menz

As always, there is no commitment to join Zion Lutheran after the class is finished.

See you in September!

Pastor Menz



LWML SUNDAY

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League encompasses all ladies young and old who are members in good standing with the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. All women of the congregation are automatically members. In addition to supporting national and world mission projects, the ladies of the LWML are very

active locally. On October 6th & 7th we will celebrate LWML with a display of just a few of the quilts made by our ladies. We'd be happy to have you join us on Wednesday mornings for Bible class from 9-10 am and then stay to help make quilts from 10-2 pm. Bring a lunch and have some fun with us, we have lots of laughs.



Trunk or Treat

Friday October 26th from 6:30-8PM Plan to join us in Zion's gym for trick-or-treating and loads of fun! There will be GAMES, CONTESTS, and PRIZES. BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND WILL BE THE BOOTH DECORATING CONTEST. We will have

tables and chairs available for anyone who needs them. You can decorate your space and join the contest, or you can simply come and hand out treats to the children. Everyone is welcome. In an effort to keep this a family friendly event for everyone we ask

that you please avoid any gory or exceptionally scary costumes and decorations. We are still in need of some volunteers to help with the games. Look for additional information as this date gets closer.



Workers needed for our Apple Pie Fundraiser

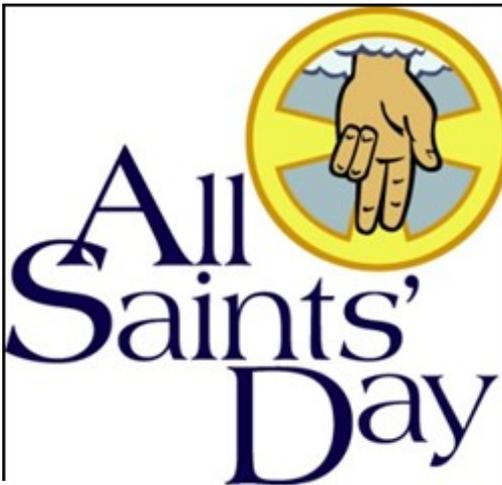
The Apple Pie Fundraiser is fast approaching. We are in need of helping hands, if you have any time available we would appreciate your assistance. Lots of time slots are available to fit your schedule.

Friday, October 12th apple peeling 8-12 or 12-4.
Saturday, October 13th is pie assembly 6:30 am-9:30, 9:30—12:30.

Wednesday, October 10th—tape floors 1-4 pm and cinnamon sugar 4-7 pm. **Thursday, October 11th** crumb topping and pie crusts 10-1,

Thanks for all you do in helping and supporting our school.

Heroin and Opiate Addiction and Recovery Presentation: Please join us for a discussion of the heroin and opiate crisis in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Presentations will include the history and scope of the problem, personal stories of addiction and recovery, and the challenges and hope for the future. The presentation will take place at Zion Lutheran School on October 2nd from 7- 8:30 p.m. Zion members Mark and Lisa Treiber will be sharing their experience with this crisis. There will be three other presenters talking about this crisis and there will be time for discussion and questions.



All Saints' Day is November 1. It is a day to remember and thank God for those who lived lives of faithfulness to God and who rest in the Lord. As a part of our worship on November 3rd & 4th we will be having a remembrance of the faithful departed which includes reading the names of those who have died since the last All Saints Day. Those who died as members of Zion during the past year will automatically be included. If you would like us to also remember a loved one who was not a Zion member, but died in the Christian faith during the last year (Nov. 1, 2017 - Oct. 31, 2018), please contact the church office or write the name and the person's relationship to you and give the name to a Pastor. All such requests need to be in by November 1st.



Zion Lutheran Church
Smorgasbord & Country Store

**Seidlers Road and Eleven Mile
Beaver Township**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

Serving 11:00 til 2:00

In Zion School across from the church

1557 West Seidlers Road, Auburn

**Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Chicken, Dressing, Potatoes, Gravy, Pie,
German Potato Salad, Squash, Baked Beans, Bread/Sweet Breads**

Suggested Donation:

Adults—\$9.00

Ages 5 through 12—\$5.00

Age 4 and under—FREE

COUNTRY STORE OPENS AT 10:00

**6 miles north of US-10 or
5 miles west of I-75 on Seidlers Road**

Call 989-662-6426 for additional information.



The Trustees are accepting snow removable bids for the upcoming season. Forms are available from the church/school office. If you have any questions call Mike Dominowski at 989-239-4083 or Terry Wegener at 989-415-7221.

Thank you to those who purchased mums from the Youth Group sale. We sold 61 mums this year. The proceeds go towards youth group outings and gatherings. Thank you for your support.

Pastor Mahlburg Door Offering on October 6th and 7th: Zion has agreed to help support Pastor Mahlburg for at least three years. Pastor Mahlburg and his family are serving the Lord in Sri Lanka. Please consider giving to this important work. Thank you for your generous support.

FROM TIME TO ETERNITY: WAITING FOR THE RESURRECTION

October 14, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

This is a hymn festival that focuses on God's precious promises in the midst of our present pain while we wait for the perpetual paradise of the life of the world to come.

Commentators:

Rev. David Fleming of Our Savior, Grand Rapids

Rev. Aaron Schian of Grace, Auburn

There will be a mass choir made up of members of area churches. Anyone who wished to participate in the mass choir should contact Kantor Nathan Beethe at Kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com or they can call or text him at (989) 460-8014.

Grace Lutheran Church

303 W. Ruth St, Auburn, MI 48611



Fun Fall Activity: Are you looking for a fun activity this fall? An activity that fits your busy schedule? One that compliments the Santa Store? If so, come join me this fall and let's funnel that energy in making grave blankets this year. No experience necessary, matter of fact, you won't need to bring anything except your helping hands and great smile. We'll provide basic training, supplies, and good cheer. Please text anytime, or call me after 5 PM at 989-280-3185. Thanks! Diana Hebel

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry October 2018 Newsletter Article

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything.

And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.
