



Zion Lutheran Church Information Bulletin

Weekend of January 16, 2022

Worship Services: Saturday 5PM, Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM (Family Praise Worship) & Monday 6:30PM

Giving Online

Visit our website www.zionmarengo.net and click on "GIVING ONLINE" to make a one-time offering or set up regular contributions.

Bible Study

Join us as we walk together through the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the chapel we will move through Dr. Luke's second book in the New Testament a few chapters a week. Step into the journey the disciples take after the death, resurrection and assumption of Jesus. We look forward to seeing you here.

Voices in Praise - Zion Choir

Please join us this new year on Wednesday, January 12th at 6PM for Voices in Praise choir rehearsal. If you love singing for Jesus, we'd love to have you - all ages are welcome! We will meet up in the music room every other Wednesday for rehearsal and sing for various church services throughout these next months. If you have any questions, please contact Karina Keating at karina.keating@zionschool.net or cell phone (224) 230-9017. Looking forward to seeing you!

Just a Tuition Reminder!

If you opted to pay in 2 installments for school tuition, then the 2nd half of tuition is due on January 15th

Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 18th, Our Social Action ministry is sponsoring a blood drive here at Zion from 2-6 PM. You can sign up online at versiti.org.

Faith Foundations Winter Session

Faith Foundations looks at the simple building blocks of the Christian faith as we grow in God's Word together. This seven-week course includes reading two books of the Bible, examining the basics of Lutheran teaching, and helps participants get to know others who are part of the Zion family. Those not prior members of Zion are eligible to join upon completion of the course. **Winter Faith Foundations begins this Sunday, January 16, at 9:30 a.m.** and you can attend in-person or through Zoom. Speak with Pastor Ripke for more information or to join.

Life Groups starting again soon

Life Groups are a great way to grow in God's Word and in walking through life together with fellow Christians. Our next Life Groups will be starting up in mid-January and looking at the book of Esther through popular Christian pastor and author Max Lucado's book, "You Were Made For This Moment." Look for information in the narthex this weekend to sign up. Interested in learning how to lead a group? A special training session will be held on Sunday, January 9th, following the 10:30 AM worship service.

Lutherans for Life

Next weekend Lutherans for Life will be celebrating The Sanctity of Human Life. Life at every age is important to the Lord our maker. Life's 2022 theme is God chose You (John 15:16) and really because of that it changes everything. No matter who's left you alone, or what makes you afraid or why you feel ashamed God chose you. God loves you and calls you his very own. You are not an accident! None of us is hand-me-down. We are all priceless and can make a difference in our neighborhoods. Please consider helping us fill the baby bassinet in the narthex with many baby items of love for Redeeming Life Maternity Home and Informed Choices Women's Center. Thank you for the many gifts of love that have been donated. Direct your questions to Genny at 815-451-1555

Prayers for our Principal

Our Zion call team is working to consider candidates for principal at Zion in 2022-2023 and beyond, but you can help right now: After each worship service, you are invited to join with others outside the main Zion school entrance for a few minutes of prayer for our future principal. Rain, snow, or shine--hope to see you there today!

In the Narthex

Giving Statements, January Newsletter, Hope-Full Living & Portals of Prayer



Healing

Jenny Bassuener

Susie Silberhorn

Rosemary Albright

Comfort

Family of Wayne Hinz

At the Font

Evan Charles Hasseldahl
Son of David & Lisa (Piel)
Hasseldahl,
will be baptized during the
5PM service in the Church

Altar Flowers

Altar Guild

Giving Statements

Please pick up your giving statement in the Narthex. They are in alphabetic order. Thank you!

SCRIP

Orders are due at 8AM on Monday, January 24th.

Last Week's Attendance

Total – 240

Sat. 5:00 PM.....	55
Sun. 8:00 AM.....	70
Sun. 10:30 AM.....	71
Mon. 6:30 PM.....	34
Tue. 10:00 AM.....	10

Financial Recap

GENERAL GIVING:

Weekly Budget	\$23,000
Weekly Jan 9th	\$11,500

St. John's & Zion Youth Group Schedule

Held on Sunday nights from 6-8 PM for 6-12th grades

- Jan. 16th: JH Late Night (8-10pm) & HS Lock In (10pm –Monday 8am)
(High School Youth - Make sure to bring overnight things like pillows, sleeping bag, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.)
- Jan. 23rd Frozen Fun after Church from 12pm -3ish. (If we have snow, we will sled at Emricson Park. If not, we will ice skate in Belvidere. Bring your own skates or \$5 to rent. Meet at St. John for lunch first!)
- Jan. 30th Random Garbage Bowl (Wacky Trivia/Jeopardy and lots of different cereals)

Holy Scrap

You can put small items like pop/beer cans, electric wire, tin cans, small appliances and place them in the designated truck or trailer parked by the signs next to the electric pole opposite the front door of the Church. Thank the Lord for your support!

Social Actions Annual Coat Drive

It is that time of the year again. So, it is time to check those closets for gently used coats, hats, and mittens that you family will not be using. Our donation box will be in the cloak room again. All items collected will be given to The MORE Center so that others in our community will be able to keep warm this winter. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank all who have continue to support Social Actions with your financial donations. Again, your generosity and concern for the wellbeing of others is greatly appreciated.

Ski As A Family

Thursday Nights 4:30pm-close at Alpine Valley Resort

We have the opportunity once again to ski as a group this year at Alpine Valley Resort. We will be skiing Thursday evenings from 4:30-10 p.m. Our club will sell lift passes and rentals from 4:30-6 pm in the lodge. Look for a table in the lodge with "Tibbets Ski Group" on it. All persons must wear their masks in the lodge. The dates we plan to ski as a group are: January 13, 20, 27 February 3, 10 of 2022 weather providing. There's a one-time "club card" fee of just \$25.00. This gets you a \$25.00 lift ticket, and \$25.00 ski or snowboard rental on club night. In addition, the Student Program also includes one free lesson for any skill level on the school's club night. Let's not forget about the parents and adult family and friends. They can also come out and enjoy the fun for the \$25.00 price but only on the school club dates on Thursdays, January-February 2022. Adults need not purchase a club card if their child or family relative has one. **Students can use this fabulous card and get the discounts after 3pm on Sunday through Friday all winter long! Ski Ski Ski!! There are a few policies:**

1. **Every STUDENT will need to purchase a club card. DO NOT LOSE IT or you will have to pay for another. Please show your card every time you ski. The card is for sale NOW from Christine Schulman. CASH ONLY! (Alpine's rule)**
2. **Every week you will need to fill out paperwork at Alpine. Every piece of paperwork costs \$. If you make a mistake on rental forms or release of liability, still turn it in because they are numbered and there is a charge.**
3. **There is only 1 lesson included for free.**
4. **Every skier will need to report to the group sales area each group night to get your lifts and forms.**
5. **Alpine Valley will only accept cash on club night. No checks or credit cards.**
6. **Alpine offers a ski corral for all equipment for FREE so you will not have to worry about locking equipment up.**
7. **If skiing any other time than group night, just show your group ID card and go to the regular ticket window, there you can pay with credit or debit. You will not get group prices unless you have your group ID card!**

This is a wonderful opportunity for family fun. We ask that parents be present during ski time. No child will be allowed to participate if a parent or guardian is not present. Parents need not ski. There is a very nice lodge to sit back and relax in however there may be some restrictions due to Covid. All family members are welcome to join us (older siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, etc.). There is an age requirement of 7 years old for lessons.

This is not a Zion Lutheran School event therefore Zion is not providing chaperones or responsible for any accidents.

If you have any questions, please call Christine Schulman 910-546-8798 or email schulmancl@hotmail.com.

Samson Snippets

Hello friends!

We hope you all had a blessed Christmas and are well on your way to a healthy and happy new year! Samson enjoyed Christmas with his church family at Zion with worship. Since then, he has been continuing to work! He has been back at schools such as Schaumburg High School with Tobias and Emma Comfort Dogs. He also went and spent an afternoon at Valley Hi Nursing Home in Woodstock. While there, he saw a few Zion members and visited for a while. We will be going back there on a regular basis! We hope you have a wonderful week and always choose to be kind!!