



Zion Lutheran Church Information Bulletin

Weekend of November 27, 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 regular offering or set up contributions.

Stewardship Message

For private consideration: How much will our offering be to say what God is waiting to hear?

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet in the chapel at 9:15. All children preschool thru 8th grade are welcomed.

Bible Study

For Bible study, Ade Zielke started a new video study series, "Fire on the Mountain", looking at the places that God led Moses and the people of Israel. Pastor Ripke will lead the study today and we will meet in the multipurpose room.

Coffee Hour

This week's coffee hour is being hosted by: **The Planning Committee**

Next week's coffee hour is being hosted by: **Mel Papka Family**

Growing in God's Word

We are providing several ways for you to do this over the next month or so: the "Romans" Bible Scholars guides will be available after worship to guide your reading through this important book, a 12-week Bible reading guide is available to lead you through the first 9 books of the Old Testament, and a 28-day guide is available to help you read the Gospel of Matthew leading up to Christmas.

The Lord's Love Project Needs Your Help!

We are still in need of monetary donations and/or Scrip cards for the families of our community. See the board in the narthex to pick up a donation envelope! Additionally, our school children are involved by gathering food donations designated by grade. While we are busy preparing for our own family celebrations, we sometimes forget that there are those in our community and even within our Zion family who struggle to provide for themselves at Christmas. The Love Project is a way to share God's love at this time of year. As we Kneel with the shepherds at the manger this Christmas we continue to thank God for His perfect gift of love-Jesus, the Christ.

BAKE & BARK SALE

Come one come all! Team Samson is pairing with Hannah's (Smith) Happy Tails Dog biscuits to hold a BAKE & BARK SALE! Both this weekend and next (Thanksgiving)- stop by our table in the narthex before and after all services and find some treats for both you and your 4 legged friends! All are handmade with love. All proceeds go to Samson Comfort Dogs' ministry of being the hands and feet of Jesus to those suffering and in need. Satisfy your sweet tooth and shop for your pet all the while helping Samson continue his ministry!

Coat Drive

The cold weather is here and our annual Coat Drive has begun. We will donate the coats, hats and mittens (Gently used items in all sizes) to the MORE Center to help keep some of our community members warm during the cold winter months. The Collection Box is in the Church Cloak Room. Your donations are greatly appreciated and your generosity has helped to keep others warm for many a past winters. Thank you for your support!

Zion Social Actions Ministry.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

BEARS VERSUS PACKERS DECEMBER 4TH 12:00 NOON KICK OFF

ALL ARE INVITED, RIGHT AFTER 10:30 CHURCH (held in the Multi-Purpose room)

FELLOWSHIP, FUN, & FOOD

TAILGATE STYLE

Bring a dish if you desire

Hosted by Men's Saturday Bible study ("Shop Talk")

Special Prayers

Levi Olson

Donita Hopper

Taylor Heinberg,

Henry Wojtczak

John Olson

Shirley Jackson

Yvonne Raether

Ken & Lucy Gieseke

Comfort

Family of Terry Bayless

Family of Clareda
Neuenschwander (mother of Diana
Long)

Blessings

Gary & Mary Lou Dahl's 45th
wedding anniversary.

Altar Flowers

In Celebration of
Gary & Mary Lou Dahl's 45th
Wedding Anniversary.

At the Font

Hayden Jason McMurtrey,
son of Daniel & Ashley
(Borhart) McMurtrey,
will be baptized on November
26th at 10 AM in the Chapel by
Pastor Borhart.

SCRIP

Orders are due Monday,
November 28th, at 8AM.

New in the Narthex

December Newsletter

Last Week's Attendance

Total – 291

Sat. 5:00 PM 76

Sun. 8:00 AM 109

Sun. 10:30 AM 53

Mon. 6:30 PM..... 53

Financial Recap

GENERAL GIVING:

Weekly Budget \$18,000

Weekly Nov. 20th \$15,241

Samson Snippet

Hello my church family! Happy Thanksgiving! I'm so very thankful for you and all of your love and support. I'm so blessed to serve here at Zion alongside my amazing team. This last week we had some very special visits. I started with a visit to Locust and their kindergarten class - we talked to them about caring for a dog and how to approach dogs. They were so sweet. Then we went to Fair Oaks Retirement in Crystal Lake, and Sunrise Living Retirement. On Monday of this week I went to Clarendon Elementary in Waukesha to be with the staff and kids on the 1 year anniversary of the Parade tragedy. They lost Jackson, a beloved student and classmate. I went with other comfort dogs to help support them on that difficult day. Please keep them in your prayers! Also, please continue to keep little Levi Olson in your prayers as he is still healing from his surgery and is facing the ups and downs of it all. Pray for courage and strength and healing.

Happy Thanksgiving - with much thankful puppy love,
Samson

Ski As A Family at Alpine Valley Resort 2019-2020

We have the opportunity once again to ski as a group this year at Alpine Valley Resort. We will be skiing Thursday evenings from 4-10 p.m. Our club will sell lift passes and rentals from 4-6 p.m. in the lodge. Look for a table in the lodge with "Tibbets Ski Group" on it. The dates we plan to ski as a group are: January 5,12,19,26, February 2, 9 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 3 p.m. on Sunday through Friday all winter long! Ski Ski Ski!! This season students only with a club card can also come during the Christmas Break any day except Saturdays after 3pm and get the club price for lift passes and rentals. Just go to the ticket counter. For more information pick up a flyer in the Church Narthex or school office. 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.

Worship Tech Team—No Experience Required

Do you have a desire to be involved in worship, but also a fear of being in front of the congregation? You would be a perfect member of our tech team. None of them want to be in front, but everyone of them has a desire to help others worship well. Whether you're thinking of the slides we project each week, or the sounds we send out each week, or the Facebook Livestream we project and record each week, we can help you become involved. There is training involved and you may come to the training to see if this Team is the right fit for you. Dates for training will follow in the weeks ahead. No one is too old to serve in this ministry, and youth may begin as young as fifth grade. Please contact Pastor Galligar and let him know you are willing to serve. Pastor.galligar@zionmarengo.net or 815.568.6564 X 2150

Marriage Vow Renewal: Today!

Did you miss the opportunity to renew your marriage vows on the fourth weekend last month? You will have the opportunity to do so during the services this weekend, in a rite from the Lutheran Worship hymnal immediately following the offering time. May God bless and strengthen you and your marriage with His love!

**ZION AND ST. JOHN'S
YOUTH MINISTRY**

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

**SIGN UP FOR OUR TEXT
REMINDERS BY TEXTING
@ZSTJYOUTH TO 81010**

Silly Sock Hop Sunday the 4th All Youth (5th-12th) 5:00-8:00pm St. John's Gym <i>It's National Sock Day! Wear silly socks and throw back to the 50s with us!</i>	Christmas Caroling Sunday the 11th All Youth 2:00-6:00pm Marengo-Union Area <i>Bring a batch of cookies to deliver as we carol to shut-ins. Meet at St. John's to package cookies and carpool around. We will end with a nice hot bowl of chili!</i>
Christmas Partyyyy Sunday the 18th JH 5-7pm HS 6-8pm St. John's 103 <i>Come for gingerbread house contests and pizza!</i>	*Please note that we do not have programming December 25th for Christmas!

