



Zion Lutheran Church Information Bulletin

Weekend of January 22, 2023

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

Stewardship is about learning to enjoy things without owning them.

Bible Study and Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. today and Bible study at 9:30 a.m. Our Bible study group will be starting a walk through the book of 1 Samuel, wherein we will see some of the ways God protected David as he awaited the fulfillment of his anointing as king of Israel. Our Sunday School students continue learning the great stories of God's Word as they follow the story of Moses and the people of Israel in the time of the Exodus.

Coffee Hour

This week's coffee hour is being hosted by: **The Lutherans for Life Group**

No Coffee hour next week due to One Service for Service

Just a Tuition Reminder!

If you opted to pay in 2 installments for School Tuition, then the 2nd half of tuition is due Jan. 15th.

Resolve to Read God's Word in 2023

Make a New Year's Resolution to spend time in God's Word this year, reading the story of salvation that He has crafted for us. We are providing several ways for you to do this:

- 1) A Bible reading plan that will take you through the Bible in a year, developed by a preacher in Scotland;
- 2) A "Bible Scholars" reading guide for the book of 1 Samuel. To read and study 1 Samuel together, we will have discussion groups starting on Tuesday, January 17, at 10 a.m., and on Mondays following the 6:30 p.m. worship service. Hope to see you there!

Faith Foundations Winter Session

Faith Foundations starting January 22: Prayerfully consider joining Faith Foundations and inviting a friend as our latest session kicks off on January 22. This seven-week course examines the teachings of the Bible from a Lutheran perspective. Those who complete the course who are not prior members of Zion are eligible to join. The course is offered simultaneously in-person and on Google meets on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Ladies Aid

There will be a Ladies Aid Meeting on January 25th for anyone available to help with Ash Wednesday Lenten Supper. Call Pam Woodruff with any questions at 815-505-8224.

Life Sunday 2023

Life Sunday 2023 shares the beautiful thought of being "Blessed for Life". This theme is based on Psalm 41:2. Stop by the narthex counter display & enjoy the many life issues made available for you. Thank you for your continued prayers & Support of both Lutherans for Life & Redeeming Life Maternity. Zion, you are a blessing! .

Baby Bottle Campaign fundraiser

Fill Pick up a Baby Bottle & partner with Zion' students to fill it with coins, bills or checks and be a blessing to a Mom & her new baby. Return bottles a by Feb. 1st .You May also choose to drop a blessing in the larger baby bottle. Direct your questions to Genny 815-451-1555.

Blessed with the gift of life

Blessed by God for one's entire life

Blessed to be a blessing to others



Healing

Levi Olson

Bill Roberts

Yvonne Raether

Taylor Heinberg
(Roger Beth's granddaughter)

Peggy Courier
(Dorothy Fiepke's niece)

Dave Sleschta
(Sarah Froehner's brother)

Dale Mettler,
(friend of Pastor & Dale Ann Borhart)

Colt Dickerson
(friend of Pastor Galligar)

Comfort

Families of Warren Wascher
(uncle of Sherri Henning)

Blessings

Ruth Below's 96th birthday

Altar Flowers

Altar Guild

SCRIP

Orders are due Monday,
January 23rd, at 8AM.

Last Week's Attendance

Total – 334

Sat. 5:00 PM	101
Sun. 8:00 AM	83
Sun. 10:30 AM	94
Mon. 6:30 PM.....	56

Financial Recap

GENERAL GIVING:

Weekly Budget	\$18,000
Week of 1/15/23	\$14,230

Volleyball League kicks off today!

The Zion adult volleyball league season starts Sunday, Jan. 22. A few open slots are still available on our six teams if you would like to play. For more information, please contact the Zion church office (815-568-6564).

English as a Second Language (ESL) Host

Did you know that the interest in ESL classes held at Zion is growing? Our classes this year have included up to 15 students in a session...thanks be to God! We are looking for a volunteer host (or two!) to help coordinate the weekly Monday class meeting. Responsibilities would include a weekly reminder text to the class, as well as opening the multipurpose room and setting out food for dinner. Knowledge of a foreign language is not required...just a love for Jesus and for all His people! Talk with Pastor Ripke to volunteer or for more information.

College Students

We Need Your Info!: At our One Service for Service in January, we are looking to send care packages to our Zion college-age students (includes military too!). In order to send them, we need the phone number, address, and email addresses of our college students and their families. Please send this information to our church office at sandy.hauschildt@zionmarengo.net or to Pastor Ripke at pastor.ripke@zionmarengo.net

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS!!!!

On January 29, volunteers (maybe even you?) will be packing care packages for Zion's college students after the One Service for Service. We need donations of goodies to include in the boxes--from you! Please leave as many of the following items as you can so we can shower our students with treats! We want our college students to know we care about them and keep them in our prayers. You can leave your donations in the narthex in the box provided.

Kleenex packs Chapstick Hot Cocoa Mix Apple Cider Packets Microwave Crackers or Cookies (Individually wrapped or packaged--NO PEANUT BUTTER)
Popcorn Chewing Gum

Ski As A Family 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 4-10 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. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Christine Schulman 910-546-8798 or email schulmancl@hotmail.com.

Coat Drive

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.



Jan. 22: Nerf War!
Food - Spaghetti
6pm-8pm @ St. John's

Jan. 29: Movie Night!
Food - Nachos and Popcorn
6pm-8pm @ St. John's

The Leadership Corner

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is responsible for keeping accurate minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and congregational meetings for the permanent records of the congregation and shall perform such other duties in keeping with the office; keep and preserve a copy of the Constitution to including all amendments thereto, and maintain a copy in the church office; maintain the Call Booklet. The secretary serves for three years on the board. Lisa Anthony is our current Secretary.

The Congregational Planning Director, shall promote, project and facilitate all future building programs of the congregation; provide the names of candidates for election as Congregation Directors and when necessary work with the Nominating Committee; represent, co-ordinate and plan Congregational programs designed to present the best image of Zion Lutheran Church in the community; handle and supervise publicity for the congregation; act as a coordinator for all organizations in the congregation; act as a liaison between the Congregational Organizations and the Board of Directors to inform the Board of Directors of the needs of each organization; appoint a Board to assist in the accomplishment of these duties. This director will serve for three years on the board. They will also assist with planning activities of the congregation such as, coffee hour, celebrations, and other gatherings. THIS POSITION IS CURRENTLY VACANT AND HAS BEEN FOR A YEAR. If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact Pastor Ripke through the church office.