



**ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI**

*(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)*

**IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!**

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 7 & 11, 2024**

**WELCOME TO ZION.** It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Worship Focus:** Christ, as our prophet, brings us God's truth. Christ's love leads us to speak and use that truth lovingly.

*This is Transfiguration Sunday. Epiphany started with the baptism of our Lord and heaven breaking open and God saying "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you." Today we see that again; God giving his stamp of approval on the whole earthly ministry of Jesus. This is the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany.*

**LITURGY: Service of the Word**

*CW pg. 38*

**OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP**

**BATHROOMS** are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT** is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

**VISITORS** are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

For most of you, putting on perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to church is just routine. But for a growing number of us in the congregation, those smells will lead to nausea, headaches, shortness of breath, and migraines. We are asking if you could please re-evaluate your use of fragrances before you come to church, especially during the winter months when the enclosed heated space will magnify the effects of the fragrances. If you could wait until you get home from church to spritz on the smells, it would be greatly appreciated!

OPENING HYMN: CW 95

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

TRANSFIGURATION

95

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here! Your beau - ty  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like  
 to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -  
 things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -  
 king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -  
 not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
 sion bright And make this hill our home.  
 the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.  
 Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

P: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a simple melodic line for the word 'Amen', ending with a double bar line.

## THE WORD

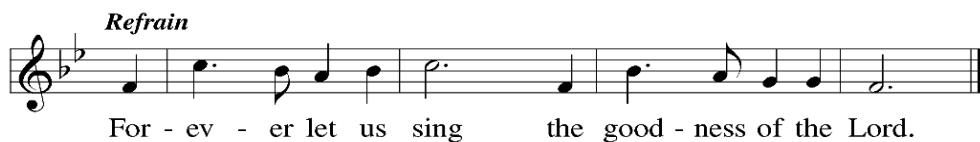
### First Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12a

2 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?” Then he said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.” <sup>4</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?” He said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.” <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.” Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” <sup>10</sup>He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.” <sup>11</sup>While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup>Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore. He grabbed his clothing, and he ripped it into two pieces. (EHV)

### Psalm 148

CW pg. 121



Praise the LORD from the heavens,\*  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,\*  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

*Refrain*



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



\*

*Refrain*

Praise the LORD from the earth,\*

lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\*

wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*

young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,\*

for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***

**and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. <sup>13</sup>We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. <sup>14</sup>In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. <sup>15</sup>Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>But all of us who reflect the Lord’s glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit. **4** Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. <sup>2</sup>On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. (EHV)

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.” Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL:**

**Mark 9:2-9**

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say because they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud,

saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 97

“Down from the Mount of Glory”

TRANSFIGURATION

97

## Down from the Mount of Glory

1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus  
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant  
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the  
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that  
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus

Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,  
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,  
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,  
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed  
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry

Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will  
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from  
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -  
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he  
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -

view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er  
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words “my  
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer  
 prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly  
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -

hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.  
 Son” were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.  
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.  
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.  
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.



# See Our Savior's Glory

## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING:** *The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Keep us faithful to you at all times. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ whenever he is present in Word and Sacrament. Throughout all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus and on him alone. Keep us safe and protect us from all the tricks of the devil. Lord in your mercy:

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**M:** We pray that you would guide your church to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and help us show Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us, and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord in your mercy:

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. Lord in your mercy:

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** We pray that Christ would reveal his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray particularly for those among us and in our families and circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone else whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord in your mercy:

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's great sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and to all those for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: *CW 86*

**“The Only Son from Heaven”**

## The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by  
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, Oh, bright and  
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it To know and  
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you With God the



an - cient seers, By God the Fa - ther giv - en,  
 ho - ly morn! He comes, the King a - noint - ed,  
 love you more, In faith to stand un - shak - en,  
 Ho - ly Ghost And Je - sus, we a - dore you,



In hu - man form ap - pears. No sphere his  
 The Christ, the vir - gin - born, Grim death to  
 In spir - it to a - dore, That we, through  
 O Pride of an - gel host. Be - fore you



light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
 con - quer for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
 this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
 mor - tals low - ly Cry "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As he, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, c. 1500–35, abr., st. 1-3; *Lutheran Book of Worship*, Minneapolis, 1978, st. 4;  
 tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, st. 1-3, alt.

Tune: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN (76 76 776) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

## CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated.*

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,  
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a-dorned in robes of  
 jus - ti - fied, re-deemed, re - stored, And with all his faith - ful  
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn time is  
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once more be



glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
 peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
 com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
 sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

The next time we gather for worship we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. Why Ash? **“O my people, put on sackcloth and roll in ashes; mourn with bitter wailing as for an only son”** (Jeremiah 6:26). These words give a glimpse into the life of people in the ancient world. When they were faced with a terrible situation, like the death of an only child, they literally sat in a pile of ashes. It wasn't pleasant, but it illustrated their sense of hopelessness and helplessness.

We won't sit in ashes (although you may see people during the day with ashes on their head or hand). Rather, the devotional time will be an opportunity to face who we really are and how we compare to the expectations God has for us. The service will help us to have an attitude that is empty of pride so we can see the sins that are in us more clearly. It isn't a pleasant sight. But, it is the only place from which we can clearly see the cross of Jesus and understand what it means. For, if we had not sinned, then he had no reason to die. Yet, he is our Savior. So, we repent.

This year for our Ash Wednesday service we will incorporate ashes into our worship service by inviting each worshipper to draw a cross of ashes during our Wednesday night service. You are free to make use of it or not make use of it. During the service you may take some of the ashes on your finger and draw a little cross on the banner with the ashes. This banner will remain in the front of church for the duration of the Lenten season. It will serve as a visual reminder of our sin and the steep price that God paid because he loves you. God bless your Lenten journey this year.

#### Officiants

Accompanist: Stefanie Sitzman

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman



### **A note on Ash Wednesday:**

Confession, that is sorrow over sin and reliance on Christ's forgiveness, is the essence of faith. Remembering the miracle of our baptism, we daily drown our sinful nature so that a new man might arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday is an ancient ritual of the church that employs a symbol long associated with the contrition aspect of confession. God spoke these words to Adam soon after the fall into sin: "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." Job connected sorrow over sin to this symbol when he lamented, "Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." Daniel understood he had no right to come before a holy God with pleas for deliverance. "So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes." Jesus attached the same meaning to the symbol: "Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." Ashes also connote purification. When Peter wrote "These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed," he painted a picture in which faith is strengthened as the fire of trials burns away the impure ash of the sinful nature.

Our worship in Lutheranism has retained the picture of ashes although not the practice of using them. *Christian Funeral: The Committal* includes the traditional phrase, "Earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes". The symbol is preserved in several of our hymns, e.g., CW 124 and 209. Even in society, the term "sackcloth and ashes" conjures up the concept of regret and sorrow.

Like all symbols, the use of ashes is a servant of gospel ministry. It has value only in so far as it recalls and enables a deeper understanding of a spiritual truth: that we are dust, but that in Christ, God has redeemed our dusty bodies and will one day glorify them to be like our Savior's glorious body. God has little interest in ashes; he is concerned with a contrite and repentant heart. For some, ashes will have little impact on their Lenten contrition. For others, however, the ashes of Ash Wednesday may be a powerful reminder of the sorrow over sin that always precedes lifting our eyes to Jesus in faith for redemption.

The introduction of new worship forms helps us. It helps us to demonstrate love to our brothers and sisters. In love we strive to understand the perspective of those who appreciate new forms and who struggle with new forms. We don't question another person's personal piety, neither their eagerness for new forms nor their hesitance to participate in them. If someone declines to, for example, kneel for confession, face the cross during a procession we make no judgments about them. In the same way, if someone among us declines to participate in our Ash Wednesday rite, we make no judgments and come to no conclusions other than that this fellow Christian is carrying out his or her faith in the way they see fit. Surely this is the more excellent way Paul showed us in 1 Corinthians 13. May it be so among us.



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**VOTER'S MEETING**— A call meeting was held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Zion has extended a call to Benjamin Workentine. Please pray as he deliberates his call.

### THANK YOU:

The Grubb family would like to thank all who reached out with kind words and support to help us through our time of grief after the passing of Jeff's father, Larry Grubb. It is greatly appreciated.

The Pritchett family would like to extend a thank you to everyone who supported them with Jim's illness and passing. Thank you to everyone who provided meals through Zion's Meal Train. Also, a very special thank you to Melissa Freiny for organizing the meal train and doing all the coordinating for such a wonderful gift.

### BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Dear Members of Zion,

Since the Capital Campaign kicked off in April of 2022 Zion has received just over \$200,000 in major gifts and weekly offerings, what a blessing!

The funds have been used for a number of improvements including:

- New furniture has been purchased for the west foyer
- A new security system has been installed. This project included the installation of multiple cameras on the property, both inside and outside of the building, a keyless entry system, and more
- Generator backup switches have been installed on each church own parsonage/teacherage
- Professional design services for handicap bathroom remodeling plans
- Miscellaneous repairs to church owned properties

The Voters approved the following items in order of priority:

- Electric panel replacements (two panels at ~\$6,160 per panel)
- Tunnel water issues with mold remediation if found necessary
- Parking lot repair (patch and seal)
- Basement handicap access (lift)
- Backup power generator for the church and school

There is currently \$2,874.39 available that is not committed to a certain project. If you are moved to give to the capital campaign, please **mark your donations as "Capital Campaign"**.

Thank you for your support as Zion undertakes some large and much needed projects.

Sincerely, Board of Stewardship

### ZLS NEWS

**ZION'S DINE TO DONATE:** Thank you to all who participated in our Dine to Donate at Qdoba on November 19, 2023 and Culver's on February 5, 2024. We raised \$171 at Qdoba and \$367 at Culvers. Proceeds will go towards the replacement of the backstage curtains on the stage in the gym.

**ZION CEA:** At the past Zion CEA Meeting on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> it was decided that the Zion Rummage Sale will be headed by Deborah Hill this year, with Melissa Freiny assisting. The proceeds for the sale will be put towards replacing the yellow curtains in the gymnasium.

**ALTAR GUILD:** We are in desperate need of volunteers to help with Altar Guild. It only takes about a half hour per week to take care of the candles and maybe an hour a week when there is communion. We only have a few months with volunteers, so please ladies and gentlemen, if you can spare some time to help out it would be greatly appreciated. If you have never done it before someone can teach you very quickly what to do. Thank you for considering to help.

**HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Friends in Faith has a “Zion’s Meal Train” program. The “Zion Meal Train” is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website ([www.MealTrain.com](http://www.MealTrain.com)) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

**Shut-In Visit Information:** To help Pastor Sitzman with ministering to our shut-ins, Ken Vagt has been asked to serve our shut-ins with the Word and Sacrament. During those visits there is fellowship, then a devotion on God’s Word followed by the offering of absolution and Holy Communion. If you are a shut-in or a family member of a shut-in, please contact Pastor Sitzman or Ken Vagt to schedule a visit with you or the family member on a monthly rotation.

### **MLS News**

**MLS JR CARDINAL WINTER POMS CLINIC:** Members of the MLS Poms team would like to invite girls from grades K-6 to their Winter Poms Clinic. The MLS Jr. Cardinal Poms Winter Clinic is scheduled for February 11, 2024! The clinic is for girls from K-5th grade in a WELS/ELS church or school. Each participant will be taught a routine that they will perform with the MLS poms team at halftime of the MLS varsity basketball game on Friday night, February 16, 2024. The cost of the clinic is \$20 and includes a shirt and snack. Poms and hair bows can be added on if needed. To register, visit [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org). Deadline to register is January 31 at midnight. Questions? Please contact MLS Public Relations Coordinator, Michael Priebe at [mdp@mlsem.org](mailto:mdp@mlsem.org)

**MLS FOUNDATION DINNER & AUCTION:** Tickets are still available for our MLS Foundation Dinner & Auction. Our event will take place on Sunday, February, 18th at the Great Hall in Midland. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and entertainment to support Christian education at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. There will also be an online auction with separate items beginning on February 5th! Go to <https://auctria.events/MLS2024> to get your tickets and to register for the online portion of our auction!

## Coming up at Zion ....

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. Warrior Oasis Café  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
 1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)  
 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)

Friday 7:45 a.m. Warrior Oasis Café  
 5:30 p.m. Zion vs. Crown of Life, Warren (A team away game)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class

## February Volunteers

|                     | Jan. 31 & Feb. 4  | Feb. 7 & 11   | Feb. 14 & 18  | Feb. 21 & 25   | Feb. 28 & March 3  |
|---------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Altar Guild         |   | Liz Seibert &   | Deanna Schneck  |  |  |
| Live Stream Helpers | Erich Freiny  | Rob Krueger   | Ryan Roth   | Steve Sordahl  | Miller Sordahl   |
| Ushers              | <u>Jan. 31</u><br>Ray Chandonnet<br>Erich Freiny<br>Rob Krueger<br>Zach Turner<br><br><u>Feb. 4</u><br>Tony Affholter<br>Jeff Douglas<br>Mark Fuerstenberg<br>Ray Palmatier | <u>Feb. 7</u><br>Tony Affholter<br>Jeff Douglas<br>Mark Fuerstenberg<br>Ray Palmatier<br><br><u>Feb. 11</u><br>Dave Bengé<br>Alan Bober<br>Mathew Hill<br>Joe Koch<br>Jeremy Robinson<br>Jacob Robinson<br>William Robinson | <u>Feb. 14</u><br>Dave Bengé<br>Alan Bober<br>Matthew Hill<br>Joe Koch<br>Jeremy Robinson<br>Jacob Robinson<br>William Robinson<br><br><u>Feb. 18</u><br>Jake Burke<br>Rich Heusman<br>Jeff Heusman<br>Juergen Koenig<br>Matt McCormick<br>Zach McCormick | <u>Feb. 21</u><br>Jake Burke<br>Rich Heusman<br>Jeff Heusman<br>Juergen Koenig<br>Matt McCormick<br>Zach McCormick<br><br><u>Feb. 25</u><br>Mark Kipf<br>Keith McBee<br>Joe Schmeling<br>Russ Vitale | <u>Feb. 28</u><br>Mark Kipf<br>Keith McBee<br>Joe Schmeling<br>Russ Vitale<br><br><u>March 3</u><br>Ray Chandonnet<br>Erich Freiny<br>Rob Krueger<br>Zach Turner |
| Communion Helpers   | <u>Jan. 31</u><br>Ken Vagt<br><br><u>Feb. 4</u><br>Mark Kipf<br>Jake Burke  |   | <u>Feb. 14</u><br>Alan Bober<br><br><u>Feb. 18</u><br>Ray Palmatier<br>Mark Fuerstenberg  |  | <u>Feb. 28</u><br>Ken Vagt<br><br><u>March 3</u><br>Jeff Heusman<br>Jake Burke   |



♥ Zion's Sweetheart ♥  
Daddy-Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

In Zion's Gymnasium

*Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles come dance  
the night away with your Sweetheart...*

Your night includes dancing, dinner,  
sweet treats, glitter tattoos,  
and a take away photograph!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Suggested Donation

\$10 Per Couple

Each Additional Daughter is \$5

Please RSVP by 2-23-24

Tickets Sold at door as well

If you have any questions please contact

Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638

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