

The Golden Rule

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart..."

November 29, 2021



This Week's Bible Verse:



Jeremiah 33:14 Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

On The Calendar

Mon 11/29



Tues 11/30

Wed 12/1 **Advent Worship 6:30pm**
(dinner @5:30pm in cafeteria)

Thurs 12/2 **UFCU Banking Day (during lunch)**

B-girls basketball practice 6:00-7:15pm



Fri 12/3

Sat 12/4 **Worship 5:30pm**

Sun 12/5 **Worship 9:00am**
Family Bible Hour 10:15am

Mon 12/6 **B-girls basketball practice 6:00-7:15pm**

Tues 12/7

Wed 12/8 **Advent Worship 6:30pm**
(dinner @5:30pm in cafeteria)

Thurs 12/9 **UFCU Banking Day (during lunch)**

B-girls basketball practice 6:00-7:15pm

TEAM meeting 6:30pm

Fri 12/10

Santa Store

Band to Valley after lunch

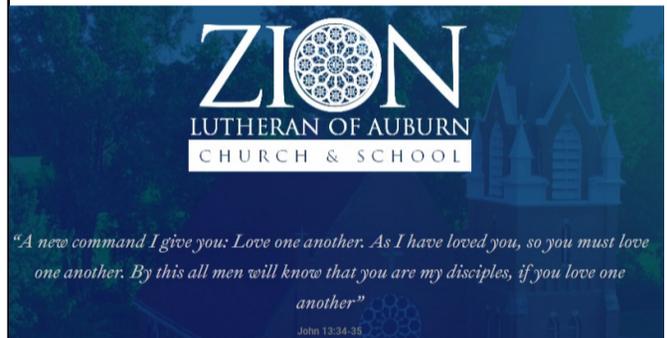
Teacher Lunch Relief & Popcorn Friday

Hymn Verse for the Week

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
LSB 892 Stanza 1



All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.



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Check out our new website.

2nd Quarter Worship Offerings

The Great Lakes Bay Veterans Coalition is conducting its 4th annual personal hygiene goods drive to support Veterans and their families in need.

Donations are distributed through Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw, MI. The staff at the VA passes out over 80 hygiene kits *per month*. This program is not funded through the VA budget and exists entirely on donations.

The goal is to fill a trailer with enough materials to stock their donation pantry for the next year.

Items Needed

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| 3 in 1 Body Wash | Deodorant | Alcohol Free Mouthwash |
| Razors | Hand Lotion | Shaving Cream |
| Chap Stick | Dryer Sheets | Toothpaste |
| Denture Grip | Laundry Soap | Toothbrushes |

All monetary chapel offerings will benefit the GLBVC Fill the Trailer drive.

There are collection boxes in the hallway below the main bulletin board for donating personal care items listed above. Thank you for joining Zion in supporting this mission.





Book Club

Next Meeting
Wednesday
Dec. 15th
3:15-4:00pm



Limited-time!
\$5 & \$10 gift cards now available

Great gifts that fit any budget: Shop \$5 & \$10 gift cards from 15+ popular brands. They're the perfect holiday treat for mail carriers, bus drivers, teachers, and more. Or a generous way to support people in need this season. Any way you use them, they're sure to spread joy while supporting your organization.

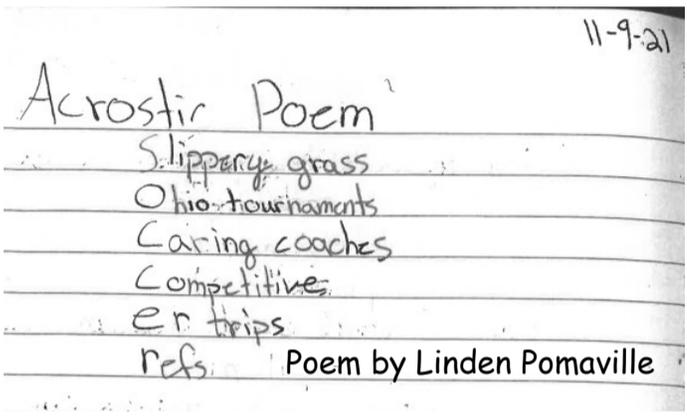


Next meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 14th
6:30 - 7:15pm

An email was sent out with a form and information for December's meeting. If you were unable to attend our informational meeting and haven't reached out to us already, please contact Mrs. Schnell (sschnell@zionauburn.com) or Mrs. Panzner (kpanzner@zionauburn.com) about getting on the email list. We will be able to forward you the form to fill out for December's meeting.

Zion enrollment code: ED4C7F1D3691

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Parent Corner

Is Your Student Stressed?

With the holidays fast-approaching and finals looming, this is often a stressful time of year for our students. And while students often have legitimate stressors in their life, they have not always been taught how to handle stress in a healthy manner. If you are noticing your student is more stressed than normal and are looking for ways to help, take a look at Cincinnati Children's list of [7 Ways Parents Can Help Their Teens Manage Stress](#).

<https://blog.cincinnatichildrens.org/healthy-living/child-development-and-behavior/7-ways-parents-can-help-their-teens-manage-stress>

Zion Basketball 2021/22 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan. 3	4	5	6 A & B Girls AWAY @Zion B.C.	7 A & B Boys AWAY @St. John Midland
10 A & B Girls HOME vs. St. John Midland	11	12	13	14 A & B Boys HOME vs. Zion B.C.
17	18	19 B Teams HOME vs. All Saints (white)	20 A & B Girls HOME vs. Zion B.C.	21 A & B Boys HOME vs. St. Paul
24 A & B Girls AWAY @St. John Midland	25	26	27	28 A & B Boys AWAY @St. Paul
31 A & B Girls AWAY @St. Paul	Feb. 1	2 B Teams HOME vs. All Saints (blue)	3	4 A & B Boys HOME vs. St. John Midland
7 A & B Girls HOME vs. St. Paul	8 B Teams HOME vs. AACS	9	10	11 A & B Boys AWAY @Zion B.C.
14	15	16 A-Team	17 Tournament	18 Host: St. John Midland

B-girls basketball will begin practice this Thursday from 6:00-7:15pm. Practices will be Monday and Thursdays.

B-boys NEED a coach. No coach means no team.

We are still waiting for practice schedules for A-boys and Cheer.

B-teams play first at 5:30pm. A-teams follow starting at 6:30pm.



Celebrating birthdays in December are Julia Clare on Dec. 4th, Shilah Bright on the 11th, Adeline Beson on the 16th, Brielle Dowd and Isabella Slater on the 20th, Simon Hurst on the 26th, and Klaire Dowd on the 31st.

Happy Birthday!!



Baptized into Christ

Celebrating his Baptism birth in December is Westyn Hearn on Dec. 26th.

God Bless him in his faith.



LEAP News Nugget

Education Boards of our Lutheran Schools Engage in Board Self-Evaluation and Growth Processes

For more than a decade now, one of the Lutheran Education Advancement Plan's various thrusts has had to do with supporting education boards in their governance of Lutheran schools. Since mid-2013, a *LEAP* "Education Board Training Task Force" has devoted attention to development and refinement of a *LEAP* document entitled "Best Practices of Boards of Education (or Equivalent Governing Entities) of Lutheran Schools." The document reflects wise input from LCMS educational leaders locally as well as at the Michigan District and national Synodical levels. Copies of the resulting **LEAP Best Practices of Boards of Education of Lutheran Schools (pdf)** document and its companion **LEAP Boards of Education Self-Assessment Instrument (pdf)** document are in print and available in our school offices and elsewhere, and also accessible at our leap-alliance.com website, followed by a click to RESOURCES.

Learning and drawing upon the LEAP education boards best practices occurs as follows: Step 1) An individual school principal and his or her education board members each complete the self-assessment instrument and send their individual, confidential assessments to the *LEAP* Education Board Training Task Force, for tabulation. Step 2) Returns of the full tabulation results are sent back to the principal and board members. Step 3) A meeting of the full Task Force with the particular principal and education board members is conducted to engage in discussions which include noting positives, offering praise, identifying weaknesses, offering improvement suggestions, and etc.

To date, six education boards of our 22 LEAP entities have been fully involved in all three of the above steps, and two more boards are well along the way toward also participating in all three of the steps. Four additional education boards have expressed interest in beginning involvement in the process in the near future. As new board members and/or new principals periodically come onto boards, the process can be repeated, which is recommended and encouraged.

Questions? . . Contact an area Lutheran school principal or education board chairperson.

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Together Enhancing Academics and Ministry

Team Minutes

November 18, 2021

Opening Prayer: Sarah Diener

Attendance: Emily Rosenbrock, Sarah Diener, Kourtney & Jeremy Collins, Lisa Stefaniak, Melissa Fahy, Stephaine Ostash, Crystal Hearn, Rebekah Dore, Sara Ervans, Colett Dominowski, Kimberly Marcotte, Jodi Kukla, Sarah Schwannecke, Kristina Sieg

During the meeting we discussed TEAMS budget for the year and Teachers/staff Christmas gifts and goodie bags.

Excited and glad to be bringing back ministry celebration! Crystal Hearn & Colett Dominowski will be taking the role on this.

Trying to get the kids involved more and having a voice with student council!

TEAM had ideas to adding more to the playground. We will wait to hear ideas from student council.

New sleds have been bought for recess for the kiddos a total of 26.

Next meeting: December 9th @ 6:30pm

Goody bags will be assembled.

The Student Council is organizing an outreach opportunity. Notes and a list of items requested was sent home Friday the 19th before Thanksgiving break. **Items are due THIS Friday, Dec. 3rd.** Items must be new with tags. Thank you for supporting the outreach of Zion's Student Council.

Zion's Hurst family had a nice article in the Midland Daily News about their adopted children and Katie's mission.



Needs List

(Please limit donations to items on this list. Items need to be new with tags.)

- gas cards
- grocery gift cards
- cell phone minutes
- nonperishable healthy snacks
- teen friendly stocking stuffers
 - Bath bombs
 - Socks
 - Journals
 - Pens
 - Decks of cards
 - Pokemon cards
 - chapstick
- markers
- crayons
- sketch books
- art supplies
- canvas and paints
- playdoh
- basketball
- football
- hats
- gloves
- warm socks (adult/teen sizes)
- gently used adult/teen coats
- underwear (adult sizes)
- makeup
- nail polish
- nail trimmer
- shampoo
- conditioner
- deodorant (mens and womens)
- pajamas (adult sizes)
- cat litter
- cat toys
- pillows
- shoes (new in a box)
 - Mens 9
 - Mens 9.5
 - Mens 13
 - Mens 10
 - Mens 10.5
 - Womens 6
 - Womens 8
 - Womens 8.5
- Womens legging (new with tags)
 - Size medium and 3X
- Womens/teen tops (new with tags)
 - Size medium, large, 3X
- Hoodies (new with tags)
 - Mens small, large, XL
 - Womens medium, large, 3X
- Mens sweatpants (new with tags)
 - Size XL, 1X, 2X

ADOPTION

Freeland family fostering connections

Kaidi's Light to support adoptive parents in crisis

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FOR THE DAILY NEWS

With six children, three who are adopted, Katie Hurst knows what it is like to be in crisis and have other adoptive parents step forth and help.

Hurst, who has three children adopted from China, started Kaidi's Light to provide support that fosters connection and growth to adoptive families. The name stems from the name given to her by her Chinese friends.

Hurst hopes the organization will aid adoptive families with financial and emotional issues through generosity and compassion. She cites a wrap-around system designed to meet the family's needs.

"Connection and bonding take a lot of work," Hurst said. "Our goal is to lower the additional stresses of life so that families can concentrate on the importance of connection."

The Midland native who recently moved to Freeland said the nonprofit group helps with things like bringing a meal, mowing one's grass or other things that a family in crisis may need help with. Hurst realized the need when her son's medical port became

infected, meaning an extended stay in the hospital following a blood transfusion.

She and her husband, Craig, have three teenagers. A biological 16-year-old daughter, a biological 15-year-old son and a 13-year-old son they adopted when he was 5. They also have three 11-year-olds that include a biological son and two adopted girls that they brought into their family when they were 4. The girls aren't related but were adopted in China at the same time.

"I'm enjoying their teens," she said. "They are turning into amazing human beings."

Hurst said she loves watching the children grow and seeing glimpses of who they are becoming.

Hurst said adopting children was always on the table, including when she and her husband were dating. After they married, they shortly began the process, only to find that adopting in the United States was difficult. After waiting a over a year, the couple turned to international adoption. Part of choosing China was because Hurst loved it.

Also, they saw a picture of a boy in China via a blog and they wanted to adopt him. Later, while adopting that boy, they heard about a little girl. They said if she wasn't adopted in a year, they would at-

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tempt the adoption. A year later, while adopting that little girl, they saw another one, the same age, both were blind.

"We said we would be done after five children," Hurst said.

But in the end, she returned from China with two little girls, bringing their number of children to six.

Yet, she made the last trip to China alone to get the girls. While at the hotel with two blind little ones, she was feeling stressed. Hurst said people often think it is all her running the show. They don't often realize what her husband brings to the table.

She said while at the hotel she called her hus-



Photo from <https://ourfathersdilemma.org>

Katie and Craig Hurst adopted three children with significant special needs from China.

band saying she didn't think she could do it while feeling overwhelmed. She began to see the girls had more needs than she realized. Her husband, in a calm voice, told her they could do it together. Just bring the girls home, he

said.

While she admits it hasn't been a fairy tale, the experience has been worthwhile.

"If I had it to do over, I would," she said.

It was in her challenging experiences when she

first set up a Facebook group for parents five years ago, where they could meet for coffee and just openly talk without judgement. Hurst said in the group, she heard many of the struggles and problems parents were

facing. That led to her developing Kaidi's Light.

Part of that stemmed from how the Midland area Chinese community treated her family.

"The Midland Chinese community has loved on my family," said Hurst, who considers her family Chinese American. "It's a beautiful thing."

Hurst said her family is well versed in using chop sticks and one can often see chicken feet on the menu. In addition, the family celebrates Chinese New Year.

She said when one adopts internationally, there is none of the same supports in place, such as stipends and healthcare, that are available when adopting in the United States.

This sometimes opens the doors to such families searching for other sup-

ports.

So far Kaidi's Light has achieved a warm reception. Hurst said it has been fun.

"It's a very new idea and concept," she said.

She said many people in the Midland area have adopted Chinese children. Thus, she hopes it will serve the community well.

"We started small and hope to grow," she said.

Hurst hopes to achieve a stable base of support for the group.

In addition to running her Facebook group, Kaidi's Light, and caring for six children, Hurst is also fostering a pregnant Newfoundland that needed emergency care and is ready to deliver any day.

To learn more about Kaidi's Light, visit kaidislight.org.