



Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach

January 5-7, 2019

Zion Lutheran Church, 510 W. Ivy, Bay City, Michigan 48706; 989-894-2611

Worship: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday 9:30am; Monday 7:00pm

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56th wedding anniversary (January 11).*

***THIS WEEKEND**, we welcome Missionary Rev. Matthew Wood.*

Ten for Ten: A Growing Relationship

God continuously invites us into a close relationship with Him. To show Him our gratitude and to affirm that relationship, we give cheerfully, regularly, and proportionately of our first fruits. As a benchmark for our giving, we use the tithe, which is ten percent of our earnings. Tithing symbolizes the importance that we place on our relationship with Him. It is our prayer that you have taken a leap of faith during the **Ten for Ten** program through increased giving and that you are experiencing an even closer relationship with Jesus.

The Administrative Board of Elders (ABE) is generating the Serving Team Schedule for 2019. We are asking you to assist on one service per month (only 12 per year) in either eldering, ushering, scripture reading, media board or the Scrip store. To simplify schedules, you will sign up for the same weekend each month. We need your help so that our church services run smoothly and for Zion to provide an enriching experience for our members and our guests. Many hands make light work and we will provide you the proper guidance on how to perform any of these roles. This is a great way to start on your stewardship commitment and to work with other members. You just may make a new friend! Please contact Brian Reinhardt, Doug Bolzman, or the church office to let us know when you'd like to volunteer for a once a month (or more) commitment of time to these great opportunities.

Our Saturday Service is once again offering the Kids for Christ (KFC) program starting today, January 5. Mandy Beam will be leading the program. We are asking for volunteers to assist Mandy as we resume the KFC program and to lead KFC on the third Saturday of the month. KFC is a great opportunity to reach out to our children with a special message to them while providing their parents a hands-free opportunity to hear our weekly message. Please contact Brian Reinhardt (989-708-9705) for more details to provide some stewardship to our members!

MANY WEEKENDS are open for bulletin sponsorship and/or altar flowers in January and February. If you're interested in sponsoring the bulletin or placing altar flowers, please contact the church office at 989.894.2611.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) is looking for someone to coordinate our week long VBS program held in August. If interested or need more information, please contact Brian Reinhardt at 989.708.9705.

CONSIDERING BECOMING A MEMBER? WOULD LIKE A FRESH LOOK AT OUR BELIEFS? Please let the church office know of your wishes. A **NEW MEMBER CLASS** will begin as there is interest. Contact the church office at 989.894.2611 or at secretary@zionbaycity.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

CAB will meet **Wednesday, January 9, at 6 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

CDSC will meet **Monday, January 7, at 6 p.m.** in the school library.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS are coming down **Tuesday, January 8, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Any and all help will be appreciated! Home baked cookies and coffee will be served.

LWML QUILTING will meet **Monday, January 7 at 2:30 p.m.** (note time change) in Ministry Room A. No sewing experience is necessary. Blankets, sheets, and similarly large pieces of cloth are needed. Questions: Contact Eileen Roberts at 989.686.0376

SHUT-IN VISITATIONS: **Wednesday, January 9,** and **Thursday, January 10**

YOUTH CONFIRMATION classes resume this **Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Boxed potatoes (all kinds), boxed pasta-elbow macaroni, shells, and/or spaghetti noodles, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned peas, canned corn, canned pastas, canned soups, canned kidney beans, canned diced tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, jello, pancake mix, syrup, hamburger/tuna helper.

Missionary Matthew Wood and family will be sharing his mission with us this **Saturday, January 5, Sunday, January 6 including Bible Study, Monday, January 7, as well as Wednesday's, January 8 Chapel Service.**

SCHOOL NEWS...

The staff and students are enjoying their Christmas break. Classes resume on Monday, January 7.

SCRIP NEWS...

Scrip orders are due weekly on Mondays by 4 p.m. at the church office.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In honor of Marilyn Jacobson's 90th birthday (January 8), from Gabe VanOchten...\$90 to the General Fund.

In gratitude for God's blessings on her 86th birthday (January 18), from Loretta Kohn...\$86 to the General Fund.

Gratefully, an anonymous year end donation...\$750 to the General Fund.

"I just wanted to let you know how much the residents of the nursing homes in Bay and Arenac Counties "loved" the gift cards! They were excited to be able to "go shopping;" for some that will actually mean a community outing and for others it may mean their loved ones will pick them up something that they need. What a wonderful program that you have in place to bless so many others less fortunate. May 2019 shine bright on you all ~Lori Joles, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health Clinical Social Worker.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Paul & Sue Birch in thanksgiving for the gift of life.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts.

"And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	November 2018	2018 Year-to-Date
Income	\$ 59,590	\$ 791,201
Expenses	\$ 67,362	\$ 878,791
District Missions	0	\$ (5,753)
Local Missions	0	\$ (3,835)
Net	\$ (7,771)	\$ (97,178)

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (JANUARY RATES): 6 mos. 1.125%;
9 mos. 1.25%; 12 mos. 2.00%; 18 mos. 2.125%; 24 mos. 2.25%; 36 mos.
2.375%; 48 mos. 2.5%; 60 mos. 2.625%

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND:
Saturday (70), Sunday (71), Monday (34)

This Sunday's Hymns: 394, 397, 341, 374, 367, 370, and 411.

This Weekend – January 5-7:
Sunday worship setting: Less Structured
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Next Weekend – January 12-14:
Sunday worship setting: Divine Setting 1
Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22

The Reading Plan for 2018 has ended. If you are interested in a 2019 plan please contact the church office at 989.894.2611 or by email at secretary@zionbaycity.org.

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:
2018 Monthly Reports (updated with most recent minutes)
2018 Wall Calendars (courtesy of Gephart Funeral Home)
Cougar Newsletter
January calendar of events
“Our Daily Bread” devotionals for December-February
Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March
Summary of December 9th's Voters' Meeting

Trinity-St. James Lutheran Church is looking to hire a part-time organist (two Sundays a month), or a full time organist which would be preferred. Please prayerfully consider this position if you have this God given talent! If you have any questions please contact the church office at (989)659-2506, Lisa Poirier, secretary.

