



## Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach February 16-18, 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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**We welcome Pastor Bill Allwardt this weekend as our guest pastor.  
Pastor Steve is recovering, doing well, and looking forward to his  
return next week. ~ "Thank you for your many prayers."**

### **Ten for Ten: Giving 100 Percent**

Have you considered that ultimately we will give one hundred percent? We are going to spend our money or give it either now or at death. We will not take anything with us to heaven. *"For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it"* (1 Timothy 6:7). God created us to give. He gives to us so He can work through us (2 Corinthians 9:10-11). When we give freely, we are responding in thanksgiving to God's grace. The tithe provides guidance for our response. May our generous and thankful giving during this **Ten for Ten** effort give glory to God and peace and joy to us.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

Ladies and guests of the congregation, please join Zion's **LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) for an evening of fellowship, "quilting" (hand tying), and refreshments. A short business meeting for members will follow quilting; non-members may stay to see what LWML is all about. Zion's LWML is participating in Thrivent's Action Team program (#livegenerously), and we will be sharing how easy it is to assemble blankets for missions to help the needy around the world. We also have a limited supply of Thrivent's free "Live Generously" T-shirts. This event will be held on **Monday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m.** If you are a Thrivent member, we will also show you how easy it is to plan a service project and receive a \$250 grant through Thrivent for your project, whether it is for a church or school project, or for the community. Hope to see you there!

**ABE** will meet **Tuesday, February 26, at 5:30 p.m.** in Pastor's office.

**CAB** will meet **Tuesday, February 26, at 7 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

**CDSC** will meet **Monday, February 25, at 6 p.m.** in the school library.

**Psalm 100 begins “Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord.”** On the weekend of **February 23, 24, 25** we will have the opportunity to **drop loose coins in the cups at the door** to call attention to help alleviate Hunger locally and globally by means of the **“Crop Walk” to be completed at Zion Sunday March 31.** **Pick up donation envelopes** at the Welcome Center or from Ed and Alice Engelhardt. **Get a few supporters** and **during the month of March Walk** to alleviate Hunger. Drop off your donation envelopes at the church office. Twenty–five percent comes back locally to the BCEFPN (Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network) and is used only for food assistance.

**LADIES GUILD** will be hosting the **Wellspring Auxiliary on Monday, February 18,** Min. Room A. Refreshments served at 7 p.m. with devotions and meeting at 7:15 p.m. Program: Bottle Auction Fundraiser-call Carol Hutter at 684-3956 with questions. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

**SHUT IN VISITATIONS** have been cancelled for the month of February.

The next **TRANSITION TEAM** meeting will be **Wednesday, February 20, at 6 p.m.** Please see an update from your transition team members in this weekend’s bulletin inserts.

**YOGA FOR MS/CHAIR YOGA, Tuesday’s, from 1:15 – 2 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. (Just a reminder that when Bay City schools are cancelled the yoga class is cancelled as well.)

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION** classes meet on **Tuesday’s at 6:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

### **SCHOOL NEWS...**

**School children miss school!** A little perspective of our snow day situation: Last year there were eleven snow days between November and April. In fact, the last snow day last year was April 15th. Three of the days last year were below zero days and two were ice days. This year, however, the snow, ice, and extreme cold days have all fallen in the same four week period. The teachers have been planning some challenging 'work off the snow days' activities when we do return to school. The one bright side to so many snow days? The students have not passed any colds, flu, or other crud around to one another. God has a plan.

**Open House for enrollment** will be **Thursday, February 28 from 5-7 p.m.** The enrollment will focus on the 3 and 4 year old preschool, Young-Fives, and Kindergarten. All teachers will be here to answer questions and give tours of the classrooms. All of grades and their programs will be showcased. A light supper will be provided.

**Save the Date:** Thursday, March 28 Academic Fair at Zion Lutheran School.  
5:30-7:00 p.m.

### **Bottle & Can Drive...**

Our Cheerleading Team is collecting bottles and cans as a fundraiser for their new uniforms. If you'd like to support our girls, please bring your bottles and cans to the South entrance to the school. There's a large collection box next to the door. Thank you for your contributions in advance!

### **SCRIP NEWS...**

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

### **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN MAKES FIRST DISTRIBUTION...**

February 8 was an historic day for Orphan Grain Train Michigan.

Through bounty from God's people, the first distribution was made of relief supplies sent to H.A.R.P. (Helping Appalachian Rural Peoples), an organization which meets basic needs when family lives are interrupted and adversely impacted. The hope and expectation is that this allocation of relief supplies will only be the first of many to follow in the coming years. Orphan Grain Train is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. The Michigan branch has already been receiving donated goods and will soon launch regular operations. Learn more at [ogt.org](http://ogt.org).

If you haven't already, now is a great time to **enroll for fall 2019 at Valley Lutheran High School**. Please contact the school office at 989-790-1676 or visit the website to get the registration form, [www.vlhs.com](http://www.vlhs.com), and apply for financial aid. Class scheduling has started! To plan a visit, a shadow experience, or for more information contact Student Recruiter, Sondra Yantz, [syantz@vlhs.com](mailto:syantz@vlhs.com).

### **AREA ACTIVITIES:**

**Melting Medical Bills**™ is a fund raising event planned for **Sunday, Feb. 24** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John Amelith Lutheran School Gym. A soup and sandwich bar will be offered along with a Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and Small-Item Ticket Auction. This event is to support Allie Keenan and her family with rising medical costs. Please contact Mary Smith at [msmith@amelith.org](mailto:msmith@amelith.org) or Sandy Soule at [ssoule73@yahoo.com](mailto:ssoule73@yahoo.com) for questions or to offer help. St. John Amelith is located at 1664 Amelith Road, Bay City.

**Creating Confident Caregivers** is a six-week FREE program for family caregivers providing at-home care for a loved one with dementia. It uses the Savvy Caregiver program, designed to provide knowledge, skills, and information to improve caregiving. Classes are two hours per week for six weeks. **Tuesday mornings: March 5 thru April 9, 10:00 a.m. to Noon -or- Wednesday evenings: April 17 thru May 22, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Advance registration is required. **For more information or to register, please call Bonnie Fritz, LPN, at 989-892-6644.**

**Euchre Tournament at Zion Beaver Cash Prizes! Sunday, February 24,** hosted by the Zion-Beaver and St. Paul-Frankenlust High School Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lite lunch at 1 p.m., card play at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 per person and an RSVP is appreciated for planning purposes; text or phone Krista Klein, 989.860.1823. Free-will donation babysitting is available, RSVP required; text or phone Dayna Pomaville 989.450.4301.

For more area activities, please see flyers at the Welcome Center.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...**

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God’s gifts.  
 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.”  
 (Jeremiah 17:7)

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

	<b>December 2018</b>	<b>2018 Year-to-Date</b>
Income	\$ 122,072	\$ 913,273
Expenses	\$ 74,760	\$ 953,551
District Missions	0	\$ (5,753)
Local Missions	0	\$ (3,835)
Net	\$ 47,312	\$ (49,866)

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND:**

Saturday (71), Sunday (62), Monday (25)

**Sunday’s Hymns: 900, 576, 623, 700, 643, 921.**

**This Weekend – February 16-18:**

Sunday worship setting: Divine Setting 3  
 Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Luke 6:17-26

**Next Weekend – February 23-25:**

Sunday worship setting: Divine Setting 1  
 Readings: Genesis 45:3-15; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

- 2018-2019 Monthly Reports**
- Cougar Newsletter**
- February calendar** of events-revised 2/7/19
- “Our Daily Bread”** devotionals for December-February
- Portals of Prayer** devotionals for January-March
- 4th quarter/year end statements**



# Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

February 16-22, 2019

## **Those mourning the loss of loved ones...**

The family and friends of Bob Bergstrom (Alana Rabedioux's brother-in-law)

## **Those ill, hospitalized (or recently hospitalized), or seeking medical treatment...**

Frank Batschke

Brianna Bitzer

Janine Reese

Pastor Steve

Erma Thomas

Ken Thomas

Those with struggles who suffer silently

## **Those with long-term needs...**

Bernice Huber (Paulette Allwardt's mother)

## **For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Daniel & Krista Shooltz – Feb. 18 – 21st

Roy & Karen Schultheiss – Feb. 21 – 38th

## **For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Leah Knoll – Feb. 16

Sophia Beam – Feb. 17

Duane Naffien – Feb. 17

Martina Leslie – Feb. 18

Linda Caspers – Feb. 19

Jackie St. Cyr – Feb. 19

George Pauwels Jr. – Feb. 21

Coleton Bishop – Feb. 22

Susan Wetters – Feb. 16

Cheryl Fox – Feb. 17

Liya Bossbach – Feb. 18

Dylan Young – Feb. 18

Don Haiderer – Feb. 19

Daniel Fournier – Feb. 20

Jan Schnell – Feb. 21

Chase Jacobs – Feb. 22

### **Other prayer concerns...**

- For this congregation as we seek God's will together for the mission and future of our church and school.
- For our National leaders. Give our leaders in Washington wisdom and strength as they carry out their responsibilities.
- That we be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, eyes, and smile.

Use this list as a daily reminder for your personal prayer time.

If you would like a prayer noted in upcoming weeks, please call the church office at 989.894.2611 or you may email the church secretary at [secretary@zionbaycity.org](mailto:secretary@zionbaycity.org). Requests may be made for you, a family member, or a friend.

Those noted on the hospitalized or long-term lists will remain on the insert for three weekends; after that, they or a family member may call to have them remain listed for an additional period of time.



**To the Members of Zion,**

**The Transition Team (TT) members have been meeting for the last 3 months. Here are some of the topics that we have been discussing:**

**Each meeting starts with a Bible Study that is related to the situation that we are going through here at Zion.**

- First Meeting the Bible Study was ROM 12: 3-21**
- Second Meeting the Bible Study was 1 COR 12:4-26**
- Third Meeting the Bible Study was PS 106**

**Take a few minutes and read these Bible verses and see if you see the correlation to the problems at Zion.**

**All of us went through the Cottage Meetings and participated in the Zion History Timeline. The TT went over the Zion History Timeline also, but more in depth. We learned from each other what we each had to deal with and confront on both sides of our problems at Zion. It gave us all a better understanding of the extent of the issues and what was being done to try to resolve the issues.**

**We are united in Christ, here to worship our Lord and Savior. Jesus forgave us for our sins; we need to forgive each other for our sinful ways. Through this unfortunate situation there were sinful actions, words, and thoughts that need to be forgiven, if we are to move forward! By forgiving, as a family of God, we can move forward with strength and determination to make Zion Lutheran Church healthier!**

**The TT has discussed Congregational Assessments, what makes a Stronger Congregation.**

**We have talked about the Characteristics of a Healthy Congregation. The TT is also discussing Zion's Heritage, Mission and Future.**

The TT wants to keep you up to date and informed! Please don't hesitate to ask questions or express concerns! The TT is here to help us all get through this rebuilding time!

Thank you and God's Blessings to Pastor Steve for leading us through this Journey!

God's Blessings to all our Zion Family of God!

### The Transition Team

Sue Barber	397-4074	Ed Barry	529-8815
Kim Bitzer	313-0453	Doug Bolzman	615-8205
Holly Essex	225-6935	Julie Glumm	980-8850
Debbie Jankens	751-0333	Warren Nuffer	450-2466
Jim Pisarski	327-0702	Alana Rabedioux	450-5308
Janine Reese	284-0707	Brian Reinhardt	708-9705
Lori Ruthruff	450-3228	Sheri Schumann	239-3142
Erma Thomas	450-2726	George Walker	714-1027
Bill Wright	714-0430	Pastor Steve	619-3776

The Transition Team is formed to help you prepare for calling your next Pastor. The team will be discussing many topics and from time to time be using questionnaires to get the feeling and opinions from the whole membership. If you have any questions please contact one of the members of the team.





**LWML**

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

*Bay Area Zone  
Prayer/Communion Service*

**Secure in Jesus,  
My Rock and Fortress  
(Psalm 31: 1-3)**

**A Mite Offering Will be received.**

Saturday, February 23, 2019  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Pinconning  
9:00 a.m. Registration  
(\$5.00 donation for breakfast)  
*RSVP to Dorothy Kridler  
989-879-2126 by February 18, 2019*



**TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
510 W. IVY ST., BAY CITY, MI**

If you are a Thrivent member, you have a choice about how you can direct your allocated “Choice Dollars.”

Eligible members have until March 31, 2019 to direct your 2018 Choice Dollars. Here is how you can designate your Choice Dollars:

*BY PHONE:*

1. Call 800.847.4836, say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted
2. The press 1 to direct Choice Dollars (a representative will assist you)

**ONLINE:**

1. Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Click on “log in” at the top right of your screen and enter your User ID and password. (If you haven’t yet registered, click “Register Now”)
2. Look for your designated Choice Dollars amount on the right side of the screen.
3. Click on “Direct Choice Dollars” button
4. Enter “We Raise Foundation” in the box
5. Click the “Direct Now” button, then enter your desired amount.

**Make an Impact with YOUR  
Thrivent Choice Dollars!**