

**Christ's Center
for Excellence**



**In Discipleship
and Outreach**

November 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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***Today's bulletin is sponsored by Warren & Amy Nuffer
in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22nd.***

OUR THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE will be **Wednesday, November 27, at 7 p.m.** Once again this year, there will be no Thanksgiving Day service.

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR:

"There are no new updates from the Call Committee this week. We are still waiting on our first Call list. President Maier considers our congregation a top priority, and Pastor Erv will be serving our needs very well. Please continue your prayers for each of them and for Zion in this process."

CHURCH SECURITY...

Most key holders have exchanged their keys for the new fobs (keys). If you haven't yet done so, please come to the office to make the exchange.

In the event you come to the church on Monday through Thursday, use the church office entry door on the East side of the building. On the right-hand side of the door you will notice a black-faced keypad. Push the white button on the bottom of the keypad and someone will let you in. If you get no response, the office is closed or unstaffed at that time. If you have any questions, please call April at 989.894.2611.

SEEKING HELP FOR ADVENT...

We are preparing for our Advent services and are looking for assistance by members of our congregation to make our ministry a success as we minister to our congregation and our community. Please contact Doug Bolzman (dbolzman@reagan.com) to sign-up for ushering or working the media station.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

ABE Wednesday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Ministry Room A.

CHAIR YOGA Tuesday, November 19, from 1:15-2 p.m. in Ministry Room A. (This will be the last class until mid-January) Questions contact Amanda at 989.714.4419 or abehrens5@msn.com.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS will be set up on **Tuesday, November 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** The Christmas trees in the chancel area will be set up on **Saturday, November 30, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** We need volunteers to help with the decorating – everyone is welcome.

"HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS" PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS PROGRAM: We are collecting personal care items to fill 100 bags for giving at Christmas to those receiving Christmas food bags. List of items needed is available at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Place donations in the basket marked "Personal Care" near the Church Library by **Friday, December 13.** For monetary donations, note "Personal Care Products" in the memo line.

"LUTHERAN WITNESS" SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Lutheran Witness is the official periodical of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Published 11 times a year, LW provides laypeople with stories and information that foster personal growth in faith. **Place or renew your March 2020 through February 2021 subscription** through the church office for \$11.60. Make checks payable to "Zion" – we'll send one congregational check to the district. Deadline is **Monday, December 9.**

LWML QUILTING will meet **Monday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. All ladies are invited to attend.

Let the Holy Spirit work in your heart! Come and join us for **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. Questions, contact Pastor John at 239-6818.

ZION'S RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE TRUST FUND Committee will accept applications for project funding until **Monday, December 2, 2019.** Applications are available in the church office and at the Welcome Center.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS...

Christmas food bags: boxed instant potatoes, canned gravy, boxed stuffing mixes, canned corn, canned yams, canned pineapple, canned cranberry sauce, jello, cake mixes, and canned frosting.

Day-to-day: canned soups, canned pasta, canned diced tomatoes, hamburger or tuna helper.

SCRIP NEWS...

Getting your Thanksgiving feast ready to prepare? Don't forget your Scrip cards for Meijer or Walmart to help with your shopping needs. Going out for Thanksgiving? We have you covered there too with our selection of restaurants.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS...

The next meeting of the Wellspring Lutheran Services/Child and Family Auxiliary Bay Chapter #3 will be on Monday, November 18. The meeting will be at the agency office located at 6019 W.S. Saginaw Rd. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. with the devotions and meeting beginning at 7:15 p.m. Please remember to bring back your gift cards for the Foster Children's Christmas Party to the meeting. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend the meeting.

"Christmas Stockings for Soldiers" – Gephart Funeral Home is participating in this nationwide program. Now through November 22, you may pick up at the funeral home a free Christmas stocking to take home, decorate, and stuff with Christmas cheer. The stockings are also available at Zion's Welcome Center. Inside the stocking is a list of recommended items. Return the stuffed stocking by November 22 and the stockings will be shipped to troops abroad in time for Christmas. For more information: 686.2291 or www.gephartfuneralhome.com.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankentrost, Saginaw, will host its 23rd annual **"Living Nativity-A Journey to Bethlehem"**, on Friday, December 6, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, December 7, 6-8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 8, 6-8 p.m.

Josh Wilson "Noel" Christmas Concert with special guest Jordan St. Cyr, Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6100 Westside Saginaw Rd. \$10 general admission. Tickets are available at St. Paul Lutheran School office or online at Attendstar.com. Please join us for a Christmas concert! Any questions call Kay Arnold. All are certainly welcome!!!

MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM...

Meijer has once again placed the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry on their Simply Giving program. This program provides funds that are distributed among the BCEFPN 11 pantries to assist with keeping shelves stocked.

The program runs from November 1, 2019, through January 4, 2020, and **only at the Meijer store located on Pine Street in Essexville**. For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased, Meijer will contribute a matching \$10. On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, and Friday, December 13, 2019, for every \$10 Simply Giving card purchased, Meijer will donate \$20.

Please consider purchasing a Simply Giving card to support all BCEFPN pantries, which include our Zion pantry.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (NOVEMBER RATES): 3-5 mos. 1.10%; 6-11 mos. 1.35%; 12-23 mos. 2.10%; 24-59 mos. 2.40%; 60 mos. 2.75%

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In honor of family birthdays: Monica (Nov. 16), Robert (Nov. 21), and Becky Steinhoff (Nov. 26), from Bob and Monica Katt...\$100 to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	October 2019	2019 YTD
Income	\$ 66,798.17	\$ 738,449.04
Expenses	\$ 83,991.05	\$ 779,999.75
District Missions	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Missions	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net	\$ (17,192.88)	\$ (41,550.71)

Outstanding Obligations excluding payables: \$58,115.53

Church Extension Loan (paying interest only): \$32,737.62

Remaining mortgage on 1700 Raymond Street property (monthly rental income): \$25,377.91

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

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

*"Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve God."
(Malachi 3:18)*

ATTENDANCE:

Last Weekend: Saturday (139), Sunday (85), Monday (13)

Sunday Hymns: 515, 508, 809, 801, 712, 664

This Weekend – November 16-18

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 3

Readings: Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13; Luke 21:5-28

Next Weekend – November 23-25:

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1

Readings: Malachi 3:13-18; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

Thanksgiving Eve-November 27

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Philippians 4:6-20; Luke 17:11-19

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

2018-2019 Monthly Reports

November calendar of events

November 15, 2019 (No. 12) Cougar Newsletter

NEW "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December - February

Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December

SCHOOL NEWS...

The PTL is now accepting new and like new "gift able" items for the students' Christmas store (December 6). Items may be dropped off at the school or church office or contact Mandy Beam or Holly Essex with any questions.

Please see the Cougar Newsletter, available at the Welcome Center on the slat wall, for more school news.



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns November 16-22, 2019

Those ill, hospitalized (or recently hospitalized), seeking medical treatment or with long term needs...

Dave & Sue Jankens

Dana Stinnett (Ruthruff)

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Adam & Jen Wernecke celebrating 20 yrs. 11/20

Warren & Amy Nuffer celebrating 50 yrs. 11/22

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Monica Katt-11/16

John Peltier-11/16

Greg Gledhill-11/17

D.J. Heredia-11/18

Bill Schuler-11/18

Trenten Cameron-11/19

Gary Feeney-11/20

Bruce Jorck-11/21

Jan Vogtmann-11/21

David Eischer-11/22

Marrie Lang-11/16

Karen Schultheiss-11/16

Celeste Sprague-11/17

Ernie Schoenheit-11/18

Alica Arnold-11/19

Todd Rousse-11/19

Elaine Gilmore-11/20

Bob Katt-11/21

Charles Ward-11/21

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. Requests may be made for you, a family member, or a friend.

Those noted on the ill, hospitalized, seeking medical treatment or long-term list 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.