

**Christ's Center  
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**In Discipleship  
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## **November 23-25, 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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**OUR THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE** with communion is  
**Wednesday, November 27, at 7 p.m.** There is no Thanksgiving Day service.  
The church office will be closed both Thursday, November 28 and  
Friday, November 29.

**2020 GUIDEBOOK EDITION:** Membership information for the 2020 Guidebook edition will be submitted December 2, 2019. Does Zion have your family membership record correct? Have you changed/discontinued your phone number or email address? Do you want that info published? Have you moved? Are all of your children still at home or do they live on their own? Please contact April at 989.894.2611 or [secretary@zionbaycity.org](mailto:secretary@zionbaycity.org) with any changes by **Wednesday, November 27.**

### **WEEKLY UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

*"The Call Committee is still waiting for the first Call list. In the meantime we are continuing to pray for guidance in preparation for making a Call. Work is being done to discuss which questions to ask during the interview process and work is also being done to discuss the compensation package to offer the new pastor. The Call Committee will be meeting as a group when the first Call list comes in. Again, we remind you to pray for the Lord's guidance in this process. Please feel free to ask questions of committee members throughout the process: Brian Reinhardt (Chair), Scott Bitzer, Julie Glumm, Sheri Schumann, Alana Rabedioux, Ralph Knop, Kathy Pisarski, Bob Katt, Jason Essex, and Mandy Beam."*

### **SEEKING HELP...**

We've talked to the folks at the nursing home Close to Home across the street. We are hoping to be able to start up a Thursday morning Bible study there. We ask that you prayerfully consider being the leader of a Bible study at Close to Home, or moving an existing Bible study to be located there. Please contact Brian Reinhardt (989) 708-9705 if you would like to consider doing this.

It was discussed at the Transition Team meeting last night, November 19, that we should continue to reach out to those who live at Close to Home. It was suggested that we send the residents of Close to Home Christmas cards from Zion. We are looking to our members to donate boxes of new Christmas cards that we can send to them. If you would like to donate a box of cards, please drop them off at the church office or the welcome center. Donations should be at the church by Friday, December 6, that will give us two weekends to write the cards. Thank You ~ the Transition Team

**“DEER WIDOW’S WEEKEND BAZAAR”** On Saturday, November 16th Zion hosted our first bazaar at the school with over 60 vendors. In addition to raising funds for Zion, we wanted to open our building to our community and demonstrate our love for the Lord. We thank all of the volunteers who helped the vendors load and unload their products and displays and for those who provided baked goods and worked the concessions and supported our music booth. We received comments from the vendors stating that they never receive any help at any other venue and Zion has definitely made an impression. Many vendors asked to be invited back next year. We also welcomed many people to see our school and everyone was impressed on how organized and smoothly the event ran. Zion brought in \$867 from the vendors and tickets, PTL made \$652 from the concession before expenses, the bake sale earned \$850 that will go toward the class trip to Washington DC, and we received \$77.46 towards the school music fund. We wish to thank Kathy and Jim Pisarski for coordinating this significant effort and the members of Zion who volunteered and those who attended the weekend bazaar, it was great to see you there! This was a very successful effort for Zion to make friends in our community, open our doors to our facilities and introduce our family in Christ.

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

**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS** deadline is **Friday, December 13**. Please see **this weekend’s insert for more information**.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will be set up on this **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.** Please come help us prepare for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons.

**THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be **Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m.** at the Oasis Lounge on Kosciuszko Avenue in Bay City. If you have not previously signed up, call Ilene Dietlein (684.4095) or Joan Stout (684.3062) by Tuesday, December 3, for reservations. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**LADIES GUILD** will meet at Krzysiak’s House Restaurant on **Thursday, December 5, at noon**. Since the Guild will become inactive as of January 1, 2020, this will be our last meeting until further notice. We thank God for all the women who served in this organization. May God bless you.

**"LUTHERAN WITNESS" SUBSCRIPTIONS: 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.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS** will not be held on **Tuesday, November 26, but will resume Tuesday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. Questions, contact Pastor John at 239-6818.

### **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...**

Don't forget Scrip cards for your Christmas shopping. We have Kohls, JC Penney, Walmart, and Target available at the Scrip store after Saturday or Sunday services and in the church office.

### **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS...**

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.

**LWML and Wellspring Auxiliary Bake Sale**, Friday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Wellspring Lutheran Home, Frankenmuth.

**Josh Wilson "Noel" Christmas Concert** Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bay City. \$10 general admission. Any questions call Kay Arnold. All are certainly welcome!!!

### **MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE" PROGRAM...**

The program runs through January 4, 2020, and **only at the Meijer store located on Pine Street in Essexville.** Tuesday, December 3, 2019, and Friday, December 13, 2019, are double match days. All donations on these days will be doubled by Meijer, up to \$10,000 per pantry

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...**

In memory of Ralph A. List, from friends...\$35.00 to the General Fund.

### **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...**

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

*"Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth." (Psalm 67:4)*

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

	<b>October 2019</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>
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)

Individuals 70 ½ or older may make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA which may be part or all of their RMD. Please contact your investment advisor or Sheri Schumann for any questions you may have.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Last Weekend: Saturday (87), Sunday (73), Monday (40)

**Sunday Hymns: 892, 610, 621, 761, 549**

**This 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

**Next Weekend – November 30-December 2**

Sunday Worship Setting: Less Structured

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

2018-2019 Monthly Reports

**NEW** December calendar of events

**NEW** November 22, 2019 (No. 13) Cougar Newsletter

**NEW** "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December - February

Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December

**SCHOOL NEWS...**

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





## Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns November 23-29, 2019

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

Lorraine Ahler

Dave & Sue Jankens

Those with struggles who suffer silently

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

Brent & Lori Bednar celebrating 1 yr. 11/24

Don & Elsie Fleming celebrating 54 yrs. 11/27

Chris & Tracey Goodnight celebrating 22 yrs. 11/29

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

Jenny Gwizdala-11/23

Alexandria Chevalier-11/24

Bee Keith-11/24

Zackary Jorck-11/25

Lori Rabe-11/25

Harriet Roller-11/26

Gabriel DePeal-11/27

Brian Freehling-11/29

James Tacey-11/29

Kaitlyn Royer-11/23

Karsyn Chevalier-11/24

Bruce Goss-11/25

Jarod Morse-11/25

Jeffery Madison Jr.-11/26

Julie Corrion-11/27

Elmer Rosenbrock-11/27

Sharon Keech-11/29

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 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.