

**Christ's Center  
for Excellence**



**In Discipleship  
and Outreach**

## **December 14-16, 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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*This week's bulletin is sponsored by Pastor Bill & Paulette Allwardt in thanksgiving to God for their numerous blessings and in honor of granddaughter Paige's 4th birthday, December 5th.*

### **2019 HOLIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITES**

**Monday, December 23 - No Service**

**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve - All Communion**  
3 p.m. Traditional  
5 p.m. Contemporary  
10 p.m. Candlelight

**Wednesday, December 25 - 9:30 a.m. - Communion**

**Monday, December 30 - No Service**

**Tuesday, December 31 - 4 p.m. - Communion**

**Wednesday, January 1 - No Service**



### **UPCOMING CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, December 23 - 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24 - 7:30 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, December 25 - Friday, December 27 - Closed

Monday, December 30 - 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31 - 7:30 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, January 1 - Friday, January 3 - Closed

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

"The first call list has arrived from district. The Call Committee will be meeting Tuesday, December 17, to discuss the candidates and begin the process of extending a call. As a committee, we will be working through all the information available to identify the man whom God has chosen to be the next pastor at Zion. Please understand that the name of our next pastor may appear on this first list and it may not. We ask you to continue to pray that God helps us all have faith in the process that will follow His timing. Please contact anyone on the committee with questions, and we will answer them to the best of our ability."

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

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** The students would like to recognize all police officers, firefighters, and first responders at this year's Christmas program, Arrest These Merry Gentlemen, which will be presented on Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. A final dress rehearsal will be held Wednesday morning, December 18, at 10 a.m. If you are unable to attend the evening program, join us in the morning! Preceding the school program, enjoy a soup supper at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria sponsored by our Cub Scout Pack 3119 and the Church Transition Team. Following the program, in the cafeteria, join us for cocoa and cookies. Invite all your friends and family.

**LWML QUILTING** will meet **Wednesday, December 17, from 2-4 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. Everyone is welcome! Come check us out!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** Would you like to become a member of Zion? What does it mean to be Lutheran? If you would like a refresh of what we believe or if you wish to become a member, now is a good time. Our classes will be held at Zion on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m., beginning January 12. The classes will meet for 6 weeks but doesn't include Super Bowl Sunday. Please contact the church office to register at 894-2611 or leave a note in the office.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** The last class of 2019 will be held **Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. If you have any questions, contact Pastor John at 239-6818.

## **SCRIP NEWS...**

There will be no scrip order the week of Christmas or New Year's so the last order for the year will be sent in on December 16. Please have your orders with payment to the church office by 3 p.m. on Monday the 16th. Orders should be here on Wednesday the 18th.

**REMINDER...**If you or a loved one is hospitalized, **please contact the church office.** The hospitals do not necessarily contact the church even if you've requested Zion be notified when you're admitted.

## **SEASON OF GIVING NEEDS...**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, last year we were blessed to be able to provide 76 cards to the Caring Tree Fund. Your scrip cards and cash donations were very much appreciated! This year, we set our goal to 60 cards. At this point we are only able to provide 29 cards, but the need for the Caring Tree Fund has grown. Please prayerfully consider giving a cash donation of any amount to help.

Our Holiday Helping Hands program is short our goal as well. For the 100 personal care bags that are going to be given out next Thursday, we still need an additional 43 deodorants and 31 shampoos. Please consider purchasing one or two items and turn into the church office by Monday, December 16.

Thank you to those who have donated and thank you in advance to those who will be donating. God's blessing!

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

**Save the Date & Seeking donations!! VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction** will take place **Saturday, February 29, 2020**, at Apple Mountain Conference Center. The theme is " **CLUE: Secrets in the Grand Ballroom**". We are seeking items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, gift cards, etc.). Thank you for your past support! Tickets will be available for purchase January 8, 2020. For further information or questions, please call Heidi Behnke at 790-1676 at Valley Lutheran High School.

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

Thank you to all who have contributed mites to the LWML large mite box at the Welcome Center. We appreciate your support! Your contributions help with LWML mission projects both in the United States and around the world. Anything you can contribute, from pennies to paper bills, helps us reach our goal to help others. If you need a mite box for your home to deposit loose change, they are also located at the Welcome Center. "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15.

**CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (DECEMBER RATES):** 3-5 mos. 1.10%; 6-11 mos. 1.35%; 12-23 mos. 2.00%; 24-59 mos. 2.30%; 60 mos. 2.65%

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

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts.  
*"Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God." (Psalm 146:5)*

***ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Erma and Ken Thomas in thanksgiving to God for good health and a caring family.***

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

	<b>November 2019</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>
Income	\$ 72,047.25	\$ 810,496.29
Expenses	\$ 71,364.19	\$ 851,363.94
District Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Local Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net	\$ 683.06	\$ (40,867.65)

**YEAR END THANKSGIVING:** *God has blessed us for another year. Those blessings come in many different forms. As the family of God in this place, we ask you to consider a God-directed “Thank Offering” as we close the year 2019. Giving comes in the form of Time, Talents and Treasures; make sure you are giving all three. Our offerings have not kept up with our expenses; however, together we can make a positive difference. Let’s do it!*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Last Weekend: Saturday (92), Sunday (122), Monday (28)  
 Wednesday Advent, December 11: (47)

**This Weekend – December 14-16**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 3  
 Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15  
 Guest Pastor: Rev. Randy Johnson

**Next Weekend – December 21-23:**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1  
 Readings: Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25  
 Saturday’s Guest Pastor: Rev. Kurt Eichinger

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

2018-2019 Monthly Reports  
 December calendar of events  
 “Our Daily Bread” devotionals for December - February  
**NEW** Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March  
**NEW** 2020 Wall Calendars compliments of Gephart Funeral Home

**SCHOOL NEWS...**

Zion’s middle school students Washington DC fundraiser continues...available in the church office during office hours are the World’s finest chocolate bars and boxed candy. The small bars are \$1 each and the boxed candy and king sized bars are \$2 each. Thank you for supporting our middle school students!

Classes will be **dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 20**, as the staff and students begin their Christmas break. Classes resume on Monday, January 6.

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



**Zion's Weekly  
Prayer Concerns  
December 14-20, 2019**

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

Avery's Great Grandma  
Connie Bolduc  
Bill Hunt  
Bob Katt  
Henry Meylan  
Susan Nordstrom  
Aaron Nuffer  
Nancy Persinger

Those with struggles who suffer silently

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Tammy & Charlie Kohler celebrating 3 yrs. on December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Doug & Debbie Bolzman celebrating 30 yrs. on December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Perry & Margaret Ford celebrating 48 yrs. on December 18<sup>th</sup>  
David & Celia Staudacher celebrating 37 yrs. on December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ron & Ann Balzer celebrating 32 yrs. on December 19<sup>th</sup>  
David & Regina Woods Sr. celebrating 55 yrs. on December 19<sup>th</sup>

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Becky Morgan-12/14  
Gretchen Ricklefs-12/14  
Sarah Gwizdala-12/15  
Dan Mutton-12/15  
Carol Wright-12/15  
Virley Herbolsheimer-12/16  
Jennifer Danielski-12/17  
Emma Mitchell-12/17  
Madelynn Palm-12/17  
Patrick Srebinski-12/17  
Joyce Staudacher-12/17  
Scott Lebsack-12/18  
Benjamin Priem-12/18

**For those celebrating Birthdays continued...**

Taylor Rappuhn-12/18  
Isabelle Schacher-12/18  
Morgan Ferguson-12/19  
Cal Freehling-12/20  
Ella Freehling-12/20  
Liz Greene-12/20  
Casie Null-12/20  
Josh Wernecke-12/20

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.