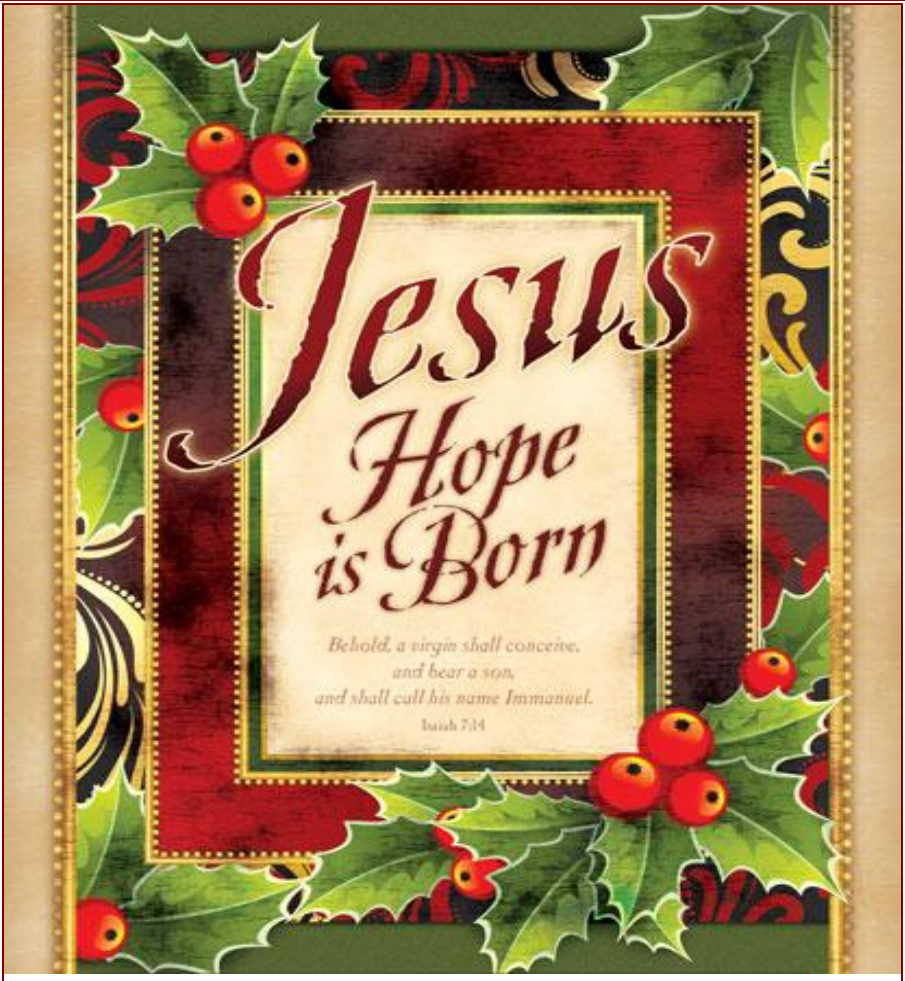

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24

3 p.m.

Traditional Service with Holy Communion

5 p.m.

Contemporary Service with Holy Communion

10 p.m.

Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25

9:30 a.m.

Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Christ's Center for Excellence **In Discipleship and Outreach**

December 21-23, 2019

Zion Lutheran Church, 510 W. Ivy, Bay City, Michigan 48706; 989-894-2611
Worship: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday 9:30am; Monday 7:00pm
Steve Schilke, Intentional Interim Pastor (pastorsteve@zionbaycity.org)
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This week's bulletin is sponsored by Ed & Alice Engelhardt in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary on December 24th.

Monday, December 23, No Service
Monday, December 30, No Service
Tuesday, December 31, 4 p.m., New Year's Eve Service
Wednesday, Jan 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:
"Merry Advent, everyone! We've been blessed by God, (along with the help from all of you, and district), to have received our first call list. All members of the Call Committee were able to meet this past week with our circuit visitor, Pastor Erv. Eleven names appeared on the list, and after Pastor Erv contacted them, most of the pastors on the list are in a position in their lives that they are open to receiving a call. The Call Committee now has a great deal of information about these men and their talents and areas of strength. The Call Committee will be reading this information and praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance in making decisions that lead us to the man that God already knows will be the next pastor here at Zion. We ask that you continue to pray for Zion's future and for this man and his loved ones. The Call Committee will meet again in January."

DATES TO REMEMBER…
ABE will meet **Wednesday, January 15, at 5:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

CAB will meet **Wednesday, January 8, at 6 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS are coming down **Tuesday, January 9**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We can use lots of help!

KFC is cancelled this Saturday, December 21, but will resume next week.

NEW MEMBER CLASS begins Sunday, January 12, from 6-8 p.m. in Ministry Room A. For more information, please contact April at the church office.

SHUT-IN VISITS will take place the week of January 6th.

SCRIP NEWS…
We still have Firehouse Car Wash tickets available for $6. These are good at Mister Car Wash until April 30th and make great last minute stocking stuffers.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS…
In honor of Carol Wright's birthday (December 15), from friends and family…$125.00 to the Zion Trust Fund.
In memory of Agnes Kolb and Robert & Linda Stroope, from Joan & Jeffrey Glasser…$100 to the General Fund.
Love offerings from the Ladies Guild…$91 to the General Fund.
Thank you to our three mid-week Advent supper hosts: Zion's Board of Elders, Couples Club, Transition Team and our Cub Scout Pack. The meals were delicious and the fellowship enjoyable! We're already planning mid-week suppers for Wednesdays during the Lenten season!
Thank you to everyone who helped in some way with our Christmas food and personal care bags and our Caring Tree. This year, we were able to give food bags and personal care packages to 98 families and Christmas gift cards to 51 adults and children. Maybe you provided your service, donated food or personal care products, purchased a Meijer gift card for the Caring Tree, or gave money to the cause- helping to make someone's Christmas happier blesses us all. **Thank you!**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT…
Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts.
"The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1)

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Marilyn Jacobson and Gabe VanOchten in memory of their parents.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	November 2019	**2019 YTD**
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 (126), Sunday (70), Monday (24)

This Weekend – December 21-22:
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

Christmas Eve:
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; 1 John 4:7-16; Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day:
Readings: Isaiah 62:10-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

Next Weekend – December 28-30
Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 4
Readings: Isaiah 63:7-14; Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:13-23
Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Roberts

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:
2018-2019 Monthly Reports
NEW January 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…
Please see the Cougar Newsletter, available at the Welcome Center on the slat wall, for school news.

Pastor Steve, Bobbie Jo, and April wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns
December 21-27, 2019

Those mourning the loss of loved ones…
The family and friends of Theodore "Ted" Schumann

Those ill, hospitalized (or recently hospitalized), seeking medical treatment or with long term needs…
Avery's Great Grandma
Bill Hunt
Bob Katt
Betty Keith
Aaron Nuffer
Nancy Persinger
Rodger Skibin
Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries…
Ed & Alice Engelhardt celebrating 53 yrs. on December 24th

For those celebrating Birthdays…
Jack Breiler-12/21
Ernie Highlen-12/21
Brooke Machelski-12/21
Aaron Nuffer-12/21
Jessie Robishaw-12/21
Braedin Bishop-12/22
Tyler Eischer-12/22
Megan Mueller-12/22
Doug Bolzman-12/23
Chris Klemm-12/24
Paul Roberts-12/24
Carol Boes-12/25
John Caspers-12/25
Mary Riedy-12/26
Jamie Robishaw Sr.-12/26
Christine Weber-12/26

For those celebrating Birthdays continued…

Terri Bailey-12/27
Susan Barber-12/27
Marion DeCatur-12/27
Rebecca Fournier-12/27
Sarah Lawrence-12/27

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.

OUR 2019 POINSETTIAS

Our thanks to all those who sponsored poinsettia plants…

Pastor Bill & Paulette Allwardt…in loving memory of Bernice Huber, Paulette's mother.

Scott & Kim Bitzer…in honor of our granddaughter's, Lailah and Myah Bitzer.

Cheryl & Al Fox; Tammy & Charlie Kohler...in loving memory of Evelyn K. and William F. Richter, mother and father of Cheryl Fox and grandparents of Tammy and Charlie Kohler.

Karen Howell...in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hansen, mother and father of Karen Howell.

Rich & Carol Jezewski…in honor of Milly Nuffer; and in loving memory of our fathers and Rich's mom.

Sharon Keech…in memory of Dr. Ray Keech, husband; and in memory of Laurence and Laura McDonnell, parents.

Bonnie Majka…in loving memory of Stan Majka, husband, father and grandfather.

Neil & Lorri Oldenburg…in honor of our wedding anniversary (December 19).

Shannon Pauwels…in loving memory of my mother, Rose Simmons.

Jim & Alana Rabedioux…in loving memory of our son, Benjamin Rabedioux; and in loving memory of our mother, Catherine Peters; and in loving memory of our sister and brother-in-law, Lucy and Bill May.

Robert & Eileen Roberts…in honor of Lulani, Miguela, Seth and Luke; and in loving memory of Caitlin.

Marilyn Stringer…in honor of Jim and Kathy with God's blessings to the church.

Ken & Erma Thomas…in honor of our family.

Paul & Michelle Wilczynski…in loving memory of Michael and Mabel Frasik.

Paul & Michelle Wilczynski…in loving memory of Daniel and Lucille Wilczynski.

Paul, Andy & Steve Wilczynski…in loving memory of Marilyn Wilczynski.

Bill & Carol Wright... in honor of our families.