

**Christ's Center
for Excellence**



**In Discipleship
and Outreach**

February 15-17, 2020

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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Pastoral Call Process - The call committee is well under way doing the work that the congregation has tasked them to do, to match the information received from the District President with the profile for Zion's next pastor developed by the people of Zion. Eleven names were delivered to the Call Committee just before Christmas from the District President, which constitutes the "call list". Each pastor on that list was contacted by the Circuit Visitor (Pastor Erv Hutter) to determine whether or not they were in a position to consider a call at this time. Three pastors indicated that they were not able to consider a call at this time. A fourth received and accepted a call early in January. Of the remaining 7 pastors, the call committee measured the information in their profiles against the profile of a pastor developed by the congregation. At this time the committee has decided to interview 4 of these pastors. Those interviews will occur during the next couple of weeks, as we are able to schedule them. At the end of the interview process a determination will be made, whether or not to recommend 1 or more of these pastors to the voters. Should that determination be made, a call meeting will be scheduled, with all eligible voters encouraged to participate. All other interested parties (who are not eligible voters) will be welcome to observe. At that time, the Circuit Visitor (Pastor Erv) will chair that meeting. He will give specific information on each of the 11 candidates and the recommendation of the call committee. The voters will then decide whether or not to extend a call to one of the pastors recommended, or even to another pastor on the call list. Should the call committee not come to find a recommendation based on this current call list, they will contact the District President and ask for additional names to add to the call list. In any event the congregation will be notified of the progress being made. The specifics of deliberations and work of the call committee will be explained in detail at the call meeting of the voters, until that point we ask that the process, the call committee, as well as those pastors on the call list be included in the corporate prayers of the congregation, as well as in each of your individual prayers.

–Pastor Erv Hutter, Circuit Visitor.

SHUT IN VISITATION: Do you have 2-3 hours, once a month, to provide a much-anticipated visit with our shut-in members? We need visitors. We go out on the 2nd Wednesday or Thursday of the month in the afternoon, usually with a partner. We visit about three shut-ins for about 30-45 minutes. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cheryl Fox at 684.5961 or Jan Vogtmann at 686.0356.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

BOE will meet **Wednesday, February 19**, at 6 p.m. in Ministry Room A.

HANDBELLS resumes **Tuesday, February 18, at 6 p.m.** in Ministry Room B. Questions, contact Bobbie Jo at 894.2611 or Bupton@zionbaycity.org.

LWML QUILTING, Thursday, February 20, at 2 p.m. in Ministry Room A.

VOTERS' MEETING, Sunday, February 16, following the church service, in Ministry Room A. Agenda includes: call update, committees updates, first approval of the Constitution, Raymond St. property sale, and special funds account changes.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING, Saturday, February 22, following the church service, in Ministry Room A. Agenda: Constitution and By-Laws.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES are held every Tuesday in Ministry Room A at 6:30 p.m. Questions, contact Pastor John at 239-6818.

CHAIR YOGA will meet **Tuesday, February 18**, in Ministry Room A at 1:15 p.m. Please call Amanda Behrens at 989.714.4429 or abehrens@msn.com before attending or for more information.

SCRIP NEWS...

We have just finished our "year" for the Scrip program, so now is the time to change your designation, if you need to, by going to the website or letting someone at the store or in the office know you need a change. As always, any orders need to be in the church office by 3 p.m. on Monday.

BAPTISM: In our Sunday service, William Ludwig Schuler, son of Jonathan Michael and Brigitte Anna (Schulz) Schuler, will be baptized. His sponsors are Ludwig & Alecia Schulz and Kristal Schulz.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS...

VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction will take place **Saturday, February 29, at Apple Mountain Conference Center**. Our Theme is "CLUE: Secrets in the Grand Ballroom". Your support has impacted Valley Lutheran with improvements in programs, equipment, transportation, physical school improvements, and most importantly STUDENT AID. Thank you for your past support of VLHS! We could use your help again - we are asking for items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, gift cards, etc.). There are also opportunities to participate by way of prayer, advertising, sponsorship, or attending the auction. Check out our auction link www.vlhsauction.com for more information and check out our often-updated list of items. For further information or questions, you may call Valley Lutheran at 790.1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul at 989.754.5918 or bkaul@vlhs.com, or Karrie Gatza at 989.415.6776 or Karriekookies@aol.com.

Financial Peace University Class: Never worry about money again with *Financial Peace University* (FPU), the nine-lesson course that gives you the proven plan to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously. The course centers on lessons taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze, followed by small group discussions. Dave Ramsey can be heard on WSGW weekday afternoons. FPU includes your member workbook as well as one year of free access to Financial Peace Membership, where you'll find tons of online resources to help you start winning with money. Winter class starts March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Adam Room at St. Mark Lutheran Church & Preschool in Saginaw. Contact Karin Tessin at karintessin@gmail.com for more info.

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School is holding an auction fundraiser to benefit the building of a new Ministry Center. Sunday, March 22, 4-6 p.m. supper (free will donation) and silent auction, 6 p.m. live auction. Auction will be held in the school gym located at 6094 Westside Saginaw Rd. 65" smart tv, cabin rentals, quilts, Epson printer, a Traverse City wine tour/tasting, corn hole games, and many more items up for bid. Come for supper-stay for the fun!

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (FEBRUARY 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%

DATES FOR BULLETIN AND ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS: Many dates are open for sponsorship of the bulletin and altar flowers. Interested in sponsorship? Contact the church office (894-2611).

DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS®...

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2020**, to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. Help support Zion. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

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

"He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:8-9)

ATTENDANCE:

Last Weekend: Saturday (140), Sunday (77), Monday (15)

This Weekend – February 15-17:

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 3

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Next Weekend – February 22-24

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1

Readings: Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

2019-2020 Monthly Reports

February calendar of events

NEW "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for March-May

Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March

2019 Year End Giving Statements

SCHOOL NEWS...

School Spruce-up, February 29th, from 9 to 1. Join school families and staff giving the school a sprucing up before our March 15-17 accreditation visit. Bring a shop vac to help catch some dust bunnies!

Mr. Kamin has received a Call to serve as teacher and principal at Grace Lutheran School in Fargo, North Dakota. Mr. Kamin will be visiting Fargo from February 29th – March 2nd as part of his process of deliberation. He will make his determination after his visit whether to accept or return the Call to Grace. Church worker calls are not uncommon, and the Holy Spirit leads and guides the schools, churches, and workers through the process. Mr. Kamin is happy to answer any questions you may have about the Call process or about Grace. He may or may not know all the answers, but he's happy to share what he can. Mr. Kamin has not made a decision and will not announce one until he officially notifies Grace and Zion. The deliberation process can sometimes be a roller coaster as the worker truly works to envision himself in each place before finally deciding. Please keep the Kamin family, Zion, and Grace Lutheran School in your prayers during this time.

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



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns February 15-21, 2020

Those mourning the loss of loved ones...

Family and friends of Regina Woods

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

Dick Bauer

Heather Schlorff

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Richard & Joyce Poppe celebrating 62 yrs. on February 15th

Daniel & Krista Shooltz celebrating 22 yrs. on February 18th

Roy & Karen Schultheiss celebrating 39 yrs. on February 21st

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Jay Andrews-2/15

David Kaweck-2/15

Leah Knoll-2/16

Susan Wetters-2/16

Sophia Beam-2/17

Cheryl Fox-2/17

Liya Bossbach-2/18

Martina Leslie-2/18

Dylan Young-2/18

Linda Caspers-2/19

Don Haiderer-2/19

Jackie St. Cyr-2/19

Daniel Fournier-2/20

George Pauwels Jr.-2/21

Jan Schnell-2/21

Baptisms...

William Ludwig Schuler-February 16th

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.