

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

February 22-24, 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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LENT BEGINS with Ash Wednesday on February 26 and continues every Wednesday through April 1. Join us for a pre-service hymn sing 15 minutes prior to each service. Supper will also be served on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Ministry Room A.



LENTEN CALENDAR

Please see the bulletin insert for a schedule of Lenten worship services and Lenten suppers.

This Wednesday's Lent Supper, February 26, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., will be hosted by Zion's Serving Elders. Menu includes: soups and desserts; free will donation at the door.

The 2020 Lenten Devotional "Deliver Us: *JESUS* Sets Us Free" published by the Lutheran Hour, is available at the Welcome Center in both regular and large print.

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR:

I hope you had a chance to see last week's update from Pastor Erv, our Circuit Visitor. If you did, you saw a brief but thorough explanation of the call process so far, and where it will be going. If you missed it, I hope you have a chance to see it in last week's bulletin. This past Sunday, the Call Committee practiced our interview questions with a pastor with whom Pastor Erv got us into contact. This coming Sunday, we will be conducting Skype interviews with two of the four pastors we've decided to interview. We've thoroughly reviewed their written information, and we are hopeful that these interviews will help us understand more about how these men fit with what we as a Zion congregation are looking for. We continue to pray and ask you to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in finding the man whom God has already chosen to be our next pastor.

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...

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.

CDSC will meet **Monday, February 24 at 6 p.m.** in Julie's classroom.

CHAIR YOGA will meet **Tuesday, February 25**, 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 would like to thank all those who took advantage of the Scrip program during this past year. We are happy to report a check has been cut for the school registration/tuition in the amount of \$1,914.74 and one for the general fund in the amount of \$4,017.68. This has been accomplished by the help of 74 persons participating. For those who used it, thanks and please let others know how easy it has been. We would like to see that number go up each year. If 25 families used Scrip cards weekly for gas and groceries, we could generate approximately \$25,000.00!

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.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group of Bay County:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meets at Golden Horizons, 1001 Marsac St., Bay City, MI ~ Facilitator: Stacy McIntyre, LMSW

~The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. ~

Program funded by Region VII Area Agency on Aging and the Alzheimer's Fund of the Bay Area Community Foundation.

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!

NEW GLASSES? NICE! Did you know that MOST Ministries will take your old pair—or all those pairs sitting in your dresser drawers? Our eyeglass teams are requested by churches around the world. Is your Bible study group searching for a service project? In addition to an eyeglass donation, please consider making witness materials (bracelets or puppets) that our teams use to share the gospel! Call MOST Ministries at (734) 994-7909 or visit www.mostministries.org to learn more.

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.

"And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation."

(2 Peter 1:19-20)

SUNDAY HYMNS: 414, 415, 537, 435, 620, 417

ATTENDANCE:

Last Weekend: Saturday (66), Sunday (75), Monday (16)

This Weekend – February 22-24

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1

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

Ash Wednesday – February 26

Divine Setting 5

Next Weekend – February 29-March 2:

Sunday Worship Setting: Less Structured

Readings: Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Guest Pastor: Dave Winningham

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

2019-2020 Monthly Reports

NEW March calendar of events

NEW 2020 LHM Lenten devotional, "Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free"

NEW "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for March-May

Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March

2019 Year End Giving Statements

SCHOOL NEWS...

The Michigan District has approved the Zion Lutheran School accreditation self-study document. The document is 400 pages of information about the school and how the school operates. The teachers, school board, and parent volunteers worked for the last twelve months organizing and creating our self-study.

The next stage will be a visit from representatives from seven other schools on March 15-17 to validate our self-study and give Zion Lutheran School suggestions for improvement over the next five years.

Early Childhood Enrollment has begun for families enrolled in preschool and daycare. March 4th Zion will open the round-up to the public and our child care waiting lists.

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!

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



**Zion's Weekly
Prayer Concerns
February 22-28, 2020**

Those mourning the loss of loved ones...

Family and friends of Marrie Lang
Family and friends of Ervin Schilke

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

Dick Bauer
Gary Jankens
Bob Katt

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Bill & Carol Wright celebrating 47 yrs. on February 24th
Santino & Jodi Holnagel celebrating 15 yrs. on February 25th
Ed & Mary Martin celebrating 39 yrs. on February 26th

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Coleton Bishop-2/22
Chase Jacobs-2/22
Karen Hunt-2/24
Elaine Myers-2/24
Jeff Lang-2/25
Ed Christensen-2/26
Jonathon LaPorte-2/26
Shelby Maillette-2/26
Ruby Yantz-2/27
Dick Bauer-2/28
Shirley Cruise-2/28
Clarissa Reinhardt-2/28
Bill Schrems-2/28

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.