

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

March 28-30, 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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Friends in Christ!

I am coming to you today to give you some information about how Zion will function in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are daily, it seems, more and different information, but one thing is constant, the virus is spreading and it is in Bay County

We read in Joshua 1:9, 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

We need not be frightened but we can be wise. We want to be good citizens and healthy neighbors in our community while at the same time rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ who sees all, knows all, and will see us through this difficult, life changing time.

This may be a positive opportunity for us as Christians to see 'church' in different ways.

Fortunately, Zion has been using the internet for some time with Facebook and streaming services. They are used by many members, friends and maybe friends we don't know yet.

Because information seems to be changing daily, it is clear that any plans we make may have to be adjusted as the situation changes. How we handle this pandemic is changing so to make plans too far into the future may be fruitless still we need to be prepared as best we can. But remain able to accept changes as they come.

The latest from our Governor is for people to stay home! Keep yourself isolated from those you don't know and keep yourself distant from those you do know.

For this weekend watch on Facebook and participate from home in a very informal format. I will deliver a message and prayers from my home.

Bobbie Jo is also working from home and together we will put something together so that you may participate as a family in your home.

It will be available via Facebook at the regular times. This will be pre-recorded. Please do not come to church

We still pray together and alone
We worship together and alone
We love our Lord together and alone
We share together and alone
We give together and alone

Ultimately, we know that our God knows all this and will be with us through it. Thank you and the Lord be with you, as we get through this together.

~ Pastor Steve

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Blessings to you, members of Zion. If you saw last week's update, you saw that the Call Committee finished its Skype interviews with the four pastors that are on our list to interview. I've been in contact with each of them and they all are aware of our timetable to make a call. As of right now, the town hall meeting to discuss what we've found is still scheduled for April 19th, but that is of course subject to change depending on future developments. The Call Committee, as well as much of the rest of church leadership, has been hard at work to put Zion in position to call the man whom God has chosen to be the next pastor at Zion. We are all praying for your health and safety in this challenging time, and we hope you recognize God's presence amidst the uncertainty.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS...

Due to the 21 day "Stay at Home" order issued by Governor Whitmer on March 24th, Zion will not be having an in house worship service on Easter Sunday. Your flower order monies will be returned to you through the church office once the order has been lifted. God Bless.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS...

The "Aspire" Women's Event scheduled for April 24 at St. Martin Lutheran Church has been rescheduled for September 25th. Watch for more information to follow as we get closer to the event. Questions, contact Kay Arnold, 751.0855.

The LWML Spring Rally at St. Paul Lutheran Church for Saturday, April 25, has been canceled.

SCRIP NEWS...

Because the church office is closed there will be no Scrip orders until further notice. Please remember you can go to shopwithscrip.com and get reloads on your current cards that allow it or get ScripNow where you can print out the receipt to use like a card. Physical cards will be available when this is all over and things get back to normal. God bless and stay safe. ~ Nancy Bailey

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS...

Through this program, a percentage of enrolled members' purchases is given to Zion's General Fund. To those who are not currently Community Rewards members and wish to enroll, visit www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com. Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll." Zion's Organization Number is DN323 or locate us as Zion Lutheran Church & School-Bay City. Please ask family members to participate – they do not need to be a member of Zion!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In memory of Marrie Lang, from family & friends...\$215 to the General Music Fund.

UPDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

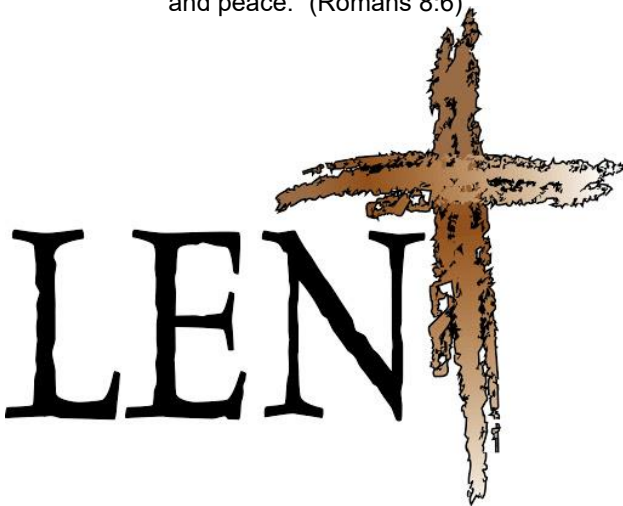
	February 2020	2020 YTD
Income	\$ 65,641.89	\$ 130,296.63
Expenses	\$ 79,201.64	\$ 165,586.49
District Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Local Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net	\$ (13,559.75)	\$ (35,289.86)

SCHOOL NEWS...

The teachers are praying for our return to school to be with our students and families. We will all be together soon! Keep praying and watching Facebook for updates and communication. God has a plan for all our Zion families and we are so blessed you are all with us.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts.
"For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." (Romans 8:6)



Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12 p.m. (written, faxed or e-mailed)
The office reserves the right to edit submitted announcements.



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns March 27-April 3, 2020

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

Gary Jankens
Loretta Kohn
Leslie Kohn
Nancy Trueblood
Gabe VanOchten
Frank Welsh

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Peter & Jennifer Danielski celebrating 6 yrs. on March 29th.
Chuck & Kelly Palm celebrating 15 yrs. on April 2nd.
Larry & Lynda Jackson celebrating 55 yrs. on April 3rd.

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Paul Wilczynski-3/28
Ryan Collier-3/29
Tim Krupa-3/29
Kristine Spence-3/29
Savanna DePeal-3/30
Ian Bonney-3/31
Nancy McFadyen-3/31
Ryan Remer-3/31
Jenae Schultheiss-3/31
Anthony Upton-3/31
Cheryl Ferguson-4/1
Chris Goodnight-4/1
Joshua Hurley-4/1
Rich Jezewski-4/1
Julie Valley-4/1
Sam Balzer-4/2
Shelly Johnson-4/2
Silas Wood-4/2
Brayden Leddy-4/3
Maureen Sielinski-4/3

Homebound/Nursing Home Patients (published once a month)...

Tilly Arnold
Frank Batschke

Homebound/Nursing Home Patients continued...

Ruth Batschke
Juanita Bauer
Richard Bauer
Ardythe Biskupski
Eugene Biskupski
Judy Buerkel
Lucille Crook
Marion DeCatur
Sue Freudenburg
Leonard Kaczorowski
Joe Kato
Patricia Keene
Betty Keith
Bruce Lockwood
Lillian Lockwood
Dorothy Loessel
Della Marotzke
Barbara Metz
Richard Nagel
Verna Rahn
Jane Royer
Mary Ann Reinhardt
Mary Riedy
Helen Schoenheit
Barbara Sursely
Nancy Tenny
Nancy Trueblood

Use this list as a daily reminder for your personal prayer time.

Dear God,

It's Your name that is honored from generation to generation. You alone are worthy of all glory and praise. And You are not shocked by the state of the world right now. Your ways are not our ways, and You are not at a loss about what to do. Nothing is impossible for You. So today, we are proclaiming that You will be glorified through this pandemic. That Your name will be known and praised throughout the earth. Pierce the darkness with Your light. Shine brighter than the fear of death, economic ruin, or a long quarantine. When we look back on this moment in history, would we be filled with joy as we remember the revival, hope, and peace that came out of this season. Continue to draw this hurting world back to You.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.