

**Christ's Center
for Excellence**



**In Discipleship
and Outreach**

March 7-9, 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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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS this Sunday, March 8, at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

While Pastor Steve is out of town (February 28-March 13), we welcome the following guest pastors to Zion:

- Saturday-Monday, March 7-9, Pastor Kurt Eichinger
- Wednesday, March 11, Pastor Bill Allwardt

In case of emergency during this time, contact the church office (894.2611) during office hours or Brian Reinhardt, Chairperson of the Board of Elders (708.9705) during non-office hours.

LENT CONTINUES with WEDNESDAY's service on March 11 at 7 p.m.

This week's theme is "Return to the Lord...Who Will Restore You". Join us for a pre-service hymn sing 15 minutes prior to the service.

LENT SUPPER: Zions LWML invite you to this week's supper, Wednesday, March 11, in Ministry Room A, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The menu features beef and chicken tacos, chips, and desserts.

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR:

On Sunday, February 25th, the members of the Call Committee conducted two Skype interviews of the four pastors on our list. Both interviews went very well and the committee considers them both to be a great success. We will be interviewing the other two candidates this Sunday, March 8th. After those interviews, we will be able to know if a second interview will be desired for any of the candidates, and we will be ever closer to bringing our recommendation to voters. These candidates are praying for Zion and the Holy Spirit's guidance to the Call Committee, and we ask that you do the same for them as they may be considering a Call.

IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS to beautify the sanctuary for Easter worship services. Use the form available at the Welcome Center or in the office to order your flowers. Orders with payment are due in the church office by **Tuesday, March 24.**

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.

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...

CAB will meet **Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m.** (location to be determined)

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet **Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, call Ilene Dietlein (684-4095).

LWML QUILTING will meet **Monday, March 16, at 2 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. Everyone is welcome! Come check us out!

LWML quilters are in need of gently used sheets or blankets. No comforters or thick blankets please. You can leave them in or near the LWML container in the hallway across from the church office.

SHUT-IN VISITS will take place the week of March 9th.

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 Tuesday, March 10, 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 are having a close-out sale on the Firehouse Car Wash tickets. They are still good at Mister Car Wash until April 30th. We have about 26 left and are letting them go for only \$5.00 each. Get yours now while the weather is good.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS...

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.

Fish Fry – Trinity-St. James (Munger) – Fridays, March 13 and 27,
11 a.m.-7 p.m. Adults \$12 / Children \$6 (6-12) take-outs available.

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 (MARCH RATES): 3-5 mos. 1.10%;
6-11 mos. 1.35%; 12-23 mos. 1.90%; 24-59 mos. 2.25%; 60 mos. 2.55%

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In memory of Stan Majka's birthday (3/9), from Bonnie Majka...\$80.00 to the General Fund.

In honor of my son, Brooks Morin baptism (3/1), from Trevor Morin...\$100.00 to the General Fund.

In memory of Ervin Schilke, from Erma & Ken Thomas...\$25.00 to the General Fund.

To the members of Zion: Thank you for your outpouring of prayers, cards, flowers and visits. Our family was so touched by the love you extended to Sharon and I at the passing of my father. ~ Pastor Steve Schilke

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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	January 2020	2020 YTD
Income	\$ 64,478.74	\$ 64,478.74
Expenses	\$ 86,384.85	\$ 86,384.85
District Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Local Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net	\$ (21,906.11)	\$ (21,906.11)

ATTENDANCE:

Last Weekend: Saturday (80), Sunday (93), Monday (25)

March 4th Lent Service (34)

This Sunday's hymns: 437, 708, 571, 430, 922

This Weekend – March 7-9

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1

Readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Guest Pastor: Kurt Eichinger

Next Weekend – March 14-16:

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 3

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-26

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

2019-2020 Monthly Reports

March calendar of events

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

"Our Daily Bread" devotionals for March-May

Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March

2019 Year End Giving Statements

LWML QUARTERLIES: The new Quarterlies have arrived; subscribers' names are on the individual issue; pick it up at the Welcome Center. Also, there is one extra copy that anyone may borrow and return when read.

SCHOOL NEWS...

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

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

"That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring-not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist." (Romans 4:16-17)



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns March 7-13, 2020

Those mourning the loss of loved ones...
Family and friends of Duane Grove

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

Elaine Irmen
Gary Jankens
Bob Katt
Leslie Kohn
Laurelyn Skibin
Beth Todd

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...
Leslie & Loretta Kohn celebrating 67 yrs. on March 13

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Robert Burpee-3/7
Aliana Crowl-3/7
Lawrence Eichhorn-3/7
Jerry McPhee-3/7
Mattisyn Toporski-3/8
Cadence Willman-3/8
Katie Hunt-3/9
Jordan Lebsack-3/9
Jeff Piotrowski-3/9
Philip Engelhardt Jr.-3/10
Ty Schumann-3/10
Christopher Staudacher-3/10
Eloise Lisk-3/11
Bill Klopff II-3/12
Rebecca Mika-3/12
Brian Rabedioux-3/12
JoAnn Riffelmacher-3/12
Krista Shooltz-3/12
Jammie Davis-3/13
Jill Duran-3/13

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.