

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

March 21-23, 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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As you are aware, the Board of Elders have decided to suspend all person to person worship services through April 6th. Zion will offer a live streaming service on Saturday evenings as well as the two remaining midweek Lenten services. These services will be made available for viewing on Zion's Facebook page. You may access through a regular browser, if you don't have Facebook, using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/ZionBayCity/>.

There are numerous Sunday morning worship opportunities including: The Lutheran Hour at 8 a.m., Immanuel-Bay City on WSAM radio at 9 a.m., and Worship Anew on TCT channel at 11:30 a.m.

Please check your email, the church website, and/or Facebook for the weekly bulletin, prayer concerns insert, and/or any additional updates.

God's Blessings.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

BOE will meet **Tuesday, March 24**, at 6 p.m.

CHAIR YOGA has been canceled through April 7th. Any questions, Amanda Behrens may be reached at 989.714.4429.

EASTER FLOWERS order with payment deadline is **this Tuesday, March 24.**

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

My desire in assisting with confirmation instruction is to help each student build a firm foundation for their faith life in Christ. In baptism God has given each of us real faith in Christ, just as in birth we were given physical life. And just as there are dangers to our physical health that are not easily seen or quickly felt in our bodies, there are dangers to our God given faith in Christ. And while I believe protecting physical life is most valuable in the midst of this national emergency, I also know that in light of physical dangers we must not neglect what is even more precious, our life with Jesus.

Therefore for the next four weeks (in order that we might "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.") we will not meet for confirmation classes. I will try and create two or three new reinforcement games and get the links loaded on the church's web site along with the other games at the very bottom of the Ministries-Confirmation web site.

If you have any questions I can be reached at 989-239-6818. May God continue to watch over each and every one of us and give us confidence and peace.

Blessings, Peace, Joy, Hope & Laughter,
John Wernecke
Hebrews 13:20-21



Spring Rally

Saturday, April 25, 2020

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Registration – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast – 9 a.m.

Guest Speakers: Cheri Fish & Linda Klimmek

MOST mission trip to South Africa

RSVP by April 17 to Linda Klimmek at

lklimmek@yahoo.com or Kay Arnold at

989.751.0855.

(\$5.00 donation requested for breakfast)

As spring fever sets in and you begin your annual spring cleaning, please think of our upcoming 2nd annual "Trash to Treasure" sale. Consider donating what you no longer need (non-clothing items) to this fundraiser to help eliminate our General Fund deficit. There will be more information to come about where these items will be stored at Zion. For more information, please contact Kathy Pisarski at (989) 327-4744.



SCRIP NEWS...

Because there will not be regular services and the Scrip Stores will not be there, I will be placing the next order on March 30th. Please have orders and monies at the church office by 3 p.m. that day. Cards may still be purchased at the church office during this time. Thanks. ~ Nancy Bailey

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY...

Just like the marines, Zion is looking for a few good folks (guys or gals) to join our mowing crew. Volunteers work one day a month from mid-April through October. Anyone interested in joining the crew, please contact Carl Krueger at 684.2990 or 326.0366. It's rewarding seeing Zion's property looking good!



LOCAL HAPPENINGS...

Ladies of Zion Save the Date for a Women's Event called *Aspire*.

Its 1 night, 3 hours full of laughter, learning, stories and music on April 24, at St Martin Lutheran Church in Birch Run!!

Watch for more information to come and look for flyers at the Welcome Center, any questions contact Kay Arnold, 751-0855.

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%

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!

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)

DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®...

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2020**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Zion Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

This Weekend – March 21-23:

Readings: Isaiah 42:14-21; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Next Weekend – March 28-30

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-45

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

March calendar of events

“Our Daily Bread” devotionals for March-May

Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March

2019 Year End Giving Statements

SCHOOL NEWS...

Friday, March 13th, when the teachers met each other in the hallway the first thing on all our minds were our students. We knew we would miss them, we knew as teachers we could do something to help their parents protect them from the stress of the uncertainty. The teachers made a plan to meet Monday morning, and we created distance learning opportunities for our school. Our biggest goal was to keep brains active, and to keep the excitement of learning rather than have a fear of the unknown. As we planned, the teachers also knew that we needed to feed their hearts as well as their minds. The teachers recorded devotions for each day of the month for the students to watch at home. Our prayer at school today, tomorrow, and each day we are away from our students is for their safe-keeping and health in the name of our Father, God. Stay well, all of you, God certainly has a plan for us all.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

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

“He answered, ‘Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’” (John 9:25)

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 21-27, 2020

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

Elaine Irmen
Gary Jankens
Leslie Kohn
Beth Todd
Gabe VanOchten
Frank Welsh

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Jack & Mackenzie Ruthruff celebrating 7 yrs. on March 23rd.

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Hannah Fry-3/22
Jason Nagel-3/22
Kay Nagel-3/22
Wyatt Bossbach-3/23
Samantha Glazier-3/23
Robyn Grimsley-3/23
Doris Hunt-3/23
Kristen Krawczyk-3/23
David Osbourn-3/23
Adam Petro-3/23
Dave Petro-3/23
Susan Watson-3/23
John Wernecke-3/23
Lori Bukowski-3/24
Nancy Fischer-3/24
Frank Batschke Jr.-3/25
Mark Fowler-3/25
Jessica Gillespie-3/25
Rebecca Gillespie-3/25
Gary Morgan-3/25
Ed Barry-3/26
Lukas Johnson-3/26
Shirley Shields-Eisenhauer-3/27

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

Dear God-

Thank you for your loving presence at all times and in all ways.

We praise you for who you are, our holy
and most worthy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today as we face together this virus, help us remember
the words Jesus spoke to us the night before he died:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"

(John 14:27)

O Lord, we receive your peace, a peace that is
not dependent on the world nor its circumstances.

We receive the deep peace of the Prince of Peace.

May this peace guard not only our hearts, but also the
hearts of all the world, especially those affected by this virus.

We pray you will draw all people to find rest in you,
dear God, for you alone cause us to dwell in tranquility.

Please bless our civil and religious leaders, and guide
them to make the right decisions for the good of all.

We ask you to remove this scourge from us, and
through it to bring us all closer to you, our beloved Lord.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen