



## ***Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach*** **September 20, 2020**

Zion Lutheran Church, 510 W. Ivy, Bay City, Michigan 48706; 989-894-2611

**Worship: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday 9:30am**

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**BoE, Wednesday, September 23, at 5:30 p.m.**

**HAND BELLS, Tuesdays at 5 p.m.** All grades 6th to adult are welcome.  
Contact Bobbie Jo if you plan to attend.

**LWML QUILTING, Monday, September 28, from 2-4 p.m.**

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONFIRMATION CLASS, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**



Week 1 of the 7 week sermon series, "**HEART ISSUES ARE HARD ISSUES**" begins this Saturday and Sunday. Please join us as we seek the Holy Spirit's wisdom and power to be our best selves as Christ's ambassadors to a sin-fallen world.

### **LWML NEWS...**

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.

### **SCHOOL NEWS...**

Many members might have noticed that the school has not had our traditional opening dedication for students and teachers. Pastor and I are doing our best to 'balance' the state requirements for the number of attendees to a function indoors with all the other social distancing

requirements. We all know seeing bright young faces in church is what is the best part of having the school as our mission focus. Let me assure you, those bright shiny faces are here in school, occasionally masked in the lower grades, and masked all day in grades 6th -8th, but we are here, and so thankful to be learning in a face-to-face setting. We are learning and Jesus is the center of each and every day.

Our enrollment this year for grades preschool to eighth grade is 102 students! Our daycare is also growing. We have the opportunity to begin planting the seeds of faith for children in four rooms!

The kitchen would also like to thank all of the families that donated paper products for our hot lunch program. We have a large supply to see us through until after Christmas.

### **QUILTS FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN**

Many Women’s Quilting Groups across the church may have recently learned Covid-19 is keeping them from contributing quilts where they previously have done so. Nevertheless, quilters have a very viable option. Orphan Grain Train—Michigan located in Sebewaing continues to receive and distribute quilts, blankets, clothing, and medical equipment without restriction. Far from being constrained, Orphan Grain Train remains busy processing donated goods for distribution. Quilts are among the most appreciated items from caring women who devote great effort making them. In February an international shipment from the OGT-M Center in Sebewaing arrived in Kyrgyzstan to benefit struggling people just as the pandemic hit that region of Asia. The Michigan warehouse of Orphan Grain Train is now being stocked for further Christian humanitarian aid world-wide. Another shipment is planned for this autumn likely to Central America. For information about donating quilts or other goods, contact branch manager, Pastor David Reed (989-600-2264).

### **LEAP NEWS NUGGET**

#### **Our Lutheran Schools – Open for Business?**

Back in mid-March of 2020, our area Lutheran schools necessarily closed their doors as far as providing on-site learning to their students was concerned. However, extensive steps were taken to make certain that “education” continued to be “delivered” to students in ways other than “on-site” within school buildings.

In a *LEAP* News Nugget released at the beginning of June, rather amazing accounts were shared by administrators of many of our area *LEAP* (“*Lutheran Education Advancement Plan*”) Lutheran schools regarding steps which were being taken, through the ministries of their schools, to

continue to deliver dedicated, mostly off-site Christ-centered, quality instruction to students. Those accounts, you may recall, were noteworthy, exciting, and inspiring! Once again, we praise our God for blessings to and through our Lutheran schools!

Three principals of our Lutheran schools briefly speak of the beginnings of their respective 2020-21 school years . . .

Principal, Eric Hagenow, at St. Peter Lutheran School in Hemlock, writes. . . “St. Peter, Hemlock, has begun our 140<sup>th</sup> year of Christian Education. The Lord has directed, protected, and fed the thousands of students who have walked the halls of our school throughout wars, depressions, economic turmoil and even global pandemics, and He will continue to do the same for our students this year as He takes our hands and leads us with His grace and favor.”

Principal, Susan Klauer, at Trinity (Monitor), Bay City, writes . . . “Trinity, Bay City, has a plan in place to provide a safe in-person school environment as well as remote learning for those unable to come at this time. We are excited to be back!”

Principal, Colett Dominowski, at Zion (Beaver), Auburn, writes . . . “Zion Lutheran of Auburn is proud to continue the three things we’ve always been good at: giving children a Christ-centered education, educating children with a great curriculum, and keeping them safe. We look forward to welcoming students back into school (already) on August 24.”

May God bless all of our 21 “LEAP area Lutheran Schools,” their ministries, and each and all of the members of their school families!

### **LOCAL EVENTS...**

The Athletic Club of Trinity Lutheran Church (20 E Salzburg Rd.) will be hosting a **Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 26**. Cost will be \$10 per meal and will be served from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Chicken dinners will consist of ½ chicken, baked beans, squash, coleslaw, a roll, and bottle of water. All meals will be prepackage and take-out style only. To keep everyone safe, all recommended state guidelines will be followed. Our last Chicken BBQ sold out in under an hour!... so we will be cooking twice as many chickens this time. Hope to see you there!

“Due to the Coronavirus and the governmental mandates surrounding this virus, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Midland, MI, has decided to **cancel** our annual **Harvest Dinner 2020** which is normally held the third Thursday in October. This is being done to also protect our many volunteers who assist with putting on this dinner, as well as the public who attends it.”

**UPDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

	<b>August 2020</b>	<b>2020 YTD</b>
Income	\$ 165,052.95*	\$ 733,533.03
Expenses	\$ 70,422.18	\$ 549,983.58
District Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Local Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net	\$ 94,630.77	\$ 183,549.45

\*August COVID 19/CARES ACT Funds: \$65,717.21, YTD COVID 19/CARES ACT Funds \$227,729.02

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...**

In thanksgiving to God, from Karen Savage...\$67 to the Food Pantry Fund.

*"Thank you for all your prayers." ~ Marcia Kostick*

*"Thank you for your many prayers." ~ Karen Savage*

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT ...**

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

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel." Philippians 1:27

**September 12-13 attendance: 99**

**Sunday's Hymns: 686, 696**

**This Weekend – September 19-20**

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**Next Weekend – September 26-27**

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-32; Philippians 2:1-18; Matthew 21:23-32

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

"Our Daily Bread" devotionals for September-November

**NEW** Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December

Valley Vision-September

**Do not be overcome by evil,  
but overcome evil with good.  
Romans 12:21 ESV**





## **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns**

**September 19-25, 2020**

**Those mourning the loss of loved ones...**  
Family & Friends of Joe Kato

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

Deborah Cole  
Marcia Kostick  
Rhonda Kuehn  
Lillian Lockwood  
Roseanne

Those with struggles who suffer silently

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Jacob Wood & Kayla DeShaw celebrating 1 yr. on September 20  
James & Marilyn Drzyzga celebrating 57 yrs. on September 21  
Shellie & Ken Franz celebrating 24 yrs. on September 21  
John & Dawn Jurik celebrating 19 yrs. on September 22  
Scott & Wanda Witzke celebrating 41 yrs. on September 22  
Pastor Steve & Sharon Schilke celebrating 53 yrs. on September 23  
Keith & Lisa Knoll celebrating 11 yrs. on September 25  
Jeff & Deire Piotrowski celebrating 16 yrs. on September 25

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Brian Clemens - 9/18  
Zayne Bouchard - 9/19  
Deborah Cole - 9/19  
Linda Walcutt - 9/19  
Talan Debo - 9/20  
Ashley Machelsi - 9/20  
Pastor Steve Schilke - 9/20  
Celia Staudacher - 9/20  
Samantha Nagel - 9/21  
Eileen Roberts - 9/22  
Mike Petiet - 9/23  
Kimberly Stanley - 9/23  
Richard Watson - 9/23

**Birthdays continued....**

Mariah Colberg – 9/24  
Arlene Krantz – 9/24  
Sandy Kuizenga – 9/24  
Jonathan Lebsack – 9/24  
Tyler Meisel – 9/24  
Bethany Rusch – 9/24  
Stacie Story – 9/24  
Dan Bauer – 9/25  
Kristen Komara – 9/25  
Joan Moeller – 9/25  
Teresa Norton – 9/25  
Lorri Oldenburg – 9/25  
Aiden Sprague – 9/25  
Stephen Wilczynski- 9/25

**Other prayer concerns...**

+For guidance and wisdom as our Call Committee continues its mission.

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 April at [secretary@zionbaycity.org](mailto:secretary@zionbaycity.org). Requests may be made for you, a family member, or a friend.

Those noted on the hospitalized or long-term lists will remain on the insert for three weekends; after that, they or a family member may call to have them remain listed for an additional period of time.

***Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness  
to the soul and health to the body.  
Proverbs 16:24 (ESV)***