



Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach **September 12-13, 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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**This Saturday, September 12, from 4-4:30 p.m.,
individual communion will be available in the Great Hall.**

**Next Saturday's outdoor service will not be available online
and there will be no communion.**

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE...

The new names for the call list have arrived! Pastor Erv contacted the eight gentlemen whose names were sent by district. Of those eight, four of them responded that they are able and open to receive a call at this time. The Call Committee will be reviewing the information for these four gentlemen, and will be meeting this coming week to discuss which men we would like to interview. Interviews will follow as soon as we are able to set them up. As always, please pray for Zion, this process, and the man whom God has already chosen to be the next pastor at Zion.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

ZION FAMILY PICNIC, September 19, from 4-7 p.m.



There will be musical entertainment at 4, a Contemporary Worship service at 5, with Food and Fellowship at 6. This is a free event. **PLEASE RSVP by Monday, September 14 so food quantities may be determined.** A signup sheet is available at both attendance tables in the Great Hall and Narthex or you may contact Kay Arnold at 751.0855 or kay2780@att.net. Please join us even if you can't stay to eat!

CAB will meet Tuesday, September 15, at 6 p.m. in Ministry Room A.

LWML QUILTING will meet **Monday, September 14**, in Ministry Room A from 2-4 p.m.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin this **Tuesday, September 15** at 6:30 p.m. This first class will be the parent/student orientation. Questions, please contact Pastor John at 239.6818.

"HEART ISSUES ARE HARD ISSUES"



Please prayerfully consider joining us, live or online, September 19 and 20 – October 31 and November 1, as we seek the Holy Spirit's wisdom and power to be our best selves as Christ's ambassadors to a sin-fallen world. Several pastors from the Michigan District have put together a sermon series, based on the appointed readings, that intentionally addresses the racial tension in our nation and how God's chosen saints in Christ

Jesus can think, speak, pray, and act.

LWML NEWS...

September to Remember — LWML's Giving Tuesday

This year, LWML will celebrate GivingTuesday on September 15. Anyone may remember or honor loved ones, mentors, LWML sisters, or pastoral counselors — someone who kindled their love for doing the Lord's kingdom work. On the LWML website, www.lwml.org, beginning September 1 and culminating on September 15, there will be articles from women and pastors telling their stories of special people who influenced and encouraged, guided and inspired, and cheered them along on their LWML journey.

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.

MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR NEWS...

It is with great sadness in this difficult time I have to make this announcement. Since we are not allowed to have orchestras or choirs until Michigan is in Stage 5 of the Governor's Stay Safe Plan, except for outside practices, we will not be starting up at this time. I will have a box for you to return your music. It will be located outside of Ministry room B. I will keep you posted when things change.

Small groups like Rock are able to continue w/social distance practices. We wear our masks, except when we are singing. Then we are away from the congregation & social distanced. Communion has been rerouted as to keep a distance between the congregation & myself so I can provide that music.

If anyone would like to sing a solo, duet, or join our Handbell choir, please let me know. We can come up with a safe plan for practice & performance. I will also send posts for you about virtual choirs you can join from the safety of your home. May God bless & keeps us safe & healthy. Keep singing & praising God wherever you are. He has a plan & a purpose. His timing is perfect, & He alone is in control! ~ Sincerely, Bobbie Jo Upton

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.

SCRIP NEWS...

Scrip orders with payments are due in the church office by Mondays at 3:30. Orders can be dropped off or done online at shopwithscrip.com. You will be notified when your order is ready for pickup.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

“Thank you to all who have recently donated to the Food Pantry. Without your donations this wouldn’t be possible. We are starting to think about our Thanksgiving baskets. Our updated list of needs will be posted soon.”
~ Food Pantry Committee

CHARITY NAVIGATOR AWARDS ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN ITS HIGHEST RATING

It is good for those undertaking charitable giving to know an organization's record and financial rating. Orphan Grain Train has recently received the annual rating of Charity Navigator, the premier surveyor of charitable integrity. Orphan Grain Train is among Charity Navigator's Top Ten List and ranks #6 out of 9,000 reviewed charities which accept only private donations. We are grateful for the public transparency of Orphan Grain Train and its record which continually places OGT among the most trusted and financially accountable charities. OGT again received '4 Stars,' Charity Navigator's highest rating and a 100% Overall Score & Rating for Financial, and Accountability & Transparency. Please note 98.2% of all financial donations directly help those in need; only 1.8% is allocated to administrative or marketing costs. The Michigan branch of OGT is entirely self-supporting and all-volunteer. 100% of branch donations to Orphan Grain Train—Michigan are directed to fund the mission.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT ...

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts.
"So then each of us will give an account of himself to God." Romans 14:12

September 5-6 Attendance: 77

Sunday's Hymns: 496, 685

This Weekend – September 12-13

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Next Weekend – September 19-20

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

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

NEW "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for September-November
Portals of Prayer devotionals for July-September
Zion's Family Picnic RSVP sign-up-**deadline Monday-9/14**
Valley Vision-September

**Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me
and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way
in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Psalm 139:23-24 ESV



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

September 12-18, 2020

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

Deborah Cole

Joe Kato

Marcia Kostick

Rhonda Kuehn

Ken Thomas

Roseanne

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Dan & Irene Bauer celebrating 28 yrs. on September 12
Ryan & Desirae Anker celebrating 9 yrs. on September 16
Paul & Lisa Cameron celebrating 31 yrs. on September 16
Kevin & Lora Lisk celebrating 35 yrs. on September 17

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Heidi Schofield - 9/12
Candy Ahrens - 9/13
Jaylyn Bernau - 9/13
Lisa Cameron - 9/13
Arlene Henderson - 9/13
Delores Meagher - 9/13
Jessica Russell - 9/13
Andrea Plouff - 9/14
Shawna Ward - 9/14
Kim Weiss - 9/14
Sandy Barcia - 9/15
Brandon Bitzer - 9/15
Dylan Goodman - 9/15
Ted Maschke - 9/15
Millie Nuffer - 9/15
Trajan Ward - 9/15
Amanda Meisel - 9/16
Edward Schultz - 9/16

Birthdays continued...
Becky Welton 9/16
Gabe Wernecke - 9/16
Shellie Franz - 9/17
Patricia Keene - 9/17
Matthew Setula - 9/17
Steve Bernejo - 9/18
Callan Jankens - 9/18
Eileen Partlo - 9/18

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. 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.

A Prayer for Joy and Hope

*Father, please restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Remove the spirit of heaviness from me, and refresh me with a spirit of hope. Please grant me joy and peace, and renew my strength. Protect me and my family from trouble, Lord. And give us a song of praise for You.
Amen.*