



## ***Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach*** **October 3-4, 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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### **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE...**

The Call Committee met this week to discuss what was learned in the three interviews we had with pastors on the new call list. Pastor Erv and the Call Committee are prepared to share the information with the Voters' assembly, and we will have a voters' meeting next Sunday, October 11th at Noon in the church to decide if one of these pastors will receive a call from Zion. It is planned that we will send out an invitation to a Zoom meeting so that anyone who is unable to attend the meeting will be able to see the information and will be able to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide the decisions of the voters present at the meeting. As always, please pray for Zion, the Call Committee, and the pastors on the list, as well as the churches to which they are currently called. I'll remind you that if you'd like to see the same information the Call Committee was able to read, please stop by the church office this week, and you may look through the binder.



Week 3 of the 7 week sermon series, "**HEART ISSUES ARE HARD ISSUES**" continues this Saturday and Sunday. The theme is "Bringing the Fruit of His Steadfast Love". 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.

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

**VOTERS' MEETING, Sunday, October 11, at noon in the church.**

**CHAPEL, Wednesday, October 7, at 8:15 a.m.**

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

**CONSTITUTION MEETING, Thursday, October 15, 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.

**INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION, Saturday, October 10, from 4-4:30 p.m.** in the Great Hall.

All ladies of Zion, please join us for an **LWML meeting on Monday, October 12, at 7 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. Please bring your mites and a scripture, poem, song, and/or thoughts that have helped you get through this season of the pandemic. Any questions contact Kay Arnold, 751-0855.

**LWML QUILTING, Monday, October 12, from 2-4 p.m.**

**ROCK OF ZION, Mondays at 5 p.m.** Contact Bobbie Jo with questions.

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

Here are a few tidbits as to what is going on in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom: "We are decorating rocks this week. Look for them by the church doors next week! We are busy reading, writing, subtracting, and learning about Bible stories in the Old Testament. We are happy to be in school, God is good!" ~ Sadie Priem

### **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](http://shopwithscrip.com). You will be notified when your order is ready for pickup.

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY** to think about this year's "Holiday Helping Hands" program! Personal care items are needed to fill 100+ bags for disbursement at Christmas to those receiving food baskets. Items needed include shampoo, bar soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and new washcloths. You may place your donations in the basket labeled "Personal Care" near the Church Library unit in the office hallway. For monetary donations, note "Personal Care" in the memo line.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:** Pick up a baby bottle at the Welcome Center or at one of the sign-in tables this weekend and help support Beacon of Hope. Fill your bottles with cash, coin or checks (made payable to Beacon of Hope) and return the bottle to the church office by **Monday, October 26**. Donations of any size are welcome.

Zion is starting to gear up for the **HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM**. In the years past, we would make a list of items needed and staple them to a bag, but with our current pandemic, it is probably not the wisest way to share our needs.

If you'd like to help with items for our baskets, you may bring one or all of these items in a bag to church: Instant Potatoes, Box of Stuffing Mix, 2 cans Corn, Can of Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy (canned or packet), Jello, Any cake and frosting, Fruit Cocktail or Pineapple.

Deadline for the Thanksgiving baskets is November 15; deadline for the Christmas baskets is December 11. Would you like to help us pack the baskets? Contact Gail Mueller, 684-3363 to find out how you can help. Thank you for your support.

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

"Toni and Trish House for the Care of the Terminally Ill in Auburn has cookbooks for sale, with all profit going to Toni and Trish House. Cookbooks have 400 recipes and are selling for \$11.00. Great Christmas gifts. Can be purchased at the Toni and Trish house, or call Rita Maier at 989-450-1687. Thank you for your support."

### **PROJECT POSSIBILITIES WITH ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**

Some of the most valuable work for Orphan Grain Train happens away from the Sebewaing Center—in the form of local projects by churches, schools, and organizations. Projects may include the assembling of layette kits, hygiene kits, school kits, or flood buckets. Other initiatives could be hosting an Undie Sunday or having a winter-wear gathering of mittens, sweaters, coats, boots, etc. Recently a Thrivent Action Team in concert with Immanuel Lutheran School, Alpena assembled 547 Hygiene Kits. The following day at the OGT Center women of the LWML prepared all those kits for shipment. There are multiple support possibilities available to those who wish to share the love of Christ with those in need—matching Christian deeds with our Christian creeds.

### **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...**

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

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ."

Philippians 3:8

**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 Funds: \$65,717.21, YTD COVID 19 Funds \$227,729.02

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

In memory of Joseph Kato, from George Walker...\$25 to the General Fund.

**September 26-27 attendance:** 86

**Sunday's Hymns:** 566, 664

**This Weekend – October 3-4**

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

**Next Weekend – October 10-11**

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Philippians 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

**UPDATED** 2020 Boards, Committees, and Voters minutes and Treasurer Reports

**NEW** 2021 Wall Calendars compliments of Gephart Funeral Home

**NEW** October church calendar

“Our Daily Bread” devotionals for September-November

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

**NEW** Valley Vision-October

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Wednesday (written, faxed or e-mailed)



*But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""*  
*Matthew 4:4 ESV*



# Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

October 3-9, 2020

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

Lillian Lockwood

Those with struggles who suffer silently

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Earl & Kay Arnold celebrating 35 yrs. on October 4

Jeffery & Amy Feinauer celebrating 4 yrs. on October 8

Doug & Sandra Griffith celebrating 43 yrs. on October 8

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Rhonda Kuehn-10/3

Thomas Nellet-10/3

Traci Witzke-10/3

Mitchel Ferguson-10/4

Peggy Klop-10/4

Jodi LaPlant-10/4

Lisa Lawrence-10/4

Chuck Palm-10/4

Timothy Teeple-10/4

Talon Cowl-10/5

Kayla Remer-10/5

Ruth Doege-10/6

Taylynn Holnagel-10/6

Jennifer Periard-10/6

Chandler Beson-10/7

Phyllis Caspers-10/7

Samantha Pierson-10/7

Tracey Shook-10/7

Macks Carley-10/8

Katie Johnson-10/8

Miranda Johnson-10/8

Karen Savage-10/8

Sondra Yantz-10/8

Cassandra Mitchell-10/9

Kayla Morse-10/9

### **Other prayer concerns...**

+Pray for the pastors and their current congregations, for the members of the Call Committee that they may make decisions and recommendations that are led by the Holy Spirit, and especially for Zion as you identify and call the man whom God has chosen to be our next pastor.

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.

### **A Prayer of Peace for Our World**

Dear God, thank You for overcoming the world. Thank You that in all things we are more than conquerors because of You and Your love for us. Today and every day, help us to "turn away from evil and do good; to seek peace and pursue it." Make us eager to maintain unity, and slow to become angry.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to You. Guide our feet in the way of peace and teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Heal our lands Lord, and bless Your people with peace. Amen