



Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach January 23-24, 2021

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 weekend we welcome Missionary Rev. Matthew Wood.

ACCESSING FACEBOOK STREAMING SERVICES. You can access the streaming service site at <https://www.facebook.com/zionbaycity>.

ACCESSING YOUTUBE STREAMING SERVICES. To access the service from YouTube, go to <https://bit.ly/38TVsXb>, select the PLAYLISTS tab, select Church to find the Live-Stream and hit SUBSCRIBE to add this site.

SUNDAY COMMUNION: We offer drive-up communion immediately following Sunday's service until 11 a.m. This is offered every Sunday except for the 5th weekend. Communion will be offered weather permitting and Pastor will announce during the service if there will be no communion for that week.

CONTRIBUTIONS: To limit office traffic, donations and contributions can be put through the door slot in the church office at our east entrance or you may go to <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/Zion9999549> to give online.

OFFERING ENVELOPES - since we placed our order in December, bulk mailings (like our envelopes) were placed on the lowest priority for delivery. Members are starting to receive their envelopes while others are still waiting. If you need an envelope, we have placed them on the sign-in tables at church. You can also use a regular mailing envelope, simply place on it your name and "weekly contribution".

MEMBER OUTREACH - The planning for contacting all of our members has gone quite well. We have 34 volunteers (Member Liaisons) that will work with the Elders in calling 514 families in the following weeks. Being a member of a congregation is being a member of a family and communication is a high priority for the health of every family. We are also updating all of our member records before we place an order for our 2021 Church Directory. We pray for God's blessings on our calls and that the Holy Spirit is invited to help us in our mission as a Church and a School.

ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY MORNING AND TRADITIONAL WORSHIPPERS: Bobbie Jo is looking for a few people each week to sing the service hymns and liturgy. It's difficult for the screen people to know when to switch the screens when they can't hear the words. It would also be nice to have voices on the Live Stream. You do not need to do a solo; get a couple of friends to join you. A schedule is being made up now for services starting Sunday, January 24 through Sunday, May 30. If you are willing to help, please contact Bobbie Jo at bupton@zionbaycity.org or call the church office at 894.2611.

Missionary Reverend Matthew Wood will be sharing his mission with us during this weekend's services including Sunday's bible study. We will be taking a collection at church this weekend for Missionary Wood. For those viewing our services at home you may send an offering to the church designated to Reverend Matthew Wood.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY - Will resume February 1 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and will be held every Monday at that time. We will be located in Ministry Room A in addition to broadcasting through Zoom for those of us that wish to participate from home. We are planning a number of series of study and are seeking your input. Initially we are considering starting with the Truth Project for 10 weeks with Pastor Steve leading our discussions and our teachers have graciously offered to set-up and help with moderating. One goal of our Bible Study is to help us all share and grow in our faith while enjoying our time together (*and sharing some laughs*). So, whether you are here, at home, snow-birding in Florida, you are most invited, especially the leaders of our congregation. Please send Doug an email at DBolzman@Reagan.com to obtain the Zoom access and also drop him a note if you plan to join us at church.

LWML QUILTING will meet Monday, January 25, from 2-4 p.m.

"Did you get new blankets, bed pads, or sheets for the holidays? Wondering what to do with the old ones? The LWML quilters would be happy to take care of those items by turning them into warm quilts for those in need around the world. Just drop them off at church or call Eileen Roberts (989-686-0376) if you have questions. We also accept washable fabrics to make squares for the quilt tops."

BIBLE STUDY, Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Ministry Room A.

ROCK OF ZION, Mondays at 5 p.m.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION classes meet Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Ministry Room A.

VOTERS'S MEETING, Sunday, February 7, after 9:30 service.

SCRIP NEWS...

We have limited Scrip cards available in the church office or you can complete an order form or place an order online at Shopwithscrip.com. Please be sure your payment is in the church office by 3 p.m. on Mondays. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Bailey or Doug Bolzman.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SHARES A BELIEF IN BRINGING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church in Missouri Synod. This means Orphan Grain Train works primarily with congregations, ministries, and auxiliaries of the LCMS here in America and around the world wherever possible. Many shipments have been in cooperation with Lutheran Hour Ministries, LCMS World Mission, LCMS World Relief, and other Christian Ministries. Orphan Grain Train upholds the same confessional posture as the Synod. Its outreach, however, is inter-denominational in the sense that we also partner with other Christians involved in disaster relief efforts here in the United States and other countries whenever practical to do so without compromise of confession. Orphan Grain Train volunteers mostly have been members of Lutheran churches, but we gladly welcome the compassion and energies of those of other Christian denominations who share a belief in bringing the compassion, aid, and love of Christ to those in distress.

LEAP NEWS NUGGET

LEAP Enters Its Second Decade -Still With Commitment, Still With Energy

Early in 2011, representatives of twenty-four Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches/schools in the *Great Lakes Bay Region* of Michigan began to formally collaborate on strategic planning and action – through their *Sustainable Lutheran Schools Project*, seeking to “affirm, support and enhance Christian educational ministries in our churches and schools.” The structure, planning, and action soon became known as the *Lutheran Education Advancement Plan (LEAP)* with a vision statement that very soon declared, and still aims for . . . *Advancing Lutheran Education for Future Generations Across the Great Lakes Bay Region.*

At this time of advancing from a first toward a second decade of *LEAP* history, God is thanked for His presence in that history by members, neighbors, and friends of *LEAP*! Also at this time God is praised for the faithful and competent leadership of the Reverend C. William Hoesman, who has served as *LEAP* President during its first decade, and who continues as the St. Lorenz-Frankenmuth Lutheran Church and School representative with the *LEAP* Board of Participants. Dr. John Brandt, also a *LEAP* leader from its ground level, will assume now the role of *LEAP* President. May God bless Dr. Brandt's continued leadership! Known to so many as the former teacher and Executive Director at Valley Lutheran High School, Dr. Brandt is the Bethlehem-Saginaw representative with the *LEAP* Board of Participants.)

At this time we pray also for the presence of our Lord relative to the thinking and dreaming efforts of a soon-to-be-appointed "think tank" group of good, wise, and Godly persons committed to focusing, through a short-term effort, on wholesome *LEAP* thinking/planning for the future, aiming in strong Christ-centered directions. May God bless their efforts. To Him be the glory!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT ...

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

"Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62:8

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

A loving gift, from Barb Metz...\$50 to the Food Pantry and \$50 to the Roof Repair Fund.

"Thank you all for your prayers, cards and bulletins." ~ Loretta Kohn

This Sunday's Hymns: LSB 685 & LSB 686.

This Weekend - January 23-24

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Next Weekend - January 30-31

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

- 2019-2020 Boards, Committees & Voters' Minutes and Treasurer Reports
- "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December-February
- Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March
- **2020 OFFERING STATEMENTS**



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns January 23-29, 2021

Those mourning the loss of loved ones:
Family and friends of Virgil Gwitt (Jeanne Schultz's dad)

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

Lane Valliere
Gabe VanOchten
Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...
Bill & Karen Hunt Jr. celebrating 28 yrs. on January 23
Alica & Jason Woodrick celebrating 1 yr. on January 25

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Morgan Johnson-1/23
Aleigh McCliggott-1/23
Wendy Reinhardt-1/23
Ashley Tober-1/25
Anna Akright-1/26
Robert Gerken-1/26
Jacob Wood-1/26
Alex Corrion-1/27
Madison Coyer-1/27
Sue Lamirande-1/27
Robert Parker-1/27
Matthew Norton-1/28
Judy Buerkel-1/29
Taiya Debo-1/29
James Rabedioux-1/29
Marcia Young-1/29



Other prayer concerns...

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.