



Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach April 6-8, 2019

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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LENT MID-WEEK service continues Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. This week, Pastor Steve will share the message "God Speaks in the Storm" as part of the theme "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!"

Our final soup supper during this Lenten season concludes next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Steve, Sharon, Bobbie Jo and April will be serving chicken noodle soup, beef minestrone, sandwich fixings, and desserts in the Great Hall/Ministry Room. Come and enjoy some fellowship with your church family.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday Worship:

Saturday, April 13, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. – Communion

Good Friday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday

Saturday, April 20, 5:00 p.m. – Celebration Communion

Easter Sunday, April 21:

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Festival Communion (Traditional)

9:00 a.m. – Festival Communion (Traditional)

11:00 a.m. – Festival Communion (Contemporary)

Monday, April 22 – NO Monday evening service

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Join me and the ladies of **LWML** on **April 15, at 7 p.m. in Ministry Room A** for a devotion, fellowship, refreshments, and to help package and make jellybean bookmarks to hand out to all children of the congregation. This will be a fun project and help kids to learn more of the Easter story. All ladies are welcome! Any questions please contact Kay Arnold, 751-0855.

SHUT-IN VISITS have been cancelled for this month.

TRANSITION TEAM will be meeting **Wednesday, April 9, at 6 p.m.**

YOGA FOR MS/CHAIR YOGA; Tuesday's, 1:15 p.m. in Ministry Room A.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION classes; Tuesday's, 6:30 p.m. in Ministry Room A.



On behalf of the Crop Walk committee, we would like to thank everyone who either participated in the walk or were a sponsor. Our pledges totaled \$505.00.

The **spring clean-up** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m.** This clean-up is open to all congregational members. Come and help us clean up both our church and school grounds. Hope to see you there.



SCHOOL NEWS...

Classes resume April 8 after Spring Break.

SCRIP NEWS...

Please take a look at our bulletin insert! We are starting a campaign for 40 families to use Scrip Cards for one month that will allow us to see the benefits our congregation can generate through this program. Using Scrip is quite simple, you purchase a card at face value and use the card for your purchases. This is no out of pocket cost to you! Zion will receive a percentage of that card that you can apply to our General Fund or to student's tuition at Zion or Valley Lutheran. A family can easily generate between \$500-600 when using cards for their weekly shopping needs. You can start today! Stop at the Scrip Store and purchase cards for the restaurant or store you will visit this weekend. At home, visit ShopWithScrip.com and register. We are challenging every member to commit to using Scrip for a month to see how easy this is. We will provide the results at the end of May.

BAPTISM: In our Sunday service, **Stella Gray Wilczynski**, daughter of Andrew and Holly (Huber) Wilczynski, will be baptized. Her sponsors are Brad Huber, Kelly King, and Stephen Wilczynski.

AREA ACTIVITIES:

Fish Fry - Trinity-St. James (Munger) - Friday, April 12, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Adults \$12; take-outs available.

On **Saturday, April 13, at 7pm**, Jews for Jesus will be at Grace Lutheran Church-Auburn to present on **Christ in the Passover**. Don't miss this very special event! Call the Grace office if you have any questions/comments at 989-662-6161.

THE ANNUAL JOINT LCMS GOOD FRIDAY worship service will be held at the Horizons Conference Center (Saginaw) on Friday, April 19, at 1 p.m.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Trinity-St. James (Munger) – Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m.

A sixteen-voice select men's choir made up of seminarians from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana will be at St. John Amelith Lutheran Church for a **choral Easter season service** on Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. Join us for an inspiring evening of song and worship! For additional information or questions please call 989-686-0176.

For more area activities, please see flyers at the Welcome Center.

We have a member looking for someone to do some light housekeeping for 2-3 hours every other week until recuperated from back surgery. If interested, please contact the church office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN: We welcome Ilene Dietlein as Zion's Prayer Chain Coordinator! If you would like a prayer placed on the Prayer Chain or if you would like to become a prayer warrior, contact Ilene at 684.4095 or aidiet53@aol.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Paul and Michelle Wilczynski in honor of Stella Wilczynski's baptism.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In memory of Curtis Freudenburg, from family and friends...\$25 to the School Athletic Fund.

In celebration of the baptism of Stella Gray Wilczynski from Paul and Michelle Wilczynski...\$100 to the General Fund.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts.
"He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:6)

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (APRIL RATES): 3-5 mos. 1.10%;
6-11 mos. 1.35%; 12-23 mos. 2.10%; 24-59 mos. 2.40%; 60 mos. 2.75%

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	February 2019	2019 Year-to-Date
Income	\$ 83,056	\$ 152,122
Expenses	\$ 73,239	\$ 150,270
District Missions	0	\$ 0
Local Missions	0	\$ 0
Net	\$ 9,817	\$ 1,852

ATTENDANCE:

Last Weekend: Saturday (75), Sunday (78), Monday (13),
Last Wednesday: (49)

This Weekend – April 6-8:

Sunday worship setting: Less Structured
Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philipians 3:4-14; Luke 20:9-20

Wednesday, April 10:

Readings: Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 8:22-25

Next Weekend – April 13-15:

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1
Readings: Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Philipians 2:5-11; John 12:9-20

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

- **2018-2019 Monthly Reports**
- **Cougar Newsletter**
- **April calendar** of events
- **"Our Daily Bread"** devotionals for March-May
- **Portals of Prayer** devotionals for April-June





Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

April 6-12, 2019

Those mourning the loss of loved ones:

The family and friends of Joyce Goyette

Those ill, hospitalized (or recently hospitalized), or seeking medical treatment...

David Bernreuter

Brooke Crook

Chuck Ellsworth

Jeff Heckman

Joe Kato

Beth Rahe

Those with struggles who suffer silently

Those with long-term needs...

Bernice Huber (Paulette Allwardt's mother)

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Jeff & Cindy VanSumeren - April 9 (25 years)

Bruce & Kathy Goss - April 11 (32 years)

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Andrew Story – 4/6

Kelly Colton – 4/7

Kim Norton – 4/7

Katelyn Rousseau – 4/7

Peggy Gies – 4/9

Bill Leslie – 4/9

LeRoy Schumann – 4/9

Christian Shooltz – 4/10

Heather Warren – 4/6

Leslie Rachel – 4/7

Kelly Palm – 4/7

Mike Sommerfield – 4/7

Calista Layle – 4/9

Jamie Robishaw II – 4/9

Paul Cameron – 4/10

Steven Bermejo Jr. – 4/11

Birthdays continued...

Allison Lambert – 4/11
Amanda Warren – 4/11
Susanne Fick – 4/12
Audrey Johnson – 4/12

Brian Poppe – 4/11
Jeanne Alcorn – 4/12
Larry Gies – 4/12
Nicholas Nellett – 4/12

Homebound/Nursing Home Patients (published once a month)...

Loraine Ahler
Juanita Bauer
Ardythe Biskupski
Lucille Crook
Leonard Kaczorowski
Dorothy Loessel
Richard Nagel
Mary Ann Reinhardt
Pauline Scharich
Barbara Sursely
Nancy Tenny

Tilly Arnold
Richard Bauer
Eugene Biskupski
Sue Freudenburg
Patricia Keene
Barbara Metz
Verna Rahn
Mary Riedy
Helen Schoenheit
Bob Sursely
Nancy Trueblood

Other prayer concerns...

- For this congregation as we seek God's will together for the mission and future of our church and school.
- For our congregation as we make the pilgrimage toward Holy Week and the remembrance of our Lord's suffering and death with the hope of those who know the end of the story.

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 the church secretary 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.



Report for April 6-8, 2019

Transition Team Bible Study and Discussion - Week 4 (Feb. 20, 2019)

Bible Study - We read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Team Discussion

Following the reading we discussed what verses, words, and phrases each person thought was important and how this information applied to Zion Church and School as a whole.

We also discussed how the Transition Team has a positive outlook and is ready to move forward, whereas, some of the congregation members are not ready yet to move forward. We need to work together to support each other and encourage one another so all of us can move forward with a positive outlook.

We need to learn from the past to make a new future. Other things that were discussed:

- Members shouldn't be hasty to leave Zion because of the present issues.
- New members feel very welcomed.
- Everyone misses the young people at church, they energize us!

We also reviewed sections of the booklet we are using titled "From Pastorate to Pastorate – A Congregation's Journey". These are the steps congregations go through on their journey to finding a new pastor.

Coming to Terms with History

Though we are not bound by the past, we are profoundly shaped by it. The past can hinder the future or fuel a new future.

We need to learn from the past, put into place policies and procedures so this doesn't happen again.

Start-up

The early months of a new pastorate are absolutely critical for the quality of the entire pastorate, whether it is to last for three or four years or for two or three decades. The patterns that get established in the first 12 to 18 months are likely to rule the pastor and congregation as long as that pastor is there.

Negotiation and Divine Call

We had discussion if the negotiation was part of the Call process. The congregation would issue a Call to person that is chosen by the Voter's Assembly. This pastor already has a Divine Call to the congregation he is serving and will need to determine prayerfully which call takes priority. Consultation with the congregation he is serving as well as the calling congregation is essential. Negotiation refers to coming to an understanding of the nature of the work the pastor is expected to do, the relationship between the pastor and congregation, living arrangements and the financial package that would be offered to the Pastor. Sometimes they are connected; when the Called Pastor comes to visit he might have questions regarding housing, etc. Each Pastor is different.

We discussed the current Mission and Vision Statement of the Church and School. When was this written? The School's Mission and Vision statements were last updated in 2015.

- Do these statements still represent Zion?
- Have we lost sight of what our Mission and Vision Statements and/or do they need to be changed and brought up to date to fit in today's society?
- Are we Stewards of **All** God's gifts?
- Maybe we need a stronger statement regarding the school?

We need to think and make a list about everything that Zion is doing?

Prayer:

Dear God,

Bring all the members of Zion together giving us the knowledge and courage to work on the future of Zion. Let us remember that we are all stewards of YOUR gifts and generously spread these gifts to those who surround us. Let us keep in our prayers those who have left Zion, and giving strength and courage to members that want to come back to our congregation, putting back into our hearts the love and forgiveness we once had with each other.

Amen

Stewardship Idea #12

Beside my weekly tithing... How can I help either eliminate Zion's debt or help with a student's tuition?

By purchasing your gasoline, groceries, medicine, home improvement & restaurants with Scrip Cards, the average family can generate \$600 per year.

If **40 families** commit to using Scrip, we can...

Eliminate Zion's
\$47,000 Debt
in 2 years

~ OR ~

4 families can
provide a year's
tuition for a Zion
school family

How easy is it?

- Purchase cards each week at the Scrip Store
~ or ~
- 1. Log into ShopWithScrip.com
- 2. Register your family
- 3. ABLL8DA514586 is the enrollment code for Zion
- 4. Order online each week
 - Refill your existing cards
 - Pick up your new cards at the store
- 5. Two ways to pay:
 - Hand in check at Scrip Store or Church Office ~or~
 - Register your saving/checking account for online payments (good for loading cards instantly)

This program costs you absolutely nothing!

Benefits of using Scrip

- Safer than credit/debit cards & checks for fraud protection
- It only takes 3-5 minutes to order online
- Give cards as gifts (Caring Tree!)
- Reload existing cards for immediate or next day use – can use cards from your smart phone
- You select how to apply your funds for church debt/general fund, sponsor a family for Zion or Valley Lutheran tuition
- Scrip Store open 7 days a week, after each service & at the church / school offices. Cards available for immediate use.

Please commit to use Scrip every week for one month and we will report the results...

Sample Card Returns

Restaurants

Big Boy - 10%
Bob Evans - 10%
Buff. Wild Wings - 8%
Burger King - 10%
Cold Stone - 11%
Denny's - 7%
Domino's - 11%
Jet's Pizza - 10%
Latitude - 10%
Little Caesars - 8%
Red Lobster - 8%
Taco Bell - 5%
IHOP - 8%
Chili's - 11%

UNO - 12%

Long John - 8%
Wendy's - 6.5%
Starbucks - 7%

Car Related

Firehouse - 18%
Marathon - 3%
Speedway/Rich - 4%
Mobile - 1.5%

Home Improvement

Home Depot - 4%
Lowe's - 4%
Menards - 3%

Pharmacy

CVS - 6%
Rite Aid - 4%
Walgreens 5%

Merchandise

Meijer - 3%
JC Penney 5%
Kohl's - 4%
Walmart/Sams - 2.5%

Over 700
Retailers online!

Questions? Call: Nancy Bailey Doug & Deb Bolzman
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