



**CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY SERVICES**

**Tuesday, December 24**

**3 p.m.**

**Traditional Service with Holy Communion**

**5 p.m.**

**Contemporary Service with Holy Communion**

**10 p.m.**

**Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**

**Wednesday, December 25**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Traditional Service with Holy Communion**

**Christ's Center  
for Excellence**



**In Discipleship  
and Outreach**

## **December 21-23, 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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***This week's bulletin is sponsored by Ed & Alice Engelhardt in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary on December 24th.***

Monday, December 23, No Service

Monday, December 30, No Service

Tuesday, December 31, 4 p.m., New Year's Eve Service

Wednesday, Jan 1, No Service

### **UPCOMING CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, December 23 - 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24 - 7:30 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, December 25 - Friday, December 27 - Closed

Monday, December 30 - 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31 - 7:30 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, January 1 - Friday, January 3 - Closed

### **WEEKLY UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

"Merry Advent, everyone! We've been blessed by God, (along with the help from all of you, and district), to have received our first call list. All members of the Call Committee were able to meet this past week with our circuit visitor, Pastor Erv. Eleven names appeared on the list, and after Pastor Erv contacted them, most of the pastors on the list are in a position in their lives that they are open to receiving a call. The Call Committee now has a great deal of information about these men and their talents and areas of strength. The Call Committee will be reading this information and praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance in making decisions that lead us to the man that God already knows will be the next pastor here at Zion. We ask that you continue to pray for Zion's future and for this man and his loved ones. The Call Committee will meet again in January."

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

**ABE** will meet **Wednesday, January 15, at 5:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

**CAB** will meet **Wednesday, January 8, at 6 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** are coming down **Tuesday, January 9**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We can use lots of help!

**KFC is cancelled this Saturday, December 21, but will resume next week.**

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** begins Sunday, January 12, from 6-8 p.m. in Ministry Room A. For more information, please contact April at the church office.

**SHUT-IN VISITS** will take place the week of January 6th.

### **SCRIP NEWS...**

We still have Firehouse Car Wash tickets available for \$6. These are good at Mister Car Wash until April 30th and make great last minute stocking stuffers.

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

In honor of Carol Wright's birthday (December 15), from friends and family...\$125.00 to the Zion Trust Fund.

In memory of Agnes Kolb and Robert & Linda Stroope, from Joan & Jeffrey Glasser...\$100 to the General Fund.

Love offerings from the Ladies Guild...\$91 to the General Fund.

**Thank you** to our three mid-week Advent supper hosts: Zion's Board of Elders, Couples Club, Transition Team and our Cub Scout Pack. The meals were delicious and the fellowship enjoyable! We're already planning mid-week suppers for Wednesdays during the Lenten season!

**Thank you** to everyone who helped in some way with our Christmas food and personal care bags and our Caring Tree. This year, we were able to give food bags and personal care packages to 98 families and Christmas gift cards to 51 adults and children. Maybe you provided your service, donated food or personal care products, purchased a Meijer gift card for the Caring Tree, or gave money to the cause- helping to make someone's Christmas happier blesses us all. **Thank you!**

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

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

*"The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1)*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented by **Marilyn Jacobson and Gabe VanOchten** in memory of their parents.

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

	<b>November 2019</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>
Income	\$ 72,047.25	\$ 810,496.29
Expenses	\$ 71,364.19	\$ 851,363.94
District Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Local Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net	\$ 683.06	\$ (40,867.65)

**YEAR END THANKSGIVING:** *God has blessed us for another year. Those blessings come in many different forms. As the family of God in this place, we ask you to consider a God-directed "Thank Offering" as we close the year 2019. Giving comes in the form of Time, Talents and Treasures; make sure you are giving all three. Our offerings have not kept up with our expenses; however, together we can make a positive difference. Let's do it!*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Last Weekend: Saturday (126), Sunday (70), Monday (24)

**This Weekend – December 21-22:**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday's Guest Pastor: Rev. Kurt Eichinger

**Christmas Eve:**

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; 1 John 4:7-16; Luke 2:1-20

**Christmas Day:**

Readings: Isaiah 62:10-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

**Next Weekend – December 28-30**

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 4

Readings: Isaiah 63:7-14; Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:13-23

Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Roberts

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

2018-2019 Monthly Reports

**NEW** January calendar of events

"Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December - February

**NEW** Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March

**NEW** 2020 Wall Calendars compliments of Gephart Funeral Home

**SCHOOL NEWS...**

Please see the Cougar Newsletter, available at the Welcome Center on the slat wall, for school news.

*Pastor Steve, Bobbie Jo, and April wish you and your loved ones a  
blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.*

