

Christ's Center
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In Discipleship
and Outreach

December 7-9, 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 Janine & Clifford Reese, in thanksgiving for God's many blessings including our parents, Ken & Erma Thomas.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA...

Join us as all of Zion's Music Ministries come together to celebrate "**Our Glorious God & Savior Jesus**" this **Sunday, December 8**, at 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Great Hall.

ADVENT MID-WEEK...

We again gather at **5 p.m., Wednesday, December 11**, in Ministry Room A for a supper that is being served by our Couples Club. They will be serving spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. At 6:45 p.m., we will move to the Sanctuary for a fun time of singing Christmas carols. Our worship service begins at 7 p.m. with our LWML ladies presenting an **Advent by Candlelight** program. You will hear Christ's mother, Mary, share memories of her precious Son's life through Scripture, songs, and prayer as **A Mother Remembers**. We hope you will join us for good food, fun, and fellowship. Be sure to invite your friends and family for this special celebration of the coming of our Savior.

HOLIDAY READING...

We've added some holiday books to the reading library (in the office hallway). Many titles to choose from – including inspirational romance (just like a Hallmark movie, only in print!) and short stories. Find a new favorite!

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR:

"The Call Committee continues to pray on God's timing. Pastor Erv assured us that the Call list is being constructed. The Call Committee will be meeting as a group when the first Call list comes in. Again, we remind you to pray for the Lord's guidance in this process. Please feel free to ask questions of committee members throughout the process: Brian Reinhardt (Chair), Scott Bitzer, Julie Glumm, Sheri Schumann, Alana Rabedioux, Ralph Knop, Kathy Pisarski, Bob Katt, Jason Essex, and Mandy Beam."

SEEKING HELP...

We've talked to the folks at the nursing home Close to Home across the street. We are hoping to be able to start up a Thursday morning Bible study there. We ask that you prayerfully consider being the leader of a Bible study at Close to Home, or moving an existing Bible study to be located there. Please contact Brian Reinhardt (989) 708-9705 if you would like to consider doing this.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY is this **Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m.** at the Oasis Lounge on Kosciuszko Avenue in Bay City. If you have questions, call Ilene Dietlein (684.4095) or Joan Stout (684.3062). Ladies are reminded to bring their *LOVE* offering.

"LUTHERAN WITNESS" SUBSCRIPTIONS: Place or renew your March 2020 through February 2021 subscription through the church office for \$11.60. Make checks payable to "Zion" – we'll send one congregational check to the district. Deadline is this **Monday, December 9**.

The meeting for LWML is now on December 11th, the Advent by Candlelight service. We will be in ministry room A after service to hand out information and give out names of shut ins for Christmas cards. Stop by ministry room A for a cookie and information! Any questions please contact Kay Arnold, 751-0855.

PIANO RECITAL by Bobbie Jo's piano students, **Saturday, December 14, from 2-4 p.m.** in Ministry Room B. All are welcome to attend!

SHUT-IN VISITS will take place this week.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES are held on **Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A. Questions, contact Pastor John at 239-6818.

ZION'S RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE TRUST FUND COMMITTEE will meet on **Wednesday, December 11, at 5 p.m.**, to review this year's applications. If you have questions, please contact Carol Wright (893-9757) or other committee members: June Feeney, Greg Gledhill, Susan Lang, Warren Nuffer, or Sheri Schumann.

SEASON OF GIVING NEEDS...

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS: boxed instant potatoes, canned gravy, boxed stuffing mixes, canned corn, canned yams, canned pineapple, canned cranberry sauce, jello, cake mixes, and canned frosting.

PERSONAL CARE BAGS: bar soap, body lotion, body wash, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and new washcloths. **The greatest need is for deodorant and shampoo.**

CARING TREE SCRIP GIFT CARDS: 39 Meijer cards

DONATIONS ARE DUE BY THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

SCRIP NEWS...

There will be no scrip order the week of Christmas or New Year's so the last order for the year will be sent in on December 16. Please have your orders with payment to the church office by 3 p.m. on Monday the 16th. Orders should be here on Wednesday the 18th.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS...

LWML and Wellspring Auxiliary Bake Sale, Friday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Wellspring Lutheran Home, Frankenmuth.

Josh Wilson "Noel" Christmas Concert Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bay City. \$10 general admission. Any questions call Kay Arnold. All are certainly welcome!!!

Tri-City Chorus Christmas, Saturday, December 14, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the State Theater, Bay City. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door.

NEW GLASSES? NICE! Did you know that MOST Ministries will take your old pair—or all those pairs sitting in your dresser drawers? Our eyeglass teams are requested by churches around the world. Is your Bible study group searching for a service project? In addition to an eyeglass donation, please consider making witness materials (bracelets or puppets) that our teams use to share the gospel! Call MOST Ministries at (734) 994-7909 or visit www.mostministries.org to learn more.

MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE" PROGRAM...

Remember, **Friday, December 13, 2019** is a **double match day**. All donations on this day will be doubled by Meijer, up to \$10,000 per pantry. This program runs through January 4, 2020, and **only at the Meijer store located on Pine Street in Essexville**.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In memory of Sandra Kimbrue, from Friends...\$35.00 to the General Fund.

A gift from the Ladies Guild...\$100.00 to the Caring Tree Fund.

From the Kroger Community Rewards program (those contributing August 1-October 31)...\$105.69 to the General Fund.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Nancy and Bob Fischer for the blessings of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (DECEMBER RATES): 3-5 mos. 1.10%; 6-11 mos. 1.35%; 12-23 mos. 2.00%; 24-59 mos. 2.30%; 60 mos. 2.65%

Individuals 70 ½ or older may make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA which may be part or all of their RMD. Please contact your investment advisor or Sheri Schumann for any questions you may have.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts. *"Bear fruit in keeping with repentance." (Matthew 3:8)*

ATTENDANCE:

Thanksgiving Eve: (73)

Last Weekend: Saturday (95), Sunday (38), Monday (24)

This Weekend – December 7-9:

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Next Weekend – December 14-16

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 3

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15

Guest Pastor: Rev. Randy Johnson

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

2018-2019 Monthly Reports

NEW December calendar of events

NEW "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December - February

Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December

NEW 2019 Advent Devotionals, "*Call His Name Jesus*," published by The Lutheran Hour; available in regular or large-print.

NEW *Savoring the Gift of Grace*, a 3-minute Devotional Thoughts for December

NEW An Advent book for kids

SCHOOL NEWS...

Zion's Middle School Students will be selling World's Finest Chocolate Bars and boxed candy after services this weekend. They are raising money to be able to explore and experience Washington DC, our nation's capital, this coming May!! The small bars are \$1 each and the boxed candy and king sized bars are \$2 each. Stop at the table in the Great Hall following all three services this weekend! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ZION'S STUDENTS!!

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



**Zion's Weekly
Prayer Concerns
December 7-13, 2019**

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

Lorraine Ahler
Connie Bolduc
Bill Hunt
Bob Katt
Henry Meylan
Susan Nordstrom
Aaron Nuffer
Nancy Persinger

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Tony & Julie Glumm celebrating 27 yrs. on December 12th

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Kay Armbruster-12/7
William Bowen-12/7
Lisa Knoll-12/7
Leroy Martinez Sr.-12/7
Jennifer Eischer-12/8
Sue Nordstrom-12-8
Will Rouech III-12/8
Barbara Swanson-12/8
Randall Bock-12/9
Erin Laverty-12/9
Rachael Poppe-12/9
Pam Degg-12/10
Brenda Gillespie-12/10
Scott Srebinski-12/10
Tavin Toporski-12/10
Mandy Beam-12/11
Margaret Ford-12/11
Michele Hentschel-12/11

For those celebrating Birthdays continued...

Kristin Rousseau-12/11
Lisa David-12/12
Aaron Michael-12/12
Nancy Tenny-12/12
Nancy Peltier-12/13
Paul Pichiotino-12/13
Rebecca Schaefer-12/13

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 ill, hospitalized, seeking medical treatment or long-term list 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.