

**Christ's Center
for Excellence**



**In Discipleship
and Outreach**

November 30-December 2, 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 Paul & Sue Birch.

It's Here! Our Celebration of Advent begins this weekend! If you missed last week's insert, listing all of the dates and times of our celebrations, a copy is available at the Welcome Center. Also, for your convenience, you will find the upcoming weekly events listed in the bulletin. We are so blessed to have so many amazing opportunities available. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite your friends and family.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES...

Please join us this Wednesday evening, December 4th, for our first of three mid-week Advent celebrations. We will gather at 5 p.m., in Ministry Room A, for a supper that is being served by our Board of Elders. This delicious meal consists of pulled pork & chicken sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, and cookies. A freewill offering is greatly appreciated. At 6:45 we will move to the Sanctuary for a fun time of singing Christmas carols. Our worship service begins at 7 p.m. We hope you will join us each week for food, fun, and fellowship. Be sure to invite your friends and family for this special celebration of the coming of our Savior.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA...

Please see insert for more information.

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!

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY...

With our Christmas decorating completed, a beautiful family photo opportunity was created. As you and your family join us, in celebrating our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, stop in the Great Hall with camera-in-hand and capture a 2019 Christmas memory.

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...

CHRISTMAS "GIVING" DONATIONS deadline is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.**

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY will be **Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m.** at the Oasis Lounge on Kosciuszko Avenue in Bay City. If you have not previously signed up, call Ilene Dietlein (684.4095) or Joan Stout (684.3062) by Tuesday, December 3, for reservations. Anyone is welcome to attend. Ladies are reminded to bring their *LOVE* offering.

LADIES GUILD will meet at Krzysiak's House Restaurant on **Thursday, December 5, at noon.** Since the Guild will become inactive as of January 1, 2020, this will be our last meeting until further notice. We thank God for all the women who served in this organization. May God bless you.

"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 **Monday, December 9.**

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 the week of December 9th.

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 accept applications for project funding until **this Monday, December 2, 2019.** Applications are available in the church office and at the Welcome Center.

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: 57 Meijer cards

SCRIP NEWS...

Firehouse car washes make great stocking stuffers at only \$6.00 each. They are good through April 30, 2020 at the renovated Mister Car Wash. Keep that vehicle looking good all winter long!

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS...

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankentrost, Saginaw, will host its 23rd annual **"Living Nativity-A Journey to Bethlehem"**, on Friday, December 6, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, December 7, 6-8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 8, 6-8 p.m.

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!!!

MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE" PROGRAM...

Remember, **Tuesday, December 3, 2019, and Friday, December 13, 2019,** are **double match days**. All donations on these days 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...

A gift from the Friendship Club...\$100.00 to the General Fund.

THANK YOU... A gracious "Thank You!" to all those who helped on Tuesday and Saturday decorating our church for Christmas. It looks beautiful, and you have blessed us all with your service.

THANK YOU! Through your generous donations, we were able to fill 65 requests for Thanksgiving food bags this year.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by
Lori Ruthruff in memory of her husband, Mark.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	October 2019	2019 YTD
Income	\$ 66,798.17	\$ 738,449.04
Expenses	\$ 83,991.05	\$ 779,999.75
District Missions	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Missions	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net	\$ (17,192.88)	\$ (41,550.71)

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.

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
(Isaiah 2:3)

ATTENDANCE:

Last Weekend: Saturday (83), Sunday (71), Monday (24)

Sunday Hymns: 333, 332, 336, 353, 331, 348**This Weekend – November 30-December 2**

Sunday Worship Setting: Less Structured

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Next Weekend – December 7-9:

Sunday Worship Setting: Divine Setting 1

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

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...

The Cougar Newsletter is unavailable this week as our students and staff enjoyed the blessings of Thanksgiving.



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

November 30-December 6, 2019

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

Lorraine Ahler

Connie Bolduc

Dave & Sue Jankens

Henry Meylan

Susan Nordstrom

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Jack Fryzel-11/30

Mikayla Warren-11/30

Deklan Jankens-12/1

Jeremy Welton-12-1

Denise Daly-12-2

Nicholas Bernau-12/3

Jordyn Daly-12/4

Tom Fry-12/5

Marlene Davis-12/6

Adrienna Martinez-12/6

Tony Glumm Sr.-11/30

Nolan Bugenske-12/1

Luke Jurik-12/1

Debbie Bolzman-12-2

Levi Wood-12/2

Debra Cameron-12/3

Riley Witzke-12/4

Jordan Goss-12/5

Elly Fisher-12/6

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

Lorraine Ahler

Frank Batschke

Juanita Bauer

Ardythe Biskupski

Lucille Crook

Sue Freudenburg

Patricia Keene

Bruce Lockwood

Dorothy Loessel

Tilly Arnold

Ruth Batschke

Richard Bauer

Eugene Biskupski

Marion DeCatur

Leonard Kaczorowski

Betty Keith

Lillian Lockwood

Della Marotzke

Homebound/Nursing Home Patients continued...

Barbara Metz

Richard Nagel

Verna Rahn

Jane Royer

Mary Ann Reinhardt

Mary Riedy

Helen Schoenheit

Barbara Sursely

Nancy Tenny

Nancy Trueblood

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.