

**Christ's Center  
for Excellence**



**In Discipleship  
and Outreach**

Our Lord's Blessings to the families of Zion.

We as a congregation have certainly been challenged in 2020 with Covid-19 and now the flooding from all of the rain. We place our faith and our future in God's hands and have certainty that his love and blessings for us will carry all of us through. The Church Administrative Board (CAB), the Board of Elders (BoE) and the Call Committee have been meeting and planning to prepare for this time where we will start conducting church services and resume our call process for a new pastor.

**Resuming Church Services** - May 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) and May 31<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) will be our first services back in church. We will be joining Trinity, St John Pinconning, St John Amilith, and St Paul Frankenlust in opening this weekend. Any member that is not comfortable in coming back this early is welcome to attend the service VIA our live stream on Facebook. We understand that this is a personal decision and we are dedicated to protect every member from illness, especially those of us that have higher risks of contracting the virus. At this time, we are only resuming Saturday and Sunday services and Monday services will be suspended. We appreciate the understanding from our Monday members.

**One-Time Special Communion Offerings** – Even though this is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of May, we WILL be having walking communion during both services. For members that wish to take communion but do not wish to participate in a church service, Pastor and the Elders have established a time for those members to come to church where we will administer communion on an individual or family basis. For members that wish to join us for only communion it will be provided on Saturday (May 30<sup>th</sup>) from 3:00-4:00, and again on Sunday (May 31<sup>st</sup>) from 11:30-12:30.

**Plans for our Safety at the Church** - Being safe is our highest priority as we provide the ministry of our church.

- In distributing communion, to reduce the handling of the wine and bread, Elders will place the wine with a wafer on top on a table for members to pick up as we participate in walking communion. Masks and gloves will be used in the preparation and distribution.
- Before and after the services, we will close the music room (next to the Elder's room) for Pastor Steve and Bobbie Jo's use. We all want to embrace our service leaders but in order to keep them healthy, we will provide maximum space between them and our members. Please do not approach them, but you can blow them kisses.
- We will use similar guidelines for meeting and greeting each other as we do in grocery stores. We ask members to keep a six-foot distance, to not make any contact with hugs or handshakes and we strongly recommend everyone use a mask.
- For seating, we will block off every other pew and ask each family to stay 6 feet apart in the pews. The closed pews will be clearly marked. For attendance, a sign-in sheet will be available at the back of the church and we will have clean pens available for use. For our offering, we will place baskets on stools at the back of the church as we are dismissed.

**Confirmation** - Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, June 14th; Pastor Steve will notify the families.

**Voter's Meeting for Calling a Pastor** - We will conduct a voter's meeting on Sunday June 7th immediately after the church service, starting approximately at 11:00. The agenda will include a review of our current call list candidates and determine if we will call one of them to be our pastor. To assist in handling a larger number of members, we will conduct the Voter's Meeting in the school gym to provide proper distancing.

God's continued blessings to our congregation, our first responders and our nation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us, a member of CAB or BoE.

Warren Nuffer, Zion President

Brian Reinhardt, Board of Elders Chair

**Upcoming Events** - Quick reference

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
May 30	Saturday	3:00 - 4:00	Church	Special Communion
May 30	Saturday	5:00 - 6:00	Church	Saturday Church Service
May 31	Sunday	9:30 - 10:30	Church	Sunday Church Service
May 31	Sunday	11:30 - 12:00	Church	Special Communion
June 7	Sunday	11:00	School	Voter's Meeting
June 14	Sunday	9:30 - 10:30	Church	Confirmation Service