



Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach November 21-22, 2020

Zion Lutheran Church, 510 W. Ivy, Bay City, Michigan 48706; 989-894-2611

Worship: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday 9:30am

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UPDATES TO ZION CHURCH SERVICES DURING CURRENT COVID OUTBREAK.

The Board of Elders (BoE) met to determine how Zion will provide church services during this time of more COVID cases and the new restrictions from the State Government. The safety of the congregation is important along with the spiritual health of the congregation. Over the past few weeks, more members of Zion are testing positive. President Maier from District sent out a letter suggesting to not conduct in-person services at this time, but he is leaving the decision to all congregations. Pastor and the Board of Elders agreed that we continue conducting the services at church and provide our Live-Stream from Zion and limit the participation at church to the Pastor, Music Team and the Elders. Members are encouraged to stay home and watch the services on either Zion's Facebook page or Zion's YouTube page. Members that do not have Internet access or feel the need to be in church for these services are welcome to attend at church. Masks at church will be mandatory.

ACCESSING FACEBOOK STREAMING SERVICES. You can access the streaming service from Zion's Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/ZionBayCity>.

ACCESSING YOUTUBE STREAMING SERVICES. To access the service from YouTube, go to <https://bit.ly/38TVsXb> then select the PLAYLISTS tab and select **Church** to find the Live-Stream. Please hit the button to add this site.

SUNDAY COMMUNION: We will continue communion each week during the service. Starting December 6th, we will offer drive-up communion immediately following the service until 11 a.m. This will be offered every Sunday except for the 5th weekend. During the on-line service Pastor will conduct the Communion Preparation and members wishing to participate

in communion will drive to Zion and it will be provided as you drive up to the Great Hall Entrance. Communion will be offered weather permitting and Pastor will announce during the service if there will be no communion for that week.

SATURDAY COMMUNION: We will continue to offer walk-in communion on Saturday on the second weekend before the service. Masks are mandatory.

THANKSGIVING AND ADVENT: We will livestream the Thanksgiving Eve Service and Advent Services and ask members to watch from home. There will be no communion.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Board of Elders will wait to decide the Christmas Eve schedule as we get closer.

MASKS REQUIRED: Board of Elders have agreed with Properties to require members to wear a mask while at church, during the day or at church services. Members that are delivering the church services such as Pastor or music providers are not required to wear masks during the service.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS: Due to the virus outbreak and the request for people to stay home and be safe, the Monday Bible Studies will be canceled and hopefully resumed in January. We will look into an option for conducting these remotely.

CONTRIBUTIONS: To limit office traffic, donations and contributions can be put through the door slot at the church office as was done previously.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

BOE, Tuesday, November 24, at 5:30 p.m.

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS this Tuesday, November 24.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Due to the rising COVID cases, the Board of Elders and the Christmas committee have decided to limit the amount of Christmas decorations; therefore, canceling the two decorating days as planned. Questions: call George at 684.3956.

LWML QUILTING, Monday, November 23, from 2-4 p.m.

VOTERS' CALL MEETING, Sunday, November 29, following the church service. A Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to the congregation for

those unable to make it to the meeting, so that prayerful consideration can be had by all members.

THE ZION RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE TRUST FUND is accepting applications for funding projects until **November 23rd**. Approximate maximum amount available for a single project this year is \$3575. If you have any questions, please call Jan Knop 989.697.3299.

SCRIP NEWS...

Scrip order processing will continue on Monday, November 30. Meanwhile, if you want your vehicle looking great for the holiday, we have a new batch of Mister Car Wash passes waiting and ready to go. Remember...we get 50% rebate on each pass sold!

SCHOOL NEWS...

PTL Christmas Shop – Friday December 4th

PTL is now accepting new and like new items for our annual Christmas Shop. If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact Holly Essex (989)225-6935.

Smart Cards

Great Lakes Bay Region “Smart Card Savings” Packs are now available. They offer thousands of dollars in savings at local restaurants, golf courses, entertainment hot spots, and so much more. They make great Christmas presents too! The cost is \$20. They are available for purchase in the church office or contact Holly Essex at (989)225-6935.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God’s gifts. “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.” Psalm 95:6-7

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

A loving gift, from Lowell Horneber...\$50 to the Food Pantry.

A loving gift, from Sharon Keech...\$40 to the Holiday Food Baskets.

A loving gift, from Jim & Candance Tacey...\$40 to the Holiday Food Baskets.

A loving gift, from Lane & Linda Valliere...\$100 to the Holiday Food Baskets.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to Karen Savage for delivering Zion’s Christian reading materials to Christian Resources in Fowlerville.

MEMBER OUTREACH - The Board of Elders is generating a plan to reach out and call every member of the congregation. During this time of Covid and the recent election, it is important that we stay in touch with our members to see how they are doing and if they need any assistance. We are also ordering new church directories and wish to have the most accurate information for each member. Reaching out to 700 families will take some effort and we are asking for volunteers to make the calls. We will provide everything you need and an Elder will train and coach you through the process. Please contact the church office to register as a caller. We need around 35 volunteers to make calls to 20 families. You can sign up to call more! This is a great way for us to better get to know each other and progress in strengthening our Zion family.

November 14-15 attendance: 76

Hymns: 905, 525

This Weekend – November 21-22

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

Thanksgiving Eve – November 25

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Philippians 4:6-20; Luke 17:11-19

Next Weekend – November 28-29

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

NEW 2020 Advent Devotionals, "God with Us," published by The Lutheran Hour; available in regular or large-print.

NEW LWML Quarterlies

NEW "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December-February

Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December

The church office will be closed
Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27.





Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns November 21-27, 2020

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

Carl Doege
Ervin Grove
Morris Grove
Ellen Hardy
Loretta Kohn
Arlene Krantz
Joann Teeples
Lane Valliere

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Warren & Amy Nuffer celebrating 51 yrs. on November 22
Brent & Lori Bednar celebrating 2 yrs. on November 24
Don & Elsie Fleming celebrating 55 yrs. on November 27

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Bruce Jorck-11/21
Bob Katt-11/21
Jan Vogtmann-11/21
Charles Ward-11/21
David Eischer-11/22
Jenny Gwizdala-11/23
Kaitlyn Royer-11/23
Alexandria Chevalier-11/24
Karsyn Chevalier-11/24
Bee Keith-11/24
Bruce Goss-11/25
Zackary Jorck-11/25
Jarod Morse-11/25
Lori Rabe-11/25
Jeffery Madison Jr.-11/26

Birthdays continued...

Harriet Roller-11/26
Julie Corrion-11/27
Gabriel DePeal-11/27
Elmer Rosenbrock-11/27

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 April 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