



## **Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach November 28-29, 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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***This weekend's Bulletin is sponsored by George Walker in  
Loving Memory of Cindy. Thank you to our Lord and Savior  
for all our Blessings!***

### **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.

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

**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.

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

**CONFIRMATION CLASS, Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m.**

**LWML** All ladies are welcome to join me for a Christmas Bible study on December 14 at 7 p.m. in ministry room A. Save the date and look for more information next week! ~ Kay Arnold

**LWML QUILTING, Monday, December 7, from 2-4 p.m.**

**VOTERS' CALL MEETING, this Sunday, November 29, following the church service.**

**HOLIDAY FOOD BAG NEEDS:** boxed instant potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, canned corn, canned yams, gravy (canned or packet), canned pineapple, cranberry sauce, and fruit cocktail, jello, cake mixes, and canned frosting.

**"HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS" PROGRAM:** Personal care items needed: 89 shampoo, 11 bar soap or body wash, 24 toothbrushes, 87 deodorant, and 45 new washcloths. Donations can be dropped off in the basket labeled "Personal Care" in the Church Library by Friday, December 11. We thank Zion's "His Helping Hands" group for coordinating this effort.

**"LUTHERAN WITNESS" SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Place or renew your **March 2021 through February 2022 subscription** through the church office for \$11.60. Make checks payable to "Zion" – we'll send one congregational check to the district. Deadline is **Friday, December 4.**

### **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...**

#### **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.

"So that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:7

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented by Lori Ruthruff in memory of Mark Ruthruff and in Thanksgiving to God for family and friends.

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

**To the Glory of God for all blessings**, from Pastor Bill & Paulette Allwardt...\$1,000 to the General Fund.

**A loving gift, from Lori Ruthruff**...\$25 to the Holiday Food Baskets.

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

**Thank you, thank you!** Through your generous donations, we were able to fill 52 requests for Thanksgiving food bags. These items were distributed this past Friday. If you would still like to make a contribution, further donations are needed for the Christmas food bags to be distributed on Friday, December 18th.

**November 21-22 attendance: 55**

**Hymns: 332, 336**

### **This Weekend – November 28-29**

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

### **Next Weekend – December 5-6**

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

### **AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

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

**NEW** "Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December-February

Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December

**NEW** December Calendar of Events



## **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns**

**November 28-December 4, 2020**

**Those mourning the loss of loved ones...**

Family and friends of Ellen Hardy

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

Loretta Kohn

Joann Teeples

Lane Valliere

Those with struggles who suffer silently

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Chris & Tracey Goodnight celebrating 23 yrs. on November 29

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Brian Freehling-11/29

Sharon Keech-11/29

James Tacey-11/29

Jack Fryzel-11/30

Tony Glumm Sr.-11/30

Mikayla Warren-11/30

Nolan Bugenske-12/1

Deklan Jankens-12/1

Luke Jurik-12/1

Jeremy Welton-12/1

Debbie Bolzman-12/2

Denise Daly-12/2

Levi Wood-12/2

Nicholas Bernau-12/3

Debra Cameron-12/3

Jordyn Daly-12/4

Adeline Schuler-12/4

Riley Witzke-12/4

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

Tilly Arnold  
Frank Batschke  
Ruth Batschke  
Juanita Bauer  
Richard Bauer  
Ardythe Biskupski  
Judy Buerkel  
Lucille Crook  
Marion DeCatur  
Sue Freudenburg  
Leonard Kaczorowski  
Patricia Keene  
Betty Keith  
Loretta Kohn  
Bruce Lockwood  
Lillian Lockwood  
Dorothy Loessel  
Della Marotzke  
Barbara Metz  
Richard Nagel  
Verna Rahn  
Jane Royer  
Mary Ann Reinhardt  
Mary Riedy  
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 April at [secretary@zionbaycity.org](mailto:secretary@zionbaycity.org). Requests may be made for you, a family member, or a friend.