



Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach December 12-13, 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 Paul & Sue Birch in thanksgiving for
the blessing of family and friends.*

2020 DECEMBER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITES

**Saturday, December 12, 5 p.m., Contemporary
(Walk-in Communion – 4-4:30 p.m.)**

**Sunday, December 13, 9:30 a.m., Traditional
(Drive-up Communion 10:30-11 a.m.)**

Wednesday, December 16, 7 p.m., Children's Program – ONLINE ONLY

Saturday, December 19, 5 p.m., Contemporary

**Sunday, December 20, 9:30 a.m., Traditional
(Drive-up Communion 10:30-11 a.m.)**

Thursday, Christmas Eve, 3 p.m., Traditional

Friday, December 25, 9:30 a.m., Traditional

**Saturday, December 26, 5 p.m., Contemporary
(David Paul Britton)**

Sunday, December 27, No Service

**Thursday, New Year's Eve, 4 p.m. – Traditional
(Pastor Roberts)**

CHURCH SERVICES/OFFICE HOURS: Zion is continuing to conduct services at church as well as providing you the option of viewing our services on Facebook and/or YouTube. Members that don't have internet access are welcome to attend at church. Masks are mandatory and social distancing guidelines are being followed. If you aren't comfortable coming to church and you don't have email but would like to receive the weekly bulletin, please contact the church office and you will be added to our mailing list. To ensure the safety of our staff, the church office secretary will be working from home half time, resulting in limited office hours. Please call ahead to verify there is someone at church or to schedule a meetup. God's blessings to all.

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 SUBSCRIBE button to add this site to your account.

SUNDAY COMMUNION: We offer drive-up communion immediately following Sunday's service until 11 a.m. This is offered every Sunday except for the 5th weekend. Communion will be offered weather permitting and Pastor will announce during the service if there will be no communion for that week.

CONTRIBUTIONS: To limit office traffic, donations and contributions can be put through the door slot in the church office at our east entrance or you may go to <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/Zion9999549> to give online.

CALL UPDATE: Pastor Drew Gruenhagen and his wife are planning on visiting Zion to meet with members of our leadership. He will be coming up for a short visit in order to help him deliberate his decision and find the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading him. Please keep Pastor Drew, his family, and the church at which he is serving his current call, St. Michael Lutheran in Wayne, MI, in your prayers as he considers his call to Zion.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

BOE, Tuesday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. in Ministry Rm. B.

CAB, Tuesday, December 16, at 6 p.m. in Ministry Rm. A.

PRE-RECORDED CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Wednesday, December 16, at 7 p.m. This will be an online service only, available on Zion's YouTube and Facebook page. The service will also be shown at 8:15 a.m. during chapel. As always, all members are welcome to attend school's chapel and especially those that may not have internet access.

CONFIRMATION CLASS, Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. This will be the last class of 2020. Classes will resume January 5th.

LWML meeting and Bible study has been canceled due to the Covid up rise in our church. We will hope to meet again in February. Until then stay safe and have a Merry Christmas!! Kay

LWML QUILTING will next meet Monday, January 11, from 2-4 p.m. The quilters are always happy to receive the following materials used in quilting: large pieces of washable fabric, mattress pads for lining material, bedsheets and non-electric blankets. If you have any questions please call Eileen Roberts at 686.0376

WALK IN COMMUNION, this Saturday, December 12, from 4-4:30 p.m. Tune in Saturday, December 12, at 2 p.m. for the VIRTUAL PIANO RECITAL. Clips of my students prerecorded will be shared. God's Blessings & Peace, Bobbie Jo.

FOOD PANTRY: We are short food items for the 96 Christmas food bags that will be given out next Friday, December 18. Additional items needed are canned corn, canned green beans, canned fruit cocktail, cake mixes and frosting. Please consider purchasing one or two items and turn into the church office by Wednesday, December 16. Thank you to those who have donated and thank you in advance to those who will be donating. God's blessing!

SCRIP NEWS...

The last day to have orders in and receive items by Christmas is Monday, December 14, by 3 p.m. in the church office or online. The SCRIP store will be open this Saturday, December 12, beginning at 4 p.m. Next order after that will not be placed until January 4.

SCHOOL NEWS...

Smart Cards are still available. They make great Christmas presents! The cost is \$20. They are available for purchase in the church office or contact Holly Essex at (989)225-6935.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM...

We are in need of a new phone system for church and school.

We have received money from the Trust Fund to help pay for our new phone system (\$6,056). The total cost of the new phones is \$10,978; leaving a balance of \$4,992. Contributions to help offset the balance would greatly be appreciated. Questions, please contact Alana Rabedioux.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts.
"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." Psalm 126:3

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Erma and Ken Thomas in thanksgiving to God for good health for family and friends.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

In memory of James Hamme, from Jeanne Schultz...\$20 to the Food Pantry and George Walker...\$50 to the General Fund.

In memory of Ellen Hardy, from Millie Nuffer, Peace Lutheran Church and Erma & Ken Thomas...\$245 to the General Fund.

In memory of Arlene Krantz, from Shirley Clemens, Jane Henderson, Joan Stout, Ken & Erma Thomas...\$110 to the General Fund.

In memory of Agnes Kolb and Linda & Robert Stroope, from Joan & Jeffrey Glasser...\$100 to the General Fund.

A loving gift, from Karen Hamme...\$100 to the Personal Care Items and \$100 to the Christmas Food Bags.

A loving gift, from Joan Stout...\$450 to the New Phone System fund.

A loving gift, from Diane Studders...\$50 to the Personal Care Items.

An anonymous gift...\$40 to the Food Pantry.

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Hymns: 338, 343

This Weekend – December 12-13

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-11; 1 Thessalonian 5:16-24; John 1:6-28

Next Weekend – December 19-20

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Guest Pastor: Bill Hessler

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

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

"Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December-February

Portals of Prayer devotionals for October-December

REVISED December Calendar of Events



Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns December 12-18, 2020

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

Pastor Steve

Jonathan Lebsack

Ashley Tober

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

Tony & Julie Glumm celebrating 28 yrs. on December 12

Doug & Debbie Bolzman celebrating 31 yrs. on December 16

Perry & Margaret Ford celebrating 49 yrs. on December 18

David & Celia Staudacher celebrating 38 yrs. on December 18

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Lisa David-12/12

Aaron Michael-12/12

Nancy Tenny-12/12

Nancy Peltier-12/13

Paul Pichiotino-12/13

Rebecca Schaefer-12/13

Jonathan Schuler-12/13

Becky Morgan-12/14

Gretchen Ricklefs-12/14

Sarah Gwizdala-12/15

Dan Mutton-12/15

Carol Wright-12/15

Jennifer Danielski-12/17

Emma Mitchell-12/17

Madelynn Palm-12/17

Patrick Srebinski-12/17

Joyce Staudacher-12/17

Birthdays continued...

Scott Lebsack-12/18
Benjamin Priem-12/18
Taylor Rappuhn-12/18
Isabelle Schacher-12/18

Other prayer concerns...

+Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as Reverend Andrew Gruenhagen (pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church-Wayne, MI) considers his call to Zion.

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.