



## **Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach December 19-20, 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 Ed & Alice Engelhardt in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary on December 24th.*

### **2020 DECEMBER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITES**

**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)**

**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.

**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 time to meet. God's blessings to all.

**UPCOMING CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Friday, December 18 - Closed

Monday, December 21 - No in office hours

Tuesday, December 22 - 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23 - 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 - 7:30 a.m. – Noon

Friday, December 25 - Closed

**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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**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

### **SCRIP NEWS...**

The next Scrip order will be placed on January 4th. Please have your orders in to the church office by 3 p.m. that day.

### **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.

PTL would like to thank everyone that donated items to the Christmas Shop. The kids had a great time. It is so wonderful to see the spirit of giving in our students.

### **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.

### **ANN HUME UPDATE...**

A letter has been received from Ann Hume, former Zion member, who has an orphanage in Haiti called God's Children Haiti. Anyone interested in learning of the wonderful work she does through her orphanage can read the letter in the Welcome Center. She continues to seek financial & prayer support for her ministry.

### **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN REACHES PANAMA**

Orphan Grain Train—Michigan is delighted to announce the ten-ton shipment of humanitarian goods from Michigan has arrived at its Panama destination. In late October volunteers at the Orphan Grain Train Center at Sebewaing loaded a 40-foot shipping container with 1,400 boxes of relief supplies, clothing and quilts, over twenty wheelchairs, four hospital beds, medical equipment and more. This past week the goods arrived with the Gospel message for people living in distressed circumstances. The supplies are currently being distributed by Casa de Refugio (House of Refuge) in Puerto Caimito, La Chorrera, Panama. This was all made possible through caring people who support with donated goods and funding the international humanitarian aim of Orphan Grain Train, your Christian volunteer network sharing personal and material resources domestically and around the world in Christ's Name. Orphan Grain Train is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...**

Our Christian life is one of being a steward of all of God's gifts.

"I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 89:1

***ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Bill & Carol Wright in thanksgiving for our many blessings.***

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

**In memory of James Hamme**, from Ilene Dietlein...\$25 to the General Fund.

**In memory of Ellen Hardy**, from Hawley & Jeanne Alcorn, Pastor Bill & Paulette Allwardt, Ed & Sharon Barry and Ilene Dietlein, \$120 to the General Fund.

**In memory of Joe Kato**, from Pastor Bill & Paulette Allwardt...\$20 to the General Fund.

**In memory of Leslie Kohn**, from Pastor Bill & Paulette Allwardt...\$20 to the General Fund.

**In memory of Arlene Krantz**, from Hawley & Jeanne Alcorn, Pastor Bill & Paulette Allwardt and Ilene Dietlein...\$70 to the General Fund.

**In thanksgiving to God for safe travel and good health**, from Pastor Bill & Paulette Allwardt...\$20 to the General Fund.

**In memory of Robert and our parents at Christmas**, from Arlene Henderson...\$50 to the General Fund.

**Hymns: 368, 332**

**This Weekend – December 19-20**

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

Guest Pastor: Bill Hessler

**Christmas Eve-3 p.m.**

Pastor Steve

**Christmas Day-9:30 a.m.**

Pastor Steve

**Next Weekend – December 26**

Readings: Isaiah 61; 1 John 1; Galatians 4:1-7; Luke 2

David Paul Britton

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:**

“Our Daily Bread” devotionals for December-February

**NEW** Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March

***YEAR END THANKSGIVING:*** *God has blessed us for another year. Those blessings come in many different forms. As the family of God in this place, we ask you to consider a God-directed “Thank Offering” as we close the year 2020. Giving comes in the form of Time, Talents and Treasures; make sure you are giving all three. Our offerings have not kept up with our expenses; however, together we can make a positive difference.*



## **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns December 19-25, 2020**

**Those mourning the loss of loved ones...**  
Family and friends of Barbara Sursely

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

Pastor Steve  
Tricia Dietlein  
Bonnie Gwizdala  
Jonathan Lebsack  
Mike Lincoln  
Ashley Tober  
Wanda Witzke

Those with struggles who suffer silently

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Ron & Ann Balzer celebrating 33 yrs. on December 19  
Ed & Alice Engelhardt celebrating 54 yrs. on December 24

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Morgan Ferguson-12/19  
Zachary McFarland-12/19  
Cal Freehling-12/20  
Ella Freehling-12/20  
Owen Garrett-12/20  
Liz Greene-12/20  
Casio Null-12/20  
Josh Wernecke-12/20  
Jack Breiler-12/21  
Ernie Highlen-12/21  
Brooke Machelski-12/21  
Aaron Nuffer-12/21  
Jessie Robishaw-12/21  
Braedin Bishop-12/22  
Tyler Eischer-12/22  
Megan Mueller-12/22

**Birthdays continued....**

Doug Bolzman-12/23

Chris Klemm-12/24

Paul Roberts-12/24

Carol Boes-12/25

John Caspers-12/25

**Other prayer concerns...**

+For the Holy Spirit's help in keeping Jesus  
as the reason for the season.

+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.