



## **Christ's Center for Excellence In Discipleship and Outreach December 5-6, 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 Janine & Cliff Reese.  
Thankful that the word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8.***

***This weekend we welcome Rev. Kurt Eichinger as our guest pastor.***

**CALL UPDATE:** This past weekend, the voters voted to extend a call to Pastor Drew Gruenhagen of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Wayne, Michigan. He received the call papers this week and he will be deciding on the best time that he will make it up for a visit. Please keep Pastor Drew and his family, St. Michael, and of course Zion in your prayers as he considers this call.

**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, 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. Please contact the church office to register as a caller-still looking for 40 people.

**SUNDAY COMMUNION:** Starting **this Sunday, December 6**, 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.

**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.

**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...**

**MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP, Wednesday, December 9, at 7 p.m.**

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS:** Deadline for food donations is **THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**. Food bag needs include: 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.

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

**CONSTITUTION MEETING, Wednesday, December 9, at 5:30 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.**

**WALK IN COMMUNION, 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.

**"HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS" PROGRAM:** Personal care items needed: shampoo (46), toothpaste (49), toothbrushes (70), deodorant (41) and new washcloths (45). Donations can be dropped off in the basket labeled "Personal Care" in the Church Library by **THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**. We thank Zion's "His Helping Hands" group for coordinating this effort.

**SCRIP NEWS...**

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

## **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.

## **NEW PHONE SYSTEM...**

We are in need of a new phone system for church and school. We are losing the ringer and the capabilities of the phones in each classroom. There are also issues with the phones at Church. Purchasing replacement phones do not work with our current system. This was a project that Ed and Julie talked about doing a few years back and then decided that security was more important at that time.

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. "Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase." Isaiah 85:11-12

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented by Nancy and Bob Fischer for the blessing of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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

**In memory of James Hamme**, from Carl & Joy Krueger...\$25 to the General Fund.

**In memory of Ellen Hardy**, from Norine Arnold, Shirley Clemens, Carl & Joy Krueger...\$85 to the General Fund.

**In memory of Arlene Krantz**, from Carl & Joy Krueger, Robert & Eileen Roberts, Bill & Carol Wright...\$150 to the General Fund.

**In memory of Darwin Kuch**, from Robert & Eileen Roberts...\$20 to the General Fund.

**An anonymous gift**...\$2500 to the Matching Funds Program.

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**From** the Kroger Community Rewards program (those contributing August 1-October 31)...\$100.62 to the General Fund.

Dear Zion Families, We want to send our most sincere “Thank You” for your kindness & generosity. The wonderful food basket is greatly appreciated. “Wishing All a Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year.”  
~ May God Bless You, a Grateful Recipient.

Dear Beacon of Hope Donor, Thank you for your financial gift that keeps Beacon of Hope going! We are thankful to God for your partnership and heart for others. Every single dollar (\$300.97) that you donated is helping us continue providing our services which include: physical, emotional, and spiritual support; pregnancy education; skill-building education; and so much more. “Thanks again and God Bless” ~ Barb Leppek,

**November 28-29 attendance: 48**

**Hymns: 344, 347**

**This Weekend – December 5-6**

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

**Next Weekend – December 12-13**

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

**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

**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.





## **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns December 5-11, 2020**

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

Family and friends of Morris Grove  
Family and friends of James Hamme  
Family and friends of Arlene Krantz

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

Pastor Steve  
Joann Teeples  
Ashley Tober  
Lane Valliere

Those with struggles who suffer silently

### **For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Tammy & Charlie Kohler celebrating 4 yrs. on December 11

### **For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Tom Fry-12/5  
Jordan Goss-12/5  
Marlene Davis-12/6  
Elly Fisher-12/6  
Adrienna Martinez-12/6  
Kay Armbruster-12/7  
William Bowen-12/7  
Lisa Knoll-12/7  
Leroy Martinez Sr.-12/7  
Jennifer Eischer-12/8  
Sue Nordstrom-12-8  
Will Rouech III-12/8  
Barbara Swanson-12/8  
Randall Bock-12/9  
Erin Laverty-12/9  
Rachael Poppe-12/9  
Pam Degg-12/10  
Brenda Gillespie-12/10

**Birthdays continued...**

Scott Srebinski-12/10  
Tavin Toporski-12/10  
Mandy Beam-12/11  
Margaret Ford-12/11  
Michele Hentschel-12/11  
Kristin Rousseau-12/11

**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](mailto: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.