



***Christ's Center for Excellence
In Discipleship and Outreach
January 2-3, 2021***

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 John & Nancy Peltier
in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary on January 11.***

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

CHURCH SERVICES: 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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4-8:

Tuesday, January 5 - 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 7 - 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday, January 8 - 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

When planning to visit, please call ahead to verify someone is in the office.

When working remotely, April may be reached at abirch@zionbaycity.org

or you may leave a voicemail at 989.894.2611.

2021 CHURCH SERVING TEAMS

Serving Teams ensure that each Saturday and Sunday service run smoothly so that the congregation properly receives the word of God. Teams consist of **Lead Elders** (opening/closing the church), **Funeral Elders** (opening/closing the church), **Serving Elders** (distributing communion), **Ushers** (collections and communion guide), **Sound & Media** (projector, live-stream, sound board) and **Scripture Readers**. We are asking members to sign up for one of these roles for one service a month. This is a minor commitment of time that provides a stewardship opportunity, gives us an opportunity to get to know each other, spreads out the effort and provides us plenty of back-up resources. Please consider taking a role and reach out to Doug Bolzman at DBolzman@Reagan.com as he is generating the 2021 schedule. Doug is also reaching out to the 2020 Serving Team to continue in their stewardship. During the current Covid season, many members are not coming to church and are participating via the Live-Stream. Please sign up for a role now and when you are ready to come to church, we will put you into the schedule. Thank you for your help.

IT'S IN THE MAIL!

Your 2021 Offering Envelope Booklets mailed on the 15th of December from Salem, Ohio. With Christmas, the mail is a little slow; but your booklets should arrive any day now.

CALL UPDATE:

Pastor Drew is continuing to consider Zion's call for a pastor as he also serves his current congregation through the Christmas season. Please continue to keep Pastor Drew and his family, as well as St. Michael Lutheran in Wayne, MI in your prayers.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

ALL BOARDS will meet **Tuesday, January 12, at 6 p.m.**, in the School Cafeteria.

CHAPEL, Wednesday, January 6, at 8:15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS are coming down **Monday, January 11, beginning at 9 a.m.** Questions, please contact George Walker.

LWML QUILTING will meet **Monday, January 11, from 2-4 p.m.**

WALK IN COMMUNION, Saturday, January 9, from 4-4:30 p.m.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION classes resume this **Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m.** in Ministry Room A.

LEAP News Nugget

LEAP ENTERS IT'S SECOND DECADE - STILL WITH COMMITMENT, STILL WITH ENERGY

Early in 2011, representatives of twenty-four Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches/schools in the *Great Lakes Bay Region* of Michigan began to formally collaborate on strategic planning and action – through their *Sustainable Lutheran Schools Project*, seeking to “affirm, support and enhance Christian educational ministries in our churches and schools.” The structure, planning, and action soon became known as the *Lutheran Education Advancement Plan (LEAP)* with a vision statement that very soon declared, and still aims for . . . *Advancing Lutheran Education for Future Generations Across the Great Lakes Bay Region.*

At this time of advancing from a first toward a second decade of *LEAP* history, God is thanked for His presence in that history by members, neighbors, and friends of *LEAP*! Also at this time God is praised for the faithful and competent leadership of the Reverend C. William Hoesman, who has served as *LEAP* President during its first decade, and who continues as the St. Lorenz-Frankenmuth Lutheran Church and School representative with the *LEAP* Board of Participants. Dr. John Brandt, also a *LEAP* leader from its ground level, will assume now the role of *LEAP* President. May God bless Dr. Brandt’s continued leadership! Known to so many as the former teacher and Executive Director at Valley Lutheran High School, Dr. Brandt is the Bethlehem-Saginaw representative with the *LEAP* Board of Participants.)

At this time we pray also for the presence of our Lord relative to the thinking and dreaming efforts of a soon-to-be-appointed “think tank” group of good, wise, and Godly persons committed to focusing, through a short-term effort, on wholesome *LEAP* thinking/planning for the future, aiming in strong Christ-centered directions. May God bless their efforts. To Him be the glory!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

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

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" 1 Kings 3:9

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in loving memory of Erhardt (birthday Jan 7th) and Esther Hitzemann (birthday June 3rd) by their daughters Mary Garcia and Shirley Clemens.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS...

A loving gift from Paul & Sue Birch...\$4,322 to the New Phone System.

In memory of James Hamme, from Carol Hutter...\$20 to the General Fund.

A loving gift from Peggy & Edward Klopff...\$100 to the Food Pantry.

A Christmas gift from a former member...\$500 to the General Fund.

"Thank you so much for the monetary gifts, delicious baked goods, other thoughtful gifts and kind words! This has been a very challenging year, but with God's help we made it! May God bless you all, keep you safe and be glorified in all we do this new year." In His Service ~ Bobbie Jo

This Sunday's Hymns: LSB 386 & LSB 368.

This Weekend - January 2-3

Readings: 1 Kings 3:4-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

Next Weekend - January 9-10

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11

AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER:

2019-2020 Boards, Committees & Voters' Minutes and Treasurer Reports

"Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December-February

NEW Portals of Prayer devotionals for January-March

NEW January 2021 Calendar of Events

NEW Valley Vision





Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns

January 2-8, 2021

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

Bonnie Gwizdala

Mike Lincoln

Lane Valliere

Those with struggles who suffer silently

For those celebrating Anniversaries...

For those celebrating Birthdays...

Bob Fischer-1/2

Joy Kusmierz-1/2

Angie Null-1/2

Charles Welton-1/2

Doug Griffith-1/3

Mary Martin-1/3

Laurie Nuffer-1/3

Pat Passage-1/3

Ellie Reinhardt-1/3

Brendan Lambert-1/4

Marilyn Morales-1/4

Matthew Staudacher-1/4

Carter Schmidt-1/5

Karen Howell-1/6

Brian Johnson-1/6

John Mueller-1/6

Heather Dagneau-1/7

Daryl Henderson-1/7

Judy Skornia-1/7

Andrew Woods-1/7

Marilyn Jacobson-1/8

Matthew Powers-1/8

Sherri Priem-1/8



Other prayer concerns...

+Please continue to keep Pastor Drew and his family, as well as St. Michael Lutheran in Wayne, MI in your prayers as he searches for the Holy Spirit's guidance during this call process.

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.