



Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Baptism of Our Lord + January 6 and 7, 2018

## **PRAYING**

*In Our Prayers This Week*

*Persecuted Christians in:*

**Uzbekistan**

**Vietnam**

**Kenya**

*Sister Congregation*

**Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa**

*Missionaries*

~ **Elliot and Serena Derricks,**  
**Lutheran Bible Translators**

*Studying at Seminary*

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

*Comfort, Healing, Recovery*

~ **Dick Ames**

~ **Turk Flory**

~ **Sally Lewitzke**

*Those who need our on-going prayers*

~ **Les Brolliar**

~ **Bill Deneen**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **LouAnn Gille**

~ **Rick Jones**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Todd Pagel**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **Mary Plautz**

~ **Barb Ramker**

~ **Krista Salas**

~ **Laurie Schmidt**

~ **Renee Shorey**

~ **David Skola**

~ **Melvin Waack**

~ **Nancy, godmother of Sue Hafemeister**

~ **The island and the people of Dominica**

~ **Zion's homebound members**

Please submit your prayer requests to the church office (715-848-7286). We can print prayer requests that you make for yourself or immediate family members.

## WORSHIPING

*The Liturgy This Month*

### **Matins + Wednesday, 10 AM**

A liturgy of morning prayer to praise God for the day. (*Chapel*)

### **Vespers + Wednesday, 6:30 PM**

A liturgy of evening prayer to praise God for the light of Christ. (*Chapel*)

### **At Home**

Since God has given you Baptism, why not remember and love Baptism? Each day, make the sign of the cross “in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” the Name in which you were baptized, to recall your true identity: Child of God, member of Christ.

### **Next Sunday:**

Epiphany 2: *1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51; Psalm 139:1-9*

## DEDICATION

The sprinkling set used in this weekend’s Affirmation of Baptism has been dedicated by Mr. Gary Gisselman in thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of the late Pastor Douglas Larson-Sell, son of Zion who served in the Lutheran ministry for many years. He died on September 11, 2016. We remember with gratitude the good works that the Holy Spirit performed through this friend and servant of the Gospel.

## LEARNING

*Nourished by God’s Word*

### **Sundays, 10:15 AM: Romans**

St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, the longest epistle in the Bible, is considered one of the clearest proclamations of salvation by faith in Christ alone. This book inspired Luther and the Lutheran Reformation, and it continues to create and sustain our faith today. *Continuing at Romans 8:1.*

### **Tuesdays at 9 AM: First Clement**

In Philippians 4:3, the apostle Paul mentions a man named Clement. Shortly after Paul’s death, and even before the apostle John died, this man either wrote or helped write the letter that bears his name, “First Clement,” sent to the Corinthians from the Christians in Rome. We will study this insightful letter from Christianity’s earliest days. *Continuing at 1 Clement 54:1*

### **Thursday Men’s Breakfast at 7:00 AM: The Gospel according to Matthew**

Most of our gospel readings this year will come from the gospel according to Matthew. The tax collector called by Christ, Matthew writes a gospel that some have called a “catechism of the Christian life.” He tells us the story of Jesus in a way that teaches how the followers of Jesus live by Jesus’ life alone. Come and let Matthew renew your own living of the Life. *Continuing at Matthew 17:14.*

## REMEMBERING

*Heroes of the Faith in January*

### **The Cappadocian Fathers**

*January 10*

The Cappadocians (*kap · uh · DOH · shins*) are St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory of Nazianzus, and St. Gregory of Nyssa. Basil and Gregory of Nyssa were brothers; the other Gregory was a friend. All three were bishops who worked together to defend the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and develop the theology reflected in the Nicene Creed and Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.). They were especially important for developing the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

### **Saint Louise Ellermann**

*January 11*

Born in Evansville, Indiana, St. Louise was the first American Lutheran medical missionary to serve in India. She was trained as a nurse in Evansville, and served in India from 1913-1926. While little information is available on Louise's life, her service testifies to how the Gospel of Christ leads His Church to care not only for the souls of His people but also their bodies, an anticipation of the resurrection of all flesh.

*Free cards commemorating these holy brethren and others are available in the narthex.*

## REACHING

*Zion's Monthly Mission Emphases*

### **Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Inc. (LSS)**

*Goal \$2000*

Mission offerings for January will support Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) was founded in 1882. Programs include addictions and corrections; adoptions and foster care; behavioral health; children, youth, and family housing; older adults, persons with disabilities; prison ministries and urban ministries. LSS mission statement is: "Motivated by the compassion of Christ, we help people improve the quality of their lives." Through your prayers and support, we can be part of this worthwhile mission in our community which is needed in our society of today.

## SERVING

*Embodying the Love and Life of Christ*

### **"The Way of Christ":**

#### **New Member/Seeker/Refresher Class**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Christian, refreshing their practice of the faith, joining the Lutheran Church, or just learning more about the way of Christ, mark your calendars for "The Way of Christ" class in January. This course will cover the basics of the Christian faith, explore Scripture, and survey Christian history. If interested, please contact the church office.

#### **Sermon Series**

In the month of January, for the season of Epiphany, Sunday mornings will feature a new, six-part sermon series: "Newness of Life." What life does Christ give us to live? Each sermon will present a different answer to that question, unpacking the specific character, callings, and freedoms of the Christian life.

#### **Volunteer to Read the Bible**

A homebound member of Zion is looking for someone to come to her home, occasionally, to read Holy Scripture to her. If you are interested, please call the church office, 715-848-7286.

#### **Voters Meeting**

... Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.

#### **Keeping in Touch With College Kids**

Do you have a son or daughter going to college this fall? Zion wants to stay in touch! Please advise the church office the student's name, school, and address. The Zion Elders thank you.

#### **Women of Zion**

... meet on Monday, January 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

#### **Crocheters Needed for Homeless Mats**

The Women of Zion have tied together a plethora of plastic bag loops to make 'plarn' (the term for 'plastic yarn') that needs to be crocheted to make the mats. The instructions are provided and the plarn can be crocheted at home. **We will resume meeting at Zion this Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall.**

#### **Please Note**

Articles for the weekly bulletin are due at the church office on Wednesdays each week. The bulletins are then printed on Thursdays to ensure that Zion's homebound members may receive the bulletins in the mail by Saturday. Also, articles for the Newsletter are due to the church office by the third Friday of each month.

#### **Portals of Prayer**

... for January through March are available in the narthex and by the church office reception area. Large print copies are also available.

### Christmas Decorating Fund

This donation was received after the bulletin insert was printed:

- Beauty of God's House ... given by Robb, Diana, and Taylor Halverson

### Ushers Needed

Please consider volunteering to help with ushering for Zion's services. Training will be provided. Call the church office if you would be willing to help.

### Bread and Pie Baking Report from December 29

63 loaves white bread at \$3.00:	\$189.00
10 loaves of whole wheat at \$4.00:	40.00
17 pies at \$8.00:	136.00
26 pies at \$6.00:	156.00
1 jam sale:	4.00
Donations:	<u>20.00</u>
Total Sales:	545.00
Less Expenses:	<u>145.00</u>
Total Profit:	\$400.00

Profits designated to: Zion Missions: \$60.00; Church Roof Fund: \$340.00.

### Yearly Wrap-up:

Missions:	\$ 686.00
Shipping Quilts & Kits:	300.00
Church Roof:	<u>3,628.00</u>
Total Yearly Profit:	\$4,614.00

*Thanks to my helpers: Steve and Jeff, and to all who have helped during the year. Without the helpers, I could not even try to accomplish the bread and pie baking. When I need help, the people I call gladly come. Anyone can get on the call list for kitchen help. Thanks again. ... Phyllis Bliese*

### Bread and Pie Baking on January 26

Phyllis Bliese will be baking breads and pies in Zion's church kitchen on January 26. Costs: white bread (\$3 each); whole wheat bread (\$4 each); apple pies (\$6 for each small; \$8 for each regular size); banana crème (\$6 each); cherry (\$8 each); and lemon meringue (\$6 each). If you can be a kitchen helper, call Phyllis at 715-675-2630. For bread and pie orders, sign up using the order sheet in the church office; or you may call the church office at 715-848-7286. Proceeds benefit Zion church's roof.

### "Zion Christmas Eve Service"

... is **telecast** on Sunday at 12 PM, Monday at 8 PM and Friday at 12:30 PM. Channel 980 on Charter, and <https://youtu.be/Dp6nB8VELnM> is the YouTube link.

### Lectors: Reading Lessons at Worship

Would you like to read the Scripture lessons at worship? A clear voice, good reading skills, and a love of God's Word and liturgy serve this task best! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Gjerde at the church office.

### Ideas for Action Teams

Refer to the bulletin board posting at the northwest entrance of Zion for the many ideas from Thrivent Financial's action teams across the country that have accomplished service projects. You can strengthen Zion by organizing a team. You will receive up to \$250 in "seed money." If interested, Thrivent members may call the church office if they are not sure how to get started.

### **Burden Bears**

A project of the Women of Zion is Burden Bears. These small, stuffed toy bears are decorated with each bear holding a quilt and an attached poem with comforting words. These are to be given to someone who is in need of comfort. Call the church office, or stop in if you or someone you know, would like a Burden Bear.

### **Calling All Lay Ministers: Past, Present, and Future! Or Anyone Interested in Volunteering!**

Greater Wausau Christian Services is in need of Lay Ministers or those that have recently graduated from Lay School Ministry, OR anyone interested in volunteering, to help with our Nursing and Elder Care Service Rotation. Days, facilities, and times that we need volunteers are: Tuesdays – Mount View at 2 p.m.; Atrium (formerly Kennedy Park) at 3 p.m.; Wednesdays – Benedictine Manor at 9:45 a.m.; Colonial Manor at 10:45 a.m.; Wausau Manor at 2 p.m. If you are able, or know someone that is able, please contact GWCS at 715-842-5635.

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

*Events around Central Wisconsin*

### **Volunteers Needed for Good News Service Trips**

Good News Project is looking for volunteers for their 2018 service trips to Lumberton, North Carolina, and to the Carib-

bean island of Dominica. Call 715-843-5985 or visit [www.goodnewswi.com](http://www.goodnewswi.com) for more information.

### **Family Transitional Living Home Volunteer Mentor**

Meet for 1-2 hours each week with a participant in the St. Vincent DePaul's Family Transitional Living Home. Walk alongside a family as they develop a journey out of poverty. Act as a connector and friend as you encourage goal setting and planning. Individuals or couples (age 21+) can provide practical and emotional support, a "bridge" that makes a difference! Training provided. Contact Orlando at 715-617-2605 or [o.alfonso@charter.net](mailto:o.alfonso@charter.net) or Ken at 715-571-3675 or [ktokarz@rocketindustrial.com](mailto:ktokarz@rocketindustrial.com)

### **Faith in Action**

Are you age 60 or older? Do you need a little extra help with groceries? Friendly volunteers from Faith in Action of Marathon County are ready to deliver food from the Community Center of Hope food pantry or from The Neighbors' Place to your doorstep. To request assistance, please contact Brenda at 715-848-8783.

### **Area Mobile Meals AND Meals on Wheels**

Both of these meal delivery services need volunteers. Call Curtis Barthel, 715-848-5848, OR contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 1-888-486-9545; or [www.adrc-cw.com](http://www.adrc-cw.com)

### Coffee and Conversation Support Group

... first Monday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Hardee's Restaurant, 2609 Stewart Ave., Wausau. First 10 participants get a free meal. Presented by NAMI Northwoods [www.naminorthwoods.org](http://www.naminorthwoods.org) and sponsored by a grant from the Aspirus Foundation.

### McLit Marathon County Literacy

... and surrounding areas are in need of adult students needing FREE tutoring. Call 715-679-6170; email: [McLitofwausau@gmail.com](mailto:McLitofwausau@gmail.com); website: [www.mclitofwausau.org](http://www.mclitofwausau.org).

### Hope Life Center Needs Car Seats

Hope Life Center has an urgent need for car seats for babies. Hope's clients have earned enough vouchers to purchase car seats. For legal reasons, all car seats must be NEW and in the box. If you are able to help, bring the car seat to Hope Life Center, 605 S. 24th Ave., Suite 20, Wausau. Or call 715-843-4673.

### Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Center for Independent Living needs more drivers due to the increase in ridership needs in our area. They want to provide transportation to frail elderly, persons with disabilities, and veterans who many not have any other transportation choices. Drivers are reimbursed at .535 cents per mile. Call Bobbi Hegna at 1-800-228-3287, ext. 211.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Upcoming events at Zion*

- **Tuesday, January 23 – 7:00 pm:**  
Voters Meeting in church hall
- **Sunday, February 11 – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm:** Winter Tea in church hall
- **Sunday, April 15 – 3:00 pm:**  
Bálint Karosi organ concert in nave

### Attendance: Dec. 30, 31, and Jan. 3:

#### Saturday:

5:15 pm      31

#### Sunday,

#### New Year's Eve:

9:00 am      121

11:00 am     36

6:30 pm      24

#### Wednesday:

10:00 am     10

6:30 pm      20

**Total:      212**

### Zion's Financial News

The final 2017 Financial Report will be available at the January 23, 2018 Voter's Meeting. January income will be reported beginning next week.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday • January 7

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;  
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School resumes
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

## Monday • January 8

- 11:30 am Women of Zion meeting  
in church hall
- NO Altar Guild Leaders Meeting
- 6:30 pm Group Home Ministry

## Tuesday • January 9

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Homeless Mats –  
church hall

## Wednesday • January 10

- 10:00 am Matins
- 1:00 pm Jail Ministry
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:10 pm Way of Christ class

## Thursday • January 11

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Class
- 6:30 pm Kantorei rehearsal

## Saturday • January 13

- 9:00 am to 12:00 noon: Remove  
decorations in sanctuary
- 5:15 pm Communion Service

## Sunday • January 14

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;  
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

## Next Sunday:

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