

 *For You*

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Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Transfiguration of Our Lord + Feb. 10 & 11, 2018

## **PRAYING**

*In Our Prayers This Week*

*Persecuted Christians in:*

**Malaysia**

**Mail**

**Tanzania**

*Sister Congregation*

**Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa**

*Missionaries*

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

*Studying at Seminary*

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

*Comfort, Healing, Recovery*

~ **Chris Hilber**

~ **Sandy Roberts**

*Those who need our on-going prayers*

~ **Les Broliar**

~ **Bill Deneen**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **LouAnn Gille**

~ **Sue Hafemeister**

~ **Rick Jones**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **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**

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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*)

### **Lenten Practices**

One practice of Lent is fasting, or going with less food and drink for a period of time. This practice disciplines our soul through our stomach, reminding us that “man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” Martin Luther called fasting a “fine outward preparation.” Traditional days for fasting in the Christian church are Wednesdays and Fridays; a traditional way of fasting is to eat one full meal and two quarter meals.

### **Worship Notes**

Word of the Week: *Absolution*. Absolution is the forgiveness of sins spoken by the pastor after the confession of sins. It can also be used for the entire act of confession and forgiveness, as the main thing is Christ’s saving absolution.

### **Next Sunday:**

Lent 1: *Genesis 22:1-18; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15; Psalm 25:1-9*

## 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. *Continuing at Romans 10:16*

### **Tuesdays at 9 AM: The Didache**

This document, written around the same time as the New Testament, contains some of the earliest ways that the church of the apostles prepared new Christians for the Christian life.

### **Wednesdays**

**Praying with St. John 12 Noon**  
Broaden and deepen your practice of prayer by digesting the imagery of John’s gospel. (*Church Hall*)

### **The Way of Christ 7:15 PM**

Connect or reconnect with the basic doctrines, story, and practices of the Christian faith. (*Conference Room*)

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

Some call this gospel, written by the tax collector, Matthew, “catechism of the Christian life.” It tells the story of Jesus in a way that teaches how the followers of Jesus live by Jesus’ life alone. *Continuing at Matthew 19:13*

## REMEMBERING

*Heroes of the Faith in February*

### **Sts. Philemon and Onesimus**

*February 15*

Sts. Philemon and Onesimus were early believers in Christ with a unique relationship: Onesimus was Philemon's slave. Our only knowledge of them comes from a letter that St. Paul wrote, now contained in the New Testament. There we find that Onesimus had run away from Philemon and come to Paul, but Paul was sending him back to Philemon with the admonishment that Philemon treat Onesimus as his own brother. The letter is significant for showing how Christ's radical love had begun to change society and press for the full dignity of all people.

### **Saint Martin Luther**

*February 18*

A monk and priest, St. Martin Luther led a reformation of the Church's life through his preaching and teaching in Wittenberg, Germany. By that reformation, God enlivened the preaching of justification through faith in Christ alone and consoled the Church in the knowledge of His mercy and grace. Excommunicated by the bishop of Rome in 1521, Luther narrowly escaped death and lived another 25 years to strengthen the Church in pure doctrine and worship.

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

## REACHING

*Zion's Monthly Mission Emphases*

- **Crossways Camping Ministries**  
Goal: \$2,000
- **Hope Life Center, Wausau**  
Goal: \$1,000

### **Crossways Camping Ministries**

The Crossway Camps and Retreat Centers at Imago Dei Village (Clintonville), Pine Lake Camp (Waupaca), and Waypost Camp (Hatley) are gearing up for another exciting year of offering summer and year-round programs for youth and adults. Three camps, but one ministry. Their mission is to bring people together in Christ so lives are changed and communities enhanced. The vision is committed to year-round, quality, faith-empowered discovery for all. Their core values are: faith, care of creation, discovering community and hospitality. If you are planning to send your child or grandchild to camp or plan to attend a retreat, be sure to register as soon as possible. Prayers and financial support are always needed.

### **Hope Life Center:**

#### **Operation Baby Bottle**

During February, baby bottles will be placed by the entrances at Zion. Please take a baby bottle home (one per household) and fill it with your loose change. Return the bottles during the week of February 25 to the Zion church office. Thank you for your support of this effort for Hope Life Center.

## LENT

*Intensifying Devotion*

### Ash Wednesday

*February 14*

Holy Communion with Ashes  
10:30 AM and 6:30 PM

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### Wednesday Lenten Studies

February 14 – March 21

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### Sermon Series

February 14 – March 25

#### "Deliver Us" *Sundays/Saturdays*

Unmasking evil and rejoicing in Christ's victory over it

#### "Lamb of God" *Wednesdays*

Did He really forgive *all* sin? Walking with Him through His suffering as He bears our sin away (*10:30 AM & 6:30 PM*)

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**Soup Meals** every Wednesday at 11:30 AM and 5:15 PM

## SERVING

*Embodying the Love and Life of Christ*

### A/V Project in Church Hall

Zion's church hall is receiving updates to its audio-visual capabilities, including a new TV, projector, sound, and Power Point capabilities to accommodate both small and large groups. Most of the necessary funds have been received; a small amount remains. If you wish to donate, contact Zion's office manager, Pam Gabriel.

### Call Committee Update

Zion's call committee for a new associate pastor has now completed the paperwork and synod meetings necessary to being the interview process. The East Central Synod of Wisconsin will forward names of candidates to the call committee for interview. This process may take up to a year or more. It may include both seasoned pastors and first-call pastors or seminarians. The names given to the committee are confidential. Please keep the call committee in your prayers.

### Lenten Soup Meals: Wednesdays, February 14 through March 21

This week's menu: potato soup (tuna salad sandwich in the evening).

Volunteers are needed for serving meals and cleaning up after meals. You can choose the week and time you are available to help out. The meals are served at 11:30 a.m. and at 5:15 p.m. in the church hall each Wednesday during Lent. Call

the church office if you would like to help.

### **Winter Tea at Zion**

... this Sunday, February 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the church hall. Beverages, hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, and live musical entertainment. Tickets are on sale in the church office after worship services.

Cost: \$9 in advance; \$11 at the door.

#### Scheduled Musicians for the Winter Tea:

2:00 p.m.: Barry Liss, piano

2:45 p.m.: Ethan & Brennan Hochberger,  
piano duet

3:15 p.m.: Virginia Grasse, violin

4:00 p.m.: Dan Gruetzmacher, concertina

### **Young at Heart**

... meets next on Wednesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. Dave Torkko, the featured speaker, will talk about Wausau's riverfront development. Anyone age 50+ is welcome to attend.

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

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

### **Quilting**

... Mondays: February 19, March 5 and 19, and April 9 and 23, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. This project supports Lutheran World Relief. Volunteers are welcome! Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84".

**Women of Zion Project: Homeless Mats**  
Catholic Charities (Homeless Shelter) has an ample supply of mats. At this point, we will finish the mats we are working on, and no longer meet on Tuesdays. Thank you to all those who have helped with this project.

### **American Guild of Organists (AGO) Lenten Organ Meditations**

Members of the Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a series of five *Lenten Organ Meditations*, thirty-minute recitals on music for the penitential season, each Friday in Lent beginning on February 23 and ending March 23. The concerts start at 12:15 pm and will be held at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 330 McClellan Street in Wausau. A free-will donation will be received. St. John's church is handicapped accessible.

- February 23 – Patricia Metter
- March 2 – Kartika Putri
- March 9 – Irene Beethe
- March 16 – Susan Schaefer;  
Karmen Teigen
- March 23 – Mark Schultz

### **Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on February 23**

Phyllis Bliese will be baking the following: French bread (\$3 each) and whole wheat bread (\$4 each); apple pie (\$6 regular size; \$8 large size); banana crème pie (\$6 each); and lemon meringue pie (\$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 of-

fice; or you may call the church office at 715-848-7286. Proceeds benefit Zion church's roof.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **2018 Wall Calendars**

We have received copies of 2018 wall calendars from Steve Zeinemann from Thrivent Financial. You may take a calendar from the reception area, or from the narthex.

#### **"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.

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

*Events around Central Wisconsin*

#### **Fish Fry Fridays at St. Patrick's in Halder**

Fish dinners will be available during Lent on Fridays, February 16 through March 30, at St. Patrick's Parish, 3185 Halder Drive, Mosinee. Serving from 4–8 p.m. Carry-outs are available by calling 715-693-2765.

#### **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.

### **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)

### **Faith in Action**

- Are you age 60 or older? Do you need a little extra help with transportation to medical appointments or grocery shopping? Friendly volunteers from Faith in Action of Marathon County are ready to deliver food from The Neighbors' Place to your doorstep.
- Also, volunteer drivers are needed to help with transportation.
- To request assistance, or to volunteer as a driver, please contact Krista at 715-848-8783; or email: [wausaufia-info@gmail.com](mailto:wausaufia-info@gmail.com).

### **Caregiving Program Offered**

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin will offer a 6 week educational program called **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**. This program is designed to help family caregivers through their caregiving journey by providing tools and strategies for increased self-care. Participants will learn to reduce stress, increase confidence, improve communication, handle difficult emotions, increase ability to make tough decisions, and find helpful

resources. Where: ADRC-CW, 2600 Stewart Ave. Suite 25, Wausau. When: Tuesdays, February 20–March 27. Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Suggested Contribution: \$10. Pre-registration is required. Please call Peggy at the ADRC-CW, 715-261-6070, to sign up.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

*Upcoming events at Zion*

- **Sunday, February 11 – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm:** Winter Tea in church hall
- **Wednesdays, February 14 through March 21 – 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.:** Soup Meals in church hall
- **Sunday, April 15 – 3:00 pm:** Bálint Karosi Organ Concert in nave

### **Attendance: February 3, 4 and 7:**

#### **Saturday:**

5:15 pm 22

#### **Sunday:**

9:00 am 108

11:00 am 62

#### **Wednesday:**

10:00 am 9

6:30 pm 19

**Total:** 220

### **Zion's Financial News**

**Income last week:** \$ 5,634

**Year-to-date income:** \$48,679

**Year-to-date expenses:** \$61,661

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday • February 11

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;  
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 10:15 am Pre-Confirmation class
- 11:00 am Holy Communion;  
Baptism
- 2:00 pm–5:00 pm: Winter Tea in  
church hall

### Monday • February 12

- 6:15 pm Group Home Ministry

### Tuesday • February 13

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday • February 14

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 am** Holy Communion and  
Imposition of Ashes
- 11:30 am Soup Meal in church hall
- 12:00 noon “Praying with St. John”  
Class
- 5:15 pm Soup Meal in church hall
- 6:30 pm** Holy Communion and  
Imposition of Ashes
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:10 pm Chime Choir
- 7:15 pm “Way of Christ” Class

### Thursday • February 15

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

### Saturday • February 17

- 11:00 am–3:00 pm: NALC Executive  
Committee Meeting in  
conference room
- 5:15 pm Communion Service

### Sunday • February 18

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

### Next Sunday:

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