



# For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Epiphany of Our Lord + January 5 and 6, 2019

## PRAYING

*In Our Prayers This Week*

*Persecuted Christians in:*

**Turkmenistan**

**Laos**

**Jordan**

*Sister Congregation*

**Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa**

*Missionaries*

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

*Studying at Seminary*

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

*Wedding Anniversary*

~ **Steve and Marlene Kroening**  
(52 years)

*Comfort, Healing, Recovery:*

~ **Jeff**

~ **Marty**

*Those who need our on-going prayers:*

~ **Kim Blume**

~ **Les Broliar**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Carl Koch**

~ **Debra Mertes**

~ **Emma & Sarah Mertes (twins)**

~ **Grace Mueller**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Ed Novitzke**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **Barb Ramker**

~ **Krista Salas**

~ **Renee Shorey**

~ **David Skola**

~ **Ethel Ann Smith**

~ **Elroy Tapper**

~ **Jayne Zilisch**

~ **Nancy, godmother of Sue Hafemeister**

~ **those recovering from natural disaster**

~ **Zion's homebound members**

## FUNERALS

Erna Heldt (Dec. 27) and Edward Fenhaus (Dec. 29) have fallen asleep in the Lord and now await the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Erna was given Christian burial on December 29, and Edward on January 3. May God comfort their families and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.

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.

# LITURGY

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*Receiving the Gifts*

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

A liturgy of morning prayer to praise God for the day and refresh our souls at midweek. (*Chapel*)

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

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

### **January (Sat/Sun) Sermon Series: "Outreach: Sharing the Gifts."**

How do we share what God has shared with us?

### **Jan. 12-13 (Baptism of Our Lord) *Sharing the Son***

### **Jan. 19-20 *Sharing the Spirit***

### **Jan. 26-27 *The Gifts Rejected: "No!"***

### **Feb. 2-3 *The Gifts Opposed: Evil***

### **Feb. 9-10 *The Gifts Still Given: Ministry***

### **Feb. 16-17 *Sharing the Absolution, Part I***

### **Next Sunday:**

Baptism of Our Lord: *Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22; Psalm 29*

## ***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.*

# CATECHUMENATE

*Learning the Gifts*

**Sundays, 10:15 AM: "What If Someone Says . . ."** People have doubts and criticisms of our faith. How do we respond? Each Sunday will take a different challenge to the Christian faith and provide simple, faithful, and compassionate answers. *Jan. 6: "There's no proof of God."*

**Tuesdays at 9 AM: Portraits of Conversion.** In keeping with Zion's focus on outreach during Epiphany, this class will explore Biblical and historical examples of conversion, what they teach us, and how they encourage us in the gift and calling of daily conversion.

**Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7AM: Acts of the Apostles**  
We continue exploring Acts this week, looking particularly at how Acts has inspired the church in her outreach and how the church reaches out with the very gifts of God she has received through Word and Sacrament. This week we focus on Acts 3-5: Peter, John, and outreach in and around Jerusalem.

## Upcoming Learning Events

### **The Way, The Truth, the Life**

*Wednesdays, February 20 to April 10*

*7:00 – 8:00 p.m.*

Learn the faith; renew your faith! This class is **for those seeking to become Lutheran and join Zion and for all those who want to deepen their knowledge and practice of the faith.** Do you know anyone who might appreciate this class? Invite that person and come along! If interested, please contact the church office.

### **"What If Someone Says . . ."**

*Sundays in January and February*

*10:15 A.M.*

Upcoming Subjects of this study on responding to the doubts of our age:

**Jan. 13:** *If God exists, He's no good.*

**Jan. 20:** *I don't believe in "one way."*

**Jan. 27:** *Fellowship; bring a friend!*

**Feb. 3:** *I like God, but not church.*

**Feb. 10:** *I don't believe in miracles.*

**Feb. 17:** *Christians are bad people/  
Christians are judgmental.*

**Feb. 24:** *Fellowship; bring a friend!*

**Mar. 3:** *"That's just what you say."*

# OUTREACH *and* MERCY

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*Sharing and Being the Gifts*

## **Zion's Mission Goal This Month:**

### **Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (\$2,000)**

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.

## **Special Needs Accessibility**

About 20 years ago, Zion reconfigured its front pews to allow for persons with wheelchairs to sit near the front. Then, as the result of a frozen pipe bursting in 2004, the pews were reconfigured, removing that accessible space. You may have noticed that the space is now being returned to the front (pulpit side) pews. One half of the front pew is removed. In 3-4 months, movable wooden chairs (with kneelers) that match Zion's pews will arrive that may be placed in that space when not needed for special needs accessibility, and easily removed when it is needed. It is planned for the same changes to be made to the lectern side, with the pulpit side done first due to its proximity to the west side ramp. The total project will cost about \$3000. Donations are always appreciated.

## **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.

## **Donations to Zion's Building Fund**

Thanks be to God, He has provided Zion church with a place to worship and minister to the community that proclaims the faith of Jesus Christ. Zion's building fund, the Hansen Fund, helps to maintain and improve this property so that it

may continue to serve God's mission for years to come. Please consider directing donations and memorials to this helpful fund.

### **Voters Meeting**

... Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.

### **Parish Nurse**

Lenore Grosinske, Zion's parish nurse, is available for assisting you with Blood Pressure, understanding your medications, and getting you to appointments. She will assist with issues regarding medical bills that you may be having a hard time understanding. Also, if you need to dispose of outdated medication, she is able to do that for you. You may contact Lenore directly at 715-848-5112; or email: lenor72@yahoo.com.

### **Pick Up Your Containers in the Church Kitchen**

There are leftover containers from Stras-senfest food donations that need to be picked up. Pie plates, pickle jars, and Tup-erware storage containers are in the "coffee room" by the church kitchen. If not picked up, they will be donated to the next rummage sale. Thank you.

### **Calendars for 2019**

There are a number of calendars available in the reception area by the church office. The calendars were donated by Steve Zeinemann, Thrivent Associate.

### **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.

### **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.

### **We Need More Plastic Bags and People Who Crochet**

... for the Homeless Mats project. Due to the nature of this project, we would like donations of clean plastic bags, from department stores, big box stores, and grocery stores. Bring your donations to the conference room by the church office. Also, we need people who will crochet the mats. This can be done at church or at home. Call Lori, 715-551-0566 for more information.

### **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.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

*Events around Central Wisconsin*

### **Hand-Crafted Creations (formerly Talent Shop)**

Located at 319 4th St., Wausau, their hours are Monday thru Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 319 Gallery, Inc. has five gallery rooms of all local artists including the Hand-Crafted Creations area, formerly Talent Shop. Any local artists interested in joining, please call June Zentner, 715-297-7993.

### **Free!!! 2018 Income Tax Preparation**

... for low-to-moderate income taxpayers; emphasis on age 60+. Appointments required. Call 715-298-5734 weekdays starting January 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to schedule your appointment.

### **School Bus Drivers Needed**

Lamers is recruiting new Route Drivers with paid training. Apply in person at their Weston office, 3805 Concord Avenue. Call 715-298-6110; or online: [GoLamers.com/employment](http://GoLamers.com/employment)

### **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 Linda at 715-848-8783; or email: [wausaufiainfo@gmail.com](mailto:wausaufiainfo@gmail.com).

### **Volunteers Needed for Service Trips**

Good News Project, a local nonprofit operating in Wausau for 35 years, has openings for volunteers for their upcoming service trips in the U.S. and in the Caribbean. More information can be found at [www.goodnewswi.com](http://www.goodnewswi.com) or by calling 715-843-5985, M-F, 9 am - 5 pm.

### **Hospice Volunteers Needed**

Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice needs volunteers to provide a comforting presence and emotional, social support to their patients and families in their Hospice Program. Volunteers help patients in their end-of-life journey, to live in dignity and peace while helping to offer a pain-free and comfortable environment. Call Samantha Giese or Tasha Stencil at 745-847-2424; or visit the website: [www.aspirus.org/volunteers](http://www.aspirus.org/volunteers). Training is based on the volunteer's schedule and needs.

### Sanctity of Life Sunday

...will be Sunday, January 20, 2019. Abortion can be a difficult moral decision.

However, the ELCA has an official viewpoint much more favorable to abortion than that of Zion's pastors and many of Zion's members. **If you want to add your name(s) to the annual signature page in the January 20 *Daily Herald*, please do so today at the round table in the church office.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Upcoming events at Zion*

- **Tuesday, January 22, 2019: 7:00 pm:**  
Voters Meeting in church hall
- **Sunday, February 10, 2019: 2:00 pm to 6:00 p.m.:** Winter Tea in church hall
- **Sunday, May 5, 2019: 3:00 pm:**  
Craig Cramer organ concert in nave

### Attendance: Dec. 26, 29, 30 & 31:

#### Wednesday,

#### **St. Stephen, Martyr:**

10:00 am      11

6:30 pm        7

#### Saturday:

5:15 pm        45

#### Sunday:

9:00 am        121

11:00 am       43

#### New Year's Eve:

6:30 pm:      39

**Total:        266**

### Zion's Financial News

**Income last week:        \$ 39,915**

**Year-to-date income:    \$611,981**

**Year-to-date expenses:  \$672,396**

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday • January 6

### THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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

## Tuesday • January 8

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

## Wednesday • January 9

- 10:00 am Matins
- 1:00 pm Jail Ministry
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:10 pm Handchimes

## Thursday • January 10

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

## Saturday • January 12

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

## Sunday • January 13

### THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

### Next Sunday:

Baptism of Our Lord: *Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22; Psalm 29*

### Kiyo and Chiemi Watanabe: Organ Duet: Zion Concert Organ Series

... is telecast on **Channel 980 on Charter**,  
Fridays at 12:15 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00  
p.m.; on **VieBit**: [https://  
waam.viebit.com/player.php?  
hash=lduid9VqjOrj](https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=lduid9VqjOrj);  
on **YouTube**: [https://  
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSkI9Kb  
peY&list=PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOeEQT  
o77N1o7F3P&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSkI9KbpeY&list=PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOeEQT077N1o7F3P&index=6)

### "Zion Reformation Service"

... is telecast on **Channel 980 on Charter**,  
Thursdays at 4 PM and Wednesdays at 7  
AM.; on **VieBit**:  
[https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?  
hash=iPuke72BRG0m](https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=iPuke72BRG0m); on **YouTube**:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=DDQhMpSJ2xM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDQhMpSJ2xM)