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Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Epiphany 2 + January 19 and 20, 2019

## **PRAYING**

*In Our Prayers This Week*

*Persecuted Christians in:*

**Nepal**

**Brunei**

**Qatar**

*Sister Congregation*

**Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa**

*Missionaries*

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

*Studying at Seminary*

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

*Those who need our on-going prayers:*

~ **Kim Blume**

~ **Les Brolliar**

~ **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 and Jim and Delores**

~ **those recovering from natural disaster**

~ **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.

# 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. 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*

**Feb. 23-24**

*Sharing the Absolution, Part II*

### **Next Sunday:**

Epiphany 3: *Nehemiah* 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; *1 Corinthians* 12:12-31a; *Luke* 4:16-30; *Psalms* 19:7-14

## ***Heroes of the Faith in January***

### **Saint Agnes**

*January 21*

One of the most renowned Christian women in history, St. Agnes was born to a noble Roman family, and her story was later told by St. Ambrose (December 7), who lived shortly after her. Having become a Christian, Agnes was martyred at a young age, no more than 13 years old, under the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian. Many traditions have grown around her story; primarily, she reminds us that faith in Christ embraces all ages, and stands as an example of Christian steadfastness, especially for young girls.

### **The Conversion of St. Paul**

*January 25*

One week after she celebrates St. Peter's confession, the Church celebrates St. Paul's conversion. Initially called Saul, and living as a violent persecutor of Christianity, Paul was converted on the road to Damascus when Jesus spoke to him and struck him blind for three days. Thereafter, Paul was baptized by St. Ananias and regained his sight, becoming one of the Church's greatest apostles of the faith and the author of several books in the New Testament.

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

**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 15: The Outcome of Sharing the gifts of God with the Gentiles.

**Sunday School: This Week's Lesson**  
Today in Sunday School, our students will hear how "God Creates Adam and Eve," including providing them with perfect physical attributes and a lush garden in which to live. God created the world's many natural resources so it would be a wonderful place to live for His most treasured creation, human beings. Parents might ask, "How were Adam and Eve different from the rest of God's creation?"

## 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. 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

*Sharing and Being the Gifts*

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## **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 adoptions 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.

## **Acolyte Training and Lunch**

... Sunday, February 17 at 12:00 p.m.  
Meet by the church office after the 11 a.m. service. Lunch will be provided.

## **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.

## **Please Bring Your Palm Branches – Lent Starts March 6**

If you have saved your palm branches from last year, please bring them to the church office; or place them in the basket provided in the baptistery. The branches will be burned on Sunday, March 3 between the services, to create the ashes used at this year's Ash Wednesday services on March 6.

## **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**

... this week on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.

### **Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on January 25**

Phyllis Bliese will be baking the following: French bread (\$3 each) and whole wheat bread (\$4 each); Dutch apple pie (\$6 regular size; \$8 large size); blueberry pie (\$8 each); lemon meringue pie (\$6 each); and pumpkin 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 office; or you may call the church office at 715-848-7286. Proceeds benefit Zion church's roof.

### **Winter Tea at Zion**

... Sunday, February 10 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 now on sale in the church office after worship ser-

vices, and during weekly office hours. Cost: \$9 in advance; \$11 at the door.

### **Quilting Starts Again!**

... Mondays: February 18, March 11 and 25, April 15 and 29, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. This project supports Lutheran World Relief. Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84". Volunteers are welcome! We need you to sew quilt tops, which you can do at home. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer.

### **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.

### **Homeless Mats Project**

We meet each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall, so please come and join us. We have enough plastic bags right now, and would like people who will crochet the plastic yarn. Crocheting can be done at church or at home. Call Lori, 715-551-0566 for more information.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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*

### **Flute and Piano Recital**

You are invited to a recital of "European and American Classics for Flute and Piano" presented by Dr. Jacob Roseman and Dr. Molly Roseman on Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. at the Wausau Conservatory of Music, 404 Seymour Street, Wausau. The recitalists are often guest instrumentalists at services at Zion. There is no admission fee for this concert.

### **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.

### **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: [wausaufia-info@gmail.com](mailto:wausaufia-info@gmail.com).

### 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.

### 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)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Upcoming events at Zion*

- **Tuesday, January 22: 7:00 pm:**  
Voters Meeting in church hall
- **Sunday, February 10: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm:** Winter Tea in church hall
- **Saturday, April 27: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm:** Women of Zion Rummage Sale in gym
- **Sunday, May 5: 3:00 pm:**  
Craig Cramer organ concert in nave

### Attendance: January 9, 12 and 13:

#### Wednesday:

10:00 am	7
6:30 pm	12

#### Saturday:

5:15 pm	30
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#### Sunday:

9:00 am	145
11:00 am	<u>53</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>247</b>

### Zion's Financial News

<b>Income last week:</b>	<b>\$ 7,433</b>
<b>Year-to-date income:</b>	<b>\$28,823</b>
<b>Year-to-date expenses:</b>	<b>\$37,183</b>

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday • January 20

### EPIPHANY 2

- 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 22

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Homeless Mats in  
church hall
- 2:00 pm Mt. View devotions
- 3:00 pm Atrium devotions
- 7:00 pm Voters Meeting in  
church hall

## Wednesday • January 23

- 10:00 am Matins
- 1:00 pm Jail Ministry
- 1:00 pm Young at Heart meeting  
in church hall
- 2:30 pm Wausau Manor devotions
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:10 pm Handchime Choir

## Thursday • January 24

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

## Friday • January 25

Bread and Pie Baking Fundraiser

## Saturday • January 26

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

## Sunday • January 27

### EPIPHANY 3

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;  
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Pre-Confirmation
- 10:15 am Bible Study/Fellowship
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### 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=lduid9VqjQrj](https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=lduid9VqjQrj);  
on **YouTube**: [https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=qSkI9Kb  
peY&list=PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOeEQTo  
77N1o7F3P&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSkI9KbpeY&list=PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOeEQTo77N1o7F3P&index=6)

### “Christmas Eve – 5 pm 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=4gk00bQB8QTn](https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=4gk00bQB8QTn);  
on **YouTube**: [https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=fTRSKYE\\_pmM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTRSKYE_pmM)