



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Epiphany 5 + February 9 and 10, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Kuwait

Central African Republic

Palestinian Territories

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 Broliar**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Carl Koch**

~ **Debra Mertes**

~ **Grace Mueller**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Ed Novitzke**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **Barb Ramker**

~ **Krista Salas**

~ **Larry Schubring**

~ **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**

In Sympathy

~ **Victoria and Alexander Smirnoff,**
friends of Olga Polley, on the death of
their 3-year-old daughter, Maria.

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

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?

Feb. 9-10

The Gifts Still Given: Ministry

Feb. 16-17

Sharing the Absolution, Part I

Feb. 23-24

Sharing the Absolution, Part II

March 2-3

The Eighth Day of the Week

Next Sunday:

Epiphany 6: *Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26; Psalm 1*

Heroes of the Faith in February

Saint Silas

February 10

St. Silas accompanied St. Paul on his second missionary journey to preach the Gospel (thus he is sometimes shown with a boat) (Acts 15:40). Once, God freed Silas and Paul from prison in Philippi, where they had been imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, by breaking their chains and prison door with a miraculous earthquake (Acts 16:25-37). Sometimes his name is written "Silvanus." His feast day is sometimes celebrated with Sts. Timothy and Titus on January 26.

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.

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.

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. *This week: The Ethiopian Eunuch and Justin Martyr*

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: Acts 18-20 – The Church as Outpost for Evangelism*

Sunday School: This Week’s Lesson
As our children study the Bible account “Noah and the Flood” in Sunday School today, they will consider God’s messages that He gave through the flood and the rainbow. God promises to provide a Savior to overcome sin and take its punish-

ment for us. Parents could ask, “How do God’s promises give you comfort?”

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:

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

Zion's Mission Goal This Month:

Crossways Camping Ministries
(\$2,000)

Hope Life Center, Wausau
(\$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.

Hope Life Center Hope has locations in Wausau and Antigo, as well as a Mobile Unit that travels to different areas in Central Wisconsin. FREE services include pregnancy testing, limited OB ultrasound, STD testing and treatment, abortion recovery support, pregnancy and early parenting education, adoption information and sexual health information. Hope does not offer abortion services or referrals.

Thank You, Nurse Grosinske!

Lenore Grosinske, Zion's parish nurse, has decided to retire. She thanks the congregation for its support, and she has Zion's thanksgiving in turn! Thanks be to God for her labors on behalf of the congregation's health and wholeness. Though Lenore does not want a "big recognition," if you wish to share a note of thanks with her, you may direct thank-you notes to her through the church office.

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.

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.

Winter Tea at Zion

... this 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 on sale in the church office after worship services. 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.

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 24 to the Zion church office. Thank

you for your support of this effort for Hope Life Center.

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.

Young at Heart

The next two meetings for Young at Heart are Wednesdays, February 27 and March 27, both at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. The February 27 meeting features speaker Laurel Hoffman. She will give a presentation on the history of Pomeranians: their arrival in Marathon County and why did they settle here. All adult seniors age 50+ are welcome to attend.

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on February 22

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); custard pie (\$6 each); lemon meringue pie (\$8 each); pecan pie (\$8 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.

Bread and Pie Baking Report from January 25

58 loaves white bread at \$3.00:	\$174.00
11 loaves of whole wheat at \$4.00:	44.00
14 pies at \$8.00:	112.00
24 pies at \$6.00:	144.00
5 jam at \$4.00:	20.00
Donations:	<u>24.00</u>
Total Sales:	518.00
Less Expenses:	<u>106.00</u>
Total Profit:	\$412.00

Profits designated to: Zion Missions: \$62.00; Church Roof Fund: \$350.00.

Thanks to my helpers: Steve, Jack and Bill.

Thanks to all who buy at Zion!

... Phyllis Bliese

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.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

Your Relationship Deserves Marriage Encounter!

... to be held February 15–17 at Elevation Hotel in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. This Marriage Encounter can help husbands and wives celebrate their special

relationship and learn unique insights and tools to improve their communication. Register at GodLovesMarriage.org; for questions, call 1-763-561-1575; or email: mcmahonp@comcast.net.

Habitat for Humanity of Wausau: Housing Opportunity

If you know someone living in inadequate housing conditions, Habitat for Humanity of Wausau may be able to help. Approved applicants can purchase a home, with a mortgage and payments over 25-30 years. Orientation meetings are held Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. at 1810 Schofield Ave., Weston; and Saturday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. at Marathon County Public Library, 300 N. 1st St., Wausau. Call to register: 715-848-5042.

Book Sale at Marathon County Public Library

... Sunday, February 10, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 300 N. First St., Wausau. Special sale: \$6.00 per bag. Free admission, and open to the public.

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.

Family Matters Community Events

The Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Marathon County Family Resource Center offers spiritual, social, and supportive components of the religious organizations in the Wausau community. They provide a

therapeutic element for all individuals who attend their learning sessions and ongoing programs. Refer to the flyer on the bulletin board by the northwest entry of Zion, for their January through May schedule of events.

Thank You Community Members

The Wausau Warming Center would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made donations and volunteered during the extreme weather crisis last week. It was bitterly cold outside and we are very grateful for the community stepping up to help serve those who are homeless. Your help not only allowed us to increase the number of people we were able to help, but also the hours we were open, which was around the clock! During the week we served over our capacity of 25 guests at the Wausau Warming Center, up to 27 on Monday night. Your generosity continues to help us save lives!

Thrivent Choice Dollars Program: Designate by March 31

Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial may now recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable dollars. You can request that Zion be given your charitable dollars. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice"; or on the internet: www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice; or call Zion member and Thrivent Associate, Steven Zeinemann, 715-355-0676.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Sunday, February 10: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm:** Winter Tea in church hall
- **Friday, February 22:** Bread and Pie Baking Fundraiser
- **Sunday, February 24: 10:00 am:** Fellowship hosted by Women of Zion
- **Wednesday, March 6: 10:30 am and 6:30 pm:** Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion
- **Sunday, April 14 – Sunday, April 21:** Holy Week and Easter
- **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: Jan. 30; Feb. 2 and 3:

<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:00 am	3
6:30 pm	3
<u>Saturday:</u>	
5:15 pm	50
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	120
11:00 am	<u>29</u>
Total:	205

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$18,284
Year-to-date income:	\$59,122
Year-to-date expenses:	\$66,769

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • February 10

EPIPHANY 5

- 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
- 2:00 pm–5:00 pm: Winter Tea in
church hall

Tuesday • February 12

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Homeless Mats in
church hall
- 2:00 pm Mt. View Devotions

Wednesday • February 13

- 10:00 am Matins
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:10 pm Handchime Choir

Thursday • February 14

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

Saturday • February 16

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • February 17

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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=qSk19Kb
peY&list=PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOeEQTo
77N1o7F3P&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSk19KbpeY&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/
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