



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Epiphany 6 + February 16 and 17, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Mali

Indonesia

Mexico

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**

~ **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**

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*)

Epiphany (Sat/Sun) Sermon Series: "Outreach: Sharing the Gifts."

How do we share God's gifts?

Feb. 23-24

Sharing the Absolution, Part II

March 2-3

The Eighth Day of the Week

Lent (Sat/Sun) Sermon Series "Catechumeante: Learning the Gifts"

How do the gifts of Jesus form and shape us?

Lent Midweek (Wed) Sermon Series: "Vigil: Watching for the Risen One"

Beloved stories from the Old Testament teach us about the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus.

Next Sunday:

Epiphany 7: *Genesis 45:3-15; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38; Psalm 103:1-13*

Heroes of the Faith in February

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.

Saint Polycarp

February 23

A student of St. John the Apostle, St. Polycarp was bishop of Smyrna and may have been ordained to that post by St. John himself. He thus serves as an important link between the early Church and the apostles. He was martyred for refusing to honor the Roman emperor as a divine lord. At first, he was burned at the stake, but when the fires did not kill him, he was stabbed to death. He authored a letter to the Philippians.

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. *This week: "Christians are bad people/judgmental."*

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 21-24 – Always being ready to Witness (and its repercussions)*

Sunday School: This Week's Lesson
In Sunday School today, our children will study "God's Covenant with Abram." As He did for Abram, God keeps His promises, as He did in giving His own Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Consider discussing, "What important

promises do we make as a family? How can we remind ourselves of the promises God

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.

Sundays: "Practicing Forgiveness."

How did forgiveness come to us? How do we rest in this gift daily? How do we share it in hard situations?

Starts March 10.

Tuesdays: "The Gospel By Heart."

If someone were to ask you for a brief outline of Christ's life, what would you say? How do the four gospels in the Bible help us? **Starts March 5.**

Thursday Men's Breakfast: "Great Doctrines of the Faith in Romans."

How does St. Paul's letter to the Romans teach us the basic doctrines of the faith? **Starts March 7.**

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 Nearly 70 churches in Wausau, Antigo and the surrounding areas, partner with Hope as they affirm life and share the love and forgiveness found only in Jesus Christ.

Please pray for Hope and consider your financial support to this caring ministry. For further information or questions, contact Jack Hoogendyk, Executive Director at 715-470-1003 or jack@hopewi.org.

A Proposal from a Sister Congregation

Bethany Lutheran Church in Easton (Aniwa address) is currently without a pastor and is in need of pulpit supply. They have therefore asked Zion's pastors to provide supply preachers for seven Sundays between now and the start of June. Zion has helped in a similar way at Immanuel, St. Stephen's, and other congregations over the years. Starting February 24, and then once in March, twice in April, and a few times thereafter, one of Zion's ministers will travel to Bethany after the 9 a.m. service and not be present at the 11 a.m. service.

In addition, Bethany has proposed that they form a covenant with Zion for long-term pastoral ministry beyond simple pulpit supply. That is, they have suggested that Zion and Bethany develop a mutual arrangement by which Zion share its pastors for preaching and pastoral care at their congregation as well as Zion. They have sought and received the provisional approval of Bishop Mansholt of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. Zion's church council will now discuss the proposal at its February meeting.

This proposal, allowing for further cooperation between a city congregation and rural congregation, creates some opportunities for Zion and Bethany alike, especially in terms of youth ministry and education. It also responds to the crying

need for pastors in rural congregations, and gives Zion the opportunity to love our neighbors. At the same time, attention must be paid for its effect on the schedules and workload of Zion's ministers as well as how it may affect the mission and work of Zion. It would *not* be a union of the two congregations; it would *not* be a contract independently forged by Zion's pastors; it *would* be a covenant arranged and periodically evaluated by Zion and Bethany alike.

Please keep this discernment process in your prayers, and share any thoughts you may have with a member of the Zion church council.

Acolyte Training and Lunch

... this 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Portals of Prayer

... for January through March are available in the narthex and by the church of-

rice reception area. Large print copies are also available.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **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
- **Tuesday, May 14: 6:00 pm:** Salad Buffet in church hall

Attendance: February 6, 9 and 10:

<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:00 am	6
6:30 pm	16
<u>Saturday:</u>	
5:15 pm	45
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	147
11:00 am	<u>46</u>
Total:	260

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 9,183
Year-to-date income:	\$68,309
Year-to-date expenses:	\$92,202

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • February 17

EPIPHANY 6

- 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

Monday • February 18

- 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Quilting in
church hall

Tuesday • February 19

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:00 am Lenten Soup Meal meeting
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Homeless Mats in
church hall
- 6:00 pm GWCS Meeting in
church hall
- 6:00 pm Elders Team
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday • February 20

- 9:45 am Benedictine Manor
Devotions
- 10:00 am Matins
- 10:45 am Colonial Manor Devotions
- 1:00 pm Jail Ministry
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:00 pm New Member Class
- 7:10 pm Handchime Choir

Thursday • February 21

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

Friday • February 22

- Bread and Pie Baking Fundraiser

Saturday • February 23

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • February 24

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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>; on **YouTube**: <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>; on **YouTube**: <https://www.youtube.com/>