



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + First Sunday in Lent + March 9 and 10, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Eritrea
Yemen
Iran

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

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

Studying at Seminary

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

Comfort, Healing, Recovery:

~ **Kaye Reetz**

Those who need our on-going prayers:

~ **Kim Blume**
~ **Les Brolliar**
~ **Carol Edelburg**
~ **Barbara Ellen**
~ **Rita Falk**
~ **Adeline Fandrey**
~ **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**
~ **Zion's homebound members**

BAPTISMS

- Benjamin Paul Welles, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Welles, will be baptized at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, March 10. Benjamin's sponsors are Nick Hovda, Alyssa Hovda, Chelsea Welles, and Lindsay Welles. Benjamin's grandparents are Rick and Chris Hovda.
- Lockslee Eve McNair, daughter of Greg and Mandy McNair, will be baptized at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, March 10. Lockslee's sponsors are Amanda Maslakow and Lance McNair. Lockslee's grandmother is Debra Mertes.

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

Wednesday Worship in Lent

10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

This Week's Soup: **Chili/Grilled Cheese**

Lent (Sat/Sun) Sermon Series
"Catechumenate: Learning the Gifts"
How do the gifts of Jesus shape our life?

March 17: Learning the "Yes"

God teaches us to receive Christ.

March 24: Learning to Fast

God teaches us to repent.

March 31: Learning to Feast

God teaches us to rejoice.

April 7: Learning to Die

God teaches us the cross.

April 14: Learning to Live

God teaches us the resurrection.

Lent Midweek (Wed) Sermon Series:
"Vigil: Watching for the Risen One"
Beloved stories from the Old Testament teach us about Resurrection and Life.

March 13: Noah and the Flood

March 20: The Sacrifice of Isaac

Next Sunday:

Lent 2: *Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13:31-35; Psalm 4*

Heroes of the Faith in March

Saint Patrick

March 17

People often associate this saint with Ireland, but he was born to a Christian family in Britain and first taken to Ireland as a slave, captured by Irish raiders, when he was a teenager. He later escaped, traveled to France, and entered the Christian ministry, whereupon he returned to Ireland as a bishop-missionary to spread the Gospel and build up the Church. He is renowned for defending the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Saint Joseph

March 19

A carpenter from Nazareth, St. Joseph was engaged to the Blessed Virgin Mary when she became pregnant with Christ. Though he initially thought to end their engagement, St. Joseph ultimately obeyed God's call to protect and care for Mary and her Child as his own (Matthew 1:18-25). He is also the father of St. James the Just, who served as the first bishop of Jerusalem, and St. Jude (Mark 6:3).

CATECHUMENATE

Learning the Gifts

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?

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?

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. .

Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7AM: Key Doctrines of the Faith in Romans

This Lent we continue delving into the riches of St. Paul's longest and deepest letter, *Romans*, exploring and relearning key doctrines of the faith found within its pages inspired by the Holy Spirit. *This week: Romans 1:8-2:11 – God's Law: Unwritten and Written*

Sunday School: This Week's Lesson

In Sunday School this week, students will study the account of "Abraham and Isaac." By God's grace, Abraham didn't have to make his sacrifice, but God did.

He sacrificed His own Son so that we could have salvation. Discuss, "How do the sacrifices we make compare with the sacrifice God made to save us from sin's punishment?"

"The Catechumenate" Some Basic Information

What is it? It is the Church's way of being taught by God. By learning His Word through Scripture, catechism, and the moral vision and liturgy of the Church, we are led into daily conversion and faith in Jesus Christ.

What is its source? It comes from the word *catechumen*, which means "learner" (which is also what the New Testament word for "disciple" means). Early believers were called a *catechumen* as they learned the faith and life of Christ.

How does it work? The catechumenate works when congregations recognize four distinct phases of learning for people becoming Christian: **1) inquiry, 2) instruction, 3) preparation for Baptism/confirmation/affirmation of faith at Easter Vigil, and 4) mystagogy**, or further instruction about the mysteries of living an Easter faith and life. *More about each of these phases in the weeks to come!*

OUTREACH *and* MERCY

Sharing and Being the Gifts

Zion's Mission Goal This Month:

Lutheran Bible Translators, The Derricks (\$2,000)

The Derricks want Zion to know how much we have helped them these past couple of years:

- We have helped pay the tuition for Elliot so he could be trained in Bible Translation
- We have equipped Serena so she can develop a Literacy Program
- We helped them acquire a new vehicle and helped put gas in that vehicle getting them around
- We helped them make their goal to get to Cameroon in Central Africa to do their ministry.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Lutheran Campus Center, Madison (\$1,000)

Students worship, socialize, eat and study together. They participate in events: volunteering, lock-ins, Wednesday evening soup suppers (taking turns providing). Students serve on a Social Concerns Committee and lead worship services and Bible studies. There is a quiet library always full of young people. LCC is a safe haven where faith is emphasized and energized and definitely needed! The Church future lay leaders and future parents stem from these students.

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 in the Church Hall

... Mondays: 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.

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.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

If you have baby bottles for the Hope Life Center fundraiser, please return them to the church office. Thank you to all who donated to this Mission project.

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.

Young at Heart Meetings in Church Hall

- Wednesday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m.: Steve Zeinemann, Thrivent Financial Associate, will present "Your Legacy: Family, Church, Charity."
 - The April program has not yet been decided.
 - Wednesday, May 22, the featured speaker is Gary Gisselman, presenting "A Walk Down Wausau's Main Street."
- All adult seniors age 50+ are welcome to attend these meetings.

Portals of Prayer

... for April through June are available in the narthex and by the church office recep-

Lenten Soup Meals: Wednesdays through April 10: served at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. in the church hall

This week's menu: chili soup (grilled cheese 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. Call the church office if you would like to help.

tion area. Large print copies are also available.

Set your Sights on Strassenfest 2019

Sick and tired of winter? Experiencing cabin fever? We've got a great idea that may help your winter woes. Occupy your time inside by making wonderful crafts and woodworking items for Strassenfest 2019. Make it an indoor family activity. Winter will fly by! Mark your 2019 calendars with "Zion Strassenfest" on Saturday, October 12. *Happy crafting!*

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

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 March 15 and ending April 12. The concerts start at 12:15 pm and will

be held at First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant Street in Wausau. A free-will donation will be received. First Presbyterian Church is handicapped accessible.

- **March 15 – Susan Schaefer/
Karmen Teigen**
- **March 22 – Irene Beethe**
- **March 29 – Dan Larson**
- **April 5 – Kartika Putri**
- **April 12 – Patrick Burkhart**

Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School Spring Fling 15-Year Celebration

... Saturday, April 13 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 6205 Alderson St., Weston. Country Western theme this year – dress up and win prizes! Dinner with silent auction, live auction, and special music. All ages are welcome to attend. Refer to the bulletin board by the northwest entry of Zion for more information. Reservations are due by April 5.

“Hope Restored” Spring Banquet

The Hope Life Center 2019 Banquet will be held in Wausau on Monday, April 29 and in Antigo on Tuesday, April 30. The Wausau Banquet is at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain, with two options: 11:30 a.m. lunch or 6:00 p.m. dinner. Key-note speaker is Kurt Dillinger, executive director of LIFE International, whose mission is spreading the message of life wherever abortion exists. Reservations required: call 715-470-1003; email: jack@hopewi.org.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Peace of Mind Dining

... Tuesday, March 12 at 11 a.m. at Village Inn, Marathon OR Thursday, March 21 at 11 a.m. at Vino Latte, Wausau. Enjoy a light lunch while Mary Miller, Certified Pre-Planning Counselor presents information and answers questions on advance funeral and/or cremation pre-planning. Reservations required. Call 715-845-6900.

Fish Fries at St. Patrick's – Halder

... Fridays during Lent, March 8 – April 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. Carryouts available. Cash or check only. Phone: 715-693-2765.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Wednesdays through April 10: 11:30 am and 5:15 pm:**
Soup Meals in church hall
- **Sunday, April 14 – Sunday, April 21:** Holy Week and Easter
- **Tuesday, April 23: 7:00 pm:**
Voters Meeting 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
- **Tuesday, May 14: 6:00 pm:**
Salad Buffet in church hall

Attendance: February 27; March 2 & 3:

Wednesday:

10:00 am	7
6:30 pm	20

Saturday:

5:15 pm	44
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Sunday:

9:00 am	147
11:00 am	<u>31</u>
Total:	249

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 21,089
Year-to-date income:	\$105,070
Year-to-date expenses:	\$125,457

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • March 10

LENT 1

- 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 • March 11

- 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Quilting in
church hall
6:15 pm Group Home Ministry
7:00 pm Mission Team

Tuesday • March 12

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

Wednesday • March 13

- 10:30 am** Matins
11:30 am Soup Meal in church hall
2:30 pm Wausau Manor Devotions
5:15 pm Soup Meal in church hall
6:30 pm Vespers
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm “The Way” Class
7:10 pm Handchimes

Thursday • March 14

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

Friday • March 15

- 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm: AGO Lenten
Organ Meditation at First
Presbyterian Church

Saturday • March 16

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • March 17

LENT 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

Next Sunday:

Lent 2: *Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1;*
Luke 13:31-35; Psalm 4

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=qSkI9KbpeY&list=
PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOe-
EQTo77N1o7F3P&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSkI9KbpeY&list=PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOe-EQTo77N1o7F3P&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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