



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Second Sunday in Lent + March 16 and 17, 2019

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

India
Syria
Nigeria

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 Broliar**
~ **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**

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: Beef Vegetable/Sub Sandwich

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

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 20: The Sacrifice of Isaac

March 27: Exodus

April 3: Dry Bones

Next Sunday:

Lent 3: *Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9; Psalm 85*

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 2:12-29 – Sin: It's Origin and Power*

Sunday School: This Week's Lesson

Today in Sunday School, the children will study the efforts Abraham made to ensure that his son Isaac would marry a person who loved God in the account of

"Isaac and Rebekah." As a family discuss, "Why is it important to marry someone who shares your Christian faith? What are the blessings of sharing your beliefs with your spouse?"

The Catechumenate

The Church has always had the catechumenate, or a time of instruction and formation in the faith. It comes from our Lord Himself, who commanded His apostles to "teach them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). The apostles likewise commanded those who followed them to "hold to the sound pattern of teaching" that they had heard (2 Timothy 1:13). It began more formal development at the Church grew. By 350 A.D., it had developed simple stages that grew more or less organically from the movement of the Spirit. The first stage is **Inquiry**. Inquiry describes the time when someone asks you or others in the Church about the faith: "Why do you go to Church on Sundays?" "What do you believe?" It may last a long time for some, or a short time for others. The Church supports inquiry through patience, listening, prayer, and sound answers. Do you know someone who's inquiring about the faith? How might you support or help that person?

OUTREACH *and* MERCY

Sharing and Being the Gifts

Zion's Mission Goals This Month:

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

In December, Elliot was medically evacuated to a Nairobi hospital because of a high fever that was unresponsive to treatment in Cameroon. Elliot spent one week in the hospital and then two weeks as an outpatient for treatment of African Tick Bite Fever, and he has recovered from his illness. The Derricks were able to spend their first Christmas in their home in Cameroon, instead of the hospital. The Derricks are thankful for lots of prayers and encouragement. They can now spend time focusing on French and working towards their goal of fluency. They thank God for our support of their work.

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 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.

Easter Decorating Fund

Please refer to the bulletin insert for this yearly request for funds. Your gifts are due by Monday, April 15.

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.

Bread and Pie Baking Report from February 22

63 loaves white bread at \$3.00:	\$189.00
14 loaves of whole wheat at \$4.00:	56.00
25 pies at \$6.00:	150.00
14 pies at \$8.00:	112.00
1 small pecan pie:	4.00
3 jam @ \$4.00:	12.00
Donations:	<u>17.00</u>
Total Sales:	540.00
Less Expenses:	<u>117.00</u>
Total Profit:	\$423.00

Profits designated to: Zion Missions: \$63.00; Church Roof Fund: \$360.00.

Thanks to my helpers: Steve, Jeff and Bill.
... Phyllis Bliese

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on March 29

Phyllis Bliese will be baking the following: French bread (\$3 each) and whole wheat bread (\$4 each); apple pie (\$6 regular size; \$8 large size); chocolate (\$6 each); lemon meringue pie (\$6 each); rhubarb (\$6 each); and rhubarb-strawberry (\$8 each). If you can be a kitchen helper, call Phyllis at 715-

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: beef vegetable soup (sub 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.

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.

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.

Portals of Prayer

... for April through June are available in the narthex and by the church office reception 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!*

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.

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.

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 22 – Irene Beethe**
- **March 29 – Dan Larson**
- **April 5 – Kartika Putri**
- **April 12 – Patrick Burkhardt**

Book Signing by Beverly Lewis

Meet bestselling author Beverly Lewis, author of *The Tinderbox*, on Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. at ChristianFaith Life Resources, 3707 Schofield Ave., Weston. For more information, call 715-359-9639.

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. Keynote speaker is Kurt Dillinger, executive director of LIFE International, whose mission is spreading the message of life wherever abortion ex-

ists. Reservations required: call 715-470-1003; email: jack@hopewi.org.

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.

Peace of Mind Dining

... 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, now thru 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: March 6, 9 and 10:

Ash Wednesday:

10:30 am	56
6:30 pm	131

Saturday:

5:15 pm	43
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Sunday:

9:00 am	103
11:00 am	<u>35</u>
Total:	268

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 10,679
Year-to-date income:	\$115,752
Year-to-date expenses:	\$152,951

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday • March 18

- 6:15 pm Group Home Ministry

Tuesday • March 19

- 9:00 am Bible Class
10:30 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Homeless Mats in
church hall
2:00 pm Mt. View Devotions
6:00 pm GWCS Board Meeting
6:00 pm Elders Team
7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday • March 20

- 10:30 am** Matins
11:30 am Soup Meal in church hall
1:00 pm Jail Ministry
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 21

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

Friday • March 22

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

Saturday • March 23

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • March 24

LENT 3

- 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 3: *Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9; Psalm 85*

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=qSk19KbpeY&list=
PLXeExu9Sc2UQ5o02PEOe-
EQTo77N1o7F3P&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSk19KbpeY&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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