



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Epiphany 6 + February 15 and 16, 2020

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Azerbaijan

Bhutan

Kazakhstan

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

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

Comfort, Healing, Recovery:

~ **Roger Schmidt**

Those who need our on-going prayers:

~ **Hilmar Baumann**

~ **Karen Baumann**

~ **Dave Bevington**

~ **Max Breon**

~ **Les Broliar**

~ **Rich Cornell**

~ **Ruth Draeger**

~ **Carol Edelburg**

~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Dennis Falk**

~ **Rita Falk**

~ **Ben Fiedler**

~ **Barry Gilbert**

~ **Sue Gruetzmacher**

~ **Anna Gulhaugen**

~ **Lydia Hauge**

~ **Ken Heinzen**

~ **Avery Kluck**

~ **Debra Mertes**

~ **June Mueller**

~ **Tina Parker**

~ **Eunice Parsch**

~ **Barb Ramker**

~ **Krista Salas**

~ **Larry Schubring**

~ **David Skola**

~ **Jody Slack**

~ **Elroy Tapper**

~ **Lynn Welles**

~ **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.

LENT 2020

Receiving the Gifts

Sunday Preaching Series: "The Good Confession II"

March 1: *Baptism*

What is the point?

March 8: *Holy Communion*

How is this Supper everything?

March 15: *Confession*

But do we have to?

March 22: *Repentance*

What does God actually require?

March 29: *The Use of the Sacraments*

How do they do their best for us?

Sunday Bible Study (10:15 AM): "The Dos and the Don'ts"

Why do Lutherans do some things and not other things? This study will strengthen your devotion by exploring the Biblical basis of Lutheran practice.

March 1:

Lent: Why Do We Do It?

March 8:

Saints: Do Pray to Them, or Don't?

March 15:

Meat: Why We Eat It When Others Don't

March 22:

Marriage: Why Our Pastors Do It and Others Don't

Wednesday Preaching Series: "Confessions at the Cross"

As Jesus went to the cross, people confessed the truth about Him, often without realizing it!

February 26: *Confessing the Truth*

March 4: *The High Priest*

March 11: *The Crowds*

March 18: *Peter*

March 25: *Jesus*

April 1: *Pilate*

Each Wednesday at 10:30 AM (lunch following) and 6:30 PM (supper at 5:15).

Wednesday Lenten Class (7:15 PM): "Praxis: Sharing the Word"

Have you ever wondered how to share the Word in your daily life? This class will help you share it

Feb. 26: *With You! (Introduction)*

Mar. 4: *With Children and Youth*

Mar. 11: *With the Dying and Grieving*

Mar. 18: *With Family and Friends*

Mar. 25: *With Unbelievers, Questioners*

April 1: *With Strangers and Enemies*

Call to register; meets in Conference Room.

CATECHUMENATE

Learning the Gifts

Sundays at 10:15 AM:

First Corinthians.

Jealousy, scandal, the Lord's Supper, your resurrection—all these subjects we find addressed in this book, written by the apostle Paul. *Continuing at 1 Corinthians 15:1. (Church Hall)*

Tuesdays at 9AM: Zechariah

The prophet Zechariah prophesies so vividly about the coming Christ and His kingdom that our imaginations would be captivated by the Lord's steadfast love and faithfulness. Very fitting for Advent, the prophet points us to Lord who has come at Bethlehem and will return at the end of this passing age. *Starting at Zechariah 12:1 (Church Hall.)*

Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7AM:

Revelation Our Lord Jesus once comforted the apostle John with visions of His return at the end of history and defeat of sin, death, and the devil. St. John recorded these visions in the book of Revelation, and now they comfort the whole Church! Come learn how the promised victory of Christ strengthens you for faith, hope, and love today. *Continuing at Revelation 22 (Church Hall)*

Tuesdays at 8 AM: The Big Story

The Bible has renewed the hearts and strengthened the souls of countless generations. It's a big book-- how does it all hang together? Come for a spiritual

workout at "The Landing" in the Woodson YMCA as we survey the Bible's various books and types of literature, digging deep into its simple but profound message. Dates Zion is leading this study: January 7 through February 18. Special note: Must be a member of "The Landing" to attend the study.

Wednesday Confirmation at 6:30 PM:

The Lord's Prayer "Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and . . . one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1) This week the Confirmation students begin their focus on a prayer so rich, so deep, and so simple: the Lord's Prayer.

All-Age Prayer Immersion: "Lord, Have Mercy"

Come join the fourth and final all-age prayer immersion on Sunday, March 1, "Lord, Have Mercy."

We will learn how the Litany, used in every liturgy of evening prayer, guides our prayer at home.

Date: Sunday, March 1

Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m. (dinner at 5:00!)

Like a traditional Vacation Bible School, this event will include lessons for all ages, crafts, and music. Sign-up at the church office!

OUTREACH *and* MERCY

Sharing and Being the Gifts

Zion's Mission Goal This Month:

- **Crossways Camping Ministries** (\$2,000)
- **Hope Life Center, Wausau** (\$1,500)

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.

Please Bring Your Palm Branches – Lent Starts February 26

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 baptistry. The branches will be burned on Sunday, February 23 between the services, to create the ashes used at this year's Ash Wednesday services on February 26.

The University of South Dakota Chamber Singers are coming to Zion!

On Thursday, March 5, 2020, the **University of South Dakota Chamber Singers from Vermillion** will arrive at Zion Lutheran Church as part of their Midwest Tour. They will present a concert at 7:00 pm in the nave. Come and hear this fine group!

Help Feed Our Visiting Youth

The youth group of St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois, will be holding a lock-in at Zion from February 27 through 29. If you would be able to help provide breakfast on the mornings of Feb. 28 and 29, please contact Pr. Gjerde.

Anniversary Blessings

God's richest blessings to Pastor Christopher Johnson on the occasion of his Ordination Anniversary (2-19-2011).

Pizza with the Pastor

Every second Sunday of the month

through May, our high school students gather for pizza with the pastor at a local restaurant to talk about faith and life. This monthly event is traveling to Wausau's different "pizza joints" for food, fellowship, and discussion of the faith.

Zion T-Shirts

T-shirts are still available for purchase, should anyone like to represent Zion in our town, or simply to enjoy as you walk around your neighborhood. Contact Pr. Johnson for more information.

ORGAN CELEBRATION CONCERT THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

At 3:00 p.m. on Sunday,, Kantor Beethe will present a program entitled, "An Instrument for All Seasons." You will have an opportunity to sing hymns during this program, with organ compositions designed to walk you through the church year! Following the concert you are invited to a reception in the Church Hall!

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on Friday, February 28

Phyllis Bliese will be baking these items:

- French bread (\$4 each)
- whole-wheat bread (\$4 each)
- Dutch apple pie (\$6 regular size; \$8 large size)
- blueberry pie (\$8 each)
- banana crème pie (\$6 each)
- lemon meringue pie (\$6 each)

For bread and pie orders, sign up by Tuesday, February 25, using the order sheet in the church office; or call the church office, 715-848-7286. If you order after February 28, call Phyllis at 715-675-2630. Proceeds benefit Zion church's roof.

Young At Heart Meeting

... Wednesday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. Join us as Pastor Gjerde explains what the items are in the locked Altar Guild cabinet located in the center section of the church hall. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Note: No March meeting, due to the Lenten soup meals in the church hall.

Curious Facts from Organ History:

John Wanamaker, the owner of the largest department in the United States, and a patron of the arts and lover of music, built an organ in the center of his Philadelphia store. According to internationally known organist Louis Vierne, who journeyed from France to perform in America in 1927, the organ was the largest in the world at the time. Vierne recounts his experiences with the instrument: "In the evening the center of the store is transformed into an immense concert hall capable of holding more than ten thousand persons. I played before the audience with an emotion which I shall remember all my life." Should you travel to Philadelphia, you can still hear this organ while you shop! It is played each day at noon, plus other times during the week. <https://westfield.org/programs/curious-facts/>

Sponsors Needed for Radio Broadcasts and Flowers

Sponsors are being requested for radio broadcasts on February 23 and March 1, 8, and 15. Please sign up on the charts by the stairs by the northwest entry; or, call the church office. Thank you.

Quilting in the Church Hall

... Mondays, February 17, March 2 and 23, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. This project supports Lutheran World Relief. Volunteers are welcome! Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84".

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

During February, baby bottles will be available 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 23 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 conference room by the church office, so please come and join us. We 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.

Custodial Needs

Something new! A box for submitting

any custodial needs is located in the window alcove by the office of Pam Gabriel, Zion's office manager. If you notice anything either in the church building or outside the building that needs custodial attention, please place your concern in the box. It will be checked daily to address the concerns you may have.

THANKING

The Winter Tea Committee wishes to thank everyone who was involved with our February Tea this year. It was a success! We thank everyone who contributed in any way.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

Volunteers Needed

... Thursday, Friday, Saturday: February 20-22 for the annual Special Olympics Polar Plunge, February 22 at Sunnyvale Park, Wausau. Help is needed in 4-hour shifts from 8 a.m.-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m. each day. Snacks and water will be provided. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Miranda Haima, Special Olympics Director of Special Events: 1-608-442-5674 or email: mhaima@specialolympicswisconsin.org

Christian Women's Luncheon

... Thursday, Feb. 20 at 11:45 a.m. at The Great Dane, 2305 Sherman St., Wausau, lower level banquet hall. Cost is \$15 per

person. Register today at arisewi.org. Guest speaker is Dr. Richelle Hoekstra-Anderson: "The Path to a Flourishing Life." Registration deadline is Feb. 16.

Fish Fry at St. Patrick's, Halder

... Fridays during Lent, Feb. 28 – April 10, from 4 – 8 p.m., located at 136058 Halder Dr., Mosinee. Carry outs available. Cash or check only. Call 715-693-2765.

Open Door Needs Donations

- Men's jeans, size 32 or 34 waist sizes
 - Men's long underwear, smaller sizes
- If you can donate these items, please call the Open Door, 715-848-4044 to inquire about drop-off times.

"Living Room Reset"

This event on marriage and parenting, with Kirk Cameron, will be held on Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 6205 Alderson St., Schofield. Tickets at echoconcerts.com; or at the church.

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 at 715-847-2424; or email: Samantha.Giese@aspirus.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **February 16 (Sunday) – 3:00 pm:** Organ Recital by Kantor Irene Beethe
- **February 19 (Wednesday) – 1:00 pm:** Young at Heart meeting in church hall
- **March 1 (Sunday) – 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm:** All-Generation Bible School: "Lord, Have Mercy" in the church hall
- **March 5 (Thursday) – 7:00 pm:** The University of South Dakota Chamber Singers concert in the nave
- **March 8 (Sunday) - 5:00 pm:** "Pizza with the Pastor" at Papillon's (1041 Grand Avenue).
- **March 19 (Thursday) – 6:00 pm:** Confirmation fun night at Sawmill Adventure Park
- **April 19 (Sunday) - 3:00 pm:** Organ Recital by Richard Elliott

Attendance: Feb. 5, 8 and 9:

10:00 am	7
6:30 pm	18

Saturday:

5:15 pm	43
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Sunday:

9:00 am	118
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11:00 am	<u>20</u>
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Total:	206
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Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 7,720
Income Year-to-date:	\$72,345
Expenses Year-to-date:	\$86,659

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • February 16

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
- 3:00 pm Organ Recital in nave by
Kantor Irene Beethe

Monday • February 17

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

Tuesday • February 18

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Homeless Mats in
conference room by the
church office
- 6:00 pm Elders Team
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday • February 19

- 9:45 am Benedictine Manor
Devotions
- 10:00 am Matins
- 10:45 am Colonial Manor Devotions
- 1:00 pm Young at Heart meeting in
church hall
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:10 pm Handchimes

Thursday • February 20

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Class
- 10:00 am Pastors Text Study
- 6:30 pm Kantorei Rehearsal

Saturday • February 22

- 5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday • February 23

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

- 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:

Transfiguration of Our Lord: *Exodus 24:8-18*;
2 Peter 1:16-21; *Matthew 17:1-9*; *Psalms 2:6-12*

Isabelle Demers Organ Concert – October 6, 2019 – Zion Concert Organ Series

... is telecast on **Channel 980 on Charter**, Sun-
day at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.;
Monday at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 12:00
p.m.; and Friday at 7:00 p.m.;
on **YouTube**: <https://youtu.be/zOFnhy6tOjg>;
on **VieBit**: [https://waam.viebit.com/
player.php?hash=n6slJx6ZObpQ](https://waam.viebit.com/player.php?hash=n6slJx6ZObpQ)

"Christmas Eve Service"

... is telecast on **Charter Cable Channel 980**,
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30
p.m. and Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.;
on **VieBit**: <http://waam.viebit.com>
on **YouTube**: www.tinyurl.com/WAAMedia;
or direct video link at [https://youtu.be/
ofpFXQu6yYo](https://youtu.be/ofpFXQu6yYo)