

Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

January 5 & 6, 2019

Psalm 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran
is to better know & show Christ's love.

Worship Whys: Why is it the year 2019? The current system of keeping track of time is based on the year of the birth of Jesus. The letters "A.D." which mark the date are for the Latin words "Anno Domini" which mean "the year of the Lord." Similarly, time previous to this is called "B.C." or "before Christ." This way of tracking the years was developed by Dionysius Exiguus who died about 550 A.D. As we begin a new year it is good to remember time is God's gift to us and seek His help in making wise use of the time we have been given. May the year of the Lord 2019 be a year lived for the Lord of time and eternity.

The Practice of Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are instructed in the sacrament and one with us in faith take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have a questions about this. The center of the tray holds white non-alcoholic wine.

Our Focus Today....is on our Gospel lesson, Matthew 2:1-12. Here we see a great mystery revealed. Namely, who the Messiah is and who he came to save.

This week at Zion

Sat	05	Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM Worship w/Communion 7 PM
Sun	06	Worship w/Communion 9AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM Jr. Confirmation Class 6-8 PM
Mon	07	Church Council 6:30 PM
Wed	09	Chapel 8:05 AM Ladies Bible Class 9 AM Quilting 10 AM Ladies of Zion Mtg. 7 PM
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Retable Flowers are our beautiful Christmas Poinsettias.

Discussion Bible Class led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of *The Lutheran Difference*. They will meet in the cafeteria after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Class: On Saturday nights at 5:45 and on Sunday mornings at 10:15 the pastors are looking at the new explanation of the Catechism.

Today's Sunday School lesson is "The Birth of John Foretold." The children learned that God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. God in His Word calls us to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus. *In your family discussions ask, "When have you doubted God's Word? How does God forgive and relieve our doubts?"*

The Youth Group (*all youth in grades 6-12*) is helping take down Christmas decorations this Sunday, January 6th after church. We will also be having our youth meeting over lunch. Lunch will be provided. Come help and hear about upcoming events! Please talk to Pastor Hemme if you have any questions.

Trustees are accepting bids for Church Custodian. Job description and Bid form may be picked up in the office.

During inclement weather we will almost always still have church for those who feel comfortable driving to Zion. If both pastors in conjunction with the Elders feel that the roads are too dangerous, a notification will be posted on our facebook page as well as with WNEM. If you feel uncomfortable driving in inclement weather, we certainly understand if you stay home.

The Santa Store committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's sale for the children another big success. It couldn't happen without your participation. Your kindness has filled a lot of stockings at home, at school and at church. Well done—Thou good and faithful servants. For those organizations who want funding from the Santa Store, grant request forms are available from the school or church secretary. Completed forms must be returned by January 8, 2019.

Pastor/Teacher College Fund: Zion's Pastor/Teacher College Fund helps members, teachers, and pastors with the cost of their education. Currently two of our teachers are completing their Colloquy which involves online coursework and will make them Lutheran Certified. Having teachers on staff that are Lutheran Certified helps with the accreditation process. Please consider donating to this fund.

Altar guild is looking for 2 volunteers. If you have any interest in helping to ready our altar for worship, please call Lynn Leinberger at 989-662-2545 for more information.

Church camp: This year we will be going to Mitchell State Park in Cadillac, MI. If you would like to join us this coming camping year, the dates are July 26th-28th 2019. The cost to camp is \$33/night, plus an \$8.00 reservation fee. Please call Colett Dominowski (289-0390) or June Block (835-5378) to "register" with your info including credit card number by January 18, 2019. You may also turn your information in to the church office or email Colett at colettzionbeaver@hotmail.com

Annual Report: ALL church organizations with church checking accounts must submit a detailed financial report to the Trustees by **January 23, 2019** An electronic version is preferred but not required. Please e-mail your report to office@zionbeaver.com, or bring it to the church office.

Grave Blankets: As you pack away your Christmas decorations and tree, if there is anything you are no longer going to use, or its time to change to something different, donate items for grave blankets for next year. Garland, ribbons, unbreakable bulbs, Christmas florals, even old fake trees. Contact Diana Hebel by text anytime or call after 5pm at 989-280-3185.

Ushers please take note. Mr. Mark Steih is taking over as head usher effective immediately. Call Mark at 989-662-0373 with any changes you need made.

Also effective immediately Mr. Andy Diehl is taking over my elders district due to my failing health. Andy can be reached at 989-662-4565 or 989-600-6862.

I want to thank the entire congregation for your support, friendliness and concern over the last 14 years I served as your elder. Two weeks ago when I was at the U of M Ann Arbor I was told that I have only 4 to 6 months to live. The cancer has become so aggressive there is nothing that can be done to stop it. I pray that all of you keep the faith, be good stewards of Gods word and help this church grow in membership to the glory of God. God's blessings to you all.

I would like to thank both Pastor Menz and Pastor Hemme for their hospital visits, prayers, and counseling during my time at U of M Ann Arbor and Midland Hospitals.

Dennis Hyatt

Pancake/Sausage Breakfast: On Sunday February 3rd, friends of Dennis Hyatt will be holding a free-will offering breakfast benefit for Dennis & Nora. Pancakes, sausage, potatoes, fruit, juice, coffee and sweet rolls will be served from 8 AM—12:30 PM in Zion's cafeteria. Take-outs will be available.

In accordance with the bylaws of the Endowment Fund, the Fund Committee shall distribute or accumulate the income earned by the Fund each year. The Fund Committee is now receiving requests for projects from all organizations of Zion Lutheran Church and School. These projects cannot be used to defray any ordinary or necessary operating expenses of Zion.

All requests must be received in writing using the 2019 Endowment Fund Distribution Request Form. This form may be obtained from the Church secretary. **Please place all requests in a sealed envelope marked “Endowment Fund” and place in the Endowment Committee mailbox in the church basement by February 4th, 2019.** If you have any questions, please call Ted Datte at 450-8935.

IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD): If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA, SEP IRA, SIMPLE IRA or Retirement Account) you know that you must make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from the account annually starting in the year you turn 70 ½ years of age. But did you know that you can transfer as much as \$100,000 from that account to the Endowment Fund without having to include any of that in your taxable income and that transfer will count toward your Required Minimum Distribution? This Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) will allow the donor to:

- 1) provide immediate financial support to Zion’s Endowment Fund, and
- 2) receive an immediate charitable deduction, and
- 3) by pass income taxes on the amount of the charitable distribution.

If you would like more information about this subject, please contact Ted Datte, Endowment Fund Chairman at 450-8935 or any other member of the committee.

Did you miss this year's wax 2018 Christmas Star ornament? If so there are some still available in the narthex. If you have missed past years' wax ornaments, or they have gotten broken, or you just want another, there are still some available: 2017 candy cane, 2016 angel, 2015 church and the 2014 snowflake. Contact Lynn Leinberger at 662-2545 if you have any questions.

Just a reminder that January is a LWML Mite Box month.

Bulletin Sentence: Matt. 2:11 – “**And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.**” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

Church Attendance December 29, 30 & 31, 2018
Saturday: 102 (C83) Sunday: 101 (C88)
New Year’s Eve: 44 (C36)

Offerings for December 29, 30 & 31 \$6,350.45
December 31, 2018 \$1,310.00
(Weekly need is \$11,490.38)

Those serving this week:

Organist: L. Wegener

Alter Guild for January: Norma Jean Koch 989-662-7051

ELDERS: Terry Wirsing and Dean Kohn

USHERS: Randy Brandt, Chloe & Krista Wittbrodt and
Gordon Glazier

ELDERS: Kevin Miller and Chris List

USHERS: Chris, Julie, Sylvia & Ginger List

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