

Weekly Announcements Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK— Lutheran Church Extension Fund....The Church Extension Fund (CEF) has been in existence for over 115 years. It provides investment opportunities for Michigan's LCMS church members used to fund church buildings, special projects, and even home mortgages for pastors and teachers. Zion Lutheran's most recent expansion and renovation was financed by CEF. Our investments have significantly lowered the interest we pay on our loan!

QUARTER COMMUNICATION WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS....On Sunday, December 1st, the Board of Directors is providing an opportunity to ask questions or discuss topics of interest. This will take place in Blends from 9-10am. Please feel free to stop in and have a discussion with board members. Your input is welcome and appreciated.

FINANCES are running slightly behind last year at this time. Please prayerfully consider if you might be able to do more to support our ministry.

BAZAAR LAST CHANCE SALE—Check out the bazaar items in Gathering Room B. Look for the green stickers and discount signs.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES begin on Wednesday, December 4th. Services are at Noon and 6:30pm. The theme this year is "It is Time to Wait! How Then Shall We Wait?"

HELP NEEDED

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS needed for Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings at 8am. Please talk with Pastor Seeber or call the church office if you would like information on how you might help.

SOUND BOARD assistants are needed. We will train you! We need a few more people to learn how to help in this worship ministry.

USHERS needed for both 8am and 10:30am services. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Fred Bierlein at 269-806-1430 or Ken Lundquist 269-

IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS have a background in accounting, finances, human resources, or running a small business and are interested in sharing those gifts in ministry here at Zion, please speak with Pastor Seeber or call the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE FOR RETREATS

Middle School Miracle Camp Retreat—January 3-5
High School Springhill Retreat—January 10-12
SIGN UP DEADLINE AND PAYMENT—DEC. 8TH

HELPING HANDS HAS STARTED! This year we are helping out 9 families with 10 adults and 21 children. If you would like to be a part of this giving project, check out the display and follow the instructional sheet located by the Christmas tree display board next to the church library.

YOUNG ADULTS AT ZION...If you are between the ages of 22-30 (or feel like it!) and want to get together with others in the same stage of life, join us every Monday for a drink and discussion! Our next meeting will be on **December 9th** at Brite Eyes Brewing. We are reading the book "The Reasons for God" by Tim Kellar. Read through chapter 2 for this meeting. Please text Aaron 269-271-2848 or Nathan at 248-881-6367 for more information or with questions.

DID YOU KNOW??...We have a group of college students that meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month here at Zion? Our group starts out down in the high school room as we eat breakfast with that group. Then, we meet and talk about vocation and how our future careers will be impacted by our faith. We hope you will join us at 9:15am on December 8th downstairs in the high school room.

Advent Midweek Services
Noon and 6:30
December 4th, 11th, and 18th

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday	8:00am	Worship / Communion
Advent 1	9-10am	Board of Director / Quarterly Communication
	10:30am	Worship / Communion
	6:30pm	Small Group—Ten Women of the Bible
	6:30pm	Personnel
Monday	6:30pm	Personnel
Tuesday	10:00am	Pastor Brelje's Bible Class
	6:30pm	FOJ Meeting
	7:00pm	Bells
Wednesday	Noon	Advent 1 Worship Service
	5:15pm	Soup Supper
	6:30pm	Advent 1 Worship Service
Thursday	7:00pm	Choir
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Group
	5:30pm	Worship / Communion
Sunday	8:00am	Worship / Communion
Advent 2	9:15am	Sunday School Advent Presentation
	10:30am	Worship / Communion

December 7 & 8, 2019 Worship Support

HEAD USHERS

(8:00) Walter Kohnke (10:30) Bob Folck

GREETERS

(5:30) Dee Wentzel
(8:00) Bev Snow & Mary Lou Wright
(10:30) Steve & Debbie Weber

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(5:30) Mike Schlack
(8:00) Matt Simmons, Karen Stokes Chapo, Ted Maxson
(10:30) Troy Cosgrove, Janis Dinda, Garr Gast

CANTOR

(8:00) John Stiegemeyer
(10:30) Karen Stokes Chapo

ACOLYTES

(8:00) Alex & Claire Kiessling
(10:30) Curtis Scheffler, Anna Schierbeek

LECTOR

(8:00) Linda Stieve
(10:30) Jill Hamilton

ALTAR MINISTRY

(5:30) Elsie Autry, Melissa Noseworthy
(8:00) Joe & Larry Zerbel
(10:30) Joe & Larry Zerbel

SOUND

(8:00) Vicki Holt
(10:30) Andrew Bickel

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Marirose Meimers

ADVENT MIDWEEK DINNER starts at 5:15 in Gathering A. During Advent we will have a selection of soups available. The soup on the menu for Wednesday, December 4th will be Corn and Bacon Chowder as well as Sausage and Northern Bean Stew. Please join us for this meal prior to the Advent service.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are out!!

Please pick up your envelopes in hallway soon. If you are interested in contributing electronically, please contact Monica at 382-2360 or Monica@zionkazoo.org.

All contributions received and dated through December 29, 2019 will be recorded on your 2019 contributions statement. Contributions received December 30th and later will be recorded on your 2020 statements.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS....You are invited to celebrate Jesus' Birthday with the Sunday School classes on December 8th at 9:15. Join us in The Gathering Room for this festive celebration.

VISITORS...If you are not on our mailing list, give us your email on the fellowship pads or call the church office. We would love to include you in our newsletter mailings. Newsletter is also available monthly on our website...zionkazoo.org.

KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES is in need of **Cooking Oil** for the month of December. Please put your donations in the gray tubs under the church office window.

Bible Readings for December 8

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13
Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Fiscal Update for fiscal year June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020

Offerings received week of 11/24/19:	\$ 19,187
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$ 13,473
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$ 337,493
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$ 350,000