ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Unified Envelopes \$4,353.00 Loose \$74.25 Facility Improvements \$70.00 **Total:** \$4,497.25

Attendance: 164

ONLINE GIVING

If you're ever unable to come to church, but still would like to give an offering, try out Zion's Online Giving Program! Go to ZionLutheran-WELS.com, and click the "Online Giving" button that is on the home page; the site will guide you through the rest. All transactions are guaranteed to be secure through PNC Bank. Due to banking restrictions, we are unable to record the gifts given through this Online Giving program on the yearly offering reports that are handed out in January.

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Sunday, January 22	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:15 am Sunday School
9:25 am Bible Class
10:30 am Worship

Monday, January 23 6:30-8:00 pm Pioneers

7:00 pm Bible Information

Class at Church

Tuesday, January 24 7:00 pm Sunday School

Teachers Meeting

Wednesday, January 25 7:00 pm Deacon and Usher

Meeting

Thursday, January 26

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28 5:00 pm Euchre Tournament

and Potluck

Pioneers Winter Campout

Sunday, January 29 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:15 am Sunday School
9:25 am Bible Class

10:30 am Worship with Holy

Communion

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

FLOWERS IN MEMORY: The flowers on the altar today were donated by Steve and Lori Lane and family in loving memory of Joe and Sandy Lane.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT: The Annual January Euchre Tournament will be held Saturday January 28. The evening will start with a potluck at 5:00 p.m. and we will begin playing cards at 6:00 p.m. This invitation is open to all congregation members and their families, friends, and neighbors. Even if you don't play Euchre, feel free to join us for the potluck and some great fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Paula Huggard at 989-274-7206.

FRIENDS FOR FREEDOM: Friends for Freedom is a support group for the families and friends of those struggling with same sex attraction. Friends for Freedom (FFF) is meeting today, January 22, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Amazing Grace Christian Resource Center, 1901 Broadway, Bay City, Michigan. This is a time of prayer, study of God's Word, and confidential sharing in an effort to support Christian brothers and sisters who are hurting. For more information, contact Pastor Starr directly at 989-450-1708. You are welcome and you are not alone!

COUNTER LIST: If you are a counter for the weekly church offering and you are wondering when you are up to count next during this new year, please check the first page of the bulletin. The 2017 Counter Schedule is in the process of being made, but isn't quite finished yet. Until the list is completed and handed out, please check the weekly service bulletin for the dates that you are scheduled to count. Thank you!

NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASSES: A New Bible Information class will be held on Mondays beginning tomorrow, January 23, 2017. The class will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at **church in the upstairs of the Education Wing.** This class reviews the basic teachings of Christianity and enables someone to become a member of Zion. Several people are already planning to attend. If you know of someone who would like to know more about the Christian faith, please speak with Pastor Thomford.

DEACON AND USHER MEETING: On Wednesday, January 25, 2017, Pastor Thomford will be having a meeting for the deacons and ushers at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. During this meeting, Pastor will explain some of the responsibilities and discuss some topics related to deacon and usher duties. The meeting shouldn't last over an hour. If you have any questions about this, please contact Pastor Thomford at 989-845-3006 or 989-297-1382.

CARPET REMOVAL: Lord willing, in the near future we will need to remove the carpet in the Sanctuary and church entrances. If you would be willing to help, please sign the sheet in the entry way and when the time gets closer, we will determine what day and time works best for everyone. This will be a substantial savings in the cost of replacing our carpets. If you have any questions, please contact Terry or Jeff Barancik at 845-7777.

INSTALLATION AT SISTER WELS CHURCH: The installation of Pastor Steven Neuman will take place at our sister WELS church, St. John's Lutheran Church, in Pigeon today, January 22 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a gathering and welcome meal in the gymnasium following the service. All are invited and welcome to attend.

ALTAR GUILD. We are looking for some people who would like to serve our Savior through our Altar Guild. Our Altar Guild provides wonderful assistance to our pastor by helping prepare the church for worship each week. The Altar Guild is responsible for putting out and taking down the elements for Holy Communion twice a month and for special services, changing the altar paraments (cloths), changing the banners etc and keeping the candles filled with oil each week. We usually organize in teams of two people and we follow a rotation in which you serve for a month at time. In the current rotation you would serve two different months in one year and one month in the following year. If you would be interested in serving or finding out more, please contact Carol Schmiege at 989-737 -1877 or 845-7301.

FORWARD IN CHRIST: It's time to renew subscriptions to Forward in Christ - This is a great monthly magazine with several articles and interesting stories. The cost is \$12.00 annually. Please have your money to Terry Barancik by Sunday, February 5, 2017. Cash or checks payable to Terry Barancik as she will be sending Northwestern Publishing House one check from our church. If you have any questions, please see Terry. A sample of this magazine is in the Mother's room if you'd like to look at one. Subscriptions can be given as gifts also.

CAMPING TRIP: This year's church campout will be at Bay City State Park, Friday, August 25 – Sunday, August 27. Reservations can be made on February 25. There are nature trails you can walk or ride bikes on, swimming in Lake Huron, and great Christian Fellowship. Please sign up in the entry way with your phone number so I can call you and let you know what section of the park we will be camping in. Everyone needs to make their own reservations. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Barancik at 845-7777.