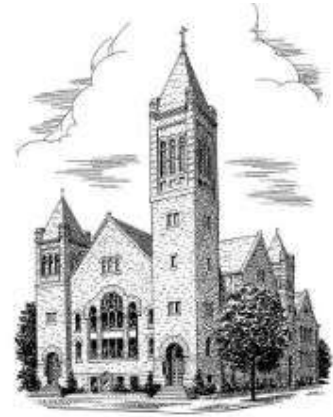


Zionews

January 2019

A happy and blessed New Year!



If you haven't already picked a resolution for 2019, let me invite you to participate in what Bishop Daniel has themed the Year of Scripture by resolving to read through the Bible in 2019. To aid you in keeping this resolution, I encourage you to read through the Bible with other people. You can meet daily, weekly, or monthly, but get together with at least one other person and hold each other accountable for keeping this resolution.

I've read through the Bible twice in my life, but it's been almost twenty years since the last time I did and a lot has changed in my life since then. Reading through the Bible may seem an impossible task, but following a plan and discussing what you're reading with others is a great way to keep you on track.



There will be new small groups starting up in 2019:

- Beginning on January 8 and meeting weekly on **Tuesdays at noon at Mr. Smith's** in downtown Sandusky.
- Beginning on January 8 and meeting weekly on **Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Zion.**
- Beginning on January 10 and meeting on **Thursdays at 6 pm at Zion.**
- Beginning on January 10 and meeting on the **second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 am at Zion**

In addition to these three small groups, we'll have a group on our Facebook page that will post the daily readings and provide opportunity for discussion. This group will be accessible to any who want to join, and participating in both the Facebook group and one of the small groups is encouraged.

A resource that may help you make sense of what you read—because there are parts that don't make sense—is the book recommended by Bishop Daniel, *A Compact Guide to the Whole Bible: Learning to Read Scripture's Story*, edited by Robert W. Wall and David R. Neinhuis, published in 2015 by Baker Academic Publishing.

And last but not least, Bishop Daniel has given us Psalm 119:105 as the memory verse for the year: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Look for the daily readings for January in this issue of Zionews!

May God fill your year with blessings!

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Memorials November 16 - December 15, 2018

IN MEMORY OF:

Annabell Wright: Janet Everhart
Maurice Bragg: Joan Mears, Richard Brunow, Jim Tibboles, Chris Antel
Delbert Agsten: Jim Tibboles
Laura Stellhorn: Susan VanBarg
Ron Borchardt: Susan VanBarg

BAPTISMS:

Madeline Marie Albert: daughter of Daniel & Rachel (Ryan) Albert 11/22/18
Ayden Michael Sharpe: son of Kelli Sharpe 11/25/18

FUNERALS:

Maurice H. Bragg: (date of service 11/20/18)
Delbert F. Agsten (date of service 11/27/18)
John R. Stewart (date of service 12/13/18)
Virginia B. Lippert (date of service 12/14/18)
Theodate E. Francis (date of service 12/15/18)

NEW MEMBERS:

Jody West

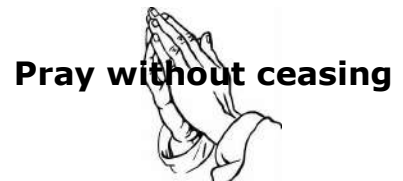
Carolyn's Corner . . .

Have you ever read the Bible from beginning to end? Have you ever begun to read the Bible and gave up when you got to the book of Numbers? Or Judges? Now is your opportunity! Bishop Daniel has designated 2019 *the Year of Scripture* for the Northwestern Ohio Synod and has challenged each of us to read through the Bible in a year.

Pastor Eric and I want to encourage you to do this and will be offering small group conversations each week throughout the year. You will have a reading plan to follow at home, then come together to discuss, share and hear thoughts of others. This is a great way to expand our understanding of God's Word for our lives and to continue reading Scripture, even when it gets hard to do.

Pastor Eric will host a small group discussion at Mr. Smith's Coffee House, downtown each Tuesday at noon (before the lectionary study), starting January 8th. And I will host a discussion in the library at Zion each at 6 p.m. (right before Senior Choir practice) beginning Thursday, January 10th. We encourage you to join one of us – or choose a time to host your own small group! Just let me know when and where so that we can get it on the calendar.

Happy reading!
Blessings,
Carolyn



<p>Prayer Vigil Saturday, February 2nd 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Peggy Nejedly Prayer Chapel</p> <p>Reserve your time by signing up at the display in the Gathering Room</p> <p>For more information: Carolyn @419-625-2112</p>
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Year of Scripture Readings for January

January 1 Genesis 1-3	January 12 Genesis 35-37	January 23 Exodus 16-18
January 2 Genesis 4-7	January 13 Genesis 38-40	January 24 Exodus 19-21
January 3 Genesis 8-11	January 14 Genesis 41-42	January 25 Exodus 22-24
January 4 Genesis 12-15	January 15 Genesis 43-45	January 26 Exodus 25-27
January 5 Genesis 16-18	January 16 Genesis 46-47	January 27 Exodus 28-29
January 6 Genesis 19-21	January 17 Genesis 48-50	January 28 Exodus 30-32
January 7 Genesis 22-24	January 18 Exodus 1-3	January 29 Exodus 33-35
January 8 Genesis 25-26	January 19 Exodus 4-6	January 30 Exodus 36-38
January 9 Genesis 27-29	January 20 Exodus 7-9	January 31 Exodus 39-40
January 10 Genesis 30-31	January 21 Exodus 10-12	
January 11 Genesis 32-34	January 22 Exodus 13-15	

Nickels and Noses from November

Please note that these numbers are two months behind due to the newsletter publication schedule.

Worship Attendance

(4 Saturdays, 4 Sundays)

6pm	121
8am	267
10:30am	423
Total	811
Weekly Average	202.75

Offering

Monthly Giving	\$41,116.45
Monthly Budget	\$34,583.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$377,456.54
Year-to-Date Budget	\$380,413.00

Zion Foundationews

Your Zion Lutheran Church Foundation had its quarterly meeting in December. \$11,052.15 were distributed to the following organizations:

- Care and Share;
- Community Youth Mentoring (formerly Big Brothers and Big Sisters, cymohio.org);
- KinShip House: Supervised Parenting Center (kinshipinc.info);
- Sandusky Churches Adopt a School Partnership;
- Faith Collaborative of Erie County;
- Heartbeat Pregnancy Center (heartbeatofsanduskyohio.com);
- The City Mission (www.thecitymission.org);
- Cherry St. Mission Ministries (cherrystreetmission.org);
- our four mission support partners: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Salem Lutheran Church, Threshold Church, and St. John At the Bay; and
- Lutheran Disaster Response through the ELCA for domestic disaster relief.

With these grants, the Foundation has distributed \$52,352.15 to organizations providing mission and ministry outside of Zion. The Foundation also provided \$2,400 to Zion over 2018 to cover the administrative costs of the Foundation.

New Beginnings for Confirmation



Confirmation will begin their new schedule beginning **Wednesday, January 16 at Zion**. We will begin the evening together with a family meal at 6 p.m. and Confirmation from 7 to 8 p.m. Current sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are welcome to attend.

Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the meal and then meet together for an adult study of the Catechism and conversation.

New schedules are available to participants.

Safety and Security

Zion's Safety and Security team continues to meet and assess the needs of the congregation, building and ministries. The next meeting is at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8th in the Stellhorn library. Please join us if you have input and/or questions.

Shared youth events for January

I hope you all had a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

I look forward to seeing much more of you all this year!

January 3rd: Ice skating at the Fremont Community Recreation Complex, 600 St Joseph St, Fremont, from 12-2:00 pm. ***This is a time change so please take note.*** Cost is \$3 plus money for food. Either meet us there or ride along with Jenn in the van, we will meet at St. Paul 11:30 return by 2:30ish

Jan. 16th: Pathfinders will meet to watch Episode 7 of 13 Reasons Why , 6:30 @ Zion. *Please note the change of location.* We will still have a light meal and ask for a small donation to help offset costs.

Jan. 20th: Bowling at Star Lanes - time TBA. The cost is \$12 which includes rental and pizza. Watch for a postcard and announcements in your bulletin.

Jan. 30th is Family Night.

What is Family Night? It is an evening where we share God's blessings of Holy Communion as well as worship and fellowship and food. This is a time for us all to come together and praise and reflect on all that God so graciously gives us.

Join us on January 30th at 6:30 pm in the basement @ Zion. All are welcome!





January 2019 Worship Leaders



	Jan. 6, 2019	Jan. 13, 2019	Jan. 20, 2019	Jan. 27, 2019
Wine 8:00am 10:30am	Randy Koch Andrew Castello	Tom & Cindy Patterson	Dick & Marlene Long	Kris Stradtman Randy Koch
	Ron Dahs Chet Leser	Earl & Bea Rosen	Carla Mitchell Lyle Marquart	John & Judy Mears
Lectors 8:00am 10:30am	Addison Stradtman	Jean Bossetti	Roger Gundlach	Dean Meyers
	Alaina Keegan	Vicki Boesch	Judy Mears	Jean Bossetti
Prayers 8:00am 10:30am	Marj Burton	Betty Bickley Ann Cerny	Karen Slater	Carla Mitchell
Children's Message	Laurie Mears	Nancy Kinsel	Dale Cerny	Pastor Eric or Carolyn
Soundboard 8:00am 10:30am	Andy Gundlach Dan Willey	Andrew Castello John Nejedly	Dean Meyers Tim Kostel	Janet Stradtman Dan Willey
Greeters	Dean & Karen Slater	Sue Pomerson	Brad & Beth Wimmer	Virginia Lillian
Gathering Hosts 8:00am 10:30am	Virginia Lillian & Connie Castello Tami & Sara Schultz	Christine Antel & Anna Johnson Elaine Conley	Rich & Mary Ann Bevington Vicki Boesch & Julie Kessler	Darlene Lowery Wendy Schonhardt

Ushers:



8:00 am:	Darlene Lowery, Tom Wieber, John Chapman, Janet Stradtman, Sharon Lavey, and Dawn McKillips
10:30 am	Walter & Deb Kaufman, William & Joyce Dahnke, and Julie Kessler

Care & Share:

Jan. 7, 2019	Jan. 14, 2019	Jan. 28, 2019
Barb & Roger Newton and Dean & Karen Slater	Vicki Boesch, Kay Eash, and Tom & Nancy Kinsel	Bruce Bravard, Chris Hamilton, Jeannie Johnson & Dean Meyers
Care & Share is not open on January 21.		



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Your FLAME Board met on November 12, 2018 at St. John's. All rostered members were invited to a dessert and to share ideas for 2019.

Please welcome and thank your new 2019 FLAME officers.

President: Steve Lippert, Zion, Sandusky
Vice-president: Lori Schlick, Trinity
Treasurer: Karen Munsterman, Zion, Huron
Secretary: Cathy Wobser, Trinity
Pastoral advisor: Pr. Ann Marshall

We also want to thank outgoing officers, Barry Laird, Judy McEowen, Barb Rohrbacher, and Pastoral advisor Pr. Eric Bodenstab for their dedication to the Board in 2018.

Our November meeting was dedicated to discussing goals for the Board in 2019. Our rostered leaders shared their thoughts and some great insights into the future focus for the Board. Here are some of the ideas presented.

- Folks still do not know what FLAME is or what it does.
- FLAME needs to find projects that put Lutherans out into the community doing something, rather than just donating our FLAME dollars to community causes.
- Our congregations need to come together-united. Do not focus on our individual congregations, but on what we can do together to make Christ known.
- We have aging congregations. How do we retain members we have? How do we reach a younger population?
- How do we re-evangelize people who need to know about Christ or those meeting Jesus for the first time?
- Collaborate. Do things that are too big for one congregation to do alone.
- Define a focus. FLAME may be spreading itself too thin by doing too many projects.
- What does our community need? The only way to know is to knock on doors.
- Look at community assessments that local hospitals and the health departments complete to analyze the data and see where the needs are in each community.

What would you like to see FLAME do? Remember the Board is not FLAME. **YOU are FLAME!**

We need your ideas. We need your support. We need your prayers. Please share your thoughts with your representatives or feel free to attend any FLAME Board meeting.

A special note: Lifetree Café will not be meeting in December. Watch your leaflet for information on the January meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAME CHURCH NEWS:

Thursday, December 13th: St. Paul, **JOY Time** Christmas Party, 6:00-7:30 PM, night of faith and fun for adults with developmental disabilities.

Monday, January 21st: St. John's, FLAME Board meeting 7pm

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting
December 12, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Carla Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.



ROLL CALL:

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Carolyn Steinfeldt, Carol Albert, Chris Antel, Marjorie Burton, Andy Castello, Karen Dehn, Tim Kostel, Stephen Lippert, Darlene Lowery, Carla Mitchell, Wendy Schonhardt and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary.

Not Present: Jennifer Parkison, Judy McEowen & Savannah Castello

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:

Chapter 10 of *Dwelling in the Word* was discussed. Pastor Eric led the council in prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Wendy Schonhardt made a motion to approve the agenda. Carol Albert seconded the motion, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Marjorie Burton made a motion to accept the minutes of November 14, 2018 noting a correction of the date of the Children's Christmas program to read 12/16/18. Chris Antel seconded the motion, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Eric – written report submitted. Pastor Eric asked if anyone would like to lead a small group using the study prepared by Bishop Beaudoin.

Carolyn Steinfeldt – written report submitted. Carolyn reported that there is still a need for a child care worker for the Sawmill Creek Leaders Retreat January 22-24, 2019.

Jennifer Parkison – not present, written report submitted

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary/Treasurer, Marjorie Burton – The Treasurer's report and financial were discussed.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

Worship & Music – Carol Albert – Cathy Nye, Organist first service was 12/2/18.

Faith Formation – Chris Antel – report shared.

Finance & Administration – Andy Castello – Budget team has been meeting, proposals will be shared in Old Business. Counters determined for this month.

Youth & Young Adult – Karen Dehn – report submitted. To answer the question of which groups are for which grade levels; Pathfinders – high school, Epic – junior high school.

Property & Facilities – Tim Kostel – written report was shared. Several items on the list were discussed. The Decorating Committee will decorate the Sanctuary on December 19.

Parish Life – Darlene Lowery – Total receipts for the park bench total \$1,286.30. More details will follow regarding the Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 23, 2019 at Zion.

Outreach – Judy McEowen – absent.

Mission & Stewardship – Wendy Schonhardt shared correspondence from Crossroads Shelter thanking Zion for the donations of toiletry items.

FLAMe – will not meet in December.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- **Trust** – Zion has received a settlement from a member Trust designated to the Generation to Generation Capital Campaign.
- **Capital Campaign** – The committee has met and is in what is called the “silent phase.”
- **Ministry Team Reorganization** – there was review and discussion of Ministry Team assignments. Topic will be re-visited in January.
- **2019 Budget** – Two proposals were presented for review and discussion. Darlene Lowery made a motion to table the approval of 2019 Budget until the January 9, 2019 Council meeting. Carol Albert seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Harris, Recording Secretary

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www.zionsandusky.org (Zion Lutheran Church)
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www.elca.org (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)



January 2019 ZELCW News



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Special Christmas. I say “special” because I know that for some it probably wasn’t Merry. The holidays are harder when you’ve lost a loved one. I’ve been there, too. One of the things that helps me is to think how grand it would be to be in Heaven on Christmas or Easter. I can say that, my mother died on an early Easter morning. Someday, we will, again, all be able to celebrate these special times together.

This is my 73rd, news article, over the last 6 years. It’s been a good experience, but I don’t think I will miss this part nor the annual reports. As I mentioned last month, this is it. The ZELCW BOARD, is now done. We can still keep ZELCW alive, though, by going to Bible Studies and inviting others to join our groups. Hospitality will continue.

Quilting will continue. Shawl making will continue. Our Annual Thank Offering Service will continue. As long as there are women willing to participate in these things, ZELCW, will stay alive. It’s up to all of us women!

You will be able to read more of the closing details in my annual report. Until then, I want to THANK, my officers, Jeannie Johnson, Vicki Boesch, and Elaine Conley. Also, thank you, to my other board members, Betty Bickley, Marj Burton, and Connie Castello. All six of them made my job easier, more enjoyable, and a rewarding experience!

God Bless you, everyone!

Carla Mitchell

ZELCW President

Justice and Only Justice You Shall Pursue

—Deuteronomy 16:18-20



image: Justice Window at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Sandusky, Ohio

Ecumenical Worship Service for The 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jointly prepared and published by
The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity
The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 23, 2019
at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
503 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, Ohio

with First Congregational United Church of Christ
and the Sandusky Catholic Parishes



ZELCW Group Meetings

Circle of Friends
Jan. 2 7:00pm
4404 Woodridge Dr.

Priscilla Jan. 3 9:30am
Zion Kitchen Annex

Agape Jan. 2 6:00pm
Stellhorn Library

Book Connection
Jan. 23 2:30pm
Stellhorn Library

Deadline for February Zionews
is Monday, Jan. 21.
Email submissions to
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Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon**









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Our 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday over station WLEC, 1450 AM

January 2019

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"
(Psalm 119:105)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Office Closed	2 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Shared Youth Ministry Mtg. 2:00 pm Worship/Music Planning 7:00 pm Agape—Chapel 7:00 pm Circle of Friends— 4404 Woodridge Dr.	3 9:30 am Priscilla—Zion 12:00 –2:00 pm Youth Ice Skating at Fremont Rec Center 5:30 pm Cherub Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Senior Choir	4	5 6:00 pm Worship
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