December Worship Themes

December 1

Theme: Songs of Christmas Bible: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Message: Getting ready-Hymns of Christmas

December 8

Theme: Songs of Christmas Bible: Isaiah 11.1-11

Message: Cantata-The Glory of Christmas



December 15

Theme: Songs of Christmas Bible: Isaiah 35.1-10, Luke 1.46-55 Message: Song of Promise

December 22th

Theme: Songs of Christmas Bible: Matthew 1:18-25 Message: Joseph's Song





December 29

Theme: Songs of Christmas Bible: Luke 14.16-23-- Revelation 21.1-6

Message: Our Song



Emergency Pastoral Care

920-421-1968

*Pastor Michael's e-mail! michaelbmorris100@gmail.com

E-mail Updates*

Please notify the office of any e-mail changes and birthdays.

If you know of e-mail updates of members and friends,
please feel free to send along this newsletter.

Thanks so much!



Choir Sings Sunday, December 8th Cantata @ Calvary Choir Practice 10 am, Friday, December 6th @ Calvary

CALLING GREETERS & FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Greeters and Fellowship hosts are needed to offer gifts of hospitality.

Please sign up to help welcome our guests!

"Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant... inventive in hospitality" (Romans 12:13, NLT)

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CALVARY/ZION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

December 10th the United Methodist Women meet at Caroline Polsters' Home @ 1 pm 8562 S. Highland Rd. Fish Creek, WI 54212

The Brunch Bunch will meet on Monday December 16th, @ White Gull in Fish Creek at 9:15 am.

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER HEATING ASSISTANCE

Calvary and Zion will collect funds in support of Door County veterans and their families during the month of December for Emergency Heating Assistance. The funds collected are distributed by the Veterans Council of Door County to those in need in our area.

Please give generously. Checks can be made out to Calvary or Zion with "Heating Assistance" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

WELCOME, CHRISTMAS!

This year's Christmas cantata will be presented during Calvary's 10:30 Service on Sunday, December 8th. The Sanctuary Singers will offer, *The Glory of Christmas* by Lloyd Larson. Bill Hartman and Emily Pitchford will narrate. Come and join us as we celebrate the Christmas story in a new musical setting.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Christ taught us to pray and encourages us to pray unceasingly. Let us continually pray for our loved ones, our friends, our world. Michelle Reinhard is our Prayer Chain leader. You may contact her by email: teachers@gate.net using "Prayer Chain" in the subject line. For those without email, please call her cell phone 727-480-4409 year-round or locally at 920-839-9911 (Easter thru October). Michelle would like to start a phone prayer chain so people who do not have email can participate. The information would be the same, but you would receive a call. If you are interested in joining the email prayer chain or being included in the phone chain, please let Michelle know so you can be added to this "link of faith".

COST FREE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are several ways in which you can help support missions that don't cost you anything. Here are a few ideas.

The following can be turned in at church:

Econo Foods grocery receipts

Sign up at:

Target for rebates to the school of your choice

Pick 'n Save for automatic rebates to either church

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ZION NEWS

Autumn has been irregular. Colder than usual. Snow, which did not stay, earlier than usual. Nature seems to be rebelling against the laws that govern it. Hopefully, all will normalize.

So, what happens in winter? There are ever more activities being organized for entertainment, enrichment and maybe inspiration. For the hardy, there are the outdoor activities of playing in the snow. There is also the opportunity to relax, read, do a good deed that has been on the back burner for a while; find ways to inspire your spirit to greater faithfulness. No need to be bored.

December, the month of Christmas, when we remember and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child; God pouring out his love for us. We reset our spiritual attitudes to God and our brothers and sisters. We strive to practice kindness, generosity, consideration, selflessness. All these tied together with a bow of love. Babies tend to bring out the best in us, the Holy Child the very best.

Whether we are in the midst of shopping, preparing gifts for others, providing meals, seeking to help the needy, not only here in America but elsewhere in this world, may we remember the reason we are so engaged at this particular time of the year. For, this is an attitude and service to be practiced always. May this season also guide fractured spirits to find the inner peace for which they are yearning; the inner quiet in the eye as the storms surround and seek to destroy. The love of God is not just for now but always, when in the storm or held safe inside the storm.

All of our family, that moved elsewhere for the winter, have left. We wish them well. Others will be gone for shorter periods. Those who remain will either enjoy the inclement weather or endure it depending upon personal attitudes. As each day passes, Spring is a day nearer.

"Pure unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart."

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling—Charles Wesley

Myrtle Clark

ZION ADULT CLASS

There will be NO adult classes in December.

ZION REMINDER NOTE: THERE IS NO SERVICE @ ZION ON DECEMBER 8[™], DUE TO THE CANTATA AT CALVARY'S 10:30 SERVICE.



CURRENT EVENTS @ CALVARY

Current Events meets Tuesdays at 9:00am in the Calvary Library; Warren Burlend, host. All are welcomed.

CURRENT EVENTS WILL NOT BE HELD DECEMBER 17, 24, OR 31st.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to all who contributed to the November Mission of the Month: Help of Door County. Thank you notes were received from the Sunshine House and the Society of St. Andrew.

CALENDAR ITEMS

If you have any events or items you wish to have included in future newsletters, please call or email the office for inclusion. January 21st is the deadline for the February issue.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

We will continue to publish a brief financial report. You will notice what our year-to-date offerings have been compared to our expenses. After looking at the report, if you have any questions please ask me.

In Christ, Michael B. Morris, Pastor

Year to date through October 31, 2019

Calvary

Income: \$ 83,801 Expenses: \$ 38,598 Net Income: \$ 45,203

Zion

Income: \$58,377 Expenses: \$45,373 Net Income: \$13,004



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NOTE FROM PASTOR

Dear members and friends of Calvary and Zion United Methodist,

There is a way individuals can contribute to the Church from another pocket. Each year if you are 70½ you can give up to \$100,000 to a charitable organization without being subject to income tax on the distribution. The gift satisfies all or part of the annual required minimum distribution from an IRA.

In Christ, Michael B. Morris –Pastor

To Make a Charitable Rollover Gift

Use the letter below. When you have completed and signed the letter, send it to your IRA Custodian and ask them to make a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to your local church or favorite charity. Be sure that the check is made payable to the church or charity, even if it is mailed to you.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3. Erik Desotelle Jacob Howe
- 5. Tim Desotelle
- 7. Bill Bertschinger
- 9. Apollo Lewis
- 12. Coggin Heeringa
- 14. Virginia Davis Carol Taylor
- 17. Georgeen Taylor
- Jessica Kiehnau
 Kayley Joy Reinhard
 Staci Noelle Reinhard
- 21. Carla Johnson
- 22. Michaela Desotelle
- 23. Bob Lang
- 31. Dennis Dietrich



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

All suffering with illness
All recuperating from surgery
All awaiting test results
All lingering in the grief of loss
All struggling to make ends meet
All striving to bring healing in their families
All serving in the military and overseas

Members & Friends in Assisted Living

Evelyn Mueller
Sturgeon Bay Health Services, Sturgeon Bay
Wesley Fischer
Sturgeon Bay Health Services, Sturgeon Bay
Mary Ann Masson
Alexian Village, Milwaukee
Jeanne Desotelle
Cedar Grove Gardens II, Cedar Grove

Mission of the Month Heating Assistance

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion NO adult Class	2	9 am Current Events @ Calvary	4	5	6 10 am Choir Rehearsal for Cantata	7
8 10:30 am- Cantata @Calvary NO Service @ Zion NO Adult Class	9	9 am Current Events @ Calvary 1 pm UMW Caroline Polsters' Home	11	12	13	14
No Adult Class @ Zion	9:15 am United Methodist Women @ White Gull	NO Current Events Newsletter Articles Are Due	18	19	20	21
No Adult Class @ Zion	23	NO Current Events 5 pm Zion Service 7 pm Calvary Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
NO Adult Class @ Zion	30	NO Current Events				