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Dear Members and Friends,

Our in-person services will still be on hold until at least December 22. I hope the numbers of community spread does not take an upward move after Thanksgiving.

Starting on Wednesday, December 4th each church will be open for you to come in and spend some time in the Sanctuary. There will be music playing and a brief meditation outline you can follow.

Zion will open from 1-4

<u>Calvary</u> will be open from 12-3

You can come to either place.

Communion for December 1st will be served in the same manner as it was in November

In Christ, Michael B. Morris

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!



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December Worship Themes

December 6

Theme: Friends in stories Bible: Luke 9. Message: Peace on earth-the Mistletoe

December 13

Theme: Friends in stories Bible: matt 1.18-25, Isaiah 11.1-6 Message: Stories from other cultures

December 20

Theme: Friends in stories Bible: Luke 1.39-56 Message: Two women's story of God's coming to them



December 27

Theme: Friends in stories Bible: Luke 2.41-52 Message: The Lost Child





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Choir Canceled Until Further Notice

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to visit the website Like Zion on Facebook

AN UPDATE FROM BECKI IN OFFICE

I am still out of the office and working from home. I am doing much better but continue to have a compromised immune system. You can still reach me via the church email as I can pretty much do everything from home. I can be reached at my home phone at 868-1362 or via my cell which you can also text at 920-737-9114. I am working my regular hours again Tues. Weds. Thurs 9-2 hours. I will check emails often and keep in touch with Pastor. Michael should be available in the church office during the regular hours, subject to him have other commitments and pastoral needs. We will continue to keep you notified and in direct communication, do not hesitate to reach out.

Maggie Moroney was Peninsula Pulse's Server of the Week

The November 13th Peninsula Pulse selected Maggie for her outstanding work at the Cornerstone Pub.

Calvary-Zion United Methodist Women

Our UMW was could have only one meeting in 2020. Through very generous donations we were able to give:

\$1,103 Door County Community Foundation,
\$1,000 UMCOR,
\$1,000 Northern Door Children's Center
\$555 WI UMW Northeast District
\$250 District Pledge
\$ 50 School of Christian Mission
\$120 World Thank Offering
\$135 Prayer and Self Denial

\$500 Midwest Mission Distribution Center
\$250 Feed My Starving Children
\$100 Bellin School of Nursing
\$100 Red Bird Mission
\$100 Sunshine House
\$100 Society of St Andrew
\$100 Door County Veterans Council
\$75 Prison Ministry

Mission of the Month

December 2019

Emergency 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 generosity!



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: <u>teachers@gate.net</u> 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

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"link of faith".

CALENDAR ITEMS

If you have some news or a date you would like to pass along email the office the information and I will get it out in either an up coming newsletter or in an email which ever one time allows. Deadline for January's newsletter is the 21st. We will post detail/updates online and through email.

ZION NEWS

A Note from Myrtle ZION NEWS

Following Thanksgiving, we begin the season of Advent leading up to the celebration of Christmas. I hope you all had an ok, Thanksgiving. The Holy season of Christmas will also be a time of struggling to find meaning in our lives as we continue to follow the Covid-19 guidelines to remain safe. This can be a time of looking deeper into our faith, why and how we express that faith, drawing closer to the reason for our faith. Situations and events do change but God never changes. The Word, the Bible assures us that God mains control. The future is in God's hands. When we are in the throes of despair, we can forget these promises, this truth.

Christmas really comes at a good time. Remembering and celebrating the coming of the Messiah renews hope for the future of mankind, a renewed connection with God the Father through God the Son. Renewal of hope during a pandemic can stir up apathy which can settle in as a pitfall to our faith.

So celebrate as beat as you can. But do celebrate. Praise God for what He has done, is doing and will be doing. Peace. Love. Joy. Hope.

Even though Door County has had many more cases of the virus, all of our people are ok. Not happy about the physical separation and confinement but managing. Hope of a vaccine is on the horizon!

To all a meaningful Christmas and a New Year filled with promised blessings.

God bless you and yours. Continue to stay safe.

In Habakkuk 2:3, God responds to the prophet's complaints about how things are."It is not yet time for the message to come true, But that time is coming soon; the message will come true. It may seem like a long time, but be patient and wait for it, because it will surely come; it will not be delayed". (CEV)

Myrtle Clark

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COST FREE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are several ways in which you can help support missions that don't cost you anything. Econo Foods grocery receipts can be turned in at the church. We get cash back for all of your purchases.



CURRENT EVENTS @ CALVARY CANCELED FOR DECEMBER

Current Events is normally on Tuesdays at 9 am, at Calvary hosted by Joan Vahey. As we go to print will be **no current events in the month of December**. Please check the online calendar for information for changes or call the office.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to all who contributed to the Mission of the Month for November: HELP of Door County. We received a thank you cards from the Sunshine House and the Society of St. Andrews. St. Andrews also called to thanks us for our donation.

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, 2020	
<u>Calvary</u>	
Income:	\$ 80,048
Expenses:	\$ 86,292*
Net Income:	\$ -6,244
<u>Zion</u>	
Income:	\$ 57,694
Expense:	\$ 40,902*
Net Income:	\$ 16,792
*Includes Shared Expenses	

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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 Mary Ann Masson Alexian Village, Milwaukee Jeanne Desotelle Cedar Grove Gardens II, Cedar Grove