THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – LIFE SUNDAY

Bethlehem/Zion Lutheran Parish January 27, 2019 Rev. James Norton Ludington & Fall Creek, Wisconsin Linda Wiese, Organist 715-514-5478

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**LSB #4 P203 LSB Hymns: 740, 601, 732, 729, 801**

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

**The Message:** **"Babies are to be Loved!  Not Killed!"**

**Text: Genesis 1:27; 2:7; Ex. 20:13**

Zion choir will be singing, "His Eye is on the Sparrow" (CH #624)

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**This Week’s Schedule**

Sunday, January 27, 2019 **9:00am Bethlehem Worship Service and**

 **Sunday School; No Adult Bible Study**

 **9:15am Zion Sunday School**

 **10:30am Zion Worship Service followed by**

 **Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch**

Monday, January 28 9:00am Quilting @ Bethlehem

Tuesday, January 29 7:30pm Dartball @ Bethlehem

Wednesday, January 30 5:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, February 3, 2019 9:00am Zion Worship Service

 9:00am Bethlehem Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

 10:00am Zion Sunday School

 10:30am Bethlehem Worship Service

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**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. Mindful of the loving, Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice *Closed Communion*. This means we normally invite to commune, only active communicant members of this congregation or other congregation of the *Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* in good standing. **All Guests** are asked to speak with our pastor before the service before coming to the Lord’s Table. If you have not spoken with our pastor, please do not come forward at this time. If you would like to learn more about *Closed Communion* or our congregation, we encourage you to talk with our pastor. Please sign & register for communion on the pew pad.

Be sure to sign the Red Fellowship Folder on the aisle side of your pew.

**Happy Birthday this week to**: Irene Schiefelbein, Marilyn Norton, Edward Raether, Diane Woodford, & Winifred Boyea-Wicksey.

 Please remember in your prayers: Pat Biegel after knee replacement, Dorothy (Noel) Smith, Don Lane, Bev Curler, Paul Leverty, Penny & Olivia Schmidt, Martha Jaenke, Pastor Jones at Zion-Chippewa, Diane Goss, the grandson of Eugene and Dotty Neumann, Drake, who was hurt snowboarding; shut-ins and members living in Care Facilities.

 OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS                  HOMEBOUND

 Augusta--Diane Goss--Zion                                 Brian Markham--Beth

               Geneva Smith--Beth.                            Carol Huff--Zion

                Eileen Hagedorn--Zion                          Don Berlin--Beth.

                Amy Bergman--Zion Ellie Grunewald-Beth

                Naomi Sudbrink--Beth.  Delores Starck-Beth.

 Winifred Boyea-Wicksey-Zion

 Marlene & Bo Tessmer-Beth.

Also in nursing homes, or assisted living: Phyllis Peterson-Zion

Bev Curler...Oak Gardens Place, Altoona

The Manor, Chippewa Falls--Delores Staats, (Marilyn Norton’s mother)

Grace-Woodlands, Eau Claire--Florence Korn-Beth. Neillsville--Dorothy Solberg-Beth.

Stanley--Robert Reppe-Zion River Pines, Altoona--Julia Phillips-Beth

*\*\*\*\*\*\* Persons to contact for Prayer Chains: Zion, Betty Woodford 715 877 3225; Bethlehem, Sharon Tumm 715 877 2402*

*Save the date:* The Mission Board is having their annual Soup dinners at Bethlehem on February 10th, and at Zion on February 17th. Please plan to attend this fund raiser. Congregations are asked to bring desserts.

**Today** **is the Annual Voters meeting at Zion. There will be a potluck following the meeting.  All adult members of the congregation should plan on attending if possible.  Please let Dave or an elder know if you are willing to serve on a Council position.  We are in need of a church treasurer. Prayerfully consider helping in this position or ask the Lord to guide someone to help out.  We have positions available on our Board of Education, as well.  We thank all those who have faithfully served, and those who continue to serve.**

Thank you to all who attended Bethlehem’s voters meeting; and to all who have served in positions and on committees at Bethlehem. Special thanks to Erin Pilgrim who has been an

excellent treasurer and to Joan Boyea for agreeing to be our next treasurer. We appreciate all of you.

Lunch, at Zion today, is a potluck following our Annual voter's meeting.   Next week's lunch will be hosted by the ladies aid.  Be sure to join us for food and fellowship and to support this ministry.

Zion congregation and choir is also, still seeking someone to take the position of church organist.  If you know of someone who would do this, please talk to Dave Kiesow.

A Valentine's dinner is planned for February 10th at Zion....with a movie to follow the meal. Please join us for a fun afternoon of good food and fellowship.  Watch your bulletin for more information to follow.

The Quilters at Bethlehem are really making progress. If you’d like to help them, feel free

to come any Monday morning at 9am and they’ll gladly show you what to do.

“John Prepares the Way” from Matthew 3:1-12 is today’s Sunday School lesson. As John pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, so our pastors point us to this same Jesus, who grants us forgiveness, life and salvation. *Ask your children, “What did you learn about John, what he ate, and how he dressed?”*

\*There are still large print “Portals of Prayer” available in the Narthex, if you’d like one.

**Our Worship Response 01/13/2019**

 Bethlehem Zion

 Attendance 63 35

 Offerings $723.00 $533.00

 Mission $100.00

 Fuel 25.00

 Weekly Budget Needs: $1185.24 $1138.00

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***Bethlehem Lutheran Church* reaching out to our community and to the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

***Zion Lutheran Church* seeks to preach and teach God’s word to all people of all ages and show**

**God’s love through our witness, fellowship and service.**

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**LIFE SUNDAY**



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