

THE MESSENGER

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Zion Lutheran Church
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“Gathering together, Growing in faith,
and Going into the world in
Jesus’ name.”

FEBRUARY 2024

*“And now these three remain: faith, hope and
love. But the greatest of these is love.”
(1 Corinthians 13:13)*



Church Winter Hours: Monday to Friday 9am - 1pm
Pastor Sarah is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays,
call the church office to set-up a time to meet.



Pastor's Page

Wandering Heart

Figuring out faith with Peter

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14! During the season of Lent, we are going to be focusing on Peter's story of discipleship to help guide us on our own faith journey. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

There will be many opportunities to dive deep into your faith questions and be connected to others as we wander alongside Peter together this Lenten season!

- Sunday worship centered on the theme texts at 9 & 10:45am. Join in fellowship time from 10-10:40am for coffee and to participate in a collaborative art project!
- Sunday School lessons will focus on the theme too from 9:45-10:30am.
- TUESDAY NIGHTS Wandering Heart Small Group Experience @ 6-7pm at church or online via Zoom @ 7:30-8:30pm. (Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 19, 26) (We will not meet March 12).
- Wednesday afternoon Bible Study @ 1:30-2:30pm to dive into the texts for Sunday with bonus content! (Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 20, 27) (We will not meet on March 13).
- Wednesday nights come for dinner @ 5:45pm and worship @ 6:15pm with weekly personal faith stories shared, reflection time and prayerful play & singing led by our Logos youth! (Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20). Ash Wednesday meal also at 5:45 and worship at 6:15.
- Pick up a devotional booklet that has a weekly reading, song, and journaling practice that connects to the theme for you to use at home as a personal reflection time or for your family or a group of friends to use together!

Lent is a time for all ages to be renewed in our faith journey. May your Wandering Heart experience rest in God's grace and streams of mercy, never ceasing!



Our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday, which falls on Valentine's Day this year. This overlap is a great reminder to us! As we receive a cross of ashes on our forehead reminding us of both the promise that "You are dust and to dust you shall return" and that "You are a beloved child of God, marked by the cross of Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit," may we receive this good news of God's unending love for us and claim on our life with joy!

A special valentine from God! God's love is in our very elemental being, and it's a love that is stronger than any force in this world. It is God's love for us that saves us. God's love is so strong that nothing, not even death, or sin (our turning from God's ways), or evil of any sort can break the hold that God has upon our life. We are God's beloved ones now and forevermore. Amen!

God's peace and blessing be upon you,
Pastor Sarah

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 11th 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by President Lynn Rochon. Present were Lynn Rochon, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Christel Lewis, Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet, Sara Schubert McKone, Grace Becken and Donna Meltz.

Devotions were given by Grace. Next month will be Donna.

A motion was made by Sara and seconded by Grace to accept last month's secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: We discussed an example Aine made up to show financial numbers to the congregation to publish in the monthly newsletter. Another example was discussed and Aine and Pastor Sarah will work together on the layout. We reviewed the bank statement and the 2023 income. The checking balance is \$11,765.70, savings balance is \$22,299.07, Thrivent balance is \$3,214.74 and the mortgage is \$41,586.63.

Pastors Report: The next meeting of the Superior ELCA churches collaboration is February 6th. They are working on a shared worship service on Sunday, February 25th at 10am at Concordia. The worship band Breaking Chains will be leading worship and a potluck lunch will follow. We have been challenged to a Souper Bowl competition on February 11th to collect food/funds to help out our local community. More detail to come. Pastor hopes to begin a grief support group here at Zion in the next couple of months. She will be taking a training course on facilitating grief support from Essentia in Duluth February 8th and 9th. Pastor attended a meeting in December on Parish Nursing ministry. There is grant money and support available through Essentia in Superior for parish nursing ministries. Lent season begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday. The theme will be Wandering Heart. Pastor would like to include weekly faith story sharing by members of the congregation at the Wednesday services. She is hoping to begin a book study or other 5 week study focus as a Lenten discipleship practice. The ELCA Youth Gathering group will be holding fundraising dinner/concert on Friday, February 16th that Vicky Holm is organizing. Pastor will be in New Orleans on January 18th – 22nd for continuing education and preparation for the ELCA Youth Gathering. She will be in Chetek on Tuesday, January 30th for the NWSWI Winter Theological Retreat.

Discipleship: Sunday School had 2 weeks off over the holidays but is back running now. Teachers are lined up through mid February. Adult Bible Study is Wednesday's at 1:30.

Worship and Music: Lent is coming up and planning is underway. The altar guild will be working on keeping the left side of the altar area filled.

Operations: did not meet

Stewardship: They are meeting 1 hour before the council meetings. They discussed streamlining member communication, among other things.


WELCA: The cookie sale raised \$731.30. The balance of their checking account is \$1,650.95. A motion was made by Grace and seconded by Donna to accept all reports as given. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: We need to give a 30 day notice to the congregation of changes to the constitution that the synod wants us to make. We will have to have a special congregational meeting for this and cannot do it at the Annual meeting as there is not enough time to give notice. We went over the 2024 budget expenses. Lynn will send out the income budget for the council to review before it is submitted for the annual meeting.

New Business: A couple reports have come in for the annual meeting report. The current nominating committee is made up of Polly and Lynn. Lynn is not actually eligible to be on the committee so she will contact Anthony, who is not at tonight's meeting, to see if he will be on the committee. We discussed who is on the other committees and which committees will need new members. We discussed having a monthly theme for the food shelf. Sara will work with Paul Robinson about how to announce the theme to the congregation. At the annual meeting, we need to let members know when they give a donation to the 'Food Shelf, they need to specify if they are referring to our food shelf or the food shelf at Faith Methodist Church.

A motion was made at 7:21pm by Donna and seconded by Grace to adjourn. Motion carried.

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024-2027		
Term Ends January 2025	Term Ends January 2026	Term Ends January 2027
Christel Lewis	Grace Becken	Donald Anderson
Aine Merrill	Sara Schubert McKone	Shannon Johnson
Margaret Sundet	Donna Meltz	Lynn Rochon
<u>Nomination committee-1 year term</u> Vicky Holm Polly Lohman	<u>Audit Committee</u> Anthony Anderson-1 year Paul Robinson-2 years Vicky Holm-3 years	<u>Annual Synod Assembly- Representatives</u> Stephanie & Grace Becken <u>Conference Assembly Delegates</u> Stephanie & Grace Becken



Pennies

—Continue saving. Every penny does make a difference. Thank You!



WELCA

We meet the second Sunday of each month during the coffee hour. Please watch the bulletin for any last minute changes.

FEBRUARY LAY MINISTRY	
READER	COUNTERS
Feb 4 Polly Lohman / Lynn Rochon	Feb 4 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
Feb 12 Aine Merrill / Tim Ingersoll	Feb 12 Aine Merrill, Kendra Lohman
Feb 18 Donna Meltz / Rusty Mehlberg	Feb 18 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
Feb 25 @ Concordia 10am	Feb 25 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Feb 4 Anthony Anderson	Feb 4 Shirley Boris
Feb 12 Linda Moe	Feb 11 Janet Arena
Feb 18 Aine Merrill	Feb 18 Lucy Sullivan
Feb 25 @ Concordia 10am	Feb 25 @ Concordia 10am
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Feb 4 Donald Anderson / Vicky Holm	Kay Warner
Feb 11 Donald Anderson / Ken Mertz	
Feb 18 Donald Anderson / Vicky Holm	
Feb 25 @ Concordia 10am	
<p>If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time, please notify the Office at 715-398-3663 with the name of your replacement. Thank you for your service.</p>	



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Children ages 3 years through the 5th Grade are welcome at Zion Sunday School. Classes are Sunday mornings at 10:15 from September to May. To register your children for Sunday School, you may contact the church office (715-398-3663) or go to zionsuperior.org for a registration form or simply come to Zion on any Sunday to get your child started on his or her journey of faith! God loves our children and has wonderful things to teach them at Zion Sunday School. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

LOGOS

The Logos students (grades 6-9) and high school youth meet on Wednesday nights from 5-7 pm. We start with mini-worship, a lesson, a meal and then a game or activity to end the evening. The youth group is open to all students from grade 6 and up, and they can join at any time. We also invite our church family to join us for dinner any Wednesday at 6pm. No need to make a reservation...just come.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th, bring a nonperishable, easy-open food item or hygiene item for donation to the food shelf at Zion Lutheran Church.

CONCORDIA Lutheran Church OUR SAVIOR'S Lutheran Church PILGRIM Lutheran Church ZION Lutheran Church

Together Serving Superior

This year we will be joining with the other ELCA congregations in Superior to help end hunger in our community by collecting donations for our Zion Food Shelf.

Bring your donations of food items or dollars to Zion by Feb. 11th. The church that collects the most items/money will receive a special trophy and recognition at our shared worship service on Feb. 25th at 10am Concordia.

Join the fun—and maybe Zion will be Souper Bowl champions this year!

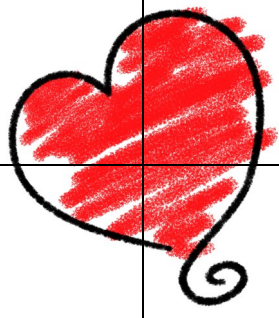
Paige Johnson	Feb 1
Gary Garlie	Feb 5
Melvin Mattson	Feb 9
Kim Pearson	Feb 9
Linda DeGraef	Feb 10
Janet Arena	Feb 18
Britny Bergson	Feb 21
Marilee Parenteau	Feb 28

Happy Birthday



Happy Anniversary February 23—Kenneth & Pamela Mertz, Jr.



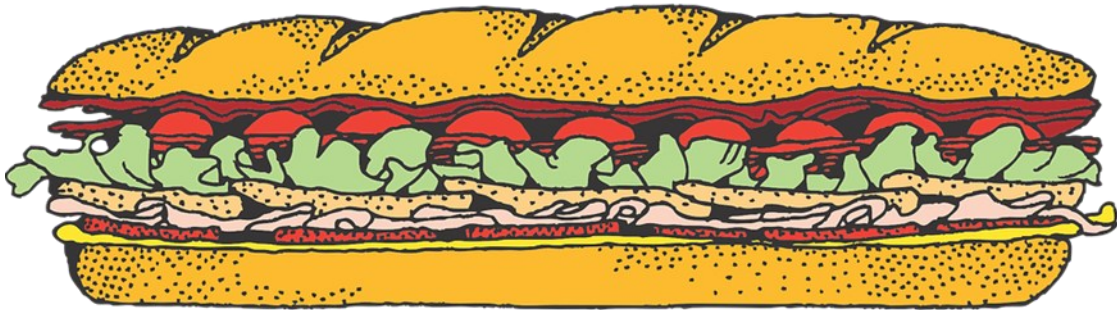
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Coffee Fellowship There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who serve.

WELCA

SUPER-BOWL SUB SANDWICH SALE



It's time for the *Annual Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale!*

Each sub sandwich will be made fresh on Saturday morning February 10th on a hoagie bun topped with mayo, ham, turkey, salami, lettuce, tomato, onions (**or no onions**), and American and mozzarella cheese slices.

They will be available for pick up on Saturday morning or following worship on Sunday, February 11th. Please write the number of subs you would like to purchase on the lines below and specify if you want onions or not.

To order, please call the church office, email, or fill out the form below and drop it by the church with your check or money. You may also pay upon receiving your subs. Please make checks payable to "**Zion WELCA**".

Sub sandwiches are \$7.00 each.

The last day to place your order is **Sunday, February 4th.**

All proceeds benefit the Zion Women's Group ministries.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Number of subs you would like to order: _____ (with onions)

Number of subs you would like to order: _____ (without onions)

Cost of Subs is \$7.00 each Total \$ _____

Will you pick up your subs on (circle one) SATURDAY or SUNDAY

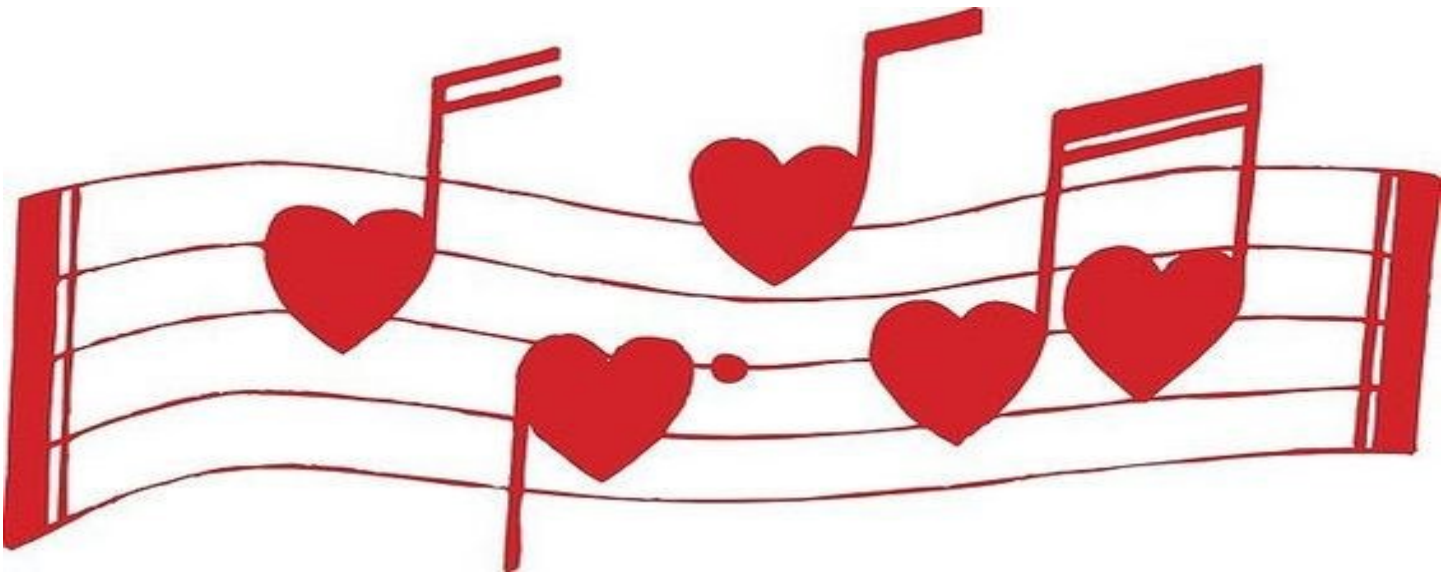
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

2022 East 2nd Street, Superior, WI

Hearts in Harmony



Friday, February 16, 2024

5pm to 6:30pm — Dinner & drive thru
7pm Concert of Local Artists

Come join us for a delicious chicken parmesan dinner,
and a concert to benefit OUR youth to travel to the
2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

FREE WILL OFFERING

Everyone is invited.

Thank You

Jesus said:
I have loved you
with an
Everlasting
love.

We would like to express our thanks to All members of Zion!

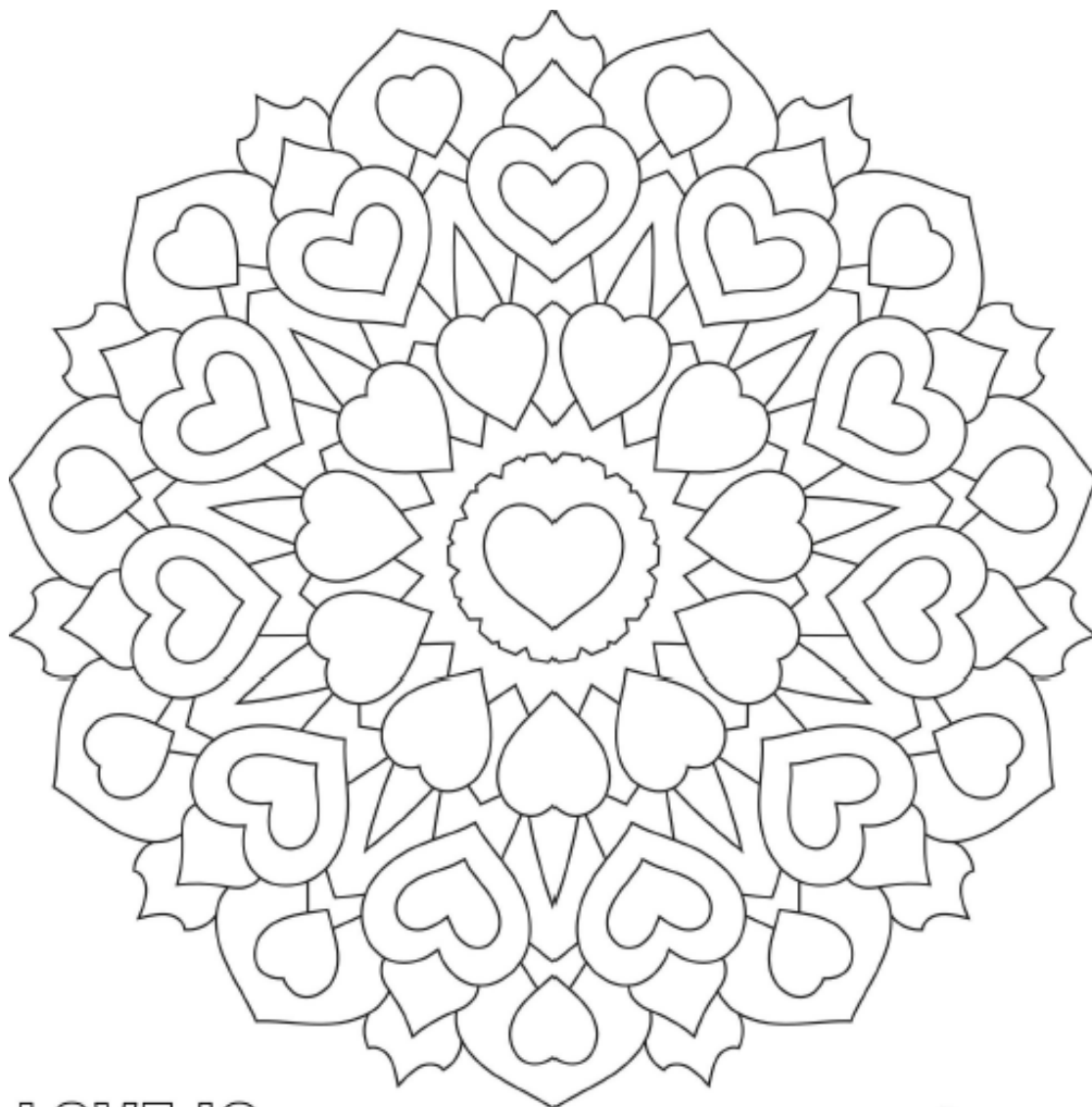
Additionally we thank:

Beth Arnson

Memorial for Mike Velin from Paul & Kay Freer

May God continue to bless us all!

Color Me



LOVE IS



beautiful

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Custodian
Darren Velin

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LOGOS Youth Group
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Sunday Worship Services

First Service at 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45– 10:45 am
Second Service at 10:45 am
Coffee Hour between services at 10am

Worship Service is also on website.

Church Office Hours

Mo—Fr 9-1
Pastoral Hours Tu-Thurs 9-1, and by appointment