

THE MESSENGER

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"Gathering together, Growing in faith,
and Going into the world in
Jesus' name."

APRIL 2024

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



*"And God raised the Lord and will also
raise us up by his power."*

(1 Corinthians 6:14)

Pastor's Page

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! The season of Easter invites us into living the resurrected life even now. We are God's Easter People! We live knowing the good news that Jesus died so that all might follow him and live. He shows us the way. We are called to be people who act with love and service to others. Jesus told his disciples at the Last Supper, that they were to wash one another's feet, and they were to remember him and eat together, and that people would know they were his disciples by how they showed love for one another.

That is what we do as God's people. We act boldly with love for others, especially those that are facing injustice or marginalization in our world. We show up where and when we are needed with love and grace. We act with the love of Christ and humbly serve all our neighbors. Thank you for all the ways that you do that everyday in our community. You are doing good and faithful work as we care for and feed those around us.

I wanted to share one way the love of Christ is being shared through the ministry partnership we have with our sister ELCA churches in Superior, and invite you into learning more as you are interested. Over the last year, the churches have been working to support Amena, a refugee from Afghanistan, to bring her family to the Duluth/Superior community. A little of her story was told at our shared worship services this past summer and in February, as well as an offering taken in support of this joint work. So her story may be a little familiar to you!

Here's a little of Amena's story: in August 2021, she had to flee Afghanistan when the Taliban took over power there. Amena had been working with the United States military operations there at the time, and her job put her in imminent danger when the Taliban took control. Amena was helped by the US government to flee her home country and arrived in Duluth in January 2022, and she has been working to bring her mom and 2 siblings to live safely here as well ever since. The churches met with Amena and Sister Gretchen Johnston (our amazing music leader here at Zion, who introduced us to Amena) to learn more about how we could help. Sister Gretchen shared with us about the Welcome Corps program.

The Welcome Corps is a new government program began in 2023 as a way for private citizen groups in the United States to sponsor refugees coming from places like Afghanistan. As a part of the program, we are forming a team of at least 5 people who will work together to plan for how the refugee family will find housing, transportation, medical care, and language classes in our community. This team with the support of the 4 churches will also commit to welcome and guide the family in their first 90 days in our community along with fundraising \$2425 per person to help support them during that transition time. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know Amena, and learning how we as the Superior churches working together can support her in bringing her family to the United States.

You are invited to an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6pm at Pilgrim Lutheran Church to learn more about the Welcome Corps program and how you can help support this important work. If you cannot attend, but want to learn more, contact me or Sister Gretchen anytime. You can also check out the government website: welcomecorps.org to learn more.

Thank you again for your good and faithful living as followers of Christ in this world. Happy Easter!

Peace,
Pr. Sarah

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 21st, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Rochon at 6:02pm. Present were Christel Lewis, Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Sara Schubert McKone, Shannon Johnson and Lynn Rochon.

Devotions were given by Aine Merrill. Next month will be Lynn Rochon.

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

Treasurers Report: The checking balance is \$9,062.54, the savings balance is \$15,000.00 and the mortgage is at \$40,244.61. Greg Kvam couldn't be at tonight's meeting. He will be here next month to review and discuss eliminating dedicated fund categories on the financial reports.

Pastors Report: We are wrapping up the Lenten journey in Sunday worship, Tuesday small groups (in-person and Zoom) and Wednesday bible study. We have had art projects and faith stories on Wednesday evenings along with worship led by our Logos group. Holy Week will include Maundy Thursday worship with First Communion, Good Friday with Prayer stations and Saturday Easter Vigil service with s'mores. Easter Sunday worship is at 9am and 10:45am at Zion, Sunrise Ecumenical Service at 6:45am at Wisconsin Point Lot #1. Logos Youth Easter Breakfast is at 8:30 – 10:30am. Our Superior ELCA churches are working to support a young woman from Afghanistan named Amena, who is hoping to bring her family here to the Duluth/Superior area. Amena arrived in Duluth in January 2022 after fleeing her home when the Taliban took over power in Afghanistan. She had been working for the US military at the time, and so it was not safe for her to stay. Through the Welcome Corps program, the churches are working to form a team that can help bring her mother and 2 siblings to live with her here. An interest meeting will be held at Pilgrim Lutheran on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6pm for anyone who wants to learn more about this project and how you can help. We have taken offerings at our last two shared worship services and will be working jointly to fundraise about \$5,000 more in the next few months to support this effort. Bishop Laurie will visit the LOGOS youth on April 3rd, Holy Humor is Sunday, April 7th and The Youth LOGOS Retreat will be Friday, April 19th, details still being worked out for that.

Discipleship: Sunday School's last day will be May 19 with a graduate recognition Sunday and LOGOS last day will be May 8th. Eater breakfast is being served by the LOGOS for a fundraiser for their group.

Worship and Music: They are thinking about how they can use the PVC pipe/supports on the back of the altar. We will be going to one Sunday service starting on Memorial weekend, Sunday May 26th.

Stewardship: They are brainstorming spring and fall drives, like PBS does spring and fall membership drives. They are planning on having outdoor activities on June 19th. The same company that makes the waving arm man on Tower Ave also makes a Jesus waving man. They are discussing if we should get that and put it out, just once in a while. They are also discussing creating a gathering space where the playground equipment used to be.

WELCA: A lunch is planned in May at Perkins for the women of Zion. On Thursday, April 11th they will be cleaning the kitchen.

A motion was made by Christel and seconded by Margaret to accept all reports as given. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: A special congregational meeting will be on Sunday, April 21st to accept the changes to the constitution. It will be announced at the services on April 7th and 14th.

Paul is still determining if mailboxes will be reassigned. We will discuss New Year Visioning at the next council meeting.

New Business: We will discuss the financial reports at the next council meeting when Greg is here. The sub pump project was completed late this afternoon. The sewer project is also complete. We wrote thank you notes to all the Lutheran churches in Superior for supporting our food shelf, to our City Council representative the City Plumbing Inspector and Dan Ingersoll for the Ping Pong table he donated.

A motion was made at 7:24pm by Christel and seconded by Shannon to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Christel Lewis



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Children ages 3 years through the 5th Grade. All are welcome and we meet at 9:45.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

2024 National ELCA Youth Gathering

Fund Raiser

\$2.00 Seroogy's Chocolate Bars

For every chocolate bar purchased our youth earns \$1.00 per bar for a 50% profit.

Use the PayPal QR code to pay or order. Please note for ELCA Youth.



WELCA

The Women of the ELCA, will be cleaning the kitchen on April 11th, 2024, starting at 9am. Please come when you are able throughout the day. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for this task. Treats will be provided!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 9, 2024, for a Ladies Night Out! More information coming!

Want to give online via credit card or PayPal today??

Scan the QR code to give using a PayPal account and coming soon, there will be a giving kiosk with card reader to be able to use just a credit card.

Each gift is an important part of supporting the mission and ministry of Zion Lutheran Church as we join together to participate in God's mission in the world. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!



Join in Zion's Food Shelf Ministry

We keep our food cupboard outside our doors regularly stocked with items used by our neighbors in need. This is filled and it is used everyday!!

There is always a need for more supplies for those who are in need. Donations of food items, hygiene items, apparel, or financial gifts are always welcome.

Bring your gifts to the church office. If the office is closed you may neatly fill the shelves. Thanks for your generosity!

April Food Shelf Focus

- Bread
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned soups
- Canned tuna & chicken
- Shampoo
- Kleenex
- Clorox wipes

PASTY BAKE APRIL 2024

Come help prepare the Pasty Bake Sale!

Wednesday	April 24	Prep
Thursday	April 25	Peel, Cut, Prep
Friday	April 26	Assemble, begin to bake
Saturday	April 27	Assemble, bake, and sales

Sign up sheets will be at the tables in the hallway soon. Please sign up on the times you are available. This is one of Zion's main Fund Raisers.

For questions contact Vicky Holm, 218-591-7842



It's Pasty time at Zion Lutheran Church!

We're making our famous pasties the fourth week of April—with carrots, potatoes, onion, celery and ground chuck from Superior Meats. Take our word for it—you don't want to miss out on stocking the freezer with these for quick and delicious summer meals.

Pasties will be fresh-baked, frozen and ready to reheat. Additionally, we will be offering fresh baked (unfrozen) pasties for sale on our baking days: Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. Price: \$5.00/pasty

If you have questions or would like to place an order, email: Zion.pastybake@yahoo.com or call the church office at 715 398-3663, or drop off the order form below with payment. **ORDERS ACCEPTED THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024.**

The proceeds from the pasty sale will be used to fund church ministries and missions. We appreciate your support!

Cut along line and return order form with payment to the Church Office.

Zion Lutheran Pasty Bake

Cost: \$5.00 each

Pasties will be available April 26 after 1:00 pm
& April 27 after 10:00 am

Pick-up day Fri (1p-4:30) — Sat (10a-4:30) —

Orders can be dropped off in the church office., or mailed to

Zion Lutheran Church
2022 East Second Street, Superior, WI 54880
Prior to April 17, 2024

PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER

NAME

PHONE

NUMBER OF PASTIES

\$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

We extend our prayers to the Family and Friends of
 Esther C. Nolan
 March 21, 1935 — March 1, 2024

Deepest Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Prayers of Healing: Barry Kilner, Michael Pelletier, James Dolsen Sr., and Ric Adrihan.

Prayers of Protection:

Nathan Anthony, Mathew Sherwood, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Hutton, Andrew Mattson, Joshua Seifert, and for all those who are in military service throughout the world and their families; and for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's, and all who put themselves at risk for others.

Prayers of Comfort:

Those homebound or in nursing homes: Jerry and Marilee, Ann Johnson, Sharon Miller, Alice Mattson, Ellie Mae Nelson, and Delores Mackie. And for the family of Esther Nolan.

Prayers for Strength & Guidance: Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Our Church Council, our lay leaders, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson and our Synod Staff, and for all those who stand up for justice in Jesus' name.

PRAYER CHAIN: Please submit any prayer requests to a member of the prayer chain: Linda Moe 715-398-6779

Thank you to all who pray faithfully.

(To add or remove a name, please call the office. 715-398-3663 Thank you.)

APRIL LAY MINISTRY

READER	COUNTERS
Apr 7 Aine Merrill / Lynn Rochon	Apr 7 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
Apr 14 Polly Lohman / Tim Ingersoll	Apr 14 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
Apr 21 Micah Gunderson / Rusty Mehlberg	Apr 21 Paul Freer, Beth Arnson
Apr 28 Donna Meltz / Sara Schubert McKone	Apr 28 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Apr 7 Linda Moe	Apr 7 Mary Hickman
Apr 14 Aine Merrill	Apr 14 Janet Arena
Apr 21 Anthony Anderson	Apr 21 Lucy Sullivan
Apr 28 Linda Moe	Apr 28 Mary Hickman
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Mar 3 Donald Anderson / Vicky Holm	Linda Moe
Mar 10 Donald Anderson / Ken Mertz	
Mar 17 Donald Anderson / Vicky Holm	
Mar 24 Donald Anderson / Ken Mertz	

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.

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

Pennies—Continue saving. Every penny does make a difference. Thank you.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>2024 April 2024</h1>						
	1 4:30 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 AA Mtg	2 6am-8pm Election Voting 11:00 Pastors text study 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	3 1:30 Bible Study 3:30 Worship & Music 5:00 LOGOS 6:00 Dinner Bishop Laurie visits Logos tonight!	4 1:00 Sew'N Sews	5 10:00 Esther Nolan Visitation 11:00 Funeral & luncheon	6
7 9:00 & 10:45 Worship 9:45-10:45 Sunday School	8 4:30 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 AA Mtg	9 11:00 Pastors text study 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	10 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 LOGOS 6:00 Dinner	11 1:00 Sew'N Sews	12	13 Synod Middle School Youth Event , Rice Lake WI
14 9:00 & 10:45 Worship 9:45-10:45 Sunday School 10:00 WELCA	15 4:30 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 AA Mtg	16 11:00 Pastors text study 5:00 Operations 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	17 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 LOGOS 6:00 Dinner	18 1:00 Sew'N Sews 5:00 Stewardship 6:00 Council Mtg	19 Logos Retreat	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
21 9:00 & 10:45 Worship 9:45-10:45 Sunday School	22 4:30 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 AA Mtg	23 11:00 Pastors text study 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	24 9:00 Pasty Prep 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 LOGOS 6:00 Dinner	25 9:00 Pasty Prep 1:00 Sew'N Sews	26 8:00 Pasty Bake	27 8:00 Pasty Bake
28 9:00 & 10:45 Worship 9:45-10:45 Sunday School	29 4:30 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 AA Mtg	30 11:00 Pastors text study 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE				



April 23—Brian & Tammy Dittbrender

April 25—Gregory & Brenda Pluntz



Anastasia Johnson
 Eric Evans
 Gerald Williams
 Jerry Parenteau
 Champ Olson
 Emily Larson
 Deacon McKone
 Craig Maki
 Rogan Lambert
 April Larson
 Deanna Traynor
 Peggie Wilson

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Ann Johnson
 Steve Lamppa
 Kristen Johnson
 Trey Pedersen
 Sarah Gunderson
 Bob Warner
 Mark Betterman
 Sue Betterman
 Dani Watkins
 Juston Adrihan
 Leslee Kvam

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2022 East Second Street
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Gretchen Johnston, OSB

Custodian

Darren Velin

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Sunday School (ages 3 years-5th grade)

LOGOS Youth Group

churchoffice@zionsuperior.org

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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