

THE MESSENGER

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

MAY 2024



*"For the Lord takes delight
in his people."*

(Psalm 149:4)

Pastor's Page

The season of Easter is drawing to a close dear Church, and the Day of Pentecost is almost here! In his farewell discourse to the disciples, Jesus promises them that “*when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth*” (John 16:13). On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate that the Holy Spirit came to them just as Jesus said, and to the generations of disciples that came after—including us! The Spirit comes to guide us all in the ways of truth and to help us believe in the Good News of God’s grace in Jesus Christ and live as God’s faithful people.

There is so much happening in our world today, so much more it seems than in Jesus’ day. We are constantly bombarded with information and news from everywhere, pressures to believe and respond appropriately to issues we don’t even fully understand, and it can be difficult to discern truth from fiction. We need the Spirit of truth to guide us more than ever! How can we listen and pay attention to the leading of the Spirit?

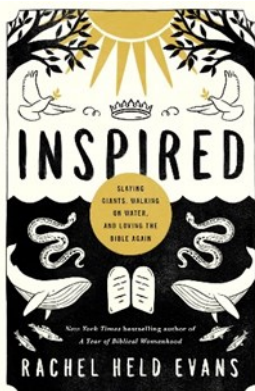
This has been the work of the Christian Church from its very beginning. The chaos of the Day of Pentecost, as told to us in Acts 2, formed a community that needed to work together to discern what was happening around them so they could act with purpose and faith. The Spirit allowed them all to hear the Gospel declared in a language they understood and heard as good news. We need practices that help us sort out the noise and confusion of our day so we can hear the Good News of Jesus too and respond in ways that give life.

I think the practices of discipleship that the Church has been cultivating for centuries to participate in the leading of the Spirit are still good. The Spirit is still leading us as we gather to worship and pray, as we study Scripture and learn about the world around us, as we practice giving generously of ourselves to serve and love our neighbors. As we do the things that Jesus taught us, we practice being a community led by the Spirit in the chaos of this world. Our Zion church congregation has been doing this work of following the Spirit together for 130 years now! And we’re still looking pretty good!

On May 19th in our worship services, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the birthday of the Christian Church. You are invited to wear red in honor of the Holy Spirit, to come to worship to be renewed in your call to be a disciple of Jesus, and to remember the gift of the Spirit given to you and the whole church in baptism. It will be a wonderful celebration indeed. Thanks be to God!

Happy birthday dear Church! God bless you and keep you another year through.

Peace,
Pastor Sarah



Spring Book Study *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* By Rachel Held Evans

You are invited to read this amazing book in May! Join in conversation with others as you are able, or just read it on your own. A study guide will be available! There will be a Tuesday evening Zoom group from 7-8pm and a Wednesday morning 10am group for faith conversation about the book. Invite a friend to read too! We will begin meeting the week of May 14th and meet for 4 weeks. Pick up your own book, or sign up at church by May 1st and we'll order one for you. Questions? Talk with Pastor 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. Easter 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

MARK YOU CALENDERS!

There will be a brief special congregational meeting on Sunday, June 2 at 10:30am to approve the updates to our constitution. To review the constitution prior to this meeting, you can find it on our web site or email the office to request a copy, at churchoffice@zionsuperior.org .

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024-2027		
Term Ends January 2025	Term Ends January 2026	Term Ends January 2027
Christel Lewis - Secretary	Grace Becken	Donald Anderson
Aine Merrill - Treasurer	Sara Schubert McKone – Vice President	Shannon Johnson
Margaret Sundet	Donna Meltz	Lynn Rochon - President
<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

WELCA

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

The Women of the ELCA, WELCA, would like to invite **all women** to join for a Ladies Night Out gathering at Perkins restaurant on Thursday, May 9, 5:00pm. There is a sign-up on the table outside the sanctuary. We hope you can join us!

*With Sympathy
and Prayers*

We would like to express our prayers and sympathies to the family of Ann Johnson.

Gifts received in
Memorial of Esther Nolan

- Joyce Thomas
- Sunnie & Steve Lamma
- Diana Marquart
- Richard & Carol Palm
- Anna Hansen
- Carolyn Amys
- Gary & Alana Dunning

Zion's youth programming is wrapping up for the school year in May.

Our last night of Logos Youth Group will be Wednesday, May 8. We will stroll over to Culvers for dessert first, come back and have dinner and play Bible Trivia. We have enjoyed this year with our youth so much--they are an amazing group of young people--we are so proud of them and so grateful to their families that they chose to share them with us! Thanks to the following mentors who teach, cook and hang out. You are all so appreciated! Greg Kvam, Leslee Kvam, Stephanie Becken, Grace Becken, Joy Becken, Mary Hickman, Tim Ingersoll, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Micah Gunderson, Rene Williams, Vicky Holm, Owin Holm, Zach Dittbrender, Ana Johnson, Mark Betterman, Jeanette Betterman, Duane Betterman, Linda Brow and Lynn Rochon. We wish you all an amazing summer and look forward to gathering again in the fall.

The last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 19. We firmly believe that we have the most curious, loving and fun Sunday Schoolers ever! We are blessed by them and their families. Thank you to the Sunday School Team for a wonderful year: Pam Monaghan, Michele Conlin, April Larson, Britny Bergson, Aine Merrill, Stephanie Becken, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Lynn Rochon and helpers Joy Becken, Grace Becken, Tanner Becken, Colin Larson, and Kate Conlin. Have a safe summer everyone!

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School at Zion will be August 5th-8th from 9am-12pm. Children from 4k through 5th grade are invited. More information to come!



**Zion
LOGOS
YOUTH**

LOOKING FOR A YOUTH GROUP FOR GRADES 6-9? TRY US OUT! PREVIEW NIGHT WED., MAY 1, FROM 5-7PM. CURRENT 5TH GRADERS AND NEW MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS INVITED. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come eat out on CULVER'S NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th from 5-8pm

A fundraiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering Trip!
10% of sales and all tips that night will go toward the group traveling to New Orleans this summer.
Stop in at the Culver's next to Zion and enjoy a meal or a treat and support our youth and our local business too!



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 or a 50% profit.

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





Aine Merrill	May 2	Brett Gunderson	May 11
Logan Pfannebecker	May 2	Mary Hickman	May 12
Marjie Hickman	May 3	Kenneth Thimm	May 15
Mary Hickman	May 3	Eileen Amy	May 16
Tom Nykanen	May 4	Eve Bagan	May 16
Kenneth Mertz Jr.	May 6	Heidi Hillstrom-Maki	May 16
Denise Lundberg	May 7	Julie Nelson	May 16
Donald Olson	May 7	Hailey Larson	May 20
William Norman	May 7	Frankie Miley	May 23
Evan Bergson	May 11		



May 3-Steve & Sunnie Lamppa
 May 3-Barry & Laura Kilner
 May 15-Brad & Irene Hillstrom-Haugen
 May 28-Greg & Leslee Kvam

We are inviting **all our volunteers** to a sit-down dinner to thank you for your time and talents. Have you ushered, made pasties, helped with service, worked with youth, quilted, cleaned, gardened, served coffee, baked, donated to the food shelf, sang in choir, played bells, shared God’s love with someone, or helped with any of the dozens of other tasks that keep Zion going? Then this dinner is for YOU! We are serving at 5:30 pm on Thursday, May 23. Look for more information and an RSVP coming soon.

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!

MAY LAY MINISTRY 2024

READER	COUNTERS
May 5 Aine Merrill	May 5 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
May 12 Polly Lohman	May 12 Aine Merrill, Kendra Lohman
May 19 Micah Gunderson	May 19 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
May 26 Donna Meltz	May 26 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
May 5 Linda Moe	May 5 Mary Hickman
May 12 Aine Merrill	May 12 Janet Arena
May 19 Anthony Anderson	May 19 Lucy Sullivan
May 26 Linda Moe	May 26 Mary Hickman
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
May 5 Donald Anderson	Mary Hickman
May 12 Donald Anderson	
May 19 Donald Anderson	
May 26 Vicky Holm	

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>MAY 2024</i>			1 1:30 Bible Study 3:30 Worship & Music 5:00 LOGOS 5:45 Dinner	2 1:00 Sew'N Sews	3	4
5 9:00 & 10:45 Worship 9:45-10:45 Sunday School	6 4:30 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 AA Mtg	7 11:00 Pastors text study 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	8 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 LOGOS 5:45 Dinner	9 1:00 Sew'N Sews 5:00 WELCA Ladies Night Out	10	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 & 10:45 Worship 9:45-10:45 Sunday School 10:00 WELCA	13 4:30 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 AA Mtg	14 11:00 Pastors text study 5:00 Operations 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	15 1:30 Bible Study 5-8pm CULVER'S NIGHT: Come eat at Culver's to support the Youth Gathering Trip	16 1:00 Sew'N Sews 6:00 Council Mtg	17	18
19 Graduation Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 Worship 9:45-10:45 Sunday School	20 4:30 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 AA Mtg NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	21 11:00 Pastors text study 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	22 1:30 Bible Study	23 1:00 Sew'N Sews 5:30 Zion's All Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	24	25
26 9:30 Worship	27 MEMORIAL DAY Church office closed 6:00 AA Mtg 	28 11:00 Pastors text study 6:00 Al-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	29 1:30 Bible Study	30 1:00 Sew'N Sews	31	

Our prayers and thankfulness to those in our church families who are currently serving in the military: Nathan Anthony, Matthew Sherwood, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Hutton, Andrew Mattson, and Joshua Seifert. May God Bless you and keep you safe from harm.

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

Prayers of Healing: Barry Kilner, Michael Pelletier, Ric Adrihan, and for Vicky Dolsen-Holm and family in the passing of Vicky's father.

Prayers of Protection:

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, Sharon Miller, Alice Mattson, Ellie Mae Nelson, Delores Mackie, and the family of Ann Johnson.

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.

Thank you to all who pray faithfully.

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Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade)

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 the website.

Church Office Hours

Mo—Fr 9-1

Pastoral Hours: Tu-Thurs 9-1, and by
appointment