

Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

Pastor's Message



Thank you! *We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing (2 Thess. 1:3)*

When the Apostle Paul wrote these words to the churches of Thessalonica in the early days of Christianity, he was attempting to encourage them in their continued life of faith and in navigating the challenges of being a community. Paul's words are for us too! We need this kind of joyful encouragement too, for it is not an easy task to have faith in our world, to love others, and to remain connected to one another. But as we do, we are richly blessed!

This past Thursday (5/23) we held a *Thank You Dinner* for all who give of their resources and their gifts to our faith community here at Zion. It was a simple affair, just time spent eating and sharing stories together around the tables of our fellowship hall, along with a word of thanks spoken and prayers offered in thanksgiving. While not everyone who contributes to this shared life was able to attend the gathering, we gave thanks for you! It brings joy to stop and give thanks for God's work of love in our midst that is strengthening us and moving us forward with faith and hope.



The Spirit of God continually gathers us into one as a community for the sake of transformation—for our own transformation and for the transformation of the whole of creation. The Triune God, a community of love, is forming us more and more into the image of God. We are being transformed by God's love for us, and God's love is amazing and powerful indeed! As we grow in our faith and in the practice of showing up with loving actions for the sake of others, by God's grace all of creation will be transformed-- someday, somehow!



Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 18th 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Rochon at 6:06pm. Present were Christel Lewis, Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Donna Meltz, Shannon Johnson, Don Anderson and Lynn Rochon.

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

Greg Kvam was at the meeting to help us understand the financial reports we get. We also went through all the dedicated funds to see which ones we can eliminate since they are no longer used. A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Shannon to remove the dormant and unused accounts. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: We reviewed the check book register and the budget numbers year-to-date. The check book balance is \$7,968.06, the savings balance is \$15,024.46 and the mortgage is at \$39,614.53.

A motion was made by Christel and seconded by Margaret to accept March's secretary's report. Motion carried.

Pastors Report: For the ELCA Youth Gathering, they have \$3,000 to \$4,000 left to raise, depending on final transportation/feed costs. They will continue to sell candy bars, and are looking into a Culver's Share Night and a hot dog/chips sale in the parking lot. They may also do a "Stock Sale" for a final push to complete the fundraising goal. The group will be meeting together monthly beginning in May to prepare with group building activities and bible study. The youth groups from our Saviors in Superior and Trinity in Lake Nebagamon will be joining them at one of the meetings. A new bishop will be elected in June. To learn about the candidates, go to the synod website. Our delegates to the assembly will be voting in the election. Our congregation along with the other 3 ELCA churches in Superior will be receiving a Bright Spot Award at the synod assembly. We are being recognized for our dedication to shared ministry work as we gather for worship together, meet regularly to check in with one another and the work we are doing to support the Afghan refugees.

Discipleship: LOGOS last night will be May 8th. The bishop was at LOGOS 2 weeks ago. Sunday School ends May 19th.

Worship and Music: no meeting was held this month.

Property: We are checking if the city will allow some of the grant money to be used for other capital projects. The city will look at bids and then will decide if more money can be used. We have gotten quotes for a button to automatically open the main door to the church, another quote for getting siding on the north part of the church and are waiting to get a quote for new flooring in the fellowship hall and hallway in front of the sanctuary. The Property team is also looking at replacing the food shelf cabinet. It is 5 years old and on its last legs.

Stewardship: They are working on a survey they will put on Facebook. The survey is geared to see why people who engage on social media but do not attend services.

WELCA: The balance in their account is \$1,861.30. They donate \$50 to the general fund and \$50 to the mortgage every month. On May 9th, they will be having lunch at Perkins. All women of Zion are invited. There will be a signup sheet posted. The last meeting before summer break is May 19th. They will help with National Night Out in August. Aine will apply for a grant from Thrivent for that event.

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

Unfinished Business: A special congregational meeting will be Sunday, June 2nd to accept the changes to the constitution. It wasn't held in April because it needs to be in the bulletin. It will be announced at services on May 19th and May 26th. The people who have mailboxes down by the Pastors office will be moved to boxes by the church office. Also, anyone who does not currently have a mailbox will be assigned one.

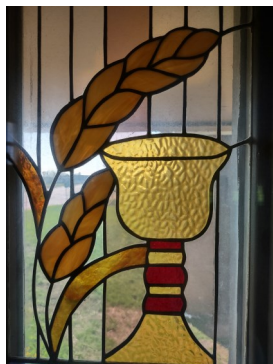
New Business: Upcoming important dates are May 19th is graduate recognition and last day of Sunday School, May 23rd is all volunteer appreciation dinner, May 26 is the start of one service at 9:30.

A motion was made at 7:18 by Christel and seconded by Don to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Christel Lewis

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

Financial Update



Zion's operating budget for 2024 is \$166,795. When we set this budget in January, we knew it would take a community effort to reach this goal as it is an increase from the last couple of years. General mission giving makes up about 72% of our budgeted income and the rest comes from designated giving and fundraising. We had a successful pasty bake this spring and are on track with our fundraising goals. Thank you to all who were able to participate in this shared effort! Designated giving toward our mortgage and other program activities are currently being funded at about 20% for the year, which is a little low, but not too far off expected amounts as of the end of April. That is good news! Our giving tends to ebb and flow through the year, and at this point we are still able to cover our expenses.

As a congregation, we are currently giving at about the same level toward our general mission as last year, but this is not allowing us to keep up with our increased 2024 budgeted expenses, so we have had to use some of our savings to make up this shortfall.

Through the end of April, we are about \$11,300 short of the budgeted goal for general mission giving. This means we will need an additional \$4200 on average each month beyond the current giving level to meet our budgeted expenses by the year-end. A challenging goal, but not impossible!

Generous giving is a faith practice, and one that is not always easy to talk about in our world where we are often so defined by our economic activities. Giving of ourselves and our resources is always an act of faith, an act that deepens our relationship with God and our neighbor. If you are financially able to help with a special gift toward the general mission fund or would like to increase your regular monthly gift, your generosity would be much appreciated in the coming months as we work together to accomplish the goals we set for ministry in 2024.

Thank you!

Join Zion's Summer Bible Olympics Challenge



Pick up a Devotional Book, an NRSV Connect Bible Reading Guide, or a Spark Story Bible Reading Guide—along with a Bible Olympics Passport, to join the friendly faith competition. The “Opening Ceremony” begins on June 2nd when reading guides and passports will be distributed. You can stop by the church or download info on the website any time after then to get started. The “Closing Ceremony” will be on Sunday, September 8th, when you can bring your completed Bible Olympics Passport to receive special prizes. All ages are welcome to participate in the 2024 Summer Bible Olympics Challenge! Watch for other fun Zion Summer Faith Olympic Events!

Church Council meets the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting is June 20th at 6pm. Council meetings are open to church members, and we invite you to stop by and see what we are up to! If you have questions, concerns, ideas or are just curious, you are always welcome.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 5th-8th, from 9am-12pm. It's free, and open to children ages 4K through 5th grade. Keep your eyes open for more information!

We still have some pasties for sale! \$5 apiece. Call the church office and we'll set them aside for you!

Gifts received in

Memorial of James Dolsen Sr.

Gary and Alana Dunning

Paul and Kay Freer

Memorial of Esther Nolan

Beth Amson, Eve Bagan, Linda Brow, Paul and Kay Freer, Polly Lohman, Andrea Medbon, and David Neubauer



Jun 5 Jessica Pluntz
 Jun 6 Don Anderson
 Jun 8 Owin Holm
 Jun 8 Jeremy Lackner
 Jun 9 Daniel Kilner
 Jun 11 Becky Hubbard
 Jun 13 Knute Pedersen
 Jun 14 Irene Hillstrom-Haugen
 Jun 16 Brian Dittbrender

Jun 17 Rachael Lackner
 Jun 21 Karen Johnson
 Jun 21 Sidney Thimm
 Jun 24 Greg Kvam
 Jun 26 Connor Monaghan
 Jun 27 Paul Robinson
 Jun 30 Amanda Lyazghi



Jun 16 Linda & David Moe
 Jun 21 Kevin & Karen Johnson
 Jun 22 Gary & Sandy Garlie

Help benefit OUR youth to travel to the 2024 National ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

BRATS & HOT DOGS FUNDRAISER CHIPS & SODA POP

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 3-6PM or until supplies last

Brats, hot dogs, chips & soda pop



FREE WILL OFFERING



2024 National ELCA Youth Gathering

Last Chance for Chocolate Bars, Sunday, June 23

Super One East End, 12-3pm, While supplies last!

\$2.00 Serogy's Chocolate Bars

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



JUNE LAY MINISTRY 2024

READER	COUNTERS
Jun 9 Lynn Rochon	Jun 9 Paul Freer, Beth Arnson
Jun 16 Micah Gunderson	Jun 16 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
Jun 23 Donna Meltz	Jun 23 Aine Merrill, Kendra Lohman
Jun 30 Rusty Mehlberg	Jun 30 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Jun 9 Anthony Anderson	Jun 9 Janet Arena
Jun 16 Linda Moe	Jun 16 Lucy Sullivan
Jun 23 Rusty Mehlberg	Jun 23 Lynn Rochon
Jun 30 Anthony Anderson	Jun 30 Mary Hickman
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Jun 9 Vicky Holm	Sunnie Lamppa
Jun 16 Donald Anderson	
Jun 23 Vicky Holm	
Jun 30 Donald Anderson	

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>JUNE 2024</i>				1
2 9:30 Worship	3 6pm AA Meeting	4 11:00 Pastors text study 6pm AI-Anon 7 p m B o o k Study—Zoom BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	5 10am Book Study	6	7 SYNOD ASSEMBLY	8 SYNOD ASSEMBLY
9 9:30 Worship	10 6pm AA Meeting	11 11:00 Pastors text study 6pm AI-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	12	13	14 FLAG DAY 3-6pm Brats & Hotdog Fund- raiser for OUR Youth!	15
16 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 Worship	17 6pm AA Meeting	18 11:00 Pastors text study 5pm Operations 6pm AI-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	19 JUNETEENTH 4-7pm Food & Fel- lowship	20 5pm Stewardship 6pm Council Mtg NEWSLETTER ARTI- CLES DUE	21	22
23 9:30 Worship	24 6pm AA Meeting	25 11:00 Pastors text study 6pm AI-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship		Zion Summer Office Hours: M-Th, 8am-1pm				

PRAYERS FOR ALL

PRAYER CHAIN MISSION: Each week, a family name will be drawn at random from the mailing list, and that family will be prayed for during the next week. The family will receive a note in the mail to let them know about the prayers.

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.

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, Sharon Miller, Alice Mattson, Ellie Mae Nelson, and Delores Mackie.

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.

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

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Darren Velin

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Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade)

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Summer Sunday Worship Service

9:30 am

Coffee Hour at 10:30am

Worship Service is also on the website.

Summer Church Office Hours

Mo–Thu 8-1

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

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