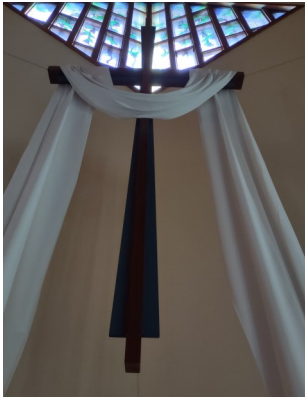


Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

Pastor's Message



When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” Mark 4:35

This past Sunday in our gospel text from Mark, we heard the story of what happened on their way to the “other side” with Jesus. A great windstorm arose, the water was crashing into the boat, and they seemed to think this was the end. And Jesus was just sleeping through it! So they wake him up saying, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Does he not care that his invitation has turned into something that seems beyond their control and feels like death may be near?

Jesus gives this same invitation to go across to the other side several times in Mark's gospel. In each instance, they are usually leaving behind a crowd of people Jesus has just taught or fed or healed, and then climbing into a boat to move somewhere new. They are never told the destination, but asked to just trust in the invitation. Twice the invitation leads to them encountering a great storm on the Sea of Galilee...this one where Jesus is asleep in the boat with them, and the second where Jesus comes to them walking on the water. In the storms, they were asked about their lack of faith as disciples and also amazed by the divine nature of Jesus meeting them in their fear. Each time they leave one shore to go to the other side, they encounter someone there who needs healing: the man with the legion of demons, Jairus' daughter, the bleeding woman, and a blind man. It seems that Jesus does not go anywhere without a healing purpose, and he invites the disciples to get in the boat and join him in this work.

As God's people, as disciples of Jesus, I think we are often being called to get in the boat and go to the “other side” too as we participate in the life of the risen Christ now. We are called to move toward places and toward people where Jesus intends for us to go, to participate in his transformative healing work in this world. It may test our faith, but also it may help us recognize the divine presence of Christ with us as we struggle in the movement toward something new, toward healing in us and with our neighbors. May we continually pay attention to Jesus' invitations in our lives and as a church, and be ready to go where Jesus leads us. May these experiences strengthen our faith and make us more aware of the divine presence of Jesus with us through it all. Amen!

Coming up...

Christmas in July, Thursday, July 25, 6:30pm Worship Service, Carols & Cookies! More info to come!

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!

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6! More info to come on this annual tradition of outdoor fun in celebration of our community connections.

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 16th, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Rochon at 6:05pm. Present were Christel Lewis, Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Donna Meltz, Don Anderson and Lynn Rochon.

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

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

Treasurers Report: We discussed the balance sheet provided by Greg and discussed the checking account statement. The check book balance is \$7,378.74 and the savings balance is \$10,024.46.

Pastors Report: Pastor is working with Paul on creating an e-newsletter to be sent out weekly, along with the current monthly newsletter. The e-newsletter will have links to our website and Facebook pages. The summer office hours will be 8am – 1pm, Monday through Thursday and the office will be closed on Friday's. Vicky Holm will be working on keeping our food shelf stocked. Her and Pastor will be working on plans to work with community businesses who might be throwing food away that could be used in our food shelf. Pastor will be taking vacation from June 9th through June 15th.

Discipleship: LOGOS ended last week and Sunday School's last week is this Sunday. VBS is scheduled from August 5 – August 8th. A book study was started and had 15 people participating. The Wednesday Bible study meets until the end of May and then will take the summer off and restart in the fall.

Worship and Music: We will be going to one service on May 26th at 9:30am. They are looking for anyone who would like to play a musical instrument or any other musical talent. There is a baptism on June 2nd.

Property: This committee met on Tuesday night and worked on the grass clumps that were plowed up early this past winter. They are thinking of having a church work party to paint the lower part of the cross out front and stain the deck. Lynn will call Paul Freer about setting up the lawn mowing for this summer.

Stewardship: This committee met earlier tonight. They are going to have a summer kickoff event on Juneteenth, which is Wednesday, June 19th. They will have a campfire, fellowship time and outdoor games along with other things. The event runs from 4pm – 7pm. They setup a survey on Facebook and had 7 responses, mostly from people who already attended services here.

WELCA: The dinner at Perkins was well attended. After the last meeting this Sunday, they will be taking the summer off, although, they will be helping the Nation Night Out event. They donated to the Superior High School's all night grad party. They have \$1,836.13 in their checking account.

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

Unfinished Business: A draft of the Constitution, with the changes color coded, is on the website. A meeting will be held after service on Sunday, June 2nd, to approve the changes. The mailboxes have been reassigned. There are no longer any functioning mailboxes by pastor's office. The 10% of pasty sales to be donated will be split two ways. Half will go to the Amena project and half will go to our food shelf.

New Business: We discussed how to show the congregation our financial status. We want to show the actual numbers of the first quarter of this year of how much we actually took in versus how much we needed to take in to keep up with the budget. Pastor will work with the financial committee members to put something together and put it in the first e-newsletter. Upcoming dates to keep in mind: May 19th is graduate recognition and the last day of Sunday School, May 23rd is All Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and May 26th we start one Sunday service at 9:30am.

A motion was made at 7:24pm by Donna 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

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Young Adult Gathering

Please join us on Sunday, July 7, at our 9:30 worship service for a sending blessing for the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Come and cheer on:

Joy Becken
Owin Becken
Micah Gunderson
Anna Johnson

Along with:
Pastor Sarah Gunderson
Vicky Holm
Tim Ingersoll

as they prepare for their journey of service and celebration!

Zion Faith Olympics

As the Olympic Games will be happening this summer in Paris, this summer at Zion we will be embarking on an Olympic Games of our own--the Zion Faith Olympics!

Pick up an Olympic Passport and a guide describing the various events you can participate in. Each event will allow participants of all ages and abilities to be included. Your Olympic Passport will have a place in it for you to keep track of your progress. Special stamps/stickers will be available to celebrate your participation and to encourage us along the way.

The first "event" is our Olympic Bible Challenge, and it starts NOW! There are 3 ways to participate and to help us grow in our Bible Reading Skills. Choose the one you would like to do and even earn an Olympic Medal:

- 1) Devotion Booklet (Christ in Our Home or Word in Season) to guide a daily reading practice;
- 2) The NRSV Connect Bible reading guide to read stories from all over Scripture;
- 3) The Spark Story Bible reading guide with themed stories for children & families to read together.

Pick up a booklet from the table outside the sanctuary and start your Faith Olympics journey!

Juneteenth photos...

Thank you to the Stewardship Committee for a wonderful celebration!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>JULY 2024</i>						
	1 6pm AA Meeting	2 11:00 Pastors text study 6pm AI-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
7 9:30 Worship	8 6pm AA Meeting	9 11:00 Pastors text study 6pm AI-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	10	11	12	13 Youth Team Leaves for New Orleans
14 9:30 Worship	15 6pm AA Meeting	16 6pm AI-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	17	18 5pm Stewardship 6pm Council Mtg	19	20
21 9:30 Worship Youth Team Re- turn Home	22 6pm AA Meeting	23 11:00 Pastors text study 6pm AI-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	24	25 Christmas In July 	26	27
28 9:30 Worship	29 6pm AA Meeting	30 11:00 Pastors text study 6pm AI-Anon BULLETIN NOTICES DUE	31			

- Jul 2 Barry Kilner
- Jul 5 Pamela Monaghan
- Jul 8 Julie Hebb
- Jul 8 JR Pedersen
- Jul 8 Brenda Pluntz
- Jul 9 Logan Bergson
- Jul 9 Abigail McKone
- Jul 12 Noah Lackner
- Jul 15 Kay Freer
- Jul 15 Regan Miley



- Jul 16 London Jonasen
- Jul 17 Kim Kulas
- Jul 17 Julia Lackner
- Jul 17 Isla Muellner
- Jul 22 Linda Schuman
- Jul 23 Beth Arnson
- Jul 25 Cheryl Kucharyski
- Jul 30 Karen Thimm



- July 3 — Duane & Jeanette Betterman
- July 22 — Gerald & Linda Williams

PRAYERS FOR ALL

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

Prayers of Healing: Ric Adrihan, Barry Kilner, Michael Pelletier, and Tom Velin.

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.

Food Shelf Focus (pop-top cans are a plus)

Applesauce . Brown rice . Canned or dried fruit . Canned soup, stew and chili
 Canned tuna, chicken, SPAM & ham . Canned vegetables . Crackers . Granola bars
 Instant Mashed Potatoes . Meals in a box . Whole Grain Pasta . Whole Grain Cereal
 Bar soap and body wash . Deodorant . Shampoo & Conditioner . Water-based lotions

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!

JULY LAY MINISTRY 2024

READER	COUNTERS
Jul 7 Polly Lohman	Jul 7 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
Jul 14 Lynn Rochon	Jul 14 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
Jul 21 Donna Meltz	Jul 21 Paul Freer, Beth Arnson
Jul 28 Micah Gunderson	Jul 28 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Jul 7 Aine Merrill	Jul 7 Lucy Sullivan
Jul 14 Anthony Anderson	Jul 14 Janet Arena
Jul 21 Linda Moe	Jul 21 Mary Hickman
Jul 28 Rusty Mehlberg	Jul 28 Lynn Rochon
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Jul 7 Vicky Holm	Linda Moe
Jul 14 Donald Anderson	
Jul 21 Donald Anderson	
Jul 28 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.

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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-l, and by
appointment

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