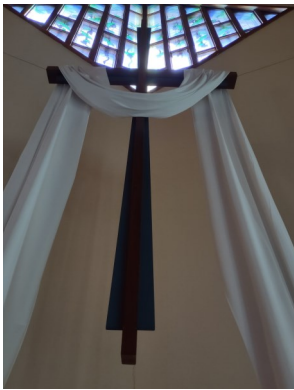


Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

Pastor's Message



Dear Church, we have been called to a great task in this world, and we get to participate in God's mission and ministry for the sake of the whole world that God deeply loves. We are God's beloved children now, a community of the baptized who are sent out into the world, continually being equipped by the Spirit to follow where love leads us. You and I are called to love one another (and the whole world) with the love that has first been given to us (1 John 4:19, John 15:12).

Love is the very grounding of stewardship, and stewardship is the calling and tangible practices guiding us to use our full lives, everything that we are and that we have, to participate in God's ongoing work of love transforming this world. As a church, we take time each fall to remind ourselves of the grounding we have in our faith to respond with love toward our neighbors. We take time to review how we are doing in using our time, talents, and treasure to more fully participate in God's ongoing work in the world. We look to the future and plan for how we will continue to follow God into the world with the resources we have been given. So you might hear some things about stewardship in the coming weeks!

The gospel reading for Sunday, October 13th is from Mark 10:17-31, and it includes Jesus telling a rich man that he must sell everything, give the money to the poor, and follow him to inherit eternal life. Jesus also uses the illustration of a camel going through the eye of a needle to describe how difficult it is to fully love and be a disciple when we cling too tightly to our possessions and our own sense of security or control.

Jesus continually speaks about the dangers of money in the gospels and warns us all about our relationship with our possessions. It is easy to dismiss the radical nature of Jesus' teachings because we are thoroughly shaped by our capitalist society and global economic views. Our whole world revolves around money, and there is no escaping its influence on our decisions and even on how we see ourselves. It is the water we swim in! We often unconsciously place a value on things and on people based what they can produce or give to us in return. But Jesus calls us to see others and our lives through a different lens. We are to see that nothing that we have, or that we are, actually belongs to us or determines our worth. All that we have and all people belong to God, and we are simply called to be stewards, or caretakers, of these gifts.

A life of generosity is a life grounded in the faith that all that we have is a gift and opportunity to share God's love with others. At Zion, we have been using our resources over the past year to help our neighbors in need and to share the love of Christ together. As we keep our food shelf cupboard stocked with supplies to help keep our neighbors fed, clean, and warm, we participate in good stewardship. As we keep our building open for worship, community meetings (like AA, Alanon, elections), for faith education opportunities, service work, and fellowship activities, we participate in good stewardship. As we continue to give, each of us out of the gifts we have first received, we participate in good stewardship. Thank you for your ongoing practice of generosity as we continue our life together as God's people. What a joy and a blessing it is to be in community with you!

Peace,
Pastor Sarah

Coming up...

Wednesday, **October 16**, time to start submitting **budget requests** for 2025.

Sunday, **October 20**, **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** worship. Bring

your furry best friends. See more info on page 5.

On **REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 27**, we will celebrate Confirmation & and pass out Bibles to Pre-school, 3rd grade & 6th grade students. ALSO, Zion will provide the

meal for **Sunday Night Suppers** at Pilgrim Lutheran for students from UWS and Northwoods Technical.

TRUNK or TREAT! Wednesday, **October 30**, 5-7pm. More information on page 3.

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 8th, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Rochon at 6:00pm. Present were Christel Lewis, Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Sara Schubert McKone, Donna Meltz, Shannon Johnson and Lynn Rochon.

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

A motion was made by Sara and seconded by Donna to accept June's secretary report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: As of August 8th, our checking balance is \$606.39, the savings balance is \$10,039.15 and the mortgage is at \$37,070.47. Part of the savings balance is dedicated funds for the youth gathering (about \$3,400) and for the Afghanistan refugee fund (\$3,500). That means about \$3,139 is the church operating money. Donna and Aine will do a count tonight of the money that has come in this month. No count was done on Sunday since no service was held here at Zion, as there was a combined Superior ELCA service at Pilgrim. That money will be deposited tonight. We encourage people to continue to give what they are able to. The council will keep the congregation up-to-date via the weekly e-newsletter.

Pastors Report: The ELCA Youth gathering in New Orleans has been successfully traveled to and returned from along with a Service Learning Camp experience in Memphis. They will be sharing about their experience in worship on Sunday, August 25th. They still have more candy bars to sell. Profits from the sales will go towards the next gathering in 2027 in Minneapolis. We had a shared service on Sunday, August 4th at Pilgrim. We will be planning another service for this winter. Our ELCA Lutheran churches along with Faith Methodist (and possibly United Presbyterian) will be re-launching the United Campus Ministry this fall. We will be co-sponsoring a weekly gathering for college students with a dinner, worship service/bible study time, and study space hosted at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. There will be a rotation for the churches to provide a dinner, and Pastor Sarah is planning to be part of the worship/bible study team along with other pastors in Superior. We are going to be restarting our Parish Nursing ministry at Zion and calling it "Health & Wellness Ministry". Heidi Hillstrom-Maki will be leading this ministry and asking for other health professionals from our congregation to help her in offering health information and blood pressure checks on a regular basis. She will be training online this fall to help her learn more about best practices for this ministry. Pastor will be on vacation from Monday, August 12-Sunday, August 18th. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, August 20th.

Discipleship: VBS just wrapped up. 22 kids attended. There were 12 youth helpers, 5 adult leaders and a kitchen crew. Beth Arneson got a Thrivent grant of \$250 for supplies for sandwiches for the Food Shelf. Sunday School will start September 22nd, LOGOS will start September 18th and Adult Bible Study September 4th.

Worship and Music: No meeting this month.

Property: No meeting this month.

Stewardship: No meeting this month.

WELCA: National Night Out was this week and it was well attended. We would like to thank our sponsors: Super One, Culvers, Kwik Trip and A&W. Please support these vendors as you are able.

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

Unfinished Business: Visioning ties into Projects that will be discussed in New Business.

New Business: There is \$42,975 left of the grant money given to us by the city. We have tried to get permission from them to use that money on new flooring in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and up to the bathroom, new siding and a handicap accessible door. We are still waiting on them to respond.

Upcoming events:

Rummage sale – August 17th,

Blessing of the back packs – September 8th

Gods work, Our Hands – September 8th

We discussed continuing having one Sunday service after the summer schedule ends. It would be at 10am. At 9am would be education hour (Sunday School and adult education) with more fellowship after the service. Having one worship service would give more opportunities for people to serve and we wouldn't need to change times when just 1 service was needed. When LOGOS starts, there will be a praise worship service to include the whole congregation from 5pm – 5:30pm. A motion was made by Christel and seconded by Shannon to have 1 service at 10am starting September 1st. Motion carried. Pastor will write a letter to the congregation to communicate the time change of the worship service and to inform them about our finances. We got two pieces of mail Lynn wanted us to know about. The first was from a company that wants to inspect our stained glass window. We do not need that done. The other letter was an estimate from the snow removal company we used last year. She will give that letter to Paul Freer.

A motion was made at 6:57pm by Sara and seconded by Shannon to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Christel Lewis

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER 2024						
		1 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	2 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 3:30 Worship & Music 5-7pm Logos 5pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Discipleship 6:15pm Logos Youth	3 1pm Sew "n Sews	4	5
6 9am Sunday School / Adult Study & Coffee 10am Worship 11am Coffee	7 4:30pm Choir 5:30pm Bells 7pm AA Mtg	8 10am Book Study 6pm Al-Anon Mtg 7pm Zoom Book Study	9 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 5-7pm Logos 5pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Discipleship 6:15pm Logos Youth	10 1pm Sew "n Sews	11	12
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27 CONFIRMATION & BIBLE DAY REFORMATION SUNDAY 9am Sunday School / Adult Study & Coffee 10am Worship 11am Coffee 5:30pm Sunday Night Supper @ Pilgrim	28 4:30pm Choir 5:30pm Bells 7pm AA Mtg	29 10am Book Study 6pm Al-Anon Mtg 7pm Zoom Book Study	30 1:30 No-prep Bible study for all 5-7pm Logos & TRUNK or TREAT	31 HALLOWEEN 1pm Sew "n Sews		



Wednesday, October 30, 5-7pm

Come dressed in costume! Decorate your trunk for trick-or-treating in the parking lot!

Wednesday night dinner served!

More information to come.
Come join the fun!

OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY 2024

READER	COUNTERS
Oct 6 Aine Merrill	Oct 6 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
Oct 13 Micah Gunderson	Oct 13 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
Oct 20 Donna Meltz	Oct 20 Paul Freer, Beth Arnson
Oct 27 Polly Lohman	Oct 27 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Oct 6 Anthony Anderson	Oct 6 Shirley Boris
Oct 13 Linda Moe	Oct 13 Janet Arena
Oct 20 Rusty Mehlberg	Oct 20 Lucy Sullivan
Oct 27 Anthony Anderson	Oct 27 Mary Hickman
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Oct 6 Donald Anderson	Margret Sundet
Oct 13 Donald Anderson	
Oct 20 Vicky Holm	
Oct 27 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.

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 Martin Halom and our Synod Staff, and for all those who stand up for justice in Jesus' name.

Thank you to all who pray faithfully.

Happy Anniversary

- Oct 2 Kenneth & Karen Thimm
- Oct 5 Melvin & JoAnn Mattson
- Oct 18 Chad & Ashley Bennett
- Oct 21 Ann & Robert Johnson
- Oct 25 Brenda & John Dalpiaz
- Oct 29 Dani & John Watkins



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

- Oct 5 Linda Williams
- Oct 6 Corey Velin
- Oct 8 Darren Velin
- Oct 8 Margaret Sundet
- Oct 9 Carol Peterson
- Oct 11 Gordon Carlson
- Oct 11 Alissa Ingersoll

- Oct 15 Tammy Dittbrender
- Oct 22 Sara Schubert McKone
- Oct 23 Linda Pelletier
- Oct 24 Sunnie Lamppa
- Oct 26 Russell Checchin
- Oct 26 Donna Meltz
- Oct 31 Tony Garro

Happy Birthday

World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year worldwide on October 16 to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. The day is celebrated widely by many other organizations concerned with hunger and food security, including the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development. WFP received the Nobel Prize in Peace for 2020 for their efforts to combat hunger, contribute to peace in conflict areas, and for playing a leading role in stopping the use of hunger in the form of a weapon for war and conflict.

Nobel Prize Outreach AB (2020). "World Food Programme Facts". Nobel Prize Outreach. Retrieved 2 August 2024.

Every 4th Sunday is Food Shelf Sunday!

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

- Applesauce . Brown rice . Canned or dried fruit . Canned ravioli & pastas
- Canned soup, stew and chili . Canned tuna, chicken, SPAM & ham . Canned vegetables
- Cereal . Crackers . Granola bars . Hamburger Helper . Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Macaroni & Cheese . Meals in a box . Peanut butter & jelly
- Whole Grain Cereal . Whole Grain Pasta
- Bar soap and body wash . Dental Floss . Deodorant . Shampoo & Conditioner
- Tooth brushes (no multi-packs) . Tooth paste . Water-based lotions

Please help us provide food for our neighbors and community!



Care Basket Ministry Please take a Care Basket for those you know who have been ill, a death has occurred in the family, a person may need a smile to let them know we care about them. We have baskets with soup, a book, small presents in them and a card that states we care. Baskets are in the closet in the fellowship hall. Write on the clipboard the date, recipient of basket, and who will deliver the basket. Thank you for being the hands and feet to show others we care about them.



The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life.

Come and Worship, Sunday, October 20, 10:00am

Bring your pets and beloved animals to worship and we will bless them! All critters are invited, Stuffed animals are welcome to be blessed, as are photographs of pets who would not find attending the event a blessed experience. If your pet is too big or too shy and would like to be blessed outside after the service, we will do that too. Animals should remain leashed or kenneled. There will also be some special animal puppets joining us for worship.



Each year during October, the church around the world remembers the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, who taught about the deep connection we have with creation and the animals that is a gift from God. We can remember what a blessing our pets are as they show us the love of God and teach us how to care for creation!

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LOGOS Youth Group

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Sunday Education
9am

Sunday Worship Service
10am

Coffee Hours 9am & 11am

Worship Service is also on the website.

Church Office Hours
Mo–Thu 9am-2pm

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

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