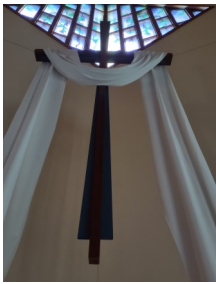


Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

## Pastor's Message



Grace and peace beloved ones of God. What a blessing it is to be doing "church life" with you all! We have had some wonderful worship services the last couple weeks, with the blessing animals and our Sunday school youth sharing the animal masks they created, followed by Reformation Sunday with the Affirmation of Baptism for Kate, Daniel, and Trey and the presentation of bibles to students continuing their journey of learning in faith.

On Wednesday, October 30th we held a trunk-or-treat event and welcomed a great many neighbors and friends to gather together at Zion. It made my pastor heart glad to see so many people finding the joy and hospitality of Jesus as they ate, shared stories, played games and were welcomed into community with others. This too is church!

Our fall book study group just finished up reading "With Open Hands" by Henri Nouwen. We reflected deeply on how we are a people of prayer, constantly trying to keep our hands and our lives open to the goodness of God, who leads us faithfully, and in whom we have all our hope. There are still books available if you'd like to read it! Along with our weekly bible studies on Wednesdays at 1:30pm and Sundays at 9am, we are growing as church in our practices of listening to God and one another, and we are being strengthened in faith for wherever God may be leading us.

A congregational letter went out last week that laid bare our financial struggles as we continue to discern how to keep doing the ministry we feel called to do as a church. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to be a part of God's ongoing ministry! We are currently at work making our online giving methods easier. Watch for more info in the coming weeks from the Stewardship Committee as they help us get some needed updates in place.

Every gift and every person are important in the life we live together as the church! From time spent teaching our children, to chopping celery for pasties, to weeding our gardens or fixing the leaks, to making treats for fellowship time or sandwiches for the food shelf, to the giving of your financial resources, all these gifts are important so that all people can be fed and welcomed to know the love of Jesus, even us! We are doing good work! We know that all things are a gift from God, all that we are and all that we have, and so we walk with faith and hope in God helping us boldly live trusting we have enough.

I am so thankful for this faith community. See you in church!

Peace,  
Pastor Sarah

## Coming up...

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME,** Sunday, Nov 3. Set your clocks back one hour.

**All Saints Sunday,** Nov 3, 10am. Join us for a service of remembrance as we give thanks for the lives of those that have

passed before us. Please bring a photo or something that reminds you of your loved ones.

**PASTY BAKE & SALE!!!**  
PREP Nov 6 & 7, BAKE Nov 8 & 9. \$6.00 ea. Order form on page 5.

**United Campus Ministry Sun-**

**day Night Supper.** Sunday, Nov 17, 5:30, served by Zion Lutheran.

**Thanksgiving Community Meal & Worship** at Pilgrim, Sunday, Nov 24, 5:30 meal & bake sale; 6:30 worship. Hosted by Superior Area Ministerium.

# Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 19th<sup>n</sup>, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sara Schubert McKone at 6:04pm. Present were Don Anderson, Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Donna Meltz, Shannon Johnson, Grace Becken (virtually) and Sara Schubert McKone.

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

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

**Treasurer Report:** Aine passed out current balances for all accounts. All youth gathering bills have been paid. Congregation has been made aware of the position of our finances. 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. We will see if Lynn can make another reminder during the next service. Thank you to everyone for the gifts but we are still in need of help.

**Pastors Report:** "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday was held on Sunday, September 8th. We made sandwiches for our food cupboard and a group put together welcome baskets that can be taken to people who need a visit. We also blessed students and teachers in worship for the start of school. Superior Churches/Shared Ministry - United Campus Ministry starts this Sunday September 22nd with a welcome BBQ at 5:30 hosted at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. There will be a rotation for the churches involved to provide dinner. I am planning to be a part of the worship/bible study team along with the other pastors in Superior. Dates for Zion to provide meals: September 29, Oct 27 and Nov 17. There is a sign-up to build a team for each of those weeks. Book Study coming up: With Open Hands by Henri Nouwen will be our book this fall. The book invites us to reflect on prayer in short, reflective readings. Small group discussion will begin on Sept 24 and continue on Oct 8, 15, 22, 29. Tuesdays at 10am at church and 7pm on Zoom. Blessing of the Animals Mask Project: Paul Robinson is sharing his puppetry skills to lead us in the creation of animal masks to be used in worship on Oct 20th when we will bless the pets and remember the gift of God's creation. Paul will be inviting all ages to participate in a puppet workshop beginning on September 29 that will meet also on Oct 6 and 13 during the education hour at 9am. Candy Bar Sales continue this fall: The youth have some candy bars left, and the plan is to finish up selling the rest of them by the end of October using the profits to build up the account for the next youth trip. Fall Theological Retreat: I will be attending this synod event in Trego from Sunday evening Sept 29 to Tuesday afternoon, Oct 1st.

**Discipleship:** Sunday school starts this Sunday. Logos started yesterday and small group is to start. Couple people showed up to the Wed night worship. Sara recommends that we make a Facebook event to get out the word on the Wednesday night service and meal afterwards. Bible study will start this Sunday and Book Club will start on Tuesday

**Worship and Music:** 3rd Sunday was very popular. Made a plan to have a balance and blend of praise and traditional music in services. A lot of positive feedback so far.

**Property:** According to the city we are not able to use the balance of the grant money. It was all put back into the fund for other non-profit organizations to use. We are figuring out the snow plow contract. Should check into an ADA grant for the front door. Does Thrivent have any grants? Not sure but worth checking into. Need to look at other funding opportunities.

**Stewardship:**

**WELCA:** Just had their first meeting. Operations for the funeral went well. Had a lot of helpers, was a lot of work but went well.

Grace makes motion to accept all reports, Don seconds. Motion carries.

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

Projects are trading water

Fall schedule - touched on earlier.

**New Business:** Upcoming - Logos started, Sunday school this Sunday and lots of good things are coming up.

A motion was made at 6:39pm by Donna and seconded by Grace to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Shannon Johnson

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>NOVEMBER 2024</h1>					1	2
3 <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> <b>DAY LIGHT SAVINGS</b> 9am Sunday School & Coffee 10am Worship 11am Coffee	4 5pm Choir 5:45pm Bells 6pm AA Mtg	5 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	6 <b>9am PASTY PREP</b> 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 3:30 Worship & Music 5pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Discipleship Lesson 6:15pm Logos Youth Lesson	7 <b>9am PASTY PREP</b> 1pm Sew "n Sews	8 <b>8am PASTY BAKE</b>	9 <b>8am PASTY BAKE</b>
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24 Food Shelf Sunday 9am Sunday School & Coffee 10am Worship 11am Coffee <b>5:30pm Community Thanksgiving Meal &amp; Worship at Pilgrim Lutheran</b>	25 5pm Choir 5:45pm Bells 6pm AA Mtg	26 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	27 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 5pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Discipleship Lesson 6:15pm Logos Youth Lesson	28 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	29 <b>NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY</b>	30

<h3>Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nov 2 Justin Johnson</li> <li>Nov 3 Daniel Larson</li> <li>Nov 6 Kaylea Pfannebecker</li> <li>Nov 7 Noah Gunderson</li> <li>Nov 8 Tim Ingersoll</li> <li>Nov 10 Debbie Nephew</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nov 13 Mason Maki</li> <li>Nov 17 Lauren Gunderson</li> <li>Nov 18 Bill &amp; Deanna Traynor</li> <li>Nov 19 Marilyn Starstead</li> <li>Nov 21 James Holm</li> <li>Nov 22 Paul &amp; Kay Freer</li> <li>Nov 24 Kathleen Katzmark</li> <li>Nov 25 Brenda Dalpiaz</li> <li>Nov 30 Wyatt McKone</li> </ul>
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## 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.**

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

## 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!**

## NOVEMBER LAY MINISTRY 2024

READER	COUNTERS
Nov 3 Aine Merrill	Nov 3 Aine Merrill, Kendra Lohman
Nov 10 Micah Gunderson	Nov 10 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
Nov 17 Donna Meltz	Nov 17 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
Nov 24 Polly Lohman	Nov 24 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Nov 3 Linda Moe	Nov 3 Shirley Boris
Nov 10 Rusty Mehlberg	Nov 10 Lucy Sullivan
Nov 17 Anthony Anderson	Nov 17 Mary Hickman
Nov 24 Linda Moe	Nov 24 Lynn Rochon
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Nov 3 Donald Anderson	Linda Moe
Nov 10 Vicky Holm	
Nov 17 Donald Anderson	
Nov 24 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.



## PASTY BAKE NOVEMBER 2024

Come help prepare the Pasty Bake Sale!

Wednesday	Nov 6	Prep
Thursday	Nov 7	Peel, Cut, Prep
Friday	Nov 8	Assemble, begin to bake
Saturday	Nov 9	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 Lynn Rochon, 715-817-0009

### It's Pasty time at Zion Lutheran Church!

We're making our famous pasties the first week of November—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, November 8 and Saturday, November 9.

Price: \$6.00/pasty

If you have questions or would like to place an order, email: [zion.pastybake@yahoo.com](mailto: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 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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: \$6.00 each**

**Pasties will be available November 8 & 9**

**Pick-up day Fri (11-4) \_\_ Sat (9-4) \_\_**

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

Zion Lutheran Church  
2022 East Second Street, Superior, WI 54880  
Prior to November 9, 2024  
PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER

NAME

PHONE

EMAIL

NUMBER OF PASTIES

\$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2022 East Second Street  
Superior, WI 54880

## Contact Zion

**Pastor Sarah Gunderson**  
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715-398-3663, ext. 202

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Cell Phone: 715-817-6543

**Office Manager & Newsletter Contact**  
Paul Robinson

Email: churchoffice@zionsuperior.org

**Organist & Choir Director**  
Gretchen Johnston, OSB

**Custodian**  
Darren Velin

**Prayer Ministry and Requests**  
prayer@zionsuperior.org

**Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade)**  
**LOGOS Youth Group**

churchoffice@zionsuperior.org

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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 9-1

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

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