

Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

Pastor's Message

Loving our Neighbor



At Zion we have made a commitment to loving our neighbor in all that we do, but this month I want to especially lift up the work we are doing through our Zion Food Shelf. This ministry seeks to fill in the gap for those that live with food insecurity in our neighborhood. Our commitment to keeping the food shelf cupboard open has been going on for over 5 years now, and one of the most encouraging things for me about this ministry is how it connects our congregation to others outside our walls and invites them into loving our neighbors together. There are many days where people from our community, who are not members at Zion, will bring donations to place in the cupboard. They too want an outlet to love their neighbor, and our cupboard gives them a tangible way to support and care for others. We live in a very generous community!

This year we are in our second annual Souper Bowl "competition" with the ELCA churches in Superior to gather as many items as we can for the food shelf cupboard by Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 9). Last year the churches together donated enough items to keep our cupboard stocked for several months. What amazing shared work we did together! Bring in your items to help Zion claim the trophy this year! Join us also for the Heart in Harmony concert on Feb. 14 to benefit our food shelf ministry. A great way to celebrate Valentine's Day!

As a Christian community, we will continue to be committed to following the call of Jesus to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Apostle Paul reminded us this Sunday that:

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

The love of Christ calls us to respond to the needs of others with compassion and mercy. As our government seems to be scaling back on helping the poor, the immigrant and refugee, and providing basic support systems and protections for its most vulnerable people, we may be called on as the Church to show up even more with generous acts of love and inclusivity. I will be continuing to pray and work with our church leadership to discern what this looks like for Zion, and I ask you to be in prayer about this as well. We are not alone in this work of loving our neighbor. Thanks for all you do!

God's peace be with you!

Pastor Sarah

Coming up...

Sunday, **February 9**, **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**
The church that collects the most wins a special trophy on Feb 23! Bring food items or dollars to Zion by next Sunday, Feb 9!

Friday, **February 14**, **Hearts In Harmony**

7:00pm Concert of Local Artists

Followed by a delicious desserts social!

Funds to benefit the Zion Lutheran Food Shelf!

Sunday, **February 23**, 10:00am, ELCA Combined
Worship at Zion with potluck to follow!

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 19th, 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, Donna Meltz, Shannon Johnson, Don Johnson and Lynn Rochon.

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

A motion was made by Sara and seconded by Shannon to accept last months secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: As of today, December 19th, the checking balance is \$20,619.91, savings balance is \$2,550.16 and the mortgage is at \$35,134.85.

Pastors Report: Sarah is on vacation the first 2 Sunday's of January. Worship and Music is working on making a plan for those 2 Sundays. Lynn will call CASDA to see if they will come for one of those days and share what they do at the center. Pastor Sarah brought cookies/treats to the shut ins.

Discipleship: Last Sunday was the Sunday School Christmas program. LOGOS and Sunday School are now on Christmas break. They will be back January 5th and January 8th, respectively.

Worship and Music: The blue Christmas service is this Sunday at 7pm. Worship services on Christmas Eve are at 4pm and 10pm. There will be a guest flutist and the bell choir are performing this Sunday, along with other special music.

Property: They did not meet this month, however, there are a number of projects that will need to get done next year. They will prioritize them and then see how we can raise the money to get them done. They did not increase the budget needs for the 2025 budget, which is set at \$25,000. Aine called Culvers, since they have not paid us for the parking lot rental this year. It is under new ownership and they were not aware they paid us for that. They will get a check to us before the end of the year.

Stewardship: They did not meet this month but will meet before our next council meeting to discuss a plan that can be discussed at the Annual meeting.

WELCA: They had a successful cookie and craft sale. Linda deposited \$1,300 to the WELCA fund from the cookie sale. The raffle raised \$428 and the craft sale raised \$120 from the table fees, both of which went to the general fund.

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

Unfinished Business: Vanco is now on our website. More information about it was in the newsletter. As of this morning, there were 61 pasties left. They are all spoken for and just need to get picked up. \$1,200 was given to the synod Benevolence fund.

New Business: We will wrap up the 2025 budget at the January council meeting, once we have the end of the year reports. The nominating committee is working on getting new council members since there will be 4 open positions. All council members are encouraged to look for new members. We will call for assembly nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Paul Robinson is working with Jackie Mehlberg on updating the website, since it has been at least 10 years since it has been updated and is looking really out of date. We discussed the New Years Eve party that will be hosted here at Zion. Aine will check with Tom Johnson to see if he is available to play drums for polka music. We also discussed having games that night, ordering pizza's and having people bring any leftover Christmas cookies and treats. The party will be from 4pm to 7pm.

A motion was made at 7:02pm by Donna and seconded by Sara to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Christel Lewis

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2025-2027		
Term Ends January 2026	Term Ends January 2027	Term Ends January 2028
Grace Becken	Donald Anderson	Paul Freer
Sara Schubert McKone – Secretary	Shannon Johnson	Vicky Holm—Vice President
Donna Meltz	Lynn Rochon	Polly Lohman—President
Pastor Sarah Gunderson		

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 Lucy Sullivan .

Prayers of Protection:

Nathan Anthony, Andrew Hutton, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Mattson, Joshua Seifert, Mathew Sherwood, 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 long term care: Jerry and Marilee, Alice Mattson, and Ellie Mae Nelson.

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.



We again will be joining with the other ELCA congregations in Superior to help end hunger in our community by collecting donations for our Zion Food Shelf.

Bring your donations of food items or dollars to Zion by Feb 9. That's next Sunday!!! The church that collects the most items/money will receive a special trophy and recognition at our shared worship service on Feb 23 at 10am right here at Zion.

Join the fun—and maybe Zion will be Souper Bowl champions again this year!

Every 4th Sunday is Food Shelf Sunday!

Food Shelf Focus (non-freezable items please)

Brown rice . Dried fruits . Cereal . Crackers . Granola bars . Hamburger Helper
Instant Mashed Potatoes . Powdered Gravy packets . Ramen
Whole Grain Pasta . Powdered Spaghetti Sauce . Macaroni & Cheese
Whole Grain Cereal Whole Grain Pasta . Powdered Spaghetti Sauce


Bar soap and body wash . Dental Floss . Tooth brushes (no multi-packs)

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.

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 9am Sunday School & Coffee 10am Worship 11am Coffee Last day to order your Sub Sandwiches!	3 5pm Choir 5:45pm Bells 7pm AA Mtg	4 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	5 1:30 Bible Study 3:30 Worship & Music 5pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Discipleship & Logos Youth Lesson	6 1pm Sew "n Sews	7	8 9am WELCA sub sandwich making
9 9am Sunday School & Coffee 10am Worship 11am WELCA & Coffee WELCA – Super-Bowl Sub Sandwich Pick up after worship.	10 5pm Choir 5:45pm Bells 7pm AA Mtg	11 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	12 1:30 Bible Study 5pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Discipleship & Logos Youth Lesson	13 1pm Sew "n Sews	14 VALENTINES DAY 7pm Hearts In Harmony Concert and Delicious Desserts Social Fundraiser	15 
16 9am Sunday School & Coffee 10am Worship 11am Coffee	17 5pm Choir 5:45pm Bells 7pm AA Mtg	18 6am-8pm Voting 5pm Operations 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	19 1:30 Bible Study 5pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Discipleship & Logos Youth Lesson	20 1pm Sew "n Sews 5pm Stewardship 6pm Church Council	21	22 <i>Don't forget to pack some food to bring to church tomorrow for Food Shelf Sunday!</i>
23 Food Shelf Sunday 10am ELCA Worship Zion 11am Pot Luck	24 5pm Choir 5:45pm Bells 7pm AA Mtg	25 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	26 1:30 Bible Study 5pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Discipleship & Logos Youth Lesson	27 1pm Sew "n Sews	28	

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

- Feb 1 Paige Johnson
- Feb 5 Gary Garlie
- Feb 9 Melvin Mattson
- Feb 10 Linda DeGrafe
- Feb 18 Janet Arena
- Feb 21 Britny Bergson
- Feb 23 Ken & Pamela Mertz
- Feb 28 Marilee Parenteau

Coffee Fellowship

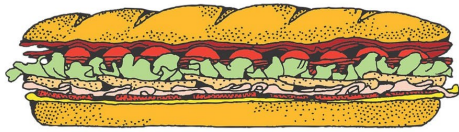
There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the Fellowship Hall.
Thanks to all who serve.



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

WELCA

SUPER-BOWL SUB SANDWICH SALE



Thank you to all for supporting
WELCA
Zion Women's Group Ministries!

Don't forget to pick up your sandwich
orders following worship on
Sunday, February 9.

Hearts in Harmony



Friday, February 14, 2025

7pm Concert of Local Artists

Come join us for delicious desserts
and a concert to benefit OUR Food Shelf!

FREE WILL OFFERING

Everyone is invited.

If you are interested in participating, your talent does not need to be musical,
please contact the church office by phone or email by February 13, 2025.

715-398-3663 or churchoffice@zionsuperior.org



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
 2022 East Second Street
 Superior, WI 54880

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Contact Zion

Pastor Sarah Gunderson

pastor@zionsuperior.org

715-398-3663, ext. 202

Email: pastor@zionsuperior.org

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

*THE MESSENGER is a publication
 of Zion Lutheran Church*

THE MESSENGER FEBRUARY 2025

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

*“Gathering together, Growing in faith,
 and Going into the world in Jesus’ name.”*

Sunday Education

9am

Sunday Worship Service

10am

Coffee Hours 9am & 11am

Worship Service is also on the website.

Church Office Hours

Mo–Thu 9-2

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

[Want to give online via credit card or Vanco today??](#)

Scan the QR code to give .

