

Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

Pastor's Message

This year for Lent we are going to be focusing on the great stories of God's faithfulness to God's people during our Wednesday evening services. These stories are often read all together on the night of the Easter Vigil service. Images of baptism and resurrection are reflected in each story, and they give us hope and help guide us into our Easter celebration.

In the early church, candidates for baptism (church membership) would gather during Lent to make final preparations with intense study. It was at the Easter Vigil service that they would be baptized and receive communion for the first time. When we celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, we are reminded of the gift of baptism and the faithfulness of God to all creation. We hear the good news that Christ has been making a way for life out of death since the very beginning. What good news!

Blessings on your Lenten journey.
Peace be with you!

Pastor Sarah

A LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE EASTER VIGIL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ZION-DINNER AT 5:30, WORSHIP AT 6:15

	Wednesday, March 12 Week of Lent 1 Worship: Creation Story	Menu Chef's Surprise No Logos-Spring Break
	Wednesday, March 19 Week of Lent 2 Worship: Flood Story	Menu Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, salad and dessert
	Wednesday, March 26 Week of Lent 3 Worship: Deliverance at the Red Sea	Menu Chili, corn bread, salad and dessert
	Wednesday, April 2 Week of Lent 4 Worship: Salvation Freely Offered	Menu Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert
	Wednesday, April 9 Week of Lent 5 Worship: Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace	Menu Sloppy Joes, mac and cheese, salad and dessert
	Holy Week Worship Schedule at Zion	Maundy Thursday, 4/17, 6:30pm Good Friday, 4/18, 1pm, 6:30pm Easter Vigil, 4/19, 6:30pm Easter Breakfast 4/20, 8:30-9:45am Easter Sunday, 4/20, 10am
Worship will be led by our Logos Youth Group. We will use Holden's Evening Service as the worship setting. For more information call the church office at 715 398-3663 or email churchoffice@zionsuperior.org . Hope to see you there!		

Coming up...

Sunday's at Pilgrim Lutheran, 5:30 Community Dinners. Each week the dinner is supplied by a different church.

Wednesday, **March 5**, Ash Wednesday. 5:30 dinner, followed by 6:15 worship service.

Sunday, **March 9**, Lent Season begins. See Pastor's message for more information.

Sunday, **March 23**, Food Shelf Sunday

Saturday, **March 29**, Spring Cleaning here at Zion. 8:30 breakfast, 9-11 cleaning.

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 16th, 2025

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 Donna and seconded by Christel to accept last month's secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: We reviewed 2024 end of year numbers. As of today, the checking balance is \$17,264.72, savings balance is \$2,552.27, Thrivent savings balance is \$3,462.38 and the mortgage balance is at \$30,488.04.

Pastors Report: Superior Churches/Shared Ministry: United Campus Ministry has been on break since mid-December. We had a small number of college students attending the dinners we have offered this fall, but we have had a core group of adults and families coming from the churches each week. So the decision has been made to continue to offer these dinners, but to reframe the ministry as a weekly Community Dinner while still inviting college students. Pastor Tanner from Pilgrim is looking into how we might offer some activities or group meetings on campus to further connect with college students. The Lutheran churches will be gathering for a shared worship service on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 10am at Zion with lunch to follow. Zion will be providing sloppy joes and all are invited to bring potluck sides and desserts. We will be participating again this year in a friendly Souper Bowl competition with the other Lutheran churches in Superior to collect food and hygiene items for our Zion Food Shelf. We are to bring the items to church on Feb. 9th and the "winning" church will be named on Feb. 23rd at our shared service.

Worship & Stewardship: During the season of Epiphany, we will be focusing on "The Economy of Jesus" using the visual of the six stone jars from the story of the wedding of Cana to guide us through worship and talking about generosity. We will kick-off our focus on Jan. 19th and end on March 2nd. We are hoping to have a New Member Welcome on March 2nd if we have anyone interested in joining Zion at that time. Discipleship: Adult bible study on Wednesday 1:30pm is back meeting after the Christmas break. We continue to study the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship. The Sunday 9am study group read the book of Ruth in December and after Christmas has been learning about Martin Luther and the Reformation along with our Wednesday Logos students. Fellowship: We had a wonderful New Year's Eve celebration on Dec. 31st. We had a group of about 30 people of all ages playing games together, including a large group game of Bunco as well as a variety of other games people brought to share. We had pizza and ended the evening with a toast to the new year. Pastoral Care: Highlight for the month was that I was able to deliver Christmas dinner to a few of our home bound members on Christmas Day, as well as deliver some cookies to those living in care facilities in the week before Christmas. About 70 people attended the Christmas Day dinner.

Discipleship: There is a new student at LOGOS. There is a lot of energy in Sunday School and LOGOS as it is made up of mostly boys.

Worship and Music: They did not meet this month.

Property: Vicky Holm is the chair of the committee. Any VANCO question should go to Paul Robinson. They are working on prioritizing the list of projects that need to be done around the church.

Stewardship: The group met this evening before the council meeting. They talked about VANCO and how it connects to Shepherds Staff. They discussed adding two more bulletin boards near the coat rack area. One would be dedicated to the current project we are focusing on for giving. Tim Ingersoll will work with VANCO on getting our YouTube channel, where we live stream Sunday worship, connected to VANCO so you can give directly on YouTube.

WELCA: The next project they are working on is Sub Sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday, which is February 9th. They will meet on Friday and Saturday to put the sandwiches together. Their current balance is \$3,166.28.

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

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

Church Council meeting minutes continued:

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Unfinished Business: Paul R. is working on getting all the reports together for the Annual Report. It will be available this Sunday. A potluck will be held after service and then the meeting will be held. We discussed the 2025 income portion of the budget. We had discussed the expenses portion at our November meeting. We came up with a balanced budget. The nominating committee has no updates. We will need to get nominations for church council from the floor at the annual meeting. Paul and Jackie M. have been meeting to get a list of changes together for our website.

New Business: We will use paper plates at the annual meeting so it is faster to clean up and get the annual meeting started sooner. 20 pasties are left. Paul has been calling the people on the waiting list but is not getting any responses. They have not been paid for so they can be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

A motion was made at 7:21 by Donna and seconded by Christel to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Christel Lewis

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 nursing homes: Jerry and Marilee Parenteau and Alice Mattson.

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 (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.

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Sunday School & Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Coffee 5:30pm Dinner @ Pilgrim	3 5pm Choir 5:45pm Bells 7pm AA Mtg	4 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 1:30 Bible Study 3:30 Worship & Music 5pm LOGOS 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Lenten Service	6	7	8
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Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Mar 2 Jonathan Amundson
Mar 3 Cody Roberts
Mar 5 Shannon & Justin Johnson
Mar 6 Linnea Johnson
Mar 6 Lindon Johnson
Mar 8 Haroer Pedersen
Mar 9 Duane Betterman
Mar13 Nancy Pedersen
Mar13 Marsha Checchin

Mar 14 Sydney Johnson
Mar 14 Cheryl & Dan Kucharyski
Mar 16 Grady Conlan
Mar 16 Kenlyn Thimm
Mar 16 Gary & Alana Dunning
Mar 18 August Johnson
Mar 22 Taylor Pedersen
Mar 22 Lucille Sullivan
Mar 22 Jade Amy
Mar 27 Amy Adrihan



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

Coffee Fellowship

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

Lenten Study Opportunities

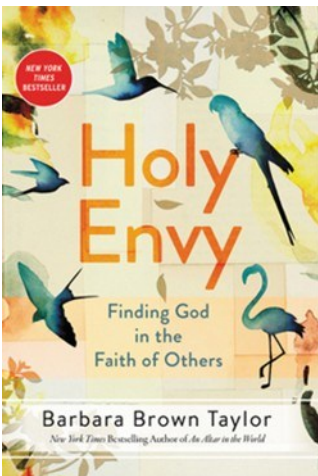
This Lent we will be learning a little bit about some major faith traditions in the world and how they compare to our Lutheran faith tradition. Join us for a weekly (no-prep) conversation at church as we explore a different faith each week. There will also be a book study happening during Lent to complement and dive a little deeper into the gift of learning about the faith traditions of others. Hope you can join in this Lenten journey!

Learning about the Faith of Our Neighbors

Come learn the basics of these major faith traditions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and other Christian denominations. Each week we'll learn a little about how each faith tradition compares to our Lutheran beliefs and how we might be better neighbors with those who may practice another faith. Come for one or more conversations!

Sunday mornings at 9:00am (before worship) March 9- April 6

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm (after Lenten worship) March 12-April 9



Join our Lenten Book Study

Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor

We will meet for a reflection/check-in time each week on Sunday evenings on Zoom 7pm

March. 9, 16,23,30, April 6

And for a final wrap-up session with dinner together on Sunday, April 27th at Zion at 6:30pm

You are welcome to read the book on your own, and then join for the book conversation on April 27th or come to any of the Zoom check-in reflection days to reflect with others along the way.

Pick up a copy of the book at church for \$10 or find one on your own.



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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 9-2

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

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