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NEWS



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Zion's 2023 Congregation Council

Troy Cording — President	Kim Graf — V.P.
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Zion Staff

Administrative Assistant — Marissa Tharp
 Choir Director and Organist — Ann Buscher
 Accompanist for Choir and Organist— Rachel Rosenfeldt
 Financial Secretary — Karen Houdek

Who Does What at Zion _____

Worship

Acolyte Scheduling — Ann Buscher
 Assistants — Ann Buscher (Ushers, readers, communion assistants, set up communion)
 AV Team — Troy Cording & Jonah Zuehls
 Banners — Karen Dill
 Bulletin and Newsletter Assistance — Church Secretary
 Candles (eternal and oil) Michelle Larson
 Contemporary Worship — Bill Tipple
 Hymn Selection — Ann Buscher
 Wine and apple or grape juice — Michelle Larson

Building Maintenance – Interior/Exterior

Supplies — Gary Grom provides paper and cleaning products as well as purchasing small equipment for

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Who Does What at Zion ---

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maintaining Zion's ground such as shovels, rakes, etc.
Handyman — Jack Heimbuch — experience in plumbing and electrical. (no high ladders)

Committees/Groups

Caring Ministry Team — Karen Sylvester
Equal Exchange Items — Heidi Beland
Confirmation Classes — Pastor
Funeral Luncheon Teams — Ann Buscher/Carol Johnson;
Michelle Larson/Sue Baxter; and Karen Sylvester/ Cheryl
Maxwell
Harvest of Hope Community Garden — John Radloff
Kitchen Supplies — Nora Plym
Mission Endowment Comm. — Troy Cording
Money Counters — Karen Dill and Bonnie Schoen
Nominating Comm — Troy Cording, meets in fall
Personnel Comm. — Troy Cording, meets in fall
Property Comm. — Mark Swenson
Sanctuary Arts — Barb Grom, Karen Dill, Carol Johnson and Ann
Buscher
Sew for Mission — Carol Magnuson
Social Ministry — Heidi Beland & Michelle Larson co-chairs
SPARK — Johanna Zuehls and Pastor
Stewardship & Generosity — Karen Sylvester
Youth Ministry Treasurer — Karen Dill
Worship and Music — Ann Buscher
Ruth Women's Circle — Jane Landenberg



From the Pastor's Desk

If you worshiped at Zion on Easter Sunday, you were handed a shiny, colorful stone attached to a card that bore two verses of scripture: "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb (Luke 24:2) and "The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!" (Psalm 18:46). This idea grew out of the March meeting of the Stewardship & Generosity Committee. Bonnie Schoen came up with the idea. I suggested the theme of God rolling away the stones that weigh us down and keep us from living to our full potential which I then explored in my Easter Sunday sermon. John Radloff added the theme of Christ being the Rock of our salvation, a rock we can lean on for support amidst life's difficulties. With that inspiration, Bonnie acquired the stones, glued them to cards and selected the accompanying Bible verses. Karen Sylvester wrote two wonderful articles for the April and May newsletters on both these themes.

This theme was on my mind as I prepared my sermon for the community Good Friday Service at First United Methodist Church in Menominee on the topic of Jesus' trials before Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod. As High Priest at the time of Jesus' arrest, Caiaphas presided over the Sanhedrin, the chief governing body in Judaism at the time. He was the one who tore his robe and declared Jesus guilty of blasphemy for claiming to be the Son of God. As Jesus was escorted through the courtyard of the palace of Caiaphas, his hands bound with ropes, he caught eyes with Peter, his disciple, who had just denied knowing Jesus three times when bystanders pointed to him as one of Jesus' followers. Peter's given name was Simon, son of Jonah. Peter was the name given to him by Jesus when he confessed Jesus to be "the Christ (Messiah), the Son of God." It is based on the Greek word Petra which means "rock." Peter's bold and Spirit-inspired confession would be the "rock" on which Jesus would build his church. What I discovered in researching my Good Friday sermon is that Caiaphas is a name that also means "rock." So, at this pivotal moment in

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the Passion of our Lord, Jesus was standing between two rocks. I guess you could say he was “caught between a rock and a hard place.”

Another rock, or stone, played a significant role in the Passion story. A large stone held Jesus captive in the tomb for three days. God rolled away the stone setting him free. Death no longer held him captive, nor does it hold us captive. This leads to one more stone image. Because of his resurrection from the dead, Jesus the Christ has now become the cornerstone of the church and of our faith. Matthew attests to this by quoting Psalm 118:22-23— “Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’” Peter proclaims this, ironically before Caiaphas and the other Jewish rulers, as we read in Acts 4:11— “This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.”” Peter expanded on this theme in his first Epistle (1 Peter 2:4-6)— “Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’”

In architecture of that time, the cornerstone was not the last stone put in place ceremonially as it is today. Rather, it was the foundation stone upon which the whole structure was built. The Psalmist, Matthew and Peter are all telling us that Jesus Christ is the foundation stone on which the church is built and on which our lives as “living stones” are built. Jesus Christ is the cornerstone that holds the church and our lives together. Thanks be to God for this marvelous imagery. May it have deep meaning for you as you live out your faith as Easter people!

In Christ,
Pastor Doug Schoen

What's Around the Corner?

Zion is buzzing with worship preparations! Below is a brief outline of what is "around the corner".

- May 7: Fifth Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Presentation by Pastor Keith about his recent visit to the Holy Land following worship.
- May 14: Sixth Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special music by the Zion Choir. With guest pastor Nick Johannes. A coffee hour sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee to follow!
- May 21: Seventh Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary worship. Elsa Limberg graduation recognition. A coffee hour to follow!
- May 28: Day of Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

Peshtigo Food Pantry Collection

The purpose of Zion's Social Ministry Committee is to extend compassion and helpfulness to people of all ages in need of aid in body or soul in our community and around the world. We strive to enlist as many members of this congregation as possible in these efforts.

We are starting monthly collections again and asking for your help. We've compiled a list of pantries and shelters in our area and we will rotate through them during the year. Some months we will list specific needs so watch the newsletters for details.

In May we will be gathering non-perishable food items and other household staples as well as personal hygiene items for the Peshtigo Food Pantry. This pantry serves people living in Peshtigo, Grover, Porterfield and the Town of Peshtigo. Place your items in the narthex in or near the square baskets by the coat room. Thank you for your help!

Pastor Keith's Recent Trip to the Holy Land_____

On Sunday, May 7, Pastor Keith Kolstad will offer a power-point presentation on his trip to the Holy Land, made possible, in part, by gifts from Zion congregation for his retirement last year. The presentation will take place in the sanctuary immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service and will last approximately one-half hour. At the conclusion of the program there will be an opportunity to ask questions and greet Pastor Keith and Karen personally.

Reserve Your Garden Spots Now!_____

If anyone is interested in participating in the garden this year, please let me know at 715-732-0161. There is very limited space available at this time. We may be able to build a few more beds yet this spring depending on interest and level of participation.

John Radloff

Congregation Council Highlights_____



The congregational council met April 11th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor's Report: Zion is to host the funeral for Rev. John Shallow on April 22, 2023.

A motion was made for Zion to give \$100.00 to Mark Shallow, Zion's

groundskeeper, for a designated memorial.

March Financial Report: The General Fund had a decrease of \$2099. Notable transactions were an insurance payment of 2,251. The Capital Improvement Fund had an increase of 1,029.

Committee Reports

- Property — Mark Swenson fixed a squeaky door.

New Business

- The council discussed the Kolstad Holy Land presentation that is to take place after worship on May 7th.

The next council meeting will be May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Ruth Circle Group

A reminder that the Ruth Group will meet May 18th at 3 p.m. in the family room. All are welcome to join!

Suicide Awareness Walk



Selina's Voice Community Suicide Awareness Walk will be held May 6th. Registration will begin at 11 a.m., in the park gazebo across from the River Pub in Peshtigo. A suggested registration fee of \$20 will include a t-shirt, while supplies last. A short ceremony, and the presentation of awards will be held beginning at noon followed by a one- or three-mile walk.

Bucket drawings will be available under the tent. Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Peshtigo Food Pantry. This will get them a free ticket to the bucket draw. Drawings for the bucket prizes will be done shortly after all walkers return to the park. Winners need not be present. Chili and refreshments will be available.

Proceeds are used to award scholarships to Peshtigo High School Seniors.

Zion's Youth and What They Do!

Elsa Limberg is a Senior at Gillett High School. She is currently the Vice President of the Future Business Leaders of America Region III. She recently competed in solo and ensemble and is moving on to state competition for her vocal solo. She plays many instruments in band and loves to swim and play golf. We will be honoring her at Zion on Sunday May 21st.

Lea Rose is a Junior at Marinette High School and recently performed in the high school musical. She is active in choir and forensics and is the president of ski club.

Henry Zuehls recently performed in the Menominee High School musical and played basketball on the freshman team. He is

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currently out for track. He can be seen on Sunday in the balcony doing audio-visual for our church services.

Sophie Limberg is a freshman at Gillet High School. She is active in choir, plays the clarinet in band and loves sports. She takes part in cross country, basketball and track.

Confirmation Students

Daniel Zuehls, Menominee

Daniel recently won an award in math. He played basketball this winter and is currently out for soccer. He loves to acolyte and be on our A.V. team at Zion.

Anthony Sims, Marinette

Anthony loves music and sings in the choir, plays drums in the band and is part of the African Drum Group at Marinette Middle School. He also participated in football and basketball.

Alexis Rosenfeldt, Oconto

Alexis loves to play basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, and is currently on the track team working on the shot put. She recently performed her first vocal solo at solo and ensemble contest.

Adison Rosenfeldt, Oconto

Addison is currently playing softball and out for track. She performed an Italian Aria at solo and ensemble contest. She is the youngest member of Zion Choir.

Anna Marzahl, Marinette

Anna has been dancing since she was 6 years old. She recently performed several selections on the piano at solo and ensemble contest and participated in basketball.

Nik Williams, Marinette

Nik is an honor student who loves to ski and play baseball. He plays on a special traveling baseball team and is the pitcher.

The Stewardship and Generosity Corner

The goal of Zion's Stewardship and Generosity Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.

Through May, the stewardship emphasis continues to be Worship. *"We envision a congregation that worships enthusiastically and is so hungry to praise and worship God that at least half of its baptized members are present for worship on a weekly basis."*

April's newsletter focused on the rocks (worries - burdens) that we humans carry around with us every day. This month the focus continues to be on a rock, but as Psalm 95:1&6 tells us. *"Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Come let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."*

The statement "God is the Rock of our salvation" occurs many times in the Old Testament. In every instance, the statement suggests a God that is right there with them offering a sense of security. A God that is a trustworthy, rock-solid Savior. 2 Samuel 22:47 – *"The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation."*

I remember the video presentation Pastor Keith showed us after his trip to the Holy Land. The high cliffs and crags with an isolated trail far below. He said those high cliffs and crags were often used to hide from the enemy. 1 Samuel 24:3-22 tells us David took refuge in a cave when running from Saul, who wanted to kill him. In these verses David reveals where he truly placed his hope—not in the mountains or great city fortresses, but in God, Creator of heaven and earth. Psalm 62:6-7 reads: *"He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."* It's apparent, the phrase Rock of my salvation was truly meaningful to God's people as it referred to every day, regular types of deliverance like enemies, disease, and danger.

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The Stewardship and Generosity Corner _____

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Now it seems, every day new misfortunes, potentially life threatening illnesses, and a myriad of other things come to light that could threaten our happiness and wellbeing. If we think about it too much, we could drive ourselves to despair. Certainly, as Christians, we know that God could intervene, and that through prayer and worship, he can lead and guide us in the direction we should go. But most importantly, during those trials and tribulations, we need to remember that God will support us with his comfort and peace. We need to know that he is always with us, waiting for us to reach out to him, to look to him, not for a cure or a miracle, but for that knowledge deep within us that we are his children, that he loves us, and no matter what the consequences, he will carry us through.

In New Testament times the meaning of Rock of Salvation took on an even deeper meaning, as it relates not only to God's deliverance within the physical realm but also to our spiritual deliverance through Jesus Christ.

As Christians we know that God's own son, Jesus Christ, was crucified, died, and was buried. That on the third day he rose again and is seated at the right hand of God the father. We believe that because Christ died for our sins, we can be forgiven our own sins, and because of all this, we can have eternal life. Jesus Christ is the Rock of our Salvation, a sure and eternal refuge, the foundation on which rests the hope of heaven.

1 Peter 2:6 "The one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

In God's peace and grace,
Karen Sylvester



Synod-Wide Family Hike



The Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Ministry Team and U.P. Wild Church invite you to participate in a Synod-Wide Family Hike on Saturday, May 13. There will be multiple hikes taking place in different locations throughout the synod and you are invited to join one of them!

The Menominee Valley Conference Hike will start at 3:00 p.m. at Chickadee Stables, located at the home of Pastor Lee and Jeanie Goodwin (W2234 State Hwy 64, Marinette). This family-friendly event is free and all ages and abilities are welcome. Trail snacks and activities for kids will be provided! Participants are asked to bring their own water bottle, boots and bug spray. Questions can be directed to Jeanie Goodwin (jeanhgoodwin@gmail.com).

A full list of hike locations and times are on the synod website at <https://nglsynod.org/youth/>. You can also learn more about U.P. Wild at <https://upwild.org/>.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Summer Camp Info!

Fortune Lake's flagship program – Summer Camp – is taking registrations for all programs! There are overnight Youth Camps for kids in grades 1-12, Intergenerational Camps for families of all types, Victory Camp for adults with disabilities, and Congregational Day Visits for church groups. Some programs are filling quickly, so don't wait! Learn more and register at <http://fortunelake.org/summer-camp/>

Fortune Lake is offering a \$25 discount for new campers! Simply use promo code NEW2023 at registration.

Grant Application from Zion's Mission Endowment Fund

The application and Endowment Fund Brochure are available on the table in the front hall and on Zion's [website](#). Please take one and share it with another one of your favorite organizations. Applications need to be received at Zion by June 1.

Darkness to Light Child Protection Training Offered_____



As people of faith, we are called to care for “the least of these” and “the smallest of these.” Faith leaders (pastors, council members, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, parents) and all who are interested in creating a safer community for our children are invited to a Stewards of Children® training on Monday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran, 2901 13th St, Menominee. This 2.5 hour program is offered by Pastor Kari Vadis (Trinity, Rhinelander), an Authorized Facilitator, and is approved for 2.5 contact hours of continuing education.

Darkness to Light is a national not-for-profit leader in the prevention of child sexual abuse. Guided by the vision of a world where children can grow up happy, healthy, and safe, Darkness to Light is committed to empowering people to prevent child sexual abuse. They believe that protecting children is an adult’s responsibility, and that through education and training, adults will be empowered to act. Stewards of Children® is an evidence-informed, award-winning, two-hour training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Through interviews with child sexual abuse survivors, experts, and treatment providers, Stewards of Children® teaches adults practical actions they can take to reduce instances of child sexual abuse in their organizations, families, and communities.

This program is sponsored and supported by the Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Ministry Team. There is no charge to attend the class, but registration is encouraged by emailing Stefanie Ehle (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org) to ensure enough workbooks are available.

May Eternal Light_____

The Eternal Light for the month of May is sponsored by Dave and Lori Despins and is in honor and memory of mothers and mother-like figures.



***Join us in lifting up our brothers and sisters in
Christ, in prayer as we remember their Baptism***

May 1: Karen Houdek, Carol Johnson, David Johnson and
Michelle Larson
 May 3: Shirley Kaufman
 May 6: Cassandra Bauer
 May 7: Oliver Swenson
 May 8: Diane Race
 May 12: Nicole Oleson, John Powilaites and Marlea Wienandt
 May 15: Elsa Limberg and Bonnie Schoen
 May 17: Baylee Zuraski
 May 24: Troy Schutt
 May 25: Sophie Limberg
 May 26: Easton Buenning and Judy Stehle
 May 27: Willow Williams
 May 29: Ruth Olson



May Birthdays

May 3: Shirley Lebick
 May 5: Debra Strohl
 May 6: Jacob Buenning and Spencer Martin
 May 11: Lisa Knopik and Dennis Mullen
 May 12: Jennifer Jokela
 May 14: Taylor Ehle and Vallery Krah
 May 15: Macy Bodam and Samuel Gressel
 May 22: James Martin
 May 23: Charlotte Bauer
 May 24: Skyler Emler
 May 25: Aiden Bailey
 May 27: Michael Jagielski
 May 28: Margaret Williams



Stewardship Initiative

It took me two full years to finally find peace and contentment after a horrendously upsetting experience in my life. At times that heavy boulder really became unbearable; to the point some nights I couldn't sleep, and some days I felt physically ill. My inability to forgive was doing me harm, far more harm than to the person I needed to forgive.

Over two years I prayed and each Sunday at worship I asked God to put forgiveness in my heart. One day I woke up and that heavy boulder of unforgiveness was gone. I still don't know how it happened. I had changed, and God brought it about. One thing I do know, is that God the father and his son, Jesus Christ is the rock of my salvation. If I rely on him, if we all rely on him, our burden will be lifted. Thanks be to God!

Dear Lord God, help up as we go through each day to reach out to you in prayer and worship. Help us to see our need for you in our life. Take away the stones in our life and provide us daily with your love, joy, peace, and contentment. Our faith is based on you, the absolute rock of our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Karen Sylvester

Altar Flower Sponsorships



Zion has altar flower sponsorships available. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15.00. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. You can take the flowers home after service! To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-732- 7898 or Zion@newbc.rr.com. Current dates that need sponsoring are: May 7th and 21st; June 11th, 18th and 25th.

Donate to Zion



Did you know that you are able to contribute to Zion via the website? Simply to go: <http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org> and in the far right margin of the page is a nice purple rectangle button that

reads: Donate. Click it and follow the steps to donate. If you have questions, please call Karen Houdek. She'll help you through each step of the way. You may also click on the "Shop Now" button on Zion's Facebook page!



Join the AV Team!

We are in need for volunteers to help our AV team. The hope is with enough people, volunteers would only have to be available once a month. If people have any questions, they can reach out to Troy Cording or Jonah Zuehls. Thank you for your consideration!

THANK YOU!

Zion received the following thank you note:

Social Ministry Committee:

We Reached Our Goal!

Thank you people of Zion! During the season of Lent you gave \$4,475 to our World Hunger collection. One last gift was given to bring us up to our goal of \$5,000. Later this month it will be combined with gifts from churches all over our Northern Great Lakes Synod and used to aid people all over the world. This may be the end of Zion's annual drive but we are always happy to pass money along to the ELCA for this ministry. Thank you again for your generosity.

Zion's Social Ministry Committee

Where to find Zion's Information _____

Zion has a gauntlet of places where you can stay current with the happenings within Zion!

- ⇒ We publish a weekly Announcement sheet that includes, but is not limited to: the schedule of events for the upcoming week, Birthdays, special announcements and members to lift up in prayer.
- ⇒ Zion also has a Facebook page, that contains pictures of various activities, events that will take place (Sew for Missions & Blood Drives—just to mention a few).
- ⇒ Zion's website (<http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org/>) has a link to display a Google Calendar—at the very top of the Home page, on the upper right.
- ⇒ We also publish a monthly Newsletter; you're reading it right now! It is available in print, on the website, and via email. If you have not received a notification via email and would like to, please email your request to:
Zion@newbc.rr.com
- ⇒ Occasionally reminders and/or the weekly announcement sheet is sent via email. If you have not received any of these messages and would like to, please email your request to: Zion@newbc.rr.com

If you have information to be shared with Zion, please submit it to: Zion@newbc.rr.com The submission deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 21st of every month. The submission deadline for the weekly announcements is every Monday.



STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2023

UP Wild Brings Worship Outdoors!

Located in the town of Marquette in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, UP Wild Church is among the newest ministries in the growing movement of "wild" outdoor worship communities. The church holds its worship and prayer services outdoors and hosts nature walks, wilderness reflection and field trips to explore God's creation amid the scenic beauty of the peninsula.

An ecumenical ministry of the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, UP Wild Church was started in 2019 to attract younger people and those disenchanted with traditional church, and to foster a deeper spiritual connection with God outdoors.

"It's a church outside the box," said Lanni Lantto, mission developer for the church. A lay minister and former fashion designer, she had grown up in the area and wanted to return there from upstate New York, where she and her husband ran a spiritual retreat house different from UP Wild.

Lantto is passionate about the outdoors and brought to UP Wild Church a wide social media network, a heart for social issues, relationships with local residents, history with the local Lutheran and Catholic communities, and boundless energy.

Jim Duehring, assistant to the bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod and a director for evangelical mission, supported Lantto in starting the ministry. "Knowing that Lanni has both life experiences and passions for doing this work well—and the fact that she is a layperson and not a pastor—provides a model for the creative ways that the church can be church in today's day and age," he said. "One doesn't have to be a pastor to be a good mission developer."

Lantto said she dreamed up UP Wild Church while watching her son play in a park and talking to her high school friend Lydia Bucklin, canon of the ordinary for the local Episcopal diocese. Bucklin sought ways to partner with the ELCA in

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2023



Above: UP Wild members hiking to a waterfall to do a reflection from Scripture. Year-round, UP Wild members participate in nature walks, hike together for reflection and gather around the bonfire for "Pine" Sunday Service.

reaching younger Christians and those who had stopped attending church.

With 15 to 25 regular members, UP Wild holds services on the first Sunday of the month, with Lantto providing prayers and reflections and encouraging worshipers to explore the outdoors. A recent gathering, for example, focused on how the Beatitudes relate to daily life. Other activities have included a "Wonder and Ponder" walk, a mobile prayer group and field trips to local operations supporting environmental sustainability

Lantto added that pastors often come to experience the outdoors together. "People connect to the outdoors in so many different ways," she said. "What draws us closer to God outdoors is that God created it. It's a living cathedral. When we go outside, we step into God's world, full of mystery and wonder and awe. When we feel this, we have a connection to something higher than ourselves, and we feel loved. I find that people feel more at peace, loved and connected outdoors. There's healing there."

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