

WE ARE ZION

NEWS



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Zion's 2024 Congregation Council

Laura Rowe — President	Dean Schoen — V.P.
Michelle Larson — Secretary	LeeAnn Limberg — Treasurer
Tatem Schroeder	Phil Strohl
Brad Nelson	Mark Swenson
Jonah Zuehls	
Sophie Limberg, Youth Member	

Zion Staff

Office Administrator and Financial Secretary — Marissa Tharp
 Choir Director and Organist — Ann Buscher
 Accompanist for Choir and Organist— Rachel Rosenfeldt

Who Does What at Zion

Worship

Worship Leadership Scheduling — Ann Buscher
 Assistants — Ann Buscher (Ushers, readers, acolytes, communion assistants, set up/ clean-up communion)
 AV Team — Troy Cording, coordinator
 Banners — Karen Dill
 Bulletin and Newsletter Assistance — Marissa Tharp
 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
 Handyman — Jack Heimbuch

Committees/Groups

150th Anniversary Committee — Ann Buscher

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Who Does What at Zion

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Caring Ministry Team — Karen Sylvester, Judy Stehle, Sarge Rudell

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. — Phil Strohl

Money Counters — Karen Dill, Bonnie Schoen and Pat Mittag

Nominating Comm — Sue Baxter

Personnel Comm. — Troy Cording

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

Stewardship & Generosity — Karen Sylvester, Bonnie Schoen, John Radloff

Youth Ministry Treasurer — Karen Dill

Worship and Music — Ann Buscher

Ruth Women's Circle — Jane Landenberg



From the Pastor's Desk

By the time you read this article, you should have received a letter from Zion's Call Committee announcing that they have a candidate for your consideration for a call to be Zion's next pastor. This is an exciting time for Zion congregation as a new chapter in Zion's history is about to begin as you prepare to celebrate Zion's 150th anniversary next year.

Over the past couple of months, I have worked with the Call Committee that was elected by the congregation. Beginning with an initial meeting with Bishop Finegan, at which time they were given the name and profile of a candidate for call, they have worked diligently and devoted many hours in fulfillment of their task. They held an initial virtual interview with the candidate. Then they invited the candidate to come to Marinette for a weekend for a more in-depth interview. This gave the committee an opportunity to get to know the candidate on a personal basis over meals together and a tour of the church and community. They have had numerous meetings preparing for the interviews, assessing the interviews, contacting references, and planning for the candidate's previous and upcoming visits. I can rightfully say that I have never worked with a committee or group in the church that has gone about its task more enthusiastically, professionally and faithfully than the Call Committee you elected. Laura Rowe, as chairperson, has done an excellent job of communicating with the committee, leading meetings, assigning tasks, and communicating regularly with the candidate and with Bishop Finegan. All the committee members have provided valuable input and gone about their tasks with prayerful consideration as they have sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern what God has in mind for Zion.

It now falls upon the congregation to seek the same prayerful discernment. To this end, the Call Committee has invited the candidate to return on October 19-20th. The potluck ...continued

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supper on Saturday will give you an opportunity to meet the candidate in a casual and relaxed environment. The candidate will then lead worship and preach at the Sunday morning service. There will be a coffee hour following the service for further conversation.

The date of Sunday, November 3rd, has been set aside for a special congregation meeting at the conclusion of the worship service for the purpose of voting on extending a call. Another letter will be mailed to all Zion members with details about this meeting. The Call Committee is going about their task with due diligence, but the ultimate decision is in your hands. I encourage you to make every effort to attend the potluck supper and worship service on October 19 & 20th. I also solicit your prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this matter, that God's will for Zion Lutheran Church be done. God has graced us all by calling us in baptism to be his body in the world, to be the church doing his work and witnessing to his love in Jesus Christ. God calls each one of us to use our gifts in his service and, as a congregation, to choose our leaders and those who will shepherd us as pastors. May God be glorified in all we do!

In His Service,
Pastor Doug



upcoming events

What's Around the Corner? _____

Zion is buzzing with worship, service, and fellowship opportunities coming up at Zion! Below is a brief outline of what is "around the corner".

- Oct. 2: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6: 20th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. New member reception with coffee hour.
- Oct. 8: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.; Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13: 21st Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Ken Michaelis. Special music by the Zion Choir.
- Oct. 16: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 19: Potluck Supper with the Pastoral Candidate
- Oct. 20: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion. Worship will be lead by the Pastoral Candidate.
- Oct. 23: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Reformation Sunday. 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Rite of Confirmation. Special music by the Zion Choir.
- Oct. 30: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Council Highlights



The Congregational Council met on September 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor's Report: August average attendance was 89. Pastor presented the names of Terry Laundree, Sheila Minzlaff, Laura Lee Kulinski, Peggy Miller, and Don Phillips for reception on Oct. 6 and a coffee hour to follow. Confirmation classes will start October 2 jointly with Bethel; Alexis Rosenfeldt will be confirmed on October 27th. A Congregational Resource Fair will be held at Emmanuel in Menominee on October 12; a motion was made to cover the cost for any members of Zion who would like to participate.

August Financial Reports

- General fund increase of \$208; balance, \$145,517
- Capital Improvement Fund balance, \$76,030

Committee Reports

- **Stewardship and Generosity:** Pledge Sunday will be the second Sunday in November.
- **Property and Safety Committee:** A motion was made to have the windows (inside and out) cleaned by an outside company and to not to exceed the cost of \$1100. Having received a large memorial bequest for the repair of the bell tower, council moved to accept a bid from the Verdin Company to proceed with fixing the bell. Michelle treated all mildew in the building twice; There was discussion on getting a couple of dehumidifiers for next year as this happens every summer with the humidity. Mark Swenson is also looking in to getting a lock and camera for the doors.
- **Anniversary:** A motion was made to establish a fund for the 150th Anniversary of Zion to supplement the donations.

Old Business

- **AV Equipment:** New computer as been installed. New screen will be installed in October.

The next council meeting will be October 8th at 6:30 p.m.

The Lutheran Hour



While this group has continued to meet throughout the summer, we are hoping to entice new people to join. We offer lively conversations based on the scripture readings and the sermon we just heard at Sunday worship. Sometimes the conversations go afield, we get off topic, but all in all, we have open and honest conversations that many times end in lots of laughter. There is no prep involved except to listen to the sermon, and if you like, jot down questions or comments you might like to talk about. Please come. Give it a try. You just might even enjoy it. We do!

150th Anniversary Save the Date

Sunday, August 24th, 2025 will be when we hold our special 150th anniversary service. When we get closer to the anniversary date, you will receive a booklet and learn about the history of our church. A catered dinner to follow in the fellowship hall. To join the committee please call Ann Buscher or Sharon Powilaites.

Upcoming Coffee Hour



There will be a Coffee Hour on Oct. 6 to celebrate our new members! Coffee Hours are held directly after service but are only held if someone sponsors it. If you would like to sponsor or hold a coffee hour, call the office at 715-735-7898 to reserve a date!

November Zion News Deadline



Please note, the deadline for submitting articles, information and all tidbits to be published in the November issue of the Zion News (letter) is Monday, October 21st. Thank you for your assistance!

Confirmation



Confirmation classes for 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning **October 2**. Confirmation classes will continue to be a shared ministry between Bethel and Zion congregations with classes held at Zion. New 6th graders who would like to be in confirmation will please contact the church office at 715-735-7898. A registration form will be sent to you, or you may pick one up at the church office.

Ruth Circle Group



The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, October 19th, in the family room at Zion at 3 p.m. for our monthly Bible study. All are welcome to attend!

Boxcar Loading for Lutheran World Relief

Youth between 6th-12th grades and adults are invited to help with Boxcar loading on Saturday, October 19. We will be loading quilts, school supplies, and baby kits onto the boxcar for Lutheran World Relief between 9 – 11:30 a.m. The morning will include a Blessing of the Hands, and donuts will be available for the down time between truck arrivals. Please bring a water bottle. The boxcar will be stationed in Marinette across from Perfect Paws Grooming Salon (906 State Street), just south of Walgreens. Contact Stefanie Ehle at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org or (810) 881-2669 with questions or to RSVP.

October Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of October is sponsored by Debbie Mylener and is in loving memory of Terry Mylener, whose birthday would have been Oct. 30th.



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.

During October and November, Zion's stewardship focus will be GIVE. The Vision Statement for GIVE reads as follows: "In light of the many unique gifts that God has graciously entrusted to Zion, we envision a congregation that GIVES generously of time, talents, and treasures for the work of Jesus in our community and around the world and encourages other to be generous with their gifts as well."

Each month Zion's Social Ministry Committee puts the name of an organization before the congregation. It's wonderfully rewarding to know that out of our bounty, we can help others who need assistance. In October, the focus will be on "Dorothy's Haven of Hope", a homeless shelter that offers a safe temporary transitional home environment for individuals in need. The Stewardship and Generosity Committee will be helping them in this endeavor.

On Sunday, October 27th, the "Giving and Growing Wagon" will be making its first appearance. With assistance from Zion's kids, the "Giving and Growing Wagon" will be pulled up and down the aisles to collect coins in support of Dorothy's Haven of Hope. So, please fill your pants pocket, a handbag, a jar, or even a bowl full of coins and bring them with you on Sunday, October 27. We will be dumping them into the wagon and making a joyful noise unto the Lord!! We know that our contributions will make a difference to Dorothy's Haven of Hope and in our joyful giving hearts!

November 10th is designated as Zion's "**Giving and Growing Sunday**" Zion's annual stewardship drive will kick off during the week of October 27th when a letter, pledge cards, and a return envelope will be mailed to congregational family units, and will culminate when pledge cards are returned on

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The Stewardship and Generosity Corner _____

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Giving and Growing Sunday. In the weeks leading up to that Sunday, we ask that you offer prayers of thankfulness for all that God provides and in reflection of your giving. How will you grow in your giving?

Luke 11:13 – “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Dear Lord, we rejoice in our gratitude for the gifts you have given us today that enrich our lives beyond measure. We thank you for the love you show us and the blessings you provide each and every day. Amen

In God’s comfort, love, and mercy,
Karen Sylvester

Congregational Resource Fair offered! _____

The NGLS is offering a congregational resource fair at Emmanuel Lutheran, Menominee 2901 13th St., 906-863-3431 on October 12th.

SCHEDULE – All Times Local

9:30am	Coffee and Registration
10am	<i>All Creation Sings</i> Workshop, Faithful Finances Workshop & Lay Preaching Workshop
11:30am	Festival Worship
12	Lunch
1pm – 3pm	Resource Fair & Workshops

We’ll cover the \$25 cost! Includes Lunch, All Workshops, and a copy of *All Creation Sings*. Registration deadline is October 1 at noon — just call the office and we will sign you up!

October Donation Opportunity!

Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Committee is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of October, we will be collecting items for Dorothy's Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter.



Immediate Needs:

- Laundry Pods / Dryer Sheets
- Disinfecting All-purpose Cleaner/ Toilet Cleaner / Glass Cleaner / Bleach
- Dish Soap / Garbage Bags
- Wash Cloths / Shower Gel or Bar Soap / Deodorant / Razors / Shaving Cream
- Zip Top Bags, Gallon & Quart sizes (regular & freezer)
- Aluminum Foil
- Non-perishable Foods / Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate
- PILLOWS
- Sidewalk Salt
- Office Supplies

You are also invited to view their website to learn more about the shelter: <https://dorothyshoh.com/about/>

Our Christian Sympathy

Gary L. Wesner passed from this life to eternal life at the age of 57 on August 16, 2024. Gary was a member of Zion and worshiped regularly when he resided at Northland Edgewood Manor prior to moving to Crivitz. His obituary states, "Gary's presence in our life was a gift. His gentle spirit left an indelible mark on those who knew him. His love for country music and involvement in the Special Olympics will forever be a memory in our hearts." We thank God for Gary's life and faith and pray God's care and consolation for Gary's family.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Fall Events _____

Fall Fest

Fortune Lake's annual Fall Fest will be Oct. 5. This event features a live auction of handmade quilts, a continental breakfast, hand-crafted items for sale, and a drawing-raffle. The event starts at 9:30 a.m. with breakfast and the auction will begin at 11. You can also join in online for the virtual auction, which will open September 25. More information can be found by calling the camp office at 906-214-2267 or emailing officemanager@fortunelake.org. People may also visit the camp's website at www.fortunelake.org.

Senior Days

Fortune Lake has announced their 2023-2024 Senior Day schedule. There will be a Senior Day on November 18, January 13th, March 10th, and May 12th!

Each Senior Day begins at 10 a.m. and wraps up by 2 p.m. The program varies but generally includes the following:

- 10:00 a.m. – Arrival and check-in, coffee and fellowship time
- 10:15 a.m. – Devotion & announcements
- 10:30 a.m. – Presentation morning session
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Presentation afternoon session

A \$10 donation per participant is requested and attendees are asked to RSVP by the Friday before the event to (906) 214-2267 or hospitality@fortunelake.org.

Solid as a Rock: Fall Retreat for Grades 3-6

Fortune Lake is excited to invite all current 3-6 graders to our youth retreat this fall! The retreat is Oct. 11-12 and this year's theme of "Sacred Waters" will focus on Baptism; what it is, why we do it, and what it means. Campers do not need to be baptized to come to this retreat! Campers will enjoy camp favorites like games, songs, campfire, Bible Study, outdoor play, camp-style worship, and more! To register or find or more information, people may visit Fortune Lake's website, fortunelake.org. Registration deadline is October 4th.

October Birthdays

October 3: Annette Anderson
October 4: Kathy Saxton
October 5: Pam Goes
October 6: Al Peterson, Timothy Saxton
October 7: Chad Francour
October 8: Sandra Zylkowski
October 9: Anna Marzahl
October 10: Nila Krenos
October 11: Nora Plym
October 13: Lynn Francour
October 15: Gary Grom, Mark Swenson
October 17: Megan Buenning
October 18: LouAnn Bates
October 19: William Beattie
October 20: John Heimbuch
October 21: Ainsely Emler, Nicole Oleson
October 22: David Depsins
October 23: Kurt Breuer
October 26: Carole Boerner
October 28: Alexandria Cording
October 29: Melanie Bennett
October 30: Randall Schroeder II
October 31: Laura Rowe



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

October 1: Godfrey Heitmeier, Kimberly Swenson

October 9: George Olson

October 10: Katy Bauer

October 12: Sally Peterson

October 14: Madelyn Krah

October 15: Dakota Lueskow

October 21: Ann Buscher, Daniel Johnson

October 23: Bradley Nelson

October 24: Candace Minzlaff

October 26: Annette Anderson

October 30: Samantha Schroeder

October 31: Jacob Cording



THANK YOU!

Notes of Thanks!

Dear Zion Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$150.00 in in-kind items to the Rainbow House! It really makes a difference for the survivors and their children in our community.

Because of you, survivors have a safe and welcoming place to stay, an Advocate to help navigate the legal system, & a community support group to turn to for comfort and understanding. All of the services we offer are free and confidential to those in need, thanks to supporters like you.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of survivors! You make our work possible. If you have any questions would like to know more about our mission, please contact me at courtney@therainbowhouse.us or call me at (715) 255-0127.

Sincerely,
Courtney Olson, Executive Director

Letter from Bishop Finegan



Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

I have heard it said, "If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies." What I hear in this quote is the promise of better, the hope of beauty, and the surprise of blessing that can come from change.

Our world, our society, our climate, our culture, our Church - all are in the midst of change, transition, and maybe even transformation.

But we are not so keen on change. People like to sit in the same pew, go to the same place for coffee, sit in the same place at the dinner table, observe traditions and rituals that give order, structure, and meaning to our days. Sure, we might rearrange the furniture or put up new curtains, but these changes are of our own making. We choose the change and we can change it back if we want to. It's when changes are imposed upon us that we may balk, resist, or resent what another has decided or how the flow has shifted.

No one decided that the Church or culture should change, but it has. And because I believe the Holy Spirit knows how much we resist change, we, as the Church, are being pushed in a direction that we would not go in willingly but is God's will nevertheless. So here we are, and already I see the promise of better, the hope of beauty and unexpected blessing.

In July, 27 lay people who provide preaching in their own and neighboring congregations met for a Preaching Seminar. The goal was to further equip them for the ministry they are already doing - using their gifts in ways that perhaps would not happen if

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Letter from Bishop Finegan

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there were enough pastors to go around. These gifted, spirited, and conscientious leaders invested their time and effort to learn more in order to do better. Efforts will continue to support and equip lay leaders and preachers for the work of ministry alongside pastors and administrative interims.

I see congregations becoming more collaborative, partnering together with neighboring congregations for ministry and education, supporting each other, becoming more aware of each other, learning from each other.

I see us becoming more mindful of the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Our classes on spirituality, prayer, and discernment offered through Lifelong Faith Formation continue to be well attended. I see a heightened tolerance for discomfort as people have the courage to engage in conversations around race, politics, gender issues, and more. More and more, people in our congregations are lowering their defenses to learn something new. Book studies, the Kaleidoscope Challenge, and study of ELCA social statements provide ongoing opportunities for deeper engagement and conversation concerning issues that do not have a sound bite answer.

I am proud of us for the innovation I see, the resilience, the adaptability, and the commitment to ministry and congregational life, even in the face of uncertainty and civil division.

Be aware that in our world, and in our congregations, anxiety can present as anger, negativity, and a desire to blame or demonize when really there is no one to blame. Change is simply happening. And our calling as disciples of Jesus is to respond in a way that is life giving, compassionate, and in alignment with

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Jesus' command to love God and neighbor.

Change is afoot...even in the Synod office. Courtney Wehmeier, our Synod Office Administrator for the last year, was accepted into a graduate program in Leeds, England to pursue a degree in Marketing Analytics. Her last day was in July. Pastor Jim Duehring, our Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission for the last seven years, has joined the ranks of the retired as of August 31. As of this writing, the search for new staff continues.

In the meantime, Betsy Koski, our Synod bookkeeper and fill-in-the-gap-gal, and myself will do our best to meet the demands of Synod ministry. And of course, in this staff transition, there is opportunity. Perhaps circumstances will necessitate inventing a new way of doing things. Perhaps we will be blessed with new staff that provide unique perspectives and a skill set that we didn't know we needed.

Whatever the future brings - in our country, in our world, in our congregations, in our synod, God is at work...in you and your community of faith. Together, we will strive to respond to change in a way that proclaims that we are disciples of Jesus and children of God, united in mission and planting seeds for future hope, beauty, and blessing.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan



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).
- ⇒ 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.



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