

Pastor Steve Gauger from Calvary Lutheran in Rapid River is our Interim Pastor. If there is a need for pastoral care or a funeral, please call Pr. Gauger at 906-474-9353 or email at stephen.gauger@gmail.com.

Holy Communion has been celebrated weekly at Zion since 1991 when Pastor Mike Hellier became our pastor. Weekly communion has been our practice since that time. Historically, communion was celebrated the first Sunday of each month and then changed to the first and third Sundays.

We are now in a situation of a pastoral vacancy. We have had gifted lay preachers filling our pulpit and conducting our worship services. In our synod (Northern Great Lakes Synod) as well as all other synods in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) there is a policy that does not allow lay ministers to preside at Holy Communion except in special situations.

As a result of this policy, and until we get a new pastor, we will celebrate Holy Communion at Zion whenever an ordained minister is presiding at the Saturday and Sunday services. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Levin.



From the Decorating Committee

The Decorating Committee has ordered Fan Palms to decorate the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday. They are also planning a surprise for Easter Sunday. Also the time to order your Easter plants is now. Orders need to be in by April 14th and the cost is \$10.00. Please use the "Floral Fund" form that is available in the "Beacon", in your Sunday bulletin, and in the office to order your plant. If you would rather, you can contribute to the Floral Fund.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 18—Maundy Thursday 6:30pm

April 19—Good Friday, Community Worship @ First United Methodist Church, 1:00pm, at Zion 6:30pm

April 20—Easter worship

April 21—Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service @Lakeview Cemetery (weather permitting) or @ First Baptist, 7:00am
Worship at Zion, 10:30am



The youth attending the 2021 National Youth Gathering are sponsoring the Easter Breakfast at Zion April 21. Doors will open at 7:45 with breakfast being served from 8-10:00. Tickets will be sold ahead of time at a cost of \$7.00 per person and children five and under, free.

Tickets can be purchased on Sundays leading up to Easter in Augustana Hall. If you would like to make a donation of food, there will be a sign up sheet posted in Augustana Hall. Please come out and support our youth!

The Women of the United Methodist Church will be having their annual *Reflection Breakfast* on Saturday, April 13th at 9:30am in the church Fellowship Hall. The program will include special music, seasonal readings and an inspirational message presented by Betty LaPointe. Invite a friend and come enjoy this time of fellowship.

Save the Date

The Annual Mother's Day Tea is planned for May 11th at 1:00pm. There will be more information to come.



Mother's Day Tea

Circle News

Sarah Circle will meet April 1, 1:00pm, in the Conference Room.

Joy Circle will meet April 11, 10:00am, in the Conference Room. Be sure to bring your "Gather" magazine.

Priscilla Circle will meet at Upper Crust for lunch on April 16, at 12:15pm.

Ruth Circle will meet at Upper Crust for lunch on April 17, 11:30am.

Hope Circle meeting to be announced.

Join us for Bible Study

The Monday night group meets at 6:30, every 2nd and 4th Mondays. Members are studying the Book of Revelation.



NOISY OFFERINGS

March 2019	CBC	\$154.12
February 2019	Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$199.65

Congregation Council Highlights – March, 2019

+The Council discussed the frequency of Holy Communion now that we do not have an ordained minister. We will have Communion whenever an ordainded minister is present, most likely one time per month.

+The Evangelism and Membership Committee has set their meetings for the fourth Sunday of each month. Members of the congregation are welcomed to join them! They discussed upcoming events including Adopt-A-Highway and God's Work Our Hands.

+The Property Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30. They are currently seeking bids to replace the lighting in Augustana Hall as it is nearly impossible to buy bulbs for the 58 year old light fixtures.

+The Ministry Site Profile Committee was appointed. The committee includes Larry Peterson, Cathy Knudson, Naomi Fletcher, Jen Schoenow, Tom Graham and Karin Sjogren. They are in the process of completing the congregation profile so it can be presented to Bishop Finegan and the process to call a new pastor can begin.

+The Gethsemane Altar painting will be transported to Detroit the last week of March to Conservation and Museum Services so restoration may begin.

+The Confirmation Class will be sponsoring the Easter Breakfast this spring.



The Delta Cluster is scheduled for April 27,
2019 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Escanaba.
Look in your weekly bulletins for more

information.

*Gifts to our congregation have been given
in memory of*

Kathy Selling

Robert & Anne Kaiser—Memorial Fund

John Wood

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushion Fund

David Erikson

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Charles Miske

Anna, Karin, Tom & Elsa—Nordic Painting Restoration

Dorothy Brandstrom—Nordic Painting Restoration

Carol Carlson—Nordic Painting Restoration

Lois Bentley—Nordic Painting Restoration

Bob & Lila Panek—Nordic Painting Restoration

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushion Fund

Pat & Hoss Toennesen—Nordic Painting Restoration

Marie Bellville & Dave Dunk—Nordic Painting
Restoration

Betty DeSautel—Nordic Painting Restoration

Jeanne Gundersen—Nordic Painting Restoration

Frank Hicks

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushion Fund

Do you have a musical talent? Do you sing or play an instrument? If you do and would like to help out with Special Music this summer, please contact Shirley in the church office or Karen Klaus.

Adopt a Highway

It's hard to believe that spring is here and time to get ready for the Adopt-a-Highway program. The dates for this year have been posted: Spring—May 4-12

Summer—July 13-21

Fall—Sept. 21-29

The first clean up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at 10:00am. We will meet at church, watch a safety video to refresh us on the rules. No one under 13 years of age are permitted to participate. If by chance we still have snow on the ground, the alternative date will be Saturday, May 18th at the same time. We will be posting a sign up sheet at the end of April in Augustana Hall for those who would like to join us. You can call one of the members of the Evangelism & Membership committee if you have questions or you weren't able to sign up but would like to help.

Donna Mott, Chairperson-341-6414 or 450-4579

Larry Peterson-286-4114

Cathy Knudson-644-2628 or 280-9741

Ruth Jones-283-3209

Mary Ansell-644-2851

Upcoming Scripture Readings

April 7—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

April 14—Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11,
Luke 22:14—23:56

April 21—The Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26,
Luke 24:1-12

April 28—Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32. Psalm 118:14-29, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

FROM THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

**Synod Assembly 2019 will be at Bay College and
the ELCA Lutheran Churches in
Escanaba/Gladstone Michigan
on May 16, 17, 18
Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon**

**Meet ELCA Representative, Victoria Flood
Enjoy More Fellowship Time!
Meet Keynote Speaker, Dwight Zscheile**

Looking for a Good Devotional Resource?

Check out our synod website and the "Prayfaithfully Resource".

People from our synod write weekly devotionals. Go to www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully to explore this resource. Make daily devotions a part of your routine. You'll be blessed by this inspiring discipline. **Maybe God is inspiring you to write for this synod devotional resource.** If interested, contact Betsy Koski in the Synod Office, 906-228-2300 or bakoski@nglsynod.org.

News From Fortune Lake

***Upper Elementary Retreat, April 20-21, 2018**

Friday 6:00pm to Saturday 2:00pm for grades 4-6. Cost is \$45.00 per person. If interested contact the camp at 906-214-2267 or officemanager@fortunelake.org.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 5th beginning at 3 p.m. Central Time (camp time) with Worship Service and Installation of Amanda Rasner as the new Camp Director

Business Meeting and Meal to follow

Questions? Contact Fortune Lake at campdirector@fortunelake.org or call 1-906-214-2267

***If you are interested in going to camp this summer,** contact the church office for more information or visit the camp's website. Zion does have scholarships available.

**Serving Zion with Altar Flowers,
Bulletin, Bread & Wine, & Fellowship**

	Altar Flowers	Bulletin, Bread & Wine	Fellowship Hour
Apr 7	Karen Klaus	Karen Klaus	
Apr 14		Betty DeSautel	Hope Circle
Apr 21			Easter Breakfast
Apr 28	Cindy & Randy Olli	Debbie & Joshua Kozlowski	Joy Circle

Let laughter ‘spring’ forth!

“Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush.” (Doug Larson)

“Easter is the only time when it’s perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket.” (Evan Esar)

“Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade.” (Charles Dickens)

“The world is mud-luscious and puddle wonderful.” (e.e. cummings)

“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.” (Margaret Atwood)



This image is known as the Agnus Dei, Latin for “Lamb of God.” When pictured standing and with a banner, it represents the risen Christ, victorious over death. John the Baptist, seeing Jesus approach, famously declared, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29, NIV). In

Revelation, too, Jesus is portrayed as a lamb who was slain but now reigns triumphant.

Expanding our view of service

We often think of serving in terms of Matthew 25: supplying food and clothing; caring for the sick, incarcerated and other “least of these” members of society – serving Jesus in the process. But we also can serve him with our unique talents and by doing things we love.

For example, Ged King, a barber in England, devotes some of his time off to giving homeless people free haircuts. Imagine Jesus saying, “For my hair was long and scraggly, and you cut it” – or “My heart was lonely, and you played music to lift my spirits. I could no longer read small print, and you read to me. I have to work two jobs, and you invited my child to spend afternoons crafting with you. My car broke down, and you repaired it.” Then the King will say, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father ... *whatever* you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:34, 40, NIV; emphasis added).