



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday March 13th. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday night !

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. The Ash Wednesday service will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 and includes the imposition of ashes. Midweek Lenten services will be held in the sanctuary each Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Our Annual Meeting was held on February 13th in person and on Zoom. Linda Levin, Bonnie Moody, and Donna Mott were elected to the Church Council for a three-year term. Our outgoing council members were Naomi Fletcher, Kathy McDonough, Cindy Olli, and Rick Pink. We would like to thank them for their dedication and service to our congregation. Ken & Bonnie Groh will be our delegates at the Synod Assembly in May and Larry & Rebecca Peterson and Linda Levin & Kay MacGregor will be the delegates to the Delta Conference.

Is organization your strong suit? We are looking for volunteers to chair the Altar Guild and the Funeral Luncheon Committee. We have the workers; we only need someone to get them moving in the right direction. Please leave your contact information with our secretary, Shirley Leitgeb, or talk with Pastor Tommy or Linda Levin. Thanks for your help!



THANK YOU, Marie Bellville, for your many years to service to Zion as the congregational treasurer. You worked efficiently and ethically in carrying out the financial duties of your job. We will miss you. Enjoy more free time and no more numbers!

welcome

The Congregation Council has hired Naomi Fletcher to serve as our new church treasurer. Naomi, a former member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Isabella, comes to us with a wealth of financial experience. **WELCOME!**



Rebecca Peterson is looking for lectors to read during Sunday morning worship. If you are interested in helping, please contact Rebecca or leave a message in the church office.

NOISY OFFERING is returning on March 20th and will be the third Sunday of every month. The money collected go toward camp scholarships.



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We need some help on our church committees! The work of the congregation is done most effectively through committees. We have the following committees: Worship and Music, Evangelism and Membership, Finance and Stewardship, Christian Education and Youth, Property and Personnel. Most committees meet once per quarter (four times per year). We need your ideas and your participation! Please contact Pastor Tommy, Linda Levin or leave a message in the church office if you are interested.

Looking ahead....

- +Maundy Thursday Service at Zion on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 in the sanctuary.
- +Manistique Ministerial Association Good Friday Service at Zion on Friday, April 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
- +Good Friday Service at Zion on Friday, April 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- +Easter Vigil Service in the Zion Parking Lot on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- +Manistique Ministerial Association Easter Sunrise Service at Lakeview Cemetery on Sunday, April 17 at 7:00 a.m.
- +Easter Service at Zion on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Highlights of the February Congregation Council Meeting

- *At this reorganizational meeting of the council, council members signed up for committee assignments and ushering duties.
- *The treasurer's report showed offerings of \$12,477.78 for the month of January with expenses of \$14,422.68.
- *The schedule for Ash Wednesday, Lenten services and Easter services was reviewed. Manistique Ministerial Association services were also announced. (See the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.)
- *Members of the Evangelism Committee are looking into producing a new photo directory.
- *The council passed a motion requiring all groups within our congregation with checking accounts and/or "envelopes of money" to turn that money into the financial secretary. Centralizing funds in this way is a recommended best practice that adds accountability

and transparency to the flow of money. The council feels this action will increase security and help us to be good stewards of our gifts.

*Children in grades K-12 will receive information to apply for \$100 scholarships to be paid toward a summer camp of their choice. Any children attending Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp will receive half the cost of the summer program they choose.

*The Noisy Offering will return on the third Sunday of the month beginning on March 20th.

*The council voted to require all checks written from Zion's treasurer's account to have two signature. Again, this is a recommended best practice.

*During the month of May we will have a special fund drive to help pay off the debt on the roof on Augustana Hall. We still owe \$26,195.71. There are roofing fund envelopes in your envelope packet at the beginning of each money, as well.

*New smoke alarms and sensors will be installed in church and in Augustana Hall.

*Confirmation will begin in March. Families with children who are confirmation age will receive details in the mail.

*The council hired Naomi Fletcher as the new church treasurer. Marie Bellville's resignation was received with an abundance of thanks for her work over the years.

*The council is looking for volunteers to chair the Altar Guild and the Funeral Lunch committee.

The Congregation Council held a reorganizational meeting immediately after the Annual Meeting on February 13, 2022. The following officers were elected:

President – Linda Levin

Vice-President – Donna Mott

Secretary – Kay MacGregor

Congregation Council members include: Pastor Tommy, Jo-Nell Berger, Ruth Jones, Cathy Knudson, Janet Krueger, Peter Mathson, Bonnie Moody, Teddy Nelson, and Rebecca Peterson.

Please feel free to reach out to the council members with questions, concerns, or compliments!

Circle News

The Circles are continuing their monthly meetings. If you are not a member of a circle and would be interested in joining one, please contact any one of the following ladies for more information:

Sarah Circle—Liz Macklem

Joy Circle—Bonnie Groh & Donna Mott

Hope Circle—Sheila Clark

The **Sarah Circle** meets on Mondays at 1:00pm

The **Joy Circle** meets on the second Thursday at 10:00am.

The **Hope Circle** meets on the third Thursday at 6:00pm.

Be sure to check with your Circle Leader to find out if and where your circle will be meeting.

Join us for Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study group will be and 4th Mondays . Pr. Richter will be leading John. We will meet in person in Augustana Hall. Be sure to wear your mask and social distance. If you have any questions about this opportunity for study, please contact the office.



meeting at 6:30, every 2nd our study on the Gospel of

Upcoming Scripture Readings

March 6 —First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13,
Luke 4:1-13

March 13—Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17—4:1,
Luke 13:31-35

March 20—Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

March 27—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Those Who Serve In March

Readers: 3/6 Julie Gauthier
3/13 Jim Russey
3/20 Rick Pink
3/27 Bonnie Moody

Ushers: Kay MacGregor & Teddy Nelson

Altar Flowers:

Bulletin, Bread and Wine:
March 6 –David & Gloria McGuire
March 13 –
March 20 –
March 27 –

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
January 1/2	14	24	15
January 8/9	5	46	12
January 15/16	10	22	17
January 22/23	14	35	15
January 29/30	16	36	10
February 5/6	12	32	14
February 12/13	12	43	11
February 19/20	13	30	10

Upcoming Faith Formation Events for High Schoolers

With the recent cancellation of the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering, some people are feeling a void and sense of loss brought about yet again by the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether or not you were preparing for the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer, you still might be looking for events and opportunities for high schoolers to explore and deepen their faith. While not exhaustive, here are a few upcoming options for Northern Great Lakes Synod youth.

REBOUND – A Tri-Synodical Youth Gathering will be a smaller, spin-off of the ELCA Youth Gathering and will allow participants from the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Northwest Synod of WI, and LaCrosse Area Synod to connect with each other in Christian community. The multi-day event will take place July 25-27 (location TBD) and include speakers, workshops, service projects, music, worship, and fellowship. High school youth will have the opportunity to grow in understanding of the ministry and mission of the ELCA and develop skills that will empower them to become leaders in their own churches. Stay tuned for additional details and registration information.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is a tremendous resource in our synod that provides meaningful faith formation for campers of all ages. This summer, High School Week is scheduled for June 26-July 1 and the Leaders in Training (LIT) Program begins June 19-24. The LIT program is for campers who are interested in learning what it is like to serve on staff and includes one week of training and up to two additional weeks implementing skills and getting experience alongside summer staff members. Musical Theatre Week is another option available to high schoolers, as well as campers of all ages, and will take place July 31-August 6. Details about all of the summer programs at FLLC and registration options can be found at fortunelake.org.

The **Multicultural Youth Leadership Academy** (MYLA) at Living Water Ministries in New Era, MI is a unique opportunity for campers ages 13-16 to be part of an innovative leadership program that offers culturally immersive experiences for a diverse community of youth. This summer, the MYLA program will take place July 31-August 5. Thanks to a generous grant, *one adult leader and up to four youth from the Northern Great Lakes Synod can attend the*

MYLA program at no charge! Please contact Stefanie Ehle (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org) for an application if you would like to be part of this opportunity.

A **Youth Advocacy Listening Session**, sponsored by the Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW), will take place Sunday, April 3 at 2 pm ET / 1 pm CT via Zoom. The goal of the listening session is to provide a safe space for high schoolers in the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the five Wisconsin Synods to talk about what is on their hearts regarding social justice issues in their communities. Interested participants are asked to register by March 25 by completing the following [questionnaire](#). Additional details can also be found in [this letter](#).

Please contact Stefanie Ehle, NGLS Youth Ministries Coordinator, at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org with questions or for more information about any of these opportunities. I also invite you to join the Synod Youth [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages and sign up for the NGLS e-newsletters [here](#).

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