



Help O Lord! No one is loving any more; faithfulness has vanished from the peoples. Neighbor lies to neighbor; their words are smooth and duplicitous. May the Lord destroy all deceitful talkers, every boastful tongue and those who say. "With our tongues we will prevail; our lips are our own— who is our master?" "Because they oppress the helpless, because poor people sigh and moan, now I will raise up!" says the Lord. The promises of the Lord are flawless, like refined silver, freed from dross, purified seven times over. You, O Lord, will keep us safe and protect us always from this generation—where corrupt people strut proudly around and the scum of the earth hold high office.

-Psalm 12

One of the comforting things about the psalms is that there is one for just about every situation in life. You can pick up the psalms and always find out that you are not alone. Faithful people have been feeling this way throughout the ages. So it is that when I picked up Psalm 12 this morning I felt like the psalmist could just as easily been writing today as she was between the 9th and 5th centuries BC. This same feeling of disconnect out in the world, and the longing for Justice, and the desperate need for God's steadfast love between neighbors is not new. We have mourned before the diminished faithfulness of the world. We are not alone when we look at the people holding high office and see corruption and scum of the earth sitting there.

But God hears us when we cry, and God will rise up and defend the poor and the oppressed.

God is not silent. But as Luther writes in his Large Catechism concerning the Seventh Commandment: "Beware of the cries of the poor, if you should ever neglect them. Because they can complain to no one else, they will cry out to heaven. Such sighs and cries will have an effect too great for you and all the world to bear. For these cries *will* reach God, who watches over the poor, troubled hearts, and God will not leave them unavenged."

The point of all of this is that we can trust in God, and God's promises (which are purer than seven times purified silver). Even though the world rages on and is broken and full of awful things and injustices, God is not far off, but is here hurting with us and working alongside us. We can take comfort in knowing that faithful people have met these same injustices before, and still found refuge and strength in God. That refuge will not fail to show up. God's word will not return to God empty, but like the rain that falls to the earth: it will nourish and create life defiantly. God will always be there with protection and love and safety, even when we are not.

-Pastor Tommy



Thank you to the family of Arliss Larson for their generous donation of material and quilting supplies for use by the quilters.

Dear Pastor Tommy Richter, Zion Lutheran Church Council and the Members of Zion, Thank you for asking us to be your Synod Assembly delegates. We enjoyed attending the Assembly on Saturday, May 14th, which was hosted by the First Lutheran Church in Gladstone, for our conference. The week prior was filled with daily devotions, several different classes and a pre-assembly church service the Friday night before the Assembly. These events were recorded as well as the Saturday Assembly business meeting. They are available for you on the Northern Great Lakes Synod website. We encourage you to take a look at what is available. We learned many new and different things at the Assembly, and we appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the ELCA and to meet and share ideas with others. Again, thank you for giving us this wonderful opportunity to represent Zion Lutheran Church at the NGLS Assembly. If you have never been a delegate to the Assembly before, we encourage you to consider it.

In Christ's Name,
Ken and Bonnie Groh

We would like to thank Dennis, Kathy, Jo Nell, Cyndee, Jeremy, Donna, Bill and Ruth for participating in the state wide highway clean up in May. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. God Bless you all!

God's Work/Our Hands will take place the weekend of September 11, 2022. If anyone has a community project idea that we could participate in, contact any of our Evangelism committee members or a Council member.

Dear Friends of Northwoods Airlifeline,

Please think of this letter as a warm handshake reaching out to you, thanking you for your most generous gift deposited on 5/18/2022 for \$34.58. This money will be used for general operating expenses, which includes aircraft fuel, hanger expenses, and maintenance of our airplanes.

Northwoods Airelifeline, Ltd. is a unique non-profit organization of volunteer pilots and aircraft owners who compassionately provide their time, skills and personal finances to help their fellow "man" in physically stressful times of need. Hand in hand, with caring folks such as yourself, we can and have made a difference in the lives of hundreds of transplant patients, cancer patients, spinal patients, etc., of all ages from very young to very old!

We appreciate your gift, which enables Northwoods Airlifeline to further respond to the needs of the people in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin that must travel to and from other cities for specialized medical care. It honors us to be the recipient of your generosity and we look forward to a long and charitable future with you. Please feel free to visit our web site at www.northwoodsairlifeline.org.

Sincerely, Beth Sullivan Treasurer
Happy Birthday to Doris Johnson who
90th birthday with a coffee hour after

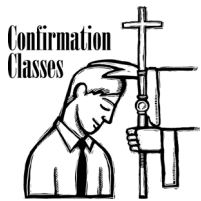


recently celebrated her
church!

Calling all gardeners! If you can help with the upkeep of the gardens at Zion, please contact Kay MacGregor or just get to work on any part of the gardens that look like they need help.



Our church picnic will be held Sunday August 14, 2022 at Lindsey Frenette Park (formally the Pines) immediately following worship. Look for more information to come from the Evangelism and Membership committee.



Zion will be joining with other congregations in our conference, participating in a joint confirmation program. Classes will be held in Escanaba June 13-15 from 9:00-2:00 each day. Carpools will be arranged, and drivers will be paid mileage. Any children in grades 6-12 (during the 2021-2022 school year) are welcomed to participate in confirmation.

Backpack Buddies Food will be distributed on Thursday, June 23 from 2:30-4:30 in the Zion parking lot. All children ages 0-18 are eligible to receive food.

The **June Noisy Offering** will go to the Manistique Ministerial Association. The MMA provides funds to families experiencing emergencies. **July Noisy Offering** will go to Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your generosity.



Zion will be sharing VBS this year with First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church the week of August 8th. VBS will be held at First Baptist. If you would be willing to volunteer to help or to provide snacks, please contact the church office or a member of the Christian Education committee.

Those Who Serve In June

Lectors: 6/5 Ken Groh
6/12 Naomi Fletcher
6/19 Julie Gauthier
6/26 Shirley Leitgeb

Ushers: Bonnie Moody & Rebecca Peterson

Altar Flowers: 6/5
6/12
6/19
6/26

Bulletin, Bread and Wine: 6/5
6/12
6/19
6/26

Those Who Serve In July

Lectors: 7/3 Harry Mageski
7/10 Naomi Fletcher
7/17 Ruth Jones
7/24 Harry Mageski
7/31 Elise Calhoun

Ushers: Bonnie Moody & Rebecca Peterson

Altar Flowers: 7/3
7/10
7/17
7/24
7/31

Bulletin, Bread and Wine: 7/3
7/10 Linda Levin
7/17 Cindy Nelson
7/24
7/31

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
April 30/May1	12	39	9
May 7/8	12	30	10
May 14/15	15	38	10
May 21/22	16	34	9

Gifts to our congregation have been given in memory of

John Gauthier
David & Flo Demers—Memorial
Arliss Larson
Karen LaFoille—Quilters

Linda Mason—Quilters
Kaye Jarski—Quilters
Betty DeSautle & MerryJo Brandimore—Quilters
Karin Sjogren
Linda Levin—Endowment Fund
Lila Panek—Roofing
Marilyn Larson—Roofing
Shirley Thennes—Roofing
Marlene Peterson—Roofing
Dorothy Brandstrom—Endowment Fund
Gloria Haindl—Quilters
Daryl & Kathy Peterson—Back Pack Buddies
Patricia Mickelson—Roofing
Cindy Nelson—Roofing
Don DeSautel
Betty DeSautel & MerryJo Brandimore—Roofing

Upcoming Scripture Readings

June 5—Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17,
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 12—Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

June 19—Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 26—Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

July 3—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-9, Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16,
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14,
Luke 10:25-37

July 17—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

July 24—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19], Luke 11:1-13

July 31—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-24

Congregation Council Highlights May, 2022

- +The treasurer's report showed offerings for April in the amount of \$13,528.39 with expenses of \$16,431.93.
- +We need your help! We are looking for lectors, communion assistants, acolytes, counters and Altar Guild members. If you would like to volunteer, please contact a church council member or Pastor Tommy.
- +Special music for the summer is being organized.
- +The church will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at Lindsey Frenette Park immediately following worship.
- +The Stewardship committee will be meeting in June to plan for the fall Stewardship Drive.
- +Zion will be joining with First Baptist Church for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held August 8-12.
- +A note was received from Manistique Upholstery thanking Zion for choosing their business to redo the pew cushions.

MEET OUR GRADUATES



Lucas Weber is the son of Steve & Rebecca Weber and grandson of Bruce & Rita Rossier. In high school, Lucas played football, and was a member of YETI. What he most enjoyed about high school was sports and making new friends. What he enjoyed most about growing up in Zion is Vacation Bible school, and working with his grandma Rita Rossier with all the crafts. Lucas plans to attend Northern Michigan University going in to the Lineman Program.

ENRIQUE MARTÍN is an exchange student from Alicante, Spain on the Mediterranean Sea. His host family in Manistique is Larry and Rebecca Peterson. Enrique participated in Swimming and Drama while at Manistique High School. He was a member of the four-person 200 Meter Relay swim team that set a new MHS record in that event. Enrique will be returning to Spain in June and will be in the 12th grade next

fall in Spain. His favorite hobby is climbing. He has expressed interest in marine-biology as a career after college.

JEONGHEE (JOEY) KIM is an exchange student from Incheon, South Korea. His host family in Manistique is Larry and Rebecca Peterson. Joey participated in Swimming and Baseball while at Manistique High School. Although Joey played a bit of T-ball as a much younger child, he has never played baseball before, and has fallen in love with the sport. Joey is an avid reader of fantasy books and also enjoys playing the piano. He will be returning to South Korea in June and will be in the 12th grade next fall in South Korea. Joey would like to pursue a writing career after college.



Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

As I write this, it is the Monday after our 34th Synod Assembly. We are in the second year of a three-year theme focused on the passage from I Corinthians, “And now Faith, Hope, and Love Abide, these three.” We know the greatest of these is love, but this year we are focusing on Faith. Martin Luther describes faith as a “living, busy, active, mighty thing.” As Lutherans, we teach that faith is a gift. And yet, faith is dynamic and moving, less a package to be opened and more a relationship to be nurtured - less a possession, and more a commitment of trust. In these last couple of pandemic years when we have had to work harder to stay connected, I think we understand more clearly the part that we play in building and nurturing our faith community. Synod Assembly is a perfect example of what we do to build our faith community and celebrate a wider view of church. I hope you felt connected as you gathered in person as a voting member, participated in the week of online workshops, or watched the business meeting livestream. I believe for the most part, things went smoothly. The sound was a little uneven from conference to conference, but people were willing to repeat their question or comment until we all understood. One thing that I do not believe was understood fully was the reasoning and purpose of Resolution #7. In the fall of 2021, I was presented with the requirement to amend our constitution by our Churchwide Secretary, Sue Rothmeyer, who was being proactive in ensuring the 60/40 balance of lay and clergy voting members at synod assemblies in order to forestall any disputes as to the legality of a given outcome in future elections. We are one of a few synods who still have the provision in our constitution that all retired rostered leaders in attendance at Synod Assembly receive both voice and vote. Concern over lay and clergy balance has not been an issue in our synod before as so many pastors who have retired have not stayed geographically in our synod. Many, after retirement, have stayed on our NGLS roster, but they have moved far away and never expected to attend Synod Assembly. In the last few years, this has changed, and more of our retired pastors have chosen to stay local and may well plan to attend Synod Assembly. Granted, we are not the Florida/ Bahamas Synod, where I am guessing retired clergy outnumber active clergy and lay voting members combined, but the challenge to defend the constitutional requirement of at least 60% lay voting membership at Synod Assembly is the same. Other

synods have chosen different methods. Some ensure the balance by saying that: 1. No retired pastors are given voting privileges unless they are serving a congregation as an interim. 2. The retired pastors meet and agree who among them will represent their vote. The amount of voting members is a certain percentage of the total retired clergy population, often 10%. After my conversation with Sue Rothmeyer, I sent an email to all our retired pastors presenting them with the issue. I invited them to a Zoom meeting and welcomed their input. If they could not attend the Zoom, I asked that they send me their thoughts via email. I welcomed their ideas as to how best to constitutionally ensure the required balance. Currently we have, or soon will have, 61 retired clergy on our roster, 35 of which might reasonably be expected to attend Synod Assembly. If each congregation sends their full number of lay people, we would see about 170 lay people at Synod Assembly, which would allow 110 clergy to be voting members. Assuming that 79 congregations will send a clergyperson (knowing that some have a Licensed Lay Minister), this allows for roughly 31-32 retired clergy to be voting members. If, like some synods, we went with 10% of retired clergy, that would only afford 6 retired clergy the privilege of voting. Wanting to maximize the number of retired clergy who could vote, the proposal was made to wait until registration closed, have a hard number of lay voting members and active clergy, and from that, calculate the remaining balance of 40% of clergy and how many retired clergy could then vote. I am very glad that more retired pastors are choosing to stay on the territory of the NGLS. They offer invaluable support and wisdom to the church, helping the work of ministry in countless ways even after retirement. I continue to be deeply grateful for their partnership and willingness to help. Having to limit, even a few, from the privilege of voting at Synod Assembly is a reality that this resolution seeks to address as fairly as possible, maximizing the voting participation of retired clergy who attend Synod Assembly. What can you do? • Maximize the amount of lay people your congregation sends to Synod Assembly and pay attention to gender balance. • Rotate Synod Assembly participation among your members, giving more people the joy and witness of being church together. • Next year we will be in person. Please include travel expense, hotel expense, and registration cost in your congregational budget for next year. Registration will be more like it was pre_COVID, about \$180 per person. • As always, the registration fee for retired clergy is waived. Synod Assembly is energizing, joyful, informative, and Spirit blessed. We are church together, and never more so than when we worship and partner in ministry together. This year was good, but I look forward to us all being together, in person, next year.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

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