Zion Lutheran Church

**435 Oak Street**

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The Beacon

# April 2024 Newsletter

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary

**Sunday10:30 a.m.** Worship in person & Via Zoom www.zionlutheran-manistique.org

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**Musician:** Linda Levin

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**Congregational Council:** Ken Groh, President

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Gayle Cartland Ruth Jones

Linda Levin

Bonnie Moody

Donna Mott Teddy Nelson Kathy Peterson

Larry Peterson

Naomi Fletcher, Treasurer

Cyndee Miske, Financial Secretary

**April Office Hours**

The church office will be open Monday 9:30 am-12:30 pm, and Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am to 12 pm. **If you have questions, concerns or are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Tommy at 906-341-5427 or 906-286-4383.**

**Join us for Worship!**

**Saturday 5 pm** Worship in the Sanctuary

**Sunday 10:30 am** Worship is a hybrid service. You can join us in person or over Zoom. Holy Communion is served for those joining us in person.

To join Sunday worship over Zoom, go to our church website and click on the pink words “Join our Zoom Worship” under the worship times. Click Open or Open Link in the dialog box that pops up to join the call. If you don’t see a pop-up dialog box, click the blue Launch Meeting button. You can also join by phone.

No computer necessary! Call 929-205-6099 and enter the following ID# 9063415427, Passcode 49854.

**Congregation Council Highlights**

* The treasurer’s report showed a February income of $9,698.51 and expenditures of $13,120.28 for a balance of expenses over income of $3,421.77.
* Pastor Tommy reported on the Holy Week services, Bible studies, Synod World Hunger committee and Manistique Ministerial Association meetings.
* The council is working on developing a Child Protection Policy as recommended by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.
* Worship and Music Committee Report – (1) Holy week services were reviewed.
* Evangelism and Membership Committee Report – (1) The committee reported on plans for the last Soup Supper and the Easter Breakfast. (2) Adopt a Highway is scheduled May 18-26. (3) The church picnic is scheduled for August 11th.
* Finance and Stewardship Committee Report – (1) The Committee suggested a Pie Auction/Sale on Pentecost with the proceeds going to Backpack Buddies and World Hunger.
* Property Committee Report – (1) The new water heater has been installed. (2) Permission was given for the Manistique Women’s Club to hold the Senior Girls Tea in Augustana Hall on April 14th.
* Christian Education and Youth Report –

(1) Confirmation will be held June 10-14th.

(2) The committee is looking into organizing small group Bible studies to be held in members’ homes.

* Personnel Committee – (1) We are still in need of a church secretary. (2) The committee has been meeting with Lynn Overland, owner of Northern Quality Cleaning Services for custodian services.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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Happy Birthday to Jeanne Gundersen who celebrates her 99th birthday on April 1st. Jeanne is the oldest member of Zion. Blessings to you!

**Manistique Community Hand Bell Choir Concert**

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The Manistique Community Hand Bell Choir invites you to their Spring Concert on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the First Baptist Church, 319 Walnut Street. A donation of $5.00 is suggested and will be used to support the purchase of music and supplies.

**Happy Retirement!**

Pat Toennessen has officially hung up her mop and retired after 15 ½ years of serving as Zion’s custodian. Thank you such much for your service and dedication to Zion. You will be missed!

**March Noisy Offering**

The March Noisy Offeringof $56.00 was given CBC. April’s Noisy Offering is going to Answer the Call and is collected on the third weekend of each month.

**Women’s Circles**

If you are interested in joining one of our women’s circles for Bible study, work projects and fun, please contact the church office or the following group leaders for more information:

 Sarah Circle – Elizabeth Macklem

 Joy Circle – Bonnie Groh

 Hope Circle – Sheila Clark or Julie Gauthier

The **Sarah Circle** will meet on Monday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m. in Augustana Hall.

The **Joy Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Augustana Hall.

**Backpack Buddies**

The Backpack Buddies program will be distributing food bags on Thursday, April 25. All children ages 0-18, are eligible to receive food. Please pass the word!

Thank you to the United Methodist Church for their $1000 contribution and Church of Redeemer Presbyterian for their $310 contribution to the Backpack Buddies program.

Monetary donations or donations of food are always needed!

**Home Communion**

If someone in your family is unable to attend church and would like to receive communion, please call the church office (906-341-5427). Thank you to Lila Panek and Linda Mason who provide this ministry to our members.

Church Attendance Report

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|  | **Saturday** | **Sunday** | **Zoom** |
|  **March 2/3** | 11 | 49 | 6 |
| **Midweek** | 23 |  |  |
| **March 9/10** | 13 | 43 | 6 |
| **Midweek** | 23 |  |  |
| **March 16/17** | 12 | 46 | 5 |
| **Midweek** | 25 |  |  |
| **March 23/24** | 16 | 54 | 7 |
| **March 28** | 25 |  | 2 |
| **March 29** | 19 |  | 2 |

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**Coffee Hours**

Thank you to our March coffee hour hosts: The Gauthier Family, The Evangelism Committee, Zion Quilters, Linda Levin and Kay MacGregor. There are opportunities for you to host a coffee hour in April. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall.

**Church Committees**

We need help on our Congregation Council Committees! The work of our congregation is most effectively completed through committees. We have the following committees: Worship and Music, Evangelism and Membership, Finance and Stewardship, Christian Education and Youth and Property. Most committees meet no more than once per quarter (4 times per year). We need your participation and new ideas! Please contact Pastor Tommy or Ken Groh if you are interested.

**Church Picnic**

The 2024 Zion Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 11th immediately following worship. The picnic will be held at Frenette Park (formerly Pines Park).

**Soup Suppers – Thank You!**

Thank you to our soup chefs, bread bakers and dessert makers who supplied our Wednesday meals during Lent:

Jo-Nell Berger, Gayle Cartland, Bonnie Groh, Nila Haug, Ruth Jones, Janet Krueger, Linda Levin, Kay MacGregor, Liz Macklem, Karen Mooi, Donna Mott, Kathy Peterson, Pastor Tommy, and Pastor Ellie Russey.

**Pies for Pentecost**

The Zion Council will sponsor a Pies for Pentecost Auction/Sale to raise money for Backpack Buddies and World Hunger. Dig out your favorite pie recipes, bake a pie and join the congregation in this event!

Easter Plants and

Floral Fund Donations

In Memory of Elmer and Jean Flodin, Roy Laux and George Cole By Tom and Carla Flodin

In Memory of Elsie Fleck and John Gauthier by Donna Gauthier and Jenny Gauthier

In Honor of Our Lord and Savior and in Memory of our Loved Ones by Ken and Bonnie Groh

In Memory of Pastor Ingmar and Betty Levin by Linda

Levin and Kay MacGregor

In Honor of our grandchildren Oskar and Annabel by Daniel and Kathy McDonough

In Memory of Charles Miske by Cyndee Miske

In Honor of Jesus and in Memory of Loved Ones by

Teddy Nelson

In Memory of Bob Panek by Lila Panek

In Memory of Loved Ones by Kathy and Darryl Peterson

In Memory of our mothers by Larry and Rebecca Peterson

In Memory of Pastor Levin by Jim and Eleanor Russey

In Memory of Loved Ones by Anna Sjogren

**Lector**

**Those Who Serve in April**

April 7 – Linda Mason

April 14 – Sheila Clark

April 21 – Julie Gauthier

April 28 – Chris Cartland

**Ushers –** Todd Kangas and Larry Peterson

**Altar Flowers**

April 7 -

April 14 -

April 21 -

April 28 – Julie Gauthier

**Bulletin, Bread and Wine**

April 7 –

April 14 –

April 21 – Lila Panek

April 28 –

**Acolyte**

April 7 -

 April 14 – Michael Lamb

 April 21 – Kristin Lamb

April 28 – Nicholas Gauthier

**Communion Assistant**

April 7 – Linda Mason

April 14 – Sheila Clark

April 21 – Kim Lamb

April 28 – Julie Gauthier

 **Counters** -



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