Zion Lutheran Church

**435 Oak Street**

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The Beacon

# August 2023 Newsletter

**Saturday 5pm** Parking Lot Worship

**Sunday10:30am** Worship in person & via Zoom [www.zionlutheran-manistique.org](about:blank)

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# Contact Us

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Ken Groh Ruth Jones Todd Kangas Janet Krueger Peter Mattson

Bonnie Moody Teddy Nelson Rebecca Peterson

Naomi Fletcher, Treasurer

Cyndee Miske, Financial Secretary

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**What is YAKS?!**

YAKS stands for Young and Kicking Seniors! It’s a new ministry of Zion Lutheran Church thundering your way in August. Mark your calendars for the first four Thursdays in August from 10am till 1pm. Invite your friends! Invite the community and people off the street! Bring your grandkids and family! Anyone you would like to YAK with about God is welcome. This is an in- name-only ministry for people in the wisdom age bracket (older, wiser folks is what we mean by Seniors, not the High-school Graduate kind), but YAKS is by no means limited to people above or below any age. Are you young? Old? Kicking? Anywhere in-between? You are welcome to join us for YAKS! We will meet once a week for four weeks in August to do some crafts, sing some songs, study “Rascals in Scripture” and eat together! YAKS is a brown-bag bring your own lunch affair, culminating in a pot-luck luncheon on the last day (August 24th)! We’re going to YAK it up and have a blast. Hope to see you there from 10am-1pm, August 3, 10, 17 & 24.

**Church Office Hours**

The church office will be open Wednesdays and

Thursdays from 9am to 12pm. Pastor’s office hours are Wednesdays 9am-12pm and Thursdays 9am-12pm. If you have questions, concerns at other times, or are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Tommy at 906-286-4383.

**Join us for Worship!**

**Saturday 5pm** Worship is in the parking lot. Tune your

car radio to 101.1FM and join us for Holy Communion.

**Sunday 10:30am** 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.

Church Attendance Report

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|  | **Saturday** | **Sunday** | **Zoom** |
| **July 1/2** | 12 | 34 | 3 |
| **July 8/9** | 11 | 48 | 3 |
| **July 15/16** | 9 | 56 | 6 |
| **July 22/23** | 12 | 51 | 6 |
| **July 29/30** |  |  |  |

**Congregation Council Highlights**

* The treasurer’s report showed a June income of $10,983.98 and expenditures of $11,454.10. This is a deficit of $470.12 for the month. We did not pay our synod benevolence of $1000 in June
* Worship and Music Committee Report – (1) The committee would like to know your favorite hymns so they can be included in worship. (2) The council agreed to hand out children’s activity bags once again.
* Evangelism and Membership Committee Report – (1) The church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13 at Frenette Park. A free-will offering will be taken for World Hunger. (2) God’s Work, Our Hands projects will take place in September.
* Finance and Stewardship Committee Report – (1) The Council continued budget discussions with no new ideas forthcoming. (2) We owe $8,306.02 on the Augustana Hall roof.
* Property Committee Report – (1) The elevator was repaired. (2) We need people to help with the upkeep of our gardens and landscaping.
* Christian Education and Youth Report – (1) YAKS will be held August 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 10:00-1:00.
* Personnel Committee – We are in need of a church secretary.
* We have six people working at the Conference 6 water booth at the U.P. State Fair.
* Approved the use of Augustana Hall for a Historical Society event on August 5th.

# **Adopt A Highway**

Thank you to Donna and Bill Mott and Ruth Jones who cleaned our stretch of the highway in July. The last clean-up day of the year is scheduled for September.

**Elevator**

The elevator is fixed! It ended up being quite a complicated fix, but they “got ‘er done”. The repairs were paid for with gifts from members of the congregation in the amount of $5000 and $1000, a withdrawal of $2,000 from the parsonage investment fund and money from the building fund. The elevator should be good to go for another forty years!

# **Garden/Landscaping Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the upkeep of our gardens/landscaping. You can pick your very own spot to tend. Please contact Kay MacGregor, Property Committee Chair, or any Congregation Council member.

**God’s Work, Our Hands**

If you have a project idea for God’s Work, Our Hands, please share it with Donna Mott or Ruth Jones. The project(s) will be done on or around September 10th. Past projects have included painting, cleaning gravestones, and cleaning up park areas.

**Church Picnic**

Our annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13th at Frenette Park (formerly Pines Park) immediately following worship. The park is on U.S. 2 just before the airport. Hotdogs/buns with all the fixings, chips, coffee, water, and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

We are also asking you to bring bars or cookies that are individually wrapped. After we’ve eaten our share, the leftover desserts will be taken to the U.P. State Fair and sold to support the Lutheran World Relief World Thirst Project.

There will also be a freewill offering at the picnic to support World Hunger.

Please join us!

**Favorite Hymns**

Isthere a favorite hymn you’d like to sing during worship? The Worship and Music Committee would like to hear from you! Please write down your favorite hymn(s) and give the list to Rebecca Peterson or drop the list in the offering plate. We can’t promise they’ll all be sung immediately, but we’ll keep the list and add them into the service when possible.

# **Pray With Us**

If you have someone you would like to be on the

prayer list each weekend, or someone you would simply like Pastor to pray for during the week, please stop by the contact page on the Zion website and fill out a Prayer Request. Pastor Tommy receives all the prayer requests made from the website immediately, and it is the quickest surefire way for you or your loved ones to be included Zion’s prayer life.

# **Email Addresses**

We are collecting email addresses of members. Please

call the church with your email address or send it to

the church at: [office@zionlutheran-manistique.org](about:blank)

**Backpack Buddies**

The Backpack Buddies program will be distributing food bags on Thursday, August 31. All children, ages 0-18 are eligible to receive food. Please pass the word!

**Pastoral Visits**

Pastor makes home visits on Thursday afternoons. If you would like a visit from Pastor Tommy or have a friend or relative in need of a pastoral visit, please contact the church office.

**August Noisy Offering**

The August Noisy Offeringwill be going to the Beacon House in Marquette. They provide lodging for people and their families who are seeking medical care through U.P. Health System.

**Lutheran World Relief Kits**

Back-to-school sales are the perfect time to purchase supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

Each kit includes: \*four 70-sheet notebooks

\*one box of 16 or 24 crayons

\*one pencil sharpener

\*one 30-centimeter ruler

\*one pair of blunt scissors

\*five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers

\*five black or blue ballpoint pens

\*One 2 ½” eraser

Other Lutheran World Relief kits include: Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits. Instructions for those kits are posted on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall. The kits will be packed and sent with our congregation’s quilts in October.

**Lectors**

**Those Who Serve in August**

August 6 – Jim Russey

August 13 – Pat Lamb

August 20 – Kaye Jarski

August 27 - Chris Cartland

**Ushers**

Bonnie Moody and Rebecca Peterson

**Altar Flowers**

August 6 –

August 13 – Carla and Tom Flodin

August 20 –

August 27 –

**Bulletin Bread and Wine**

August 6 – Kaye and Mike Jarski

August 13 – Doris Ribblet

August 20 – Doris Ribblet

August 27 - Doris Ribblet

**Acolyte**

August 6 –

August 13 –

August 20 –

August 27 – Nicholas Gauthier

**Communion Assistant**

August 6 – Linda Mason

August 13 - Sheila Clark

August 20 – Linda Levin

August 27 – Julie Gautheir

**August Counters:**

Jo-Nell Berger and Kathy Peterson



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