Zion Lutheran Church

**435 Oak Street**

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The Beacon

# February 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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**Congregational Council:** Linda Levin, President Donna Mott, Vice President Cyndee Miske, Secretary Jo-Nell Berger

Ken Groh Ruth Jones Todd Kangas Janet Krueger Peter Mattson

Bonnie Moody Teddy Nelson Rebecca Peterson

Naomi Fletcher, Treasurer

Cyndee Miske, Financial Secretary

**February 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 December income of $16,579.45 and expenditures of $16,889.34 for a balance of expenses over income of $309.89.
* Pastor Tommy reported on the Advent Mid-week services and the Festival of Lessons and Carols. The offering at the Festival was $816.25 and will be used to help people in our community.
* Worship and Music Committee Report – (1) Lent begins on February 14th. We will have two Ash Wednesday services, one at 12:00 noon and one at 7:00 pm. (2) Weekly Lenten services will be held each Wednesday during Lent beginning at 7:00 pm.
* Evangelism and Membership Committee Report – (1) The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on February 13th beginning at 5:30 pm. (2) Soup Suppers will be held each Wednesday during Lent beginning at 6:00 pm. (3) The Council will organize the Easter Breakfast to be held on Sunday, March 31st. (4) The committee continues to offer coffee hours each Sunday if no group/individuals sign up. (5) The committee will reserve Frenette Park for our annual picnic this summer.
* Finance and Stewardship Committee Report – (1) The council approved a proposed budget of $163,442.00 to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. (2) The February Noisy Offering will go to Scouts BSA. (3) Lenten folders will be sent to all families in February. (4) The Council decided to keep the collection of the offering as it is and not pass the plate. (5) The roof on Augustana Hall is close to being paid off!

**Congregation Council Highlights, continued**

* Property Committee Report – (1) The water backflow equipment has been installed and it passed the test as required by the city.
* Christian Education and Youth Report – No report.
* Personnel Committee – (1) We are in need of a church secretary. (2) Pat Toennessen submitted her resignation as church janitor effective March 30th.
* Annual Meeting reports will be due at the end of January. The Annual Meeting will be held on February 11, 2024.

**Zion’s Annual Meeting**

Zion’s Annual Meeting will be held on February 11th immediately following morning worship. The Annual Reports will be ready for distribution on February 4.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, we will gather for a potluck lunch in Augustana. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

**January Noisy Offering**

The January Noisy Offeringof $104.80 was given to Walk for Warmth. February’s Noisy Offering will go to Scouts, BSA Troop #400. The Noisy Offering is collected on the third weekend of each month.

**Shrove Tuesday**

The Congregation Council will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13 beginning at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to share in this meal. Please sign up on the sheet in Augustana Hall or call the church office so we have an idea of how many pancakes we will need to flip!

**Ash Wednesday**

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 15th. We will have two services; one at 12:00 noon and one at 7:00 pm.

Imposition of ashes will be offered at each service.

**Midweek Lenten Services**

Midweek Lenten services will be held each Wednesday during Lent beginning at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The dates include February 21 and 28 and March 6, 13 and 20.

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

Come and share in soup and fellowship during the Lenten season. Soup will be served each Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, prior to the 7:00 worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall if you are able to share soup, bread or cookies.

**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, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. in Augustana Hall.

The **Joy Circle** will NOT be meeting in February.

**Backpack Buddies**

The Backpack Buddies program will be distributing food bags on Thursday, February 29th. All children ages 0-18, are eligible to receive food. Please pass the word!

THANK YOU to Nicolet Bank for their recent $1,000 donation and the Manistique Ministerial Association for their $2,000 donation (from CBC funds) toward the program. Monetary donations or donations of food are always needed!

January saw one of the largest number of families requesting assistance.

**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** |
|  **January 6/7** | 11 | 38 | 4 |
| **January 13/14** | 9 | 35 | 7 |
| **January 20/21** | 14 | 40 | 7 |
| **January 27/28** | 11 | 41 | 10 |

**Augustana Hall Roof**

The end is in sight! The remaining balance of the metal roof installed on Augustana Hall is $480.67. Thank you for your generosity in helping pay this debt.

**Sign-Up Sheets**

Sign-up sheet for Altar flowers, Bulletin, Bread & Wine, Coffee Hours and offering counters have been posted for 2024. You will find the sheets on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall.

**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**

Flyers for the 2024 camping season at Fortune Lake are available on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall. Our congregation will pay half the registration fee if your camper is registered by the early bird registration date of April 1, 2024.

Check out the camp poster in Augustana Hall. There is a picture of a familiar face!!

There is nothing better than spending a week at camp during the summer!

**Lenten Breakfast and Musical Program**

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Women in Escanaba will be holding their annual Lenten Breakfast and Musical Program on Saturday, February 10th. The breakfast will begin at 9:15 am with the program beginning at 10:00 am. The theme is “Find Your Mission”. A portion of the free-will offering will go toward Dream Weaver Children’s Museum. Call by February 5th for reservations at 906-786-6771 or 906-280-4938.

**Gluten-Free Communion Bread**

Holy Communion is offered at the Saturday night service and the Sunday morning service each week. Gluten-free communion hosts are available. Please let Pastor Tommy know!

**Scout Sunday**

Scout Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, February 11th. Our congregation sponsors Scouts BSA troops 400, 401 and Cub Pack 402. Thank you to the leaders and volunteers who lead these young people!

**Congregation Council**

Thank you to the members of the Congregation Council who will be completing their terms at our Annual Meeting:

Ruth Jones, Janet Krueger, Peter Mathson and Rebecca Peterson. We appreciate your willingness to serve in a leadership role in our congregation and the dedication to your calling as a council member.

**Newsletter**

Thank you to our faithful volunteers who help prepare the newsletter for mailing each month – Dorothy Brandstrom, Gloria McGuire, Lila Panek, and Brian Nelson.

**Coffee Hours**

Thank you to our January coffee hour hosts: The Sarah Circle, The Evangelism Committee and Chris & Gayle Cartland. We all enjoyed your tasty treats! There are opportunities for you to host a coffee hour in February. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall.

**Lector**

**Those Who Serve in February**

February 4 – Gloria McGuire

February 11 – Troops 400/401

February 18 – Teddy Nelson

February 25 – Ken Groh

**Ushers**

 Peter Mathson and Cyndee Miskee

**Altar Flowers**

February 4 – Naomi Fletcher

February 11 -

February 18 -

February 25 -

**Bulletin Bread and Wine**

February 4 – Laurie and Fred Nauman

February 11 -

February 18 -

February 25 -

**Acolyte**

February 4 -

February 11 – Michael Lamb

 February 18 – Kristin Lamb

February 25 – Nicholas Gauthier

**Communion Assistant**

February 4 – Linda Mason

February 11 – Sheila Clark

February 18 – Kim Lamb

February 25 – Julie Gauthier

**Counters**

Mary Ansell and Dorothy Brandstrom



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