Zion Lutheran Church

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The Beacon

# June/July 2024 Newsletter

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

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

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*For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your*

*works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my*

*unformed substance. In your book were written*

*all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you. -Psalm 139:13-18*

This summer, Lutheran Camps and the The ELCA National Youth Gathering share a theme: Created to Be. The theme comes from this Psalm, with an emphasis on

verse 14: “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” The promise of this psalm is just how close God is to us, and how much God cares about us. Psalm 139

proclaims our God is not just some dispassionate dude far away in the sky, but actively knits us together from before we are born through to the present day, and all

the days yet to come. God does not shy away from us no matter how our lives have gone, but even when none

of our days yet existed, God was there tending to us, and nurturing us. There is nowhere we can go (be it to darkness and death, or the limits of the sea, or the summit of a mountain) that God will not go after us. And what’s more, the psalmist boldly proclaims: Because of God’s unrelenting attention to us and the details of our lives; we are worthwhile. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. So do not devalue yourself or let the world or your thoughts tell you otherwise.

You are a force to be reckoned with, becauseGod will not stop reckoning with you. God will lead you and hold you fast like my toddler holds fast to her stuffed monkey. No matter how unwashed it may be.

In July, I will spend a lot of time with this theme as I am navigating two weeks at Lutheran Camps, one week is vacation time for our 10-year anniversary as my wife

and I take our kids for their first time to Nawakwa, the camp in Central PA where we were married. The immediate following week will be a work week as I am once again in charge of Legos and Pastor in Residence at Fortune Lake this summer. It will be quite the changeover driving from one camp in the woods to another 959 miles (and three states) apart. It will be a fearfully and wonderfully made trip indeed. But Lutheran

camping is one of the ways I got my start in ministry, and couldn’t think of a better way to be me this summer. So, my prayer for you is that you will take courage from this

psalm in these summer months, and be the fearful and wonderful you, as I seek to do the same with my family.

-Pastor Tommy

**June/July Office Hours**

The church office will be open Monday 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.

**Confirmation**

Confirmation classes will be held June 10-13 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. All youth who have finished sixth grade are able to attend confirmation class.

**Zion Quilters**

The Zion Quilters have made and packed 190 quilts so far this year! They are taking a well-deserved break over the summer. The quilters are always in need of material and other supplies. Talk with Mary Ansell for more information.

**Congregation Council Highlights**

* The treasurer’s report showed an April income of $8,164.06 and expenditures of $12,269.01 for a balance of expenses over income of $4,104.95.
* Pastor Tommy gave the Pastor’s Report.
* The council had the first reading of the new Child Protection Policy as recommended by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. The council will adopt the policy at its June meeting. Copies are available in the church office if anyone would like a copy.
* Worship and Music Committee Report – No report.
* Evangelism and Membership Committee Report – (1) The church picnic is scheduled for August 11th.
* Finance and Stewardship Committee Report – No report.
* Property Committee Report – (1) Power washing of the church will be done by Northern Quality Cleaners during the month of June.
* Christian Education and Youth Report –

(1) Confirmation will be held June 10-13th from 10:00-12:00 (2) YAKS will be meeting three times this summer – June 13, July 9, and August 8.

* Personnel Committee – (1) We are still in need of a church secretary.
* The council approved a building use request for the Schoolcraft County Historical Society for July 25, 11:00-1:30.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**Pies for Pentecost**

On Sunday, May 19th, a 50/50 Pie Auction was held after church. The plan was to give 50% of the proceeds to World Hunger and 50% to our own Back Pack Buddies program.

The response was overwhelming!! Church members donated 24 freshly baked pies!! The silent auction was well attended and the bidding was “fast and furious”.

Seven hundred and thirty-two dollars was raised through this auction, and as a result, each of the two programs will receive $366.00 each.

Thank you for your interest in this auction, and thank you for your extreme generosity!!

**Church Picnic**

Zion’s annual church picnic will be on Sunday, August 11, 2024 immediately following Sunday morning worship. The picnic will be held at Frenette Park (formerly Pines Park) which is adjacent to the Schoolcraft County Airport on US2.

The church will provide hotdogs, buns, condiments, coffee and water. Please bring a dish to pass.

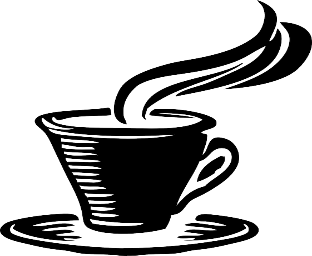
For dessert, please bring individually wrapped cookies and/or bars to share. Any leftover desserts will be brought over the the State Fair in Escanaba for the ELCA booth for World Thirst.

A free-will offering will be collected and divided between World Hunger and the Backpack Buddy program.

The picnic is always a fun day of good food and fellowship. All are welcome!

**Church Attendance Report**

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|  | **Saturday** | **Sunday** | **Zoom** |
| **May 4/5** | 8 | 62 | 3 |
| **May 11/12** | 8 | 56 | 3 |
| **May 18/19** | 14 | 57 | 4 |
| **May 25/26** | 9 | 45 | 4 |



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**Coffee Hours**

Thank you to our May coffee hour hosts: Joy Circle, Jo-Nell Berger, Kathy Peterson, Janet Krueger, and the Evangelism and Membership Committee. There are opportunities for you to host a coffee hour this summer. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall.

**May Noisy Offering**

The May Noisy Offeringof $51.42 was given to Backpack Buddies. June’s Noisy Offering is going to Northwood’s Air Lifeline and July’s will go to the Beacon House. The Noisy Offering is collected on the third weekend of each month. Thank you for your generosity!

**Women’s Circles**

The women’s circles will not be meeting during the summer months. Meetings will resume in September.

**Backpack Buddies**

The Backpack Buddies program will not be distributing food bags in June or July. If food is needed. Please call the church office and leave your name and number. We will return your call to set up a time to meet you.

There is a program starting June 10, 2024 at the Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds that will be serving food Monday through Friday for all children up to 18 years old. Flyers were handed out at area schools. The same program offers home delivered breakfasts and lunches on Tuesdays and Fridays which will include meals for all seven days of the week. More information on this program can be found at [www.schoolcraftfairgrounds.com](http://www.schoolcraftfairgrounds.com) Household contact and consent forms can also be found on this website.

**Synod Assembly Delegate Report**

The May 18th, 2024 Northern Great Lakes Synod Hybrid Assembly, was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba, MI.

Representing Zion Lutheran Church as delegates were Ken and Bonnie Groh along with Pastor

Tommy Richter in attendance, as well.

The Assembly is a business meeting along with the opportunity to network and socialize with other churches. Many things were accomplished. Approximately 200 people comprised of voting members, voting clergy, Deacons and visitors were present, at various locations. Elections were successfully held for several Synod-wide offices and nine different resolutions were adopted by the

Assembly. Delegates heard many different reports on the various ministries in which the Synod is involved.

The 2024 fiscal year budget was amended and the 2025 fiscal year budget was proposed and adopted. The 2025 budget includes the income of $749,846. and expenses of $763.689.

Being able to attend and participate in this assembly was a great opportunity and we are thankful for this experience.

The Northern Great Lakes Synod has a very complete and informative website. It contains information about this most recent Synod Assembly, as well as many other helpful resources. We highly recommend that you check out the Synod website at [www.NGLSynod.com](http://www.NGLSynod.com).

The next Synod Assembly will take place at Northern Michigan University in Marquette May 15-17, 2025.

Attending the Assembly is always a good experience! As members of Zion, we recommend that you consider serving as a delegate to a future Synod assembly!

Respectfully submitted by Ken and Bonnie Groh

**Christ in Our Home**

The devotional booklet, Christ in Our Home, is available for July/August/September. The booklets are on the table in the Narthex. These books are paid for through Thrivent funds.

There are also new “The Lutheran Prayer” copies available in the Narthex.

***Announcing the 2024 Season***

**Manistique Chamber Concert Series**

**Paul Lundin, Music Director**

***All concerts at***

***Church of the Redeemer 314 S. Main St. Manistique.***

***Sunday, June 23rd 7:00 pm “Sunnyside Up”***

Flutist Emily Olson returns to perform music for flute and strings. Light and fun music by Mozart, Reicha, Reger, and music from Disney’s “Up.”

***Monday, July 8th 7:00 pm “Cliff Monear Jazz Trio”***

Wayne State jazz faculty pianist Cliff Monear tickles the ivories of our wonderful piano at the church before he and his trio leave for a European concert tour.

***Sunday August 11th 7:00 pm “Land, Sea and Air”***

“True North Quartet” performs Mozart’s   
“Hunt,” Debussy’s “Claire de Lune,” Alfred Hill’s “A Maori Legend,” and a special surprise from the land down under.

**Upcoming Scripture Readings – June**

June 2 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 3:8-15](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/), [Psalm 130](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/), [2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/),

[Mark 3:20-35](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/)

June 9 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 3:8-15](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-9/0), [Psalm 130](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-9/0), [2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-9/0),

[Mark 3:20-35](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-9/0)

June 16 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

[Ezekiel 17:22-24](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-16/0), [Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-16/0),

2 [Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-16/0), [Mark 4:26-34](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-16/0)

June 23 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

[Job 38:1-11](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-23/0), [Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-23/0), [2 Corinthians 6:1-13](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-23/0),

[Mark 4:35-41](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-23/0)

June 30 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

[Lamentations 3:22-33](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-30/0), [Psalm 30](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-30/0), [2 Corinthians 8:7-15](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-30/0),

[Mark 5:21-43](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-6-30/0)

**Upcoming Scripture Readings – July**

July 7 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

[Ezekiel 2:1-5](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/?date=2024-7&eventDateId=0), [Psalm 123](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/?date=2024-7&eventDateId=0), [2 Corinthians 12:2-10](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/?date=2024-7&eventDateId=0),

[Mark 6:1-13](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/?date=2024-7&eventDateId=0)

July 14 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

[Amos 7:7-15](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-14/0), [Psalm 85:8-13](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-14/0), [Ephesians 1:3-14](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-14/0),

[Mark 6:14-29](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-14/0)

July 21 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-21/0), [Psalm 23](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-21/0), [Ephesians 2:11-22](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-21/0),

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-21/0)

July 28 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 [Kings 4:42-44](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-28/0), [Psalm 145:10-18](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-28/0), [Ephesians 3:14-21](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-28/0),

[John 6:1-21](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2024-7-28/0)

**Those Who Serve in June**

**Lector**

June 2 – Teddy Nelson

June 9 – Ruth Jones

June 16 – Larry Peterson

June 23 –

June 30 – Ken Groh

**Ushers –** Jo-Nell Berger and Kathy Peterson

**Altar Flowers**

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June 9 -

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June 23 –

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**Bulletin, Bread and Wine**

June 2 – Teddy Nelson

June 9 –

June 16 –

June 23 – Fred and Laurie Nauman

June 30 – Dan and Kathy McDonough

**Acolyte**

June 2 -

June 9 - Michael Lamb

June 16 – Kristin Lamb

June 23 – Nicholas Gauthier

June 30 -

**Communion Assistant**

June 2 – Linda Mason

June 9 – Sheila Clark

June 16 – Kim Lamb

June 23 – Julie Gauthier

June 30 – Linda Levin

**Those Who Serve in July**

**Lector**

July 7 – Kathy Peteron

July 14 – Elise Calhoon

July 21 – Rebecca Peterson

July 28 – Jo-Nell Berger

**Ushers –** Ruth Jones and Bonnie Moody

**Altar Flowers**

July 7 – Donna Gauthier

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