Zion Lutheran Church

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The Beacon

# May 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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**Congregational Council:** Ken Groh, President

Todd Kangas, Vice President Cyndee Miske, Secretary Jo-Nell Berger

Gayle Cartland Ruth Jones

Linda Levin

Bonnie Moody

Donna Mott Teddy Nelson Kathy Peterson

Larry Peterson

Naomi Fletcher, Treasurer

Cyndee Miske, Financial Secretary

**May 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 March income of $13,473.03 and expenditures of $14,212.37 for a balance of expenses over income of 739.34.
* Pastor Tommy gave the Pastor’s Report.
* The council formed an ad hoc committee to study and discuss the development of a Child Protection Policy as recommended by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.
* Worship and Music Committee Report – (1) The committee met to pick hymns.
* Evangelism and Membership Committee Report – (1) Adopt a Highway is scheduled May 18-26. (2) The church picnic is scheduled for August 11th.
* Finance and Stewardship Committee Report – The committee did not meet.
* Property Committee Report – (1) Bids are being sought for the power washing of church.
* Christian Education and Youth Report –

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

* Personnel Committee – (1) We are still in need of a church secretary.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**Pies for Pentecost**

The Zion Council will sponsor a Pies for Pentecost Silent Auction on May 19th to raise money for Backpack Buddies and World Hunger. There is a sign-up sheet for pies on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall. You will be able to bid on pies throughout coffee hour and at 12:15 p.m., the pies will be distributed to the highest bidders. Dig out your favorite pie recipes, bake a pie and join the congregation in this event!

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

The first Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up for 2024 is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 through Sunday, May 26. The plan is to have people participate when it is convenient for them.

If it is open, pick up the supplies (bags, vests, gloves, grabbers) at church. If not, supplies may be picked up at the home of Donna Mott, 526 Manistique Avenue. You may also call Donna at 906-341-6414 or 906-450-4579.

After working, please check in with Donna to let her know what areas you have cleaned.

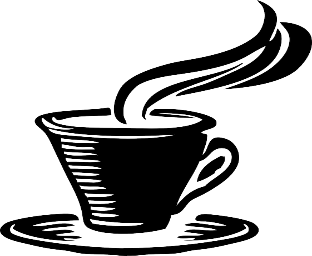
There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall.

**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 (Pines Park).

**Church Attendance Report**

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|  | **Saturday** | **Sunday** | **Zoom** |
| **April 6/7** | 13 | 41 | 5 |
| **April 13/14** | 10 | 42 | 4 |
| **April 20/21** | 9 | 54 | 3 |
| **April 27/28** | 11 | 47 | 4 |



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**Coffee Hours**

Thank you to our April coffee hour hosts: the Evangelism Committee, the Gauthier Family and Gayle and Chris Cartland. There are opportunities for you to host a coffee hour in May. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall.

**April Noisy Offering**

The April Noisy Offeringof $33.34 was given to Answer the Call. May’s Noisy Offering is going to Back Pack Buddies 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, May 6 at 1:00 p.m. in Augustana Hall.

The **Joy Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Augustana Hall.

**Backpack Buddies**

The Backpack Buddies program will be distributing food bags on Thursday, May 30. All children ages 0-18, are eligible to receive food. Please pass the word!

Monetary donations or donations of food are always needed!

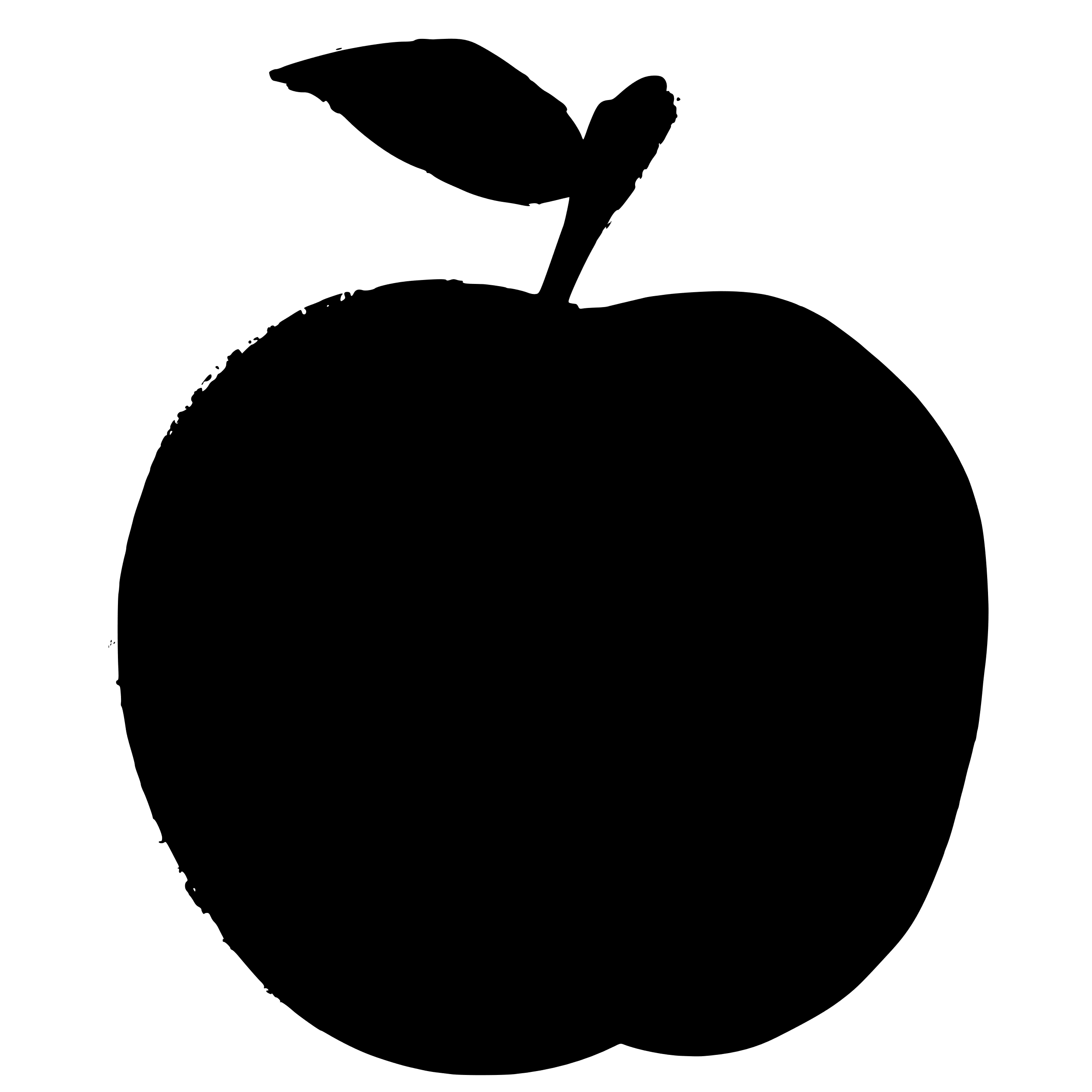
Confirmation

Confirmation classes will be held June 10-14. All youth who have finished sixth grade are able to attend confirmation class.

**Graduation**



Nathan Schoenow is the son of David and Jennifer Schoenow.  During high school, Nathan was the treasurer of his class, YETI (Youth Entertaining Teen Interest), and YAC (Youth Advisory Council), and was involved with the National Honors Society.  What he enjoyed most about high school was competing in sports with his friends.  He competed in golf, trap shooting, and swimming.  He also was active in Boy Scouts and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.  What he enjoyed most about growing up in Zion was being able to make friends and get a closer relationship with God.  Nathan plans to attend the University of Michigan School of Engineering to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

** Celebrating Educators**

Along with graduation, we celebrate those members of our congregation who have helped young people through their service in the education field (teachers, aides, bus drivers, secretaries, librarians, custodians, principals, school board members and superintendents):

Deb and John Barry Jane Bolm

Donn Davidson Brenda Fleck

Julie Gauthier Gloria Haindl

Kelly Hatinger Karen and Chris Gonyea

Kelsey Gonyea Bonnie and Ken Groh

Kaye and Mike Jarski Ruth Jones

Cody Kangas Laura and Todd Kangas

Deb Kozlowski Janet Krueger

Arvid Larson Linda Levin

Kay MacGregor Krista Maline

Beth Malloch Linda Mason

Kathy McDonough Gloria McGuire

Bonnie Moody Rebecca Peterso

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**Geraniums for Pentecost**

Red geraniums will be ordered for Pentecost (May 19) from Chenier’s Greenhouse in Gladstone. The price will be $8.00 per geranium. Please fill out the order form located elsewhere in this newsletter and return to the church office by May 13.



Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ~John 12: 24

Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

The season of gardening is almost upon us. When I was a child, my mother would cajole, plead, and bribe me and my siblings to take a turn weeding in the garden. I always resisted, disliking not only the bending in the hot sun, but the time away from play, even as I had just complained that there was nothing to do.

After my family and I moved to Republic, my husband and I agreed to try gardening. As we planned and planted, I regretted not having paid more attention to all the wisdom that I know my mother had about gardening, but I was too reluctant a student.

It was a surprise to me then, as I weeded the garden, when I unintentionally uprooted a green bean seed that had already sprouted, and what surprised me was how the seed was literally disappearing into the sprout. As I held this disturbed sprout in my dirty hand, I could see that the seed had been split open by the urgent growth of this little tendril shoot that sprung from the mysterious depth of the center of this seed, no bigger than….well….a bean seed. The two halves of the seed that flanked the sprout were pushed to the sides, up and away, and they were getting smaller as the sprout gathered what remained of the seed into itself for upward growth.

I had never seen a seed sprout, not that I could remember, not that I had ever paid attention. And I was newly in awe of the miracle that God provides with seeds and dark earth, water and sun. And then to think that this small sprout would, and indeed did, grow into a bush full of green beans, despite all the weeds that surrounded it. One small seed was transformed into a gallon freezer bag full of long and plump green beans, beans that graced our table at more than a few meals, where my children could count on me to say, just as my mother had, “These beans are from the garden.”

God is in the business of new life and transformation, most particularly, transforming death into life. And we are both privileged and burdened to witness the current and ongoing transformation of the Church. Death is hard. We suffer it. We would rather not die. And yet, there is no Easter without Good Friday.

This Spring, in this Easter season of new life, the congregation of St. James in Marinette, WI will give new life to the Church as their church closes. Its end will also be a beginning as it loses itself in support of other ministries and participation in other communities of faith. And yet, St. James will never be lost. It will be remembered and honored as any beloved whose life we celebrate. As in all things, it had a beginning and it will have an end, that God transforms into beginning again.

Just as Jesus the Christ was transformed. Through the open and empty tomb, we are given the clear message that death is not the final word. The grain that was buried for three days is still bearing fruit – as the faithful gather, as they are equipped, as they are sent to plant seeds of faith – seeds that lose themselves in new growth and yield a harvest to a world hungry for the presence of God in Christ Jesus.

May God bless your seed sowing efforts, both in the dirt of your garden and in the world.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

Pentecost Geraniums

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| DONATION OF $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (any amount)  To the Floral Fund  Donations to the Floral Fund will support the beautification of the sanctuary and narthex throughout the church year. | PLANT PURCHASE TO TAKE HOME:  \_\_\_\_\_\_ @ $8.00 each    $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

If you are ordering geraniums, please have your orders in by **May 13th.**

**Synod Assembly**

The 2024 Synod Assembly will be a hybrid assembly this year. Zion’s conference, Conference 6/Tri-County Conference will meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba. The Assembly will be held on Saturday, May 18th. Zion’s delegates are Ken and Bonnie Groh.

**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**

There is still time to register for Bible Camp! Grab a flyer from the bulletin board and check out all of the exciting programs camp offers!

**Christ in Our Home**

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

**Zion Quilters**

The Zion Quilters have made and packed 165 quilts so far this year! Come and join the ladies on Monday mornings to join in the fun! The quilters are always in need of material and other supplies. Talk with Mary Ansell for more information.

**Those Who Serve in May**

**Lector**

May 5 – Larry Peterson

May 12 – Brian Nelson

May 19 – Linda Levin

May 26 – Naomi Fletcher

**Ushers –** Donna Mott and Kay MacGregor

**Altar Flowers**

May 5 -

May 12 – Mike and Kaye Jarski

May 19 -

May 26 -

**Bulletin, Bread and Wine**

May 5 –

May 12 – Mike and Kaye Jarski

May 19 – Fred and Laurie Nauman

May 26 – Lois Bentley

**Acolyte**

May 5 -

May 12 – Michael Lamb

May 19 – Kristin Lamb

May 26 – Nicholas Gauthier

**Communion Assistant**

May 5 – Linda Mason

May 12 – Sheila Clark

May 19 – Kim Lamb

May 26 – Julie Gauthier

**Counter** – Kaye Jarski



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