



Zion Lutheran Church

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The Beacon

July 2025 Newsletter

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship in person & Via Zoom

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June Office Hours

The church office will be open summer hours Tuesday evening from 4:30-6:30 pm, and Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm. The office will be **CLOSED** on Mondays and Fridays. **If you have questions, concerns or are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Tommy Wimsae at 906-286-4383 or 906-341-5427**

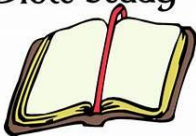
Join us for Worship!

Saturday 5 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday 11:00 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.

Bible Study



Bible Study

Will resume in the fall. Watch this newsletter for future dates

Pastor's Message

But you, O Lord, don't be far off! My strength, hurry to help me! Rescue my life from the sword, my dear life from the power of these dogs! Save me from the lion's mouth, my poor soul from the wild bull's horns! Then I will proclaim your Name to my sisters and brothers, and praise you in the full assembly: "You who worship the Lord give praise! Daughters of Leah, daughters of Rachel, glorify the Lord! Sons of Jacob fall down and worship! For God has not despised—not disdained—the suffering of those in pain. God didn't hide but answered them when they cried for help." -Psalm 22:19-24

When folks think of Psalm 22, they most often remember how it starts, with a line that Jesus quotes while he is hanging on the cross: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" That is a good witness, and it is important that the psalms express the full range of the human experience. But, this psalm is so much more than just its beginning with a crying out from moments of pain, it is also incredibly hopeful and full of promise and delight in what God continues to do despite what is going on in the world, as we can see in this later section from the psalm that I started with above. Psalm 22 may begin with the feeling that God has been wrenched away, but in these later verses it has a God who is very present, attentive to our daily needs, and compassionate. A God who does not hide, but answers us readily when we cry for help. So as we now head away from Easter and into the long green seasons of Pentecost and Summer, it is good to sit with the tensions of this psalm, between being wrenched away and called close. As people head to camps or vacations, and as the snowbirds return from the south, and as we travel or we stay home to beat the heat and bugs. We can take comfort in knowing that calling out for help and shouting our praise and gratitude don't have to be mutually exclusive opposites. So go easy on yourself if summer plans fall apart, or when the car breaks down, or

unexpected things happen. Summer doesn't have to be perfect, there is no such thing! Just because the weather is nice on the outside, doesn't mean we have to match that energy with our insides. Summer is just a season like any other, and it will have its complexities. The psalmist shows us that the whole breadth of human experiences and emotions can show up simultaneously, in all their intensity and complexity, and God can work through it all. I especially find comforting the knowledge that no matter how you feel about summer: wrenched away or called close, you are not alone. But your voice joins in the chorus of the hymn of all creation, as we sing with you both praise and laments and everything in-between. It is okay to be you. It is okay to be messy, and joyous, and sad, and free and cooped up and sometimes all of these at once. God will not despise you no matter what, but will pursue you every day with goodness and mercy.

-Pastor Tommy Wimsae.

Church Council Highlights

MAY 20, 2025

+Approved all Minutes, Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports. Received and accepted Pastoral report

+Select Council members will meet June 12 with Calvary to discuss continuation of Shared Ministry Agreement

+Approved Shared Ministry Picnic August 3 with services at 10:30 at Rapid River Pavillion and picnic to follow with Calvary, Rock and Delta County Churches. NO Services at Zion on that Sunday but Friday services still in place.

+Pies for Pentecost is June 8. Quilter's donating quilt as well. Proceeds benefit Backpack Buddies

+New membership directory in the works

+Request from Jim Russey to donate \$100 to the Community Bell Choir for equipment maintenance and supplies

+UP Handyman completed the Breezeway project.

Workbee to paint the men's restroom, install new sink and re-finish the floor headed by John B and Mike J. Need to

replace Sunday School room door and door on porch
+Next Council meeting scheduled for June 17 at 6:00 pm.

JUNE 17, 2025

+Approved all Minutes, Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports. Received and accepted Pastoral report

+Reviewed minutes of Shared Ministry meeting from June 12. It was voted and approved to continue the Agreement another three (3) months. A joint Council meeting will be scheduled for August to review per the agreement

+Evangelism/Membership: Zion will participate with other Lutheran Churches on Aug. 3 at the pavilion in Rapid River at 10:30 with services and a potluck picnic to follow. Zion's Picnic will be Sunday-August 10. Church to provide hotdogs and drinks. Gayle Cartland has completed updating the directory. Gayle C also asked for help at the Listening Bench in Triangle Park. She's going to try it out and report back

+Finance/Stewardship: Ken G will report back on the Community Bell Choir request in July. Approved a proposal to revamp the church flower beds.

+Property: A painting bee will be scheduled to work on the men's restroom and the elevator shaft.

+Christian Education/Youth: Confirmation class will be held August 11-14 from 9-12.

+Concerns voiced about Zion's digital presence not being consistent on all platforms

+ Pastor to determine where the issues are.

+Next Council meeting scheduled for July 15 at 6:00 pm

Welcome-New Members



Zion welcomes new members Shane and Shannon Reich. They join us from Hope Lutheran in southern Wisconsin.

YAKS (Young and Kicking Seniors) is coming up beginning July 10, and we need your help to make it a huge success! The first way you can help is by inviting your friends. Personal invitations are always the best way to get people interested. And they don't have to be Seniors. Let everyone know they are invited! We will meet Thursdays **July 17, 31, August 14 and 28th** beginning at **5:00**.



Bring a dish to pass and enthusiasm! Don't forget, the last Thursday- August 28, will be Pizza-make night! So, a dessert to pass would be great!

If you would like to help in any way, please give Pastor Tommy a call to let him know.

June Noisy Offering

The June Noisy Offering of \$116.00 was given to Backpack Buddies July's Noisy Offering will go to Beacon House. The Noisy Offering is collected on the third weekend of each month.

July Scripture

July 6-Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-9, Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13- Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

July 20-Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

July 27-Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19], Luke 11:1-13

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 – Ruth Jones

Joy Circle – Bonnie Groh

Hope Circle – Sheila Clark or Julie Gauthier

The Joy Circle will be on Summer Break through the months of June, July and August.

Backpack Buddies



Monetary donations or donations of food are always needed! **Your donations would help more as we approach the summer break and as local resources dwindle for our low-income families.**

Backpack Buddies takes a break in June and July. The program will resume in August with the following dates for the year:

August 28, 2025

September 25, 2025

October 23, 2025

November 20, 2025 (3rd Thursday)

December 18, 2025 (3rd Thursday)

January 22, 2026

February 26, 2026

March 26, 2026

April 23, 2026

May 28, 2026

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

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
June 7/8	11	53	2
June 14/15	13	46	2
June 21/22		46	3
June 28/29			

Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets for Altar flowers, Bulletin, Bread & Wine, Coffee Hours and offering counters have been posted for 2025. You will find the sheets on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall.

Altar Flowers



Due to the generosity of our members, we will be ordering flowers for the Altar each week. Flowers will be automatically delivered. If you have signed up for flowers, a \$35 donation to the Floral Fund is requested, and you will not have to contact the florist unless you have specific requests.



Notes of Thanks

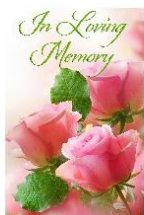
To those who bid on pies and quilts for Backpack Buddies. Your generosity garnered over \$1700 for the program!

Memorial Donations

Thank you to those who have donated

In memory of Dorothy Ozanich

William and Etta Hartman to the Memorial Fund





Geraniums Donated for Pentecost

Mary Davidson; Bonnie Moody in memory of Roy and Lillian Moody; Naomi Fletcher in memory of Grandparents; Mike and Kaye Jarski in honor of our loved ones; Cyndee Miske and Family in honor of Marlene Miske and In memory of Charles Miske Sr and Charles Miske Jr; Karen and Mike LaFoille in memory of Loved Ones; The Levin Family in memory of Pastor Ingmar and Betty Levin; Teddy Nelson in honor of Jesus and in Memory of Loved Ones; Tom and Carla Flodin in memory of Jean and Elmer Flodin, Roy Laux and George Cole; Anna Sjogren in memory of Sjogren and Couch Families; Cindy and Randy Olli in honor of Family and in Memory of Alice Knuth and Kathy Selling ;Sheila Clark; Ken and Bonnie Groh; Paul and Peggy Williams



July's Flower – Larkspur

Not to be confused with the Delphinium, the larkspur has long symbolized positivity, loving bonds, dedication, and sincerity. It can also be used to describe lightheartedness and youth. Each larkspur color holds a different meaning. Blue, which is hard to

find in the world of flowers, means dignity and grace; pink symbolizes fickleness; white represents happiness and joy; and purple is a sign of first love.

Planning Ahead

August 3-Joint Services with Calvary at 10:30 at Rapid River Pavilion with picnic to follow. **NO SERVICES AT ZION** this day. August 2 Saturday Service at 5:00 stays the same at Zion.

August 10-Zion Picnic at Lindsey Frenette Park immediately following services.

August 11 is the start of the UP State Fair. Zion is tasked with manning the World Thirst booth that day from 5:00-10:00 pm. If you can afford an hour or two, please let the office know.

Those Who Serve in July

Lector

July 6 – Kaye Jarski
July 13 – Julie Gauthier
July 20– Bonnie Groh
July 27– Jenny Gauthier

Ushers

Mike Jarski and Teddy Nelson

Altar Flowers

July 6 – Lynda Jones to honor Clyde Johnson's 90th Birthday
July 13 –
July 20–
July 27–

Bulletin Bread and Wine

July 6 – The Levin Family in memory of Pastor Ingmar Levin
July 13 – Fred and Laurie Naumann
July 20–
July 27–

Acolyte

July 6 –
July 13 –
July 20– Kristen Lamb
July 27– Nicholas Gauthier

Communion Assistant

July 6 – Linda Mason
July 13 – Sheila Clark
July 20– Kim Lamb
July 27– Julie Gauthier

Counters

Mary Ansell and Dorothy Brandstrom



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