



# Zion Lutheran Church

435 Oak Street  
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## The Beacon

### June 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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Cyndee Miske, Financial Secretary

## June Office Hours

The church office will be open Tuesday, 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



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

## Pastor's Message

*Lord, what variety you have created, arranging everything so wisely! The earth is filled with your creativity! There's the vast expanse of the Sea, teeming with countless creatures, living things large and small, with the ships that go to and fro and Leviathan whom you made to frolic there. All creatures depend on you to feed them at the proper time. Give it to them—they gather it up. Open your hand—they will be satisfied. Hide your face—they are terrified. Take away their breath—they die and return to dust. Send back your breath—fresh life begins, and you renew the face of the earth. Glory forever to the Lord! May you find joy in your creation! You glance at the earth, and it trembles; you touch the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to you all my life, I will make music for my God as long as I live. May these reflections of mine give God as much pleasure as God gives me! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Alleluia! -Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*

What I like about this Psalm assigned for the festival of Pentecost, is that it encourages us toward delight and reverent joy amidst everything we encounter in our daily lives. The Earth and everything in it, from the sea monsters to the butterflies are filled with God's creativity and delight.

Noticing that creativity and delighting in it does not always come natural to us. Our perspectives always take practice, and we have practiced and perfected a perspective of discontent. This practice is not our fault, it is the product of our culture. But we have clearly practiced it all the same. So it is real work to practice gratitude and delight and creativity. I know this is real work, because otherwise we would never have things like writer's block or imposter syndrome. Noticing God's creativity is hard! Taking delight in sea monsters is not our first and most natural response.

That's why coming to church is a useful and helpful thing for us to do every week! Here is a place we weekly and daily practice gratitude and delight in fellowship together. Here is a place where time and again we hear God speak words of kindness, blessing, and peace to us. So that we can love our neighbors and learn, slowly and diligently, to take delight in them. These are the things that God does to us in worship, and they are worth singing about all our lives long! I know of no better or more consistent place to find this practice, and constant reminder to delight and creativity.

We need God's help, grace, love and support every day of our lives if we are going to practice delight and creativity. And thanks be to God, it is not up to us. Things like faith, life and death are not within our control. But as the Psalmist says all creatures depend upon God to feed them at the proper time. And that includes us! If you struggle with delight and creativity, you have permission here to take that right back to God in prayer. As Luther would say: we should rub God's ears in God's promises. Say: "God show up and give me breath! Without it there can be no peace."

*-Pastor Tommy*

## **Church Council Highlights**

Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid River has invited Zion Lutheran Church to attend a 10:30 am Worship Service at the Pavillion in Rapid River on Sunday, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**.

The Worship service will be followed by a picnic!!

Calvary and Zion are presently sharing Pastor Tommy.

Zion, Calvary and a few other Delta County Churches will be in attendance. Our Church Council has accepted this invitation, and we hope you will attend. Because of this,

there will be **NO CHURCH** on Sunday morning, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be the regular 5:00 pm service at Zion on

Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>!. Please try to attend the Service and picnic on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pavillion in Rapid

River.

# Synod Assembly Delegate Report

## Gaige and Chris Cartland

*I planted, Apollos Watered, but God gave the growth.*

This was the theme of the Northern Great Lakes Synod assembly that Chris and I attended along with Pastor Tommy and Jim and Ellie Russey. The assembly began at Bethel Church in Ishpeming, 2 blocks from our home of 16 years. There was good food and good fellowship and some familiar faces we hadn't seen for a while. Following dinner was the service which included the installation ceremony of Rev. Sharolyn Swenson as Assistant to our Synod Bishop.

The following day at NMU, we visited display tables and joined different workshops. These were interesting and insightful and sometimes intense. In one of these sessions, I met a woman who was hired to fill my vacated position at Wabash Tapes in Huntley, Illinois back in 1980. WHAT???! We listened to several speakers in the Grand Ballroom. We also voted on new members of the Synod Council.

That all being said, my main take-away from the Assembly was that the church cycles, like the seasons. As Northern Wisconsin and the UP grew in industry, the influx of workers established new and varied churches, reflecting who they were and where they came from. As time went on and the world changed and we evolved, we are the ones assigned the position of figuring out where we are taking the church in our time.

Most of the Synod churches now (post covid) are seeing congregations of 50 or less congregants attending Sunday workshop and only 5% of us attending church at all. Our pastors are retiring and fewer are being ordained. Our Churches, therefor, are sharing a pastor between 2 or 3 churches. We are experiencing the same situation as most of the other Churches in our Synod. The Pastors are spending more time on the road and balancing the needs of different churches miles apart. The ELCA is not only the Synod and the Pastors, or even the church buildings, but the Holy Spirit that we carry into the world

with us. Even as the world changes, He remains the same.

Yes, the assembly has given me a lot to digest. It helped me to see MY church a little differently. Where I go and share my praise and worship with others of a like mind. Where I sit comfortably with my family and bask in God's holy love. This is my foundation. My church doesn't end here.

Jesus came and taught us how to love and serve each other. He demonstrated the power and dedication of God's love for us even unto death. He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit and commanded the disciples to reach out to the whole world and preach the good news. He commands us with the same Spirit to sow the seeds and to use our time and talents to serve our congregation and community in any way that we have been blessed to do.



## June 8-Pie Social

Make a pie to Auction, and an extra one to share during our Pentecost Pie Social June 8 during Coffee Hour.

Proceeds will benefit Backpack Buddies.



The Zion Quilters will also be donating a Quilt for the Auction with all proceeds going to Backpack Buddies.

(picture for effect-  
not the actual quilt)

## May Noisy Offering

The May Noisy Offering of \$85.00 was given to Backpack Buddies. June's Noisy Offering will go to Northwood's Air Lifeline. The Noisy Offering 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 – 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

December 18, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

	Special	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
<b>May 3&amp;4</b>		14	45	2
<b>May 10/11</b>		9	57	3
<b>May 17/18</b>		11	54	4
<b>May 24/25</b>		12	43	3

## 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 the Williams for removing the downed tree in the parking lot.
- + To the Backpack Buddies crew for assembling and distributing thousands of bags of food to local families over the last year



## Did You Know???

That Zion has a Library of both Fiction and Non-Fiction/Research titles? Hundreds of them? You can always stop in and check it out, along with a book or two!! No card necessary.

## Memorial Donations

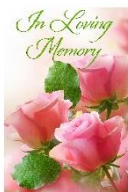
Thank you to those who have donated

### **In memory of Dorothy Ozanich**

To Quilters-Patricia and John Sundbeck

To Memorial Fund-Tom and Carla Flodin

To Funeral Fund-Keith and Lori Flodin



## June's Flower – The Rose

The rose has long been a symbol of love, beauty, and affection. Each color rose holds a different meaning. A red rose means 'I love you' and is a sign of romance; pink represents

happiness and admiration; a white rose symbolizes innocence and purity; orange means desire and excitement; and yellow represents cheer and happiness, although some folklore considered it to mean jealousy. A red and white rose paired together has come to symbolize unity. The Romans viewed roses as a representation of death and rebirth, often planting them at the graves of loved ones.

## June Scripture

**June 1** – Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

**June 8** –Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17[25-27]

**June 15** – Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

**June 22** – Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

**June 29** – Acts 12:1-11, Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7, 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, John 21:15-19

# Those Who Serve in June

## **Lector**

June 1 -Donna Mott  
June 8-Bonnie Moody  
June 15-Gayle Cartland  
June 22-Linda Jones  
June 29 – Chris Cartland

## **Ushers**

Bonnie Moody and Donna Mott

## **Altar Flowers**

June 1-  
June 8  
June 15 – Naomi Fletcher  
June 22  
June 29

## **Bulletin Bread and Wine**

June 1-Fred and Laurie Nauman  
June 8 – Lila Panek  
June 15  
June 22  
June 29 – The Levin Family

## **Acolyte**

June 1-  
June 8-  
June 15 – Kristen Lamb  
June 22 – Nicholas Gauthier  
June 29 -

## **Communion Assistant**

June 1 – Linda Mason  
June 8 – Sheila Clark  
June 15– Kim Lamb  
June 22– Julie Gauthier  
June 29 – Linda Levin

## **Counters**

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