



Zion Lutheran Church

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The Beacon

March 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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Teddy Nelson

Kathy Peterson

Mike Jarski

John Barry

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March Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm and Thursday from 9 am to 11:30 am. **If you have questions, concerns or are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Tommy Richter 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.

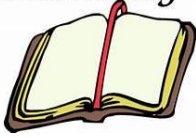
PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Beginning March 2 Sunday service will begin at 11:00 am with Coffee hour to follow.



**March 9—don't forget to
move your clocks AHEAD
one hour!!!**

Bible Study

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Every 2nd and 4th Monday beginning at 6:30 pm in Augustana Hall. This year's study will focus on Luther's Large Catechism.

Lenten Season Begins



Lent begins in March, starting with Shrove Tuesday on March 4. The following dates will lead you on the path to Easter:

March 4-Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper beginning at 5:30

March 5-Ash Wednesday

Receive the Ashes at 12:00 noon

March 12-Soup Supper at 6:00

Lenten service at 7:00

March 19- Soup Supper at 6:00

Lay-Lead Lenten service at 7:00

Lead by-Clyde Johnson and Gayle Cartland

March 26- Soup Supper at 6:00

Lenten service at 7:00

Pastor's Message



When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous. Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a

multitude of nations.... As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. -Genesis 17:1-5&15

Hello, allow me to reintroduce myself. I have two occasions for doing so. The first, is that I am now entering into a new covenant with you and a new position as your half time pastor. Previously, I was Pastor Tommy Richter, full time pastor at Zion, and Administrative Interim at Calvary Rapid River. That position is mine no longer. I am now half-time pastor of both Zion Lutheran Church and half-time pastor at Calvary Rapid River, and it is my honor to serve you in this new role. There will be a lot of changes for both of us as we get used to this new arrangement, and so I ask your grace and forgiveness as we stretch and grow together and iron out all the bumps along the way. I appreciate your support as we try out this new shared ministry agreement and imagine together all the ways we can be church together.

The second occasion for me to reintroduce myself is: concurrent with (but not actually because of) this new covenant I also have a new name. I am Pastor Tommy Richter no longer. Well, technically, Richter is still my middle name, and most people call me by my first name anyway, which hasn't changed. So, if you refer to me by my old name, you will not be making a factual error, just an error of incompleteness. Grace abounds! Anyway, on the occasion of our tenth anniversary this past August 23rd, my wife and I started the long, expensive, and convoluted legal process of changing our last name. It has only now finally come to fruition as of our court date this year on Valentine's Day eve (February 13th) that it is finally official. Astute observers might have picked up that my kids did not have the same last name as me. Instead, they have our family name which we now all legally share. This also is a good and well-ordered thing for us to do, as my eldest Zephyr will soon be school age, and it will make things so much simpler with the pick-up and drop-off process if the parent picking her up has the same last name as she does.

What is this new name you may ask? My name is now Pastor Tommy Wimsae. (Pronounced Whim-zay) Wimsae is the family name my wife and I chose at our wedding a decade ago, it is the last name of both of our children, and it is a whimsical misspelling of the word Whimsy. The actual covenant renewal that this name change signifies is about my love and commitment to my wife and children, and it feels really good to finally round out the family under one name that is very uniquely our own. Please celebrate with us! I am celebrating first and foremost with a new e-mail address. My old one, Pastor.TommyRichter@gmail.com still works, but emailing me to my first and middle names is no longer preferred. So my new e-mail is: Pastor.Wimsae@gmail.com
It is nice to re-meet you!

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Church Council Highlights

December 17 , 2024

- + Reports of Treasurer, Financial Treasurer, Pastor all approved
- + Voted to pay balance of benevolence to Synod
- +Hired a snow-shoveler for walkways

January 21, 2025

- + Reports of Treasurer, Financial Treasurer, Pastor all approved
- + Assistant Bishop Sharolyn Swenson will lead worship on Feb 2
- +Proposed Shared Ministry Agreement with Calvary Rapid River approved to present to Annual Meeting
- +Adopted Shared Ministry Budget

+Awarded bid to UP Handyman to complete renovations in Men's Restroom
+Connor Noble will be taking over snow shoveling
+Annual meeting set for February 9. Approved Resolutions to be included in annual report and thanked Nominating Committee for all their hard work.



Lenten services begin March 12. Our Shared Ministry Agreement with Calvary Lutheran Church tells us that we will have March 19 and April 2 Lenten services guided by Lay Leaders. If you are interested in being a Lay Leader, please contact Pastor Tommy for instruction. There is also a sign-up sheet in Augustana Hall.

February Noisy Offering

The February Noisy Offering of \$93.00 was given to the Scout Troops 400 and 401. March's Noisy Offering will go to CBC. 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 meet on Thursday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Augustana Hall.

Backpack Buddies

The Backpack Buddies program will be distributing food bags on Thursday, March 27 from 2:30 – 4:30. All children ages 0-18, are eligible to receive food. Please pass the word!

Monetary donations or donations of food are always needed!

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 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| February 1/2 | 5 | 42 | 3 |
| February 8/9 | 4 | 51 | 4 |
| February 15/16 | 10 | 40 | 5 |
| February 22/23 | 9 | 40 | 4 |
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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

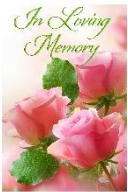
Due to the generosity of our members, we will be ordering flowers for the Altar each week. Flowers will be automatically delivered. If you have signed up for flowers, a \$35 donation to the Floral Fund is requested, and you will not have to contact the florist unless you have specific requests.



Notes of Thanks

+ Dear Zion Church Family-Thank you very much for supporting our Scouts with the Noisy Offering donation! We appreciate your amazing support. Sincerely, Troops 400 and 401-Beckett, Ash, Dayne, Krista, Micah, Brandon, Alan, and others.

+ On behalf of the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation, thank you so much for your Noisy Offering gift of \$38.62. We are truly grateful for your support. Your contribution, no matter the size, makes a real difference in our community. -Alyssa Swanson, President, SCCF



Memorial Donations

Thank you to those who have donated in memory of loved ones

In memory of Dorothy Ozanich
Jean Selling



The **Daffodil**, the birth flower of March, is a vibrant symbol of renewal and new beginnings, often associated with the arrival of spring. It signifies rebirth, growth, and the potential for new cycles in life. Its bright yellow hue radiates joy and hope, encouraging us to let go of the past and embrace change. Daffodils remind us that every ending is a new beginning, promoting positivity and transformation.

March Scripture

March 2- Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corin 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

March 9- Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1,2,9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-3

March 16- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Phillipians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

March 23- Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corin 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

March 30- Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corin 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Those Who Serve in January

Lector

March 2- Ruth Jones
March 9- Julie Gauthier
March 16- Chris Cartland
March 23
March 30

Ushers

Linda Levin and Ruth Jones

Altar Flowers

March 2 -Tom and Carla Flodin
March 9 Clyde Johnson in memory of Doris Johnson
March 16 Lynda Jones in honor of Elidi's Birthday
March 23
March 30

Bulletin Bread and Wine

March 2-Fred and Laurie Nauman
March 9
March 16
March 23- Dorothy Brandstrom
March 30

Acolyte

March 2 -
March 9 – Michael Lamb
March 16 – Kristin Lamb
March 23 – Nicholas Gauthier
March 30-

Communion Assistant

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March 23 – Julie Gauthier
March 30-Linda Levin

Counters

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