



Zion Lutheran Church

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The Beacon

May 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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May Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00 am-12:00 pm and Thursday from 9 am to 11:30 am. The office will be **CLOSED** on 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!

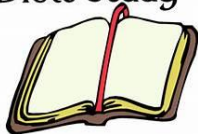
Saturday 5 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

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



Every 2nd and 4th Monday beginning at 6:30 pm in Augustana Hall. This year's study will focus on Luther's Large Catechism. **Exception: No Study**

on May 26-Memorial Day.

Pastor's Message

Pastor Tommy is on vacation until May 8. If you are in need of Pastoral Care, Pastor Eleanor Russey will be available. Please call the office at **906-341-5427**.

I praise you, O God, because you raised me up and kept my enemies from gloating over me. I cried to you for help, Lord, my God, and you healed me. You brought me back from the realm of the dead, Lord, you spared me from going down into the pit. Sing to the Lord, you who love God! Praise God's Holy Name! The Lord's anger is fleeting, but God's favor endures forever. There may be tears during the night, but joy comes in the morning. -Psalm 30:1-5

Hallelujah Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed, Hallelujah! There is a peculiar modern idea that holidays are only ever single days long. If we do celebrate them longer than a day it is in the days leading up to the holiday that we mark off, like the entire month of December for Christmas, and then once the festival day comes we consider that the end of it and move on with our lives. However, this counting up to a single day and then abandoning things once that day is past is not how the church celebrates things. We celebrate things with seasons that begin from the day and count onward after it. This is why people are always surprised when I tell them Happy Easter this time of year.

We are too used to our holidays being in single day (and thus very miss-able) chunks. Perhaps it is a side-effect of our consumer culture that we are so quick to discard things after they arrive. It's gotten so bad, that there's even a Taylor Swift song that has a lyric which says "we can leave our Christmas lights up until January" as if that was a rebellious self-defining thing to do. But if you are truly celebrating Christmas, you should ALWAYS leave your lights up until January at the very least, because the

season doesn't end until Epiphany on January 6th. In the same way, Easter is not just a single day that happens every year on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. It is a season that lasts for a full week of Sundays, or about fifty days total! So, for those folks out there who profess to be *chreesters* or Christmas and Easter Christians—that only show up to Church for those two festivals—they owe us a lot more Sundays than the two they have been giving us. For Christmas is usually about two Sundays, and Easter has seven.

The psalm for the third Sunday of Easter emphasizes an even longer, daily and all year long celebration of the Easter promises. Each day we die to sin, and are raised again to new life by the enduring and relentless love of God. See, we might try to discard God's festivals as if they were single day things that we can do once and then forget. But God doesn't deal with us that way. God sees us as more than single use objects. God never tires of lifting us up when we fall down, and even when we have long nights and when we are rolling around in our grave, God persistently shows up and sticks around for season after season to bring us new mornings, and new joy. God stands beside us in our times of adversity and gives us strength, encouragement, and healing. God will not discard us after a day into the pit, but is constantly sparing us and returning us to the chorus of the song.

-Pastor Tommy Wimsae

Church Council Highlights

March 18, 2025

- +Reviewed Holy Week Services. Easter Sunrise at 7:00 am at Lakeview Cemetery
- +Shrove Pancake Supper, Lenten Soup Suppers and Easter Breakfast were finalized.
- +Voted to have UP Handy Man replace the breezeway all to include demolition and removal/disposal of all old materials.
- +Suggested asking Sheila Clark to place library books in

Augustana for Display so members know we have a library.

+Will not renew contract with Conner Noble for next snow season

+Next Council meeting April 15 at 6:00 pm

April 15, 2025

+Reviewed services for Easter week.

+Easter Breakfast April 20 at 9:00 am

+UP Handyman to be scheduled to replace breezeway wall. Men's restroom needs painting, new sink. Elevator needs new drywall and painting.

+Pentecost Pie Social June 8 to be open to the public. 100% of proceeds go to Backpack Buddies. Mother's Day Coffee Hour will also go to Backpack Buddies.

+Nominating Linda Levin for 2025 Folkfest Hero.

+Meeting with Calvary to discuss Shared Ministry to be scheduled in June.



Save the Date!! Pentecost Pie Social and Auction June 8 during Coffee Hour

Bake your best pie and share it with friends and family during Coffee Hour on June 8. Bake an extra pie to auction off during the Social. Proceeds will benefit Backpack Buddies.

March Noisy Offering

The April Noisy Offering of \$73.61 was given to Answer the Call. May's Noisy Offering will go to Backpack Buddies. 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, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Augustana Hall. **The Joy Circle will be on Summer Break through the months of June, July and August.**

Backpack Buddies



Backpack Buddies program will be distributing food bags on Thursday, May 29 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! **Your donations would help more as we approach the summer break and as local resources dwindle for our low-income families.**

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
March 29/30		13	14	13
April 2	22			
April 5/6		7	46	6
April 9	21			
April 12/13		12	44	7
April 17	20			
April 18	34			1
April 19/20		21	76	3
April 26/27		11	40	2

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 everyone who provided Soups, Breads and Desserts for Lenten Soup Suppers, and to all who contributed to Easter Breakfast, we thank you all.



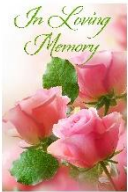
To our Lay Leaders, Gayle Cartland and Clyde Johnson, who led services during Lent on Wednesdays.



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 loved ones

In Memory of **Don Desautel** to honor his Birthday by Betty DeSautel to the Quilters and Memorial Funds



Easter Plants and Floral Fund Donations

- +In memory of Loved Ones by Teddy E. Nelson
- +80th Anniversary of Lutheran World Relief by Jim and Ellie Russey
- +In honor of son Geoff by Ken and Bonnie Groh
- +In memory of Loved Ones by Darryl and Kathy Peterson
- +In memory of our Parents by Mike and Kaye Jarski
- +In memory of my Parents by Naomi Fletcher
- +In memory of Pat Cartland and in Honor of Doris Johnson by Chris and Gayle Cartland
- +In memory of Elmer and Jean Flodin, Roy Laux and George Cole by Tom and Carla Flodin
- +In memory of Doug and Alison Johnson and Doris Johnson by Lynda Jones
- +By Sheila Clark
- +In memory of Karin Sjogren and Elsa Couch by Anna Sjogren
- +In memory of Bob Panek by Lila Panek
- +In memory of Loved Ones by the Gauthier Family
- +In memory of Charles Miske by Cyndee Miske



May's Flower is the Lily of the Valley. This flower has been associated with motherhood, sweetness, purity, and humility. It signifies a return to happiness, likely due to its time of bloom and the anticipation of summer.

In Christian lore, Lily-of-the-valley came to be from Eve's tears after she was expelled from the Garden of Eden. It has also been said that Lily-of-the-valley sprouted from the tears of Mary at the site of Christ's crucifixion.

The Mustard Seed

Parables are often described as earthly stories with heavenly meanings. Jesus used these stories that took what His disciples and followers knew to be true and helped them understand a new concept.

In this parable, the mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds on earth; however, when it grows, it becomes a large sprawling plant and it attracts birds to nest in the branches. The mustard seed represents the Kingdom of God that Jesus brings into the world. He says that just as something small grows into something large, the Kingdom of God will grow into something immense. Jesus started His ministry by Himself and attracted twelve disciples. Little by little, more people began following Him, growing the Kingdom of God. Just look at how large Christianity has grown today! The Kingdom of God can also grow in each one of us. When we put our trust and faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit will help us to produce good spiritual fruit.

May Scripture

May 4: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

May 11: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

May 18: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

May 25: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

Those Who Serve in May

Lector

May 4-Brian Nelson
May 11-Lynda Jones
May 18-Kathy Peterson
May 25-Chris Cartland

Ushers

Teddy Nelson and Kathy Peterson

Altar Flowers

May 4-
May 11-Lynda Jones in memory of Doris Johnson
May 18-
May 25-Dan and Kathy McDonough in memory of Fallen
Military and in Honor of Our Troops

Bulletin Bread and Wine

May 4-Fred and Laurie Naumann
May 11-Lois Bentley
May 18-Lois Bentley
May 25-Dan and Kathy McDonough

Acolyte

May 4-
May 11- Michael Lamb
May 18- Kristin Lamb
May 25- Nicholas Gauthier

Communion Assistant

May 4 – Linda Mason
May 11 – Sheila Clark
May 18– Kim Lamb
May 25– Julie Gauthier

Counters

Kathy Peterson and Jo-Nell Berger

Coffee Hour

May 11-Backpack Buddies

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