



Zion Lutheran Church

435 Oak Street
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The Beacon

February 2026 Newsletter

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship in person & Via Zoom

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Office Hours

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Normal office hours are now Monday-Thursday 9:00 – 12:00 noon. The office will be **CLOSED** on Fridays. Office hours are now included on the Calendar enclosed in each month's newsletter. **If you have questions, concerns or are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Duehring at 906-251-0247.**

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 1-305-2241968 and enter the following ID# **95619440999**, Passcode 49854.

Presiding Ministers

Subject to Change

Jan 31/Feb 1	Reverend Eleanor Russey
Feb 7/8	Reverend Eleanor Russey
Feb 14/15	Reverend Ellie Russey
Feb 18-Ash Wed.	Reverend James Duehring
Feb 21/22	Reverend James Duehring
Feb 28/Mar 1	Reverend James Duehring

From the



Pastor's desk

PASTOR'S NOTES

Jim Duehring, Administrative Interim for Zion Lutheran, Manistique



Ash Wednesday, February 18 is the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday worship will remind us of our own mortality—"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Lent has a long history in the Christian tradition. It was probably originally a time of preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. People interested in embracing the Christian faith would be trained in the teachings of Christ and the church. The culmination would be a baptism during the Easter Vigil. Lent is traditionally associated as a time of repentance, giving of alms, works of charity, and deeper reflection on the depth of suffering that our Lord went through because of love. It's a time to go deeper. Examine your commitment to following Christ. Probe your soul and the deeper questions of meaning.

Pastor Ellie and I will present a 5-part Lent sermon series on faith practices for baptized Christians. Those faith practices are:

1. To live among God's faithful people
2. To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper
3. To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
4. To serve all people, following the example of Jesus
5. To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

For 5 Wednesdays during Lent, you are invited to a noon soup lunch and study, "**God and Suffering; Grief and Gratitude.**" For three of the sessions we will utilize a book, Where is God in My Suffering? by Daniel J. Simundson.

And, for two of the sessions, I will be sharing a video from Lutherans on the Prairie (Western North Dakota Synod) about the inspiring faith story of my first wife, Cindy, who died at age 36. There will be a sign-up list for volunteers to provide soup and bread for these noon lunches. Feel free to bring a friend! Contact me if you have any questions.

Here's a summary of the Lenten season and Holy Week:

- **Ash Wednesday**, February 18, 12noon **AND** 7pm
- **Lenten Lunches and Study**, February 25; March 4,11,18,25
- **Palm Sunday**, March 29 at 11am
- **Maundy Thursday**, April 2
- **Good Friday Ecumenical worship**, April 3 hosted by Zion at 1pm
- **Good Friday worship** at Zion, April 3 at 5pm
- **Easter Vigil**, Saturday, April 4 at 5pm
- **Easter Sunday Festive Worship**, April 5 at 11am

A blessed Lenten journey to you as we remember the depths of Christ's love and examine our own lives of faith in response to that amazing grace!

Clinging to the cross of Christ,
Interim Pastor Jim Duehring

Important Dates

February 8: Annual meeting immediately following Service with Potluck luncheon

February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper beginning at 5:00 pm. Signup for attendance posted in Augustana Hall

February 18: Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

Wednesdays of Lent: 12:00 pm Soup LUNCHEON. We are trying something new this year. Please consider joining us for these Lenten services. Dates are **Feb 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25**. There is a sheet to sign up for soup, bread or desserts posted in Augustana Hall

March 1: We would like to invite you to join us on Sunday March 1st, 2026 @ 11:00 am where Rev. Jim Duehring, Interim Pastor, Zion's **Transition team** and Church Council will lead our first Faith Ventures Congregational Event in Augustana Hall. This event will include Worship Service with Communion and a homestyle brunch provided by our Church Council. It will also include a table talk which will give us all as a congregation the opportunity to be heard with constructive nonjudgemental conversation.



January Noisy Offering

The December Noisy Offering of \$78.23 was given to Schoolcraft County Community Action. February's Noisy Offering will go to Scouting America-Troops 400/401. The Noisy Offering is collected on the third weekend of each month.

Church Council Update

Dec. 16

- +All Reports approved
- +Thank you from EBAS for noisy offering. Fortune Lake reminds us there is something for everyone at camp
- +Transition Team report presented
- +Ahlstrom and Endowment Funds expenditures approved by Council.

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 meets Feb 12, 2026 at 10:00 am



Men and Food

You are invited to a hearty breakfast meal at Zion Lutheran

Saturday-February 21-10:00 am

Zion men and friends are welcome!

There is a sign-up sheet in Augustana Hall so we can prepare enough food

Backpack Buddies

Monetary donations or donations of food are always needed! **Your donations would help more as local resources dwindle for our low-income families with children in Schoolcraft County under age 18.**



Dates for the year:

February 26, 2026

March 26, 2026

April 23, 2026

May 28, 2026

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
Dec 24		114	2
Dec 27/28	12	42	1
Jan 3&4	7	52	5
Jan 10/11	7	55	7
Jan 17/18	9	44	5
Jan 24/25	11	41	5

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.

Sign-Up Sheets

Sign Up



Sign-up sheets for Altar flowers, Bulletin, Bread & Wine, Coffee Hours and offering counters have been posted for 2026. 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.



Memorial Donations

We thank the following for their memorial contributions:

Memorial Fund:

Donna Gauthier in memory of John Gauthier



February Scripture

Feb 1 Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

Feb 8 Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 12:1-9 [10], 1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16], Matthew 5:13-20

Feb 15 Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Feb 22 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-17, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

First Communion Classes

Pastor Duehring is willing to teach First Communion classes to anyone who is interested. Those wishing to take First Communion are welcome as well as anyone who wishes to review our Lutheran understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please contact him at 906-251-0247

Fortune Lake

Fortune Lake camp registrations are now open. Register by March 5 and receive a \$40 discount off full-week and \$25 off half-week programs. Forms are posted in Augustana Hall.

Those Who Serve in January

Lector

Feb 1-Kathy Peterson
Feb 8-Julie Gauthier
Feb 15-Naomi Fletcher
Feb 22-Kay MacGregor

Ushers

Cyndee Miske and John Barry

Altar Flowers

Feb 1
Feb 8-Naomi Fletcher in memory of Parents
Feb 15
Feb 22

Bulletin Bread and Wine

Feb 1-Fred and Laurie Nauman
Feb 8
Feb 15-Doris Ribblet
Feb 22

Acolyte

Feb 1-
Feb 8-
Feb 15- Kristen Lamb
Feb 22- Nicholas Gauthier

Communion Assistant

Feb 1 – Linda Mason
Feb 8 – Sheila Clark
Feb 15-Kim Lamb
Feb 22– Julie Gauthier

Counters

Mary Ansell and Dorothy Brandstrom

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