



Zion Lutheran Church

435 Oak Street
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The Beacon

April 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

NEW SPRING HOURS

Normal office hours are now Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 – 12:00 noon. The office will be **CLOSED** on Tuesday and Friday. Office hours are now included on the Calendar enclosed in each month's newsletter. Please call ahead to make sure office is open due to scheduling conflicts. **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

April 2-Maundy Thurs	Pastor Jim Duehring
April 3-Good Friday	Pastor Jim Duehring
April 4-Easter Vigil	Pastor Jim Duehring
April 5-Easter Sunday	Pastor Jim Duehring
April 11/12	Pastor Jim Duehring
April 18/19	Pastor Steve Solberg
April 25/26	Pastor Eleanor Russey

From the Pastor



Pastor's Ponderings

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 NIV

Economic uncertainty, wars, unemployment, political discord, strident and vicious public discourse, bullying in our schools, addictions claiming the best of people's lives, the breakdown of the moral fiber...troubles abound all over our tired world.

How are you holding up? What questions are you asking? Are you still praying or have you given up praying? Are you too numb to feel any of this pain in the world? Like you I have lots of questions too. I don't know what major world events will next appear on our TV screens or computer monitors.

I don't predict the price of gold or gas or that gallon of milk we buy at the local grocery. I don't know much, so I have to live on faith. I believe there is much strength in returning to the great story of God and the amazing length that God went to demonstrate love towards us.

This month of April, during Holy Week, we read and sing and rehearse those events of Jesus, the Christ, and his suffering, death, and resurrection.

This story is the pivot point for all of Christendom. It's our story to embrace. It's a story we need to hear again. No substitutes would suffice.

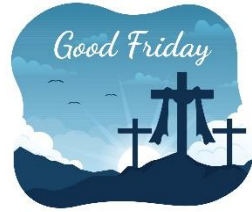
I invite you to partake in the story of God's love and hope for this cracked and sin-stained world.

Easter Week Celebrations



Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7PM Worship recalling Jesus' commandment to love, the sharing of Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

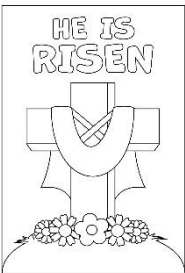
Good Friday, April 3 at 1PM The Manistique Ecumenical Good Friday Worship hosted by Zion Lutheran. Various churches come together to remember the passion of Christ.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 3 at 7PM Yet another worship opportunity on Good Friday at Zion. We will witness the diminishing candlelight during this service of "shadows" as we deeply reflect on Christ's sacrifice.



Easter Vigil, April 4 at 5PM An ancient service that moves from darkness to light as the church retells God's saving story and celebrates the resurrection of Christ, the light of the world.



Easter Morning, April 5 at 11AM Join your fellow worshipers as we sing out loud and strong---"Jesus Christ is Risen Today". We surely could use that greatest of news report ever made. We also celebrate a baptism!

God bless us all with much saving grace.

Pastor Jim, Administrative Interim



Church Council Plea



On the morning of February 17th and into the early morning of the 18th, a windstorm caused damage to the south side of our belltower. Our insurance company was contacted and a claim was filed.

The estimated cost for repair is \$6,318.66. That amount is less than our deductible, and therefore the claim was denied. The repair work must be done and we will be responsible for the total cost of the repair.

The Church Council is making arrangements to have this work done as soon as possible. A situation like this is unanticipated, unbudgeted, and unfortunate. Could you help with the cost of this repair project?

We are asking that you please consider making a donation to the repair of the wind damage of the bell tower. Any consideration you can give to this request would be greatly appreciated.

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 April 9, 2026 at 10:00 am



Men and Food

Our 4th meeting this year will be held Saturday, **April 18th** at 10:00 am. Breakfast will be served! Pat Lamb will be making a presentation about Carmeuse "the Past, the Present and

the Future". Carmeuse is one of the largest employers in our area, and this presentation promises to be interesting and informative. We are hoping for a good attendance, so be sure to sign up on the sheet in Augustana Hall.



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:

April 23, 2026

May 28, 2026

March Noisy Offering



The March Noisy Offering amount was not available at the time of publication, but will be given to CBC. April's Noisy Offering will go to Answer the Call-a fund to encourage and support Seminarian Students. The Noisy Offering is collected on the third weekend of each month.

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
Feb 28/Mar 1	8	53	
March 7/8	10	46	6
March 14/15	20	CANCELLED	
March 21/22	8	51	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 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:

In memory of Harold Herlick (Kaye Jarski's brother)
by Lois Hoholik

Quilters:

In memory of Judy Pavlot by Liz Macklem



April Scripture

April 2-Maundy Thursday-Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14,
Psalm 16:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17,
31b-35

April 3-Good Friday-Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22,
Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

April 5-Easter-Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,
Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 18:1-10

April 12-Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, Luke
24:13-35

April 19-Acts 2:14a- 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter
1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

April 26-Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John
10:1-10



When we share our hopes and dreams with our heavenly Father and cement our friendship with God by making time for Him in our daily lives, He will stitch joy into our lives.

From The Quilt o Life-

A Patchwork of Devotional Thoughts



Easter Flowers

Given in honor and memory by:

+Mike and Kaye Jarski in memory of
Harold Herlich

+Darryl and Kathy Peterson in memory
of Loved Ones

+Paster Ellie and Jim Russey in memory
of Virginia Russey

+Kim and Pat Lamb to honor Easter

+Linda Levin in memory of Pastor

Ingmar and Betty Levin

+Teddy Nelson in honor of Loved Ones

+Bonnie Moody in memory of Roy and Lillian Moody

+Naomi Fletcher in memory of Loved Ones

+Lila Panek in memory of Bob Panek

+Donna Gauthier and Family in memory of Elsie Fleck and
Ruth Gauthier



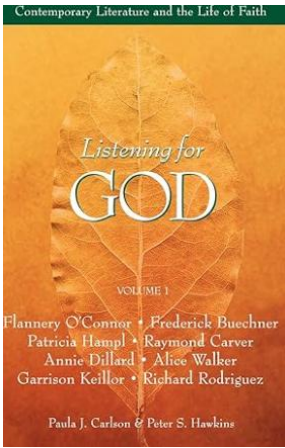
First Communion Classes

Pastor Duehring is willing to teach First
Communion classes to anyone who is
interested. Dates are Saturdays-April
11, April 18 and May 2, all at 1:00 pm.

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

Book Study Listening for God



Gayle Cartland will be leading a Book Study on the title "Listening for God-Volume 1".

Please join us Monday April 13 at 6:00 pm, continuing on April 27, May 11th and May 25th, at 6:00 pm

Listening for God is a resource intended to help readers investigate how life and faith merge in surprising ways and places. The authors lead a tour through contemporary American literature to show how God is discovered in unpredictable locations.

If you would like to order the book, please use the sign-up sheet in Augustana Hall, or call Gayle at 906-235-2469 or email her at gcartland@charter.net.

SNEAK PEAK!!!!



Pies for Pentecost is schedule for **May 31** during Coffee Hour!!!! Think about your favorite pie to share and one to auction for World Hunger and Backpack Buddies!!!!



Word of the Day (March 25): Annunciation

Annunciation

an·nun·ci·a·tion /əˌnən(t)sēˈāʃhən/

Noun

1. the announcement made by the angel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive and bear Jesus

"The **Annunciation** reminds us that God is always with us, even in the most ordinary moments of our lives."

- Father James Martin, S.J. (1960 -)

2. an announcement, a declaration

"Nostalgia is not an immersion in the past, nostalgia is the first **annunciation** that the past as we know it is coming to an end."

- David Whyte (1955 -)

The Feast of the **Annunciation**, traditionally observed on March 25 within Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions, commemorates the moment in the Gospel of Luke when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear Jesus.

The word **annunciation** comes from the Latin *annuntiationem*, meaning "announcement". It shares this root with words like enunciate and pronounce.

Source: The Dictionary Project



Featuring our own Darren Hicks

Manistique Handbell Choir

APRIL 12
AT 3 PM

The First Baptist Church

Special Performance By
Darren Hicks
on the marimba

DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED

Those Who Serve in April

Lector

April 5-Kaye Jarski
April 12-Gloria McGuire
April 19-Peggy Williams
April 26-Bonnie Moody

Ushers

Mike Jarski and Teddy Nelson

Altar Flowers

April 5-Pastor Ellie and Jim Russey
April 12
April 19
April 26

Bulletin Bread and Wine

April 5-Lila Panek in memory of Bob Panek
April 12-Doris Ribblet
April 19-Lila Panek in memory of Bob Panek
April 26-Lila Panek in memory of Bob Panek

Acolyte

April 5
April 12
April 19-Kristen Lamb
April 26-Nicholas Gauthier

Communion Assistant

April 5 – Linda Mason
April 12– Sheila Clark
April 19-Kim Lamb
April 26- Julie Gauthier

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