



Zion Lutheran Church

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The Beacon

June 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 SUMMER HOURS

Normal office hours are now Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 – 12:00 noon. The office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, 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

June 6-7	Roland Jacobson (No communion)
June 13-14	Gisele Duehring
June 20-21	Eleanor Russey
June 27-28	James Duehring

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Pastor Jim's Ponderings for June 2026

Martin Luther said something along the lines of— *"I have a lot to do today, therefore, the first things I must do is pray!"*

If we are Christian and are facing a lot to do, we would do well to pray first! There are so many prayer and devotional resources out there. The key is to intentionally pick one! Zion Lutheran offers various prayer and devotional materials. And, there are plenty of online resources. I have even used a devotional base on the characteristics of dogs—Dog Psalms.

Our Northern Great Lakes Synod offers an online devotional resource, "Prayfaithfully".

: www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully

Lay and clergy volunteers throughout the synod commit to writing one week of devotionals. Perhaps you too might be inspired to write such devotionals! Contact Betsy Koski at the synod office for more information.

To give you an example of this devotional resource, I offer the devotional below which was written by Vicar Sarah Sleeter who serves Christ the King Lutheran of Escanaba and Faith Lutheran of Rock.

Text: I Corinthians 3:6

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

When I was younger, we moved from Iron Mountain, MI to San Antonio, TX for two years. Iron Mountain is very different from San Antonio. The two cities are different in size, cultural diversity, climate, and many other ways. To say I was overwhelmed would be a gross understatement. It was a shock entering a high school that was referred to as a "campus" with multiple buildings. I felt like a very small, insignificant speck in the large world. I was lost, disconnected, and felt very

alone, but I survived.

If you fast forward about 30 years, I found out those feelings of isolation and insecurity were growing edges which God was smoothing out. I enrolled in Wartburg Seminary and had a class that offered a chance for me to return to Texas. I was expecting to go to areas near the border with Mexico as it was a cross-cultural class concentrating on immigration and border areas. I still don't really know how or why the class ended up going to San Antonio, but I know why God brought me there. I toured the Alamo several times when I lived there, so when the class went to visit, I sat outside by myself to take some time to gather my thoughts. As I sat watching people, I began to remember my time in high school. There were many good memories, but also some residual feelings of isolation, fear, and anxiety. At that moment, God's Spirit spoke to me from within.

I realized the contrast of my younger feeling of being alone versus my current choice to take time to myself. In all of that, I was never really alone. God was with me right there as I sat quietly and God had been there when I struggled through the experience of my teenage years in San Antonio. The voice of the Spirit was so loud, I looked around to hear if anyone else had heard it. The Spirit of God rejoiced as it finally opened my mind to see and hear God say, "I am with you and have always been with you. I am with you in good times, bad times, and challenging times. I love you and wanted you to grow stronger and braver for my future plans for you."

I have grown stronger and braver, but mostly God has grown my faith to equip me with exactly the right amount of courage, wisdom, and strength to face each situation knowing I am not alone. God is with me and with you throughout our whole life and will not leave us even in death.

We pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of supporting

us through difficult growing edges. You have created each person as your temple and your Spirit dwells inside our hearts. Strengthen those who feel alone, afraid, or isolated and build up their faith in you. Amen.

Thank you Vicar Sarah for sharing this devotional as part of the synod's Prayfaithfully online resource. I encourage all members and friends of Zion Lutheran to check out this Prayfaithfully devotional and utilize it daily in prayer and meditation.

May your time in prayer and meditation be a blessing to you!

-Pastor Jim

Church Bell Tower-Update



We have had some difficulty in securing a qualified contractor to do this work. Recently, we secured the services of a local contractor that is qualified and able to take on this project. The work will be done in the middle of July. The congregation is generously responding to our appeal for help with this project, and this is sincerely appreciated. Something new in 2026-some givers may be able to deduct charitable gifts even if they take the standard deduction and do not itemize. We encourage you to consult your tax advisor to learn how this may apply to you.

Thank you

Parking Lot Update



The parking lot is in poor condition and in need of repair. It has been neglected for a long time, and it has been a source of concern for everyone, including the Church Council.

After researching the matter, the Council accepted a bid from Ryan Hoffman of UP Seal Coating in Gulliver to

re-surface the lot.

The widest cracks will be cleaned out and repaired, and two coats of seal coating will be applied over the entire parking lot surface. The lot will then be re-striped.

The bid accepted was for \$15,950. 50% of the cost will be paid from the Parsonage account, and 50% from the Endowment Fund. The Council is grateful for the opportunity to address this problem at this time.

-Property Committee

Synod Assembly Report

The Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS) Assembly met May 16, 2026 in a hybrid/zoom format and attendees met at a designated site within their conference. The Assembly was then conducted via Zoom.

Ken and Bonnie Groh, along with Pastor Jim Duehring, participated in the Assembly at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba.

A large portion of the Assembly consisted of routine, required business matters, with the remainder of the activity being primarily reports from various Synod officials including the Bishop, Assistant to the Bishop, Synod Vice-President, Synod Secretary, Synod Treasurer and more.

Elections were held and budgets were approved for the 2026 and 2027 years. The Synods financial position is improving.

We heard many reports about both new and existing programs being sponsored by the Synod.

We appreciate the energy, enthusiasm and resources that we received from the NGLS. A great deal of information about the 2026 Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly is available at the NGLS website @nglsynod.org. Check it out!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to represent Zion Lutheran Church at the 2026 Synod Assembly.

-Ken and Bonnie Groh

Pies for Pentecost



Pies for Pentecost is schedule for **June 7** during Coffee Hour!!!! Bring your favorite pie to share and one to auction for World Hunger and Backpack Buddies!!!! Quilters are also donating quilts for the auction.

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 the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am and is on hiatus through the summer. Next meeting is in September.



Men and Food

Men and Food will be back in September. Watch this newsletter and the Augustana Hall bulletin board for updates.

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.**



Resumes on August 27

Monday Zion Quilters



The Monday Zion Quilters will be taking a break for the summer. Monday-June 1 will be the last meeting for the season with a cutting bee and potluck luncheon. Our leader, Mary Ansell, could use your prayers during her time of healing.



May Noisy Offering

May's Noisy Offering to Backpack Buddies was \$173.31. June's Noisy Offering will go to Northwood's Air Lifeline. The Noisy Offering is collected on the third weekend of each month.

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
May 2/3	8	48	2
May 9/10	9	61	4
May 16/17	7	62	5
May 23/24	13	45	3

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.

Sign Up



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:

In memory of Jeanne Gunderson:

Cyrus and Betty DeSautel to Quilters

Jim and Deb Gundersen to Memorial Fund

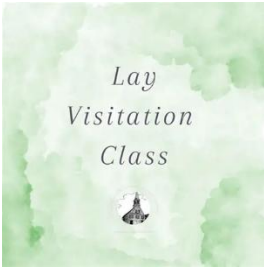
Christine Hawley to Memorial Fund

In memory of Judy Pomeroy

Lois Hoholik to Memorial Fund

In memory of Steve Decker-son of Merl and Jerry Decker

Doris Ribblet to the Bell Tower Restoration Fund



Do you enjoy talking to people and being a listening and caring presence?

Pastor Jim would like to offer a Lay Visitation Class for you.

What would be involved?

1. You would receive a couple of trainings and orientations with Pastor Jim
2. We would devise a plan on how to implement your lay visits

We already have a couple of Zion members doing Eucharist Ministry by delivering Home Communion to our shut-ins and people in nursing homes. This Lay Visitation Team would likely be separate from a Eucharistic Ministry. You may simply wish to do visitation without bringing along the "Holy Communion kits", or you may wish to do both. Pastor Jim is willing to offer training for both.

Prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate on a Lay Visitation Team. Contact Pastor Jim sometime this summer. Plans are to have these classes sometime this fall.

God bless you!

Pastor Jim Duehring 906-251-0247

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Flowers given for Pentecost

+Mary and Don Davidson in memory of our parents

+Chris and Gayle Cartland in honor of Clyde Johnson and in memory of parents Doris, Skip and Pat

+Pam Aldrich in memory of Razy Tufnell

+Tom and Clara Flodin in memory of loved ones

+Mike and Kaye Jarski in memory of loved ones

+Teddy Nelson in memory of loved ones

+Sheila Clark

+Bonnie Moody in memory of Roy and Lillian Moody
+Ken and Bonnie Groh in memory of Geoff Groh and Judy Pomeroy
+Linda Levin and Kay MacGregor in memory of Pastor Ingmar and Betty Levin
+Peggy and Phil Williams in memory of Bev Williams
+Todd and Laura Kangas in honor of Karen Lindholm and memory of Dawn Kangas
+Lois Bentley in memory of Ronald Bentley and parents
+Mary Ansell in honor of loved ones

NOTE: If you haven't picked up your geraniums, please do so as soon as possible.

Vacation Bible School- Snowball Mountain Challenge



1st United Methodist Church in Manistique is offering up Vacation Bible School this year from June 15-18 beginning at 9:00 am – Noon. Please

call the church at 906-341-6662 if you have a child/grandchild or neighborhood child that would like to participate.

June Scripture

June 7-Hosea 5:15-6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14-Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:25-10:8 [9-23]

June 21-Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 60:7-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

June 28-Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Those Who Serve in June

Lector

June 7-Bonnie Moody
June 14-Donna Mott
June 21-Naomi Fletcher
June 28-Chris Cartland

Ushers

Ruth Jones and Donna Mott

Altar Flowers

June 7-
June 14-Naomi Fletcher-in honor of Father's Day and Dad's
Birthday
June 21-
June 28-Donna Gauthier-in memory of loved ones

Bulletin Bread and Wine

June 7-
June 14-
June 21-
June 28-

Acolyte

June 7-
June 14-
June 21-Kristen Lamb
June 28-Nicholas Gauthier

Communion Assistant

June 7 – Linda Mason
June 14– Sheila Clark
June 21-Kim Lamb
June 28- Julie Gauthier

Counters

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