Zion Lutheran Church

435 Oak Street
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The Beacon

October 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

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

Oct 3/4	**Pastor Jim Duehring**
Oct 10/11	**Pastor Eleanor Russey**
Oct 17/18	**Pastor Eleanor Russey**
Oct 24/25	**Pastor Jim Duehring**

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Jim's Ponderings for October



"What can I learn from this?" That is a great and powerful question to ask yourself—especially when you are going through an uncomfortable, challenging, or painful time. But isn't it true that some of the chief growth experiences in life are the fruits of a difficult situation.

We are now in the heart of football season. How often do we hear coaches and players wax philosophically after a difficult loss: "We have a lot to learn from this. We'll go back and look at the tapes and see how we can grow from here."

An initial human response to a stressful, distasteful experience might be to cower and crawl into a corner. The biblical story is full of examples of truly great people whimpering away to the sidelines. Think of Elijah who wanted God to just take him. ("But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die…" (I Kings 19:4).

The Elijah story continues with God not departing from his presence, but engaging Elijah. And Elijah, though very distraught, was apparently willing to listen to what God had to say. Elijah, in the absolute abyss of despair, was willing to somehow attune his ear and caste a glance back toward God.

"Behold I stand at the door and knock," Jesus said. May we in all circumstances—especially when we are tempted to cower away in fear and disappointment—sense that we have a persistent and loving God that wants to address us by the word of God, and teach us and strengthen us.
Let us pray.
Lord help me to be teachable.
Lord you are the great teacher.
Lord help me to see your wise and loving counsel. AMEN

Still learning alongside you,
Pastor Jim



Men's Discussion and Sharing Group
Saturday, November 7 at 9am

All men are welcome to gather at Zion for a time of discussion and sharing of matters of relevance to us as Christian men. The first meeting on November 7 will be a chance for the group to determine how we wish to gather and what topics we want to discuss. Bring your curiosity and a willingness to share with others. Zion members and friends are welcome!
Contact Pastor Jim with any questions. 906-251-0247
NOTE: This group is in addition to the "regular" Men's Breakfast group which normally meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am. Contact Ken Groh with any questions about the Men's Breakfast

Church Bell Tower-Update



It's done!!! Stop by and see it for yourself. Thank you Laskoski Builders for your service in finishing the project



Something New!!!!

Thanks to the generosity of Arvid Larsen and Bonnie Moody, Zion now has a chair lift from Augustana Hall to the Narthex of Church! Come try it out! This will enable Zion to be completely barrier free without having to go down the church elevator, around the church and entering through the back entrance.



God's Work, Our Hands

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Highway Cleanup. Watch this space for Spring collection.

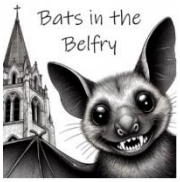


From the President's Notebook:

Church Pictorial Directory:

We are still accepting pictures for our Church Directory. If you haven't submitted a nice photo of you or haven't visited with Brenda Fleck to take your picture at church, please email one office@zionlutheran-manistique.org.

The Bats in the Belfry Challenge:



We have a challenge from the "folks who don't live here but left part of their hearts at Zion" Shirley L., Larry and Rebecca and Harry M. visited a couple of weeks ago and checked out our damaged belltower is on-going. They are challenging us to match their $50 donation to cover the repair.

Council Report-
August Minutes

*Thank you from NLGS for contributions to World Hunger and Tanzania Fund
*Transition Team working on draft Ministry Site Profile
*Adopt a Highway Cleanup to be held 9/26. Meet at church 10:00 am
*Mens Study/Sharing Nov 7 at 9:00 am (not to be confused with Men and Food
*Bell Tower work to be done by Lakosky.
*Parking lot paid 50/50 from Endowment and General Fund
*Church cleanup day scheduled for 9/12
*Stairlift to be installed week of 9/21.
*Tabled constitution review to further discuss financial section.



New Member's Recognition-All Saints Sunday, November 1 at the 11:00 am. We will pray for people joining by affirmation of faith or transfer from another congregation.



Annual Progressive Dinner

The annual Progressive Dinner will be held Sunday, October 18 beginning at 4:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in Augustana Hall to provide Soups for our place in the lineup. The schedule for the dinner is:

4:00 pm Cedar Grove-Appetizers
5:00 pm Zion Lutheran-Soups
5:30 pm First Unted Methodist-Salads
6:00 pm First Baptist with help from St Francis-Entrée
6:30 pm Presbyterian-Pie/Desserts

Ecumenical Choir-Lessons and Carols

The Ecumenical Choir will begin practice Sunday Afternoons from 1:00-2:00 pm beginning Oct 25 and subsequent Sundays through Nov 22 at St Francis Church. If you'd like to participate, please arrive Oct 25 at 1:00 at St Francis. The Festival of Lessons and Carols will be December 6 at 3:00 pm.



Memorial Donations

In memory of Mary Ansell:
To the Memorial Fund: Randy and Cindy Olli and Liz Maklem
To the Quilter's Fund: Gloria Handl, Jane Henderson, Lila Panek, Gloria Faust and Judy Schmidt, Tom and Carla Flodin
To the Floral Fund: Zion Quilters
To the Endowment Fund: Linda Levin
In memory of Mary Lou Marx:
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In memory of Arlyss Larson and Sharon Larson:
To the Chair Lift: Arvid Larson
In memory of Harry Whaling
To the Bell Tower Repair Fund: Doris Ribblet

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
Aug 29-30	10	54	4
Sept 5-6	12	46	4
Sept 12-13	9	52	3
Sept 19-20	13	44	5
Sept 26-27			



Quilter's Appeal

It will soon be time to load quilts, school kits and health kits and deliver them to Gladstone. We are asking for your help!! We need people to help load boxes into a vehicle/trailer for transport to First Lutheran in Gladstone on **Saturday, October 10th** between 9:00 am and 10:30 am. If you're available to provide the trailer and drive the quilts and kits to Gladstone, please let Bonnie Groh know at your earliest. The church is located at 1212 Minneapolis Ave in Gladstone. We'll likely load everything on Friday afternoon/evening so that the load is ready to deliver to Gladstone. This is a very important project to us all for Lutheran World Relief and your help is always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration!



Men and Food

Saturday-October 17 Please join us at 10:00 am for Food and Fellowship! Program to be announced. The sign-up sheet is posted in Augustana Hall.

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. Next meeting is October 8 at 10:00 am.

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 under age 18 in Schoolcraft County.**

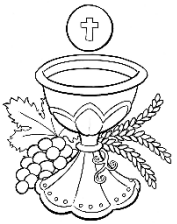
October 22, 2026
November 19, 2026 (3rd Thursday)
December 17, 2026 (3rd Thursday)
January 28, 2027
February 25, 2027
March 25, 2027
April 22, 2027
May 27, 2027



September Noisy Offering

September's Noisy Offering to Helpful Hotspot-Emerald Elementary was $132.95. October's Noisy Offering will go to Eva Burrell Animal Shelter. The Noisy Offering is collected on the third weekend of each month.

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 Linda Mason, who provides this ministry to our members. If you would like to learn more about being a Communion Assistant for Home-Bound members, please contact Pastor Jim.

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.



Lay Visitation Team Training with Pastor Jim, Saturday, October 1 at 1pm

Do you enjoy talking to people and being a listening and caring presence? We a history at Zion Lutheran of several 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. Come and learn together! Prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate on a Lay Visitation Team. Contact Pastor Jim with any questions.

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Lifelong Faith Formation Classes

Register now for one or more of these Lifelong Faith Formation Zoom classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. For more details go to: www.nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation

3. Lutheranism 101: Lens, God's Grace, and Essentials
Instructors: Bishop Katherine Finegan, Northern Great Lakes Synod Rev. J. Michael Mills, Faith-Bethany Lutheran Partnership, Ishpeming, MI. Rev. Tim Johnston, Bethel-Trinity Lutheran Partnership, Ishpeming, MI. Three Classes held at 7:00-8:00 pm Eastern / 6:00-7:00 pm Central Thursday, October 26, Wednesdays, November 4 and 11 Thursday, October 29

4. The Pollinator Garden Check back for class date and time!
Recognizing pollinators are endangered by a loss of habitat, join our class as we explore the purpose and process of creating a pollinator plot at church or your own yard. The class will be led by members of the NE MN Synod Pollinator Plot Steering Committee and Good Shepherd, Peshtigo, WI

5. The Prophets: Their Voice, Context, and Significance
Instructor: Rev. Philip Johnson Four Classes: Tuesdays, October 20, 27, and November 3, 10 7:00-8:15 pm Eastern, 6:00-7:15 pm Central

6. Walking through Mark: Preparing for Year B Instructor: Rev. Nicole Hanson-Lynn Nine Classes Sundays, September 20 – November 15 7:00-8:00 pm Eastern, 6:00-7:00 pm Central



Stories That Still Speak

A 5-Session Class on the Parables of Jesus

With Pastor Jim

Jesus often taught through simple stories with deep spiritual meaning. Join us as we explore several of the unforgettable parables and discover how they reveal God's kingdom, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and faithful living today.

We will discuss these parables:

The Good Samaritan
The Sower and Seed
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
The Prodigal Son
The Talents

Sessions will be selective Thursdays at noon & most Saturdays at 3:30pm

Session #2 October 1/3
Session #3 October 29/31
*Session #4 November Wed. 4/ Sun. 7
Session #5 November 12/14

Pastor Jim will provide discussion materials. Simply bring your bibles and a curious mind! *Date change

October Scripture

Oct 4-Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46
Oct 11- Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
Oct 18- Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 25-Reformation Sunday
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

Word of the Day

Union
/ˈyo͞onyən/
Noun

1) a coming together
"So we grew together, / Like to a double cherry, seeming parted, / But yet an union in partition, / Two lovely berries moulded on one stem."
- from *A Midsummar's Night Dream,* by William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)

2) a group of people who join to support a cause
"Unions were created to make living conditions just a little better than they were before they were created."
- Philip Murray (1886 - 1952)

3) a combination
"Wisdom is nothing more than the marriage of intelligence and compassion. And, as with all good unions, it takes much experience and time to reach its widest potential."
- from *The Perpetual Calendar of Inspiration,* by Vera Nazarian

Those Who Serve in October

Lector

Oct 4-Bonnie Moody
Oct 11-Gloria McGuire
Oct 18-Donna Mott
Oct 25-Chris Cartland

Ushers

Gayle Cartland and John Barry

Altar Flowers

Oct 4
Oct 11
Oct 18
Oct 25

Bulletin Bread and Wine

Oct 4
Oct 11-Dorothy Brandstrom
Oct 18
Oct 25

Acolyte

Oct 4
Oct 11
Oct 18-Kristen Lamb
Oct 25-Nicholas Gauthier

Communion Assistant

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

Counters

Sheila Clark-2nd Sunday only



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