Zion Lutheran Church

435 Oak Street
Manistique, MI 49854
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The Beacon

November 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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Cyndee Miske, Financial Secretary

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 31/Nov 1	**Pastor Jim Duehring**
Nov 7/8	**Pastor Jim Duehring**
Nov 14/15	**Pastor Jim Duehring**
Nov 21/22	**Pastor Jim Duehring**
Nov 28/29	**Lay Minister Roland Jacobson**



Pastor Jim's Ponderings for October

There's a saying that goes something like this:
"Work like it's all up to you. Pray like it's all up to God."



Many Christians are pretty good at expressing their faith life through work. People are great at helping make food and sharing hospitality. People like to help others by mowing a lawn for a neighbor or donating to world and local hunger causes. We are pretty good at working in the name of our faith in Christ. And doing a "work" is a great thing! Sometimes the work that is called for is not so easily discerned.

Praying is a great "thing to be doing." Prayer certainly can be considered a work, an action. But too often, even Christians neglect the importance of prayer. We sometimes minimize the importance of prayer or get too busy to pray. We even get embarrassed and feel that we don't pray as well as other people. Sometimes people think only the trained professionals can pray and so they don't even try.

Prayer is a big deal, but we don't have to make ourselves big deals when we pray. Just do it. Talk to God about anything and everything. Consider prayer to God a joy and privilege. God wants to hear from you and me. And God has much to share with us.

Several colleagues have suggested that when someone shares a situation that may call for prayer, we could gently ask, "May I pray for you right now?" rather than simply saying, "I'll remember to pray for you." If we offered to pray immediately, I'm sure very few people would decline.

Prayer can be studied and talked about, but the bottom line to prayer is: "Just do it." Start praying. Pray in church with others and certainly pray in the stillness of your heart when you are alone or in a crowd of people. Maybe, it's been a long time since you've reached out to God in individual prayer. I encourage you to start today. Talk to God and listen! Pray for yourself, your family, your church, this nation, this world! Pray with thanksgiving to the God who loves you so much through Christ the Lord. Prayer has the power to offer us perspective and peace.

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7) ***NRSVUE***

I encourage you to pray this prayer right now where you are:

Gracious Lord, life is full of mystery. We can't see the end. We sometimes can hardly see far enough in front of us to take the next step on the journey. We want to trust you. We realize that it is enough to do our part let alone trying to do yours. So, for today, we will let go and let you be God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

+Pastor Jim



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

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 10 am. Contact Ken Groh with any questions about the Men's Breakfast

God's Work, Our Hands



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

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:



The Challenge has been met!! We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this much needed weather-related repair.



New Stairlift is Up and Running!!

Our new stairlift became operational on Wednesday, October 8, 2026! It is running safely, efficiently and quietly. The lift will be very helpful for the people that choose to use it, and it is a wonder and important

addition to our church. The stairlift was donated to Zion by long-time member, Mr. Arvid Larson, in memory of his two wives, Sharon Larson and Arliss Larson. This generous donation is greatly appreciated by all the members of Zion Lutheran Church

Council Report- September Minutes

*Council approved allowing 50% of the cost of one Fortune Lake trip per year per adult
*Approved the Call Committee: Cyndee Miske, Julie Gauthier, Clyde Johnson, Brian Nelson, Ken Groh and Chris Cartland
*Approved updated Church Constitution for submission to Northern Great Lakes Synod

Tri-County Conference Report

*UP State Fair Water Tent raised $3,333.62 for World Thirst. Funds donated: $2,500 to World Thirst and $343.69 to Rock Food Pantry at Faith Lutheran.
*Elected new Vice President, Treasurer and Synod Council Lay female.
*Next meeting March 7, 2027 at Zion- Manistique



All Saints Sunday-Nov. 1-Soup with the Saints

We will be honoring our members who have passed away and have been baptized this last year on Saturday-October 31, and Sunday November 1 at our regular service. We hope you will join us for the candle lighting and for a Soup with the Saints luncheon following the service provided by the Church Council.



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. Welcome to Eric and Connie Larson, Laura Peterson and Jenny Gauthier.



Community Thanksgiving Baskets

Zion is again participating in providing 6 Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need this year. Items to consider donating include a turkey, vegetables, stuffing, potatoes, fruit, cranberry sauce, nuts, seasonal napkins, milk, candy and anything you feel would complement a Thanksgiving Dinner. Sign-up sheets are in Augustana Hall. Items should be delivered to church no later than the week of Nov. 15. Baskets are to be delivered on Nov. 22.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Manistique Ministerial Association's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held this year on Thanksgiving Day-November 26 at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church. Attendees are asked to provide Pies for fellowship following the service.

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

***To Quilters:**
Chris Grimes and family in memory of Carol Carlson; Keith and Lori Flodin in memory of Verda Kreuzweiser

To Backpack Buddies:
In memory of Grandparents Elsie and Henning Erickson, Elsie and Bill Cowan, Walter Holm and Parents Orvis and Ethel Holm and Gene and Carol Carlson and to honor Cindy and Dick Holm's anniversary by the Chris Grimes Family

To Memorial Fund:
In memory of Verda Kreuzweiser by Pat Sundbeck, rick and Diane VanEffen, Wayne and Brenda Fleck, Cindy Nelson, Donna Gauthier Family, James and Pastor Eleanor Russey, and Nancy Kreuzweiser

To Church Improvement Fund:
In memory of Verda Kreuzweiser by Doris Ribblet and Lois Bentley

To Altar Guild:
In memory of Verda Kreuzweiser by Tom and Carla Flodin

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
Sept 26-27	12	34	3
Oct 3-4	10	42	4
Oct 10-11	5	39	4
Oct 17-18	8	45	2
Oct 24-25	8	37	6

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.



Men and Food

Saturday-November 21 Please join us at 10:00 am for Food and Fellowship! Program to be announced. The sign-up sheet is posted in Augustana Hall.



October Noisy Offering

October's Noisy Offering to Eva Burrell Animal Shelter was $132.82. November's Noisy Offering will go to Manistique Ministerial Association. The Noisy Offering is collected on the third weekend of each month.

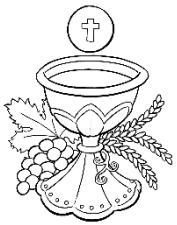
Backpack Buddies



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.**

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

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.

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

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

November Scripture

Nov 1-All Saints Day Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Nov 8-Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-3

Nov 15-Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90: 1-8[9-11] 12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 22-Christ the King Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Nov 29-1st Sunday in Advent Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37





Those Who Serve in October

Lector

Nov 1-Ken Groh
Nov 8-Kristen Lamb
Nov 15-Nicholas Gauthier
Nov 22-Donna Mott
Nov 29-Cyndee Miske

Ushers

Ken Groh and Donna Mott

Altar Flowers

Nov 1-Clyde Johnson
Nov 8-
Nov 15-
Nov 22-
Nov 29-Naomi Fletcher

Bulletin Bread and Wine

Nov 1-
Nov 8-
Nov 15-
Nov 22-
Nov 29-

Acolyte

Nov 1-
Nov 8-
Nov 15-Kristen Lamb
Nov 22-Nicholas Gauthier
Nov 29-

Communion Assistant

Nov 1 – Linda Mason
Nov 8– Sheila Clark
Nov 15-Kim Lamb
Nov 22- Julie Gauthier
Nov 29-Linda Levin

Counters

Sheila Clark-2nd Sunday only



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