

ZION NEWSLETTER April 2025



Palm to Passion Sunday, April 13th
9:30 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
7 p.m. Worship with Communion

Good Friday, April 18th
7 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20th
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

Zion Newsletter is published monthly for members, associate members and friends of Zion.

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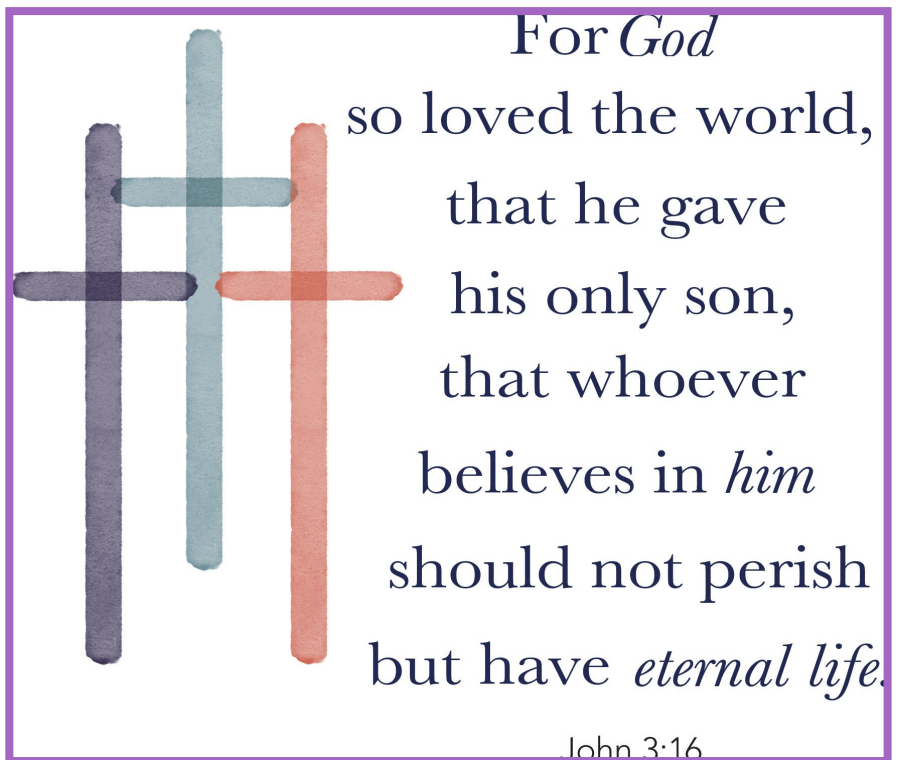
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Zion's Mission Statement:
Zion Lutheran Church's mission
is to Gather, Grow, and Go in Jesus Christ



No pastor's column this month due to Pastor Anna's parental leave.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

In a show of appreciation for our Sunday School teachers, and to celebrate the joy of spreading God's word to our youngest members, Zion Sunday School will be highlighting one of our teachers in the newsletter each month for the next two months.

Bill Nelson

How long have you been teaching Sunday School?

"Since God created dirt...approximately 22 years."

Why did you start?

"I was fortunate to have wonderful Sunday School teachers growing up and teaching felt like a natural fit once we had kids."

Why do you think Sunday School is important?

"Establishing an early foundation in faith will help our youth throughout life. "



April is Zion's Meals on Wheels Month!

If you are able to help deliver meals in Pelican Rapids, we have a few dates in April available! Pick up meals at Hillbilly Laser at 11:15 a.m. and it takes approximately 1/2 hour to deliver all meals. Help needed dates are currently April 9, April 15, April 25, and April 28. Please sign up in the church narthex or call the office at 218-863-4830 to claim a date. Thank you for your participation!



Earth Day is April 22nd



**Administrative
Professionals
Day**

Wednesday, April 23rd

As we head into April, we continue to give thanks for Pastors Laurel, Jeff, Maddie, SAM Zena, Kari in the office, and all of the volunteers who have helped while Pastor Anna is on family leave.

Our audio/online wizard, Will, is graduating from high school this spring. The council is looking for people who might be interested in this position. Will is willing to help train/mentor any and all people who would be interested in helping with this valuable part of worship.

April is Zion's month to deliver Meals on Wheels in Pelican Rapids. We are looking for volunteers for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thursdays are already covered. There is a calendar on the table in the narthex. Deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Now Is the Time Update:

It was about a year ago that the council was dealing with a leaky roof, an HVAC system that was breaking down with repair parts being hard to find or just not there, and NO money in the operating budget to solve these problems. Add to that we had a mortgage of about \$78,000. Because of these issues, the Now Is the Time Capital Campaign was born.

As a result of your prayers and remarkable giving, Zion has a new roof and gutters, a new HVAC system, the mortgage is paid in full, and a maintenance fund has been started for additional repairs. What a difference your exceptionally generous giving has made! We have heard Amazing, Astonishing, and just WOW to describe what your gifts have allowed Zion to achieve in only seven months!!

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

What's next? Our 20-year-old building is showing its age on the inside. The council has been looking at things that need attention and has started a list of potential projects. Listed in no particular order: replace the failing dishwasher (the water temperature is starting to fluctuate), the organ needs repair and cleaning (there are keys that no longer work), replace the flooring, paint the walls, check to see if there are updates for our sound system and online service, new office furniture, and to establish an emergency reserve fund for the unknown.

There will be much discussion as to what to do as your Now Is the Time donations continue. Thank you for your continued support! Thanks be to God!

Have a great Easter!

Virg Kollar
Council President



Interested in Becoming a Zion Member?

If you are interested in becoming a Zion member or associate member, we'd love to have you! Please let the church office know. Associate members have all the same benefits as full members, they just don't give up their membership in their home church (great for those who worship with us in the summer months!).



The quilters have been placing quilts in the narthex for silent auction.

Watch for our next silent auction coming in May. We also have quilts available for sale. The money we receive for the sale of quilts goes to purchase more quilting

supplies. Our congregation is very giving!

Quilting is a time consuming and creative art form. Just think of the time it takes to cut the fabric, lay the pieces out into a pattern, and sew it together!

We follow Zion's mission statement to Gather, Grow, and Go in Jesus Christ. We gather

every Tuesday, we grow in our friendships and fellowship with others, and we go out into the community with our quilts to serve others. We have many happy recipients of our quilted gifts!

The quilters have a few upcoming projects. We welcome anyone to visit us on Tuesday mornings!



Blessings to all on your special days!

April 2	Payton Welch
April 3	Jon Johnson
April 4	Winsdae Dalman
April 10	Jaxon Dalman
April 14	Lois Kicker
April 15	Boden Truedson
April 16	Bruce & Deb Fadness
April 17	Graham Pesch
April 19	Lola Januszewski
April 21	Livi & Luna Januszewski
April 22	David Sogn
April 23	Joe Olson
	Arlan Swenson
April 25	Jett Januszewski
April 30	Lynette Ochsner
	Cheryl Pfeiffer



Calling all gardeners and yardwork lovers! We will be holding an outdoor cleanup of flowerbeds and grounds in late April. Re-vamping of the sign flowerbed will take place. If you are able to help, please watch the bulletin for details on date and time!





Treasurer's Report for Zion Lutheran Church Feb 2025				
Total Annual Budget of \$284,650 or \$23,721/month				
	Month	YTD	8 month budget	YTD Variance
GENERAL FUND	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	13,634	169,700	189,768	-20,068
Expenses	20,677	181,444	189,768	8,324
Difference	-7,043	-11,744		-11,744

Benevolences for February: \$357 to ELCA, \$154 to Pelican Rapids Food Shelf, Luther Crest Bible Camp, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Campus Ministry, \$315 to Lakes Area Crisis and \$51 accrued to Synodical Offering for the \$500 annual commitment.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

No memorials

"GATHER" REPLACES BUILDING FUND

For years some of you have directed your offerings into the Building Fund to make the \$3850 monthly mortgage payment. That was generous and helpful. Now the situation is changing.

After installing a new roof for \$146k and a new furnace for \$176k, our next commitment in Now is the Time Capital Campaign was to pay off the mortgage. Thanks to your faithfulness to Now is the Time Capital Campaign, we were able to pay off that mortgage in February!.

To date, Now is the Time Capital Campaign has focused on the Gather part of Zion's mission statement of **Gather, Grow, and Go**. We have a roof, a furnace and a building free and clear in which to Gather. For those of you who were for years supporting the monthly mortgage payments and want to continue to support the Gathering of Zion, you can now designate your offerings to **GATHER** and those monies will be applied to internal operations such as salaries, utilities, supplies.

Or if you prefer you can give to the General Fund of which 7% GOES out into the community as part of the **GO** mission.

So to summarize, if you want to replace your donations to the mortgage fund with another offering that stays within the church, please write **GATHER** on your offering envelope and we will apply it to internal operations.

APRIL

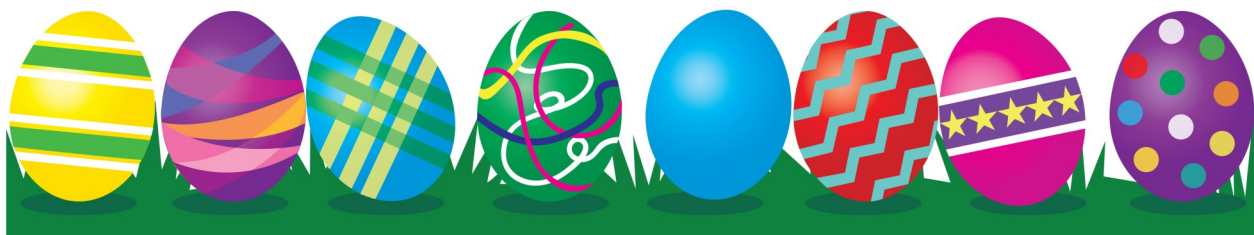
NAMES	HOME	CELL
Co-Coordinator - Clemenson, Rosie & Jim		701-261-4492 ®
Co-Coordinator - Farner, Ben & Bev	218-844-6803	
Fitzgerald, Amber & Jim	218-863-1888	
Hanson, Bruce & Sharyl	701-786-2970	701-430-0315 701-430-1321 (B)
Kantrud, Steve & Jo	218-342-2172 (S)	218-731-5433 (J)
Kugler, Julie & Mike	218-863-1300	

Please call one of the coordinators to let them know what Sunday you can serve.

The serving group is responsible for Sunday morning coffee fellowship and any funerals that may arise during the month. Coordinators ask that when they leave a message that you would please return the call to let them know if you can or cannot serve. If you are unable to serve, a donation is always appreciated. Thank you!

MAY

NAMES	HOME	CELL
Co-Coordinator - Akers, Peggy & Lance	701-238-9298 (P)	218-866-8638
Burnside, Amy & Tyler	218-863-7665	701-361-1890
Jacobson, Jerry	218-863-2508	
Johnson, Jon & Pam	218-790-4869 (J)	218-790-9036 (P)
Kicker, Lois	218-342-2274	218-849-3311
Schleske, LuAnn & Roger	218-863-1057	
Sundbom, Vern & Marilyn	218-847-6631	



**Zion Lutheran Church
Planning Council Minutes (unapproved)
March 11, 2025**

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1. Call to Order: President Kollar called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Members absent: Kari DuBord

2. Devotions: Mary Melroe led the group with a devotional by Sarah Young/Jesus Always.

3. President Comments: Thanked the boards for what you are doing. We are halfway through Anna's leave; family is doing well.

4. Board & Committee reports for the month of January & February 2024

Stewardship/Treasurer's Report: Jerry Kensok/Sherry Trepp. Jerry-mortgage paid off is wonderful! Request has been made that two people approve invoices over \$500. Kari opens the bills, and Sherry looks at them as well. Larger expenditures are approved by the council and calls are made to Board members if anything looks unusual. Council consensus is that this is sufficient. WeCare money has been going to the mortgage, need to designate something else. Tabled for now. S. Dalman Moved to accept the report as presented, Trenda seconded. Motion carried.

Christian Ed & Youth Ministry: Mike/Sam Dalman. Had a very successful s'more-gasbord. Earned \$343.00 for camp! Started a 5-week Lent program called "Walk in His Ways". Palm Sunday (April 13) - the kids will be singing in church and we will be hiding individual Easter "baskets" for the kids. Sunday School Teacher Appreciation (May 4). Recognition during the service and fellowship. Last day is May 11.

Congregational Life: Lynette Ochsner. March was a little short on servers. Please look at the signup sheet in the fellowship hall to see if help is needed—even if it's not your month. Volunteers keep our fellowship going!

Health Ministry & Social Concerns: Bill Nelson. Thanks to Suzie there's a blood drive on June 9. Talked to Anna Sellin regarding supplies for Lakes Crisis. Usable supplies are needed on an ongoing basis. Bill will reach out to businesses to sponsor but would appreciate contact names.

Property: Doug Trenda. Found a person who will strip and wax the two kitchen floors. Will coordinate with the people that are planning on deep cleaning the kitchen. Starting to plan a spring cleanup on the outside of the church. After the date is set, will need volunteers. The easement granted by the church to Betty Feidler is completed. Monitoring the fluctuating water temps on the dishwasher. For those who use the washer please monitor the temps and let Doug know. Insurance policies are switched over to AMP insurance.

Worship, Music & Lay Ministry: Mary Melroe. Kids involved are excited to help. Zena will provide ministry on Palm Sunday.

5. Secretary's Report: Sam moved to approve the report as written, Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports:

PASTOR: Pastor Anna – On leave

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Kari DuBord

Working with pulpit supply and Lauryl Ivers during Pr. Anna's leave. I'm very thankful for how well organized Pastor Anna left service preparation, but working with all the fill in pastors requires extra work. Prepared and submitted the annual ELCA Congregational Report. Trying to find organ repair. Working with LongWeekend Sportswear on an online clothing and accessories option for Zion. Working with All Seasons Heating to learn about the new furnace system and controlling it via an app.

7. Calendar additions: Add choir on Wednesdays at 5:30.

8. Acceptance of Gifts: None

9. Unfinished Business: none

10. New Business:

a) Band of Faith donation. Melroe, moved we send a donation of \$200.00, S. Dalman Seconded. Motion carried.

b) Nominating Committee. Terms are up for Doug (property), Lynette (congregational life), Bill (Health ministry/social concerns), Ilene (council secretary) and Virg/Dave (Pres/VP movement). Doug and Bill are in their first term, so can be on the ballot for another (Bill indicated as such). In essence, current council members are the nominating committee. Virg will do a temple talk to encourage church members to get involved!

c) Gather Fund vs Building Fund. There will be a short article placed in the Newsletter and bulletin.

d) April *Meals on Wheels* volunteers needed. Pick up meals at Hillbilly Laser. Distribution help needed on MTWF.

e) LongWeekend Sportswear. Online store for Zion logoed, specific items (i.e. clothing, etc.) Sam, Kari and Virg will work on this.

f) Upcoming Budget. Council members start looking at your budgets.

g) Now is the Time, we have completed the big 3.

11. Membership Changes: none

12. Items for next council agenda should be submitted 4 days prior to meeting set for April 8, 2025 at 6 p.m.

13. Adjournment. Melroe moved to adjourn, S. Dalman seconded. Motion carried.

14. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Ilene Trittin-Anderson



April Sunday School Schedule

April 6 ~ Worship Participation

April 13 ~ Palm Sunday
Sunday School

April 20 ~ No Sunday School

April 27 ~ Sunday School



Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4

2. Birds lay these in a nest 5 6 7 8

3. A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13

4. These bloom in spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

5. A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

6. Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

J 5 8 31 20 8 2 3 32 ... " I 2 30

2 20 12 25 4 32 11 4 6 24 16 30 29

F 2 23 10 18 26 2 4 32 29 16 22 1

F 2 24 10 25 19 23 16 30 29 G 16 32

2 4 32 29 16 31 1 G 16 32 "

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _____!

Answers: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud; Jesus said "... "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17, NIV) Jesus has risen!



Thursday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

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The April book is *James* by Percival Everett

James is a novel retelling Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from Jim, the African American slave's, perspective. It takes place in the months leading up to the Civil War. Jim, who thinks of himself as James, becomes a runaway slave and he and Huck go on an adventure down the river. James struggles to free his family from slavery and encounters the dangers along the way.

Upcoming Book:
May 22nd: *Petey* by Ben Mikaelson

Anyone is welcome to attend book club!

Now Is the Time Dollars at Work! Zion's Furnace/HVAC Project Is Complete!



BLOOD DRIVE



30
DONORS
NEEDED

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH ON FRANKLIN LAKE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, JUNE 9

3:00PM - 6:15PM

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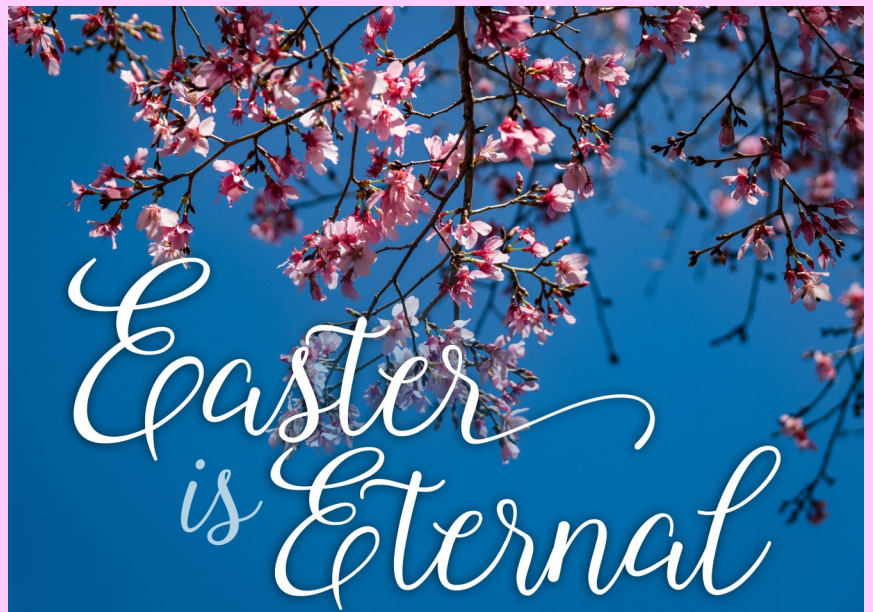
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June Blood Drive

If you are able to donate blood, plan to join us on June 9th from 3 p.m.-6:15 p.m. at Zion. Scan the QR code for an appointment or contact Suzie Trenda at 701-433-0220.

We are also looking for helpers on that date. If you are interested or want more details, please also contact Suzie at the number above.

May
the miracle
of Easter
Bring you
renewed hope,
faith, love and
joy!
Happy Easter!



APRIL



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9-2 Quilting	2 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship	3 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	4	5
6 9:30 Worship SS Participation 10:30 Fellowship	7	8 9-2 Quilting 6 p.m. Council	9 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship	10 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	11	12
13 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Palm Sunday	14	15 9-2 Quilting	16 No Women's Bible Study	17 No. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Maundy Thursday	18 7 p.m. Worship Office Closed Good Friday	19
20 9:30 Worship No Sunday School Easter Sunday	21 Newsletter Articles Due Office Closed	22 9-2 Quilting Earth Day	23 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Administrative Professionals Day	24 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Book Club	25	26
27 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship	28	29 9-2 Quilting	30 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study			
During Lent, Choir meets at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. After Easter, choir returns to 6:30 p.m.						

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