

# WE ARE ZION



**Zion Lutheran Church**

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## September 2022



### **Zion's 2022 Congregation Council**

Troy Cording — President	Dean Schoen — V.P.
Michelle Larson — Secretary	LeeAnn Martin — Treasurer
Katy Bauer	Kim Graf
Dave Johnson	Laura Rowe
Brad Nelson	Sarge Rudell
Mark Swenson	Jonah Zuehls
Elsa Limberg, Youth Member	

### **Zion Staff**

Administrative Assistant — Marissa Tharp  
 Choir Director and Organist — Ann Buscher  
 Accompanist for Choir and Organist— Rachel Rosenfeldt  
 Financial Secretary — Karen Houdek

### **Who Does What at Zion**

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#### **Worship**

Acolyte Scheduling — Undecided  
 Altar linens (Laundering) — Shirley Swenson  
 Assistants — Ann Buscher (Ushers, readers, communion assistants, set up communion)  
 AV Team — Troy Cording & Jonah Zuehls  
 Banners — Ann Buscher, Kathy Heimbuch and Karen Dill  
 Bulletin and Newsletter Assistance — Church Secretary  
 Candles (eternal and oil) Michelle Larson  
 Contemporary Worship — Bill Tipple  
 Hymn Selection — Ann Buscher  
 Wine and apple or grape juice — Michelle Larson

#### **Building Maintenance – Interior/Exterior**

Supplies — Gary Grom provides paper and *Continued....*

## Who Does What at Zion

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cleaning products as well as purchasing small equipment for maintaining Zion's ground such as shovels, rakes, etc.

Handyman — Jack Heimbuch — experience in plumbing and electrical. (no high ladders)

### **Committees/Groups**

Caring Ministry Team — Karen Sylvester

Equal Exchange Items — Heidi Beland

Confirmation Classes — Pastor

Funeral Luncheon Teams — Ann Buscher/Carol Johnson and Michelle Larson/Karen Sylvester

Harvest of Hope Community Garden — John Radloff

Kitchen Supplies — Nora Plym

Mission Endowment Comm. — Troy Cording

Money Counters — Karen Dill and Bonnie Schoen

Nominating Comm — Troy Cording, meets in fall

Personnel Comm. — Troy Cording, meets in fall

Property Comm. — Mark Swenson

Sanctuary Arts — Seeking new members!

Sew for Mission — Carol Magnuson

Social Ministry — Heidi Beland & Michelle Larson co-chairs

SPARK — Johanna Zuehls and Pastor

Stewardship & Generosity — Karen Sylvester

Youth Ministry Treasurer — Karen Dill

Worship and Music — Ann Buscher

Ruth Women's Circle — Jane Landenberg



**The Seven  
Marks of  
Discipleship**

***#Pray***

***#Worship***

***#Study***

***#Invite***

***#Encourage***

***#Give***

***#Serve***

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

Summer is quickly drawing to an end as kids are getting ready for school and families are grabbing their last chances for vacations and recreation. I hope you have had a good summer and have had opportunities for rest, relaxation and renewal.

This summer has also been stressful if you follow the news and observe what is going on in our society, especially in the political arena. Several states have held primary elections. The January 6 Committee has held a series of televised hearings.

Investigations and trials of one kind or another dominate the news daily. All of this shows how divided our country is. Contention is in the air. Debates and discussions that should be civil and respectful, have given way to shouting, name-calling and threats. Some people express their political opinions and choices with public displays of gross and obscene language and images. Some resort to threats and violence to make their point or get their way. In the words of Thomas Paine, "These are times that try men's souls."

There is something else, however, that restores my soul-gathering with my Christian sisters and brothers to worship the God and Father of us all. Our Sunday morning gatherings in church give testimony to the oneness of the family of God. We are one body—the body of Christ—worshiping him, listening to him, receiving him in word and sacrament, experiencing him in one another. There is a unity, a oneness, a peacefulness in this assembly that soothes my troubled soul and reassures my spirit. This unity does not result from us all being the same. This oneness is not the same as like-mindedness. We are not the same and we do not think alike on many issues. We are old and young, rich and poor, big

and small, outgoing and shy, bold and meek. We are liberal and conservative and all shades in between. We are Democrats, Republicans and independents. In public debates and water-cooler conversations, we may express contrasting views and temperaments. But in church, at worship, in Christian fellowship, we are drawn together by one identity and for one purpose—to worship God, to dwell in God’s word, and to meet the Living Word, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we come together for worship, we declare the one thing that unites us all, the one thing we share that marks our true identity—we are all sinners in need of God’s forgiveness, mercy and grace, mediated through word and sacrament. This results not only in our being put right with God, but in forgiving and accepting one another, warts and all. Although different in many ways, we are one in Christ. That is what we declare and that is what we experience in the assembly of believers.

This time together for worship and fellowship is the most important hour of my week. A good friend and former pastor liked to refer to it as “my happy hour.” I agree. I am grateful to share this worship experience with you, the people of Zion. Thanks be to God!

In Christ’s Service,  
Pastor Doug Schoen



## Conference-Wide Youth Group Kick-Off Event! \_\_\_\_\_

The Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Ministry Team is starting up some pilot programs in our synod to help connect youth on a more local level. We recognize that many congregations have only a handful of young people and it can be challenging to plan events. By working together, we can offer more opportunities for youth to get together for fellowship and faith-building activities within our conference.



The Menominee Valley Conference will be holding its youth group kick-off event on Sunday, September 25 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. All youth between 7th – 12th grade, youth group leaders, and pastors are invited to Zion in Marinette for a campfire and ultimate s'mores. We will get to know each other, share a devotion, play some games, brainstorm future activities, and eat delicious s'mores! Friends are welcome, too!

If you have any questions about this event or youth ministry in the NGLS please contact Stefanie Ehle (youthministry@nglsynod.org).

## Choir Rehearsals Back in Session \_\_\_\_\_

Zion Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7th at 7 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please call Ann Buscher to register, 715-735-3017.

### What's Around the Corner? ---

Zion is buzzing with worship preparations! Below is a brief outline of what is "around the corner".

- Sept. 4: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Gene Wickman.
- Sept. 11: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Bishop Finegan to lead worship.
- Sept. 18: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary worship.
- Sept. 25: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Bible Sunday.

### Donate to Zion ---



Did you know that you are able to contribute to Zion via the website? Simply to go: <http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org> and in the far right margin of the page is a nice purple rectangle button that reads: Donate. Click it and

follow the steps to donate. If you have questions, please call Karen Houdek. She'll help you through each step of the way. You may also click on the "Shop Now" button on Zion's Facebook page!



### Altar Flower Sponsorships ---

Zion has altar flower sponsorships available. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15.00. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-732- 7898 or [Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com).

## Congregation Council Highlights



### COUNCIL UPDATES

The congregational council met August 9th, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

**Pastors Report:** June Attendance: 85; July Attendance: 75.

Pulpit Supply: Pastor Gene Wickman will lead worship September 4 and Bishop Finegan will lead worship September 11.

Confirmation classes are

planned to be held in person, possibly combining with Bethel and Our Savior's churches.

Pastor Schoen informed the council that Shirley Leuskow passed away August 7, 2022.

A motion was made to transfer membership back to Zion for Jeanne Hruska.

#### **June and July Financial Reports:**

June 2022: General Fund Decrease \$2,973.

Notable Large Disbursements \$31,982 for the first half of the boiler payment.

\$770 for Pastor Keith's retirement meal.

July 2022: General Fund Decrease \$3,863

#### **Committee Reports:**

Property — Bell-temporarily on hold

Shed Electricity — Clarification is needed on what needs to be done.

Boiler— \$5600.00 in credits to be applied to balance due.

#### **Old Business:**

Mark Swenson will lead the Safety and Security Task Force

#### **New Business:**

There is a request from Stephanie Ehle for Zion to be the host site for a Conference Youth Gathering on September 25, 2022.

Property Insurance Quote of \$5598.00; Motion made to inquire on any possible reduction if not approved.

The next council meeting will be September 13 at 6:30 p.m.



***Join us in lifting up our brothers and sisters in Christ, in prayer as we remember their Baptism***

*September 18th, Pastor Schoen will begin recognizing those members who were Baptized in that particular month.*

September 1: Gary Houdek  
 September 2: Allie Buening, Elsa Emler, Skyler Emler, Andrew Hubbard, Patricia Peterson  
 September 4: Jacki Renne  
 September 6: Sarge Rudell  
 September 7: Roxanne Bowdin  
 September 11: Vern Cramer  
 September 13: Brooke Rose  
 September 14: Brittany Renne  
 September 15: Stephanie Klein  
 September 16: Joanne Rudell  
 September 17: Richard DeBenedetto, Alexander Gressel, Sandra Gressel  
 September 18: William Magnuson  
 September 19: Dennis Mullen  
 September 22: Keaton Emler, Joe Griffiths  
 September 27: Jared Johnson  
 September 28: Lori Despins, Larry Nelson, Linda Walker  
 September 29: Ronald Klein



**Hospitalization Notifications**

If you or a member of your family should become a patient at Aurora Medical Center Bay Area and would like a visit from Pastor Schoen, please state that you are a member of Zion when you check in. Pastor Schoen will then be notified by the hospital chaplain. You may also call the church office to notify us, request a visit, or simply to ask for prayers. If you are hospitalized in Green Bay or elsewhere, please notify the church office directly.



## **The Stewardship and Generosity Corner**

*The goal of Zion's Stewardship and Generosity Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.*

This year our stewardship emphasis is focusing on all Seven Marks of Discipleship. So far, we have addressed Pray, Worship, and Serve. This month the focus is on Give.

As I reflect on these four Marks of Discipleship, three words keep popping up in my mind - Joy, Peace, and Contentment. Three words that pack a wallop in our lives but when we're left to our own devices all three are not easy to achieve.

We have the means to experience joy, peace, and contentment by having a loving and trusting relationship with God. A relationship, that just like any other relationship in our life, is built through heartfelt conversation – in this case, prayer. As we grow our relationship with God, our desire to praise and thank God through liturgy, hymns and prayers at worship becomes ever stronger. And because of that close loving and trusting relationship we want to do everything we can to serve God so that one day we will hear the words from Matthew 25:21 “Well done, good and trustworthy servant; enter into the joy of your master.”

But why do we give? Because we can derive joy, peace, and contentment from giving. We can all recall times in our life when we have given our time, energy, or money to someone or something and derived great joy from doing so.

We give of our time to bring a smile to someone's face; the joy we see when we go to visit and commune for Caring Ministry; the joy the Sew for Mission group brings to those who receive the quilts they lovingly produce; the joy we receive as we hear the beautiful music and sing the hymns of praise at worship; the joy and excitement children feel as they experience a fun-filled time at Vacation Bible School; the joy we experience with good food; the joy we will feel because Zion's new boiler will keep us

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## The Stewardship and Generosity Corner \_\_\_\_\_

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warm and cozy this winter; and the love and caring we feel as we gather as a congregation.

All these moments of giving joy are important, but by far, the most important reason we should give is out of gratitude to God. This was something I didn't understand until I became a member of the Stewardship Committee. It was through my readings as part of that committee that I truly felt, in my own heart, that as a Christian everything belongs to God, and that he entrusted some of what he has to me. I came to understand that he trusts me to care for those things; he made me his steward. I've heard various ministers preach these same things again and again but hearing it and believing it to the depths of my soul were two very different things. I knew about tithing or giving 10% of your income to the church, but I had never done it. One year I decided to just do it - I would start tithing, and I would trust God to make it work. My giving jumped substantially, and surprisingly God continued to provide. I didn't suffer - I thrived. I felt blessed. I wondered why I doubted God's word in Matthew 6:25, 33: *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Yes, trusting and loving anyone is difficult, trusting God is hard, but you truly do have the means to experience joy, peace, and contentment through a loving and trusting relationship with God.

Deuteronomy 31:8 *"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."*

In God's peace, joy and love,  
Karen Sylvester

### Lifelong Formation Classes to begin! \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is quick and easy for fun and interesting classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Beginning in September and October, the fall courses meet online via Zoom (with an added in-person option for one of the courses). Go to <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation> for more information on these classes, materials, and registration before the September 12 deadline:



- **Why Do We Do That? A Background on Liturgical Practices of Feast days and Seasons**
- **The Big Picture Bible Study: Discussion and Reflection on Entire Books of Scripture**
- **Taco, Cat, Goat, Bible, Pizza – Interpreting the Word as a Lutheran Today**
- **Romans: The Gospel According To Lutherans**
- **Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function**, meeting both in person **and** on Zoom, giving participants a choice between the two options.
- **Introduction to Biblical Hebrew**
- **Growing Younger — Sharing Ideas and Strategies to Engage Young People in our Congregations**

If you have questions or concerns, contact Deacon Lori Ward at [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org) or 615-519-1969.

### September Eternal Light \_\_\_\_\_

The Eternal Light for the month of September is in memory of Dick & Charlotte Ellis and is sponsored by their families.



## God's Work. Our Hands Sunday

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God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

GWOHSunday is observed by ELCA congregations across the country on the Sunday after Labor Day each year but this year our congregation and Bethel's will hold a month-long (September) collection of items that we will sort and pack at **Zion on Sunday, October 9th**. The items we collect will be given as a gift of thanks to our local Police, Fire and Rescue Squad – the people in our community who are first to come to our aid in an emergency. That is approximately 375 people plus 3 K9s, from about 12 different departments spread across three cities and two counties.

A collection box will be in the narthex throughout September where you can bring your donated items. We are requesting the following which the recipients can grab and go as needed: lunch-box size bags of chips, nuts, crackers and energy bars; packs of hot drink mixes like hot chocolate or coffee; packets of cold drink mixes like Propel or Gatorade; candy & gum; hand warmers; travel size hand sanitizers, wipes, and hand lotions; Chapstick or Carmex –type lip balms. (Shopping lists will also be available by the collection box for your convenience.)

Zion's Social Ministry Committee invites you and our friends from Bethel to join us for coffee, treats and fellowship **after worship on Sunday, October 9th** while we work together to sort and pack up these gifts.

## September Birthdays

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September 1: Karen Dill  
 September 2: Thomas Kaufman  
 September 4: Diane Beattie  
 September 7: Bruce Oleson  
 September 10: Christian Klein, Seth Kuhn, Bradley Nelson  
 September 12: George Olson  
 September 13: John Powilaites, Jacob Ross  
 September 16: Vicki Guay  
 September 21: Donna Dietrich, Joe Griffiths  
 September 25: Mary Bodam  
 September 26: Dorothy Bretl, Addalynn Brown, Robert Hamer,  
 Godfrey Heitmeier, Daniel Johnson, Kaya Lebeck



## Worship Assistant Opportunities

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If you'd like to volunteer to serve as lector or usher please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017. The readings for the particular Sunday will be shared with you days in advance and a copy will be printed for you to use that particular Sunday. We are also looking for people to set up and take down communion and be communion assistants with Pastor Doug. Directions have been posted in the sacristy. Thank you for your consideration!

## September Stewardship Initiative

September is a month for new beginnings – the Green Bay Packers' new season is underway, many children will be attending freshly renovated schools with new school supplies in hand, and organizations are planning fall events which they hope will be interesting, informative, and fun.

Zion, too, is busy planning. Beginning September 11th through October 23rd we will continue our yearlong stewardship initiative by focusing on GIVE, one of the Seven Marks of Discipleship. September 11th will be our Kick-Off Sunday. On that Sunday, we will hand out the Steps in Faith through GIVE suggestion list which we ask you to affix to your refrigerator with the Stepping in Faith magnet, and faithfully consider in the weeks ahead.

- On September 18, Michelle Larson will present the first of three Temple Talks on the themes of Time, Talents, and Treasures. We have invited her to speak on Time as she donates a huge number of hours to Zion, and in most cases, without being asked.
- On Sept. 26th, LeeAnn (Martin) Limburg will deliver a Temple Talk focused on giving of her Talent. LeeAnn teaches math at Marinette High School and will tell us how she utilizes her Talent to help Zion.
- Then on Oct. 9th, Karen Dill will be presenting another Temple Talk on giving of her Treasures.

We have asked these faithful members to share with us the joy, meaning and satisfaction they derive from their giving.

During the first week of October, every household will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship and Generosity Committee which will include a response card indicating your giving goal for 2023. Please carefully consider the contents of that letter regarding your faithful giving to the church.

The culmination of the GIVE initiative will be held at

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## September Stewardship Initiative

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the Sunday, October 23rd, worship service with the Faithful Blessings Celebration and Pledge response.

*Luke 12:34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

We offer the following prayer to begin this month's step in your faith journey through GIVE.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, you know in my heart I want to do everything to please you, and yet I am human and many times what I want to do is not what I end up doing. Help me, dear Lord, to trust you more fully. You have faithfully blessed me with so much – my Time, Talents, and Treasures. Show me, Lord, how you would have me use these blessings to do your kingdom work for the benefit of others. All this I pray in my loving Lord and Savior's name. Amen

The Stewardship and Generosity Committee: John Radloff, Bonnie Schoen and Karen Sylvester

## Stay Up to Date with Zion

Are you on Zion's email list? If not, would you like to be? To be included on our email list, please send an email to: [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com) requesting to be added to our emailing list. The emails consist of weekly announcements, important reminders, sign-ups for distribution of Holy Communion and the monthly newsletter (just to name a few)!

## Accurate contact information?

Have you or a family member recently had a change of address or phone number? Have you or a family member moved? Not sure if Zion has accurate information on file (mailing address, phone number, email)? Zion is striving to have current information on file. Please call or email Zion's office to verify what is on file (715-735-7898) or [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com) ). Thank you for your assistance!





Zion received the following thank you note.

**The DAR Boys and Girls Club:**

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

You have a heart of gold! Thank you for believing in the children in our community. Your passion to give them a fun and safe place to receive a healthy meal, learn new life skills, and enjoy time with friends and adult mentors does not go unnoticed. Thank you for trusting the DAR Boys & Girls Club to be that place for the Club children and their families.

Thank you so much for your donation towards our program. Your donation of \$265.18 will allow us to continue our mission during this trying time. You are helping make futures a reality for the next generation of youth in our community. It is generosity and devotion that helps us do whatever it takes to meet the needs of any child who walks through our doors.

Sincerely,  
Koreen Gardon, CEO



**Sanctuary Arts Committee Seeks New Members\_\_\_\_\_**

The Sanctuary Arts Committee is looking for new members who would enjoy decorating the church for special occasions. It is a fun group and the committee can certainly use new ideas to make the church beautiful. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Zion's office.



### Join the AV Team!

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We are in need for volunteers to help our AV team. The hope is with enough people, volunteers would only have to be available once a month. If people have any questions, they can reach out to Troy Cording or Jonah Zuehls. Thank you for your consideration!

### Spark

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“This fall, SPARK, our elementary-aged, (3yrs – 5th Grade), education program will take place in person for the first time in two years! Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 14th starting at 5:30 p.m. All children in our congregation, as well as friends or family of the members, are welcome to attend. Simply contact our church office, 715-735-7898, to let us know so that we can prepare the materials for the classes. SPARK classes last one hour and contain a connection with one of the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. There’s time for stories, prayer, crafts and music. We pray that all of it helps our young people grow in faith.”

### Confirmation

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Our confirmation program for young people in grades 6-8 will take place on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning September 14. Two major changes will take place this school year. First, we will return to meeting in person to provide our students a more stimulating learning experience as they interact with one another. Second, we will combine forces with Bethel Lutheran Church in Menominee. Pastor Scott Ehle of Bethel and Pastor Doug Schoen will alternate teaching the classes at Zion. Confirmation is a major stepping-stone in our young people’s faith formation as they learn about the basic teachings of the Christian faith, informed by the Bible and our Lutheran heritage, with Luther’s *Small Catechism* as a guide. If you have questions about our confirmation program, please contact Pastor Doug by calling the church office, 715-735-7898, or at home, 906-863-5463.

## Where to find Zion's Information \_\_\_\_\_

Zion has a gauntlet of places where you can stay current with the happenings within Zion!

- ⇒ We publish a weekly Announcement sheet that includes, but is not limited to: the schedule of events for the upcoming week, Birthdays, special announcements and members to lift up in prayer.
- ⇒ Zion also has a Facebook page, that contains pictures of various activities, events that will take place (Sew for Missions & Blood Drives—just to mention a few).
- ⇒ Zion's website (<http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org/>) has a link to display a Google Calendar—at the very top of the Home page, on the upper right.
- ⇒ We also publish a monthly Newsletter; you're reading it right now! It is available in print, on the website, and via email. If you have not received a notification via email and would like to, please email your request to:  
Zion@newbc.rr.com
- ⇒ Occasionally reminders and/or the weekly announcement sheet is sent via email. If you have not received any of these messages and would like to, please email your request to: Zion@newbc.rr.com

If you have information to be shared with Zion, please submit it to: Zion@newbc.rr.com The submission deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 21st of every month. The submission deadline for the weekly announcements is every Monday.



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