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NEWS



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Zion's 2023 Congregation Council

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Brad Nelson	Mark Swenson
Jonah Zuehls	
Henry Zuehls, 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

Worship

Acolyte Scheduling — Ann Buscher
 Assistants — Ann Buscher (Ushers, readers, communion assistants, set up communion)
 AV Team — Troy Cording & Jonah Zuehls
 Banners — 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 cleaning products as well as purchasing small equipment for

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Who Does What at Zion ---

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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;
Michelle Larson/Sue Baxter; and Karen Sylvester/ Cheryl
Maxwell
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 — Barb Grom, Karen Dill, Carol Johnson and Ann
Buscher
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



From the Pastor's Desk

On February 2, Groundhog Day, Punxutawney Phil came out of his den and saw his shadow, proverbially indicating that we would have six more weeks of winter. On Ash Wednesday, even if we observe it at home due to weather-related cancellation, we see the shadow of the cross indicating six weeks of Lent. For some Christians, Lent can be a downer. “All that somber music and talk about a cross. Groan! Can’t we just jump to Easter and have happy thoughts?” Lutheran Pastor and college religion professor, Roy Hammerling, said it well: “Even as Christians, we are tempted to take short cuts. Many believers in America go to church on Christmas and Easter because Christmas offers a cute baby and Easter offers a risen Lord. Christians attempt to take a short cut around Good Friday in order to have a God who is more to our liking.”

I propose that Lent can be, and is intended to be, a deeply meaningful and spiritually enriching season if we take its message to heart. On Transfiguration Sunday (Feb. 19), the last Sunday of the Epiphany season, we read the story in Exodus of Moses spending 40 days and 40 nights on Mt. Sinai when God gave him the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. Harvard Stephens, writing in *Christ in Our Home*, reflected on this and observed, “Whenever scriptures tell a story that takes 40 days and 40 nights to unfold, we are being reminded that sometimes God interrupts our normal routines to show us signs of grace and truth that may change our lives. Some call these experiences ‘a time apart’—and we should cherish the variety of ways these opportunities can appear.”

So, we have been given this “time apart” we call Lent—40 days and 40 nights (not counting Sundays—Sundays are always celebrations of the resurrection and, therefore, are “in” Lent, not “of” Lent). What are we to do with this “time apart?” My internship supervisor, Bill Hyllengren, liked to say that some Christians give up something for Lent as a practice of self-denial. Lutherans, he would say, give more. We give more of our time

in worship, attending midweek Lenten services in addition to Sunday worship. We give more money in extra offerings or charitable giving. We spend more time in prayer and spiritual devotion.

The important thing is that we observe the season of Lent in whatever ways are most meaningful to us, hopefully in ways that will draw us closer to Christ as we contemplate the immeasurable sacrifice he made in taking on our humanity, becoming one of us, taking our sins upon himself, and suffering crucifixion to atone for our sins, all so that God may bestow his grace on us, offering us forgiveness and granting us eternal life and salvation. We might start by asking, "How am I doing in my journey of faith? Where is my daily walk with Christ taking me?" Some people focus on outward acts, reflecting on how they have done at observing the Ten Commandments and following the teachings of Jesus. This will almost certainly result in remorse, repentance and amendment of life. That can be a good thing. But consider another approach. I recently preached on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount where he said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.'²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire." "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Jesus when on with a few more examples. The point he was making is twofold: 1. Outward sins stem from inner thoughts and attitudes. Therefore, look inward in self-examination. Do not think for a minute that any amount of righteous actions can make you right with God. Sin has more to do with inner motivations than outward behavior. 2. Such inner reflection should drive us to the

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From the Pastor's Desk

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mercy seat of God, seeking forgiveness. There we find grace to cover a multitude of sins.

So, where will your Lenten journey take you this year? It is good to examine yourself and strive to live a life worthy of God's love. But as you stand in the shadow of the cross, know that Christ died for you and me and everyone else who has ever lived because we are incapable of being right with God by our own efforts. Look at the cross and see the ultimate expression of God's love for you. That's what grace is all about. The season of Lent can be a truly meaningful and spiritually enriching "time apart" if it brings you to a greater understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable grace.

God's blessings to you on your Lenten journey!
Pastor Doug Schoen

What's Around the Corner? _____

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

- March 1:** Lenten Soup Supper and Service, 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper with worship to follow at 6 p.m.
- March 5:** Second Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Temple Talk by Town of Peshtigo Fire Chief.
- March 12:** Third Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rick DeBenedetto. Temple Talk by St. Vincent dePaul representative. Daylight Saving Time starts!
- March 19:** Fourth Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service.
- March 26:** Fifth Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

Congregation Council Highlights



COUNCIL UPDATES

The congregational council met February 14th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor's Report: Mid-Week Lenten services with soup suppers are planned with Zion hosting March 1. Pastor received a request from Patricia Mittag to become a member of Zion

and a motion to receive Pat as a member was made.

Minutes from January Council Meeting, Minutes from Annual Meeting and Minutes from Council Organizational Meeting were all approved.

January Financial Report: General Fund had an increase of \$8,395.00 and Capital Improvement had an increase of \$13,674.00

Old Business

- Transition Task Force- expected to wrap up by end of February.
- MMACF Future Fund tabled until March
- A/V equipment- reviewed meeting with NSV. A few more questions were had. A report back in March is expected.

Tabled Until March

- Letter from Bill Tipple
- Bulletin Format
- Social Hall Piano

The next council meeting will be March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS

We will gather at the cross with our brothers and sisters in Christ every Wednesday in March in a truly ecumenical spirit.

5:30 p.m. Soup Suppers and **6:00 p.m. Worship Services** will be held in the social halls at each participating church.

The worship services will be ½-hour in length.

- March 1: Zion Lutheran Church, 2714 James St., Marinette
Preacher: Rev. Doug Schoen
- March 8: First United Methodist Church, 601 10th Ave.,
Menominee; Preacher: Rev. John Murray
- March 15: Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 1947 Riverside
Ave., Marinette; Preacher: Rev. Craig Alwin
- March 22: First Presbyterian Church, 923 5th St.,
Menominee; Preacher: Elder Keith Schroeder
- March 29: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1600 University
Dr., Marinette; Preacher: Vicar Katy Tomlanovich

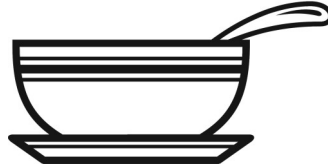
THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

The first Bible stories that many of us took notice of may have been the miracles performed by Jesus, probably because of their “wow” factor. The miracles of Jesus continue to speak to us powerfully, not because they are incredible displays of amazing power, but because of what they reveal to us about the nature of God and God’s desire to touch our lives in powerful ways. The pastors who will be leading this year’s midweek Lenten services will each select one miracle story that speaks to them personally and reflect on its meaning for our lives today.



World Hunger Drive!

More than 820 million people - that's about 11% of the world - are hungry. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.



Throughout the whole season of Lent we will be collecting money for ELCA World Hunger. We take up this collection every year and our delegates bring it with them to the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly in May.

This year we will track our progress with a soup bowl and spoons. For every \$20 raised we'll add a spoon to the bowl. Let's see how many spoons we can fit in there!

To learn more about how the ELCA helps feed people all over the world go to ELCA.org/Our-Work

Grant Application from Zion's Mission Endowment Fund

The application and Endowment Fund Brochure are available on the table in the front hall and on Zion's [website](#). Please take one and share it with another one of your favorite organizations. Applications need to be received at Zion by June 1.

Keeping the Light Burning



If you feel inclined to sponsor the Eternal Light for one month, please notify Zion's office which month you'd like to sponsor (715-735-7898 or zion@newbc.rr.com). May, June, July, August, October, November and December are all open! The cost of sponsoring the Eternal Light for one month is \$13.00. Payment of your sponsorship can be mailed to Zion or placed in the offering plate after Communion.

MVC Youth UnBirthday Party



Menominee Valley Conference Youth between 6th-12th grade are invited to an UnBirthday Party at Bethel Lutheran Church (1309 14th Avenue, Menominee) on Friday, March 10 between 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. We will put together Birthday Blessing Bags (cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, candles, a pan, and party favors) to donate to local food pan-

tries. In addition to the service project, we will also have food and games to celebrate everyone's birthday! Please RSVP to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org to ensure enough supplies.

NEWCAP Hygiene Drive!

Zion is participating in NEWCAP's Hygiene Drive this year! From February 12th to March 5th, we will be collecting hygiene items for local Oconto and Marinette crisis programs through NEWCAP and SVdP of Marinette. There is a box in the narthex where donations can be dropped off.

Most needed items include:

- Cleaning supplies
- Feminine products
- Toilet paper
- Diapers and other baby care items
- Hair care products
- Deodorant
- Dental care products
- Body lotion
- Laundry soap
- Kitchen trash bags
- Paper towels

Donate Hygiene Items



Thank you for your generosity!

Fortune Lake Lutheran Summer Camp Info!

Online registration for FLLC's Summer Camp is open!

- **Leaders-in-Training (LIT):** Grades 10-12, Week 1: June 25-30, Week 2: July 9-14, July 16-21, July 23-28, or August 6-9
- **High School Week:** Grades 9-12, June 25-30
- **Youth Week:** Grades 3-8, July 9-14 or July 16-21 (Villager, Vagabond, Venturer)
- **Mini Week:** Grades 1-8, July 9-12 or August 6-9
- **Mighty Ones:** Grades 1-2, August 6-8
- **Specialty Camps:** Grades 3-8, July 23-28 (Art Camp, LEGO Camp)
- **Jr. High Night Owls:** Grades 6-8, July 23-28
- **On-site Day Camp:** Grades K-5, June 19-22
- **Intergenerational Week:** All ages, Full Week: June 18-23 or July 30-August 4 or Half Week, August 1-4
- **Victory Camp:** 18+ with disabilities, June 11-16
- **Camp ACTS (Acting, Choreography, Theatre, and Song):** Grades 3-12, July 16-21

To register or for more information, people may visit Fortune Lake's website, fortunelake.org.

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 11-16	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 18-23	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
	June 19-22	On-Site Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$110
Week 3	June 25-30	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$425
	July 9-12	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
Week 4	July 9-14	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #1 Option	\$425 No charge
	July 16-21	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12) LIT #2 Option	\$425 \$455 No charge
Week 6	July 23-28	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-8) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8)	\$425
		Art Camp (Grades 3-8) LIT #3 Option	\$455 No charge
Week 7	July 30-Aug 4	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
	Aug 1-4	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 8	Aug 6-8	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
	Aug 6-9	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #4 Option	\$305 \$305 No charge

*LIT program requires an application process. Week #1 has a fee; subsequent weeks do not.

2023 SCHEDULE

More info at FortuneLake.org

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.

The last Mark of Discipleship in this year-long focus on stewardship is "Study." This is Zion's Mission Statement for Study.

"We envision a congregation that studies the Holy Scriptures and the principles of Christian faith in order to fulfill its great desire to learn more about its calling as disciples of Jesus and the gifts that God so graciously provides. Families will regularly use materials provided for Bible study at home, and groups within the congregation will regularly gather to study the Scriptures and these principles."

Until group Bible studies can be offered at the church under fulltime pastoral leadership, I've put together a list of items that may help us in pursuing individual, couple, or family study at home. These are simple steps – some more time-consuming than others. I encourage you to try one or more of them. I hope they will provide a sense of direction and offer an opportunity to grow in faith.

Read the Book of Psalms - one chapter per day. The Psalms express our praise to God for who he is and what he does. They also express our need of God in times of trial and our confidence that God will help.

Read the Book of Proverbs - one chapter per day. Proverbs are filled with advice on life and living. They are practical, not theoretical, and point the way to godly character and a fulfilled life. They focus on this life not the next.

Become more familiar with the Lutheran faith by delving into Luther's Small Catechism. Read one part per day, for example, one Commandment, one article of the Apostles' Creed, one petition of the Lord's prayer, etc. Contemplate Luther's explanations and think about what they mean for your life.

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The Stewardship and Generosity Corner _____

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If you'd like to be entertained while learning let me recommend a few books written by Pastor Kelly A Fryer. These are books that we read and discussed with Pastor Keith several years ago.

"Reclaiming the 'L' Word – Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core", Reclaiming the 'C' Word – Daring to be Church Again", and the last one; "Reclaiming the 'E' Word – Waking Up to Our Evangelical Identity". I truly enjoyed reading these books and I hope you will as well.

You can also study scripture via the next three recommendations that come in the form of a daily devotion.

1. "God Pause" a Daily Devotion from Luther Seminary. Subscribe to it, as I did, by entering "Luther Seminary" on the search engine line and then pick "God Pause." When you subscribe it will arrive in your inbox daily. It includes commentary and a prayer. No more searching for links.
2. Prayer Faithfully from the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Go to NGLSynod.org and look for the "Prayer Faithfully" link. This will not arrive in your inbox daily.
3. Go to the ELCA.org and then pick "Daily Bible Reading" on the website. Subscribe and this provides you a daily Bible verse mailed directly to your email address. It does not include commentary.
4. Go to "Enter the Bible" an online resource from Luther Seminary at enterthebible.org. This resource offers a summary, outline, background, introductory issues, and theological themes for each of the books in the Bible.

We all want to have a closer walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Studying is a way of making that a reality.

In God's peace and grace,
Karen Sylvester

March Birthdays

March 2: Gerald Sylvester and Gary Wesmer
March 3: Rhoslyn Schoen
March 4: George Ihler
March 6: Michael Bretl, Diane Race and Troy Schutt
March 8: Julie Williams
March 9: Susan Goldsmith
March 11: Cassandra Bauer
March 15: Steve Hoheneder
March 17: Patricia Peterson
March 22: Elsa Elmer
March 26: Kurt Oleson
March 29: Craig Bates
March 30: Alexis Rosenfeldt and Everett Schoen



March Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of March is sponsored by
Ann Buscher!



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

March 1: Barbara Clarke and Kenny Sallee
 March 2: Lawrence Melgary
 March 3: Michelle Dudek and James Martin
 March 5: Rachel Kuhn
 March 7: Heidi Beland, LeeAnn Limberg and Gage Schutt
 March 8: Scott Gressel
 March 9: Tom Dudek and Dawn Vincent
 March 10: Marilyn Gould
 March 12: Melanie Bennett and Rachel Rosenfeldt
 March 13: Jo Ann McGee and Jon Strutz
 March 15: Caleb Williams
 March 17: Tatem Schroeder
 March 22: Emily Limberg
 March 29: Adison Rosenfeldt
 March 30: Bethany Wolf



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!

Zion received the following thank you notes:

The Salvation Army

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks for your assistance in the 2022 drives that helped us send kids back to school with a great start, keep families warm, or create a Christmas to remember!

I continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of this community! There was never a concern that a child would go without. Thank you for helping us fulfill a great need!!

- For Back to School we supplied over 2,000 items to 180 children including backpacks and school supplies and each child received a gift card to get a new outfit, shoes etc. for their first day of school.
- Our Coats for Kids drive distributed 473 items, (such as coats, snowpants, hats, mittens, boots, blankets, and books) to 108 children and adults. We continue to keep donations on hand for those that still come in and are cold.
- At Christmas we provided 2,012 toys, \$2,375 in gifts cards and 1,491 articles of clothing to 359 children. We were also able to serve 171 individuals and families with a food basket and meat certificate. In total 615 people were helped through our Christmas distribution program.

- These three events had over 300 volunteer hours and over 50 donations sites! What amazing, incredible support. We could not do this without our volunteers and local businesses! We hope to partner with you again in 2023!!

Blessings,
Major Rhegan Stansbury

Northern Great Lakes Synod

Dear People of Zion Lutheran in Marinette,

Thank you so much for your financial support of the work of Christ that we do together. This year, as we focus on Love, we continue to witness to God's love in how we love others. Your contribution makes broader and deeper acts of love in ministry possible. The following designated gifts were received by the Synod Office:

- Website Maintenance - \$1,000.00
- World Hunger - \$165
- Fortune Lake Camp - \$911.38
- Lutheran World Relief - \$130
- International Disaster - \$20.00
- Domestic Disaster Fund - \$100.00

I am grateful for your partnership! Thank you for blessing our work together with a portion of the blessings you have received.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

JM Demaree Foundation

I wanted to thank you once again for your generosity in donating to our charity, in support of the victims of the war in Ukraine. These people are experiencing incredibly difficult circumstances and witnessing things no one should have to see. Your generosity helps to give them the courage and hope to persevere.

God bless you,
Thom Demaree

(The foundation received funds from our Mission Endowment Fund in 2022.)

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2023

Building a Kin-Dom for the Community

When Pepa Paniagua felt called to a job that didn't exist, she set about creating it. What resulted was the "kin·dom community," a new approach to a term adopted nearly 40 years ago.

An ecumenical partnership that includes the ELCA Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod and the Presbyterian Church (USA), the kin·dom community says its mission is to be "an intentional, brave space for all people to explore and cultivate spirituality." The community is committed to inclusion, integration and love and to affirming all gender identities and sexual orientations. The 2-year-old community operates under the direction of Paniagua, who is a Presbyterian pastor, and a board that includes Irma Bañales, the synod's director for evangelical mission.

At this point in its evolution the community is united largely through the content and resources members access from its website. But this summer the community branched out to host its first kin·dom camp and provide LGBTQIA+ youth with a week of affirmation, celebration and fun.

Paniagua, who grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area as a "cradle Presbyterian," has spent most of the past two decades in Texas. Following seminary studies in Austin, she served a post-graduate residency in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and since 2008 has been a pastor in northern Texas, where she lives with her wife, Kelli. Knowing that people who don't fit into the heterosexual or cisgender boxes have often been hurt by churches and other faith groups, Paniagua felt called to create a model for ministries fully welcoming of the LGBTQIA+ community.

By April 2019 she was exploring possibilities with 1001 New Worshiping Communities, which helps pastors create and execute novel initiatives. By the following year, Paniagua was ready "to stop talking about it and start doing it. The goal was to be in

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2023



Above: The camp allowed kids to experience a space designed for them, full of love and welcome, where they can come and truly be themselves.

restaurants or bars or other community spaces. In this part of the country people have suffered a significant amount of religious trauma.”

After four kin·dom community meetings the pandemic struck, forcing the group into a Zoom format. Ultimately community members decided they didn’t want one more aspect of their lives happening via teleconference, so kin·dom was reconfigured as a creator and curator of video and other content that members can access as best fits their schedules.

kin·dom board member Corey Wallis, who was born and raised in Texas in a Southern Baptist environment. Now a communications specialist for Trinity Presbyterian Church in McKinney and a student at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Wallis got involved with kin·dom to use her “privilege” to “invest in places that are safe and warm and welcoming.”

“I’m a straight, cisgender white woman,” she said. “Church has always felt comfortable to me, it’s welcoming for folks who present like I do—but not for all Christians. My three closest friends are gay.

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Stewardship Initiative

This month's stewardship focus is on study. It sounds so easy right? Sitting here in my house without others to guide my study and offer their opinions on the text, I find it isn't easy at all. I did a search to get some tips on studying the Bible. Here's what I found.



1. Begin your study with prayer seeking wisdom and understanding.
2. You don't have to start at the beginning. The Gospels are easier to understand than Daniel or Revelations.
3. Choose a topic relevant to you and your life – grace, repentance, forgiveness, or strength.
4. Get to know a character – John the Baptist, Moses, Mary Magdalen.
5. Write down the insights you glean while doing your individual study.
6. Read the same Bible verses in different versions of the Bible.
7. Read or share with a family member or friend via Zoom, Facetime, or email.
8. Look up what you don't understand. Some of the words in the Bible are not easy. With the Internet we have a plethora of insights available to us.
9. Pause and listen. It is important to search and study the word of God, but it is equally important to slow down, quiet your mind, and listen.

Learning from the Bible is a lifelong pursuit and one which pleases God.

Dear Lord, we know you want us to learn more about you, your kingdom, and your love. Place within our hearts a desire to take time with your word in the Bible and to read and contemplate it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Karen Sylvester



Join the AV Team!

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!

Zion is in need of ushers!

We are desperately looking for people to be ushers at church. We will be glad to train any volunteer. Due to our snowbirds we will be losing many people who usually sign up on the volunteer sheet. If you are willing to be a communion assistant, usher, reader or learn to set up and take down communion please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.

Worship Assistant Opportunities

If you'd like to volunteer to serve as lector, usher, communion assistant, or would like to help set up and take down communion, sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions or would like to ask about certain days, people may 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. Thank you for your consideration!



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.

Turkey and Syria Rocked by Devastating Earthquakes. ___

The violent earthquake and dozens of powerful aftershocks that struck Turkey on February 6 have devastated families. The first was a magnitude 7.8 earthquake in south central Turkey, followed hours later by a magnitude 7.5 quake in the southeastern part of the country. The two quakes have devastated Turkey and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Over 2,000 people have been killed and thousands more have been injured, yet search-and-rescue efforts are only in the early stages.

Survivors of the quakes report that the ground shook so forcefully that it was difficult to stand. Terrified of another strong aftershock, people are remaining outside in freezing temperatures.

A Lutheran World Relief Team is coordinating a response with its network of trusted local partners.

Your gift to our emergency response fund will be a godsend to neighbors affected by the quakes. Right now, the best way to help is to make a donation now to quickly deliver lifesaving aid.

Zion is accepting donations to help the people affected by this tragedy. You may also donate online on Lutheran World Relief's website, lwr.org. Another way to donate is through the Lutheran Disaster Response through the ELCA. You may donate [online](http://elca.org) at elca.org or you Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response. Write "Middle East Crisis" on your check's memo line and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



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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