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Zion's 2023 Congregation Council

Troy Cording — President	Kim Graf — V.P.
Michelle Larson — Secretary	LeeAnn Limberg — Treasurer
Dean Schoen	Laura Rowe
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 May 27, 1973, I was ordained into the ministry of word and sacrament at my home congregation, Unity Lutheran Church, in Milwaukee's Bay View community. This congregation produced about a dozen pastors in their first fifty years. I was in my second year of confirmation when our former church body, the Lutheran Church in America, was organized through a merger of four synods of various German and Scandinavian backgrounds. At the same time, we called a new pastor, Rev. R. R. Belter, who had been the president of the former Wartburg Synod and whose presidency came to an end with the merger. I was in the first class he confirmed at Unity. He mentored me toward a call to ministry. Marilyn and I were the last couple he married just before he retired.

Marilyn and I were born in the same hospital, Milwaukee Lutheran Hospital, nine months apart. We were baptized, confirmed and married at Unity. We were married in July of 1969 following my graduation from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI. Following our wedding we headed to St. Paul, Minnesota where I attended Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary. Following ordination, I was called to serve Trinity Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, as well as a small country church, Grace Lutheran, Brill, WI. After seven years serving that parish, I was called to Emmanuel, Menominee, MI where I served for thirty-three years until retirement in 2013. My ministry of 50 years has been a partnership with my life partner, Marilyn. I have been blessed to have her as my partner in worship leadership as organist and choir director, leader of the praise band and handbell choirs, as well as her leadership in a host of other congregational ministries throughout the course of my parish ministry. I am grateful for the generations of children she mentored, not only in choral singing, but in an understanding of and appreciation for worship. Plus, she has been my chief advisor and encourager.

It is fitting, then, that we were recognized for that partnership at the recent Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod at NMU in Marquette. Bishop Katherine Finegan asked me to be her worship assistant at the opening service on

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Thursday evening. She also asked if I would deliver a children's sermon as this was the first Synod Assembly ever to have children present. Marilyn and I were also given the opportunity to serve communion together. At the banquet on Friday evening, I was recognized for my 50th anniversary of ordination. In my brief talk I stated that I was somewhat amazed that I am still leading worship every Sunday, still baptizing, marrying and burying, even still teaching confirmation and enjoying those young people immensely. I am grateful that God is still using me, grateful for the Holy Spirit's guidance and support through 50 years of ministry, and grateful to have spent the 50th year of my ministry serving Zion as interim pastor. This seems fitting given the long association Marilyn and I have had with this fine congregation. Marilyn was one of Zion's organists for twenty-five years and choir director for three years. Being interim pastor involves not only serving the congregation's pastoral and spiritual needs during the interim, but preparing the congregation for calling your next pastor. I am hopeful that we will be able to celebrate that event in the not too distant future.

To that end, I am pleased that Bishop Finegan was elected on the first ballot to a second three-year term as bishop. She has our Ministry Site Profile in her possession, is working on our behalf, and will meet with our Congregation Council when she has a viable candidate to present for interview and consideration for call. Pray with me that the Holy Spirit will guide Bishop Finegan, Zion's Congregation Council, and Zion congregation in the call process.

One additional item of related news I will share with you is that our neighboring congregation, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, has entered into an agreement with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Peshtigo, to share a pastor. Vicar Katy Tomlanovich, who has been serving Our Savior's, has completed her seminary education, is about to be ordained, and will seek a fulltime call. Rev. David Murphy, Pastor of Good Shepherd, will now serve both congregations. We pray God's blessing upon Pastor Murphy and the faithful people of Good Shepherd and Our Savior's congregations.

In Christ,
Pastor Doug Schoen



Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,



Grace and peace to you!

Just a few days ago, we gathered as a Synod at Northern Michigan University. Here is a brief recap with highlights and actions taken. 216 voting members were registered along with 50 or so visitors.

WORSHIP

- Thursday: The assembly began with a Spirit-filled Opening Worship. Using the space at NMU, we used two ballrooms to accommodate a bell choir, a vocal choir, a pastor band, vested clergy, deacons, and LLM's, a children's worship play space, and many NGLS voting members and guests gathered as Church to worship. [A video of that service is available here, on NMU's YouTube Channel.](#)
- Saturday: We began with the liturgy for Morning Prayer from the ELW. Thanks to Pr. Brenda Greenwald and Pr. Steve Gauger for leading the worship.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity!

- World Hunger: \$23,165.60
- Equipping the Saints Endowment Ministry: \$2344.00 (reflects an additional designated gift)
- Youth Gathering 2024: \$2244.00

ELECTIONS

Friday morning, I was honored to be granted a second six-year term to serve as the Bishop of this synod. I am sincerely grateful for your affirmation and this chance to continue this journey of being Church together.



1. Chuck Thomas was elected to a second four-year term as Synod Vice President.
2. Other elections:
 - Synod Discipline Committee: Pam Durbin, Bill Hartman, Pr. Scott Ehle and Pr. Catie Ford.
 - Synod Consultation Committee: Charlotte Strom, Molly Luty and Pr. Sarah Semler Smith.

Thank you to all who were willing to stand for election!

CHAPLAINS

Throughout the assembly, Chaplains serving in our Synod offered prayers and briefly described their area of service. We are grateful for the efforts of:

- Rev. David Murphy – Naval Reserve Chaplain
- Rev. Peter Vorhes – Michigan State Police Chaplain
- Rev. Keith Kolstad – Chaplain at Northland Lutheran Retirement Community
- Deacon-elect Jen Elsenbroek - Chaplain at Great Lakes Recovery.

RESOLUTIONS OF NOTE

1. Given our changed financial reality and the desire for funding for Synod ministry projects, we voted to rescind a 2017 Resolution that established a policy that any funds in excess of \$150,000 be sent on to our Churchwide partners.
2. At Synod Assembly 2023, 31.3% of the voting members were clergy. This is well within the parameters required by our constitution that at least 60% of voting members be of the laity. However, the time may come in the future when the combined voting members of retired and serving clergy exceeds 40%. A resolution was passed to ensure the constitution requirement of at least 60% lay voting members at fu-



ture synod assemblies. Know that for the foreseeable future, the 20 – 25 or so retired clergy who register will receive both voice and vote.

3. We passed a deficit budget.
4. Approved the Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2024.

You are invited to check out the following links:

[Opening Worship](#), [Friday Plenary I](#), [Friday Plenary II](#), and [Saturday Morning Prayer & Plenary III](#)

NEXT YEAR

Synod Assembly 2024 will be Conference-based hybrid. Voting members and visitors will meet at a host church in your conference and we will be connected through Zoom. In anticipation of Synod Assembly 2025, please set aside the additional funds that will be needed to support your voting members and pastoral leaders for an in-person assembly.

It was wonderful to be together! I heard over and over again that people valued being in person. The worship, the conversations, the witness of how we are church together was both moving and meaningful. As the next six years begin, the synod council will meet for a visioning retreat in June to help clarify our goals and give direction. We pray for the Spirit's guidance as we discern next steps and future efforts.

Thank you again for privilege of serving as your bishop. We move forward in faith, together.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

(Zion's voting members review of the assembly is on pages 13 and 14, be sure to check it out!)

Congregation Council Highlights

The congregational council met May 9th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. At Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Wallace, Michigan.



Pastor's Report

- Confirmation: 6 students combined with Bethel Lutheran which allowed for sharing of instruction, will hopefully continue in the future. Last class met last week which included the parents. Three of the students will be Confirmed on Oct. 29th and will prepare to write their faith statements for the October Council meeting.
- Synod Assembly is next week Thursday through Saturday. Pastor Schoen will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination.
- "Darkness to Light Child Protection Training " next week at Emmanuel; Johanna Zuehls will be our representative.
- Will remind people that the doors will be locked shortly after worship begins. Write-up in the bulletin and newsletter. Will consider other options

April Financial Report

- At budget time we will decide what to do about the Community Camper fund, which is sitting at a \$0 balance.
- LeeAnn will research ways to earn more interest for money that we have and bring to the next council meeting
- August Meeting will plan to pay \$6,000 to M&M Area Community Foundation to sponsor 4th Grade

Committee Reports

- Property — New American flag was donated; will be putting a new rope on the flag pole

Old Business

- A/V Equipment — Laura submitted a grant request to ELCA for the entire AV cost just under \$50,000. Unsure of the timeframe or amount of funding.

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Congregation Council Highlights ---

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- Piano — An ad has been put in the bulletin and on Facebook Marketplace to sell the piano

New Business

- Reception into Membership: Debra Mylener and Scott Williams. Pastor is counseling both and looking to formally introduce them to the congregation possibly in June.
- Removal of Membership: Michelle (LaFond) Dudek, at her request.
- Financial Secretary: Karen Houdek would like to retire. Troy will bring this topic to the Personnel Committee. The ideal candidate should have skills with financial details as well as high level of integrity.

For the next council meeting, Troy is going to check into the Dome Lanes, possible outdoor venue or rain option indoor space; June 13 at 6:30 p.m.

What's Around the Corner? ---

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

- June 4: The Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Coffee hour to follow sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee
- June 11: Second Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Nick Johannes. With special music by John Wills.
- June 18: Third Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary worship. Father's Day.
- June 25: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. A vocal solo by Adison Rosenfeldt.

VBS Save the Date!



Bethel Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, St. James Lutheran, and Peace United churches will again join together to host Vacation Bible School for kids of all ages. We know families are busy throughout the summer so instead of one week of fun, we are having VBS activities for 4 Saturdays in July (July 8, 15, 22, and 29)!

Campers are invited to Bethel Lutheran Church, 1309 14th Ave, Menominee, between 9 and 11:00 a.m., for a morning full of games, songs, snacks, crafts, and Bible Stories about Jesus.

Registration forms are available on our table of resources in the Narthex. We hope you can join us at all or some of the Saturdays for Jesus in July!

Contact Stefanie Ehle (sehle@uwalumni.com) or Johanna Zuehls (johannazuehls@gmail.com) with questions or to learn how you can volunteer!

June Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of June is sponsored by Dave and Lori Despins and is in honor and memory of fathers and father-like figures.



Fortune Lake Lutheran Summer Camp Info!

Fortune Lake's flagship program – Summer Camp – is taking registrations for all programs! There are overnight Youth Camps for kids in grades 1-12, Intergenerational Camps for families of all types, Victory Camp for adults with disabilities, and Congregational Day Visits for church groups. Some programs are filling quickly, so don't wait! Learn more and register at <http://fortunelake.org/summer-camp/>

Fortune Lake is offering a \$25 discount for new campers! Simply use promo code NEW2023 at registration.

Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter

Zion's Social Ministry Committee has started monthly collections again and we are asking for your help. We've compiled a list of pantries and shelters in our area and we will rotate through them during the year. Some months we will list specific needs so watch the newsletters for details.

In June we will be gathering housekeeping items for Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter on Mann St. in Marinette.

Individuals (male & female) are permitted to stay at the shelter up to 90 days. While living at the shelter they must seek employment and are encouraged to volunteer their service to other charitable groups. They also perform residential duties, food prep, cooking, cleaning, laundry, etc.

Items needed at Haven of Hope are: zipper-loc bags (storage, freezer, quart & gallon size), large garbage bags, toilet paper, facial tissue, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, dish soap, scrubbies for dishes and cleaning, kitchen & bathroom cleansers, furniture polish, laundry detergent, fabric softener.

Place your items in the narthex in or near the square baskets by the coat room. Thank you for your help!

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!

Zion's 2023 Synod Assembly Review

This article was written by Laura Rowe and Karen Sylvester after attending the 2023 Synod Assembly. Most important was the fact that Bishop Katherine Finegan was reelected for a six-year term as Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Here are Laura's comments:

Thank you for giving me the privilege to be a representative of Zion at the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly May 18-20 in Marquette. This was a brand-new experience for me, and I wasn't sure what to expect, so I kept an open mind. Reflecting on the jam-packed three days, I thought I would ask myself the same questions we use for "Dwelling in the Word":

1. **What stood out to you?** This was a mixture of people from across the region, but they came together with the common purpose and passion for their congregations and their faith.
2. **What questions do you have?** I left with many questions, but most were based on next steps such as What more can be done? How do we communicate all that the Synod already does? How can we encourage young members, parents, and kids? What new ideas can be incorporated?
3. **What do you think God might be saying to you through this experience?** I think he is asking me to use my gifts and using me as a tool to encourage others to use their gifts.

Here are Karen's comments:

It has been years since I've been to Synod Assembly, and what a joy filled experience it was. The Theme was "LOVE" and it prevailed throughout the event in song, worship, presentations, and give aways (chocolate candy kisses and heart-shaped sunglasses.)

The programs that spoke most to me were Lifelong Faith Formation which offers online classes via Zoom on a wide variety of topics throughout the year for adults of all ages. More information is available at nglsynod.org. Then there was UP Wild

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Church which started in late 2019 in the Marquette area.

A discussion was held for congregations in our conference, and someone thought perhaps we could do something like this at Henes Park. That thought was an intriguing statement and could be given more thought as Zion moves into the future.

I was really impressed and so very thankful when Bishop Finegan called forward the new pastors, deacons, and Licensed Lay ministers that have been called to God's work in the last year. It was a long line of people all with smiling faces and joy in their hearts!!

It takes many willing individuals to keep our Synod, its congregations, programs, and ministries moving forward. We are blessed and are extremely thankful for all of them.

The 2023 version of "Mission Stories of the Northern Great Lakes Synod" is on the table in the lobby. Please pick one up and read it. It is eye-opening.

Pastor Doug was also recognized for his 50th anniversary of ordination!



Zion's 2023 Synod Assembly Review



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.

Taken from "The Christmas Box Miracle" by Richard Paul

Evans. "I believe the most important thing that we can learn in our divine educational process is how to love. To love God and to love others. They are the same thing, really. We cannot love God without loving his children. Neither can we love God without serving his children. Love without service is as dead as faith without works."

This month's mark is "Serve." If we stop to think about it, all of us have been served in some way even before we leave our home – did your child or spouse make the bed, wash dishes, or sweep a floor without being told; did your spouse pour your first cup of coffee or perhaps make the coffee?

How many times during any given day do you serve others by cooking, cleaning, mowing grass, washing the car, pulling weeds, spending time with a child? These are small, but very meaningful, things that you do for your family. Each conveys love for another.

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The Stewardship and Generosity Corner _____

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Outside your home, you serve others too. While shopping you reach for a product out of the reach of someone else, help wash or paint walls that aren't yours, drive someone somewhere, clean someone's home, bake cookies for an event, plant a garden to feed others, donate food or clothing, pickup lunch for a co-worker – the list is quite literally endless.

Then there's Zion. If you look at the first few pages of the newsletter, you'll find the names of those who serve in some capacity. Behind those named individuals are still more people helping in whatever fashion they can to fulfill their mission.

Every worship service Sunday after Sunday brings people to serve in a variety of ways – music, lights, AV, offering, candles, etc. Where would we be without them?

Each of us is a servant all the time, perhaps without realizing that we are. But, why do we do these things for others? We do it because of love – the love that God placed in our hearts when we were conceived – the love that grew over the years – the love that spews forth from us because of all that Jesus Christ has done. We are Easter people. We have joy, compassion, and God's love within us. We share – we serve because we are blessed!

1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

In God's peace and grace,
Karen Sylvester



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

June 1: Roger DeGroot
 June 2: Macy Bodam and Jacob Marzahl
 June 4: Lisa Knopik
 June 6: Sharon Powilaite
 June 13: Adam Thill
 June 16: Robert Lund
 June 18: Bruce Oleson
 June 20: Diana Harper
 June 21: Joan Nowakowski



June Birthdays

June 4: Matthew Swenson
 June 6: Brittany Renne and Delanie Schroeder
 June 9: Victoria Johnson
 June 10: Emma Williams
 June 14: Daniel Lemire
 June 15: John Bowdin, Robert Lund and Patricia Rondeau
 June 18: Keaton Emler and Richard Francour
 June 19: Kaitie Sodergren
 June 20: Allyson Knopik
 June 22: Gloria Breuer and Greg Peanosky
 June 23: Rosalie Settersten
 June 24: Drew Andrist
 June 26: Donald Schutt





Zion received the following thank you notes:

Bruce Oleson:

Friends at Zion,

Thank you to everyone who prayed and wished me well during my hospitalization and rehab. The support and kind wishes are appreciated and I am extremely grateful!

Bruce Oleson

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA):

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in March 2023.

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Amanda White

Director, Congregational Generosity

Donate to Zion



Did you know that you are able to contribute to Zion via the website? Simply to go: <http://www.zionlutheran-marinette.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. You can take the flowers home after service! To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-735-7898 or Zion@newbc.rr.com. Current dates that need sponsoring are: June 11th and 25th; July 2nd, 23rd and 30th.

Accurate contact information?

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). Thank you for your assistance!

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2023

Lutheran Church in Rwanda

The ongoing construction of Rwanda's first Lutheran seminary is sparking excitement amongst church leaders, but with an important government deadline looming ahead, that excitement has been coupled with anxiety.

In 2018, the government of Rwanda proposed a law that all ordained pastors, across denominations, must have the equivalent of a bachelor's or master's degree in theology or education to continue to serve their congregations.

Part of the pastoral emergency stems from the difference in how Rwandan churches are led, said Evalister Mugabo, bishop of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda.

"You call them pastors," Mugabo said. "Here, we have evangelists and pastors. Evangelists are the people who are serving in their [congregations], but not ordained as pastors."

Right now, the LCR has 39 pastors, Mugabo said. But the church primarily is led by non-ordained evangelists, many of whom have been trained at Rwanda's Bible school, known as Theological Education and Leadership Development (TELD).

However, TELD is only a steppingstone for those who want to become ordained. What Rwanda desperately needs is its own seminary, Mugabo said – and fortunately, the LCR is in the process of building one.

"For Rwandan Lutheran evangelists, these new regulations are a surmounting challenge," Mugabo wrote in an email sent to Lutheran leaders around the globe. "It means traveling to study in other countries such as Tanzania. This is not only cost-prohibitive for nearly all evangelists, but it also entails the hardship of being away from their congregations, communities and families. Thus, we feel the Holy Spirit is calling us to establish [the Lutheran Theological and Leadership College]."

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In 2017, the ELCA agreed to monetarily support the Bible school, and TELD's leadership development program swelled. A 3-year program culminating with a certificate in Biblical studies was quickly established that year, and in 2019, one graduate was able to join Iringa University in Tanzania to pursue a bachelor's degree in theology.



Above: Rev. Dr. Ntidendereza David leading class at TELD. Eight students graduated from the program on Dec. 19, 2021.

In the Rukira Parish, membership jumped from 469 to 753 members after evangelists who had received training at TELD came back, said Ntidendereza David, a pastor and principal of TELD. Similarly, the Kirehe Parish saw its membership grow from 424 to 689 members.

While growing TELD has been a primary goal for years, word of the government's new regulations led the LCR to plan an expansion of its education system. Building and staffing a seminary is now of the utmost importance, said Mugabo.

In October 2019, a commemoration stone was laid on the land secured for the Lutheran Theological and Leadership College, Mugabo said. Soon after, an administration building was completed, and the foundation of a four-story classroom building was laid. Through your Mission Support dollars, the ELCA shares funding for these projects.

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STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2023

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“LCR is a small but mighty church,” said Daudi Msseemmaa, the ELCA regional representative in East Africa. **“As it grows, it needs more pastors and evangelists, and they need to have the skills to support the spiritual and emotional needs of congregations carrying the generational weight of violence, displacement, and even reconciliation from their histories.”**

Above: One of the TELD buildings, with a plastic water tank.

“As the ELCA, we come alongside LCR through support for

their Bible school, seminary scholarships and other programs to help the church be at the center of community life. It's a perfect example of our emphasis on theological education aligning with theirs.”

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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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