

# WE ARE ZION



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# NEWS

## February 2024



### **Zion's 2024 Congregation Council**

Laura Rowe — President	Dean Schoen — V.P.
Michelle Larson — Secretary	LeeAnn Limberg — Treasurer
Tatem Schroeder	Phil Strohl
Brad Nelson	Mark Swenson
Jonah Zuehls	
Sophie Limberg, Youth Member	

### **Zion Staff**

Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary — Marissa Tharp

Choir Director and Organist — Ann Buscher

Accompanist for Choir and Organist — Rachel Rosenfeldt

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

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#### **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

At the Annual Congregation Meeting, the voting members approved an operating budget for 2024. The first item in the budget is Synod benevolence. That is as it should be. If we are to encourage one another to practice proportionate, first fruits giving, i.e., putting God first in our financial planning, then we, as a congregation, should do the same in regard to benevolence. In fact, we give 11% of our budget to Synod benevolence as a first fruits gift. We should keep in mind that benevolence is not just a donation we send to the Synod. It is money given in support of the mission of the church we do together with all the congregations of our Synod. In other words, it is a gift to ourselves. The root meaning of the word "synod" is "walking together." So, the Synod is not THEM. The Synod is US.

Recently, Bishop Finegan sent us a letter thanking us for our support of the work we did together in 2023. She said, "I am grateful to you for doing what you can to fulfill the commitment you made to the work of Christ in and through the Northern Great Lakes Synod." She then provided the following information I would like to share with you:

*Your Mission Support has made the following possible:*

- *The work of Pastor Jim Duehring which includes Faithful Innovations, Stewardship education, transition support, committee leadership: Companion Synod relations, Youth, Walking with Our Indigenous Neighbors, U.P. Wild, and more.*
- *The work of Deacon Lori Ward to organize Lifelong Faith Formation and administer the Licensed Lay Minister evaluations.*
- *The work of Stefanie Ehle as our Synod Youth Coordinator to organize conference youth events, the 2024 Youth Gathering, and conference collaborations for youth fellowship and education.*

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- *The work of Courtney Wehmeier coordinating information, registrations, and generating communications through E Notes, the Northern Light, the website, and more.*
- *Providing the necessities of heat, staff, salary, travel expenses, and lights to keep the Synod office functioning and effective.*
- *Support of Lutheran Campus Ministry, Seminary support at Wartburg Seminary and Lutheran School of Theology Chicago, Synod Council and more.*

*Also, almost half of the offerings that you gave to the Synod were forwarded to the ELCA. Your offerings support Global Mission, pastoral leader development, advocacy, Women of the ELCA, new church start-ups, missionaries and more.*

What a blessing it is to us to know that a portion of the offerings we give have such a far-reaching effect! As one congregation alone, our outreach would be very limited. But “walking together” with congregations throughout the U.P. and northeastern Wisconsin, as well as congregations throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we can do great things to build up the kingdom of God in our community, our nation and the world. Thanks be to God for this privilege and opportunity! Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Zion members who support these wonderful ministries!

In Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Doug*



# upcoming events

## What's Around the Corner?

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

- Feb. 4: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With special music by Eric Breuer on the alto saxophone. The Lutheran Hour immediately following worship.
- Feb. 7: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11: Transfiguration, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. The Lutheran Hour immediately following worship. With guest pastor Rev. Nick Johannes.
- Feb. 13: Sew For Missions, 9 a.m.; Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., worship with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. The service will also be live-streamed via Facebook Live.
- Feb. 15: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 18: First Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service.
- Feb. 21: Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m. followed by a half hour worship at 6 p.m.
- Feb. 25: Second Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With special music by Barb Akins on the violin.
- Feb. 27: Sew For Missions, 9 a.m.

## Congregation Council Highlights

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The congregational council met January 9th at 6:30 p.m.

**Pastor's Report:** December average in person worship attendance was 97. The council will provide snacks and coffee for the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2024 in the social hall following

worship. Confirmation resumed January 10th with the study of the Lord's Prayer. There are 5 students from Zion and 4 from Bethel. Plans are in the works for midweek Lenten services joining again with First Presbyterian, Pioneer Presbyterian, and First Methodist in Menominee.

### December Financial Report

- General Fund increase of \$3,079
- Capital Improvement Fund Transfers of \$8,892 to A/V from Parsonage proceeds
- Transfer of \$1,410 to unrestricted from parsonage proceeds

### Committee Reports

- **Stewardship and Generosity:** Hosting the Lutheran Hour each Sunday until February 11th

### Old Business:

- **A/V Equipment:** Troy has called NSV to let them know we are ready and hoping for March

**Budget:** A motion was made by Mark Swenson and Dean Schoen to approve budget for 2024

### New Business

- A motion was made to approve the membership reinstatement for communing member Mackenzie Andrist.
- A motion was made to remove Godfrey and Carrie Heitmeier from membership.
- A motion was made for the Groms and Johnsons to purchase 2 Christmas trees up to \$1500.00 for the sanctuary out of the unrestricted Mardee Thomas Memorial fund.

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## Congregation Council Highlights

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- A motion was made to approve the nominations from the Nominating Committee Report: Church Council 3 Year Term — Tatem Schroder (1st term), Phil Strohl (1st term), Laura Rowe (2nd term); Council Youth Member 1 year term — Sophie Limberg; Personnel Committee 3 year term: Karen Dill (2nd term); Nominating Committee 2 year term: Cheryl Maxwell (2 year), Kathy Heimbuch (2 year), Debbie Mylener (2 year), Kathi Gutknecht (1 year); Mission Endowment Committee 3 year term: Karen Dill (2nd term)

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

## Midweek Lenten Services & Soup Suppers

### *Come Learn at Jesus' Feet*

Jesus had many wonderful teachings during his early ministry. This Lenten season, the pastors will be focusing on a different teaching of Jesus each week.

#### **5:30 p.m. Soup Supper and 6:00 p.m. Worship Service.**

The worship services will be ½-hour in length.

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| <u>Feb. 21:</u>  | Zion Lutheran Church, 2714 James St., Marinette;<br>Preacher: Rev. Doug Schoen                     |
| <u>Feb. 28:</u>  | First Presbyterian Church, 923 5 <sup>th</sup> St., Menominee;<br>Preacher: Pastor Keith Schroeder |
| <u>March 6:</u>  | First United Methodist Church, 601 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave.,<br>Menominee; Preacher: Rev. John Murray |
| <u>March 15:</u> | To be announced.   |
| <u>March 20:</u> | Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 1947 Riverside Ave.,<br>Marinette; Preacher: Pastor Keith Schroeder   |



### **ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Forty-six voting members attended the Annual Congregational Meeting in Zion's Social Hall last Sunday, nearly twice the number required for a quorum. As a first order of business, the members elected the following persons to leadership positions: Laura Rowe to a second 3-year term on the Congregation Council; Phil Strohl and Tatem Schroeder to 3-year terms on the Council; Sophie Limburg to a 1-year term as youth member; Karen Dill to second 3-year terms on the Personnel Committee and the Mission Endowment Committee; Kathy Heimbuch, Cheryl Maxwell, Debbie Mylener for two-year terms and Kathi Gutknecht to a 1-year term on the Nominating Committee. Outgoing Council members Troy Cording, Kim Graf and Henry Zuehls were thanked and commended for their service.

The members adopted an operating budget of \$245,456 for 2024. This includes \$45,482 (based on quotes) for upgrading our A/V system to enhance the projection of our worship services both on the screen and on Facebook Live, as well as for recording and projecting, weddings, funerals and other special events. This amount is offset by the AV Capital Improvement Fund balance of \$36,590 and \$8,892 in funds from the Parsonage Proceeds Fund which was transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund for future use. This project will reach fruition due, in large part, to generous donations from Zion members and a grant from the ELCA.

Various committee and financial reports were presented and accepted. Council President Troy Cording conducted the meeting efficiently and was thanked for his inspired leadership during his term of office. The meeting concluded with the installation of the newly elected Council members. Following the meeting, the Council met to elect officers for 2024. Elected were the following: President-Laura Rowe, Vice-President-Dean Schoen, Secretary-Michelle Larson. LeeAnn Limberg will continue as Treasurer. She, along with Office Administrator and Financial Secretary Marissa Tharp, were commended for their excellent and dedicated work.

## February Donation Collection

Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Committee is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of February, we will be collecting items for Marinette Salvation Army.

Most Needed:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotions
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Laundry Soaps

(All of the above in travel or small sizes are especially appreciated)

- Tampons
- Diapers (larger children's sizes (size 5 & 6) are most needed)
- Warm Men's Clothing (Long sleeved tees, long underwear, socks, hats, gloves,...)



You are also invited to view their website which gives volunteer opportunities and other ways to donate. Go to [centralusa.salvationarmy.org/marinette](https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/marinette)

## Community Camp Scholarship Letter and Application

Do you know a student in our community entering grades 2-12 (in the Fall of 2024) and would like to attend camp at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp? If so, the scholarship letter and application (*for non-members of Zion*) will be available in the Social Hall and on [our website](#). You are encouraged to have a conversation with the student about camp at FLLC and ask them to consider applying for a scholarship. Students are to have the completed application (and essay) to Zion by Monday, April 1st. Scholarship winners will be announced on Sunday, April 7th during worship.

## Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Circle Group will meet February 15th at 3 p.m. in Zion's family room. All are welcome to attend.

## The Lutheran Hour



"The Lutheran Hour" will take place February 4th and 11th immediately following worship and will end at noon, if not earlier. Congregation members will lead impromptu discussion about the Sunday Gospel readings.

It isn't necessary to attend every session as each will revolve around that Sunday's Gospel reading. There will be coffee!

## FLLC Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Registration for Summer Camp 2024 is now open! There are so many exciting program options for people of all ages. Register early for the best prices and best selection. In addition to all of the camp favorites, there are two new programs this year: Treehouse Adventures for campers completed grades 7-12 and Evergreen Camp for adults ages 55+. Visit [Fortunelake.org](https://fortunelake.org) for more information or registration!

 2024 <b>SCHEDULE</b>	WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
	Week 1	June 9-14	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
	Week 2	June 16-21	Intergenerational Week (all ages) <b>New!</b> Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)	See website \$475
	Week 3	June 23-28	High School Week (Grades 9-12)   LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$475
		June 30-July 2	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$225
	Week 4	June 30-July 3	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)   MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)	\$305 No charge
	Week 5	July 7-10	*Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
	<b>+Outdoor Week!</b>	July 7-12	*Villager (Grades 3-4)   *Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   *Venturer (Grades 7-8) Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12)   LIT #2 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
	Week 6	July 14-17	<b>New!</b> Evergreen Camp (Adults 55+)	\$260/\$305/\$405
	Week 7	July 21-26	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9)   Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9)   LIT #3 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
		July 22-25	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$130
		July 28-Aug 2	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   LIT #4 Option (*No charge)	See website \$445
		July 30-Aug 2	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
	Week 9 <b>+Water Week!</b>	August 4-7	^Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)   ^Villager (Grades 3-4) ^Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   ^Venturer (Grades 7-8)	\$305

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

Scholarships Available

More info at [FortuneLake.org](https://fortunelake.org)

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

February 1: Debra Harding, Sarah Marzahl and Johanna Zuehls

February 6: Daniel Zuehls

February 7: Randall Schroeder

February 8: Jordan Lueskow

February 9: Barbara Baumgarten

February 12: Donald Boerschinger, Bethany Emler and Presley Schroeder

February 15: Sydney Lund and Travis Lund

February 16: Pamela Lund

February 17: Shawn Limberg

February 19: Kathy Heimbuch

February 20: Colleen Madden

February 22: Anna Marzahl

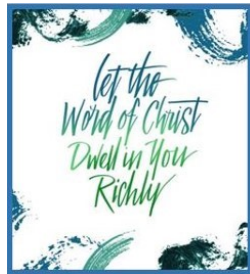
February 25: Justin Williams

February 26: Joyce Johnson

February 28: Fay Bromund



**Dwelling in the Word**



You are invited to join the whole Northern Great Lakes Synod in Dwelling in the Word. Starting in September, our whole synod will dwell in the same scripture readings for each month. You are also welcome to join a Zoom Dwelling in the Word the first Thursday evening of every month at 6:30 p.m. If you would like the Zoom link, contact Zion's office at [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com). Let us Dwell in the Word together!

The passage for February is Matthew 25:31-46 - "Judgment of the Nations"

Questions to keep in mind while reading are:

- 1.) What catches your attention
- 2.) What questions does this passage raise for you?
- 3.) Where might God's Spirit be nudging you in this passage?

### February Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of February is sponsored by Dave and Lori Despina and is to praising God and is in memory of loved ones.



### February Birthdays

February 1: Wendy Ihler  
 February 2: Randall Schroeder  
 February 6: Heidi Beland  
 February 9: Donald Boerschinger  
 February 10: Sue Baxter and Janet Cook  
 February 11: Erik Breuer  
 February 12: Troy Cording, Joyce Johnson, and LeeAnn Limberg  
 February 13: Emily Limberg  
 February 14: Bryce Buenning  
 February 16: Thomas Hayward and Eric Powers  
 February 18: Maxwell Albert, Gerald Poquette and Fyfe Thill  
 February 19: Bill Tipple  
 February 21: Beckham Betts  
 February 22: Nick Kehoe and Baylee Zuraski  
 February 26: Barbara Clarke and Rachel Rosenfeldt  
 February 27: Scott Gressel  
 February 28: Pete Cramer



## 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](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com). Flower dates that

need sponsoring are Feb. 18th and March 3rd, 17th and 24th



## 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. Thank you for your consideration!

## Donate to Zion



Did you know that you are able to contribute to Zion via the website?

Simply to go: [http://](http://www.zionlutheran-marinette.org)

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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. You may also click on the "Shop Now" button on Zion's Facebook page!

## 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](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com)).

All Months in 2024 (except for June and July) are available for sponsorship! 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.

## 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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