

# WE ARE ZION



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# NEWS

## April 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**

Office Administrator 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



A basic tenet of our Christian faith is the belief that Jesus Christ is both divine and human, both God and man. In the Apostles' Creed we confess, "I believe in Jesus Christ, [God's] only Son, our Lord." In writing his Small Catechism, Martin Luther made this more personal stating, "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in

eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord." In the seasons of Epiphany and Lent, we heard acclamations of Jesus' divinity. At his baptism, the voice from heaven was heard to proclaim, "You are my Son, the Beloved." At his transfiguration, the Father's voice was heard again, this time by the disciples, saying the same words. When Jesus asked his disciples who they thought he was, Simon Peter spoke up and declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" That Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, is proclaimed throughout scripture.

While Jesus' divinity is clearly on display in the events of Holy Week, his human nature is also very much in evidence. The introductory notes for Palm/Passion Sunday state, "Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken." Indeed, we see the human side of Jesus play out in the events of this week. He rides into Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey in a display of humility and peacefulness. He is enraged when he sees how the money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals have corrupted the temple. Meeting with his disciples on Thursday to celebrate the Passover meal, he teaches them humility and servanthood by kneeling and washing their feet. Later that evening, he goes to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and expresses his

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agony and desire for escape as he faces the betrayal, torture and death by crucifixion he knows awaits him, yet prayers for God's will to be done through him, nevertheless. On the cross, he cries out in agony, not just over physical pain and suffering, but due to an overwhelming sense of abandonment. At the same time, he speaks words of forgiveness and lovingly provides for the care of his grieving mother. Every human emotion that we possess is displayed by our Lord in the events we remember during Holy Week in worship, devotional reading and prayer.

Observing Holy Week in its fullness, especially by participating in our services of worship on Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, ought to give us a deep sense of awareness and appreciation of Jesus' human and divine nature. This is the eternal Son of God setting aside his divine glory and power, taking our human nature upon himself and with it our sins, our weaknesses, our emotions, our struggles—all it means to be human. This shows us that we have a God who understands us and understands all that it means to be human. This is a God who stands with us in everything we experience in life--every temptation, every achievement, every loss, every gain, every fear, every joy. God can relate to all of it because he experienced all of it through Christ Jesus, his Son.

I pray this may have renewed meaning for you as you participate in our Holy Week worship services and as you reflect on all that our Savior Jesus did for you in the events of Holy Week. May this contribute to you having a joyful, hope-filled Easter!

In Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Doug*



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

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

- April 3: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- April 7: Second Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- April 9: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.; Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- April 10: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- April 14: Third Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rev. Rick DeBenedetto. Special music by Zion's choir.
- April 17: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- April 18: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.
- April 21: Fourth Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rev. Rick DeBenedetto.
- April 23: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.
- April 24: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- April 28: Fifth Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service.

## *upcoming events*

### Ruth Circle Group ---

The Ruth Circle Group will meet April 18th at 3 p.m. in Zion's family room. All are welcome to attend.

## Good Friday Community Service

Sponsored by the Twin County Ministerial Association

March 29, 2024 Noon to 3:00

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1600 University Drive, Marinette

### Contrasts of the Cross

12:00-12:30 p.m. **Topic: Love and Hate**

Rev. John Murray, Pastor, First United Methodist,  
Menominee

12:30-1:00 p.m. **Topic: Sorrow and Joy**

Rev. Scott Ehle, Pastor, Bethel Lutheran, Menominee

1:00-1:30 p.m. **Topic: Strength and Weakness**

Rev. Glenn Kanestrom, Rector: St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Marinette

1:30-2:00 p.m. **Topic: Sin and Grace**

Rev. Doug Schoen, Interim Pastor, Zion Lutheran, Marinette

2:00- 2:30 p.m. **Topic: Justice and Mercy**

Keith Schroeder, Elder, First Presbyterian, Menominee

2:30- 3:00 p.m. **Topic: Betrayal and Belonging**

Rev. Linnea Ek, Pastor, Community Covenant, Menominee

The public may attend any or all of the half-hour segments.

There will be a brief interlude between segments.

### Congregation Council Highlights



#### COUNCIL UPDATES

The congregational council met March 12th at 6:30 p.m.

**Pastor's Report:** February average worship attendance was 83. Sophie Limberg was installed as to council as the Youth Member. Confirmation students helped at another soup supper. Pastor Doug

discussed the Holy Week Schedule, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Our Savior's is hosting a Community Good Friday Service where Pastor Doug will be preaching from 1:30-2:00. Laura

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## Congregation Council Highlights ---

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Rowe and Troy Cording have agreed to be this years Synod Assembly Delegates. Pastor Doug will be on vacation from April 10-24 and Pastor Rick DeBenedetto will be covering for him on Sunday, April 14 and 21. A motion was made to donate the proceeds from our soup supper (\$300) to Abundant Life Mission for Food.

### **February Financial Report**

- General Fund February increase of \$6,011 (includes \$3,057 for world Hunger)
- Large disbursements: \$2840. One was for insurance; one was for 2 years of Sanctuary candles.
- WPS bill adjusted from \$739 to \$556
- Balance including unused pastor salary \$122,042.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Property** : We plan to have Johnson's heating come and check the water heater. Mark Swenson has done some research for a couple big projects for the future — flooring for the social hall and resurfacing the parking lot.

### **Old Business:**

- **A/V Equipment:** A/V equipment should be here in the first week in April with 1-2 weeks installment time.

### **New Business**

- Pastor Doug is working on a committee for the 150th anniversary of Zion.

The next council meeting will be April 9th at 6:30 p.m.

## Anniversary Committee Needs to be Formed ---

2025 will mark the 150th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church. We would like to form an Anniversary Committee that will plan some significant events to celebrate this milestone in the history of this congregation. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please tell Pastor Doug or notify our Office Administrator, Marissa.



## 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.

## Synod-Wide Spring Hike May 19



The Northern Great Lakes Synod and U.P. Wild Church invite you to participate in a Synod-Wide Hike this spring. There will be multiple hikes taking place throughout the synod between May 11 and May 19 to coincide with this year's hybrid Synod Assembly activities. Each hike will showcase the beauty of God's creation and include an outdoor prayer service.

The Menominee Valley Conference Hike will start at 3:00 p.m. on May 19 at the Wickman Family Farm located at W4410 Panske Rd., Porterfield, WI. This family-friendly event is free, and all ages and abilities are welcome (you do not need to be attending Synod Assembly to participate in a hike). Trail snacks will be provided and participants are asked to bring their own water bottle. Questions can be directed to Karen Anne Hanson ([hansk@northlandlutheran.org](mailto:hansk@northlandlutheran.org)).

A full list of hike locations and times are on the synod website at <https://nglsynod.org/synod-assembly/synod-hike/>. You can also learn more about U.P. Wild at <https://upwild.org/>.



## April Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of April is sponsored by Carol Magnuson and is in celebration of all the April birthday's in our congregation



## **ELCA World Hunger Turns 50!**

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Last month we let you know that for 50 years ELCA Lutherans have been working together to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world. FIFTY YEARS! We have made great strides, but once again we face a startling increase in global hunger. As we reflect on our last 50 years of ministry together, we know God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever.

Zion's Social Ministry committee is challenging you to give 50/50 for 50. Here's how it works: Give money, non-perishable food OR both to ELCA World Hunger between now and April 28th.

Just stack your gifts of food at the front of the sanctuary. Your Social Ministry committee is counting and keeping track of it. All monetary gifts may be given using any envelope clearly marked for World Hunger.

As of March 21st, we have raised \$3,740! Thank you so much for your generosity!

In May, the food will be divided between shelters in Marinette & Menominee and the money will be given to ELCA World Hunger at the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly.

Join us and write the story of our next 50 years together as, boldly and hopefully, we pursue God's promise of a just world where all are fed.

## **2024 Kiwanis Kapers**

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Tickets for this year's Kiwanis Kapers, "Mystery on the Menominee River: Can Scoobs Save The Day?" are available. You can purchase tickets at Ironworks on Main Street in Marinette or from any Kiwanis member! There is also a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the back of the church where Ann Buscher will get your tickets from Pastor Keith and bring them to church on Easter Sunday. Tickets are \$20. The shows are April 5th and 6th at 7 p.m. and April 7th at 3 p.m. in the W.J. Jones Auditorium in the Marinette High School. All proceeds for to local charities!

## **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 focus for the month of April is ENCOURAGE. Specifically, we want to encourage you to grow in your faith to God.

When a flower seed is planted in loamy soil it is a tiny little thing that looks like it won't produce much of anything. But apply a little sunshine and water and in 2-3 months you'll have a pot filled with beautiful, scented flowers.

Each of us represents a flower seed. We also need sunshine (encouragement) and a little water (knowledge) to help us grow in our faith in God.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** — *Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.*

I was baptized and raised in the Roman Catholic Church in a time when manmade rules and regulations were the norm. For instance, there was venial and mortal sin and if you died in a state of sin you were doomed to Purgatory or even Hell; when a person died relatives could pay to light a candle, have prayers or a Mass said in your name thereby wanting to get you out of Purgatory sooner; you could not partake of Holy Communion without first confessing your sins to a priest and doing penance; eating meat on Fridays or Holy Days of Obligation was a sin; skipping Mass was a sin; and precious babies who died without Baptism went to Limbo!! I had a problem with these teachings, still do, and as a result I left the Roman Catholic Church in 1974. Leaving wasn't a problem but ridding myself of the faith of my youth, whereby I had to earn God's love, took more than a bit of doing. For me, that religious affiliation was hopeless. I would never be good enough to earn God's love. I almost walked away from organized religion, but God intervened. I got pregnant. I wanted to have the baby Baptized, but not Roman Catholic.

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## The Stewardship and Generosity Corner

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In my search I discovered the Lutheran Church. It has taken 50 years to get past what I learned in my youth, but thanks to Zion's membership and a large group of Lutheran pastors my perspective and knowledge about faith has been reshaped to offer me hope for a brighter future today and even in death.

In N.T. Wright's book, "Surprised by Hope – Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church," I learned that one of the ways God brings his kingdom, "on earth as it is in heaven," is through his people – you and me. We are invited to be vehicles God can use to bring his love, justice, and beauty to a world desperate for all these things. We're told the hope of heaven is not something we are waiting for, but it is what we enter each day. To be an encouragement to others helps us to achieve that goal.

**Philippians 2:4** — *Each of you, be interested not only in your own things but also in those of others.*

Dear Lord, help each of us to grow in our love and understanding of you as we journey through our lives. Help us to encourage one another and to share our faith with one another thereby helping that growth to develop and bloom.

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

## The Lutheran Hour



The Lutheran Hour will continue each week after worship. No preparation is necessary. Please come join in the discussion and discovery about the Sunday sermon and Gospel reading.

## Upcoming Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Events \_\_\_\_\_

### Senior Days

Fortune Lake has announced their 2023-2024 Senior Day schedule. There will be a Senior Day on May 13th!

Each Senior Day begins at 10 a.m. and wraps up by 2 p.m. The program varies but generally includes the following:

- 10:00 a.m. – Arrival and check-in, coffee and fellowship time
- 10:15 a.m. – Devotion & announcements
- 10:30 a.m. – Presentation morning session
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Presentation afternoon session

A \$10 donation per participant is requested and attendees are asked to RSVP by the Friday before the event to (906) 214-2267 or [hospitality@fortunelake.org](mailto:hospitality@fortunelake.org).

### Junior and Senior High Fortune Lake Retreat

Fortune Lake invites all current 7th -12th graders to participate in there “Here I am” Jr/Sr High Retreat. The weekend will feature familiar camp favorites like songs, games, campfire, hot saunas, Bible Studies, and more. The weekend will also include a SoulShop™ training that is free for adult leaders. More details about the retreat and the training can be found online at [fortunelake.org](http://fortunelake.org) under the “Year-Round Retreats” tab.

## 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.

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

April 1: Janet Cook, George Ihler and Gerald Sylvester

April 2: Julie Williams

April 4: Drake Schutt

April 6: Duane Clarke

April 9: John Bowdin

April 11: Eric Powers

April 13: Eric Breuer and Jacqueline Hamer

April 15: Susan Goldsmith

April 17: Matthew Hellerman and Alexis Rosenfeldt

April 20: Gerald Poquette and Sue Poquette

April 21: Kurt Oleson

April 22: Denise Despins

April 24: Brycen Buenning

April 25: Judith Limberg

April 30: Troy Cording



**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. Visit [Fortunelake.org](https://fortunelake.org) for more information or registration!



**2024 SCHEDULE**

**FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP**

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
	July 7-10	*Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
Week 5	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
	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
Week 7	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
Week 8	July 30-Aug 2	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 9	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)

## April Birthdays

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April 1: Cheryl Maxwell  
April 2: Sue Poquette and Jacob Swenson  
April 3: Carol Johnson  
April 7: Donald Limberg  
April 9: Elsa Limberg  
April 10: Sandra Gressel  
April 11: Judith Limberg  
April 12: Steve Bromund  
April 13: Allie Buenning  
April 15: Matthew Hellerman  
April 17: Theresa Kloida and Hannah Oleson  
April 19: Jakob Callaway-Ross  
April 20: Easton Buenning and Tyler Lund  
April 21: Michelle Larson, Ruth Olson and Justin Williams  
April 22: David Johnson, Diane Lynch, Katelyn Sylvester and  
Richelle Vincent  
April 23: Clark Kehoe  
April 24: Shirley Enderby and Calista Thill  
April 25: Roger DeGroot  
April 27: Sophie Limberg, Kimberly Swenson and  
Sandra Tessmer  
April 28: Adam Thill  
April 29: Lori Despins, Bonnie Schoen and Judy Stehle



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