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## May 2026



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Pastor — Amanda K.

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## **Zion Ministry Contacts**

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### **Worship**

Worship Leadership Scheduling — Ann B.

Assistants — Ann B. (Ushers, readers, acolytes, communion assistants, set up/ clean-up communion)

AV Team — Troy C., coordinator

Banners — Karen D.

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Candles (eternal and oil) — Deb M.

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Hymn Selection — Ann B.

Wine and apple/grape juice — Gary G.

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## Reflections

### God's Spirit Transforms Nostalgia

By Jon Anderson, originally published July 2, 2025

#### **What Kind of Nostalgia Hooks You?**

I notice that as I grow older, I have to watch myself—or I'll begin to paint a picture of my life, my communities, or God's Church in the past that just isn't accurate. Nostalgia can cut both ways. We can over remember the struggle and resilience of hard times, or we idealize the "good old days."

I had a beloved uncle who often spoke about the Dust Bowl years, especially the peak years, "back in '33-'34." The trauma of that era stuck with him as he looked back. As a farm kid, he remembered drifts of dirt covering fences like snow, foreclosures, and the loss of dreams. Those memories planted seeds of lifelong fear and anxiety.

There are plenty of people and congregations who get stuck in the "good old days," like when Pastor So-and-So was here and the sanctuary was full every Sunday. But those memories, though cherished, can sometimes obscure our ability to live with joy and purpose today.

I remember a congregational anniversary I attended. The leaders showed me a photo from an earlier celebration. In that older picture, the almost full band and the crowd was many times bigger than the picture we'd just taken. The past photo wasn't a typical Sunday, it was a special occasion. But that image had the power to seduce memories and distort perceptions, making it seem like "things used to be better" than they really were. Worse, it provoked amnesia—forgetting the real struggles, conflicts, and heartbreaks that also marked those times.

#### **The Danger of Idealized Memory**

I sometimes hear people say things like, "Everything's going to hell in a handbasket." And then, almost without noticing, people will start longing for a time that never really was. It's hard to tell the truth about the past when we use it to critique the present.

We tend to forget the deep poverty, the lack of access to education or healthcare, the hard manual labor, the limited roles for women, or the fact that many people were literally hungry.

In our communities of faith, nostalgia can also steal our energy away as we look back and remember a world that is better than it ever really was. Nostalgia numbs our memory of the pain, suffering and broken-ness of previous chapters of congregational life and history. Nostalgia can take our attention away from the work and life we are called to do now and in the coming chapters of our life and life together as God's people. It can block us from noticing God's Spirit moving in our lives now.

Looking back—lingering, longing, envying what has been lost—can take the joy out of today. It can slow us down or disrupt our imagination and work to reform our lives, communities of faith, communities, and God's Church to best serve "God's preferred and promised future." It can paralyze us and create conflict or unfruitful tension as we consider change.

I think of Terry Redlin's art. He painted farmyards in glowing colors—more vivid and beautiful than any farmyard ever looked. That's how nostalgia works: it softens the edges, simplifies the complexity, and paints over the messiness of creating something new. We do this same thing with our memories, create a world where we remember some things and forget others. It is a world where things are simple and beautiful, not messy, struggling with the labor of creating a new future, sometimes hard, and often confusing.

### **Nostalgia Can Hurt Our Spiritual Health**

In seasons of our spiritual life, nostalgia can constipate us—slow us down, block us from seeing our calling(s). It distracts us from hearing God's Spirit whispering new invitations into the "the diaconate [service] of all believers," where we discover new ways to love God and neighbor.

When congregations gather around memories of "when the church was full," we can lose sight of what we're called to be now.

A “churchified” backward looking focus and vision of the past often gets in the way of the cross-centered call of Jesus into our future. We easily get stuck in cycles of nostalgia that are neither fruitful nor faithful. Jesus invites us not just to remember, but to follow him into our time and context.

### **Reclaiming Hope over Memory**

We need to develop tools to interrupt this cycle. For example, when people say, “We just need to do that again to get people back,” we should invite people to pause and talk about some questions. What was that tradition, like the Lutefisk dinner (a Scandinavian soul food), really about? Was it about cultural heritage, raising funds, gathering the community, building connections, serving the Gospel?

Let’s name those goals. Let’s notice the values driving our practices. Then it will be easier to evaluate them and find fresh ways to embody these values in our current context. Maybe the Lutefisk dinner becomes a community-wide gathering meal of another kind that better reflects the diversity of our neighbors today.

As Kennon Callahan put it: “Memory is strong. Hope is stronger.”

History is a gift. So is tradition. But when traditions no longer serve the Gospel, we must be willing to prune them—to make space for what God is doing now. That work is hard and yet it opens us to the Spirit’s blowing fresh ideas into lives, our churches, and our callings.

In a similar way, when folks long for “the good old days,” listen to their storytelling and explore what it means. Try asking:

- “What made that time good?”
- “What values and hopes were we living out then?”
- “How can we live them now, in new ways?”
- “What is God calling us to do with our energy in our time? In our future?”

In the small community of my younger years, you had to work not

to grow up Christian. That's no longer true. It is one of many significant changes in our lives and culture. We can't simply rely on inherited patterns to serve our swiftly changing context. We need to teach practices of faith, minister to all our neighbors, stew together in prayer, and engage in conversations about where God is calling us now. This verse speaks to our priorities as we follow Jesus together.

*“Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it.” — Luke 17:33*

Our Lord Jesus calls us into a paradox—to lose ourselves for the sake of the Gospel. That's not about forgetting the past, but refusing to live in it. Jesus sends God's Spirit like prairie winds, moving us toward God's dreams for the world.

Looking back, lingering, longing for what was, can kill us in more ways than one. Remembering a world that never was, envying others, coveting what we do not have, can kill our life together, too.

Former Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson, used to share how scholar Christopher Lasch defined nostalgia as: “The abdication of memory.”

“Living memory,” Hanson said, “embraces the past to inform the present, while nostalgia dwells in an idealized past that disparages the present.” Congregations stuck in nostalgia long to recreate a past that never existed. That longing becomes a wall between us and the work God is doing today.

### **A Living God Calls to a Lively Future**

We serve a living God, who is working in our midst. God calls us to listen, discern, and experiment. In Christ, we have the freedom to shepherd both the inherited and the innovative. We are called to paths to love our neighbors and serve the Good News we know in and through Jesus. By God's grace we are called to follow and continue to become gracious apprentices of Jesus.

God's Spirit gathers the full gifts of the Body of Christ—not to

return to what was, but to build a deeper, richer, more faithful future than we could have imagined. God sends us to love all our neighbors, mobilize all the gifts of the body of Christ, and enter into a future deeper, richer, and wider than any thing we remember.

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” -2 Corinthians 5*

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## Mental Health Corner

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## **New Cross on the Outdoor Sign**\_\_\_\_\_

The cross that was originally added to the top of our outdoor sign is actually a legally trademarked logo for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. So, council decided to have the Boyle Design Group create another cross to replace the current one.

## **What's Around the Corner?**\_\_\_\_\_

Zion is buzzing with upcoming worship, service, and fellowship opportunities! Below is a brief outline of what is coming up!

**May 3:** Fifth Sunday of Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Hymn Sing.

**May 6:** SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.

**May 10:** Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Graduation Sunday. Praise Band Sunday. Guest pastor Rev. Ken M. Mother's Day.

**May 12:** Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.; Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**May 13:** SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.

**May 17:** Seventh Sunday of Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Guest Pastor Rev. Ken M. Special music by Zion's choir. Youth event at First Presbyterian Church, 923 5th Street, Menominee, 1 to 4 p.m.

**May 20:** Choir, 6:30 p.m.

**May 21:** Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.

**May 24:** Day of Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Special music by Zion's choir.

**May 26:** Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.

**May 31:** Holy Trinity Sunday, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube.

Light the Fire for Fortune Lake bonfire, 6:30 p.m.

## **May Eternal Light**\_\_\_\_\_

The Eternal Light for May is in celebration of the upcoming gardening season. May god bless the fruits of our labor.



## **Pastor on Vacation!**\_\_\_\_\_

Pr Amanda will be taking time off from May 4-22. Please call Pr. Christine O. at 304-995-1491 if there is a pastoral emergency

## **Reserve Your Garden Spots Now!**\_\_\_\_\_

Why a community garden? There are several purposes including but not limited to providing: space to garden for church and/or community, opportunities to learn or share gardening skills, opportunities to enjoy the fruits of one's labors and share through giving to the local food pantries or friends or neighbors. The garden has at least two raised beds available for this year's gardening season. Last year's gardeners are still in the process of determining whether or not they will take the same areas they had last year, so more areas may become available or additional beds can be built if needed. If you are interested in joining the garden, you may contact Marissa at the church office or contact John R.



## **A Blessed Mother's Day**\_\_\_\_\_



Gracious God, we come from different spaces and places on this day. Thank you for the gift of caring mothers and mother figures. Thank you for the gift of your companionship which comes through other people and creation when we don't have those nurturing bonds with our mothers due to abuse or death. And thank you for the gift of your motherly presence and consolation to those of us

who have ached to be mothers, but cannot for one reason or another. Amen.

## Light the Fire for Fortune Lake

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You are invited to Light the Fire for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on Sunday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Zion. Join us for songs, stories, skits, and s'mores around a campfire. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair to sit on. There is no cost to participate, but donations for FLLC are welcome. Contact Stefanie at

youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org with any questions.

## Congregation Council Highlights

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The Congregational Council met on April 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

**Pastor's Report:** March 2026 average attendance was 77. During the month of March, pastor made 6 home visits, 1 hospital visits, and had other visits.

**Financial Report:** LeeAnn went over the Monthly statement Fund sheet in packet, while discussing funds there was a motion to approve paying off the Boiler Loan to get off the books. Pr. Amanda made a motion to approve paying off the boiler, Troy C. seconded the motion.

### Committee Reports

- **Property and Safety Committee:**
  - Bell Update: Verdin recently visied to install motor.
  - Social Hall Floor: The installation of the social hall floor will begin 4/20 and should take about a week to complete. 4/11 carpet was removed, 4/12 Chris from Macco's did final inspection with no asepsis found so abatement funds will not be needed. 4/15 everything in social hall was removed. 4/17 dumpster will arrive in circle drive.
  - Furance: Johnston FUrance came by to do furance maintence after there wes no heating in the church on Easter.

- **Youth Ministry:** Pr. Amanda wanted the council to be aware that there will be a National Youth Gathering next year in Minneapolis MN.

### Tabled Business

- Adult Day Services: More will be discussed later in the year.
- Vanco App & Online giving: Waiting on more information will be discussed later this year.

### New Business

- **Approve College Scholarship grants:** Pr. Amanda wanted to discuss possibly getting a committee together to approve who will be getting the scholarship for fall semester. It was decided that Pastor and executive committee will be making recommendation.
- **Chair replacement in social hall:** Kathy brought in a couple samples of chairs that would need to be replaced in social hall once flooring project is completed. This was tabled for future discussion.
- Pastor Amanda recommended there being handicap buttons installed at the 3 doors (main door, circle drive door in front, side door). This will be brought to property committee to investigate and get pricing.

The council will meet again May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

### Education scholarships available!



We, Zion, have funds intended to assist students with their education. High school seniors pursuing a post-secondary degree, certificate, or technical diploma or students enrolled full-time in a college, university or trade school are eligible to apply for a scholarship. You must either be a member of Zion or a child/grandchild of a Zion member. Please contact the office for the guidelines and application which are due June 1st. Any questions, please see Pr. Amanda.

## **2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering**

Hard to believe we're coming up to the tri-annual experience of "high-energy worship, powerful storytelling, experiential learning and transformative connections"! It takes place June 28–July 2, 2027, with some pre-events. If any youth who will be in grades 8-12 this fall are possibly interested, please let Pr. Amanda know by **Friday May 1.**

## **Youth Event - April Showers Bring May Flowers**

Youth between 6th-12th grade are invited to First Presbyterian Church (923 5th Street, Menominee) on Sunday, May 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of games, Bible Study, and planting flowers for shut-ins. Friends are welcome! Please RSVP to Stefanie at [youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org).

## **Information on graduates needed!**

Do you know a person who is a member of Zion and is graduating either from high school or college? If you do, let us know! We are holding Graduation Sunday on May 10. Please contact the office at 715-735-7898 or at [zion.lutheran.marquette@gmail.com](mailto:zion.lutheran.marquette@gmail.com); or you can contact Ann B.

## **WELCA Triennial Gathering**

July 16-19, 2026 in Des Moines, IA. The theme is "I Am Worthy," based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." If looking for transportation, you're in luck!

"My name is Marilyn Q., & I live in the Green Bay area. I have been asked to coordinate a bus for the trip to the Triennial Gathering in Des Moines in July. The bus I am considering is from Marinette." If you are interested in traveling on this bus to the event, please contact the office & we will give you Marilyn's number. If she doesn't answer when you call, please leave a message and she will call you back. To learn more about the event, visit [www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page)

## Ruth Circle Group

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The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, May 21, 3 p.m. for bible study in the family room. All are welcome to attend.

## May Collection

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Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Team is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of May, we will be collecting items for Dorothy's Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter.

- TRASH BAGS for kitchen & bathroom
- TOILET PAPER
- DAWN DISH SOAP / Ajax cleaner / Window cleaner / Aluminum foil / Napkins
- ANTIBACTERIAL WIPES / Antibacterial sprays / Toilet bowl cleaner / Floor cleaner
- Zip-top bags: gallon, quart, sandwich / Zip-top freezer bags: gallon, quart
- LAUNDRY PODS / Dryer sheets
- Men's deodorant
- First aid kits / Band-Aids (variety of sizes) / Antibiotic ointment
- Approximately 20 closed bar soap containers (travel soap dishes) so each resident can keep their own soap

Items in ALL CAPITALS are most needed. Items underlined are specific brands or types. Residents are given a weekly allotment of certain items. For example, a box of dryer sheets and a jug of laundry pods can be opened so the house manager can give each resident 2 for the week.

You are also invited to view their website to learn more about the shelter: <https://dorothyshoh.com/about/>

Or find them on Facebook where they often post emergency needs and list needed fresh food items for special meals for residents during holidays.

## Missing And Murdered Indigenous Women And Relatives (MMIWR)



### **National Awareness Day of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives**

May 5 is the National Awareness Day of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives. Native people, especially Native women, go missing and/or are murdered at an alarming rate—in some places, ten times the national average. These disappearances and murders are often linked to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and the longstanding effects of colonization on Native people. Nor is this problem limited to the United States; it is a global phenomenon affecting indigenous communities everywhere. In 2021 organizing efforts led to the National Week of Action. So on **Sun May 3 you are invited to wear red in honor of MMIWR** as we pray for Native communities, especially families directly impacted by the disappearance or loss of loved ones and acknowledge the role of the church in the boarding school movement and other aspects of colonization that have led to generational trauma for our Indigenous neighbors. We recognize that all are equally beloved children of God and devote ourselves anew to the work of healing through love, compassion, and advocacy. Check out <https://www.niwrc.org/mmiwr-awareness> for more ways you can support this essential work of awareness and action alongside our Indigenous neighbors.

### **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.

## **Branches: Palm or Pine?**

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This year for Paradox Sunday (aka Palm/Passion Sunday) I decided to use local spruce branches. Why? For a few reasons. One, only the gospel of John specifically mentions palms. Mark refers to leafy branches, Matthew just notes tree branches, and Luke doesn't mention branches of any sort. The people in Jesus' time used what was around them. Second, using branches from the trees that surround us connect us with our local context. Third, it was an opportunity for Zion members to give what God has entrusted to them in a new way. Fourth, there are ecological considerations.

## **May Birthdays**

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- May 4-10: Debra S., Jacob B., Spencer M.
- May 11-17: Lisa K., Dennis M., Ellen B., Vallery K., Macy B., Samuel G., Blane B.
- May 18-24: James M., Mackenzie A., Charlotte B., Skyler E.
- May 25-31: Deb M., Michael J.

## ***Join us in lifting up our siblings in Christ, in prayer as we remember their baptism***

- May 1-3: Carol J., David J., Michelle L., Shirley K.
- May 4-10: Cassandra B., Oliver S., Diane R.
- May 11-17: Nicole O., John P., Marlea W., Elsa L., Bonnie S.
- May 18-24: Troy S.
- May 25-31: Sophie L., Easton B., Judy S., Willow W., Ruth O.



## Blessing of the Seeds and Gardeners \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Creator of sun and soil, we gather at the edge of a new season— hands open, hearts hopeful, cradling these tiny promises of life.

Bless these seeds, O God—each one a whisper of resurrection, a quiet echo of your first breath over the earth. May they sink into the soil with purpose, held in the mystery of your nurturing love.

Bless the hands that scatter and sow—tired hands, tender hands, hands that know both loss and growth. Let them trust what they cannot see—that what dies in the ground will rise with grace.

Bless the waiting. The watering. The weeding. The wondering. And when harvest comes, let us remember your goodness in every leaf and root and bloom.

May this planting season draw us closer to the rhythms of your mercy, to the patience of your Spirit, and to the hope that always grows—even from the smallest of seeds.

Amen.

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

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

This is a call to open our hearts and minds to the work of God's Holy Spirit. God is present and hope is inspired in the work of the Spirit today. We believe that Jesus is as alive today as he was at creation and during Jesus' life and death on earth. Now, through the continued work of God's Spirit in our lives **we** are the presence of God in the world today. Our every word or deed speaks of that presence and our call to love our neighbor.

As I write this article, we are going into the second week of reviewing the book, "Everyday Spirituality: Discover a Life of Hope, Peace and Meaning." The author, James Hazelwood, lists these spiritual practices as "daily," "weekly," and "every so

often.” Serve is listed as weekly. Hazelwood references James 2:17, *“So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”*

Hazelwood has a fantasy about a church that advertises itself as a service community. A congregation of people whose sole purpose is to serve other people. He calls it radical but says it would be amazing, and it would also be one of the best ways to help people see God in everyday life. Zion may not be advertised as a service community, but we certainly have more than a few members who serve in a variety of ways. Their service may be big and bold, or it may be small and quiet, but in serving or helping others they open themselves up to encounter God. It goes almost without saying that we could certainly use more hands in service. If you feel you are called to volunteer, please accept the call. It could be the most rewarding thing you’ve done in a long time.

I still remember decades ago, when I was a new member of Zion, and I helped paint the nursery, or at least I think it was the nursery. What I most remember isn’t the work; it’s the fun I had painting alongside a few of the men in the congregation and singing hymns while working. What a fantastic and rewarding experience it was for me. These men, whom I didn’t know at all welcomed me, the lone female, as they painted and sang with me and made me feel a part of the congregation, something I had never felt before. I’ve never forgotten it.

But can we be too busy serving? Read on...

For the past several months I have been attending a small group that is viewing and discussing the movie “The Chosen.” The series depicts Jesus’s life through the years from his birth to his resurrection. Our most recent viewing dealt with “Serving” among other things. In it, Jesus goes to see Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha who welcome him warmly. Jesus tells the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard. Martha serves while Mary sits and listens intently to Jesus’s Parable. Even before bringing out the second course of food, Martha stands among her guests and complains bitterly about Mary’s lack of help. Jesus explains that

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her. This is a lesson for all of us and certainly for me. We shouldn't become so busy serving that our intimacy with God suffers because of it. Knowing Christ should always be a priority.

May you always take pride in the work you do, "whether it's paid or unpaid" the person you are, and the difference you make. Always remember, through the continued work of God's Spirit in our lives, **we** are the presence of God in the world today. Our every word or deed speaks of that presence and our call to love our neighbor.

Let us pray; Gracious God, open our eyes to your presence and your kingdom. Help us to be the people you created us to be. Help us to say yes to those things that might bring people closer to you and help us to know when to shift our focus back to you so that our faith in you continue to grow. Amen.

In God's love and mercy,  
Karen S.

### **Funny Corner!**



**Wear red  
May 24 to  
celebrate  
the fiery  
Spirit on  
Pentecost!**

## Fortune Lake Summer Camps

Summer camp is the heart and soul of Fortune Lake’s ministry. They have opportunities for all ages! Their Mission, “Seeking to connect faith and life, we provide a welcoming space for all people to experience God, community, and nature,” is lived out through our Core Values, moment-by-moment all summer long as people of all ages gather on the shores of Fortune Lake.

### Wear Love

We invite you to reach out to a friend, and join us for Summer 2026: Wear Love based on Colossians 3:12-14

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”*

Registration and payment deadline is June 1. For more information and to register, people may visit <https://fortunelake.org/summer-camp/>



2026 SCHEDULE

## FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED
Week 1	June 7-12	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)
Week 2	June 14-19	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)
Week 3	June 21-26	High School Week (Grades 9-12)   LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)
Week 4	June 28-July 1	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)   Vagabond Half Week (Grades 5-6) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)
	July 5-7	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)
Week 5	July 5-8	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)   MashUp (Grades 4-8)   LIT #2 Option (*No charge)
	July 5-10	Villager (Grades 3-4)   Vagabond (Grades 5-6)
Week 6	July 12-17	Villager (Grades 3-4)   Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT 4 Option (*No charge)
Week 7	July 19-24	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9)   Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9)   Dungeons & Dragons Camp (Grades 6-9) LIT 4 Option (*No charge)
	July 20-23	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)
Week 8	July 26-31	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8)   LIT #5 Option (*No charge)
	July 27-30	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)
Week 9	August 3-6	Evergreen Camp (ages 55+)

Scholarships Available

Everybody is welcome at camp regardless of ability to pay!

More info at FortuneLake.org

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



## MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

We remember, honor and give thanks for those in the armed forces who have given their lives for the sake of peace, justice and freedom.

We remember the families and loved ones who supported their service, grieve their loss and carry forward their memory and legacy.

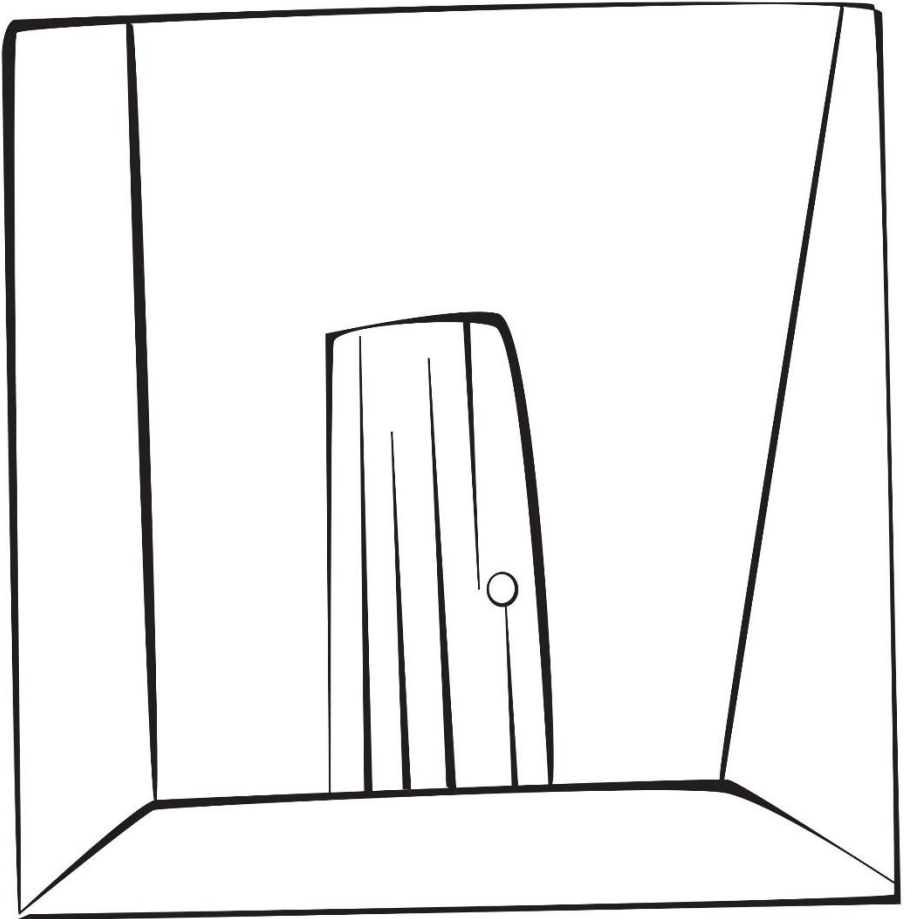
—*ELCA Prayer Ventures*



## Kid's Activity!

# God's House, Your Room

Jesus says he's going to heaven ahead of us to get our rooms ready. What do you think your room in heaven will look like? Draw it here!



## 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 has a Google calendar! You can view it by going to our website and clicking the "Calendar" tab.
- ⇒ 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).
- ⇒ 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:  
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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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