

National Awareness Day of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives

May 5 is the National Awareness Day of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives (MMIWR). During that week, people will engage in actions to not only raise awareness but to work towards change. Native women go missing and/or are murdered at an alarming rate—on some reservations, ten times the national average. So on **Sunday, May 3** you are invited to **wear red in honor of MMIWR**. Check out <https://www.niwrc.org/mmiwr-awareness> for more ways you can support this essential work alongside our Indigenous neighbors.



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

In Our Prayers This Week

It's so important that we remember one another in prayer. During this week, please focus your prayers on the following members who were picked randomly: Melanie B.; Jacob C.; Barbra F.; Rachel K.; James M.; Deb M.; Justin, Cynthia, Everett, and Rhoslyn S.



Flowers



The flowers for Sunday are in honor of National Awareness Day of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers for any given Sunday, please contact Zion's office (715-735-7898 or zion.lutheran.marinette@gmail.com); they cost \$15

What's Around the Corner?

- April 29: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
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 Michaelis. Coffee Hour after worship. 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.

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"! If any youth who will be in grades 8-12 this fall are possibly interested, please let Pr. Amanda know by **Friday May 1.**



New Flooring Update

Another hiccup has occurred, not enough floor levering material, so installation of the new floor is anticipated to begin May 4.



Birthday Blessings to You!

Debra S., Jacob B., Spencer M.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week

Cassandra B., Oliver S., Diane R.

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; or you can contact Ann B.



Upcoming Coffee Hours!

There will be a coffee hour after worship May 10th to celebrate Zion's recent graduates! We will also be having a coffee hour May 17th hosted by Zion's Social Ministry Team as a thank you for everyone for donating to our world hunger drive.

Thank You to Our Worship Leaders!

Thank you to Karen S. for serving as our lector; to Karen D. for setting and cleaning up communion; to Johanna Z. as our communion assistant; to Peggy M. as our usher; to Troy C. and Kim G. for handling AV; and Jacob M. as our acolyte on Sunday



Our servers for next week are Karen D. as our lector and communion assistant; Barb G. will be setting and cleaning up communion; Jane L. as our greeter; Karen S. as our usher; Cheryl M. and Sharon P. will be handling AV; and Daniel Z. as our acolyte!

If you'd like to volunteer to serve as a worship leader, please contact Ann B. Thank you for your consideration!



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@nqlsynod.org.

Rummage Sale at Bethel

Bethel Lutheran Church, 1309 14th Ave., Menominee, is participating in the city-wide rummage sale. The sale will be Friday May15, and Saturday, May 16 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be plants and baked goods for sale along with a \$5 brown bag sale beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday. All proceeds will go to fund the youth trip to Minneapolis for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2027.



Grant Application from Zion's Mission Endowment Fund

The application and Endowment Fund Brochure are available in the lobby 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.



Reserve Your Garden Spots Now!

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.

May Eternal Light

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

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.



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 448; "God's House" based on the reading from John 14:1-14.



May Collection

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.

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.

NGLS D&D Club



The NGLS has an online Dungeons & Dragons Club for young people between 6th-12th grade. Upcoming gaming dates are **May 24** from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Contact: Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org for the Zoom link or if you would like to be part of this growing club!

Ruth Circle Group

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



Light the Fire for Fortune Lake



You are invited to Light the Fire for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on Sunday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church (2714 James St., Marinette). 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.

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



Book Study

Jesus calls us to lifelong faith formation, so the Stewardship and Generosity Team's April focus is Study. Even if you missed the first session, you're still welcome to join us May 3. Two copies of *Everyday Spirituality: Discover a Life of Hope, Peace and Meaning* by James Hazelwood are still available in the office. It's a wonderfully enriching, easy to read short book that is thought provoking and filled with stories from everyday people like us. We will be discussing Section Three this Sunday.

Fortune Lake Summer Camp Schedule!

It's time to start planning for Summer 2026, and Fortune Lake has a program for you and your family! Visit Fortunelake.org for more information or registration! Zion also has scholarships available for students grades 2-12. Please contact the church office to learn

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