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Zion's 2026 Congregation Council

Laura C. — President

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Phil S.

Jane L.

Kathy H.

Nik W., Youth Member

Zion Staff

Pastor — Amanda K.

Office Administrator and Financial Secretary — Marissa T.

Choir Director and Organist — Ann B.

Accompanist for Choir and Organist— Rachel R.

Custodians — Sarah S. and Gina B.

Zion Ministry Contacts

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.

Bulletin and Newsletter Assistance — Marissa T.

Candles (eternal and oil) — Deb M.

Praise Band Worship — Bill T.

Hymn Selection — Ann B.

Wine and apple/grape juice — Gary G.

Building Maintenance – Interior/Exterior

Supplies — Gary G.

Handyman — Jack H.

Committees/Groups

Caring Ministry — Karen S., and Judy S.

Confirmation Classes — Pastor

Funeral Luncheon — Ann B., Carol J., Karen S. and Cheryl M.

Harvest of Hope Community Garden — John R.

Kitchen Supplies — Gary G.

Mission Endowment Comm. — Karen D.

Money Counters — Karen D., Bonnie S. and Pat M.

Nominating Comm — Ann B.

Personnel Comm. — Troy C.

Property Comm. — Mark S.

Ruth Women's Circle — Jane L.

Sanctuary Arts — Barb G., Karen D., Carol J., Sally B., and Ann B.

Sew for Mission — Carol M.

Social Ministry — Heidi B.

SPARK — Johanna Z.

Stewardship & Generosity — Karen S., Bonnie S., John R.

Youth Ministry Treasurer — Karen D.

Worship and Music — Ann B.



Reflections

“A Friend to All”

(A Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Ministry Spotlight story about Alexis R., first published on <https://nqlsynod.org/youth/>)



Jesus commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Alexis R., of Zion Lutheran Church in Marinette, does both and she does it with a joyful heart. Alexis has a gift for making people feel like they’ve known her for a lifetime, even if they have just met. She enjoys good conversation and is always willing to lend a helping hand. She is a true example of what it means to follow Christ.

Alexis says she feels closest to God when she is singing in church or listening to “God songs.” She credits her mom (who is a talented musician!) for serving as a role model and for always making her feel loved and protected. Alexis has learned that even when there are challenges in life, she can rely on God and her family to help her get through anything.

Alexis has a strong prayer life and talks to God daily. She relies on God’s guidance whether she is playing sports with friends, doing schoolwork, or navigating the everyday challenges of life as a teenager. Even though God doesn’t always provide an answer as quickly as she’d like, Alexis is confident that she is a beloved child of God. Her honesty, genuine love, and acceptance of herself and others is contagious.

Alexis feels at home when she is in church and is not afraid to ask big questions about God and faith – just ask any of the pastors in her life! She enjoys serving as an acolyte and looks forward to helping lead crafts with Zion’s SPARK (faith formation) program in the fall. She also has a goal of serving on church council one day.

Whatever her future brings, it is certain that Alexis will continue to be a friend to all and share God’s love with the world!

Mental Health Corner

(sourced from <https://www.pathways2promise.org/>)

Mental Health Ministries

“The magnitude of mental illness in this country is staggering. According to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in any given year and half of all Americans have such disorders at some time in their lives. These illnesses of the brain affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status or ethnicity.

Nearly every person sitting in the pews has been touched in some way by mental illness. And yet individuals and families continue to suffer in silence or stop coming to their faith community because they are not receiving the support they so desperately need. They become detached from their faith community and their spirituality, which is an important source of healing, wholeness and hope in times of personal darkness. **THERE IS HOPE!**

Mental Health Ministries, founded by Rev. Susan Gregg-Schroeder in 2001, is an interfaith web-based ministry that provides educational resources to help erase the stigma of mental illness in our faith communities. Our mission is to help faith communities be caring congregations for people living with a mental illness and those who love and care for them based on the [“Caring Congregations” five step model](#) of education, commitment, welcome, support and advocacy.”

What's Around the Corner?

- August 2: 10th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Special music by Barb G. and Karen S.
- August 3-6: Vacation Bible School, 5 to 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 923 5th St. Menominee
- August 5: Praise Band practice, 7 p.m.
- August 9: 11th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Praise Band Sunday.
- August 11: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m., Council meeting, 6 p.m. at the DAR Boy's and Girls Club in Menominee
- August 16: 12th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Special music by Adison R.
- August 23: 13th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Hymn Sing.
- August 25: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.
- August 30: 14th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Special music by Barb B., Rick D., and Jane L.

August Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for August is sponsored by Jim C. and is in memory of Hilive and Bill Cook.

Congregation Council Highlights

The Congregational Council did not meet in July. The council will meet again August 11, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the DAR Boys & Girls Club in Menominee. The August highlights will be published in our September Newsletter.

VBS: Risen and Renewing: Jesus Makes All Things New_

Bethel Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, First Presbyterian, and Pioneer Presbyterian churches of Marinette and Menominee are working together to plan Vacation Bible School for kids and helpers of all ages. VBS will take place Aug. 3-6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 923 5th St. Menominee. You are invited to join us each evening for a free family supper, games, songs, crafts, and Bible stories to learn how Jesus makes all things new.

Registration is encouraged to help us secure enough supplies.

Registration forms are available at Zion and online on [our site](#). You can also scan the QR code to find the registration form. We hope you can join us! Contact Johanna (johannazuehls@gmail.com) or Pr. Amanda (pramandak3@gmail.com) with questions or to learn how you can volunteer!



Helping Hand

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matt 22:37-39). In the last seven months we have had twelve requests for financial assistance. Seven of those have been for housing, two were housing related (utility), one was for another type of help, and two we had to turn down because we did not have the funds. In most of these situations, we were last resorts for our neighbors in need. Some of them, at least two of which were families with young children, were facing homelessness if they could not have secured funds. *We thank you for the quick response and for the donations that are already being put to work for those in need in our community! The needs remain though, as does the call to love our neighbor, so please keep prayerfully considering financial donations to this important ministry. Thank you!*

Free Concert at Badger Park August 12

The River Cities Big Band (previously the Community Jazz Ensemble) will hold their local summer concert at **Badger Park August 12 at 6 p.m.** The 19-piece big band (that includes members from Bethel, Emmanuel and Zion Lutheran!) will play a variety of tunes that span from Duke Ellington to Freddie Mercury. Concessions will be available from BSBBQ and Los Magueyes. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Thank you to Heritage Hearing and the Peshtigo Parks & Rec Department for sponsoring the concert! Follow River Cities Big Band on Facebook or email rivercitiesbigband@gmail.com with questions.

NGLS Dungeons & Dragons Club

The NGLS has an online Dungeons & Dragons Club for young people between 6th-12th grade. Upcoming gaming dates are:

- Sunday, August 23, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 27, 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!

Altar Flower Sponsorships

Zion has altar flower sponsorships available and the cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. You can take the flowers home after service! To reserve a date, please contact Zion's office at 715-735-7898 or zion.lutheran.marinette@gmail.com. **Flower dates that need sponsoring are August 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th!**

Accurate 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.lutheran.marinette@gmail.com). Thank you for your assistance!



Fall Lifelong Faith Formation Classes__

Registration is open for the 2026 Fall Lifelong Faith formation classes.

- **The Church's Role in a Divided Society: Public Deliberative Dialog:** with Rev. Sharolyn S. and Rev. J. Michael M. One Session on Sept. 24, held in-person at Bethany, Ishpeming, Mich., with Zoom curated space also available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Encountering God in the Modern Middle East:** with Todd H., Sept. 21, 28, and Oct. 5, 12 from 6 to-7 p.m.
- **Lutheranism 101: Lens, God's Grace, and Essentials:** with Bishop Katherine F., Rev. Tim J. and Rev. J. Michael M. from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 29, The Lutheran Lens; Nov. 4, God's Grace; Nov. 11, Essential Lutheran Tidbits.
- **The Pollinator Garden:** with members of the NE MN Synod Pollinator Plot Steering Committee and Good Shepherd, Peshtigo. One Session on Sept. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- **The Prophets: Their Voice, Context, and Significance:** with Rev. Philip J., Oct. 20, 27, and Nov. 3, 10 from 6 to 7:15 p.m.
- **Walking through Mark: Preparing for Year B:** with Rev. Nicole H.-L., Sundays, Sept. 20 to Nov. 15 from 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information about the classes or to register, people may visit <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/>. People may also contact Sister Noreen with questions at 651-815-1145 or nstevens@nglsynod.org.

Our Christian Sympathy_____

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Schutt family with the passing of Jo S. We thank God for this person's life and faith, and for the promise of eternal life God offers to them and all who live and die in Christ.

School Aid Collection



We're collecting items to stock the school pantries as they start a new year. The kind of **food items** that can be sent home with even the youngest kids to prepare for themselves and the kind of **personal care items** that teens need but often can't afford. Your Social Ministry Committee will split the collection between the Marinette and

Menominee School Districts and deliver them at the beginning of September. Please donate only new, unopened items. Place your donations in the narthex by the collection baskets between July 5th and August 30th. Here are some suggestions:

- Meals that are ready to eat such as Chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore, SpaghettiOs, canned fish, chicken, ham, cracker or pretzel snack packs, Pop Tarts, granola bars, breakfast bars, fruit roll ups, beef jerky, trail mix, nuts, dried fruit, fruit and vegetable juices.
- Meals that just need water and a microwave: soups, cereals, oatmeal cups. Many companies make individual serving cups like: A Taste of Thai Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Idahoan potatoes, Minute Rice.
- Personal hygiene items such as: shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, disposable razors, shaving cream, tampons & pads.

Getting to know you...

In an effort to learn more about our Indigenous neighbors, Pr. Amanda and others will be attending the Meno Keno Ma Ge Wen Powwow either **August 21 or 22** at the Ka Kew Se Gathering Grounds: 3912 Ferry Ranch Ln., Wabeno, WI 54566. You are most welcome to join them!

A thank you from your office administrator! _____

Monday, August 17 marks my five-year anniversary of working at Zion! Many things have happened in the past five years that I am glad I got to share with Zion and the wonderful people here.

It's been an eventful five years. Pastor Keith retiring, installing a new boiler system, repairing the bell tower, upgrading our AV equipment, Pastor Amanda arriving, our 150th anniversary, switching from Facebook to YouTube for our livestreaming services, replacing the social hall floor, and so many small events in between.

The five years haven't been all sunshine and roses though. It was bittersweet when Pastor Keith retired; and I felt the same way when Pastor Doug had finished his stint as interim pastor. Grieving the loss of members of the church that I have grown to care deeply about is another thing that comes to mind. But I am thankful that I am always able to share my grief with you.

There have been slow days, there have been extremely busy days. But mostly there are just normal days. And I am thankful I can spend any kind of day with the people here. Because I fear accidentally leaving someone out, I won't thank everyone individually who has been instrumental in not just my professional life here, but also my personal one. So I will give a blanket "Thank you, I appreciate you deeply," to the kind and generous people I am lucky enough to call colleagues, friends and family.

Thank you for allowing me the distinct pleasure of being your office and financial secretary. Thank you for the kind and generous gifts I have received throughout the years. Thank you for five wonderful years. And here's to hoping we have many more together.

-Marissa T.



August Birthdays

- August 3-9: Andrew H., Jackie H., Dakota L., Kathleen L., Jacob C., Laura P.
- August 10-16: Gage S., Sally B., Joan N., Fay B., Larry M., Linda W.
- August 17-23: Joni R., Brooke R.
- August 24-31: Jordan L., Tim M., Barb G., Jared J., Gail M., Katy B., Sheila M.



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

- August 1-2: Michael J.
- August 3-9: Mary B., Dale L., Greg P.
- August 10-16: Brian S., Traci O., Fyfe T.
- August 17-23: Mason K., Sam G., Sarah J., Allyson K., Aiden B., Laura P., Mackenzie A.
- August 24-31: Sally B., Jacob E., Debra S., Delanie S.

Funny Corner!



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

EXTREME WEATHER IN THE UNITED STATES

SUMMER 2026

ELCA.org/disaster

Catastrophic flooding in south Texas has forced people from their homes and left communities covered in debris and mud as the water recedes. Dangerous heat waves are putting vulnerable neighbors at risk, especially older adults, children and those without reliable access to cooling. At the same time, wildfires across the western United States continue to threaten lives, homes and entire communities.

These crises may be different in nature, but they share one heartbreaking reality: people are suffering.

When families are displaced by floods, **your support helps meet immediate needs and makes recovery assistance possible.**

When extreme heat creates life-threatening conditions, **your generosity helps provide safe and welcoming cooling spaces that support vulnerable neighbors.**

When wildfires force evacuations and leave devastation behind, **your gifts help sustain relief and recovery ministries long after media attention fades.**

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Yes, I want to help!

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Email address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to the ELCA, write "Lutheran Disaster Response" on your check's memo line and send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**



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Kid's Activity!

Spot the Difference

Jesus is calling Peter to walk on water. Peter trusted him and started to walk! Can you trust your eyes to find five differences between these two pictures?



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.lutheran.marinette@gmail.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.lutheran.marinette@gmail.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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