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Zion Ministry Contacts

Worship

Worship Leadership Scheduling — Ann B.

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Reflections

“Beyond Remembrance: ELCA Takes Action on Truth Telling”

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In 2025, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly committed to encouraging and equipping congregations, synods and affiliated ministries to observe the National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools annually on or near Sept. 30. The action also calls for continuing education, research, truth telling, healing and repair related to the church’s involvement in Indian boarding schools.

One year later, Indigenous Ministries, part of the Ministries of Diverse Cultures and Communities (MDCC), is drawing attention again to the Indigenous children who were forcibly removed from their families and communities and sent to schools designed to suppress their languages, cultures and identities. The day also recognizes boarding school survivors, descendants, families, tribal nations and communities still living with the consequences of a system in which Christian churches, including Lutheran bodies, participated.

Sept. 30 is also observed as Orange Shirt Day, named for boarding school survivor Phyllis Webstad’s account of having her orange shirt taken from her on her first day at a residential school. Wearing orange has become a visible way to remember Indigenous children affected by boarding schools and the loss of culture, identity and belonging those institutions sought to impose.

A PERSONAL STORY

Wanda K. Frenchman, a member of the Oglala Lakota and Lenape tribes, currently serves as the interim director of Indigenous Ministries. Here she shares her story:

“One day in September, the 30th, is set aside to remember

Indigenous children who died, those who survived and the families and communities impacted by the federal boarding school era. As an Indigenous person who was raised by Catholic boarding school survivors, that one day becomes every day.

“My Lakota grandparents were raised at Holy Rosary Catholic Mission in Pine Ridge, S.D., in the 1930s by German-speaking Catholic nuns and priests. They weren’t offered God’s love as grace and kindness but shown God in the worst light possible through punishment for the sin of being born as Lakota people.

“My grandparents weren’t parented by their own Lakota families. Therefore, they parented their kids much as they were raised. The cycle of generational trauma was started with young children at boarding schools and continues still today.”

Frenchman’s family history with Indian boarding schools extends beyond her grandparents’ experiences as students. Her mother taught at the federally operated Phoenix Indian School in the early 1970s, and her paternal grandmother worked there as a dorm matron in the 1960s.

TRUTH SEEKING AND TRUTH TELLING

Frenchman’s story and others like it are the impetus for remembrance, truth seeking and truth telling.

The 2025 Churchwide Assembly approved the ELCA resolution on boarding schools by a vote of 779-7 after memorials were submitted by 22 synods. The first of six actions call on the churchwide organization to encourage and equip ELCA congregations, synods and affiliated or related ministries to observe the National Day of Remembrance. The remaining actions extend beyond Sept. 30 through education about Christian and Lutheran involvement in boarding schools, continued research into the church’s history, preservation and responsible access to records, healing and repair, and funding to sustain the work.

Central to those efforts is the Indigenous Ministries’ Truth Seeking & Truth Telling Initiative. Launched in September 2022, it organizes Lutherans to research and acknowledge Lutheran and

broader Christian involvement in Indian boarding schools and their continuing impact on Native peoples.

The initiative began with 15 synods across four Midwestern states and expanded in 2023 to 27 synods across 10 additional states. In 2026, the work is expanding to synods nationwide. More than 100 laypeople and rostered ministers have participated in the initiative through gatherings, discussions, research and educational efforts.

The project connects research into boarding and day schools sponsored or supported by Lutherans with opportunities for worship and learning, all as part of an ongoing process of truth and healing. This research requires the church to examine its own history. The ELCA acknowledges that many white Christians, including Lutherans, participated in the physical and cultural genocide of Native peoples and supported boarding and day schools that separated Native children from their languages, cultures, families and communities.

Researchers have identified Bethany Indian Mission and School in Wittenberg, Wis., which was operated by ELCA predecessors with federal funding. The ELCA holds extensive archival materials related to the school and is digitizing them.

The assembly action also addresses what should happen to information uncovered through this research. It affirms that the boarding school records belong to survivors, their descendants, communities and tribal nations and can support healing. It also calls for survivors and their families to have responsible access to the records and related research. In addition, the action calls for funding to support continued research and the digitization and labeling of Indian boarding school records held by the ELCA Archives.

HEALING IN COMMUNITY

The work of addressing generational trauma is also taking place within Indigenous communities served by ELCA ministries.

At Native American Urban Ministry in downtown Phoenix, a weekly Talking Circle launched in August 2024 has grown into an

intergenerational community of about 50 people. The circle provides a culturally grounded space for Indigenous people seeking community and support while navigating experiences that include substance abuse, domestic violence, grief, homelessness and loss of culture.

Participants gather for conversation, prayer and traditional practices. Frenchman said six established leaders now help sustain the circle each week, which incorporates singing in participants' tribal languages, prayer, tobacco offerings and ceremonial smudging. Some participants have expressed surprise at being able to practice Indigenous traditions openly within a Christian church.

In Fargo, N.D., The Way (formerly Native American Christian Ministry) gathers Indigenous community members weekly for Native and Christian worship with traditional singing, prayer, food and fellowship. The Eastern North Dakota Synod identifies caring for people in recovery and those experiencing addiction as a central focus of the ministry. Frenchman said The Way also helps community members attend a weekly sweat lodge by providing transportation to the ceremony, including for some participants experiencing substance abuse and homelessness.

Both ministries offer examples of communities restoring traditions, relationships and cultural practices that boarding schools and colonization worked to suppress.

CONTINUING THE WORK

MDCC Indigenous Ministries has developed the "ELCA Truth-seeking and Truth-telling Initiative on Indian Boarding Schools Learning Toolkit" and other resources to help congregations, synods, educational institutions and organizations participate in the work.

Resources include a prayer service honoring children who were taken to boarding schools, workshop materials, educational handouts, and tools for congregational and organizational learning. The initiative also welcomes people interested in

research, data collection, education, organizing and leadership to participate in gatherings, educational opportunities and research projects.

For the ELCA, the National Day of Remembrance offers an annual opportunity to remember. The initiative and the work of Indigenous ministries across the ELCA also demonstrate ways that remembrance can continue through education, research, truth telling, cultural restoration, healing and repair throughout the year.

For more information, see elca.org/indianboardingschools.

Mental Health Corner

(Sourced from <https://www.facebook.com/NAMI>)

Self-Care Tips For Election Season #VOTE4 MentalHealth vote4mentalhealth.org	 Get elections news and updates from nonpartisan sources.
	 Silence breaking news notifications or delete news apps.
	 Take breaks from screens.
	 Spend your time doing things for you.
	 Acknowledge your negative feelings.
	 Show yourself compassion.

What's Around the Corner?

- Nov. 1: All Saints Sunday, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Remembering of the Saints. Special music by Zion's choir.
Choral Evensong: Evening Prayer at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Marinette, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 4: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 8: 24th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Praise Band Sunday.
- Nov. 10: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.; Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day, Office Closed. SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15: 25th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Hymn sing. Youth Friendsgiving @ First Presbyterian Church in Menominee, noon to 3 p.m.
- Nov. 18: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 19: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 22: Christ the King Sunday, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube.
- Nov. 24: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 25: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving. Office Closed.
- Nov. 29: First Sunday in Advent, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube.

"Choral Evensong: Evening Prayer" Worship

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 917 Church St., Marinette, invites the community to their "Choral Evensong: Evening Prayer" on All Saints Day, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. There will be a reception following worship.

Congregation Council Highlights



The Congregational Council met on October 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor's Report: September 2026 average attendance was 70. During the month of September, pastor made 7 home visits and 2 office visits.

Guest Speaker: Val D., with the Boy Scouts introduced herself, and met with the council to teach them about the Scouts' plans and gain a better understanding of how they envision the partnership with Zion. Val discussed what troops she leads, which troops use Zion for their meeting place. Val also discussed needing to downsize their storage area(s) a bit of tents, uniforms etc. The council decided to allow troops to use the shed outside area and the room down the hall from boiler room for storage.

Committee Reports

- **Personnel:** Minutes from last Personnel meeting was attached and discussed the notes from the meeting. Things discussed was salary ranges and insurance benefits for Pr. Amanda. Plans were made for annual reviews. The committee also discussed to prep a sexual abuse and misconduct policy.
- **Property:** Mark Swenson attended and discussed the proposals from two different vendors on the automatic door project. Council discussed both companies and listened to what Mark and Pr. Amanda recommended when they met. More discussion is to be had on this. There was also some discussion on concrete work outside the main door.

Old Business

- **Social Hall Fans:** Waiting on parts for fans to be installed.

Tabled Business

- Directional Street Sign
- Capital Campaign idea discussion
- Vanco App & Online giving

The council will meet again November 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Friendsgiving Youth Event



Youth between 6th -12th grade are invited to enjoy food, friends, and football on Sunday, Nov. 15 from noon to 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 923 5th St., Menominee. Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite dish or snack to share. The Packers game will be playing on TV and there will also be games and crafts. Friends are welcome!

RSVP to Stefanie E. at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org.

Also, you can save the date for our December event. We will be sharing cookies and singing Christmas carols with residents at the Luther Home on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

November Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for November is sponsored by Jim Cook and is in loving memory of Magnilde and Pastor Johannson.



Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, November 19th, in the family room at Zion at 3 p.m. for our monthly Bible study. All are welcome to attend!

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 Seven Marks of Discipleship

#Pray

#Worship

#Study

#Invite

#Encourage

#Give

#Serve

This is the third and final article on financial wellbeing and the blessings God provides. I received this story in an email from Chick Lane, then Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary. Given the uncertain times we currently live in I thought this might be an appropriate time to use it again as it contains some excellent and very relevant thoughts.

Stewardship Talk in Worship by Deni Thrasher

“This past year has been challenging. Last September I was laid off. It seemed as if everything that I counted on and all my expectations were picked up

and tossed upside down. In five minutes, my life changed.

For the first few weeks, I walked around in a fog. I did what I needed to do to start getting a resume together and to get unemployment lined up, but that was about it. I was going through the motions, but mostly I was numb.

Then reality hit. My emotions were all over the place. I went from angry to scared to hopeful, back to angry to terrified—and that was just in the first five minutes of the day. I couldn't seem to get anything done, all I wanted to do was shut myself off from the world, curl up with a book and not move. I was not coping very well with my new status as an unemployed person.

I felt like my entire sense of self had been taken away. My whole focus seemed to be made up of 'how's.' How would I pay bills? How would I pay for Rick's medicine? How would I provide for David and Rachel at school? The list seemed endless. And none of it was positive.

My conversations with God were not positive either. I'd say that 'confrontational' best describes them. I spent a lot of time yelling and cursing at God.

And at church, it was financial pledging time, and we were talking about being blessed. I can tell you that feeling blessed was the last thing on my mind. It was very easy to sink into the depressive quicksand that I felt my life had turned into. Outside, I was trying to present a positive front, but inside I was down to thinking that the glass is empty—and it's broken.

Sleeping was hard since the hamster wheels of doubt, fear and uncertainty were running nonstop in my brain as soon as my eyes closed.

Then I had a dream.

Generally, I don't easily remember my dreams. I don't think I dream about people that I know. But that night I dreamed about my mom.

In the dream, we were sitting in a living room. It was after dinner and we were just relaxing and talking. Mom had her cup of coffee, and she was in her favorite robe, with some sort of sewing on her lap. I had a pile of yarn in my lap, and my ever-present cup of tea was next to me. I can't count the number of evenings that we sat and talked just like that.

The dream was so real that I could smell the rose body lotion she had used after her shower and her hazelnut coffee. I could feel the silkiness of the yarn as it slipped through my fingers as I crocheted. I heard my stepfather's TV show from the next room. So normal.

Our conversation ranged from my stepfather to their grandkids to their last trip, and then she turned to look at me. 'Denise,' she said. 'You're having some problems. I know things are hard, but you've forgotten your blessings. Your problems won't go away, but they won't seem so bad if you just remember your blessings.'

When my mom was alive, she always talked about how much she had been blessed. Even in the worst of times, she could see blessings. She was the most 'silver lining' person I ever knew.

But she was right. I had stopped thinking of my blessings. Yes, things were uncertain, but once I started to think about what my mom had said to me, I could see what she meant. So, I tried to shift my thinking.

At Thanksgiving, I was able to actually feel thankful. At Christmas, instead of apologizing for what I couldn't do, I tried to just do and enjoy.

As the new year started, I found that the more I was able to focus on how richly I had been blessed rather than on what I felt was missing. My anxiety levels decreased and my attitude improved. And guess what?

I didn't lose my house, I didn't lose my medical coverage, I was able to convince Dave to not quit school, and I got a new job!

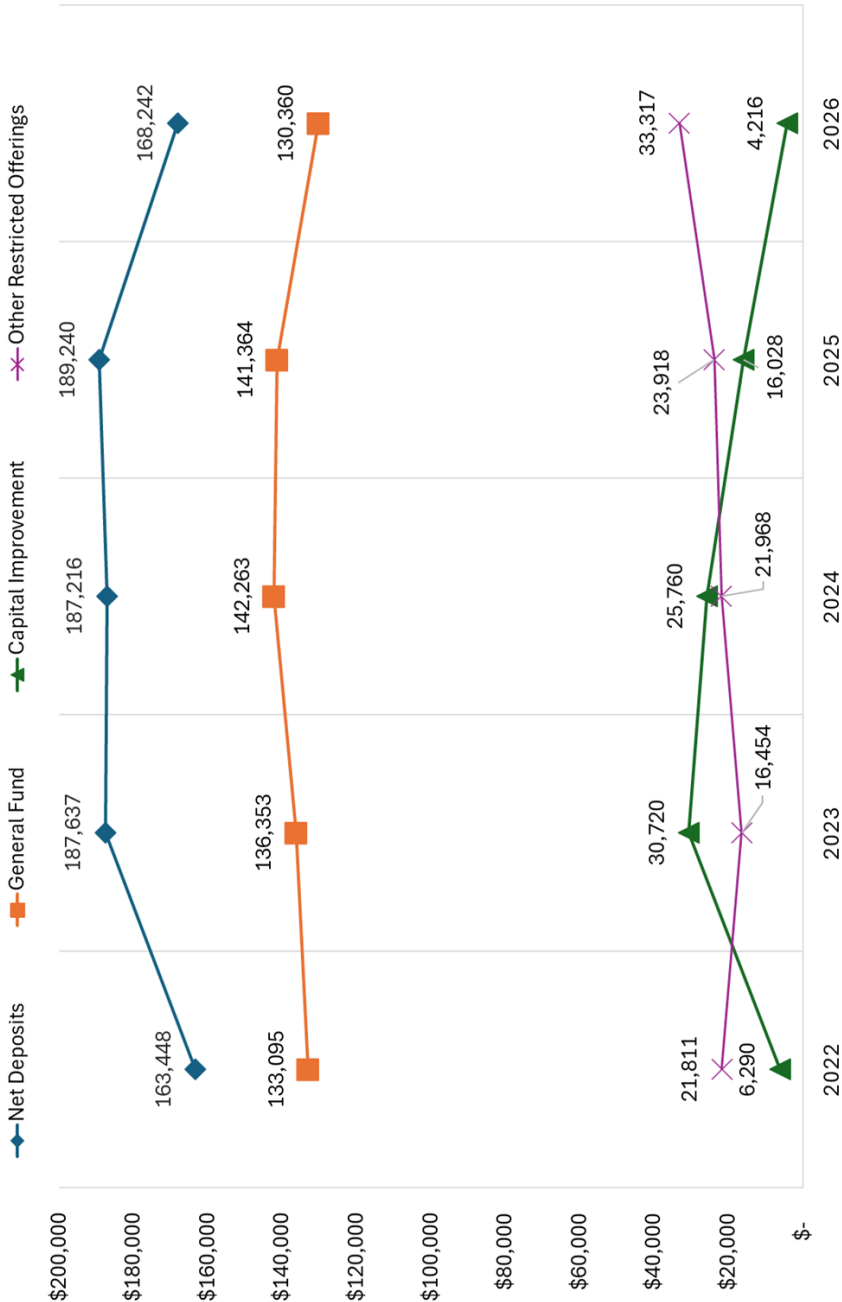
So, here we are, back in September, once again starting the financial pledging campaign, once again talking about our bountiful riches, and celebrating the many blessings that we have been given by a most gracious and generous Father. Talk about coming full circle."

Are you fraught with worry about your future like Deni Thrasher was? Turn those worries over to God and start concentrating on what you have been blessed with. Initially, there may be two or three that readily come to mind, but as you think about this over time you will find many more.

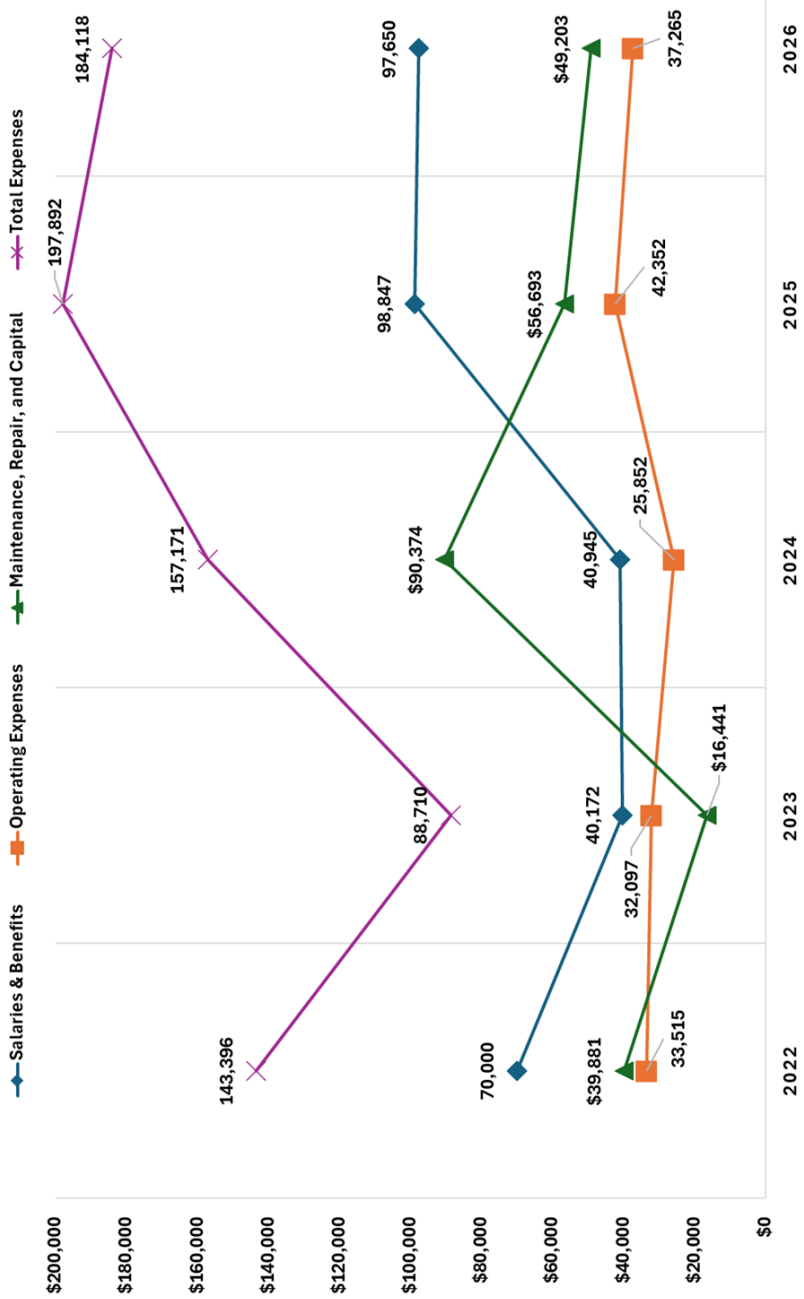
Let us pray, dear gracious and loving God, you know many of us worry about the uncertain times we are facing right now. Help us, father, to remember our blessing. While some things may not be as we wish, help us to think of all that you have already provided. Help us to realize that you are with us, supporting us and loving us no matter what comes our way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

In God's continual love,
Karen S.

YTD INCOME FOR JAN.-SEPT. 2022 — JAN.-SEPT. 2026



YTD EXPENSES FOR JAN.-SEPT. 2022 — JAN.-SEPT. 2026



Our Christian Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Karen D. and her family with the death of her husband, Lanse. We thank God for Lanse's life and faith, and for the resurrection hope God pours out in Jesus Christ.

November 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 November, we will be collecting food items to help people celebrate the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Everything we collect in November will be delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

By collecting in November, we can get these items delivered EARLY in December and help everyone plan for their holiday meals.

Ideas for SHELF STABLE items for a Christmas meal are:

- Cookie mixes, sprinkles, icing, peanut butter, chocolate stars/kisses, peppermint candies
- Instant potatoes, stuffing mix, biscuit mix, gravy mix or jarred gravy
- Cranberry sauce, canned yams, French fried onions, canned corn, canned green beans
- Canned apple and/or other pie filling, shelf stable pie crust
- Shelf stable milks such as Almond, Rice or Soy
- All other non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables, fruits and proteins especially chicken or turkey are certainly appreciated also!

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

- Nov. 1: Daniel L., Laura C., Kathi G.
- Nov. 2-8: Michael C., Georgann G., Timothy S., Kensley R., Leah R., Donna D.
- Nov. 9-15: Mark S., Vicki G., Jack H., Alexa O., Barbara G., Nora P., Chad F.
- Nov. 16-22: Megan B. and Gary G.
- Nov. 23-29: Thomas K., Kaya B., Eric M., Sharon S.

November Birthdays

- Nov. 1: Georgann G.
- Nov. 2-8: Jaclynn K., Phil S., James J., Hope G., John K., Wendy S., Henry Z., Nik W.
- Nov. 9-15: Sharon S., Mary T., Mike H., Lisa C., Carol M., Barb B.
- Nov. 16-22: Kenny S., Barb B., Jane L.
- Nov. 23-29: Naomi D., Susan F., Bethany E., Karen S., Alex G., Carissa K., Sydney L., Travis L.

From Our Families To Yours...



To you who celebrate Thanksgiving, may you have a safe and happy holiday. To you who struggle with the day and all that it carries, may your truth be acknowledged and affirmed. To you who find yourselves in both realities, may you have the space and place to be your whole self. And to all, may you perceive

the ever-present Companion wading in all of these waters with you.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Amanda, Gina, Sarah, Ann, Rachel, and Marissa

A Note From The Financial Secretary

If you give online and want to change your donation for 2027, make sure you click on the donate button on our website to be brought to our pink donation page. From there, you will log in to your account to change your offering. You only need to do this if you set an END DATE on your 2026 offering. If you have questions or need help with how to change your offering, please call our office at 715-735-7898, and I will call you back as soon as I can!
Marissa T., Financial Secretary

Funny Corner!





Poinsettias serve as beautiful Christmas decorations. If you make a donation of at least **\$15.00** you may take one of the plants home following the 8:00 p.m. service on Thursday, December 24, 2026. You may also designate it as a gift in memory or honor of someone.

If you are willing to purchase one or more Poinsettia, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.

The order forms and payment must be received in

Zion's office by **Monday, November 23.**

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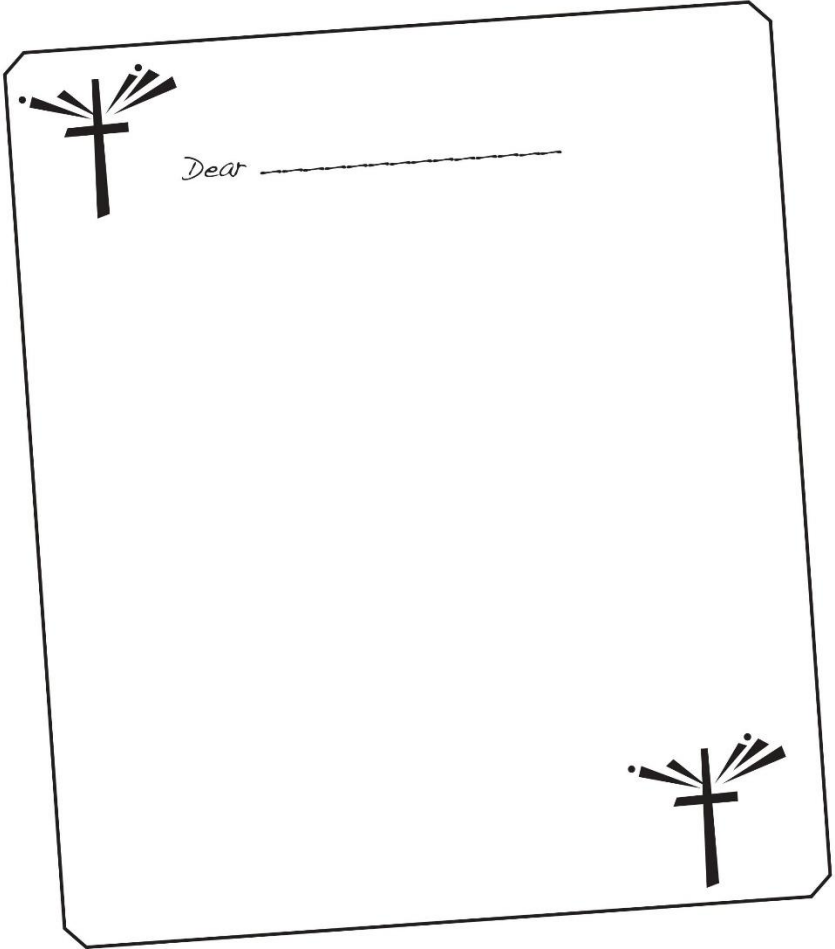
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PLEASE ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR MONEY AND DROP OFF AT ZION, MAIL TO ZION OR EMAIL ZION'S OFFICE @ ZION.LUTHERAN.MARINETTE@ GMAIL.COM SO WE CAN SUBMIT OUR ORDER.

Kid's Activity!

Pen Pal Personalities

God knows everything about you and all the wonderful things you can do for the world. God wants us to know about the great things we do without bragging or boasting about them. But, it's possible to tell others about the real you without bragging. Imagine you had a pen pal that asked you to tell them about who you *really* are. What would you say?



Coloring Page!

Sheep and Goats



Jesus told his disciples they were like sheep when they cared for each other.

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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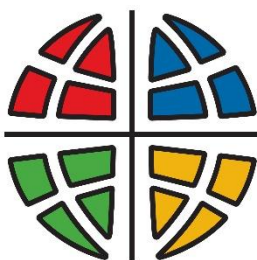
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