

Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

Gathering together, Growing in faith, and Going into the world in Jesus' name.

Pastor's Message



Happy August! There *s'more* summer fun continuing at Zion this month with VBS week, National Night Out, East End Days Rummage Sale, and our shared worship service with Pilgrim, Concordia, and Our Saviors. There *s'more* fun packed into this month than practically any other!

Our VBS theme this year is Camp Zion, and that's had me cracking *s'more* puns for the last few weeks (much to my son Micah's dismay). Because the best part of camping or spending time around a campfire is the *s'mores*, right? The crunchy graham crackers that give the treat it's sturdy shape and the hot, gooey mess in the middle with marshmallow and chocolate squeezed together really can't be beat! What *s'more* is there to say?!

Lot *s'more*! Because I think *s'mores* are a perfect summer image for the life of the church!

Hopefully, you have received a summer postcard from Zion inviting you to engage in the life of the community as we make our way through these busy summer months. We need your support through your presence, through your financial gifts, and through your prayers in order to keep our faith community strong through these summer months. Together we become the sturdy "graham crackers" that give shape to God's ministry through Zion Lutheran Church.



Then there's the hot, gooey, delicious mess of the *s'more*... an essential and important (and my favorite) part, which perhaps describes the reality of who and what the church actually is in the world. Can't have the church without the people! We are God's good people coming together and continuing to stay connected to each other through it all. People of all kinds, of various backgrounds and personalities, and some of us may describe our lives as a little messy, or our understanding of God as a bit sticky...and that's ok! There is a place for you! You make us better and able to be the church God intends for us to be. The *s'more*, the merrier!

May God bless you and keep you this month, and hope to see you soon!
Peace,
Pastor Sarah

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Looking to next month... Fall Kick-Off

Church Council

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 12th, 2025

Church Council Members—Present—Donald Anderson, Lynn Rochon, Paul Freer, Vicky Holm, Polly Lohman, Sara Schubert McKone, Donna Meltz, Shannon Johnson, Pastor Sarah Gunderson. Excused - Grace Becken

Call to order - 6:03pm Polly
Opening Devotions - Vicky
May Devotions - Lynn

Reports -

Secretary's Report - Mention by Lynn to add Connor Monaghan to the list of graduates in May Pastor's report and Lynn did opening devotions in May. Motion made by Sara and seconded by Shannon to accept the May 2025 minutes with the requested additions. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - As of 6/12/25, checking \$5,012.79, missions account \$348.22, savings balance \$553.84, Thrivent mortgage balance \$27,135.68, Thrivent savings \$3,497.15, WELCA \$2,978.72. Concerns about making payroll and paying various required bills. Accounts are low at this time. Communication is key with the congregation on this concern. Polly will create a letter to invite people back to services and reach out to current members. Suggestions for letter - QR code with links to website and online giving. Shannon suggested a witty postcard instead of a letter. Shannon and Sara will create examples. It was also recommended to step up our social media presence and create an Instagram account. Sara suggested reaching out to Superior High School that maybe there is a student looking for a senior project willing to help us with social media. Sara will also reach out to Maria Lockwood at the Superior Telegram to talk about next events and encourage people to attend. Motion made by Vicky and seconded by Lynn to accept the May 2025 treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report -

Food Shelf - We received almost 2000 items from the post office food drive, and we are beginning to run low again on items! Our food shelf is well used and serves a real need in our community. We occasionally receive messages (and gifts) from people who rely on the little extra food they get from the food shelf cupboard. We also have many people from the community dropping off items and sharing what they have through the cupboard. We need to continue to be creative in how we keep it stocked. The 4th Sunday food shelf focus has helped, but it is an ongoing concern to keep food on hand.

Worship -During the last 6 weeks, we have had an average attendance of 54. This is a strong number for us and has helped to create a good atmosphere for worship. It is good to gather in a community with others! My hope is that we continue to get more people connected in ushering, reading, and assisting minister roles, especially youth. We have a strong music team which helps to create joyful and meaningful worship experiences. So thankful for all who help make a space for worship to happen each week.

Welcoming Week -One of the things I hear from people who visit or are becoming more involved here at Zion is that our congregation is very welcoming. People greet one another and show genuine care, and this is important to many who are looking to get better connected to their faith. I want us to continue moving forward in this work especially as we think about getting people connected here. Great job, and let's keep building on this!

Website - We are moving along with an update of our Zion website. We have put it into the hands of our webmaster (Paul Mencinger) to come up with some draft layout/designs for us. Jackie Mehlberg and Paul Robinson are taking the lead on this project. We hope to incorporate more pictures into our new design as well as create a new Zion logo. Kate Conlan is going to be helping us brainstorm some logo possibilities. The goal is to have the refresh ready by this fall.

Superior ELCA Churches/Shared Ministry -Community dinners have ended for the summer. The hope is to kick

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2025-2027		
Term Ends January 2026	Term Ends January 2027	Term Ends January 2028
Grace Becken	Donald Anderson—Treasurer	Paul Freer
Sara Schubert McKone – Secretary	Shannon Johnson	Vicky Holm—Vice President
Donna Meltz	Lynn Rochon	Polly Lohman—President
Pastor Sarah Gunderson		

-off again in September and to grow the churches involved. The Ministerium is doing a Community VBS the week of June 15th at Concordia Lutheran. Our next meeting of the Superior ELCA churches is on July 10th at 5pm at Zion.

Vacation days in June - June 17-28 (gone on Sunday, June 22)

Committee Reports -

Discipleship—VBS at Zion is Aug 4-7th with a camping theme. There will be potential changes to the Sunday school and LOGOS schedule. Lynn will update more at a later date.

Worship & Music—Did not meet in May.

Property—Paul did a survey with Ben from Frontier Energy. There is the potential for some pump work on 2 radiators, and he recommended switching lights to LED for cost savings. Currently we run approximately \$370 a month for utilities. It was also recommended to get new banners for the side of the building with summer service times.

Stewardship—No updates, have not met for May. Working on Juneteenth event from 4-7, food and games planned for 50.

WELCA—They are on break for the summer. Paying for paint to paint offices at church. A motion was made by Sara and seconded by Paul to accept all reports. Motion carried.

Unfinished business -

Pasties—215 left to sell. \$6773 total sold, \$1290 left to sell

Event Reminder—Reminder of all upcoming summer events - VBS, church rummage sale, Juneteenth event. Please keep an eye on the church bulletin and emails from Paul/office.

Church Directory—Tabled until August.

New business -

None at this time.

A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Paul to close the meeting. Ended with the Lord's prayer.

Meeting schedule -

July 17th, 2025

August 21st, 2025

Minutes prepared by Sara Schubert McKone, Secretary

Joint ELCA worship at

SUNDAY, August 17,
10am Worship

1924 Wyoming Avenue



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Potluck to follow. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

PRAYERS FOR ALL

PRAYER CHAIN MISSION: Each week, a family name will be drawn at random from the mailing list, and that family will be prayed for during the next week. The family will receive a note in the mail to let them know about the prayers.

PRAYER CHAIN: Please submit any prayer requests to a member of the prayer chain: Linda Moe 715-398-6779.

Prayers of Healing: Jane Christie, Linda Feddema Barry Kilner, Donna Meltz, Gail Saari, and Lucille Sullivan.

Prayers of Protection:

Nathan Anthony, Andrew Hutton, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Mattson, Joshua Seifert, Mathew Sherwood and for all those who are in military service throughout the world and their families; and for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's, and all who put themselves at risk for others.

Prayers of Comfort:

Those homebound or in long term care: Dennis Lien, Jerry and Marilee Parenteau.

Prayers for Strength & Guidance: Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Our Church Council, our lay leaders, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Martin Halom and our Synod Staff, and for all those who stand up for justice in Jesus' name.

Thank you to all who pray faithfully.

(To add or remove a name, please call the office. 715-398-3663 Thank you.)



Care Basket Ministry Please take a Care Basket for those you know who have been ill, a death has occurred in the family, a person may need a smile to let them know we care about them. We have baskets with soup, a book, small presents in them and a card that states we care. Baskets are in the closet in the fellowship hall. Write on the clipboard the date, recipient of basket, and who will deliver the basket. Thank you for being the hands and feet to show others we care about them.

AUGUST LAY MINISTRY 2025

READER	COUNTERS
Aug 3 Donna Meltz	Aug 3 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
Aug 10 Polly Lohman	Aug 10 Paul Freer, Beth Arnson
Aug 17 Aine Merrill	Aug 17 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
Aug 24 Michele & Claire Conlan	Aug 24 Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet
Aug 31 Micah Gunderson	Aug 31 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Aug 3 Anthony Anderson	Aug 3 Shirley Boris
Aug 10 Linda Moe	Aug 10 Paul Robinson
Aug 17 Rusty Mehlberg	Aug 17 Mary Hickman
Aug 24 Anthony Anderson	Aug 24 Shirley Boris
Aug 31 Linda Moe	Aug 31 Paul Robinson
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Aug 3 Vicky Holm	Margaret Sundet
Aug 10 Donald Anderson	
Aug 17 Vicky Holm	
Aug 24 Donald Anderson	
Aug 31 Vicky Holm	

If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time, please notify the Office at 715-398-3663 with the name of your replacement.

Thank you for your service.

AUGUST 2025

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Aug 3 Jeremy & Rachael Lackner
 Aug 4 Connie Jackson
 Aug 5 Mary Jo Bartylla
 Aug 6 Zachary Dittbrender
 Aug 6 Kelly & Saranae Thimm
 Aug 7 Les Neubauer
 Aug 12 Kay Warner
 Aug 13 Kate Ingersoll
 Aug 13 Mary Nykanen
 Aug 14 Cory & Stephanie Johnson
 Aug 15 Carter Johnson

Aug 17 Brad Haugen
 Aug 19 Gary Dunning
 Aug 19 Juston & Amy Adrihan
 Aug 19 Russell & Marsha Checchin
 Aug 21 Christel Lewis
 Aug 22 Lexi Hanson
 Aug 23 Kendra Lohman
 Aug 25 Craig & April Larson
 Aug 25 Knute & Nancy Pedersen
 Aug 28 Polly Lohman
 Aug 30 Vicky Holm
 Aug 31 Kylie Bennett

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10am Worship	4 9am-noon VBS 7pm AA Mtg	5 9am-noon VBS 5-7pm National Night Out @ Zion 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	6 9am-noon VBS 3:30pm Worship & Music	7 9am-noon VBS	8	9
10 10am Worship Donations accepted for EAST END DAYS	11 7pm AA Mtg	12 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	13	14	15	16 8am—2pm EAST END DAYS Rummage Sale
17 NO WORSHIP AT ZION 10am Worship - Joint ELCA worship at Our Savior's	18 7pm AA Mtg	19 5pm Operations 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	20	21 5pm Stewardship 6pm Church Council	2	23
24 Food Shelf Sunday 10am Worship	25 7pm AA Mtg	26 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	27	28	29	30
31 10am Worship						

COME & JOIN US!

CAMP ZION VBS

I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU!

FREE For children entering 4K- 5th grade

4-7 AUGUST
9am-noon

Craft Cabin, Stories
Games, Music, &
Sharing the good
news of Jesus' love!

REGISTER TODAY

Zion Lutheran Church,
2022 E 2nd Street
Superior, WI
715 398-3663
www.zionsuperior.org

Tuesday, August 5
5—7 pm

Hot Dogs
Root Beer Floats
Games for Kids

The Trash Cats
Duluth's premier acoustic
cat rock duo



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National Night Out is an
annual community-building
campaign that promotes
police-community partner-
ships and neighborhood
camaraderie to make our
neighborhoods safer, more
caring places to live.

Coffee Fellowship

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter
in the Fellowship Hall.
Thanks to all who serve.



Pennies—Continue saving.
Every penny does make
a difference. Thank you!



Donations
accepted for

**EAST
END
DAYS**

Rummage Sale

starts
**Sunday
August 10**

Join in Zion's Food Shelf Ministry

We keep our food cupboard outside our doors regularly stocked with items used by our neighbors in need. This is filled and it is used everyday!!

There is always a need for more supplies for those who are in need. Donations of food items, hygiene items, apparel, or financial gifts are always welcome.

Bring your gifts to the church office. If the office is closed you may neatly fill the shelves. Thanks for your generosity!

Many people have expressed their thanks for this food shelf. Thank you to all who bring items for the shelf. God is using your gifts.

Every 4th Sunday is Food Shelf Sunday!

Food Shelf Focus (nonperishable items please) (pop-top cans appreciated)

Applesauce . Brown rice . Canned foods, ravioli & pasta . Canned meat, tuna, chicken, SPAM & ham, Canned or dried fruit / Canned soups, stew & chili . Canned vegetables . Cereal . Cereal bars . Crackers . Granola bars . Instant mashed potatoes . Instant oatmeal . Jelly . Macaroni & cheese . Meals in a box . Hamburger Helper . Minute Rice . Pasta sauces . Pastas . Peanut butter, nut butters . Shelf-Stable milk OR powdered milk . Water, bottled or canned . Whole grain cereal . Whole grain pasta

Bar soap and body wash . Dental Floss . Deodorant . Feminine hygiene products . Shampoo & conditioner . Toilet paper . Tooth brushes (no multi-packs) . Tooth paste . Water-based lotions

Please help us provide food for our neighbors and community!



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2022 East Second Street
Superior, WI 54880

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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5—7 pm

Hot Dogs
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Games for Kids

The Trash Cats
Duluth's premier acoustic
cal rock duo



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NO WORSHIP @ ZION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 17.

Come and join in worship at Our Savior's, 10:00am
Potluck to follow. Please bring a dish to share.

Contact Zion

Pastor Sarah Gunderson

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Office Manager & Newsletter Contact

Paul Robinson

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Organist & Choir Director

Gretchen Johnston, OSB

Custodian

Darren Velin

Prayer Ministry and Requests

prayer@zionsuperior.org

Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade)

LOGOS Youth Group

churchoffice@zionsuperior.org

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Sunday Worship Service

10am

Coffee Hour 11am

Worship Service is also on the website.

Church Office Hours

Mon—Thu 9-2

Pastoral Hours: Tue-Thu 9-l, and by
appointment

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