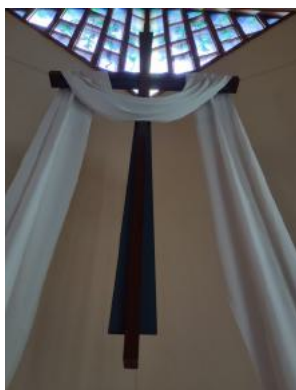


Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

Pastor's Message



*Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the field exult and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.*

Psalm 96:11-13

As people of God we are called to live a creation spirituality. We are told in scripture that human beings have been created in the image of God and given dominion (or responsibility) for the care of creation. We have been called to be stewards of creation relationships with the waters, the sky, the land and all its creatures. What corner of creation are you caring for? What relationships are you tending, repairing, or cultivating? How is creation forming you and caring for you?

In October we will be emphasizing relationships with our eye toward living justly with one another and all of creation. On Sunday, October 5th we begin with a blessing of animals in worship. You are invited to bring your pet or a picture of a pet or a special stuffed toy. We will be celebrating the gift of these special creatures and how they help us grow in our capacity as stewards of creation.

On Sunday, October 12th we will be focusing on justice issues that remind us of our call to repair and reconciliation as stewards of creation. We will honor Indigenous Peoples' Day and renew our call to act justly in all our relationships.

On Sunday, October 19th we plan to welcome new members into our Zion congregation. New members are invited to fill out an information sheet and return it to the office, and then join in worship on that day for a special blessing and welcome. There will be a brunch following worship and a Celebration of Ministry to lift up all the ways we can steward our gifts in the midst of the congregation and out in the community.

On Sunday, October 26th we will celebrate Reformation Sunday and the affirmation of baptism for 4 young people. We will also give out bibles in worship to youth and adults to support them in their discipleship journey.

All of creation has been made to join together to give thanks and praise to God with their full being. May the peace and joy of Christ be with you always!
Pastor Sarah

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Church Council

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes August 21, 2025

Church Council Members -

Present - Lynn Rochon, Paul Freer, Vicky Holm, Donna Meltz, Pastor Sarah Gunderson

Excused - Grace Becken, Shannon Johnson, Sarah Schubert McKone, Don Anderson, Polly Lohman

Gathering and Prayer -

Call to order - 6:05pm Polly

Prayer & Devotions - Lynn, (October Devotions - Polly)

Reports -

Secretary's Report - Motion made by Donna and seconded by Paul to accept the August 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - As of 9/18/25, checking \$8,7715.42, missions account \$348.22, savings balance \$554.19, Thrivent mortgage balance \$25,774.65, Thrivent savings \$3,497.15, WELCA \$1,631.02.

Motion made by Lynn and seconded by Paul to accept the September 2025 treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report -

Superior Churches - Our Community Meal ministry began on Sept. 7th. Zion has been assigned to October 5th. Our next shared meeting is at Our Saviors on Oct. 23 at 5pm.

Food Shelf Ministry - For God's Work, Our Hands Sunday we made 207 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Pilgrim Lutheran donated supplies to make them and \$283 toward the new cupboard. Thanks to Jamie Holm (and family) and Vicky Holm for getting supplies and building the cupboard. We will be reimbursing them out of the food shelf fund. We received a donation of beef (600 pounds) and lamb (50 pounds) from Indianhead Credit Union at the end of August. A meatloaf dinner is being organized for Friday, Sept. 26th. Other food related projects will be coming! We are also hopeful we will be able to use some of the donated ground beef for our pasty bake in November.

Pride Festival - This year we were able to get a table at the Family Pride Festival in Superior. We had information about Zion and had fun handouts (ducks, mini Jesus, tattoos) as well as glitter blessings. Paul Robinson and Kyle Biggar joined me as we talked to lots of people in the community about Zion and God's wide welcome. It was a great event! We have been invited to join other churches in the Duluth-Superior area who meet on the last Tuesday of the month to talk about LGBTQIA+ issues and how to be involved in local events like the Pride Festival.

Fall Ministry - We have officially begun our education programming with Worship Wanderers, Logos, Wednesday bible study, and Sunday adult education time. The Superior Stitchers are back on the first and third Thursdays at 1pm.

Other Ministry - Website is now updated and amazing! Thanks to Paul Robinson and Jackie Mehlberg for their work on getting it ready to go.

Coming Up - Blessing of the Pets on October 5th, New Member Sunday Celebration on Oct. 19, and Confirmation on Oct. 26, and Trunk-or-Treat on Oct. 29.

Committee Reports -

Discipleship - The committee has been working on plans for educational programs. Sunday School will be held during the worship service beginning September with Worship Wanderers—students will be invited after the children's sermon to participate in activities based on the sermon. They will go down to the Sunday School area with leaders and will return during the sharing of the peace. No registration necessary. All children in worship will be invited. Wednesday nights at Zion will include opportunities for the whole congregation to learn and enjoy fellowship. Logos youth can arrive at church after school for homework and socializing. We officially start at 5pm with activities/games. A community dinner for all will be served at 5:30. Worship with communion will begin at 6pm followed by small group discussions until 7pm.

Worship & Music - Did not meet in August.

Property - Energy saving lights are being installed throughout the church. Repairs were made to the siding on the exterior of the Sunday School room. The snow removal contract was accepted. We passed the fire department inspection, but do need to see that the exit signs in the sacristy area are lit.

Stewardship - Did not meet in August

WELCA – Did not meet in August. Next meeting will be Sept. 14, 2025
A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Paul to accept all reports. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business –

Church Directory planning committee needed-Vicky and Donna will help. More assistance will be required.
National Night Out – The event was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this event happen!

Postcard Send-Fall Reminder-Sunday School Kickoff-There is a plan to send a second postcard to remind our community of the upcoming fall events at Zion.

Outdoor banners-Tabled until Polly's return.

Financial Report Review-The chart showing the breakdown of the financial giving vs. our budget needs was reviewed. It will be posted monthly on the Stewardship Bulletin Board for the congregation to view as well.

New Business-

Gluten-free pasty taste test-Vicky is experimenting with gluten-free pasty crust. We may make a small batch of gluten-free pasties for the fall pasty bake. This would be for pre-orders only.

Community Christmas Dinner-Zion will again host a Christmas Dinner on December 25th. More information to come.

Motion to adjourn by Donna, second by Paul. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:30pm.

Next Meeting – September 18th, 2025, 6:00pm



This month's First Sunday Suppers is October 5, prepared and served by our congregation.

We need support with food, serving, and fellowship. If you are able to supply a salad or dessert, please contact the church office by phone or email. You may also sign up on the list on the table outside of the Sanctuary.

715-398-3663 . churchoffice@zionsuperior.org



The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life.

Come and Worship, Sunday, October 4, 10:00am

Bring your pets and beloved animals to worship and we will bless them! All critters are invited, Stuffed animals are welcome to be blessed, as are photographs of pets who would not find attending the event a blessed experience. If your pet is too big or too shy and would like to be blessed outside after

the service, we will do that too. Animals should remain leashed or kenneled. There will also be some special animal puppets joining us for worship.

Each year during October, the church around the world remembers the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, who taught about the deep connection we have with creation and the animals that is a gift from God. We can remember what a blessing our pets are as they show us the love of God and teach us how to care for creation!

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!

Every 4th Sunday is Food Shelf Sunday!

Food Shelf Focus (pop-top cans are a plus)

Applesauce . Brown rice . Canned or dried fruit . Canned ravioli & pastas
Canned soup, stew and chili . Canned tuna, chicken, SPAM & ham . Canned vegetables
Cereal . Crackers . Granola bars . Hamburger Helper . Instant Mashed Potatoes
Macaroni & Cheese . Meals in a box . Peanut butter & jelly
Whole Grain Cereal . Whole Grain Pasta
Bar soap and body wash . Dental Floss . Deodorant . Shampoo & Conditioner
Tooth brushes (no multi-packs) . Tooth paste . Water-based lotions

Please help us provide food for our neighbors and community!

Bible Sponsorship

On Sunday, October 26, at 10am, Preschool (4K), 3rd Grade, & 6th Grade will receive his or her own Bible. If you would like to sponsor a child by purchasing a Bible, return the form to the church office with payment as soon as you are able.

Bibles



Sunday, October 26th
10:00 Worship Service
Preschool (4K) and 3rd Grade & 6th Grade
will receive his or her own Bible.
If you would like to sponsor a child by
purchasing a Bible,
Please fill out the form below and return
to the office today.

Bible Sponsorship Form

Name of Child Sponsored _____
(Please leave blank in you wish to support any child.)

Name of Sponsor _____

Bible gift to be given (please circle one).

LOGOS (Sixth grade) Lutheran Study Bible \$25
Third grade "Connect Bible" \$25
Preschool (4K) kids "The Spark Story Bible" \$25.

Total amount included with this form \$ _____

Please include this Bible verse or message on the book plate to be place on
the front cover of the Bible gift.

*Please return this form to the church office with payment as soon as you are able.

PRAYERS FOR ALL

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

Prayers of Healing: Jane Christie, Jennifer Crawford and family, Barry Kilner, Donna Meltz, Gail Saari, and Raelyn TePoel.

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, Bishop Elect Yehiel Curry, 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.



Wednesday, October 29, 5-7pm

Come dressed in costume! Decorate your trunk for trick-or-treating in the parking lot!

Wednesday night dinner served!

More information to come.
Come join the fun!

OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY 2025

READER	COUNTERS
Oct 5 Donna Meltz	Oct 5 Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet
Oct 12 Polly Lohman	Oct 12 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
Oct 19 Aine Merrill	Oct 19 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
Oct 26 Michele & Claire Conlan	Oct 26 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Oct 5 Linda Moe	Oct 5 Shirley Boris
Oct 12 Rusty Mehlberg	Oct 12 Mary Hickman
Oct 19 Anthony Anderson	Oct 19 Paul Robinson
Oct 26 Linda Moe	Oct 26 Mary Hickman
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Oct 5 Vicky Holm	Margret Sundet
Oct 12 Donald Anderson	
Oct 19 Vicky Holm	
Oct 26 Donald Anderson	

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER 2025			1 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 3:30 Worship & Music 5-7pm LOGOS 5pm Youth 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Worship	2	3	4
5 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 9am Adult Ed 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee 5:30 Community Dinner at Pilgrim	6 7pm AA Mtg	7 9am Web Site Committee 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	8 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 5-7pm LOGOS 5pm Youth 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Worship	9 1pm Superior Stitchers 6:15pm Choir	10	11
12 9am Adult Ed 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee & WELCA	13 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY 7pm AA Mtg	14 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	15 START OF BUDGET REQUESTS 2026 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 5-7pm LOGOS 5pm Youth 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Worship	16 WORLD FOOD DAY 5pm Stewardship 6pm Church Council	17	18
19 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 9am Adult Ed 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Brunch & Celebration of Ministry	20 7pm AA Mtg	21 5pm Operations 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	22 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 5-7pm LOGOS 5pm Youth 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Worship	23 1pm Superior Stitchers 6:15pm Choir	24	25 Don't forget to pack some food to bring to church tomorrow for Food Shelf Sunday!
26 FOOD SHELF / REFORMATION / BIBLE SUNDAY 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee	27 7pm AA Mtg	28 7pm Al-Anon Mtg	29 1:30 No-prep Bible Study 5-7pm LOGOS TRUNK or TREAT	30 6:15pm Choir	31 HALLOWEEN	

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!

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Oct 5 Melvin & JoAnn Mattson
Oct 5 Linda Williams
Oct 6 Corey Velin
Oct 8 Darren Velin
Oct 8 Margaret Sundet
Oct 9 Carol Peterson
Oct 11 Gordon Carlson
Oct 11 Alissa Ingersoll

Oct 15 Tammy Dittbrender
Oct 18 Chad & Ashley Bennett
Oct 21 Ann & Robert Johnson
Oct 22 Sara Schubert McKone
Oct 23 Linda Pelletier
Oct 24 Sunnie Lamppa
Oct 25 Brenda & John Dalpiaz
Oct 26 Russell Checchin
Oct 26 Donna Meltz
Oct 29 Dani & John Watkins
Oct 31 Tony Garro

Church Choir

Choir rehearsals are moving to Thursdays at 6:15pm starting October 9!

Come join this fun and fulfilling group in fellowship of song. Contact Gretchen Johnston, OSB at sgretchenosb@gmail.com with any questions on the program or how to join. Open to high school students and up, all are welcome!



Bulletin Board



Fall
COLORAMA
FUN FOR THE FAMILY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
PATTISON STATE PARK

CRAFTS, LEARN HOW TO USE AN APPLE PRESS,
ENJOY FRESH APPLE COBBLER FROM THE SCOUTS,
SCAVENGER HUNT, ENJOYABLE HIKE

STATE PARK STICKERS ARE REQUIRED. EVENT IS FREE AND SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF
PATTISON AND AMMONON FALLS STATE PARKS



Darrow Road Wesleyan Church
4020 South Darrow Road,
Superior, WI 54880

Autumn
**HARVEST
SUPPER**

OCTOBER 11, 2025
4:00PM-6:30PM

Ham, real mashed potatoes,
mashed rutabaga, vegetable,
homemade buns, desserts

FREE WILL OFFERING



MISTLETOE MARKET

AT DARROW ROAD WESLEYAN CHURCH
4020 SOUTH DARROW ROAD
SUPERIOR, WI 54880

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

HANDMADE CRAFTS BY LOCAL ARTISANS

LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL FEE

FOR INFORMATION CALL
218-391-3766 OR 218-340-0229



The NWSWI Creation Care Team is asking members of congregations to complete a 3-question survey. They would like to identify how many members are using renewable resources in their homes and businesses. Thank you for your input!

Please use this QR Code to take the survey:



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Organist & Choir Director

Gretchen Johnston, OSB

Custodian

Darren Velin

Prayer Ministry and Requests

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Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade)

LOGOS Youth Group

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Sunday Adult Education

9am

Sunday Worship & Worship Wanderers

10am

Coffee Hours 9am & 11am

Worship Service is also on the website.

Church Office Hours

Mo—Thu 9am—2pm

Pastoral Hours: Tu-Thurs 9-1, and by
appointment

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