

Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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



Pastor's Message

I recently finished reading a novel by Fredrik Backman called *My Friends*. It was a beautiful and honest story about friendship and the gifts we have to offer one another with our presence. I highly recommend it!

Friendship is one of the life's greatest gifts. As a child who struggled to make friends and feel I belonged in any group, I count it as a miracle that I have friends now that I have known for over 30 years. Those people who have stuck with me through the ups and downs. People I feel at home with and can pick up conversation with even if it has been a year or more since we were last in each other's presence. Such a blessing!

I also have friends that have come and gone in different stages of my life. People that I have been accompanied by and walked with in various ways. I believe that God comes to us most clearly through our friends, especially the ones who can speak to us honestly and love us unconditionally.

Is the church a place to learn how to cultivate friendships and maintain friendships? Our faith definitely has something to say about friendship. Jesus calls us friends. Jesus teaches us about love—not the romantic kind, but the go-through-the-ups-and-downs-of-life kind. The kind of love that is willing to lay down our life, give of our time, and sit in the confusion and scariness of life. This is the kind of love we have from Jesus. This is the kind of love we are called to offer to each other.

Yes, church is the place to practice friendship with one another and with God. It is a place brush up on our social skills and to be reminded that we are called to make friends in God's world so that all may know they are loved. God is calling us to make friends everywhere, but especially with others who could especially need one in this world. We are called to open ourselves up to receiving friendship as well. This may be a radical act sometimes and a boundary-crossing experience.

What if we saw every person we met as a possible friend instead of the competition, or an enemy, or just someone we are indifferent to? What does it take to be friends with someone very different than you? How might you be called to offer a gift to friendship to someone as a calling from God?

Blessings on your friendships and your journey of faith this month!

Peace,
Pastor Sarah

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Join us Wednesdays
5:30pm Dinner
6pm Worship

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 15th, 2026
Minutes prepared by Sara Schubert McKone, Secretary

Church Council Members -

Present—Donald Anderson, Paul Freer, Sara Schubert McKone, Vicky Holm, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Donna Meltz, Lynn Rochon

Excused - Grace Becken, Polly Lohman

Gathering and Prayer -

Call to order - 6:07pm, Vicky

Prayer & Devotions - Donna, (February Devotions - Sara)

Reports -

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

Treasurer's Report - As of 1/15/26, checking \$8,895.44, missions account \$348.22, savings balance \$554.54, Thrivent mortgage balance \$20,298.76. Thrivent savings \$3,569.08, WELCA \$1,643.14 balance as of 12/31/25.

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

Pastor's Report -

Wrap up of the year: Prepping for the Annual Meeting. Creating a theme using a bible story. Reminder of last year with the jars and doing the things that God has called us to do with the gifts we are given. Christmas has wrapped up, and we have done great work together this past holiday season.

Superior Churches: Our shared worship service will be on February 15th at 10am at Pilgrim with Bishop Martin Halom joining us for worship.

Food Insecurity Grant: I will be going to the city tomorrow to sign the paperwork to begin the process for the grant so we can begin spending those funds.

Committee Reports -

Discipleship—We had a great December month with our youth - Christmas program, Worship Wanderers, and LOGOs. We will be starting to have youth read once a month on Sunday mornings to get them included in service.

Worship & Music—Services have been planned to Easter. We will have Wednesday nights during Lent with youth and the congregation. February 18th is Ash Wednesday. Pastor asked for feedback during our holiday season and Advent services.

Property—Polly mentioned the side outside light is flickering. Paul will investigate. There was also a mention of installing security cameras inside the hallways. - Will be pushed to February meeting. Paul will also look at the railing to the basement.

Paul got pricing on doors for the kitchen. If we do it ourselves it is a \$200-\$300 expense. The roof situation is not a good first impression to visitors, ceiling tiles are removed and it is evident the roof is leaking. Paul received a quote from Jamar today 1/15/26. There is a current vent that is damaged above the bathrooms that needs to be repaired. It would be \$1,300.00 for repairs, and above the Lakeview Room there is a lot of ice buildup and repairs needed that would cost \$1,500.00. The cost for both projects would be \$2,800.00.

Council recommends we spend the \$2,800.00 to get it repaired.

All storage cabinets were moved from the nursery to the Food Shelf room. Everything is organized and Carol will look through the remaining items in the nursery for the quilters group.

Stewardship—Did not meet. New Year's Eve party was a blast! Log Cabin donated pizza, there was bingo, and games. There were 40+ attendees. A video of our polka band has over 1,300 views on social media.

WELCA—Planning for February sub sale for super bowl. New member - Amanda Moore who will be the vice president. The cookie sale brought in \$1,232.25.

Motion made by Shannon and seconded by Paul to accept the January 2026 committee reports. Motion carried.

Church Council meeting minutes continued:

Unfinished business -

Community Christmas Dinner Results—120 meals were served. Around \$400.00 in donations were brought in that night. \$2,333.61 local businesses donated funds, \$250.00 from Thrivent which covered funds for the giveaway bags, postage \$234.00, Super One costs \$1,908.02. This left \$425.59 profit to be spent towards the food shelf. Vicky will be meeting with everyone involved to see what went well and what could be improved.

Shredded Beast and Bird Dinner Reminder—On track to happen tomorrow. Primarily using the donated meat. Hoping for a good turnout!

Church Directory Reminder—Church members are signing up for options for photos. Reminder to sign up!

2026 Budget Review—Pastor Sarah suggested increasing Paul's hours (4 hours per week, 1 hour per day he is here). This would be a modification suggestion to the proposed budget that is currently in review.

Donna makes a motion to approve for an additional 8 hours per pay period, seconded by Sara. Motion carried.

Planning for 2026 Annual Meeting—January 25th, there will be a potluck brunch after service. This will be announced at Sunday service.

New business -

Hearts in Harmony Planning - Paul is making a flier. If anyone knows someone who has a musical talent, please call Paul to sign up your act. Vicky will be looking for volunteers to make deserts.

Pasty sale—Save the date - April 29th - May 2nd will be the sale. Coming up sooner than we think! Fall pasty sale - November 4-7th.

March drive through dinner—March 13th - Shephard's Pies

Thank you to all members with terms ending. Hope to see them rejoin.

Motion to adjourn at 7:24pm by Shannon, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer.

Meeting schedule -

February 19th, 2026, 6:00pm

April 16th, 2026, 6:00pm

March 19th, 2026, 6:00pm

May 21st, 2026, 6:00pm

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2027-2029		
Term Ends January 2027	Term Ends January 2028	Term Ends January 2029
Donald Anderson	Paul Freer	Sara Schubert McKone – Secretary
Shannon Johnson	Vicky Holm—Vice President	Micah Gunderson
Lynn Rochon	Polly Lohman—President	Steve Wong
Pastor Sarah Gunderson		





MARCH

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Every 4th Sunday is Food Shelf Sunday!

Food Shelf Focus (non-freezable items please)

White & Brown rice . Dried fruit . Cereal . Crackers . Granola bars

Instant Mashed Potatoes . Macaroni & Cheese

Meals in a box, Hamburger Helper . Minute Rice . Pastas

Powdered drink mixes . Teas . Coco packets . Instant coffee . Powdered milk

Powdered gravy packets . Powdered spaghetti sauce . Ramen

Whole grain cereal . Whole grain pasta

Bar soap . Dental Floss . Feminine Hygiene products, non-liquid

Tooth brushes (no multi-packs)

Please help us provide food for our neighbors and community!



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

Coffee Fellowship

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



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.

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: Shirley Boris, Jennifer Crawford and family, Barry Kilner, Gail Saari, Barclay Stamey, and Raelyn TePoel. For the family of Jane Christie with her passing.

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 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.)

We are looking for interested members in serving with the **Lay Ministry** of Zion. Serve by reciting the Lessons and Psalms, assisting Pastor during service as a Minister Assistant, Greeter before worship, or Usher. If you are interested, want to peruse a job description, or have any questions, please contact the church office.

MARCH LAY MINISTRY 2026	
READER	COUNTERS
Mar 1 Donna Meltz	Mar 1 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
Mar 8 Aine Merrill	Mar 8 Paul Freer, Beth Arnson
Mar 15 Polly Lohman	Mar 15 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
Mar 22	Mar 22 Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet
Mar 29 Michele & Claire Conlan	Mar 29 Linda Brow
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Mar 1 Rusty Mehlberg	Mar 1 Paul Robinson
Mar 8 Anthony Anderson	Mar 8 Mary Hickman
Mar 15 Linda Moe	Mar 15 Steve Wong
Mar 22 Rusty Mehlberg	Mar 22 Paul Robinson
Mar 29 Anthony Anderson	Mar 29 Mary Hickman
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Mar 1 Donald Anderson	Christel Lewis
Mar 8 Vicky Holm	
Mar 15 Vicky Holm	
Mar 22 Donald Anderson	
Mar 29 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.	

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee 5:30pm Dinner @ Pilgrim	2 7pm AA Mtg	3 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	4 1:30 Bible Study 3:30 Worship & Music 5-7pm LOGOS 5pm Youth 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Worship	5 6pm Choir	6	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee & WELCA	9	10	11	12	13	14
SUPERIOR SCHOOL'S SPRING BREAK						
15 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee	16 7pm AA Mtg	17 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	18 1:30 Bible Study 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Worship	19 1pm Superior Stitchers 6pm Choir	20 4-6pm Drive-Thru Dinner Cottage & Shepherd's Pies	21
22 Food Shelf Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee	23 7pm AA Mtg	24 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	25 1:30 Bible Study 5-7pm LOGOS 5pm Youth 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Worship	26 1pm Superior Stitchers 6pm Choir	27	28
29 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee	30 7pm AA Mtg	31 6pm Al-Anon Mtg				



Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Mar 2 Jonathan Amundson
 Mar 3 Cody Roberts
 Mar 3 Kyle Biggar
 Mar 5 Shannon & Justin Johnson
 Mar 6 Linnea Johnson
 Mar 6 Lindon Johnson
 Mar 8 Haroer Pedersen
 Mar 13 Nancy Pedersen

Mar 13 Marsha Checchin
 Mar 14 Sydney Johnson
 Mar 14 Cheryl & Dan Kucharyski
 Mar 16 Grady Conlan
 Mar 16 Kenlyn Thimm
 Mar 16 Gary & Alana Dunning
 Mar 18 August Johnson
 Mar 22 Taylor Pedersen
 Mar 22 Lucille Sullivan
 Mar 22 Jade Amy
 Mar 27 Amy Adrihan

Drive-Thru Dinner

"Pull up hungry, drive off happy!"

Friday, March 13, 2026

DRIVE-THRU ONLY 4:00—6:00pm



Cottage Pie OR Shepherd's Pie
(ground beef) (ground lamb)
Broccoli Slaw & Sugar Cookies!

FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds for church projects and community outreach.

Zion Lutheran Church

2022 E 2nd Street, Superior WI

Bulletin Board



Dine-in or Take-out Lenten Fish Dinner

Each Friday during Lent,
February 20th through April 3rd, 2026

Serving from 4:00 — 6:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Catholic Church
4315 E. 3rd. St. Superior, WI

*Handicapped accessible. Local deliveries are available by calling
715-398-3261 Monday through Thursday. If no answer please leave a
message, including name, address and phone number.
Take-out orders will be available downstairs in the Parish Hall.*

Menu

Fried or Baked Fish,
Mashed or Baked Potato,
Cole Slaw, Vegetable,
Pickled Beets, Roll, Dessert,
and Beverage.

Cost

Adults \$15.00
Students (12 & under) \$7.00
Pre-school (5 & under) Free



Serving great
Lenten
Fish Dinners
since 1991



PRESENTS:

IN PRAISE OF BACH

GALA CONCERT BENEFITTING
AGO SCHOLARSHIP & GENERAL FUNDS



Johann Sebastian Bach

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 AT 7:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
230 E SKYLINE PARKWAY | DULUTH, MN 55811

FREE WILL OFFERING



A Program of Lenten Music and Scripture

The Passion of Jesus Christ
According to St. Matthew

Sunday, March 29, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Choir & Friends
from the Twin Ports

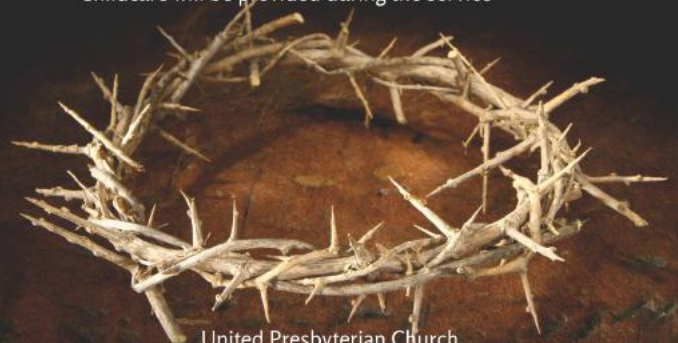
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Pilgrim Lutheran Church
820 Belknap St. | Superior

Churches of Superior ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 3, 2026

- Service starts at 6:40 PM following the Scout's Fish Fry from 4:30-6:30 PM
- Childcare will be provided during the service



United Presbyterian Church
229 N 28th Street
Superior, WI

Join Our Team

Children, Youth & Family Coordinator

First Lutheran Church in Hayward, WI is growing and seeking a passionate and creative CYF Coordinator.

This role focuses on partnership with existing congregational ministries to foster faith formation through engaging outreach activities and also build intergenerational relationships. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in youth leadership, excellent organizational skills, and a grounding in ELCA Lutheran theology.



Position starts August 3, 2026



[Full job description click here](#)

**Full-time \$45-50K
w/benefits**

Accepting Applications through
April 10, 2026 include a cover
letter, resume, and three
references

First Lutheran Church
PO Box 346
10680 North Main Street
Hayward, WI 54843



[Apply now at fllchaywardwi.org](http://fllchaywardwi.org)

COME AND JOIN THE VOICES OF LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY CHOIR

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

What's Happening?

A new, dementia-friendly Community Choir has started! We are open to people of all ages and musical abilities!

We start
at 1:00 pm

Where do we rehearse?

at Faith United Methodist Church
1531 Hughitt Ave. in Superior, WI.

THERE ARE
SNACKS
AFTERWARDS!

Who Should Join?

Anyone who likes music! We are singing a variety of styles of music - the group members will help choose!

We're
finished by
3!

Why should I sing live music?

Music helps strengthen our brains & lift our moods. It brings joy and fun into our lives!

For more information email
voicesoflakesuperior@gmail.com
or
Come and Join Us! All are welcome

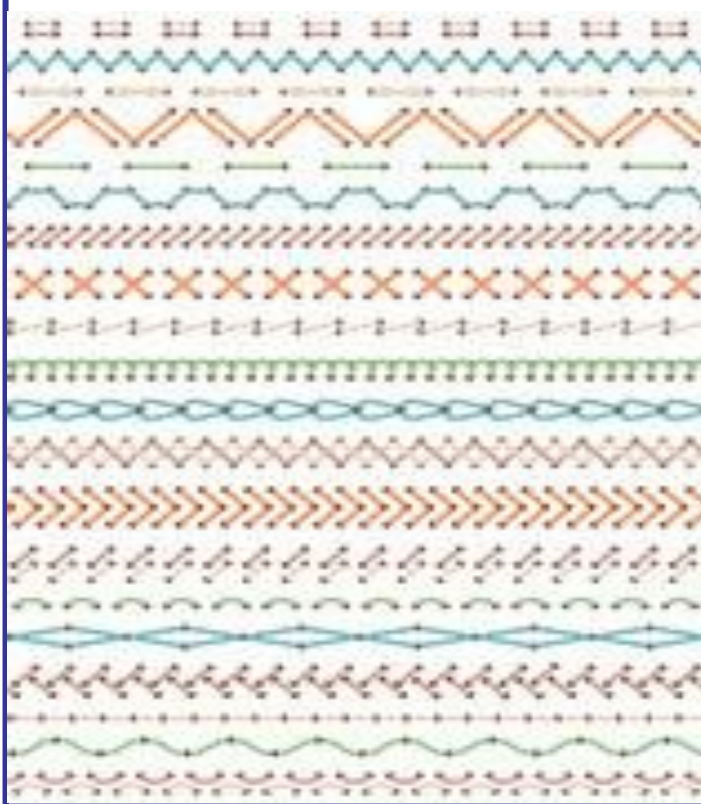
Superior Stitchers

Do you cross-stitch, embroider, hardanger, applique, quilt, crochet or knit?

Superior Stitchers is a gathering of all types of needle crafters, from all denominations here in Superior. The group was formed to provide a space for all different types of needle work to gather for fellowship and to share skills with others.

Superior Stitchers meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00pm at Zion Lutheran.

Please come join us!



SO VERY
Thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2022 East Second Street
Superior, WI 54880

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Organist & Choir Director

Gretchen Johnston, OSB

Custodian

Darren Velin

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Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade)

LOGOS Youth Group

churchoffice@zionsuperior.org

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

*"Gathering together, Growing in faith,
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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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