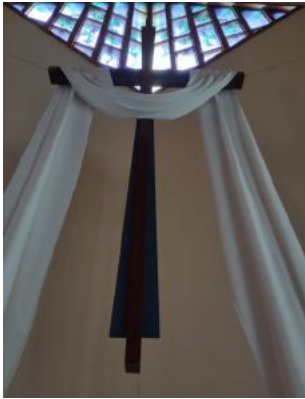


Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

Pastor's Message



The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.
1 Peter 4:7-11

The Christian life is not for the faint of heart. The “end of all things” is always near, but so is the beginning of the new things God is doing. As a Christian community, we are defined by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are a people always proclaiming and living into the reality that the end of all things is near, but so is the new life promised in Christ. We hold these truths together. We always remember that we love and serve by the grace of God alone. Tomorrow is never guaranteed. We do not need to be afraid of the end of things. We need not be afraid of death in any of its forms. We can live in hope, trusting in God’s resurrection power to create anew from the chaos and destruction of this world. Death is not a failure, for Christ has made it a gate to the risen life (John 10:7-10).

As the church, I don’t believe that we measure our worth in numbers or in the scale of our work. It is by the grace of God that we are gathered as God’s people, and it is by the grace of God that we are able to love and serve others in a way that makes an impact from year to year. By the grace of God, we continue to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the gifts we have received. How it all happens is well beyond our control, but we can try to discern the movement of the Spirit and follow as best we can. We can continue to grow in our trust in God’s leading.

We will soon be entering the long Season after Pentecost in our church year (it begins the end of May and lasts until the end of November). This is a season when the church is supposed to be learning and growing in our faith. It is a time for finding ways to experiment and wondering more deeply about how the Spirit is leading us. We will do some deep listening in worship to the teachings of Jesus for how to be community, as well as resting and playing in the joy of the Spirit together. As disciples, called to daily living of our baptismal identity, this season is for your transformation and renewal in faith, and with the help of the Spirit new things can emerge in your own life as you spend time growing in God. May this new season be fruitful for your faith journey.

May Christ be with you and give you courage for the life of faith. Hope to see you in church!

Peace,
Pastor Sarah

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Church Council

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 19th, 2026

Church Council Members – Present – Don Anderson, Lynn Rochon, Paul Freer, Polly Lohman, Micah Gunderson, Steve Wong, Vicky Holm, Pastor Sarah.

Not present—Shannon Johnson, Sara Schubert-McKone

Call to order – 6:02pm Polly Opening devotions – Pastor Sarah May Devotions – Sara

Reports

Secretary Report: Read and motion made by Paul and seconded by Don. Motion carried.

Treasure Report: Bank: \$4266.08, Missions: \$348.22, Savings:554.89, Mortgage \$19,583.88, Thrivent: \$3569.08
Council discussed that we have not met all our bills this time. We are around \$5000 short in the checking to pay the bills. Council discussed the letter sent out and talked about pasties that are coming up.

Pastor Report –

Superior Churches: Our next meeting is March 26 at 5pm at Concordia.

Superior Ministerium: We will be joining in the Good Friday service at United Presbyterian on April 3 at 6:40pm. The Scout group will be holding a fish fry at the church that evening so everyone is invited to attend that before worship.

Lent: We have been focusing on the Palm Sunday Path during our Lenten journey on Wednesday nights. This focus is leading us toward participation in a community gathering of churches from various denominations on Sunday, March 29th at 3pm at First Lutheran Church in Duluth. There will be speakers and prayers centered on a public witness of faith. Christians around the country are marching or gathering on this day to draw attention to Jesus' way of love. We also have been preparing for storytelling puppet show on the Easter Vigil (April 4) as we join First Lutheran Church in Duluth worship at 7pm.

Mapping our Ministry: Have you checked out the maps yet? This experiment is all about thinking about how we live out our baptismal calling. Wherever the baptized go this is where ministry happens. Do we see ourselves as being sent each week from worship to do ministry in our daily lives and be the church in the world? How are we showing up as God's people in the places we spend time? How are we using our time and gifts to help others know about the love of Christ? These are the questions I am hoping we can wrestle with. Next step: collecting stories of ministry!

Baptism: 03-11-2026 Evelyn Iris Mandelin-Stabs (daughter of Brittney Mandelin)

Vacation Days: April 14-20—Gone for Sunday, April 19th

Committee Reports –

Discipleship – Logos are making puppets with Paul, and they are helping on Wednesday services. They are getting ready for the Easter Breakfast they put on. Worship Wanderers are still going on, and they will have them on Easter also.

Worship & Music – Did not meet.

Property – Paul got an estimate for replacing the front doors and kitchen door and the sacristy door.

Main door on the church with handicap button would be about \$12,700.

Kitchen Door \$5,250 Sacristy Door \$5350. Paul got estimates for a freezer, for pasties and other events. Chest freezer is about \$289, Upright freezer 13.8 in \$427, and 17 inch is \$487.

Stewardship – did not meet.

WELCA – no report from WELCA.

Motion was made to accept all reports by Vicky and seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Pasty Planning: Polly and Beck will not be able to help on Saturday. They will be out of town. We will need someone to step in helping make dough. Paul Robinson has already started advertising.

2025 Final Financial Statement: Polly will ask Paul for them.

Motion made by Micah and seconded it by Paul to adjourn the meeting.

Ended with the Lord Prayer.

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: Jan Arena, Jennifer Crawford and family, Paula Hoffer, Barry Kilner, Tom Nykanen, Gail Saari, Barclay Stamey, Janine Strandberg, 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, and Karen Regenfuss & family.

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.)

MAY LAY MINISTRY 2026

READER	COUNTERS
May 3 Polly Lohman	May 3 Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet
May 10 Aine Merrill	May 10 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
May 17 Youth Member	May 17 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
May 24 Donna Meltz	May 24 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
May 31 Michele & Claire Conlan	May 31 Paul Freer, Beth Arnson
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
May 3 Linda Moe	May 3 Paul Robinson
May 10 Anthony Anderson	May 10 Mary Hickman
May 15 Rusty Mehlberg	May 17 Steve Wong
May 24 Linda Moe	May 24 Derek Goroski-Runnoe
May 31 Anthony Anderson	May 31 Mary Hickman
USHERS	
May 3, 17 & 31 Vicky Holm	
May 10 & 24 Donald Anderson	
TECHNICAL	ALTAR GUILD
Tim Ingersoll, Zaydrian Goroski, Paul Robinson	Mary Hickman
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.	

Gifts given in memory of Jane C Christie.

Thank you.

Paul & Kay Freer . Linda & Dave Moe . Aine Merrill

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>MAY 2026</i>					1 8am Pasty Bake	2 Life Line Screening
					6	9
3 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee 5:30pm First Sunday Supper @ Pilgrim	4 7pm AA Mtg	5 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	6 1:30pm Bible Study 3:30pm Worship & Music 5pm LOGOS Time 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Worship	7 6pm Choir		
10 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee 11am WELCA	11 7pm AA Mtg	12 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	13 1:30pm Bible Study 5pm LOGOS Time 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Worship	14 1pm Superior Stitchers 5pm Superior ELCA Churches meeting @ Pilgrim 6pm Choir	15	16
17 Graduation Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee	18 7pm AA Mtg	19 5pm Operations 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	20 1:30pm Bible Study	21 5pm Stewardship 6pm Church Council	22	23 Don't forget to pack some food to bring to church tomorrow for Food Shelf Sunday!
24 Food Shelf Sunday 10am Worship 11am Coffee	25 Memorial Day 7pm AA Mtg	26 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	27	28 1pm Superior Stitchers	29 Superior High Graduation	30
31 10am Worship 11am Coffee						

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

May 2 Aine Merrill
 May 2 Logan Pfannebecker
 May 3 Marjie Hickman
 May 3 Mary Hickman
 May 3 Barry & Laura Kilner
 May 3 Steve & Sunnie Lamppa
 May 4 Tom Nykanen
 May 6 Kenneth Mertz
 May 7 William Norman

May 8 Shannon Johnson
 May 11 Evan Bergson
 May 11 Brett Gunderson
 May 12 Mary Hickman
 May 15 Brad & Irene Hillstrom-Haugen
 May 16 Eileen Amy
 May 16 Eve Bagan
 May 16 Heidi Hillstrom-Maki
 May 16 Julie Nelson
 May 20 Hailey Larson
 May 23 Frankie Miley
 May 28 Greg & Leslee Kvam

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!

Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly to organize, prepare, bake, and sell our wonderful pasties. We truly appreciate your hard work and dedication to making this fundraiser a success.

Bulletin Board

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!



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.

Community VBS will be happening on June 16th-20th at Concordia Lutheran Church (1708 John Ave) from 8am-12pm each day. 4k-5th grade youth are invited to attend. Snack and lunch will be provided. Use QR code to register at the Faith Methodist website! Volunteers are needed too! If you have questions, talk with Pastor Sarah.

Zion will also be having a VBS here at our church on August 4th-7th.
More info and registration coming soon!



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THREE WAYS TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE:

EMAIL: yellowbetty13@outlook.com

OR

CALL OR TEXT: TARA AT 715-919-3407

OR SIGN-UP AT:

<https://forms.gle/QsaCZmZWkwtaDLNN8>

Celebrate Gloria Dei's 28th Anniversary as an RIC Congregation



Sunday, May 3, 2026

with special guest, Deacon Ross Murray

author, advocate, deacon in the ELCA

10:00 a.m. Worship with Dcn. Ross preaching

1:30 p.m. "The Importance of Being a Welcoming Congregation"
with Dcn. Ross Murray

3:00 p.m. Social Time

An opportunity to deepen our LGBTQIA+ welcome as an RIC Synod
and to network with others in the process or considering the process
of becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Congregation

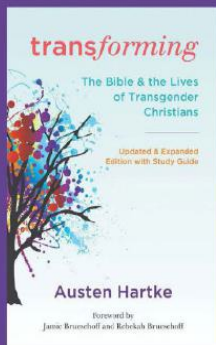
All are welcome!



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church www.gloriadeiduluth.org
219 North 6th Avenue East, Duluth, MN 55805, (218) 722-3381

The First Lutheran Church Foundation presents the third annual *Dialogue in Action* event.

Save the Date!



**An evening of education and storytelling
with Austen Hartke**

Transgender theologian, author, and speaker

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Location: First Lutheran Church of Duluth



Free Registration

While the event is free, registering assists us in planning for adequate seating and the reception. Use the QR code to register or visit www.bit.ly/flcfregister.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Location: First Lutheran Church, 1100 E. Superior St., Duluth

Schedule:

- 5:00 p.m.** Sanctuary doors open
- 5:30 p.m.** Music: Parker MacIver Hinnenkamp, Riley Hinnenkamp and friends
- 6:00 p.m.** Speaker presentation, moderated Q&A with Pastor Dianne Loufman
- 7:00 p.m.** Reception

Contact Us

If you have questions or need additional details, please contact the First Lutheran Church of Duluth Foundation at foundation@flcduluth.org.





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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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