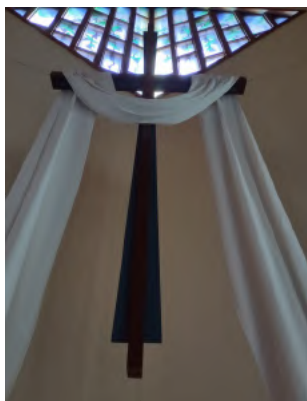


Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

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

Pastor's Message



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

These are the words of Jesus's Great Commission at the end of the gospel of Matthew. They call us to action—Go, Make Disciples, Baptize, Teach, Remember. We can see these words of Jesus as action steps for the church. How are we living into these today?

Last Sunday, our council president Polly Lohman called on us to remember our celebration of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit given to us as promise of Jesus's continual presence and the abundant gifts that are being poured out on us. She posted some questions written on big sheets of paper for us to ponder and write responses. I will share them with you here, and please take some time to consider them.

- ✝ What are Zion's strengths?
- ✝ What do you want Zion to continue?
- ✝ What should we consider changing (or letting go of)?
- ✝ What is your vision for Zion's future?
- ✝ What are your suggestions for fundraising?

In the next few weeks, come to church and write your responses on the papers hanging in the fellowship hall, or send an email, text, or call Pastor Sarah. We need all our voices joining together so we can discern what is the next most faithful step in our ministry together.

This summer we need to do some deep reflection on how we are called as Zion Lutheran to live into the gifts that God has provided. We continue to struggle financially as a congregation and find it challenging to pay our bills, but at the same time, we seem to be growing in the joy of the Spirit and energized for ministry to follow Jesus in this world. We need your thoughts and your gifts to help us step faithfully into the next chapter of ministry for Zion Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

Peace,
Pastor Sarah

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Looking to next month...

Drive-Thru Dinner & Christmas in July Worship

Church Council

Zion Lutheran Church Minutes for Council Meeting-Thursday, April 16, 2026

Present: Don Anderson, Lynn Rochon, Paul Freer, Polly Lohman, Steve Wong, Vicky Holm

Not present – Micah Gunderson, Shannon Johnson, Sara Schubert-McKone

Meeting Called to Order by Vice-President Vicky Holm at 6:02PM

Devotion: Vicky Holm Next Month: Lynn Rochon

Secretary Report: Read and motion made by Paul and seconded by Don to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

Treasure Report: Bank: \$3,102.18 Missions: \$348.22, Savings: \$555.23, Mortgage \$18,886.36 Thrivent: \$3633.15

There are still some outstanding bills to be paid. Our pasty bake will hopefully rectify this situation. We will continue to keep the congregation updated. Additional financial support for the bills would be greatly appreciated. Motion made by Lynn and seconded by Vicky to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastor Report: No Pastor's Report as she is on vacation.

Discipleship: Logos and Worship Wanderers are going well. We greatly appreciate all that is done to support our youth.

Worship and Music: Planning continues for services through the summer. Sister Gretchen has announced that she will accept a new teaching position in the fall. We need to make decisions moving forward in regards to our organist position.

Property: The handrail leading from the sacristy area to the basement has been sanded and painted. Other basic upkeep continues. Additional roof work may be needed. Door replacements will be completed as finances allow.

Stewardship: did not meet.

WELCA: no report from WELCA.

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

Pasty Planning: Planning is basically complete and things are set for the pasty bake. The date was moved to April 28-May 1 due to Fellowship Hall not being available on Saturday, May 2nd.

Motion made by Don and seconded by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm.

Ended with the Lord Prayer.

Our next meeting: May 21, 2026, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Rochon-substitute secretary

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		

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, Vicky Holm, Sr Gretchen Johnston, Barry Kilner, Donna Meltz, Tom Nykanen, Gail Saari, Barkley Stamey, 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: Loretta Hall, 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.)

JUNE LAY MJUNEINISTRY 2026	
READER	COUNTERS
Jun 7 Polly Lohman	Jun 7 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
Jun 14 Aine Merrill	Jun 14 Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet
Jun 21 Youth Member	Jun 21 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
Jun 28 Michele & Claire Conlan	Jun 28 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Jun 7 Anthony Anderson	Jun 7 Paul Robinson
Jun 14 Amanda Moore	Jun 14 Mary Hickman
Jun 21 Rusty Mehlberg	Jun 21 Steve Wong
Jun 28 Linda Moe	Jun 28 Derek Goroski
USHERS	
Jun 7 & 21 Vicky Holm	
Jun 14 & 28 Donald Anderson	
TECHNICAL	ALTAR GUILD
Tim Ingersoll, Zaydrian Goroski, Paul Robinson	Linda Moe
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.	

JUNE 2026

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Jun 5	Jessica Pluntz	Jun 16	Brian Dittbrender
Jun 6	Don Anderson	Jun 16	Linda & David Moe
Jun 8	Owin Holm	Jun 17	Rachael Lackner
Jun 8	Jeremy Lackner	Jun 21	Karen Johnson
Jun 9	Daniel Kilner	Jun 21	Sidney Thimm,
Jun 11	Becky Hubbard	Jun 21	Kevin & Karen Johnson
Jun 11	Les & Phyllis Neubauer	Jun 22	Gary & Sandy Garlie
Jun 13	Knute Pedersen	Jun 24	Greg Kvam
Jun 14	Irene Hillstrom-Haugen	Jun 26	Connor Monaghan
		Jun 26	Laurisa & Alex Pfannebecker
		Jun 27	Paul Robinson
		Jun 30	Amanda Lyazghi

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7pm AA Mtg	2 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	3	4	5	6
7 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee Fellowship 5:30pm First Sunday Suppers @ Pilgrim	8 7pm AA Mtg	9 5pm Operations	10	11	12	13
14 FLAG DAY 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee Fellowship	15 7pm AA Mtg	16 5pm Operations 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	17	18 5pm Stewardship 6pm Church Council	19 JUNETEENTH 4-7pm Food & Fellowship	20
21 FATHER'S DAY 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee Fellowship	22 7pm AA Mtg	23 6pm Al-Anon Mtg	24	25	26	27 Don't forget to pack some food to bring to church tomorrow for Food Shelf Sunday!
28 Food Shelf Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship & Worship Wanderers 11am Coffee Fellowship	29 7pm AA Mtg	30 6pm Al-Anon Mtg				

You're invited...

GRADY CONLAN

LET'S CELEBRATE

Sunday, June 7 from 12:00-3:00

Billings Park Civic Center
3903 N 18th Street
Superior WI



JOY BECKEN

Please join the Becken's to celebrate Joy!

June 13, 2026
11:00am-3:00pm
709 North 5th Street
Superior WI

ARIANA HEGGE

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE ARIANA

June 13—NOON TO 4

AMINCON TOWN HALL
8995 US HIGHWAY 2
SOUTH RANGE WI



Superior Stitchers

Do you cross-stitch, embroidery, 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 will continue to meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday each month from 1:00 to 3:00pm.

Summer schedule: June 11, July 9 & 23, August 13 & 27. Come and join us!



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.

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!

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!



COME CELEBRATE
WITH ZION

JUNE 19, 4-7 PM

HAVE SOME FOOD
HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND BEVERAGE
FREE WILL OFFERING

EXPERIENCE HISTORY
WHAT IS JUNETEENTH

FELLOWSHIP WITH
NEIGHBORS

JOIN US!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

On **June 19** America celebrates Juneteenth, or Freedom Day, on the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation that abolished slavery in Texas and other former Confederate states in 1865.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States, where it is a day off for most of the population, and schools and businesses close down.

Juneteenth Complete History

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. It effectively freed all enslaved people in the Confederate States who were fighting against the Union. This excluded five border states that were not rebelling against the Union - Missouri, Maryland, Delaware, and Kentucky.

At the time, Texas was an isolated state and not a battleground for the Civil War, so there was no presence of Union soldiers. This meant that the Emancipation Proclamation did not affect the slaves in the state. As a result, many slave owners from other Confederate states moved to Texas with their slaves, increasing the enslaved population in the state by thousands.

After the surrender of General Robert E. Lee on April 9, 1865, the Civil War was officially over, and on June 19, General Gordon Granger arrived at Galveston with 1800 Union soldiers and proceeded to take control of the state and put the Emancipation Proclamation into effect, freeing the 250,000 slaves that existed in the state of Texas.

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the heretofore existing connection between them becomes that between employer and hired worker".

-General Gordon Granger

The recently freed slaves took to the streets to celebrate, thus originating the holiday that would become known as Juneteenth, which literally means "June Nineteenth".

In December of 1865, the 13th Amendment was adopted and slavery was abolished in all of the United States.





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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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