

ZION NEWSLETTER April 2024

Zion's Mission Statement:

Zion Lutheran Church's mission is to Gather, Grow, and Go in Jesus Christ

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Zion Newsletter is published monthly for members, associate members and friends of Zion.

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Friends in Christ, grace to you, and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. HAPPY EASTER! I want to share with you one beautiful experience from my first Holy Week here with you all at Zion.

If any of you were able to watch or be at the Good Friday service this year, you would have noticed we had one young reader who joined us in sharing the Word of God. I told this young man that after every reading a candle is extinguished, and I will stand next to you and do the extinguishing once you have read. He nodded in agreement, and when it was his turn, he confidently went up to the pulpit and read wonderfully these words from Matthew 27: *“From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ...Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.”*

However, when he had finished, he quickly grabbed the gold extinguisher and with wide eyes looked at me. I whispered, “ok be careful,” and as carefully as he could he reached over the altar and gracefully put out one of the burning candles... Then he turned to me with a huge smile and said, “I DID IT!”

I couldn’t help but smile as well even in this very somber service that remembers and allows us to sit in the pain and torture Jesus took on for our sins. But I think this is a beautiful reminder in this season after Easter... In the darkness and in the light, Jesus says, I DID IT! Jesus lives and because he lives, we live as well with the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of God. And we look to God and say, let us do it! Let us go into the world with that light today.

In God’s loving grace, Pastor Anna



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The kickoff for the Capital Campaign will be Sunday, June 9. Currently, the executive committee and the church council is busy gathering estimates for the furnace/HVAC and roof repairs/shingles; developing a leadership team to guide us through the campaign; and working on other pre-campaign materials. More information will be coming as we move forward. Stay tuned!



Salad Luncheon Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 7th after worship

If you are interested in helping plan, have ideas, or just want to know what it's all about, please attend!



Spring Ditch Cleanup on Hwy 59

Sunday, May 5th after Fellowship

We will be cleaning up our Adopt-a-Highway section along US Highway 59. Bring your gloves and appropriate outerwear.

Orange vests will be provided.

Lots of hands make for quick work!



Wednesday, April 24th



Earth Day

Monday, April 22nd



The way the weather is going, maybe this is winter and we will soon have spring.

We do have dedicated quilters here at Zion Lutheran. Each Tuesday they meet to cut, sew, and visit. Even our quilters that go south for the winter keep quilting. One in particular has 5 quilts ready to go, and another is busy with a few quilt tops. Our mission is the same, Gather, Grow, and Go in Jesus Christ.

quilts during worship. We also have a couple quilts for babies' baptisms coming up in April.

May the work of my hands be pleasing to your eyes, O God.

Soon we will be presenting our high school seniors with their



- April 3 Jon Johnson
- April 4 Winsdae Dalman
- April 10 Jaxon Dalman
- April 14 Lois Kicker
- April 15 Boden Truedson
- April 16 Bruce & Deb Fadness
- April 17 Graham Pesch
- April 19 Lola Januszewski
- April 21 Luna Januszewski
Livi Januszewski
- April 22 David Sogn

- April 23 Joe Olson
- April 25 Jett Januszewski
- April 30 Lynette Ochsner
Cheryl Pfeiffer

Blessings to all on your special days!

If you'd like your birthday/anniversary published in the newsletter, please let the church office know.

A note of thanks...

Zion Lutheran,

I wish to express my sincere thank you to everyone that came together for the "Come and See" anti-trafficking forum. It was so well organized and helpful information on a difficult topic.

Thank you for taking action to educate us and challenge us to see what our spoons look like. Hearing is one thing, but action takes commitment and courage. So thank you to all who step forward in love for those who suffer!

~Lynette Price





Treasurer's Report for Zion Lutheran Church Feb 2024				
Total Annual Budget of \$285,045 or \$23,753/month				
	Month	YTD	8 month of budget	YTD Variance
GENERAL FUND	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	25,198	162,643	190,024	- 27,381
Expenses	20,788	140,702	190,024	49,322
Difference	4,410	21,941		21,941
MORTGAGE				
Principal only payment	7,000	16,000		
Ordinary monthly mortgage donations	3,945	29,992		
Monthly Payment	3,851	30,808		
Difference	+94	-816		

Benevolences for Jan and Feb were paid in Feb. Feb alone is: \$601 to ELCA and \$257 to Pelican Rapids Food Shelf, Luther Crest Bible Camp, Lutheran Social Services and Lutheran Campus Ministry and an accrual of \$44 to Synodical Offering which completes the \$500 once a year contribution.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of...

Rick Lebahn, Principal Reduction Fund, given by Virg & Kim Kollar, Carol & Emery Kraft

Columbarium Fund, given by Curt & Kari DuBord, Tom & Sally Reff

Miscellaneous Income, given by Mary Melroe, Sherry Trepp & Nick Valentine

Myron Johnsrud, Miscellaneous Income, given by J & D Belgian Farms Veterinary Services

Pastor Dale Pepelnjak, Principal Reduction Fund and Building Fund, given by Kenneth & Kathleen Hanson, Marsha Hendrickson, Charles & Barb Kvare, Mary Melroe, Claudia McCulloch, Ron & Judy Peterson

We Care Receipts

Keep turning in those We Care receipts from Central Market! Each receipt earns us a rebate that is sent to us quarterly. It surprising how it all adds up! Receipts can be dropped off in the office, in the box by the kitchenette in the narthex, or in the offering plate.

APRIL

NAMES	HOME	CELL
Co-Coordinator - Clemenson, Rosie & Jim		701-261-4492 (R)
Co-Coordinator - Farner, Ben & Bev	218-844-6803	
Fitzgerald, Amber & Jim	218-863-1888	
Hanson, Bruce & Sharyl	701-786-2970	701-430-0315 701-430-1321 (B)
Ihry, Jim	218-863-5003	
Kantrud, Steve & Jo	218-342-2172 (S)	218-731-5433 (J)
Kugler, Julie & Mike	218-863-1300	

Please call one of the coordinators to let them know what Sunday you can serve.

The serving group is responsible for Sunday morning coffee fellowship and any funerals that may arise during the month. Coordinators ask that when they leave a message that you would please return the call to let them know if you can or cannot serve. If you are unable to serve, a donation is always appreciated. Thank you!

MAY

NAMES	HOME	CELL
Co-Coordinator -Robley, Eileen	218-863-8272	
Akers, Peggy & Lance	701-238-9298 (P)	218-866-8638
Burnside, Amy & Tyler	218-863-7665	701-361-1890
Jacobson, Jerry	218-863-2508	
Johnson, Jon & Pam	218-790-4869 (J)	218-790-9036 (P)
Kicker, Lois	218-342-2274	218-849-3311
Schleske, LuAnn & Roger	218-863-1057	
Sundbom, Vern & Marilyn	218-847-6631	



Council Reports and Action (unapproved)
March 12, 2024

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1. Call to Order: President Candace Roesch called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Absent: Terry Paulson and Bill Nelson

2. Devotions: Pr. Anna devotions based on a passage from John 15.

3. President Comments: None

4. Board & Committee Reports for the month of February 2024

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STEWARDSHIP/TREASURER'S REPORT: *Terry Paulson/Sherry Trepp*

a) Celebrate the mortgage balance at under \$100K.

b) Sunday School offering. There is a church bank in the Sunday school area in which children can place an offering. Decided to continue Noisy Offering once each month during the contemporary service.

CHRISTIAN ED & YOUTH MINISTRY: *Laura Januszewski*

Sam Dalman has volunteered to put together an easter egg hunt. First communion on March 28. Sunday school date changes will be added to the calendar.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: *Lynette Ochsner* Lenten service soup and sandwiches are so appreciated. Served 200 people for the Rick Lebahn funeral. March 24 Palm Sunday cinnamon rolls.

HEALTH MINISTRY & SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Bill Nelson. no report*

PROPERTY: *Doug Trenda*

Met with Fargo Roofing Company on Wednesday March 6th. Highway Signs should be going up in a couple weeks. No air conditioning in the Sunday school rooms this summer until furnace is replaced. Started a project to make the Prayer Path useable again. Was approached to check into putting an electric car charging station on the property. Council decided while it was an interesting concept, not something we will rush into.

WORSHIP, MUSIC & LAY MINISTRY: *Pam Dalman*

We had good attendance at the contemporary service on March 3rd. Noisy offering popular.

5. Secretary's Report: **Virg moved to approve February report, Doug seconded. Motion carried.**

6. STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Anna: Capital Campaign work and planning continues. Leadership team coming together. Tech Future at Zion. Decision made to search for tech support person who is available when current members are not. Critical for funerals midweek. Kari's computer needs upgrading. Further discussion next month.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: *Kari DuBord.* Prepared and submitted the ELCA Annual Report. Thanks to Sherry for doing her part. Thanks to Sam Dalman for updating the website on Thursdays.

7. Calendar/additions: Adding noisy offering April 7

8. Acceptance of Gifts: None

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. New Business:

a) Bills to be approved by council. Doug moved approval of bills; Lynette seconded. Motion carried.

b) Capital Campaign update. See above

c) Start preparing information for new budget for next month.

d) Electric car charging station. Above discussion

11. Membership Changes: **Death:** Rick Lebahn

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ilene Trittin-Anderson, Council Secretary

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.



- Grassy area behind a house
- Blooms that have petals
- Spring precipitation
- Puffy and white in the sky
- Soil
- Lawn
- Must be weeded and tended
- Tiptoe through these
- Baby sheep
- We need food and this
- God made this from nothing
- A sign of God's promise
- These, in April, bring May flowers

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	12	73	70		73	23	40	35	13	56		64	70	75		9	11	65	
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Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers; "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."



Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

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Our April book is *The Fifth Act—America's End in Afghanistan* by Elliot Ackerman

The Fifth Act is an eyewitness experience of the American collapse in the war in Afghanistan. The personal history of Elliot Ackerman brings 20 years of the burden of war to bear in the experience of the last week of the war.

Join us for book club! We have lively discussions and great fellowship!

More thanks...

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran,

Thank you for the donation from the Christmas Closet fundraiser. It is an honor to have the support. Please know that by investing in Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, you are helping others seek safety, protection, and healing.

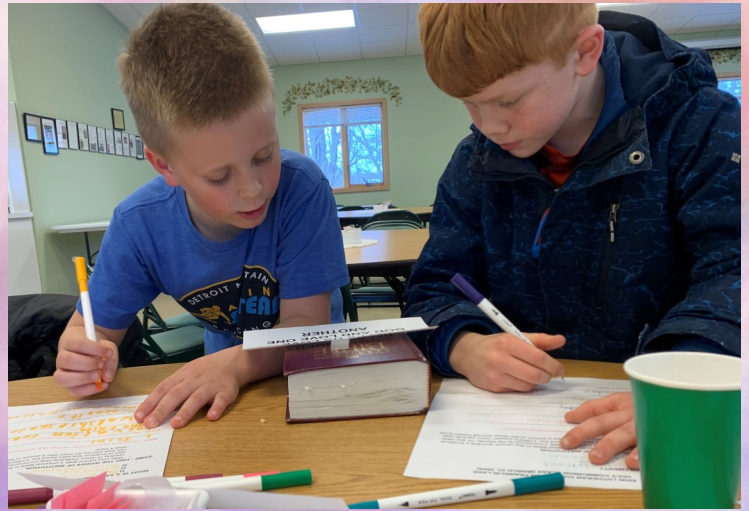
Sincerely,

Anna Sellin



On Easter Sunday, many Zion Youth played band instruments for our opening hymn. What a delight to have that extra sound of celebration! Thank you to Candace Roesch for coordinating and conducting the youth!

Easter, First Communion Class, and Come & See





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	9-2 Quilting 2	8:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Choir 3	8:30 Men's Bible Study 4	5	6
9:30 Worship & SS 10:30 Fellowship No Confirmation 7	8	9-2 Quilting 6 p.m. Council 9	8:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Choir 10	8:30 Men's Bible Study 11	12	13
9:30 Worship & SS 10:30 Fellowship 14	15	9-2 Quilting 16	8:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Choir 17	8:30 Men's Bible Study 18	19	20
9:30 Worship & SS 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Confirmation 21	22 Earth Day	9-2 Quilting 23	8:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Choir Administrative Professionals Day 24	8:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Book Club 25	26	27
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