



A Special
THANK YOU



Thank you.

The family of James H. Barker would like to thank all those who provided food, set up, served and cleaned up for the funeral and luncheon. We would also like to thank everyone for all the support and comfort provided to the family.

Thank you for all the Christmas greetings I received. It's a good feeling that I'm missed. I surely miss all of you too. I'm in my 6th month here at Bayfield and I can tell you all is well. Very little snow here, but very cold. When I tell people I'm from Manistique in the U.P., most will say that they have been through here. I fell like a celebrity and very proud of my roots.

Love to all,
Betty

Thank you to Al Hepker and Lane Blandford for helping set up and take down the Christmas tree. You are appreciated!



Sunday, February 9th is **Scout Sunday**. Scouts from Troop 400, 401 and Cub Pack 402 will be at Zion for worship. They will be greeting. Pastor Levin will give a brief history of Zion's support of the Scouts.

*Gifts to our congregation have been given
in memory of*

Amy Johnson

Randy & Cindy Olli—Memorial

Lois Bentley—Roofing

Marie Bellville—Pew Cushions

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushions

Doris Ribblet—Memorial

James Barker

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushions

Randy & Cindy Olli—Memorial

Lois Bentley—Roofing

Bill & Donna Mott—Memorial

Ruth Jones—Roofing

Barker Family—Roofing & Nordic Restoration

Bob & Lila Panek—Memorial

Mike Smith

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushions

Lydia Hulla

Joanne Nelson—Altar Guild

The Monday night Bible study group meets at 6:30, every 2nd and 4th Monday. Pr. Eleanor Russey is leading our study. The book "*The Mission Table*" by Stephen Bouman, will be the focus of our study. If you have any questions about this opportunity for study, please contact the office.



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January 2020

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Beacon House



Zion's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 9th following worship and a Potluck meal. Annual reports may be picked up (one per family) after worship the weekend of February 1-2 for your review. Please bring your copy back, along with a dish to share and your table setting, and join us for the Annual Meeting.

We will be having the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:30pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall if you will be there.



Circle News

The **Sarah Circle** will meet Monday, February 3rd, in the conference room at 1:00pm.

The **Joy Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 13th, in Augustana Hall.

The **Ruth Circle** will be meeting on Wednesday, February 19th at 11:30am at Big Boy, weather permitting .

The **Hope Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 6:00pm.



There are **several opportunities** to help with Flowers for the Altar, Bulletin, Bread, & Wine, Coffee-Fellowship Hour and greeters. Please check the sign-up sheets posted in Augustana Hall. If you would like to volunteer to be a Communion Assistant, please contact the church office.

Ash Wednesday Services February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday at Zion this year will mark the day with imposition of ashes at two services. The first service will be at 12:00 noon and will be a 15 minute service of confession and imposition of ashes. This service will be for everyone but especially for those who find it difficult to come out at night this time of year, or who want to begin Lent with receiving ashes but can't attend the evening service. The second service will be the traditional service with the reading of Psalm 51, scripture readings, sermon, confession and imposition of ashes. This service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to come as the church begins the 40 days of Lent.

Lenten Study of the Passion of Christ according to Mark

This Lent we will study the Passion of our Lord in the Gospel of Mark. Each Wednesday in Lent beginning on March 4, at 6:30 p.m. we will gather in Augustana Hall to study the last days of Jesus, beginning with the last supper and ending with the crucifixion. You will be provided with the text each week. We will also begin with a hymn and a prayer as we come together to learn about the last days of Jesus.

March 4 The Last Supper Mark 14:1-25

March 11 The Garden Scene Mark 14:26-52

March 18 Before the High Priests and Betrayal Mark 14:53-72

March 25 Before Pilate Mark 15:1-24

April 1 On the Cross Mark 15-36-47

Lent offers an opportunity to discover the mystery of Christ within us. It is a time to listen and to pay attention. Lent is the most important time of the year to nurture our inner life. It is the time during which we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the death and resurrection that constantly takes place within us.

This Lent we pray God will help us grow in our awareness and appreciation of God's love for us.



Mid week Soup Suppers and Lenten worship will begin on Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30pm. Ruth Jones will be looking for volunteers to provide soup, bread, and dessert. Watch for the sign up sheet in Augustana Hall.

"Heart to Heart" conversations around aging is a workshop designed to assist parents and their adult children in having conversations before an emergency health crisis arises. Caregivers often put aside their own needs to assist their parents. The workshop is designed to give adult children tips and tools to start those difficult conversations. The focus of the workshop includes: How care giving can affect your relationships and finances; Long care services and costs; Which key information you need to provide support and how to start those healthy conversations."

Come and join Larry Peterson on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00pm. There is no cost for this workshop. (This is in partnership with Thrivent)

Upcoming Scripture Readings

February 2—Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

February 9—Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12], Psalm 112:1-9 [10],

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16], Matthew 5:13-20

February 16—Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 23—Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9



SAVE THE DATE:

The GFWC Manistique Women's Club presents "*Death Bemoans Her*" mystery dinner theater on Saturday, March 14th at the Manistique Elks Club. **The proceeds will benefit the "Back Pack Buddies"**

program. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6:30pm. There will be a Silent Auction, door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. The tickets are \$25.00 and are available at the Elks Club, by calling Sherri Krause at 341-6701, Chris Sanders at 341-1370 or from any GFWC member.



Lenten Breakfast

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Women in Escanaba are holding their Annual Lenten Breakfast and Musical Program. Breakfast will be served at 9:15am with the musical program at 10:00am. The theme this year is *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock"*. A portion of the free-will offering will go toward the Welcome Newborn Program handled by the Community Foundation for Delta County. Reservations for breakfast need to be made before **February 19th**. If you plan to attend, please let Shirley in the church office know so she can call in the count.

Congregation Council Highlights – January Meeting

- +Final preparations were done for the Annual Meeting on February 9, 2020.
- +Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 25th beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- +Soup Suppers will be held each Wednesday during Lent beginning on March 4. The suppers will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Lenten services to follow at 6:30 p.m.
- +Pastor Eleanor Russey will preside at the mid-week Lenten services this year.

Confirmands: Mark Your Calendars!!

The Synod Youth Committee is encouraging confirmation age youth to attend one of these Marked Events offered in our Synod. It's a chance to meet new friends, participate in a service project, sing, play games, worship and eat. Mark your calendars and encourage your confirmation age youth and leaders to join us...

Sunday, March 22 at Messiah Lutheran, Marquette, 4-7 pm ET

Sunday, April 19 at Our Redeemer, Newberry, 4-7 pm ET

Sunday, April 26 at First Lutheran, Iron River, 4-7 pm CT

As a service project for these Marked Events we are encouraging youth and congregations to collect items for LWR Baby Care Kits. The kits will be assembled at the Marked Events, so start gathering the items needed for these Baby Care Kits:

TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®).

TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet).

TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square.

FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred

ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap.

TWO pairs of socks

ONE hand towel, dark color recommended.

TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling

8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.

TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

Youth are encouraged to bring these items to the Marked Events where they will be assembled. To learn more about these kits please visit the Lutheran World Relief website.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp News:

Zion has received information regarding summer camp. You will find it posted on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall. You can also check out their website at www.fortunelake.org. This is the 90th anniversary of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and they have something great in the works: an original musical "*One Wonderful Day*", which will celebrate what God has done through this Place of Grace. It will take place on August 8th at 2:00pm at the historic Crystal Theater. August 2-8 is the preparation week. They are in need of choir members, instrumentalists, set designers, actors/actresses and all who want to be part of the production. You don't have to wait for summer to go to camp. On February 7-8 there is a Jr./Sr. high retreat and a Winter Wellness Retreat: Love Your Heart for adults on February 21-23.

The Senior Companion Program is looking for individuals at least 55 years of age or older who have a passion and desire to be a volunteer to help other seniors. You will receive a non-taxable stipend and transportation reimbursement. If interested call Linda Paulin at the Community Action Agency at (906) 786-7080 Ext. 144 or 1-800-562-9131

Indulge for Lent?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

**Serving Zion with Altar Flowers,
Bulletin, Bread & Wine, & Fellowship**

	Altar Flowers	Bulletin, Bread & Wine	Fellowship Hour
Feb 2	Naomi Fletcher	Gloria & David McGuire	Nordic Committee
Feb 9	Shirley Leitgeb	Anna, Elsa, & Karin	Annual Meeting Potluck
Feb 16	Brenda & Wayne Fleck	Nila Haug	Evangelism & Membership Committee
Feb 23	****open****	Cindy & Randy Olli	****open****