

# THE MESSENGER

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Zion Lutheran Church  
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“Gathering together, Growing in faith,  
and Going into the world in  
Jesus’ name.”

## OCTOBER 2023

### We are so excited that Sunday School is Back!

Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join in the faith-filled fun on Sundays from 9:45am-10:30am. Students attending the 9am service will be released early (after Communion) to head downstairs for Sunday school time.

Fill out a registration form on our website (or paper copies are available at church) to get started. We have an amazing team of leaders helping to create a fun learning space this year!

Hope to see you this month!



**LOGOS** is Greek for “word.” In John 1, it is the word of God in Christ Jesus. This is a fitting name for our youth/confirmation group, as we come together to study the word of God and discover ways to live that word in our families, friendships, and community.

**LOGOS is open for students in grades 6-9.**

**We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 5-7pm.**

We will gather for a mini-worship at 5pm followed by our video/lesson time. At 6pm, we have a family-style meal together followed by games until 7pm. Our youth group traditionally has been family oriented. We have parents, grandparents, friends, and others who join us, including for meals. We have a number of adult mentors who will teach and lead lessons, but everyone is welcome. We have a special need for kitchen help—pay is a great meal and lots of laughs with our crew.


To sign up a student for LOGOS, to volunteer to help in the kitchen, or be a table parent (sit and eat with students), or if you have questions, check in with Pastor Sarah or email Lynn: [rochonlynn1@gmail.com](mailto:rochonlynn1@gmail.com).

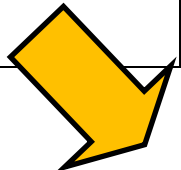
The LOGOS Team is looking forward to a wonderful year!

### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
Tuesday through Friday

Office 9:00a—1:00p  
Pastor Sarah 9:00a—1:00p

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>REGULAR SERVICES</b> <b>9:00 First Service &amp;</b> <b>10:45 Second Service</b> <i>Sunday School 9:45 am</i>						
1 9:00 First Service 10:45 Second Service	2	3	4 1:00 No-prep Bible study for all <b>LOGOS</b> 5-7pm	5	6	7
8 9:00 First Service 10:45 Second Service <i>Bibles distributed at both services</i>	9 	10	11 1:00 No-prep Bible study for all <b>LOGOS</b> 5-7pm	12 1:00 Sew "n Sews 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir	13	14
15 9:00 First Service 10:45 Second Service Blessing of the Animals at both services!	16	17 5:00 Operations	18 (recycling) 1:00 No-prep Bible study for all <b>LOGOS</b> 5-7pm	19 1:00 Sew "n Sews 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 No Choir 6:00 Church Council	20 	21
22 9:00 First Service 10:45 Second Service	23 6:00 AA Mtg	24	25 1:00 No-prep Bible study for all <b>LOGOS</b> 5-7pm	26 1:00 Sew "n Sews 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir	27	28
29 10:00 Combined REFORMATION	30 6:00 AA Mtg	31 				



Sunday October 29 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
 All Services combined and begin at 10:00 am  
 We will celebrate **Affirmation of Baptism** with our youth.  
 Fall Festival in afternoon with Trunk or Treat. 3-5pm

**BIBLE PRESENTATION**

October 8  
 Both Services



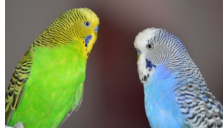
We are thankful for those who served. And, we pray for those who are currently in the service: Nathan Anthony, Matthew Sherwood, Nick Luoma, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Hutton, Andrew Mattson, and Joshua Seifert; and for all those who are in active military service . Look at the Bulletin Board. Thanks, Jan

## Support our Military

Check the Photo  
Gallery on Zion Web  
[www.zion superior.org](http://www.zion superior.org)



Thank you  
to all who helped  
with the garden work  
this year. Now things  
are resting for the  
soon coming  
winter months.



### *Growing in Faith:*

As of 9-15-23, we owe \$44,677.02.  
Please consider a gift to Growing in Faith  
above and beyond your regular giving.

**Thank you for your gifts.**

### **Blessing of the Animals—Oct. 15**

Bring your pets to worship on Sunday, October 15! At both services, we will incorporate our beloved animals into worship and bless them! All critters are invited! Or if you have a favorite stuffed toy animal that works too! If your pet is too big or too shy and would like to be blessed outside between the services, we will do that too. There will also be some special animal puppets joining us for worship on that day.

Each year during October, the church around the world remembers the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, who taught about the deep connection we have with creation and the animals that is a gift from God. We can remember what a blessing our pets are as they show us the love of God and teach us how to care for creation!

### *Sew 'n Sew*

Sew 'N Sew ladies are meeting. We're hoping to see some more friendly faces join us to continue our love for quilting and doing Jesus' work for needy and/or homeless.

Several of the ladies have taken materials home with them to piece together, or cut, then we all work on those together as a group

We distribute them to those in need as we become aware of that need.

It is always fun to have treats with fellowship after all of the supplies are back on the shelf until our next meeting.

Join us on Thursday afternoon about 1pm. You will be sew glad that you do.

We cannot out-give God.

Sew—there you have it!  
Jan Arena



### **Dwelling in the Word Bible study Wednesdays at 1pm.**



Meets weekly to read the Scriptures together and focus on upcoming readings for worship and other texts the group chooses. Come when you can to join in the conversation!



# Pastor's Page

## *Created for Generosity*

We are embarking on a stewardship month here at Zion. In the coming weeks of worship, we will be sharing stories of how we have experienced God's generosity through Zion Lutheran Church. We will have the opportunity to listen to one another stories and to think about what it means for each of us to grow in our stewardship of all of God's gifts that we have received. Stewardship as a faith practice reminds us that all that we have belongs to God, nothing is really ours. The Creator gives us what we need each day and invites us into relationship with others through those gifts. For me, stewardship is really a call to remember and reflect on God's generosity in our lives and how we can freely live into the grace and love of Jesus Christ through our everyday actions of faith.

Stewardship is not all about the money, but it is about money. Our relationship with money is important to reflect on, especially how God might be inviting us to have a different type of relationship with money than our culture often leads us into. We all have different experiences with money, different stories and memories of how money (having it or not having it) impacted our lives. We know that some of us simply seem to have more resources than others and this can cause great divisions in our community. How might God be inviting us to think about money and its impacts on how we feel about others and how we respond to the needs of our world?

Money is often a very personal topic, but not one that should be avoided in the church. Money can have a great impact in how we live out our faith. God invites us into the freedom of living generously not only with our money, but also with our time and our various gifts and talents that we have to offer the world. There is deep joy in living a generous life! In October, we will be working in various stewardship themes into Sunday worship and perhaps gently questioning and wondering about some of the cultural norms we have around the relationship of money and faith.

Then, on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> we are planning on having a New Member Welcome in worship and a Celebration of Ministry between services with cinnamon rolls and activities in the fellowship hall. We will be inviting all those who lead various ministry groups and activities that happen as a part of Zion Lutheran Church to share about what they do with table displays. Are you interested in learning more about how you can share your time and talents at Zion and in our community? Come to the Celebration of Ministry to learn more and share your ideas for what sort of ministry activities we could be doing as a church community in the coming year.

Autumn blessings to you! Hope to see you in church!  
Peace,  
Pastor Sarah



### Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Rochon at 6:00 pm. Present were Vicky Holm, Lynn Rochon, Anthony Anderson, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Christel Lewis, Aine Merrill, Margaret Sundet, Sarah Schubert McKone and Donna Meltz.

Devotions were given by Vicky. Aine will give them next month.

**Treasurers Report:** We reviewed the Check Register. The checking balance is \$13,554.09, the savings account is \$27,235.30, the Thrivent account is \$3,214.74 and the mortgage is at \$48,907.56.

**Pastors Report:** Planning has started for the youth gathering next summer in New Orleans. Pastor Sarah is having a meeting this Tuesday for anyone interested in going. She is working on creating more welcoming spaces in our church building. There are now worship art supplies for anyone to use during worship services. She is also working on bringing back a Bible study. We discussed the possibility of a weekly newsletter instead of or in addition to the monthly newsletter. We discussed putting the announcements that are made in worship service in this weekly newsletter. No decision was made. 153 people attended the joint worship service at Our Saviors last Sunday. The offering that was collected, \$947, will be used for a joint project of helping the family of Amena to get here from Afghanistan. This is a joint project of the Lutheran churches in Superior and other local Lutheran churches working with the US government program called Welcome Core.

**Discipleship:** VBS had between 20 and 25 kids per day with 18 helpers. Sunday School and LOGOS will start in September. Sunday School will have the same hours as last year, 9:45 – 10:30, and the leaders will teach every 6 weeks and help the other 5 weeks. This is how it was run last year and it worked really well.

**Worship and Music:** When we start 2 services again in September, they will not be called Traditional Service and Contemporary service. They will be called First Service and Second Service. They will be at the same times as before, 9 and 10:45. We will continue to have special music from the congregation.

**Operations:** Paul Freer was at the meeting and we discussed the sewer issue that was uncovered when the city was updating the sewer line in front of the church. We cannot get an estimate of how much it will be to fix it. The mayor of Superior and the city Inspector are aware of the issue. Paul got an estimate of \$4,500 to get the parking lot patched and sealed. ABC Seamless fixed our fascia on the front and back of the church building.

**Stewardship:** Tim Ingersoll is the coordinator of the group and there is a meeting next week. They are planning a fall stewardship program.

**WELCA:** The group is on summer break but did help out with National Night Out. There were 100 hot dogs served that night. We got donations from A&W, Culvers, Super One and Kwik Trip. We would like to thank them and all the volunteers that came and helped out that night. The Superior High School String Quintet provided music. The Superior Chief of Police, Nick Alexander, and two officers were here as well. They were Office Swanson and Office Dipuma. The Station 3 Fire Department was here also.

A motion was made by Sarah Schubert McKone and seconded by Vicky to accept all reports as given. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** The review of the constitution is tabled for a later meeting. A new contract for the printer has been signed so the old printer is gone and we have a new printer. It is cheaper to print with the new printer. Tim Ingersoll's brother is making a new cup that is shallow so we can resume communion by intinction. We reviewed a new banner that will replace the current banner that is hanging outside by the front door that has our summer hours. The new banner has the winter schedule on it. The old wooden sign along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will be taken down and something else will be put up. The current sign makes our building look unoccupied.

**New Business:** Lynn will ask Paul to get another estimate for the parking lot sealant and repair. Since we have used most of the money in the church maintenance account for this budget year, we might need to have a special congregational meeting to approve that parking lot sealant expense. Danny Haworth is not interested in doing snowplowing for us this winter. Vicky will message someone she knows to see if they are interested and if they are, she will give their phone number to Paul.

A motion was made at 7:21 to adjourn by Sarah Schubert McKone and seconded by Donna. Motion carried.

Submitted by Christel Lewis

Oct-2—Kenneth & Karen Thimm  
 Oct 18—Chad & Ashley Bennett



Kristi Conley	Oct 3	Tahlia Williams	Oct 7	Kyle Thimm	Oct 22
Noah Miller	Oct 9	Jane Johnson	Oct 8	Linda Pelletier	Oct 23
		Margaret Sundet	Oct 8	Sunnie Lamppa	Oct 24
		Darren Velin	Oct 8	Rae Lundberg	Oct 24
		Carol Peterson	Oct 9	Donna Meltz	Oct 26
		Alissa Ingersoll	Oct 11	Jeff Pearson	Oct 27
		Tammy Dittbrender	Oct 15	Judy Ford	Oct 28
		Paige Hunker	Oct 15	Ella Scanlon	Oct 28
		Shawn Roberts	Oct 17	Keaton Williams	Oct 28
		Sara Schubert McKone	Oct 22	Anthony Garro	Oct 31

*Our prayers and condolence to the family and friends of  
 John Madsen  
 Born June 17, 1931 Died August 9, 1923*



To the members and Friends of Zion. Thank you to all the folk at Zion who loved and supported us with your prayers, letters, and cards during the last days John's life. Our parents loved the Zion church, church family and being a part of the fellowship. We extend a big thank you to each of you who faithfully phoned, sent cards and letters, visited and encouraged our family in the latter days of John's life. Your love and care to our family was felt deeply and we find it difficult to find appropriate words to express our feelings toward you. May God Bless you all as you minister to others. Jane, Jennifer and family.

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

**Food Shelf beside the front door**  
 Thank you to all who have brought foods these weeks. Every time the supplies are all gone, someone brings just the right amount to refill for another few days. Those using items have expressed their thankfulness many times.  
 May God Bless you all.

Term Ends January 2024	Term Ends January 2025	Term Ends January 2026
Vicki Holm-Vice President	Christel Lewis, Secretary	Sara Schubert-McKone
Lynn Rochon-President	Aine Merrill, Treasurer	Grace Becken
Anthony Anderson	Margaret Sundet	Donna Meltz
<u>Audit Committee-1 year</u> Bob Warner Tim Ingersoll Anthony Anderson		



## LAY MINISTRY

### READER

Oct 1 Donna Meltz  
 Oct 8 Aine Merrill  
 Oct 15 Polly Lohman  
 Oct 22 Micah Gunderson  
 Oct 29 Aine Merrill

### MINISTER ASSISTANT

Oct 1 Linda Moe  
 Oct 8 Anthony Anderson  
 Oct 15 Aine Merrill  
 Oct 22 Linda Moe  
 Oct 29 Anthony Anderson

### GREETER

Oct 1 Lucy Sullivan  
 Oct 8 Mary Hickman  
 Oct 15 Shirley Boris  
 Oct 22 Janet Arena  
 Oct 29 Lucy Sullivan

## LAY MINISTRY

### COUNTERS

Oct 1 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman  
 Oct 8 Aine Merrill, Kendra Lohman  
 Oct 15 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson  
 Oct 22 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz  
 Oct 29 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill

### USHERS

Oct 1 Donald Anderson  
 Oct 8 Bret Gunderson  
 Oct 15 Vicky Holm  
 Oct 22 Donald Anderson  
 Oct 29 Bret Gunderson

### ALTAR – Margaret Sundet

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.

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### *Pennies*

Continue saving. Pennies stack up for a difference.

## **WELCA**

We resumed our meetings on the second Sunday of the month between services.

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- **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.



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**Sunday Worship Services**

First Service at 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 to 10:45 am

Second at 10:45 am

Coffee Hour between services

Worship Service is also on Web

**Church Office Hours**

Mo-Th 9-1

**Pastoral Hours**

Tu-Fr 9-1