

Whoever follows me...will have the light of life
-John 8:12

Good Tidings Zion Members, and blessings to you as we look towards Summer!

A new season will soon be here, which is exciting. I know many people who would rank summer as their #1 favorite season. Did you know that the church also has seasons. Do you have a favorite? After the Season of Easter and Pentacost we move into a season called "Ordinary Time." Well, that doesn't sound very exciting...but what is it?

Ordinary time, and the scripture readings that go with it give us a time to know Christ more, in the everyday realities of life. We hear more about the mission of Jesus, his teachings and healing work. Through this time you know what we learn? We learn more about God and the character of God. For example, that God is more about humility than pride, and we see how Jesus ate with the social outcasts and was always about including unlikely characters. He puts relationships first and is about self-giving love.

Martin Luther said, "In Jesus we see the very heart of God."

So as we go through the Ordinary Time season, and we learn of these ways Jesus called us to live. Ask yourself questions. What do these ways of Jesus mean for me today, in Galesville? Or in my neighborhood? It is good that we worship, but we always need to remember that Jesus didn't come

just to show us to worship, but came to show us a way of life.

A way of life that can lift our hearts, and equip us with resilience for times just as these.

On the theme of following the ways of Jesus, I love the original name of the Jesus followers. Before they were called Christians, they were called, "Followers of the Way." Because Jesus said, "I am the way the Truth and the Life."

And it is a daily effort, remembering that God works in us, and that we have been joined in water and in promise, as we go about this good work to which we have been called into together.

Upcoming ministry

May 3rd Women's Ecumenical Luncheon!
Come enjoy the company and hear about The Iverson Cross Country Sabbatical Tour.
Summer Campfire Worship- June-August
1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30! Join us behind Zion for a relaxed worship and S'mores after.

Watch for details about Summer Lunch program and the Multi community VBS!

**In His Grip of Grace ><>
Pastor Joe**

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Got Soap?

W-ELCA is looking for donations of soap bars; preferably Ivory Soap or other mild soaps.

They will be used for the baby kits and care kits.

Any soap donations can be left in the church office.



**MISSION STATEMENT:
LOVE JESUS
GROW IN FAITH
SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS**



Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the wonderful and busy Lenten Season!

Thank you to those who helped with our Soup Suppers, who volunteered for worships, who facilitated the Palm Sunday Brunch, to our bakers, to those who helped with the Easter Bag donation drive, to those who purchased Easter lilies and palms, and to all of our other ministry helpers!

These awesome ministries are made possible because of your generosity and service!

The Holy Spirit is alive and well in this blessed Community of Faith!

From the Outreach Committee:

Please donate any old Christmas cards, Valentine or Easter cards.

We will collect until **May 1st**. We will use them for messages in our Operation Christmas Child boxes next Fall.

Thank you Mary Mckeeth for passing on a great idea!
Please just donate the cover of the card and only donate those that would seem appropriate for the shoeboxes. There will be box in the Narthex to collect them.



April Reports

Attendance & Giving Reports

Sun., April 7	61 people
Sun., April 14	68 people
Sun., April 21	77 people
Sun., April 28	N/A

Please include in your prayers those of our Zion family who reside in extended care facilities in the area.

- Arvid Evenson
- Anna Marie Brudos
- Donald Bautch
- Bob Lakey



The following memorials were received for January, February, March, 2024:

IMO Barbara Nuland – Gary/Beth Meunier, 1 Non-Member

IMO Bev Kohlmeyer – Jim/Marilyn Reedy, 2 Non-Members

IMO Bev Nemitz – Ardelle Williamson, Jane Johnson, Barb Longwell, Lori Meinking, Betty Crawford, Jim/Marilyn Reedy, Harry/Louise Janke, Jerry/Jackie Joanis, Lois Kaste, Jackie Martin, Ron/Karen Weltzien, John/Sue Breitung, Jon/Jackie Hess, John/Shelbie Haug, Gary/Beth Meunier, Joe/Judy Roehl, Several Non-Members

IMO Jim/Bernetta Malesytcki – 1 Non-Member

Kitchen - \$230.00

Undesignated - \$105.00

Improvement Fund - \$35.00

VBS - \$405.00

Total - \$775.00

Kitchen Remodel Update:

The kitchen remodel is coming along nicely. The cabinets have arrived and have been installed. The refrigerator and freezer were moved from the utility room to the kitchen. The large, old, and unused heating unit the ceiling has been removed, the ceiling patched and given a new coat of paint. The old cabinets have been installed in the utility room and the room was painted. If you have not had a look at the progress, it is well worth seeing.

A special thanks to all who have donated money to this long awaited project and to Marilyn and Jim Reedy, Earl Trim, and Greg and Rhonda Gartner who have provided many, many hours of labor for this project.

Little Free Library!

Check-out our new Little Free Library located downstairs!

Enjoy, borrow, or keep any of the children's books, devotionals, or the huge assortment of fiction and non-fiction books.

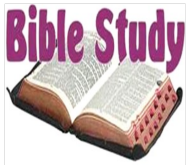
There is now also a Zion Resources section with theological and biblical resources to borrow as needed!

Thanks to **Kathy Meunier** and **Laurie Dale** for helping bring this vision to life!



May Bulletin Board

Join us in the Fireside Room
Following the
Sunday worship
service for Bible Study
at 10 a.m.



Women of the ELCA 

Bible Study May 16th at 1:00pm in the
Fireside Room.

Women's Ecumenical Salad Luncheon

Join us for the annual Women's Ecumenical Salad Luncheon! This event brings together women from Zion Lutheran, First Presbyterian, and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

This year Zion will be hosting the event in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, May 3rd at noon.**



Bring a friend and a dish to share!

Enjoy a presentation by Pr. Joe about his sabbatical bike tour across the US!

Coming Soon: Who's Your Hero?

May 2 & 9 – 5:30 – 6:45

Location: Synod office

Cost: \$35 per class / \$60 for both

Type: Hybrid with in-person class at Synod Office

Teachers: Pr. Pete Beckstrand, Pr. Carrie Anderson, Pr. Linda McPeak, Pr. Meg Hoversten & Dorene Jenson

Be inspired by hearing about others' spiritual heroes each night.

Register at the synod office by April 11th

Coming Soon: Unearthing the Bible

May 2 & 9 – 7:15-8:30

Location: Synod office

Cost: \$35 per class / \$60 for both

Type: Hybrid with in-person class at Synod Office

Teacher: Jake Sorenson

Join us on a treasure hunt for ancient manuscripts, artifacts, and lost cities that illuminate and complexify our understanding of the Bible!

Additional Notes: In-person recommended as there will be opportunities to touch the stuff that contributed to our biblical stories.

Register at the synod office by April 11th

New!! Wednesday Night Pizza Pals: Confirmation Dinner Sponsors

We are looking for volunteers to sponsor dinner for the confirmation students on Wednesday Nights.

We will be ordering pizza from Mike's each week, and we are looking for folks to provide sides (salad, fruit etc.) and beverages for 2-5 people.

If you are interested in financially sponsoring a Wednesday night dinner, we would be looking for donations of ~\$25 to cover the pizza meal.

Thanks for supporting the Confirmation Ministry here at Zion and for feeding some hungry youths!

Please call/email the church office to sign-up!

S'more Worship Coming Soon!



Wednesday Nights this summer, join us for special campfire worships at Zion!

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Sue Henderson	5/1
Alexander Buelow	5/3
Sadie Miller	5/4
Barbara Fonstad	5/8
Tammy Paulus	5/13
Linda Dale	5/14
Avery Senn	5/14
Jacquelin Hess	5/15
Nancy Goller	5/19
John Oedsma	5/20
Julie Evanson	5/21
Ron Weltzien	5/21
Theodore Engelian	5/22
Eric Moen	5/22
Abigail Braunreiter	5/23
Barbara Longwell	5/23
Mary Trim	5/23
Benjamin Thompson	5/24
Arvid Evenson	5/25
Sandy Nelson	5/26
Deborah Becker-Galewski	5/29
Hunter Evenson	5/30
Nicholas Moen	5/30
Larry Green	5/31

HAPPY Anniversary

Kevin & Stacy Hauge
May 11th

Jeremy & Melissa Nelson
May 11th

James & Cheryl Nelson
May 13th

Lee & Lesley Thompson
May 16th

Vince & Sharon D. Howe
May 19th

Did we forget someone?

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary date in the Tidings, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Thank you.

Zion Lutheran Congregation Council Minutes *March 19th, 2024*

Present: Carmen Nuland, vice president; Kathy Meunier, Secretary; Gary Meunier, Property and Grounds; Karen Weltzien, Social Concerns; Beth Meunier, Music and Worship; Pastor Joe Iverson; Sheryl Arms, Treasurer; Marilyn Braunreiter, Financial Secretary; Bonnie Jacobs, Outreach; Louise Janke, Membership and Shepherding; Abby Braunreiter, Youth;

Absent: none

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Carmen Nuland at 6:36pm. Devotions and prayer were led by Pastor Joe.

Motion was made by Beth Meunier to approve the February Council minutes; the motion was seconded and passed. Louise Janke made a motion to approve the February treasurer's report; the motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Kitchen remodeling is progressing. Marilyn Reedy has contacted the manufacturer regarding the heating element in the dishwasher not working.

New business:

A motion was made by Kathy Meunier that Carmen Nuland be appointed as council president. The motion was seconded and passed. This leaves an opening for vice president and the Executive Committee will address this.

The executive committee will name a council liaison for the kitchen remodeling project.

MomCo leadership requests a start date for when donations for the April 6th thrift sale can be dropped off. Gary Meunier will ready an outside shed for drop off to begin March 26th.

There is one confirmation student going to weeklong Bible Camp this summer and 2-5 going to day Bible Camps. A notice will be placed in the take home sheets and Tidings offering the opportunity for members to donate camper scholarships. The full cost for weeklong camp is nearly \$700 although there are subsidies from the camp to bring it down to \$450.

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Information and Reports:

Zion maintains membership in the Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bonnie Jacobs from Outreach notes that her committee organized 24 Easter bags for the Food pantry as well as a \$30 gift certificate. Four Hundred cookies were delivered to LuMin Campus ministry in LaCrosse.

Pastor Joe reports included that he has made 4 visits this month. Interviews for the custodian position continue. Lenten soup suppers have been well attended and attendance has increased for the Lenten service compared to last year. He enjoyed his short vacation for the Birkie.

MomCo report included that they had speakers on the “The Second Mile Marriage” and age-appropriate chores for youngsters. We reviewed the 6 focus areas or “pillars” for our congregation as developed by the Strategic Planning/Visioning Committee: Welcoming Culture, Engaging Worship, Inspiring Faith Formation, Healthy Finances, Empowered Leaders, and Joyful Outreach and Service

We reviewed the duties of the council person on call while the minister is on vacation.

The next meeting will be April 16, 2024.

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Weltzien. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:54pm.

**Kathy Meunier,
Council Secretary**

Children's Ministry

MomCo Update:

On **April 6th**, we are pleased to say that we had a very successful garage sale bringing in a little over **\$3,000**. MomCo will be donating **10%** of these proceeds to the **Zion's kitchen remodel** and **10%** to the **Summer Lunch Program** at Cance park. The rest of the proceeds will go towards purchasing supplies and covering most of our childcare expenses for Momco for the upcoming year. We are very thankful for all of your support and help with this garage sale again this year. Thank you so much for allowing us to use this space, especially during the major construction project. Not only was MomCo able to benefit from these proceeds, but the **Blair Community Center**, who ran the bake sale, also made **\$1000** to help fund their community activities for seniors. It was definitely a blessing for all who were involved.

On **April 17th**, one of leaders, Janelle, presented a curriculum called "The Birds and the Bees". This video series lays out some helpful tools and connection points for families to be able to talk about sex in helpful and constructive ways. We received so much incredible feedback from our moms on this one as there was a collective sigh of relief in the room stating, "Talking about sex with our kids doesn't have to be hard or scary." MomCo also had the funds to purchase this curriculum for our moms, we hope that it can be a tool that arms families with success as they help each of their children navigate this tricky topic while they grow.

We will be heading into our final month of Momco, for the 2023-2024 year, please be in prayer for us as we close out this year with our moms as well as gear up for what is to come in 2024-2025.

Coming Up: Please Mark your calendars for **May 29th** as we will be having a Celebration Banquet from 9-10 at Zion. This will be a time to connect with leaders of MomCo as well as celebrate together all the beautiful things that have transpired over this past year of ministry. We will be sharing stories, as well as celebrating our hard working volunteers who have faithfully served with us throughout the year. Light refreshments will be served, we hope to see you there!

May Sewing Schedule

Date	Ushers / Greeters	Organist/Pianist	Communion Server
May 5 9:00 am	U: Joe Roehl G: Lori Nastvold	Nancy Martinovici	Emma Nuland
May 12 9:00 am	Mike & Sherry Brady	Selisa Erickson	Jackie Joanis
May 19 9:00 am	U: Jim Filkouski G: Hugh Kohlmeyer	Eddie Kim	Gary Meunier
May 26 9:00 am	U: Wayne Meunier G: LaVonne Prudlick	Kathy Meunier	Arlene Severson

Date	Lectors	Offering Counters	Coffee Fellowship
May 5 9:00 am	Kathy Filkouski	Arlene Severson & Sheryl Arms	Joe and Judy Roehl
May 12 9:00 am	Jackie Joanis	Arlene Severson & Sheryl Arms	Lori Nastvold—Treats Serving: _____
May 19 9:00 am	Gary Meunier	Arlene Severson & Sheryl Arms	Eileen Trim & Joan Burken
May 26 9:00 am	Brianna and Mary Iverson	Arlene Severson & Sheryl Arms	TBD

Communion: Jackie Joanis

Candle Care: Steve Putz

Please consider sharing flowers for our worship services. A signup list is on the table in the Narthex near the volunteer signup sheet for you to note if and when you would like to bring flowers to add beauty for our services. If flowers are for a special occasion, please note that on the signup sheet.



Volunteers needed to serve as a greeter/usher, lector, or for other worship service tasks, please sign up on the sheet that is on a clip board in the Narthex.



May

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:30am - noon MomCo meeting Confirmation 6:00 Worship	2	3 Ecumenical Women's Salad Luncheon Noon Fellowship Hall	4
5 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	6	7 9:00 am Quilting / FS Hall 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	8 8:30am - noon MomCo meeting Confirmation 6:00 Worship	9	10	11
12 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	13	14 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	15 8:30am - noon MomCo meeting Confirmation 6:00 Worship	16 1:00pm—W-ELCA Bible Study in Fireside Lounge	17	18
19 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	20	21 9:00 am Quilting / FS Hall 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room 6:30 Council Meeting	22 8:30am - noon MomCo meeting NO Confirmation 6:00 Worship	23 Tidings articles due	24	25
26 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	27	28 9:00 am Quilting / FS Hall 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	29 8:30am - noon MomCo meeting Momco Banquet 9-10 Confirmation 6:00 Worship	30 Tidings crew	31	



**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**
Sunday 9:00am
Wednesday 6:00pm

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 Monday-Thursday

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Pastor Joe Iverson

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We wish a warm welcome to our
 new custodian—**Robert Cada!**

If you see him around be sure to
 say hello!

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