

The fool says in his heart,
"There is no God."
-Psalm 14

Good Tidings Zion Members, and blessings to you this Easter Season!

Did you know that April Fools Day started over 400 years ago? In 1582 there was a switch in calendars from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. But some people didn't get the memo, and continued to celebrate the new year the last week in March, and became the April fools. When I was growing up we'd always do some April Fools prank, nothing too mischievous, but just fun. A couple of years ago the iconic Wisconsin Brewing company New Glarus, that makes "Spotted Cow," a fan favorite, came out with a press release. For those that don't know, it is only sold in Wisconsin, but the press release said it was no longer going to be available in Wisconsin but only in Maine. The release looked very official and I definitely bought it for a second until I remembered what day it was.

But with the verse up above, I don't want to focus as much on the "Fool" part, but the "says in his heart" part. See, those that do not believe, especially folks claiming to be atheist, make an argument cloaked in intellectualism. But almost universally it is actually a posture of the heart. Something has happened, they knew someone of faith who hurt them, or saw them hurt someone else. Maybe they studied a little bit of the horrible parts of church history where Christians killed each other for many years because they believed differently. The command to Love and pray for your enemies given by Jesus, has never been convenient.

The entire Bible consists of this story of God showing or telling God's people the way, and God's people messing it up. And This didn't stop after the Bible. So those who do not believe, it is often a posture of the heart, that they can't reconcile a faith in God with their experience with the people who claim to follow Jesus.

People don't often think about how Christians are usually the largest factor influencing people not to believe, or just walk away from the faith.

In this age in faith, this concept can happen here too. Years ago, if some place was your church, even if you didn't like something, you wouldn't leave because your family has attended for generations. But this is a different day. When we have visitors, it will take each of us looking and thinking, "Has anyone connected with that person?" Or if they're parents, unsure if they are welcome with their small, and not always quiet kids, it will take more than one person coming up to them, "Thank you for bringing your kids, and don't worry about the occasional noises that kids make." We basically need what

Basketball calls a "Full Court Press," meaning everyone plays an important role in making sure we create the kind of atmosphere that will welcome all people. My own Grandparents were married here at Zion over 60 years ago, and I would love to see this ministry continue in a vibrant way for many decades to come. God has worked through so many people here for decades, and it has always taken some creative thinking, and will especially continue to be so as we try to reach out in the community with the message of Good news and A God of love.

Thank you for your participation, support and dedication to the ministry of Zion and making a difference in this community. Jesus shows us time and time again that there is new life to be found, because this is what Jesus has always been about.

Happy Easter to you and your family

He Is Risen! ><>

Pr. Joe Iverson

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



*For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has
come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.*

—Song of Solomon 2:11-12



March Reports

Attendance & Giving Reports

Sun., March 3	94 people
Sun., March 10	52 people
Sun., March 17	61 people
Sun., March 24	70 People
Sun., March 31	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



Thank You, Bakers!!

We made it happen again! We delivered 400 cookies for LuMin on **Tuesday, March 19th**. What a great way to reach out to UWL students!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bake cookies and/or assisted with the packaging and delivery!

And thank you to **Zion Outreach** for organizing this terrific outreach opportunity!



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Easter Bag donation drive! We were able to make **24 Easter bags** filled with candy, small toys, socks, and other goodies. They were delivered to the Food Pantry along with \$30 kwikTrip gift cards. All Easter Bags were distributed and the certificates were gifted to two larger families. What a great way to support our community!

Zion Outreach

Thank you to the **Schaller Family** for providing the beautiful palms for Palm Sunday!



We want to extend a special thanks to **Wayne Meunier** for stepping up to fill in as custodian as we have been searching for someone to permanently fill that role. Wayne has kept the church in excellent condition and went above and beyond in his role!

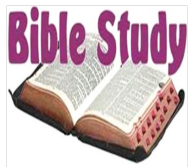
Thanks Wayne!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during this 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 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!

April 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 April 18th at 1:00pm in the
Fireside Room.

Recently Retired Retreat

Open to ALL Retired / Almost-Retired Folks!

April 8th-10th, 2024

Join a community of retired folks to enjoy
some camaraderie and some
experienced advice.

Leaders will be diving into Spiritual, Mental,
Physical, and Financial wellness, so you can
make the most of this exciting chapter.

Register online at
www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Coming Soon: Who's Your Hero?

April 18 & 25, 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

HELP SEND STUDENTS TO BIBLE CAMP

**The opportunity exists this year for
individuals to assist with sending
students to either weeklong or day
Bible camps.**

We have one student going to weeklong
camp and 2-5 student going to day
camps. Full price for the weeklong camp
is nearly \$700 although the camps have
some subsidies available.

**Bible camps can be instrumental in
helping young people develop and
grow in faith.**

If you would like to contribute to a camper
scholarship, please place any amount of
money you choose in the special monthly
envelope and write camper scholarship
on the envelope.

If writing a check, make out to Zion and
write camper scholarship in the memo
line. Many of us no longer have the
energy to teach young people and this is
one way we can make a difference.

Coming Soon: Unearthing the Bible

April 18 & 25, 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

Galesville MomCo Thrift Sale!

Saturday, April 6th 7am-2pm

Zion Lutheran Church
20335 W Gale Ave
Galesville, WI



Item Donations Accepted

See Website for details

ziongale.com/GalesvillesMomCo.html

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Jim Filkouski	4/1
Virginia Anderson	4/4
Isaac Iverson	4/4
Jordy Nelson	4/4
James Reedy	4/10
Lisa Gunderson	4/12
Mary L. Poss	4/13
Kurt Thesing	4/13
Jaron Redsten	4/14
Micheal Gunderson	4/16
Jana Knights	4/16
Lori Meinking	4/18
Eileen Trim	4/18
Carol Schaller	4/19
Josie Nelson	4/20
Ashley Knights	4/22
Harper Todd	4/25
Jennifer Seiling	4/26
Daniel Baer	4/27
Jodi Cook	4/28
Karen Weltzien	4/28

HAPPY Anniversary

**Gregory and Rhonda
Gartner**
April 3rd

**Steve and Robin
Dagendesh**
April 13th

John and Shelbie Haug
April 29th

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 **February 20th, 2024**

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

Absent: Marilyn Braunreiter, Financial Secretary; Louise Janke, Membership and Shepherding

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Carmen Nuland at 6:40pm. Devotions and prayer were led by Pastor Joe. Motion was made by Karen Weltzien to approve the January Council minutes; motion was seconded and passed. Kathy Meunier made a motion to approve the January treasurer's report; the motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

The dishwasher in the kitchen is not working properly: Karen Weltzien will check into getting repairs done.

Our WELCA is not interested in having a bake sale in conjunction with the MOPS Thrift Sale on April 6th. Pastor Joe will offer the option to ministers in our area who have youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer.

New business:

1. As part of the downstairs kitchen remodel, it has been requested that the large unused fan coil heating unit in the ceiling be removed. A bid from Deml Controls, Inc. has been received not exceed \$2,240. to accomplish this. There is an unused unit in the upstairs janitors closet that could be removed at the same time by Deml for an additional \$650. A motion was made by Kathy Meunier to accept the bids for both units with money for the downstairs kitchen to come out of kitchen remodeling funds, and the cost of removing the janitors closet coil to come out of the Improvement Fund. The motion was seconded and passed. The work would be completed in late spring, likely May, when the heating season is done for the summer.

2. Lavonne Prudlick has requested to have a Palm Sunday Brunch on March 24th as a fundraiser with a free will donation. The money would go to the kitchen remodeling fund. Karen Weltzien made a motion to approve this. The motion was seconded and approved.

3. Pastor Joe will be on vacation this week from Thursday through Sunday. Karen Weltzien volunteered to be the council member on call during his absence.

4. MOPS has been renamed to MomCo. The Leadership group for MomCo requests to use the small room beside the nursery to store items for the April 6th Thrift Sale. This is approved to begin at any time provided the carpet is completely covered prior to moving any items in. The advertising for the sale should be clear that this is primarily a MomCo fundraiser.

5. The Finance committee asks if it is possible to invest any of the money for the kitchen remodel in a CD for 5% for 6-13 months. It is felt that the money will need to be accessed sooner than this would allow.

6. The question of hiring a short-term Youth Director for a couple of hours a week for the purpose of coordinating Vacation Bible School is directed to the Executive Committee.

Information and reports:

The Outreach Committee will ask our congregation to donate cookies for Lutheran Campus Ministry in Lacrosse (LuMin). The date is yet undetermined. A signup sheet will be placed in the Narthex.

Pastor Joe's report included that we are in the process of interviewing candidates for the custodial position, Ash Wednesday services are in process with Soup Supper preceding the worship service. He completed 7 member visits in the last month. He is involved with the beginning planning for a 7 congregation VBS this summer. Two of our council members were able to attend the council development retreat; he was unable to attend due to COVID in his household.

MomCo (MOPS) had two speakers in the last month with good tips about marriage, raising kiddos, and anger management.

The next meeting will be March 19th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Weltzien. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm with prayer by Pastor Joe.

**Kathy Meunier,
Council Secretary**

Children's Ministry

MomCo-MOPS Update:

On **January 17**, we had 4 lovely ladies join us for our Titus 2 panel. We had the most wonderful time learning from these women about marriage, raising kiddos and everything in between. One of my favorite takeaways was a picture message from a mom who raised seven kids. One day, she came to the Lord crying out to him about how her jug was empty and all of her kids have cups with holes with them and she simply didn't have anything left to fill their cups with. The Lord answered her, you aren't the jug, you are a funnel and it's your job to help funnel my love into each of their cups. I thought this was such a beautiful and thought provoking word picture on what our real job is as moms. On **February 7th**, we had Annie come chat with us about anger management. Annie did an incredible job of connecting to our moms in normalizing the stresses of motherhood, mental health as well as biological issues, but also challenging women to overcome those obstacles and love their children well. She gave many tips, tricks and practical ways to combat each of these issues so that women can successfully navigate their anger.

On **February 21st**, one of our table leaders Sarah talked to us about "The Second Mile Marriage". She did a fantastic job of boldly sharing the gospel, as she felt she couldn't encourage people well in their marriages without mentioning the designer of marriage. Then she provided many practical tips and ways that we can go the extra mile for our marriage to encourage intimacy, growth and love within our homes. The women walked away with tangible steps that they could take in order to care for their spouse in a new way. This week was also exciting as we welcome two new moms to our group that are so excited to have found a community that "gets them." On **March 6th**, we invited a mom of ten named Krista, who came and chatted with us about age-appropriate chores as well as just managing a houseful of kids in general. Again, women were equipped with practical take home tips to help their household run smoother, ease tension and stress, as well as teach their kids important life skills. We continue to see so much beauty in this ministry as women get more connected and continue to grow in their faith as well as in their mothering skills. We are very excited about our meeting on **March 20** with Pastor Kelly from First Free Church who will be sharing the gospel with us, if you could please pray for the hearts of women to be open to God's redeeming message of hope, it would be greatly appreciated.

Name Change:

One more thing I wanted to bring to your attention, MOPS International is doing some re-branding this year. They are renaming the group to the MomCo. The mission of the group remains the same, it is simply the name changing. I attached an informational video about the changes to give a more in depth look at why this is happening. We have just begun this conversation with our leaders and will be starting to slowly roll it out throughout the spring and will officially be rebranded for the fall. We will keep you in the loop of what all this looks like and are happy to answer any and all questions that might come up. One thing to note is that all of our signage for the MOPS garage sale will actually be rebranded to the new name, this way we can use the same materials for next year's garage sale as well. We will be changing our current name Galesville MOPS to Galesville MomCo.

The MomCo - MOPS

Garage Sale Info:

On April 6th from 7am-2pm we will be having our MomCo garage sale. We are hoping that we can get a group to commit on selling baked goods. All proceeds will go to MOPS with 10% going toward the Zion Kitchen remodel and 10% going towards the Summer Lunch Program.

Items we will not be accepting: TVs, adult clothing, broken/damaged items, cribs, car seats, mattresses, couches or printers. If you bring kids clothes, it helps immensely if they are sorted by gender and size! More details to come.

Sunday School Month of February:

For more information contact: Kristy Braunreiter 608.386.4394 or church office.

Reasons to attend Sunday School:

- >To learn about God and the Bible
- >To develop your faith and equip you to help others
- >To meet and connect with other Christians
- >To have fun and enjoy creative activities
- >To share and receive prayer and support
- >To strengthen the church and encourage others to attend



Our Sunday School members have been hard at work making Kindness Rocks. If you see one hidden or in plain sight, IT'S YOURS! Look at the design or/and read the message and please know that every rock was created with love by the children of our congregation. Pass the message on to others for inspiration and spirituality growth.

The children of Zion are learning and growing in their faith every week. It makes my week to see their smiles and hear their laughter.



We have started a "define that word from the Bible" activity. Each week the kids pick one word from our card deck, we define it and if appropriate find it in the church. Some words in the bible can be confusing or complex and this activity helps our little ones visualize, practice, and touch to increase retention. Our first word was Baptismal Font, which was a great way to explore the church. Wow! As we sat next to the font the questions and discussion from these little ones was FANTASTIC. They want to learn, and when presented with the opportunity they can thrive and absorb so many things.



Last week it was advised by a little one, that if I brought them to the park to play every Sunday that I would be their favorite person in the world. While the offer was tempting, I was able to make a compromise. So, if you see us on the playground, please know we are doing our lesson with a little play included!

April Serving Schedule

Date	Ushers / Greeters	Organist/Pianist	Communion Server
<u>April 7</u> 9:00 am	U: Gary Meunier & G: Mary McKeeth	Selisa Erickson	Chuck Forster
<u>April 14</u> 9:00 am	Jim and Kathy Filkouski	Nancy Martinovici	Kathy Filkouski
<u>April 21</u> 9:00 am	U: Wayne Meunier G: Arlene Severson	Kathy Meunier	Barb Longwell
<u>April 28</u> 9:00 am	U: Bob Guertler G: Arlene Severson	Eddie Kim	Chuck Forster

Date	Lectors	Offering Counters	Coffee Fellowship
<u>April 7</u> 9:00 am	Chuck Forster	John & Sue Breitung	Linda Dale & Shery Brady
<u>April 14</u> 9:00 am	Brianna and Mary Iverson	John & Sue Breitung	Cheryl Nelson & Marj Jacobs
<u>April 21</u> 9:00 am	Barb Longwell	John & Sue Breitung	Filkouski Family
<u>April 28</u> 9:00 am	Chuck Forster	John & Sue Breitung	Jackie Joanis

Communion: Nancy Goller

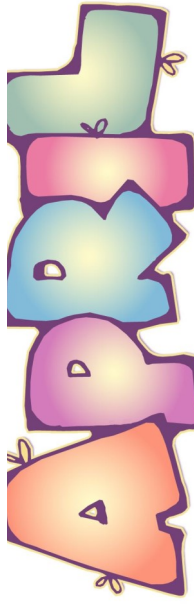
Candle Care: Dan Baer

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.

**SIGN
UP
TODAY!**



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	8	9 9:00 am Quilting / FS Hall 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	10 8:30am - noon MOPS meeting Confirmation 6:36 Worship	11	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	15	16 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	17 8:30am - noon MOPS meeting Confirmation 6:36 Worship	18 1:00pm—W-ELCA Bible Study in Fireside Lounge Tidings articles due	19	20
21 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	22	23 9:00 am Quilting / FS Hall 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room 6:30 Council Meeting	24 8:30am - noon MOPS meeting Confirmation 6:36 Worship	25 Tidings crew	26	27
28 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	29	30 9:00 am Quilting / FS Hall 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	31 8:30am - noon MOPS meeting Confirmation 6:36 Worship			



**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**
Sunday 9:00am
Wednesday 6:36pm

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 Monday-Thursday

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Pastoral emergency:

Pastor Joe Iverson

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

He started with us during Holy
 Week, so if you see him be sure to
 say hello!

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