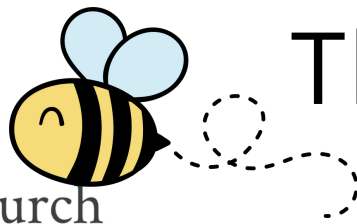




Zion Lutheran Church



The Messenger

May 2025

A Message from the Zion Lutheran Council President :

May Day – time to put away the umbrellas for those April showers and welcome the blooming flowers of May. At the same time we celebrate the coming of spring, we also must recall the most Holy Week of the church year. We welcomed Vicar Jake's return from the sunny south to lead us through the week. The week began with Palm Sunday with the Sunday School children, choir and Council members processing into church waving the palm branches in recognition of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Thank you to our Music & Worship Committee, Faith Formation and the choir for our beautiful service. That service was followed by a brunch where great food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Many thanks go out to all the wonderful cooks and the willing hands that insured success.

Unfortunately the joy of that Palm Sunday in ancient Jerusalem did not last and the journey to Calvary began. Maundy Thursday service incorporated the foot washing as Jesus had done for his disciples at the Last Supper. It is our reminder that we are to serve one another. Then came the pain and sadness of Good Friday, witnessing the crucifixion of our Savior on the cross, a time when it seemed that hope itself had died. A wonderful Good Friday ecumenical service at Unitarian Fellowship with participation of clergy from a number of valley churches including Vicar Jake was held. Zion held a worship service on Friday evening as well. Both services reminded us that the flicker of hope had not died with Jesus.

Then came Easter! What a great celebration. Not only were we reminded that the gift of eternal life had been given to us through the resurrection of Christ, but it was also praised through beautiful music provided by our choir and a brass quintet as well as our own organ with William Surtees at the keyboard. Surrounded by such great music and the beauty of the flowers decorating our sanctuary, we did indeed celebrate a Holy Easter.

May Day, however, has a darker meaning. It is often used to signal an alarm, of trouble coming and a need for help. This is the case with our Fellowship Hour. We can thank Colleen, Lynn, Karen & Elmer, Kandie K., Barb and Clint for all the delicious treats and the coffee we enjoy on Sunday mornings as well as the set-up and clean up. This is not achieved without hard work and cost. The present model is not sustainable without extra help on all fronts. The cost of food, whether donated, home-made or purchased keeps rising and hands get tired. If we are to continue our present format we need more individuals to step up. Other options could be explored such as occasionally skipping a Sunday, doing only coffee and cookies, etc. Please give this some prayerful thought. Fellowship is important; where one or two of us gathered in His name, He will be also. I believe He is present in our Fellowship Hall as well as our Sanctuary each Sunday.

We continue to move forward in our Affordable Housing Project. A meeting will be held with our consultant, Carrie Sanders, to determine what is feasible financially both for Zion itself and for the housing project. As developments occur, the information will be shared. Zion is a faith community which exists because our ancestors believed. As we "tiptoe through the tulips" of May, remember that we can be a positive force in the wider community and grow strong in our church community.

The Vicar's Views

"The Easter Season"



Christ is risen! Alleluia!

On Easter Day, we celebrated the miraculous resurrection of Jesus. The open tomb signifies that Jesus has accomplished his mission and redeemed his people from slavery to sin.

In the ELCA Lutheran tradition, Easter is not just a single day, but a 50-day season celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's a time to rejoice in the defeat of death and the hope of new life offered by Christ's sacrifice. Easter marks the end of Lent and the beginning of a new life in Christ through baptism and the sharing of the bread and wine of Easter. The Easter season concludes on the 50th day, the festival of Pentecost (June 8th)

The Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 directed that for the Western Church, Easter would be celebrated the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox (the Eastern Orthodox churches follow a different schedule today). This keeps it in close to the celebration of the Jewish Passover.

As Lutherans, we believe that we are not only freed from sin, but we are also filled with grace. We are to be living witnesses of Christ's resurrection by letting the grace we have received shine out for all to see in how we live our lives.

May we, at Zion, not only welcome those who enter our doors but also reach out to the community by sharing our God given gifts and talents. Thank you for all the ways that you serve the needs of our neighborhood, city, nation and world through your gifts of time, talent and treasure.



He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Vicar Jake

Scripture and Prayer during time of Transition from Vicar Jake:

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light—Matthew 11:28-30

Merciful God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the heart, bring hope and courage as we wait in uncertainty. Show us your mercy, relieve our fears and anxieties, help us to endure, and grant us patience and an expectant heart. With the assurance of your presence, may we abide in you, our God and our Savior. Amen.

Thank You From Zion

Thank you to our Donors: Earl Miller donated in memory of his wife, Janet. James Westphal donated in memory of his wife, Jan. Kandie Wilz donated in memory of Jim Wilz in celebration of Easter for the general fund. Darlene Roehl donated in memory of husband for the general fund.

**Thank you to all those who assisted with fellowship. Fellowship is an ongoing need; please volunteer
Thank you to those who have assisted with worship services by serving as assisting ministers, musicians or ushers and those who have assisted with outreach such as our homebound visitors.**

Thank you to all those who assisted with keeping the building and grounds maintained.

**Thank you to our office volunteers, Lynn Walter, JoAnn Salm, Sue Joosten, Janice Staedt,
Grace Van Eyck, Wendy Sachs and Pauline Meyer.**

Thank you to Tom Meltz who volunteers to shop for and fill the blessing box.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2025 Meeting began at 6:30 pm

Opening Devotion: Ray Pittman

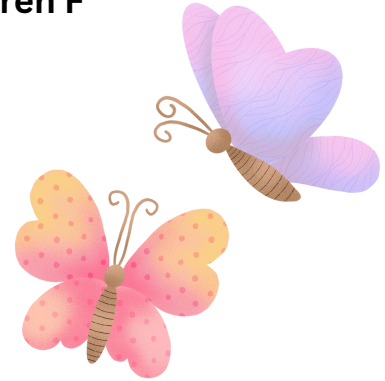
**Present: Sue Bunkert, Molly Kuba, Ray Pittman, Tom Meltz, Kyle Moseng, Kandie Wilz,
Amanda Kuba, Linda Van Bommel, Karen F**

Absent: None

Opening Devotion led by Ray Pittman

Approval of Agenda: motion made and approved

Approval of Minutes: motion made and approved



Parish Administers Report: Karen handed out the Financial Report from February. She noted that in February the member income is up from January.

Karen orally gave an update on happenings. She noted that the printer was installed and had a few issues at first but is now working well. Karen also mentioned that she is looking at giving Brian and Anita a credit card for Zion Mutual Homes usage. She noted that Grace is looking to have her name off the account. Karen will be meeting with Ben and Nash for lawn care in the coming days. Council approved using 10% of the bequest we received toward refurbishing of the bells.

Zion Mutual Homes: Hand out was given

Approval of Financial Report: motion made and approved

Old Business

Affordable Housing: Kandie was trying to get in contact with people. No one was responding. Council members gave Kandie contact information of any new updates/information she received.

New Business

Council Organization: Sue will continue as Present. Linda will be Vice President. Ray will continue as Treasure. Amanda will be Secretary.



Next Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:30pm

Devotion will be led by Kyle

Motion to dismiss at 8:00pm.

Closed meeting with The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Amanda Kuba



Monday, May 12, 2025

Sunday, May 4

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Ps 30
Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am
Worship Service 9:00 am
followed by
Coffee Hour
Sunday School & Confirmation

Submissions due for May's calendar

Third Sunday of Easter

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer
Assisting Ministers: Tommy Meltz
Reader: Amanda Kuba
Acolyte: Alexa Rusch
Musician: Heather Watney
Opens: Gene Wiese
Closes: Jodi Hoesli

Wednesday, May 7

Sunday, May 11

Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23
Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am
Worship Service 9:00 am
Followed by
Sunday School & Confirmation
No Fellowship due to Mother's Day

Tower RingerZ 4:15pm

Fourth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

Pastor Karen Jewell
Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt
Reader: Pennie Reis
Acolyte: Freya Budde
Musician: William Surtees
Opens: Jim Schley
Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Tuesday, May 13

Sunday, May 18

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148
Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am
Worship Service 9:00 am
followed by
Coffee Hour
Sunday School

Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am

Fifth Sunday of Easter & Confirmation Sunday

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer
Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck
Reader: Confirmation student & parent
Acolyte: Lily Gruselle
Musician: William Surtees
Opens: Greg Pettigrew
Closes: Jodi Hoesli

Monday, May 19

Sunday, May 25

Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67
Rev 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-9
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am
Worship Service 9:00 am
followed by Coffee Hour

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer
Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs
Reader: Jodi Hoesli
Musician: Heather Watney
Opens: Gwen Schwandt
Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day-Office Closed



Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and North Dakota. There is no income or residency requirement and for a \$25 cash bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries.

Ruby's
PANTRY



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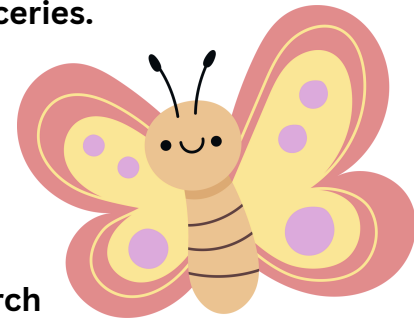
DAYS AND HOURS

1st Saturday of the Month

Registration begins at 7:00 AM

Food bundles available 8:00-10:00 AM

Hosted by: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church



601 South Washington Street, Combined Locks, Wisconsin 54113,

DAYS AND HOURS

1st Tuesday of the Month

Registration begins at 4:30 PM

Food bundles available 4:30-6:00 PM

Hosted by: First English Lutheran Church

Linwood Community Events

The Value of the Mediterranean Diet

Join us on Monday, May 19th at 11 AM as Yon Abel, our Wellness Coordinator presents information on the Mediterranean Diet. This diet is highly recommended because of its overall health benefits. It has been shown to reduce inflammation, lower blood pressure, improve cholesterol levels, help regulate blood sugar, provide a high intake of antioxidants, and help with weight management. It also has been shown to provide the nutrients essential for brain health and has been associated with a longer lifespan.



Save the Date for 2025

Pie & Ice Cream Social, June 22

Talk of the Town, July 13

Elvis John, August 17

Voices of Peace, September 21



Neighborhood Summer Camp at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Appleton

Get ready for an energizing summer at OSLC! Under Ted Tyvol's leadership, we're launching our first annual summer camp for children ages 7-12. From June 9 to August 22, 2025, 30-35 kids will dive into a world of fun, adventure, and discovery. Summer camp hours will be 7 AM-5:30 PM Monday-Friday. Please email summercamp@oslc-appleton.org for any questions.

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Photos from Karen Luedtke-Thank you Karen!