

Dear Members of Zion,

At a special meeting of the congregation on June 13/14, members approved two proposals from the Congregation Council. The first was replacing the 30+ year old roof on Augustana Hall with a seamless steel roof and the second was replacing the 58 year old lights, also in Augustana Hall, with new LED lighting.

The total cost of the two proposals is \$56,200 (roof - \$47,250 and lights- \$8,950). The Congregation Council proposed paying for the projects with monies from the Building Fund and the Church Improvement Fund, along with borrowing from ourselves from the general fund with the intent of paying the money back.

We are asking for your gifts to the Building Fund/Church Improvement Fund to help pay for these two necessary projects. You may use a pew pocket envelope or the Church Improvement Fund envelope found at the beginning of each month in your weekly offering envelope packet to make your gift.

Thank you for your support.
Zion Congregation Council

Walking Together – Fall of 2018

Delta Conference has scheduled their "Walking Together" event on Thursday evening, October 24th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba from 5:30-8:00pm.

Our event will include leadership training, address current concerns, equip us for the future, and offer the blessing of being "church" with other congregations in our area.

We will meet in Zion's parking lot at 4:15 p.m. on October 24th and carpool to Escanaba. Please note that the good people of Immanuel will be serving us a meal, so there are no dinner worries. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall. Feel free to contact Linda Levin or the office with any questions.

We hope to see you there!

Join us for Bible Study



The Monday night Bible study group will be meeting at 6:30, every 2nd and 4th Mondays, starting Sept. 9th. Pr. Eleanor Russey will be leading our study. The book "*The Mission Table*" by Stephen Bowman, will be the focus of our study this fall. If you have any questions about this opportunity for study, please contact the office.

Calling All
Gardeners!



We need help with keeping up the landscaping around our church property. Bushes need to be trimmed, weeds pulled, and trimming around the parking lot. If you have an hour or a day, we can use your help! Please see Shirley in the office or contact Linda Levin.

Quilting

On Monday, September 9th at 9:15 am, Augustana Hall will be humming with the sound of sewing machines and lively conversation. The quilters will be back doing what they love, making quilts for people in need around the world. They would like to thank all those who have made donations over the summer. All fabric is much appreciated. If you are interested in joining the group but don't sew, don't let that stop you. There are other things you can do. Also, they will be looking for someone who would be able to take the boxes of quilts and kits to First Lutheran in Gladstone in October. If you would be willing to help, please contact the church office at 341-5427.



Our choir will be starting practices on Wednesday September 11th, at 5:00pm. Here is a little information about our choir:

- Our choir sings an Anthem during Sunday worship, September through May.
 - We sing at the late Christmas Eve service.
 - All voices are welcome and you don't have to read music.
- If you would be interested in joining the choir, contact Rebecca Peterson, Linda Levin, or come to any practice.

We are looking for members who would be interested in becoming Communion Assistants. If you would like to help your Church in this manner, please contact Linda Levin or the office.



Communion Assistants



Sunday School will begin on September 8th. Sunday School is held during morning worship. Thanks to Sheila Clark for organizing Sunday School and to our teachers Sheila Clark, Jessica Columbus, Julie Gauthier, and Krista Maline.

Circle News

The Circles will be starting their monthly meetings on September 9th. If you are not a member of a circle and would be interested in joining one, please contact any one of the following ladies for more information:

Sarah Circle—Liz Macklem

Joy Circle—Donna Gauthier

Priscilla Circle—Shirley Leitgeb

Ruth Circle—Verda Kreuzwieser

Hope Circle—Sheila Clark

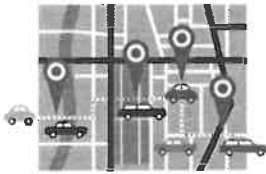
The **Sarah Circle** will meet Monday, September 9th in the church conference room at 1:00pm.

The **Joy Circle** will meet in the conference room on Thursday, September 12th, 10:00am. Be sure to bring your *Gather* magazine.

The **Priscilla Circle** will be going to lunch at the Big Boy on Tuesday, September 17th, 12:15pm.

The **Ruth Circle** will be meeting on Wednesday, September 18th, at 11:30am at the Upper Crust.

The members of the **Hope Circle** will meet on Thursday, September 19th, at 6:00pm in the conference room.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The **Manistique Ministerial Association** will once again be hosting a Progressive Dinner on September 22, starting at 4:00pm at the Mennonite Church with appetizers. Zion will be responsible for the soup course, salad at First United Methodist along with St. Albans, main course will be at First Baptist along with St. Francis and dessert at Redeemer. A free will donation will be taken after dessert. All monies stay with the Ministerial Association and are available for persons in need to pay for heat or gas to get to appointments.

God's Work/Our Hands

Will take place on Saturday, September 7th. We will again be beautifying our community. We will meet at the church at 10:00am. Hope to see you there!

The Evangelism & Membership Committee's Adopt-a-Highway clean up will be September 24th, from 5-7:00pm. We will meet at Augustana Hall 15 minutes early to review the safety video. In case of rain it will be Thursday, September 26th at the same time. We will be having pizza in Augustana Hall after.

NOISY OFFERINGS

July 2019	Habitat for Humanity	\$130.64
August 2019	Answer the Call	\$89.07

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Below is a brief description for Quilts & Kits needed for Lutheran World Relief. If you aren't part of Zion's Quilters or a member of Circle but would like to help, please read on. Your willingness to help will be greatly appreciated here at Zion and wherever a need exists.

Quilts--Imagine the comfort that comes with a hug when someone is in a time of deepest need. The simple combination of fabric & thread reach those with some of the greatest needs. Most often LWR Quilts are used to shield against the cold and rain, but they are also useful as simple tents, floor coverings or a wrap to carry a baby on his mothers back.

School Kits

The following items are included in each school kit:

- 4 70 pg. notebooks; no loose-leaf paper
 - 5 ball point pens secured with a rubber band
 - 5 unsharpened #2 pencils secured with a rubber band
 - 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
 - 1 30cm ruler or one with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
 - 1 pencil sharpener
 - 1 pair blunt scissors
- All items are packed in a drawstring backpack-style bag, approx. 14" x 17", with shoulder straps.

Personal Care Kits

The following items are included in each personal care kit:

- 1 bath size towel, dark color
- 2 bath size bars of soap, in original wrapper
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original package
- 1 sturdy comb remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers remove packaging

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

John Ozanich

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushions

Carol Carlson

David & Flo Demers—Nordic Project

Dr. Daniel Pontius

Randy & Cindy Olli—Roofing fund



Dear Partners in Ministry,

Thank you so much for your generosity!

For the past two years, the theme and focus for our Synod has been "Equipping the Saints for Ministry". Your Mission Support and special gifts to and through our Synod make this possible. Thank you for your designated gifts in 2019:

2/26/19 Lutheran Disaster Relief-\$199.65

5/16/19 Synod Assembly World Hunger-\$1,602.67

Your mission support gifts make an impact nationally and globally, as our synod sends 47% to support the broader and deeper ministries of the ELCA.

Our impact in the world, as we seek to make a difference in Jesus' name, is greater together.

Thank you for your very practical and important support of what God is doing in the through us all.

I am grateful for your partnership!

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

Dear Congregation,

I would like to thank you for your 7/31/19 donation of \$130.64. Your commitment to support Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand (HfHH) is so important to our organization. When you support HfHH, you are a part of something very special in the communities we serve.

Your belief in HfHH as a valuable community asset will allow us to do some great work for families who need a hand up in the coming months. But, the impact doesn't stop there. The volunteers who work with these families leave with an experience that will stay with them for life. And, the improvements made to these homes make a huge impact on the neighborhood and, essentially, the town.

If you would like to learn more about our affiliate, our mission, or our current projects, please visit our website at www.hiawathalandhabitat.com, visit our Facebook page by searching for Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand, or call our office at (906) 341-7437. I would be happy to speak with you at any time.

On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors, Habitat families, and volunteers, *Thank You!*

With sincere gratitude,
Ann M. MacGregor
Executive Director



Thank you to all who have shared their musical talents with us this summer: Megan Espinosa, Darrell Dixon, Christopher Reid, Janet Helmbold, Elise Calhoun, Steve Haarman, Jeremy Connin, Don Carlson and Jim Weber.

Congregation Council Highlights – August Meeting

- +The Congregation Council “officially” hired Pastor Dennis Meyette as our new Administrative Interim Pastor. An interim pastor is paid \$500 per month + mileage.
- + Pastor Meyette will be leading worship on Sunday, September 1, 2019.
- +The Stewardship Committee is working on the Fall Stewardship Program: JOY-SERVICE-SACRIFICE.
- +October 20, 2019 will be designated World Hunger Sunday.
- +The next Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up is September 24 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- +We need people to help with gardening/trimming around the church and Augustana Hall.
- +The roof on Augustana Hall is finished!
- +The replacement of the lighting in Augustana Hall will begin in September.
- +Schedules for Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study have been set.
- +The Altar painting will be restored beginning September 1, 2019.
- +The Progressive Dinner, sponsored by the Manistique Ministerial Association will be on Sunday, September 22.
- +On Sundays when no one has signed up to host coffee hour, the coffee pot will be on and members are invited to share a cup of coffee!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

September 1 —Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16,
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21,
Luke 14:25-33

September 15—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17,
Luke 15:1-10

September 22—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

September 29—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

A Free Community Meal, sponsored by Good Neighbors Services and Cooks Congregational Church will be served at the VFW Hall in Manistique, Saturday, September 21st, from 12-2:00pm. Please RSVP to 906-341-3927 if you would like to attend. This meal is open to everyone.

A "**Service of Honor**" to honor First Responders and Military personnel will be held on Sunday, September 8th 3:00pm at St. Francis de Sales Church.

M-D-S Community Action Agency and
Human Resources Authority, Inc.
507 First Ave. North
Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 786-7080 Ext. 144

SUBJECT: Senior Companion Volunteer Open Recruitment

The Senior Companion Program is in need of your help. We are currently recruiting more volunteers, there is such a high demand for our services but not enough volunteers to meet the need. The Senior Companion Program Volunteers add richness to the lives of their clients, while providing access to the community, including grocery shopping, transportation to medical appointments and opportunities for socialization. In addition to improving the lives of their clients, Senior Companions find their lives enriched through services to others. Their efforts are aimed at helping others live as fully and independently as possible. We are requesting, if possible, for you to put the following in your upcoming bulletin.

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 Community Action Agency at (906) 786-7080 Ext. 144 or 1-800-562-9131.

Thanks again.
Sincerely,

Linda Paulin
Supervisor/Coordinator
lpaulin@mdscaa.org

FROM THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

Mission Interpreters Needed

Pastor Jim is still looking for Mission Interpreters. Mission Interpreters visit a congregation and thank people for their mission support and tell the mission story of our synod. God is at work and these stories need to be told! If you like your church, and don't mind speaking in front of people, perhaps God is calling you to be a Mission Interpreter. Call Pastor Jim Duehring at the Synod Office to learn more: 906-228-2300.

Looking for a Good Devotional Resource?

Check out our synod website and the "Prayfaithfully Resource". People from our synod write weekly devotionals. Go to www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully to explore this resource. Make daily devotions a part of your routine. You'll be blessed by this inspiring discipline. **Maybe God is inspiring you to write for this synod devotional resource.** If interested, contact Betsy Koski in the Synod Office, 906-228-2300 or bakoski@nglsynod.org.

"By Faith"

Honoring Suomi Seminary
1904 - 1958

You are invited to the "By Faith" event celebrating the rich history of the Suomi Seminary and the lives and ministries of its graduates!

September 21-22, 2019

Finlandia University

Hancock, MI

Fortune Lake Happenings

Inspired Yoga Retreat designed to create a sense of renewal and restoration for your mind and body. We hope you find joy, laughter, fun, friendship and inner peace. The wellness journey starts a 6:00pm Friday, September 13 and ends at 11:00am on Sunday, September 15. Lodging & cost for Grace or Emanuel Retreat Lodge (double occupancy, linens provided) \$120.00 per person. Duplex (up to 5 adults/side, no linen service) \$100.00 per person. Optional 30 min. massage for \$45.00. Online registration is open now. Written registration forms are available by request. Registration deadline is September 5.

Quilts and Fine Arts Auction Saturday, October 5. Preview from 9-11:00am. Buffet Brunch will be served 9-10:30am. The auction begins promptly at 11:00am

A thought for Labor Day

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.



~From the Bishop~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the past year, many of you heard me tell stories meant to illustrate some aspect of our new reality as church. I take this opportunity to share one of those stories with all our readers of our Notes & Quotes Synod newsletter. When I had first graduated from college, I became a Youth Director at a church in East St. Paul, MN. It was only part-time, so to supplement our income, I found a job at JC Penney's for two evenings a week and every other weekend. Because I was already a Youth Director, I requested that on Sundays I be given permission to arrive late for my Penney's shift, since I needed to be in worship. So my first day of work, I am given a nametag. Lo, and behold, the nametag not only has my name on it, but also the title, *Fashion Specialist*. That I was a specialist in anything was news to me. Apparently, because my shoes matched at the interview, I had been granted this elevated status.



Never mind that I had not been trained in fashion and I had no idea how to tie the currently in vogue neck scarves that were so popular in the early 90's. As I greeted customers and asked, "Can I help you?" I realized that the ladies who shopped at

Penney's believed that I knew what I was doing, simply because my nametag said so. I pretended until I actually knew something. Over time, I gained confidence dispensing fashion advice about skirt length and style, colors and seasonal palettes. I also realized, that even though my nametag didn't say this, my co-workers knew I was a churchgoer. Because I showed up late on Sundays, they knew that I was a person of

faith, and so even though my nametag did not say Christian or churchgoer, my co-workers came to me with questions about God, wanting to discuss how I thought God worked in the world, what about suffering, free will, prayer? As we detangled swimsuit strings, straightened racks, and folded sweaters, the Misses department at Penney's became a holy space, a space where faith and doubt was explored and questions of God considered.

Truthfully, I felt just as equipped for these kind of conversations as I did to dispense fashion advice. I knew as much or as little as any churchgoer. Yet, I also knew that I was as close to church as many of my JCP co-workers were going to get. So I did my best to explore with them, listen, and also proclaim that God is a God of love. So how would you behave differently in the world, what kind of expectations would your co-workers or neighbors have of you, if you went around with a nametag that said, "Christian", or "Believer in Christ", or "Follower of Jesus."? What would that mean for how they think of you and how you think of yourself and what you feel capable of? Our faith is meant to make a difference, both in who we are and how we are with others. I do believe there is value and blessing in having our faith be as visible to the world as a nametag, even if you don't feel fully equipped or qualified to embody all that that means. Even if we do not wear a nametag that proclaims our faith, when our lives show it, people are drawn to the light of Christ that shines through you. Do not be afraid to speak about how you think God works in the world, or about prayer, or about your own doubts and hopes and convictions. I believe you are more capable than you know. God bless your conversations of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan