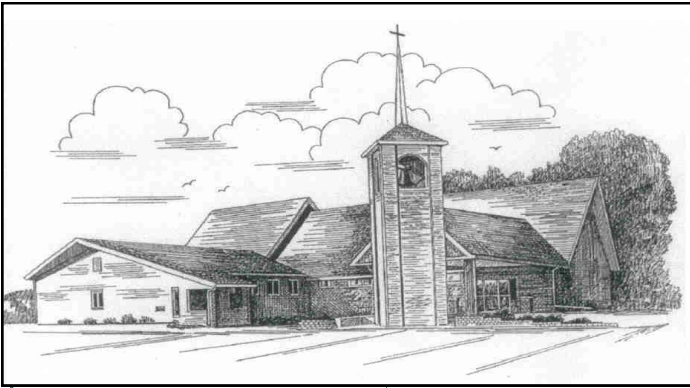




*Zion Lutheran Church
Arlington, MN*

June Newsletter

June 2026

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Note from Pastor Gretchen

Chattin' It Up...

- Paving the Way
- Summer Fun
- June Worship Assistants

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and the same spirit...

1Corinthians 12:4

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At a MN Valley Conference gathering of pastors and deacons, we heard a presentation from Global Refuge, a Lutheran organization working with immigrants and refugees and asylum seekers. The presentation began with two questions for us to discuss at our tables: Share where your ancestors came from (if you know); Or share a time when you remember feeling welcome.

It was inspiring to hear where my table mates came from and their stories of welcome. Everyone's ancestor story was exciting, and the stories of welcome people experienced were so warming.

The presenter explained that the work they do at Global Refuge is 'a long welcome'. Many of the people they work with were successful in the place they came from, but for various reasons it was no longer safe for them and their family to remain.

When people arrive here (or other countries where Global Refuge also works) the needs include everything it takes to get established in a new community. The resources they bring with them are the skills from the lives they left behind. Some are doctors, and teachers, business owners and farmers.

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The apostle Paul wrote that *"there are many gifts and the same spirit..."* (1 Corinthians 12:4)

I got to thinking about Zion. There are many gifts that are present here, doctors and teachers, business owners and farmers...card makers, bakers and quilters, crocheters and knitters, musicians and mowers, and more...

The spirit has generously inspired us all for the ongoing ministry of the gospel. I am grateful for you, for the 'long welcome' you extend to me and my family and to each other. I am grateful for gifts you bring to the ministry we share. And I am grateful to be your pastor as we begin our 4th year together.

Gratefully yours,

Pastor Gretchen Pierskalla



Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates

Mausten Krueger, Adyson Beneke, Hannah Bartlette and Jamie Kahlow

In the Lives of our Members

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Tina Schauer | 18 Jordan Herd |
| 2 Tom Hatlestad | 19 Diane Hatlestad |
| 13 Caleb Pautsch | 19 Megan Pederson |
| 15 Cooper Heeren | 26 Steve Trocke |
| 16 Katie Fredin | 28 Lisa Strobel |
| 18 Darrel Alsleben | |



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| June 2, 2018 | Alex & Katie Fredin |
| June 6, 1987 | Dale & Laurie Stern |
| June 9, 1973 | Brad & Brenda Danielson |
| June 11, 2011 | Ross & Cindi Bergs |
| June 14, 2008 | Jon & Jacque Hazelwood |
| June 14, 2003 | Paul & Carrie Bartlette |
| June 15, 1968 | Al & Mary Albrecht |
| June 15, 2013 | Bill & Wendy Wark |
| June 17, 1995 | Jim & Wendy Pederson |
| June 26, 2010 | Matt & Jan Giesen |



Hold up in prayer....

Christy Hebeisen in her battle with cancer

Dilshad Perani—family friend of Kamps family.
Battling rare chronic disease.



Remember Our Homebound Members

Bayside Manor

Rhoda Woehler

Lyle Woehler

French Meadow-LeSueur

Deb Otto

At home in Winsted

Luverne Bergs

May Creek, Walker, MN

Gary Revier

At home in Arlington

Hylma Matzke



**Zion Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Highlights
Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

The meeting opened with devotions by Pastor Gretchen Pierskalla titled *“Gifts to Give Our Future Self.”* The agenda was approved, and Stacy Haggenmiller was officially appointed as Recording Secretary to support the Church Council with meeting minutes, council packets, and administrative tasks.

Council approved the April meeting minutes and discussed several financial matters during the Treasurer’s Report. A motion passed to reinvest the church’s \$60,000 certificate of deposit into another three-month CD. The council hopes to receive updates soon from Mueller & Sons regarding the parking lot project. April closed with a deficit for the month’s business of \$895.52, and the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Pastor Pierskalla reflected on Holy Week activities. Upcoming events include Confirmation, a Youth Retreat, and Systems Academy in Chicago.

Board reports included:

- Sunday School concluded on May 10, and local Vacation Bible School opportunities are being explored.
- Stewardship reported a successful church clean-up day and announced the next Clattering Coins for Christ collection on June 21.
- Trustees completed miscellaneous repairs and discussed adding a parking lot maintenance budget line for seal coating and crack repair.
- Worship and Music finalized music selections through July 26, discussed the possibility of outdoor worship during parking lot construction, and noted the need to replace Microsoft Publisher before its retirement in October 2026.

Under Old Business, council reviewed updates on the handicap ramp access door and parking lot project. Concrete repairs near the ramp will be addressed during the parking lot work, and fundraising efforts continue through the church carnival. Connection cards remain under development.

In New Business, council discussed Water’s Edge Ministries youth scholarships. A motion passed to provide the current camper with a \$50 scholarship to complete registration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for June 10, 2026, with Committee Night at 6:00 p.m. and Church Council at 7:00 p.m.



Coffee Hour—The confirmation youth have indicated they would like to go to Confirmation Camp at Camp House in 2027. They are looking to raise money to attend Camp. The proceeds from Coffee Hour from March through June have been designated for Camp.





Paving the Way—Parking Lot Fundraising

We have cancelled the summer festival celebration due to a lack of participation interest. We are hoping to have a better response in having a September fundraiser for our new parking lot upgrade. Please let the committee know of any other fundraising planned idea, every little bit brings us closer, we are already at \$103,000 which is 59% of our fundraising goal!

Core Parking Lot Committee

Bruce Kallhoff, Laurie Stern & Mary Sylwester

SUMMER FUN:



Friday, June 19th Pizza and a Movie Night

6 p.m. for Pizza at Zion to catch the 7 p.m. movie at Lido.

Sign up on the clipboard! Bring \$10 to help cover pizza and movie tickets.

Monday, July 27 Packing session from 5-6:15 p.m. at Feed My Starving Children located at 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317 Carpool leaves at 3:45 p.m. SIGN UP on the clip board BY JULY 19. Pick up a permission slip for youth participants.



August 13-16, CampHouse Ordinary Time

Sign up to be part of a relaxing time away at camp with worship, music, arts and activities. Carpool on Thursday and return on Sunday. Sign up on the bulletin board.

ZCW

Bible Study Group

Tuesday Circle and Wednesday Circle

Will not meet for the months of June, July and August



We will have our first quilt gathering on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 10 a.m. in our designated quilting room located in the basement. Come and take a look at how the room is being outfitted for quilting. Suggestions on how to improve “our space” are welcome. Coffee and treats will be provided. Feel free to bring a bag lunch if you want to socialize over the lunch hour.

We will meet again on Tuesday, June 16, at 10 a.m. Future gathering dates and times will likely change, depending on what works best for everyone. We are a work-in-process. However, the room will also be open on non-gathering days to work on quilting projects, either individually or in small groups.



Board of Stewardship

CHANGE IS HAPPENING AT ZION! And we like it! June 21st is the next Clattering Coins collection. Save your change and make a lot of noise!

June Hunger Jar is dedicated to Feed My Starving Children.

June Bible Readings

June 7 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15—6:6 - God desires steadfast love

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25 - The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 - Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter

June 14 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a - The covenant with Israel at Sinai

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8 - While we were sinners, Christ died for us

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23] - The sending of the Twelve

June 21 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13 - The prophet must speak despite opposition

Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11 - Buried and raised with Christ by baptism

Matthew 10:24-39 - The cost of discipleship

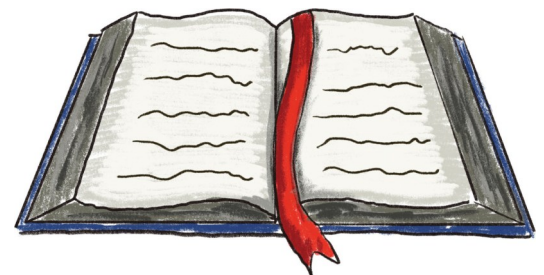
June 28 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9 - The test of a true prophet

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23 - No longer under law but under grace

Matthew 10:40-42 - Welcome Christ in those he sends



CONFIRMATION CORNER



Confirmation—Sunday, May 17
Jacqueline Christeson and Peyton Wieman

COMMITTEE *night*



CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday, June 11 at 6p
Church Council to follow at 7p

With Thankful Hearts

Thank you for your recent generous gift for supporting the services of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors.

LSS Church Partnership Team

thank
you

We would like to thank you for your contribution to the Sibley County FoodShare. Your generosity continues to provide emergency assistance to the hungry of Sibley County. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

*Lisa Eyrich
Sibley County FoodShare*

Thank you to those who provided goodies for Fellowship Hour in April

Neil & Lorraine Mielke
Darrel & Jackie Alsleben



Zion Lutheran Church services can be viewed on:

YouTube at

www.youtube.com

Search: Zion ELCA Arlington MN

www.zionarlington.org

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including for emergencies anytime (death, hospitalization, etc)

Worship Assistants

June 7

Usher: Mary Lietz, Nancy Mathwig
Gordon & Barb Bergs
Greeter: Murdock Krueger
Acolyte: Murdock Krueger
Reader: Hannah Bartlette
Altar Guild: Larry & Pam Schiroo
Bread Maker: Mary Sylwester
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller

June 14

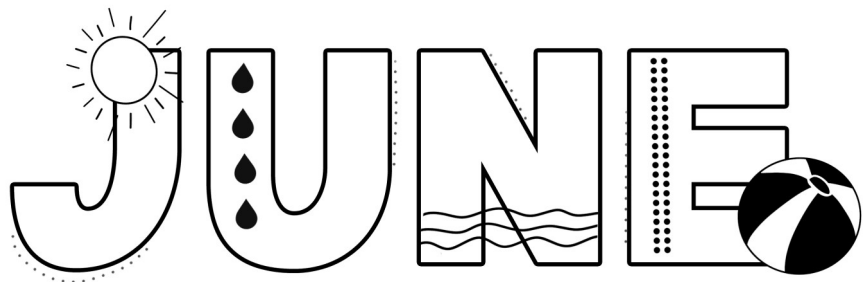
Usher: Ross Bergs, Scott Bergs
Ryan & Kate Bergs
Greeter: Dale & Laurie Stern
Acolyte: Emmilia Wark
Reader: Jane Scharpe
Altar Guild: Wayne & Ann Werner
Bread Maker: Mary Sylwester

June 21

Usher: Brad & Brenda Danielson
Nick Schiroo, Peg Kamps
Greeter: Lorraine Mielke
Acolyte: Jack Ruehling
Reader: Brad Danielson

June 28

Usher: Neil & Lorraine Mielke
Cindy Quast, Scott Bergs
Greeter: Mary Sylwester
Acolyte: Daphne Hazelwood
Reader: Janet Rowe



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <u>Holy Trinity Sunday</u> 9:00am Worship	1	2 10:00am Zion Quilting	3	4 10:00am Adult Bible Study	5 SWMN Synod Conference	6 SWMN Synod Conference
7 <u>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion	8	9	10	11 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Committee Night 7:00pm Church Council	12	13
14 <u>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion	15	16 10:00am Zion Quilting 3:00pm Anniversary Committee	17	18 10:00am Adult Bible Study	19	20
21 <u>4th Sunday after Pentecost</u> Clattering Coins for Christ 9:00am Worship	22	23	24	25 10:00am Adult Bible Study	26	27
28 <u>5th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00am Contemporary Worship	29	30	1	2 10:00am Adult Bible Study	3	4

