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 **ZION** Lutheran Church

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Zion Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday

(DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME)



**THURSDAY | APRIL 2 |
6:30PM**

JOINT WORSHIP WITH ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH &
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLOQUET

**JOIN US AT:
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLOQUET
47 4TH STREET, CLOQUET**

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Good Friday

(IT IS FINISHED)



FRIDAY | APRIL 3 | 6:30P

JOINT WORSHIP WITH OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN &
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLOQUET

**JOIN US AT:
OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH
615 12TH STREET, CLOQUET**

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Resurrection Sunday

(ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN)



SUNDAY | APRIL 5 | 9:30A

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1000 WASHINGTON AVENUE | CLOQUET MN

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From the Pastors Desk | March



Dear Easter people,

In Lent and Holy Week, we walk the path of Jesus, from temptation to the cross, and we remember the pain and suffering of the world. This is crucial to understanding the extent to which God loves God's people. But as we

move through Lent and Holy Week, we know that Resurrection Sunday is coming; we know that we are an Easter people. We are people of resurrection hope, people who, in the face of everything bad in the world, trust that better is coming, even if that isn't right now.

Take Mary Magdalene, for example. Just as she witnessed his suffering and death, she too, was witness to his resurrection to new life and the empty tomb he left behind (see John 19:25-30, John 20:1 and John 20:11-18). After bearing witness to the power of sin and death in the world, Mary Magdalene is witness to the new life that emerges from the grave.

Being an Easter people, living in the hope of the resurrection does not mean ignoring death, denying suffering or writing off pain (Mary wept at the tomb! John 20:11). Rather, we must experience Good Friday before we get to Resurrection Sunday. The resurrection is impossible if death does not precede it. To be an Easter people means we are called to witness crucifixion and, then, to dwell in the promise of the resurrection and live as though the pain and horror of the crucifixion will not outlast our God who is constantly bringing new life.

Bearing witness to the crucifixions *and* resurrections in our lives and in the world around us are crucial to our identity as Easter people, as Christians. It is only where we have witnessed crucifixion where we will find resurrection.

In the hope of the resurrection,
Pastor Christina

Financially Supporting those Affected by ICE

Our synod's [Neighbor to Neighbor Fund](#) is a great way to share your financial resources with those who are negatively impacted by the presence of ICE in our state. The Neighbor to Neighbor Fund is shared with the other 5 synods in the state of Minnesota. As needed, funds stay within our synod to support people closer to home.

<https://www.standwithminnesota.com/> has an extensive list of funds that support various efforts throughout the state including rent relief, mutual aid funds and food sourcing.

Please give generously as you are able.

EcoFaith Summit - April 18, 2026



2026 EcoFaith Summit of the Upper Midwest: *From Fear to Fire: Igniting Community for a Planet in Peril*

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9:30am - 5:00pm at First Lutheran Church in Duluth and Zoom Livestream

The EcoFaith Summit is an annual and growing, gathering, of people of faith and conscience to encourage, connect, and empower churches and

communities across the Upper Midwest to care for Creation with commitment, boldness, and grace.

Amid distressing events affecting our neighbors and our Earth's capacities to sustain life, this year's Summit will bring us together in the heart of the Easter season to kindle courageous community with:

- an *unquenchable fire of love* for Creator and Creation;
- a *controlled burn of holy fear, wonder, and joy* - across generations and divides;
- a *germinating fireseed* of collaborative and creative networks.

The day includes inspiring speakers, action stations, afternoon engagement sessions, children's programming, youth and young adult specific community time, table exhibits, group livestream experience guide, and networking time to equip people in congregations, camps, campuses and communities to act together for our planet in peril.

Presented by: Lutheran Advocacy – Minnesota, the Minneapolis Area Synod, Northeastern Minnesota Synod EcoFaith Network, Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, and Saint Paul Area Synod along with partner organizations, synods, camps, colleges, and seminaries.

Tickets cost \$30 per person (lunch included), \$25 per person. We encourage you to attend as a group. If you register as a group of three or more people, you are eligible for the group discount of \$25 per person. Young adults under the age of 30, youth group leaders, and online participants register free. For more information and to register:

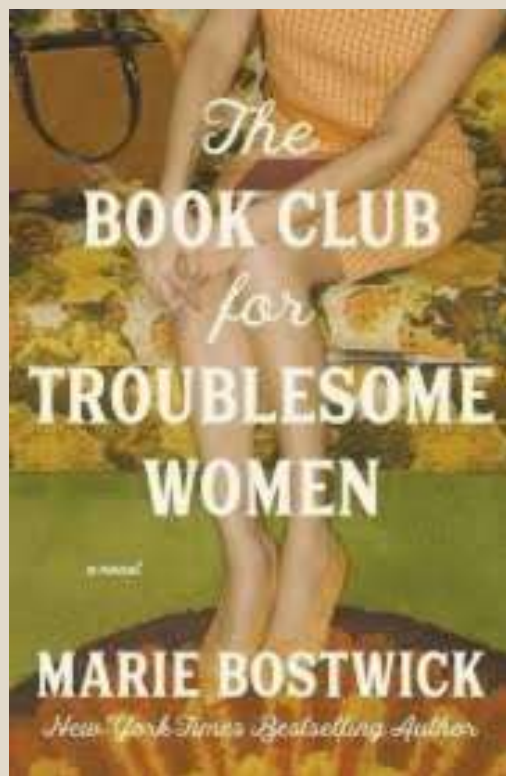
<https://www.ecofaithnetwork.org/ecofaith-summit-2026>

Book Club

Third Thursdays at 11am in the lounge.

Thursday, 16th, 11am

The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick



Ongoing Help Needed!

<p>HELP NEEDED:</p> <p>Daily Stockers of the Little Free Pantry</p> <p>Stop by 1 (or more) scheduled days per week to load the Pantry. Training & Building Key provided.</p>	<p>HELP NEEDED:</p> <p>Counters</p> <p>Pairs of counters needed to help record & deposit monetary tithes and offerings. One Sunday every 2-3 months. Training Provided.</p>
<p>Contact the office with questions or to volunteer.</p>	

Daily stockers of the Little Free Pantry are needed to help keep our pantry a consistent source of food for our community. Commit to one

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Second Sunday Surprise



Zion Lutheran Church
**SECOND
SUNDAY
SURPRISE**
Intergenerational Sunday School
Sunday | 10:45 | Social Hall

January		11th
February		8th
March		8th
April		12th

Fellowship | Discussion
Craft | Lunch

Zion Choir Practice | 1st Wednesdays



Regular Choir practices have resumed! Join a fun group of singers and lend your voice to our (typically) once a month musical offering during liturgy! All are welcome! 🎵🎶

Practice is held at the Presbyterian Church of Cloquet [47 4th Street] at 6:30p, on the 1st Wednesdays.

Practices will be scheduled once monthly with potential extra times for Advent & Lent/Easter. Contact Jim Sheetz for more information!

Quilters | Tuesdays | 9a

Zion's Quilters meet on Tuesdays at 9a in the Social Hall.

All skill levels are welcome to join this friendly and knowledgeable group!

Come sew, socialize, & collaborate!



Community Garden



Synod Assembly

Emmaus Fund Gala - April 25, 2026

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND



EMMAUS FUND Gala

The Emmaus Fund supports leadership development, youth and young adult engagement, and congregational outreach by providing micro-grants for new ministry programs and opportunities.

NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY
Breezy Point Resort - Nisswa, MN

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH


Doors open at 5:45pm with Dinner at 6:30pm
Meal included for resident attendees & commuters who purchased the meal plan
\$55 for other commuters and guests
Tickets available: nemnsynod.org/emmaus-fund

Music by Rev. Jonathon Rundman
Silent Auction & Giving Moment
Live Auction with Special Packages

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet Minnesota is committed to expressing the holy hospitality of God and welcomes all people into the community of this congregation and to the celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Christ's death and resurrection is for all people, therefore we affirm the sacredness of all people: all sexual orientations; gender identities and gender expressions (LGBTQIA2S+); races and ethnicities including Black, Brown, Indigenous, & Persons of Color (BIPOC); ages and abilities; those who struggle with addiction, physical or mental illness; socioeconomic or citizenship statuses. We stand together in Christ, striving to reflect the expansive diversity of God's image and creative work, through our commitment to racial equity, diversity, inclusivity; to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)



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Notes from the Pastor's Office

Pastor Christina's schedule for the month April is inconsistent.

See details below.

March 30-April 3 | Holy Week

April 6-9 | Working away from the office - email me!

April 13-16 | Regular hours

April 17-23 | Family Medical Leave

April 24-26 | Synod Assembly

April 27-30 | Sporadic hours - email me!

A more detailed monthly schedule is posted on Pastor's Office door.

As always, the best way to get in touch with Pastor Christina is via email.

Please call and text for pastoral emergencies, such as imminent deaths, death, funeral scheduling, etc.

Easter Season regular office hours:

Sunday | 8:30am - 3:30pm

Monday | 9am-2pm

Tuesday | 11am-2pm

Wednesday | 9am-2pm

Thursday | 10am-2pm

Notes from the Office

Kristy's spring schedule is Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm.

Kristy can be contacted at office@zioncloquet.org about prepping worship materials, printing, scheduling, announcements and general questions.



Elise continues to support Zion's worship life through liturgy preparation and offsite graphic design support.

Contact Elise at media@zioncloquet.org for support with bulletins, website, posters and social media.



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