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 **ZION** Lutheran Church

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## Lent at Zion

**Ash Wednesday - February 18**



# *Ash Wednesday*

(TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN)

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 18 | 6:30PM

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1000 WASHINGTON AVENUE | CLOQUET MN

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Each Wednesday during the season of Lent, we will host midweek worship at Zion at 6:30pm.

A soup supper will be hosted at 5:30pm prior to worship on Wednesdays in Lent beginning on February 25.

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## Welcome Kristy!

Kristy has begun her work for us as our **Office Administrator**. We are thrilled to bring her onto our staff and welcome her into the Zion community.

Kristy's tentative hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm. Come by and welcome her!

Read more about Kristy in her own words:

Hello! I have a degree in Early Childhood Education/Special Education. I have been a teacher for the past 23 years and needed a change. I am so excited to work as the Office Administrator at Zion and happy about this new adventure.

I am a mom to three children; Chloe, Tony, and Lucy. I love to travel with my husband, Tony and kids. We also love to spend time at our family's cabin in Aitkin.



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## From the Pastors Desk | February



Dear beloveds of Zion,

I need to offer my sincerest gratitude to all of the volunteers and folks who helped support me and the ministries of Zion during our time of transition in the office.

Council members offered support and picked up responsibilities typically handled by the office administrator. Thank you council! especially Tracy, Paul, Cari, Naomi and Kathy!

Volunteers sat at the desk, returned phone calls and checked the mail so the building could remain open as much as possible. Thank you Kathy, Naomi, Robin and Mary Beth!

Cari worked on Fridays doing all the things volunteers could not cover throughout the week doing the hard work of the office administrator on top of her regular job. Thank you Cari!

Elise shared her time in a volunteer capacity to prepare bulletins, keep the website up to date and curate our annual meeting packet. Thank you Elise!

The executive team helped review applications for the position and conducted interviews. Thank you Naomi, Tracy, Karla and Kathy!

It is because of these folks who stepped up in the last few months that we continued to operate as close to normal as possible. Please offer your gratitude to these people

and the countless others who work hard to keep Zion a healthy and functioning congregation day in and day out.

In Christ,  
Pastor Christina Johnson

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# Financially Supporting those Affected by ICE

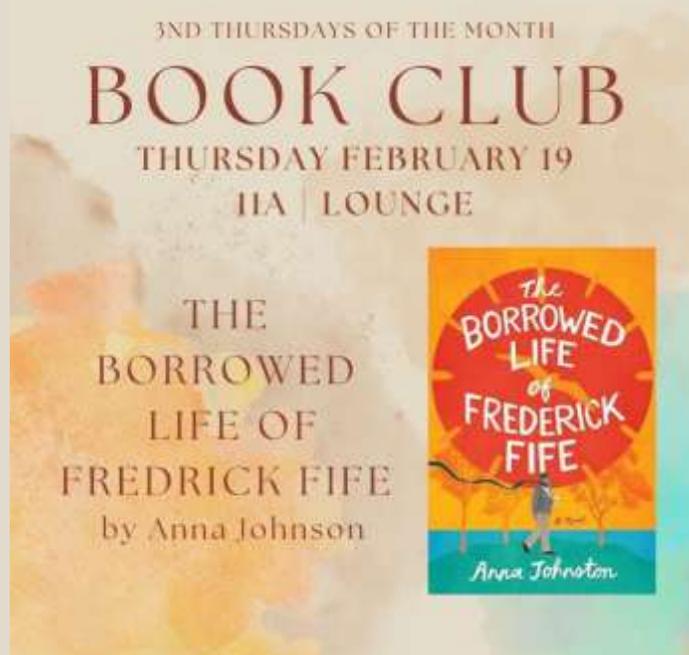
Our synod's [Neighbor to Neighbor Fund](#) is a great way to share your financial resources with those who are negatively impacted by the presence of ICE in our state. The Neighbor to Neighbor Fund is shared with the other 5 synods in the state of Minnesota. As needed, funds stay within our synod to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

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## Book Club



Third Thursdays at  
11am in the lounge.

Thursday, February 19,  
11am

*The Borrowed Life of  
Fredrick Fife* by Anna  
Johnson

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# Ongoing Help Needed!

**HELP NEEDED:**

**Daily Stockers of the Little Free Pantry**

Stop by 1 (or more) scheduled days per week to load the Pantry. Training & Building Key provided.

**HELP NEEDED:**

**Counters**

Pairs of counters needed to help record & deposit monetary tithes and offerings. One Sunday every 2-3 months. Training Provided.

**Contact the office with questions or to volunteer.**

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 (or more) scheduled days per week to load the Pantry. Training and Building Key provided.

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## Second Sunday Surprise



Zion Lutheran Church

# SECOND SUNDAY SURPRISE

Intergenerational Sunday School

**Sunday | 10:45 | Social Hall**

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

Fellowship | Discussion  
Craft | Lunch




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## Zion Choir Practice | 1st Wednesdays



**ZION CHOIR PRACTICE**  
join us  
**1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
6:30p

Presbyterian Church of Cloquet  
47 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CLOQUET

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!

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# 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!



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## 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 typical weekly office schedule in the fall is as follows:



**Monday** | 9-4p  
**Tuesday** | 11-2p  
**Wednesday** | Visitation: Contact to Schedule a Meeting  
**Thursday** | 9-12p

*Pastor's days off are Friday and Saturday.*

**Sunday** | 8-12p (Worship & Fellowship 9:00-11:30.)

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

Email with any questions or to arrange a meeting: [pastorchristina@zioncloquet.org](mailto:pastorchristina@zioncloquet.org)

## Notes from the Office

Kristy, our new office administrator, began her work at Zion on February 9.

Her tentative schedule is Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm.

Kristy can be contacted at [office@zioncloquet.org](mailto: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](mailto:media@zioncloquet.org) for support with bulletins, website, posters and social media.



ELISE AMES

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT  
& OFFSITE GRAPHIC DESIGN SUPPORT

IF YOU NEED  
HELP WITH THE:

- Bulletin
- Website
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