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 **ZION** Lutheran Church

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Dear beloveds of Zion,

As we anticipate Labor Day on September 6, I am reflecting on work and rest. Sometimes being a part of a church can feel a lot more like work than rest. Churches cannot function without the tireless volunteers that keep the council in quorum, the events hosted, the ice cream served, the pantry stocked and full,

the outlets working, and, and, and... And of course, the lights are on and the bills are paid only from the generosity of those who call this church community home by sharing their financial resources.

This summer has been packed with opportunities for you to work: to share the good news with our neighbors, to feed the hungry, to serve the least of these and to welcome the stranger. These are beautiful things that we are called to in our baptisms. This is how we worship the Triune God who washes us in the baptismal waters and calls us forth to more.

September is full of special worship opportunities at Zion. From a joint worship and lunch with the Presbyterians at the Scott House and Backpack Blessings to God's Work Our Hands service projects, hymn sings and apple pressing. We worship our God together in a variety of ways: through our prayer, devotion and participation in corporate liturgy; through eating at the Eucharistic table and the social hall table; through the work our bodies do and the sounds our voices make. This is what we've been doing and we will continue to do as we are sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit who is working in and through us.

My hope for you this fall, is that you continue serving with your hands through community meals, service projects, apple picking, and wherever you feel called, *and* that you find balance to care for yourselves, to tend to your needs and find rest for your soul. May you find ways to worship the Triune God at Zion that fill your cup, nurture your soul, sustain your spirit and bring you rest.

A Blessing for Labor Day

by Meta Herrick Carlson

*Today is for those
whose work is minimized,
whose rights are marginalized,
whose needs are not yet prioritized.*

*We affirm those for whom rest is hard
or work has become identity.*

*We revel with those who break from routine
or let go of responsibility for this moment.*

*We stand with those who work vulnerably
or need support and rights yet unrealized.*

*We bless children to be children,
so they do not shoulder
the weight of adulthood just yet.*

*We honor those who must still work today,
to ensure rights and safety for others.*

In peace,
Pastor Christina



September 2026

EcoFaith Action! September 2026

Practical ideas and inspiration for how you and your faith community can take action for Creation! Prepared by members of the NEMN EcoFaith Network. This EcoFaith Action is by Sue Lyback, Isle, MN.

It's September. Summer's over, school's up and running, and work schedules are filling up. Gardeners and country folk are busy with harvesting, canning etc. There's plenty of work to be done everywhere. Who has time for another "EcoFaith" project or activity? Seems like just one more thing to do.

Sometimes, another "project to do" is simply not what we need.

The first "Earth Day" was held April 22, 1970. It became an annual event to honor the Earth on that day. Unfortunately, like many "special projects" it became a "thing to do" once a year with lots of fanfare, posters, bling, swag, etc., and then the next day people went back to their regular routines, overusing fossil fuels, plastics, etc.

Instead of more things on our "to do list", maybe the "Eco Action" we need to consider this month is to slow down for a moment. What if we each took a deep breath, took stock of what we already have and savored the gifts that are around us? What if we each simply looked at our own lives and asked the questions, "How can I personally tend to the health and well being of the place in which I live, the life that is around me? How can I make choices in my daily life that minimize negative impacts to the earth and all my family members, including those who are furred, feathered, finned or foliated?" The answers to these questions will be unique to each person and situation. For example, maybe we'll discover we don't need so many "new things." Maybe we can repurpose older, existing items to meet our needs. Maybe we can wash plates and cups instead of using plastic disposables for a special event?

What does this have to do with the church, you might be asking? Well, it has something to do with the balance of body and soul, action and contemplation. We are the Body of Christ, right? And in Paul's letter to the Philippians (Philippians 2:1-5) we are urged to let Christ's mind be in us as we are called to live compassionately and with humility.

Taking time to slow down can help us open up to the Spirit's guidance, fostering a deeper, more sustainable commitment to care for creation. Contemplation into Christ leads us into compassionate, caring action. Actions that emanate from within can lead to long-term change. And isn't that what we really need?



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Zion's AV Tech Team!

Be a part of Zion's AV Tech Team - to operate the sound and camera - to record Sunday worship services.

Contact Rollie Bockbrader
Rollie.Bockbrader@gmail.com
218.213.6587

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF CLOQUET AND ZION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

joint worship and picnic

*Join us for a worship at 10 am
Music by: Ted Eastman and Rose Kuhlman
Picnic Luncheon to follow
Free will donation*

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6TH

HISTORIC SCOTT HOUSE
1321 COUNTY ROAD 4
CARLTON, MN





Zion Lutheran Church

SECOND SUNDAY SURPRISE

Intergenerational Sunday School

Sunday | 10:45 | Social Hall

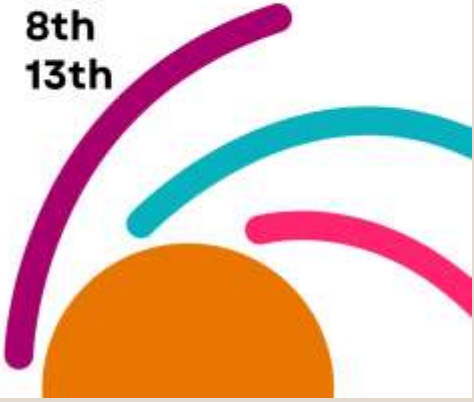
September | 13th

October | 11th

November | 8th

December | 13th

Fellowship | Discussion
Craft | Lunch



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13TH**





Confirmation begins September 16 with a parent/guardian meeting and a brief group activity.

All 7th-9th graders are welcome to join regardless of membership. Confirmation at Zion is a two-year program.

For interest contact Pastor Christina or fill out [this interest form](#).





Pastor Christina's getting
married!
Let's Celebrate!

We will be gathering
on October 4th
during coffee hour to
have our own "Zion" reception
for

Pastor Christina and Pachia!

You are invited to bring your
cards or gifts to this gathering.
Please join us in marking this
milestone in their lives!

Ongoing Help Needed!



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.

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



GODS WORK. OUR HANDS.

September

- Wooden rulers
- Pens blue or black ink - no gel
- Large baby sleepers 6-24 months
- Sturdy nail clippers

God's Work Our Hands Updates and things to come.....

**Sign up sheet is located in the church narthex

**A general meeting will take place on Monday, September 14th at 10:00 am in the social hall.

**Set up for the indoor projects will begin on Friday, September 18th at 10:00 am. in the social hall.

Sunday, September 20th - Lunch will be provided at Dunlap Park from 11:30-3:00. Food will be provided by Room at the Table.

RAIN OR SHINE

apple festival



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER
4, 2026**
1:30-4P

FREE ENTRY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1000 WASHINGTON AVE
CLOQUET, MN

PRESENTATION | 1:45-2P

GREETING FROM ZION'S
HUNGER & JUSTICE
COMMITTEE AND UPDATE
ON MINISTRY IN MEDICAL
MISSION

LIVE MUSIC | 2-4PM



*the
deviled
eggs*



APPLE PICKING

BRING YOUR OWN BAGS
OR BOXES FOR APPLES.
APPLE PICKING TOOLS
WILL BE AVAILABLE.

CIDER PRESSING

TAKE JUICE HOME IN YOUR
CONTAINERS OR OURS

APPLE TASTING

5 DIFFERENT VARIETIES
WITH OR WITHOUT
CARAMEL

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE
DONATIONS GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED FOR
MINISTRY IN MEDICAL
MISSION.**

Make Checks Payable to
Moose Lake Covenant Church
| Memo: MMM

Zion Choir Practice | 1st Wednesdays

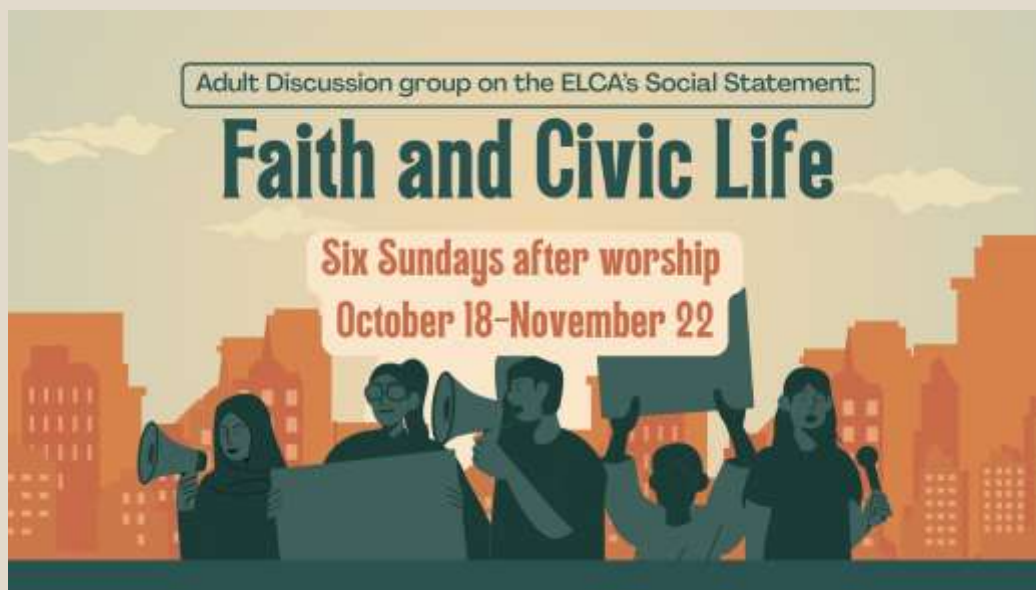


Regular Choir practices have resumed! Join a fun group of singers and lend your voice to our (typically) once a month musical offering during liturgy! All are welcome! 🎵



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!



November 3 | Election Information



Research Candidates Before You Vote!

Trusted, Nonpartisan Resources



VOTE 411

By the League of Women Voters

- See personalized ballots for your area
- Compare candidates side-by-side, learn about the office
- Read candidate statements in their own words, watch available forums
- Get details on where, when, and how to vote



My Ballot Finder

By the Minnesota Secretary of State

- Find out which races and questions will appear on your ballot
- Identify which candidates you need to research

Congress.gov

- Follow what current U.S. Senators and Representatives have done
- Track their voting records and the bills they've sponsored
- See committee assignments and official statements

OpenSecrets.org

- See where candidates get their money
- Look up top donors and industries by name
- Covers both federal and many state-level candidates

VoteSmart.org

- Check how incumbents voted on specific issues
- See speeches, public statements, and campaign promises
- Learn about a candidate's work history, education, and affiliations
- Review ratings by advocacy groups

Ballotpedia.org

- Learn about candidates at local, state, and national levels
- Read biographies, past election results, endorsements
- Explore key policy positions and campaign contributions
- Includes info on judges, ballot measures, and more

Notes from the Office

Office hours are Monday-Thursday,
8am-2pm.

*****New
office hours will start Tuesday,
September 8th. The office will be open
M-F 9-2.

**Office will be closed Monday,
September 7th and 14th.**

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.

A graphic for Elise Ames, a Liturgical Assistant & Offsite Graphic Design Support. On the left, there is a small icon of a hand holding a pen. Next to it, the name "ELISE AMES" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the name is a small icon of a laptop. Further right, the text "LITURGICAL ASSISTANT & OFFSITE GRAPHIC DESIGN SUPPORT" is written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below this, there is a large, dark, brush-stroke-like shape that contains the text "IF YOU NEED HELP WITH THE:" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. To the right of this shape is a list of services: "• Bulletin", "• Website", "• eNewsletter", "• Posters", and "• Social Media". To the right of the list is a small illustration of a person sitting at a desk with a computer monitor. Below the list of services, the text "EMAIL ELISE:" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the email address "media@zioncloquet.org".

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)

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.



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