

## Zion Lutheran Church

*“Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” (Psalm 125:1)*

**June 14, 2026**

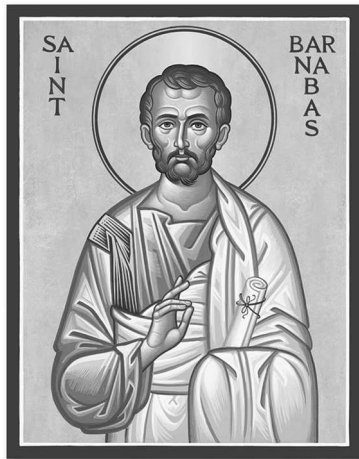
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## Remembering

*Examples of the faith in June*

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### June 11: St. Barnabas



St. Barnabas was a Jew from the island of Cyprus who became Christian and accompanied St. Paul (June 29) on his missionary journeys (Acts 4, 14). He worked with Paul to defend Christians against those who insisted that true believers had to observe Jewish customs and laws. It may be that he was the cousin of St. Mark (April 25; see Colossians 4:10). Tradition holds that he was martyred at Salamis, Cyprus.

## Pastoral Letter

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*The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha (2 Kings 3:11)*

*You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone (Eph. 2:19-20)*



Beloved Saints,

Zion is learning about three prophets this summer!

As your pastors and kantor planned worship, it struck us that the commemoration of three Old Testament figures fell on or close to one Sunday each month: Elishah (June 19), Elijah (July 19 [20]), and Isaac (August 16). While we don't necessarily think of Isaac as a "prophet," most every significant Old Testament figure is regarded as on in Scripture, a prophetic person pointing to Christ.

Commemorating these Old Testament saints matters!

First, it matters because these prophets, and their brethren, are part of the "foundation" of the Church (Eph. 2:19-20). Through them, God has preached the Gospel to us, planting Christ home in our hearts. So we remember them with both thanksgiving and love. Second, learning about them helps enliven our love for Scripture itself, with all colorful and sanctifying history. Finally, commemorating them reminds us that they and we together, with all believers, are the true Israel of God, His holy and beloved Church.

Summer is always a good time to look at something unique in Scripture. Also, as part of these commemorations, we will employ the fuller, traditional Lutheran liturgy. We're thinking more and more how to incorporate that Lutheran liturgy on our Sunday mornings, to confess and take joy our Lutheran faith—which is not ours at all, but the faith of Christ, taught to us by His holy prophets from the beginning of mankind.

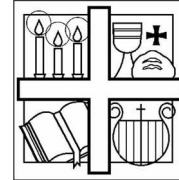
Peace!  
Pastor Gjerde

## Liturgy

*receiving the gifts*

### Holy Communion

Sunday: 9 & 11 AM (sung)  
Monday-Friday: 12:15 PM (spoken; 20 min.)  
Saturday: 5:15 PM (sung)



### Live Radio Broadcast

Sunday, 9 AM + WSAU 550 AM, 99.9 FM, 95.1 FM

### Online (Facebook Live-Stream, Website, YouTube)

Morning Devotion: 8:30 AM, Monday-Thursday  
Compline: 8:30 PM, Monday-Thursday

## Catechumenate

*learning the gifts*

*All in-person studies meet in the Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)*

Tuesdays: **Bible Study, 9 AM** “The Gospel of John”

Wednesdays: **Word at the Middle of the Week**  
8:30—9:00 AM (Online/Facebook)



Thursdays: **Men’s Bible Study, 8 AM NEW**  
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**Women’s Bible Study, 11 AM, “The Holy Spirit”**  
(meeting 6/18)

Sundays: **Bible Study, 10 AM: “A Deeper Look at the Supper”**

## Traveling This Summer?

The Lord is always risen, we are always sinners, and His grace is always free! If you are traveling this summer, please keep Sunday worship part of your travel plans. To find a Lutheran church in the area where you are traveling, feel free to contact one of the pastors, who will be happy to help you.



## What Time Is It?

*each day in the Spirit*

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*The world a second can't spare;  
the Church has ages to share.*

### **Trinity Season: Seed—Sprout—Fruit—Harvest**

As noted in an earlier newsletter, the Trinity Season has four quarters, which we might designate “Seed—Sprout—Fruit—Harvest.” The second quarter, “Sprout,” is coming up!

- Seed:** the *invitation* to the Kingdom  
**Starts:** near Trinity Sunday  
*Why Trinity Sunday?* The Triune Name is the Name in which we baptize (the seed of faith!)
- Sprout:** the *new life* of the Kingdom  
**Starts:** the Sunday closest to June 29  
*Why June 29?* It's the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, who preached the new life of the Kingdom and worked for its growth (sprout!).
- Fruit:** the *good works* of the Kingdom  
**Starts:** the Sunday closest to August 10  
*Why August 10?* The feast of St. Lawrence, an early church deacon who directed the love and charity (good works!) of the Church in Rome
- Harvest:** the *fulfillment* of the Kingdom  
**Starts:** the Sunday closest to September 29  
*Why September 29?* It's the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, who will gather the believers at the end of time (harvest!).

## **Current Season: Trinity, First Quarter**

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Theme: The Kingdom Grows: Invited by Grace  
Starts: Near Trinity Sunday  
Ends: Sunday near June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul  
Colors: Green (new life, new growth)

# New Academy Now Enrolling

## Fall 2026

**Academy Features:**

- Classical liberal arts curriculum
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## How May I Join Zion?



The Church is the Lord's idea. He promises it will stand forever (Matt. 16:18). He tells believers to gather as one body for preaching, the sacraments, and prayer (John 17:21; Heb. 10:25, Acts 2:42). He calls all who trust in Him to baptize and learn (Matthew 28:19), to confess His Name publicly (Matt. 10:32), and to love one another (John 13:34). Just as He has committed Himself to the Church, so do His believers. Membership at Zion keeps in step with this Christian path. There are three ways that Zion receives new members:

- + **Baptism**, for those not previously baptized;
- + **Transfer**, for those who belong to a different Lutheran church;
- + **Affirmation of Faith**, for those who are baptized but not yet Lutheran.

Is one of these right for you or someone you know? If so, or if you have questions, please call the church office (715-848-7286) for more information.

## Synod Updates: Timeline, Bethany, Chaplain

*Stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27).*

On June 28, Zion will celebrate its first Sunday as a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Synod**. Zion was originally in fellowship with the ELS and its predecessor synod, and remained so for more than half of her history, since the Missouri Synod and the congregations of what is now the ELS were united in doctrine from 1872-1955. Let us thank God for reuniting this flock with that confession of faith once more. *Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk there, and you shall find rest for your souls (Jeremiah 6:16).*



The vote for **Bethany Lutheran Church** in Aniwa to join the ELS lacked one vote (15-8, with one abstention). As a result, Zion's contract for pastoral services at Bethany will end on June 21. Zion's pastors have served Bethany for **7 years**, making it one of Bethany's longest-serving pastorates. Let us also thank God for the good contribution to God's kingdom that this arrangement produced. To ensure Bethany's continued ministry, Zion's pastors have connected Bethany with several LCMC pastors in the area who can help care for them in the time ahead.

When Zion originally contracted with Bethany (**2019**), Zion had three pastors. One year later, Pastor Joseph Pinzl left Zion to enter the Naval Chaplaincy Corps, with the possibility of returning to Zion in 6 years. Those 6 years have now passed, and it has seemed best to Pr. Pinzl, the Navy, and the Holy Spirit that he continue his work in the Navy and Marines. He will now serve at **Naval Station Mayport** in Jacksonville, Florida.

As reported this past January, because the ELS sponsors military chaplains outside of the federal program, Pr. Pinzl will no longer be listed as Zion's deployed chaplain. Pr. Gjerde has connected Pr. Pinzl with Pr. Gjerde's former congregation, **St. John's-Spencer**, which has agreed to serve as his sponsoring congregation as Zion has in the past. Pr. Pinzl has expressed his thanksgiving for Zion's new relationship with the ELS, and we continue to pray for the Pinzl family in their new venture. *May our Lord, the Holy Spirit, continue to guide and bless His Church across the world, keeping her with Jesus Christ in the faith of the apostles.*

## Praying

*in our prayers this week*

**Persecuted Christians in:** Afghanistan, India, Saudi Arabia

**Missionaries:** Lutheran Bible Translators

**Zion Lutheran Classical Academy:** its establishment and growth

**Comfort, Healing, Recovery:**

The Family of Roger Sandquist

**Those who need our on-going prayers:**

Zion's Homebound Members

Magdalena Doskey (*Lee Anderton's granddaughter*)

Larry Hegland            James Jens

Jessica Jens            Avery Kluck

Barb Langbecker        Barb Ramker

Anna Tanck



## Outreach and Mercy

*sharing and being the gifts*

**Monthly Mission Emphases:**

- **Homme Homes, Wausau — Goal: \$2,500**
- **Lutheran Bible Translators — Goal: \$2,000**

**Featured this Week: Lutheran Bible Translators:**

Lutheran Bible translators have played an important role in Ethiopia by helping make the Scriptures available in local languages so that communities can better understand and engage with the Christian faith. Working alongside Ethiopian churches and native speakers, these translators carefully study both the original biblical texts and the cultural context of Ethiopian communities to produce accurate and meaningful translations. Their efforts often include training local translators, developing written forms for previously oral languages, and creating literacy programs that empower people to read the Bible for themselves. Zion continues to help spread the Word of God with Lutheran Bible Translators. Help make your impact with Lutheran Bible Translators through Zion's Mission effort.



## ***\*This Weekend\* Zion Rummage Sale***

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The Women of Zion's Rummage Sale is this weekend, Saturday, June 20, from 9AM to 1PM! We will again offer a \$5 per bag sale, with bags provided at the door. Select special items will be individually priced and available on a designated table.



Donations may be dropped off at the school gym, on Friday, June 19, from 9AM to 4PM. Please do not bring computer electronics or exercise equipment, and ensure that all clothing and toys are clean and in good condition, without rips or broken pieces. Donations of plants are also welcome; any size or type may be given, but all plants must be potted. Empty decorative pots are appreciated as well.

All proceeds from the sale will go to support the tornado relief efforts in Ringle. See you there!



## **Summer Church Picnic**

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Always a great time for summer fellowship and yummy food, the summer church picnic will be celebrated this year on Sunday, July 19 after the 11:00AM worship service. This year's picnic will be hosted by your Hospitality Team (see pg. 10). We welcome donations of your food and help to make this event a success! Food donations can include a fruit bowl, vegetable tray, cheese and sausage tray, picnic salads (without mayo), and six ice cream (ex. bars, popsicles, sandwiches, drumsticks, etc.) desserts. We also need people to help set-up, serve and clean-up. There will be a sign up sheet in the church office until July 3. Please stop by or call the church office if you are interested in helping. And, of course: see you there!



## News & Events

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### Memorials and Other Gifts Received

- **In memory of Judie Urbanek, Marty & Janet Dettmering** gave a gift to Zion's Academy Fund.
- **In memory of Judie Urbanek, Thomas & Joanna Urbanek** gave a gift to Zion's Academy Fund.



### New Portals of Prayer

Copies of the July – September 2026 *Portals of Prayer* are now available. Large print copies are also available. If you cannot come to church to get a copy, call us to have one mailed to you.



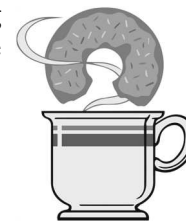
### St. David's Academy July 4th Celebration

Families of school aged children, join St. David's Academy on Thursday, July 2nd for a 4th of July celebration. Come celebrate America and its national literature. Patriotic themed food, readings, and activities will be provided to help celebrate America's 250th birthday. More details are to follow. Check out the Lutheran Classical Academy of St. David the King at Zion's Facebook page for the latest updates.



### Summer Fellowship Hour Volunteers

After mid-June, there are several openings for bringing snacks to enjoy during the Bible Study/fellowship time between services. As a reminder, Zion supplies the beverages (coffee, juice), the serving materials (plates, forks, napkins) and a selection of crackers, but the majority of the snacks are provided by volunteers who bring whatever their hearts desire (cookies, strudel, cheese, fruit). If you can bring a snack or two to share one Sunday morning, please sign up! The sign-up sheet is in the alcove nearest the Bible Study tables.



### \*New\* Hospitality Team

Zion is blessed by numerous visitors throughout the year at our worship services. The newly formed Hospitality Team is looking for friendly individuals to greet visitors at all services. A simple "hello, thank you for visiting Zion" goes a long way to making a visitor feel welcomed. If you are interested to help fill this role please contact the church office for more information.



## Calendar

*for the upcoming week*

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### **Sunday • June 21 (*Trinity 3*)**

9:00 AM Holy Communion; Live Radio Broadcast,  
WSAU 550 AM  
10:15 AM Bible Study  
10:15 AM Fellowship  
11:00 AM Holy Communion

### **\*\*Monday • June 22**

12:15 PM Holy Communion

### **\*\*Tuesday • June 23**

12:15 PM Holy Communion

### **\*\*Wednesday • June 24 (*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*)**

12:15 PM Holy Communion

### **\*\*Thursday • June 25 (*Presentation of the Augsburg Confession*)**

12:15 PM Holy Communion  
6:00 PM Historical Walk Visit (10-15 minutes)

### **Friday • June 26 (*St. Jeremiah*)**

12:15 PM Holy Communion

### **Saturday • June 27 (*St. Cyril of Alexandria*)**

5:15 PM Holy Communion

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### ***\*Pastors at ELS Convention***

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 21, Pastor Gjerde and Pastor Johnson will leave for Mankato, Minnesota where they will join other pastors of the ELS in a week of worship and education. During this time, Pastor Gulhaugen has generously agreed to lead 12:15PM Holy Communion services in the Chapel, but Bible Studies and online devotions will not be held. Please pray for Zion's pastors and all the attendees and leaders of the convention, as they grow in their faith and continue to learn how to better serve their congregations.





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