

Borgund, MN Valley and Zion Lutheran Church  
February 2024 Newsletter



# Lenten

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**8:30AM ZION, 10:30AM BORGUND, AND 10:30AM MN VALLEY**

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**Vice President:** Matt Tollefson

**Secretary:** Tim Ehrenberg

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**Vice President:**

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**Vice President:** Kami Schoenfeld

**Secretary:** Dawn Olson

**Financial Secretary:** Scott Omland

**Treasurer:** Karin Moen

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**Zion Broadcasts:**

KLQP 92.1FM Radio: 1:00 pm Sunday's

YouTube: Zion Lutheran Appleton

**Borgund, MN Valley Broadcasts:**

Madison Radio 92.1: 7pm Sunday's

MN Valley Lutheran YouTube site: MN Valley Lutheran Church

*Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For Your Name's sake, Lord, preserve my life...Psalm 143*

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. This year it falls on February 14th. That's right, in 2024 Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day occur on the same day, for the first time in several years. On Ash Wednesday, Christians face the fact that as human beings, we will die by having ashes placed on our forehead. We also remember that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, death is not a permanent condition for us.

The season of Lent ends during Holy Week, when we remember the arrest, trial, crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for us. Jesus' passion and resurrection may be seen as God's valentine to us, not just on one day but all our lives and beyond, a lasting assurance that God in Christ's unfailing love for us stops at nothing to be with us and to save us.

On Wednesday evenings during Lent this year we will gather each week at Borgund, Minnesota Valley, or Zion. We will share fellowship, a light meal, and worship together. The dates and locations for successive Lenten Wednesdays can be found in the Lenten schedule in this newsletter.

This year the theme of our Lenten Wednesday worship series is Near the Cross and Tomb of Jesus. We will consider the experience of a number of people in the Gospels who were with or interacted with Jesus in some way during his trial, crucifixion, burial or resurrection, and what their stories might tell us about Jesus. Please join us Wednesday evenings this Lent to experience God's love and grace.

Come; let us gather for worship and fellowship. All are welcome. Please invite a friend or neighbor!

In Christ,

Rev. Linda

## Borgund, MN Valley and Zion Lutheran February Calendar

◀ January		<b>February 2024</b>							March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
<b>4 5 Epiphany</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>			
8:30am Zion Worship & Spoken Liturgy 10:30am Joint Worship @ Borgund/Souper Bowl of Caring			Care Center Worship 9:30am MN Valley Quilting @ MN Valley Confirmation 3:45-4:45pm Tr-Church Executive Board mtg.	1pm WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @ Jane Baldwin's home					
<b>11 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>			
8:30am Zion <b>10:30am Borgund</b> 10:30am MN Valley			9am Zion Quilting/ZLCW lunch Confirmation 3:45-4:45pm <b>7pm Ash Wednesday Service @ Borgund</b>						
<b>18 Lent 1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>			
8:30am Zion <b>10:30am Borgund</b> 10:30am MN Valley	 MN Valley delivering Meals on Wheels Feb. 19 thru Feb. 23		10am Apple Ridge Worship 1pm Prayer Shawl Confirmation 3:45-4:45pm <b>6pm Supper/7pm Lenten Service @ MN Valley</b>						
<b>25 Lent 2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>					
8:30am Zion <b>10:30am Borgund</b> 10:30am MN Valley	<b>Newsletter info. Due by 10am</b>		Confirmation 3:45-4:45pm <b>6pm Supper/7pm Lenten Service @ Zion</b>						
							<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Monday: 8am – 4pm</b> <b>Tuesday: 8am – 12pm</b> <b>Wednesday: 8am – 4pm</b>		

## Special Upcoming Dates:

**February 4 - 5 Epiphany:** 8:30am Zion Communion & Liturgy/10:30am Joint worship @ Borgund/Souper Bowl of Caring

**February 7:** Care Center Worship/9:30am-3:30pm MN Valley quilting @ MN Valley

**February 8:** 1pm Women's Bible Study held @ Jane Baldwin's home.

**February 11 - 6 Epiphany**

**February 14 – Ash Wednesday: 7pm Ash Wednesday Service @ Borgund/9:30am Zion Quilting/ZLCW lunch to follow**

**February 18 - First Sunday in Lent**

**February 19:** MN Valley delivering Meals on Wheels Feb. 19 thru Feb. 23

**February 21: 6pm Supper with a 7pm Lenten Service @ MN Valley/Apple Ridge Worship/1pm Zion Prayer Shawl gathering @ Zion.**

**February 25 - Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 26:** 7pm Parent Confirmation Zoom mtg.

**February 28: 6pm Supper with a 7pm Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran**



## ZION QUILTING, ZLCW AND MN VALLEY QUILTING

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Zion Quilting will meet at 9am with a ZLCW lunch to follow.

**MN Valley** Quilters will gather Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. All men and women are welcome!

## HOURS

### Working from Home:

Tuesday 1pm-4pm

Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday CLOSED

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### In Office Hours:

Monday 8am – 4pm

Tuesday 8am – 12pm

Wednesday 8am – 4pm

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### FOOD SHELF HOURS:

Wednesday 10:00am – 5:00pm



## Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Communion & Liturgy at Zion at 8:30 a.m.

Joint worship at Borgund at 10:30 a.m., followed by Souper Bowl of Caring. Please be generous to raise dollars for three local food shelves. In 2023, we raised \$2,100!

Borgund will supply workers for the dinner, but each church is asked to bring: Two pots of soup; two dozen meat sandwiches; and two pans of bars or two dozen cookies.

At Zion, please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to make any of these items.

If you can't make it to Borgund, someone from Zion will be glad to bring the items with them.

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

7pm Ash Wednesday Service @ Borgund Lutheran Church. No supper will be served.



## Services

**February 21:** 6pm supper with the 7pm Lenten service to follow at MN Valley Lutheran Church. Tri-Church Choir rehearsal after worship.

**February 28:** 6pm supper with a 7pm Lenten service to follow at Zion Lutheran Church. Tri-Church Choir rehearsal after worship.

**March 6:** 6pm light meal with a 7pm Lenten service to follow at Borgund. Tri-Church Choir rehearsal after worship.

**March 13:** 6pm supper with a Lenten service to follow at MN Valley Lutheran Church. Tri-Church Choir rehearsal after worship.

**March 20:** 6pm supper with a Lenten service to follow at Zion Lutheran Church. Tri-Church Choir rehearsal after worship.

**March 28, Maundy Thursday:** 7pm service at MN Valley Lutheran Church. Tri-Church Choir rehearsal after worship.

**March 29, Good Friday:** 7pm service at Zion Lutheran Church. Tri-Church Choir rehearsal after worship.

**March 31, Easter:** 6:30am Borgund; 8:30am Zion; 10:30am MN Valley. Tri-Church Choir rehearsal after worship.



Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Join us at 1pm for Women's Bible Study which will be held at Jane Baldwin's home (312 HWY 119 Madison, MN).

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## February Zion Altar Guild

Flower Committee

Renaee Schreck

Communion Committee

April Ehrenberg

Parament Committee

Kathy Skjei

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Wednesday, February 21: 1pm Zion Prayer Shawl gathering at Apple Ridge. New members are always welcome!

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MN Valley will be delivering Meals on Wheels February 19<sup>th</sup> through February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sign-up sheet will be up on the bulletin board at the church. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

All of the family of believers at Zion's Lutheran Congregation wish to congratulate all those who have birthdays and anniversaries this month. Remember them in prayer on their special day.

### February

#### ZION (birthdays)

Samantha Morales	1
Jessica Eliason	2
Molly Holtz	3
Ryder Droogsma	3
Tucker Droogsma	3
Kyle Brustuen	4
Molly Erickson	11
McKayla Thunstedt	11
Amy Stitt	17
Denise Bakken	18
Carol Roiger	19
Kay Stenstuen	19
Ashton Kittelson	20
Melissa Ehrenberg	21
Carol Hamann	23
Jamison Warner	24
Grace Vacek	26

Landon Schirm	27
Jody Bjerke	28
Kyle Bahl	29
Joel Dehne	4
Naomi Beyer	8
Morgan Munsterman	16
Adrienne Aeikens	17
Mike Munsterman	26
Jason Dehne	27

#### ZION (anniversaries)

Tracy & Lisa Koosman	18
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*May our Lord richly bless you and give you  
Joy and a year of God's Grace*

# MN Valley WELCA Birthdays



Lisa Coil	6
Dawn Bjorgan	6
Delores Rheingans	14
Lori Sieg	17
Carolyn Witte	17
Rachel Rigenhagen Risch	19



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# Zion Lutheran Church

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## December Treasurer's Notes

- Attached is the latest 2023 Expenditures & 2024 Budget Proposal. These are final totals for 2023. Thank you for all your help in making this process successful!
- All end of year financial donations have been made. Zion had tremendous support from the congregation in the Mission Fund. In 2023, \$6,930.00 was given with \$1,100 going to local organizations & \$5,830 to the SW MN Synod Mission Support.
- Two Zion College Freshmen received \$250 scholarships from the scholarship CD. After subtracting the \$500, the CD was renewed.
- The Tri-Parish financial split/obligations were reviewed by the church treasurers. It was agreed the Tri-Parish agreement stated the first 30% should be divided equally with the remaining 70% divided 50-30-20%. March through December were recalculated and MN Valley and Borgund will be paying soon to clear 2023 expenses.

Questions about splitting the parsonage expenses have come up through this review. Mainly to not include parsonage utility expenses in the Tri-Parish Expenses. One item of note is that the Madison parsonage has been rented out to one of their parishioners.

Here is the note from Brian and Tamie:

"We would like to suggest one additional change. We also believe we should make corrections to the expenses for the church parsonages. Article VI of the agreement says that each congregation retains ownership of its church property and its parsonage property, and is responsible for associated physical upkeep. Article VIII a says "Each congregation will be responsible for their own financial obligations, including their property, debt, and other staff not included in the Tri-Church ministry." The intent was that Borgund/MNV continue to split all expenses related to the parsonage in Madison and that Zion pay for all expenses related to the parsonage in Appleton. We have not calculated the impact that this will have on the total amount due but either way, suggest that we correct it at the same time. Do you agree with this approach?"

When parsonage utilities were brought up by the treasurers previously, I mentioned it with a few council members. Those Zion's council members seemed to be in agreement that we are responsible for our own parsonages as far as physical upkeep is concerned, but felt the utilities should be a shared expense. Whether it is the pastor or intern in either of our parsonages, that is their home office. In their ministry they are always on call and many times work at home.

Please discuss the matter with a recommendation. It will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

- Ted Albers has also agreed to review the church's finances. At six-month intervals, both Ted and Andrew Schmidt will review the accounting. Afterwards it will be kept in the church for anyone else wishing to review. January through June 2023 have been reviewed by both with no issues found. July through December will be reviewed soon.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or recommendations.

Leslie Ehrenberg

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	Actual '23	Budget '23	Proposed '24
<b>Church Building</b>			
Building maintenance	8,628.17	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Electricity	5,310.52	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Heating	6,675.35	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Lawn Care & Snow Removal	1,482.50	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Organ & Piano Maintenance	650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Property Insurance	8,756.65	\$11,000.00	\$9,150.00
Real Estate Taxes - Church Bldg	100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Utilities	2,423.37	\$5,000.00	\$3,100.00
<b>Total Church Building</b>	<b>\$ 34,026.56</b>	<b>\$44,000.00</b>	<b>\$42,500.00</b>

<b>Church Missions</b>	500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief	600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
F.L.Y. Program	2,769.34	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Green Lake Bible Camp	400.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Lutheran World Relief	976.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Strengthening the Family	100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Toys for Tots	2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
World Hunger Appeal	600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
<b>Total Church Missions</b>	<b>\$ 7,945.34</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>

<b>Church Office</b>			
Advertising & outreach	409.25	\$0.00	\$500.00
Bank fees & service charges	45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Church school supplies	475.82	\$750.00	\$500.00
Equipment lease & maintenance	1,506.89	\$0.00	\$1,450.00
Janitor's Supplies & Fixtures*	95.59	\$500.00	\$1,300.00
Lutefisk Supper Supplies	4,953.26	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Memberships & subscriptions	44.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Office Equipment	1,756.83		\$0.00
Office supplies	1,181.55	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Other education supplies	100.00	\$600.00	\$500.00
Postage - Shared	573.45	\$0.00	\$600.00
Postage - Zion only	235.80	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Printing & photocopying	3,962.54	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Radio Broadcasting	1,537.50	\$0.00	\$2,600.00
Software & apps	1,192.31	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Telephone & Internet	2,670.53	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Worship Supplies	1,508.57	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Worship Supplies - Shared	3,095.15	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
<b>Total Church Office</b>	<b>\$ 25,344.04</b>	<b>\$15,850.00</b>	<b>\$27,745.00</b>

<b>Church Parsonage</b>			
Moving Expense	832.34	\$0.00	\$0.00
Repairs & maintenance	4,992.06	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
Telephone & Internet		\$0.00	\$900.00
Utilities	3,350.54	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00
<b>Total Church Parsonage</b>	<b>\$ 9,174.94</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$9,400.00</b>
<b>Madison Parsonage Utilities</b>	<b>2,416.77</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>			
Household furnishings allowance	0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Housing equity allowance	0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,315.00
Mileage Reimbursement	7,212.15	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Pastor Cell Phone	739.25	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Pastor Conferences & Seminars	1,605.62	\$1,000.00	\$2,250.00
Pastor FICA Reimbursement	3,506.30	\$3,800.00	\$4,527.00
Pastor Portico Benefits	20,817.77	\$14,000.00	\$24,600.00
Pastor Salary	45,833.40	\$50,000.00	\$59,566.00
Pulpit Supply	3,450.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Pulpit Supply - Mileage Reimbursement	439.80	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Vicar FICA Reimbursement	1,179.88		\$0.00
Vicar Portico Benefits	10,518.32		\$0.00
Vicar Salary	13,250.04		\$0.00
<b>Total Pastoral Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 108,552.53</b>	<b>\$130,550.00</b>	<b>\$108,758.00</b>

<b>Payroll expenses</b>			
FICA & Mcare Withholdings	1,674.07	\$3,800.00	\$2,000.00
Extra Clerical	1,081.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Janitor Salary	13,750.00	\$13,750.00	\$13,750.00
Organist Salary	3,675.36	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Secretary Salary	24,180.00	\$25,750.00	\$27,100.00
Service Stipends	2,738.69	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Workers' compensation insurance	1,887.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Payroll expenses</b>	<b>\$ 48,884.76</b>	<b>\$50,300.00</b>	<b>\$53,550.00</b>

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 236,344.94</b>	<b>\$ 255,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 245,753.00</b>
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## Proposed Budget for Zion Lutheran Church

2024

### Five Year Budget History

<b>Actual '19</b>	\$166,682.00
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<b>Actual '20</b>	\$163,428.00
<b>Percent Increase</b>	-1.95%

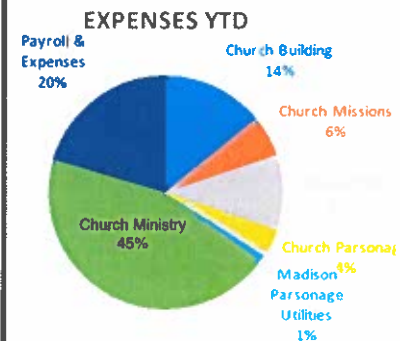
<b>Actual '21</b>	\$224,644.00
<b>Percent Increase</b>	37.46%

<b>Actual '22</b>	\$224,629.00
<b>Percent Increase</b>	-0.01%

<b>Actual '23</b>	\$255,500.00
<b>Percent Increase</b>	13.74%

<b>Proposed '24</b>	\$245,753.00
<b>Percent Increase</b>	-3.81%

# 2023 Expenditure Snapshot



## Tri-Parish Shared Expenses - December 2023

Expenditures	Date	ction Type	Num	Name	Amount
<b>Church Office</b>					
Equipment lease & maintenance	12/07/2023	Check	EFT	Xerox Corporation	117.81
Printing & photocopying	12/07/2023	Check	EFT	Xerox Corporation	237.35
Software & apps	12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Dawson Co-op. Credit Union	90.00
Internet	12/05/2023	Check	EFT	Federated Telephone Cooperative	79.95
Telephone	12/05/2023	Check	EFT	Federated Telephone Cooperative	45.68
Worship Supplies - Shared	12/06/2023	Check	20633	1517 Media	33.00
Worship Supplies - Shared	12/06/2023	Check	20632	Concordia Publishing	125.04
<b>Total for Church Office</b>					<b>\$ 728.83</b>

<b>Church Parsonage</b>					
Electricity	12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Otter Tail Power Co.	38.26
Telephone	12/05/2023	Check	EFT	Federated Telephone Cooperative	33.91
Internet	12/05/2023	Check	EFT	Federated Telephone Cooperative	37.95
Utilities	12/05/2023	Check	EFT	Minnesota Energy Resource Corp.	66.93
Utilities	12/15/2023	Check	EFT	City of Appleton	83.93
<b>Total for Church Parsonage</b>					<b>\$ 260.98</b>

<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>					
Mileage Reimbursement	12/29/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer	419.20
Pastor Cell Phone	12/14/2023	Check	EFT	Verizon	74.03
Pastor FICA Reimbursement	12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer	350.63
Pastor Portico Benefits	12/22/2023	Check	eft	Portico Benefit Service	2,049.52
Pastor Salary	12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer	2,291.67
Pastor Salary	12/29/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer	2,291.67
<b>Total for Pastoral Ministry</b>					<b>\$ 7,476.72</b>

<b>Payroll expenses</b>					
Secretary Salary	12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Demi Roiland	992.00
Secretary Salary	12/29/2023	Check	EFT	Demi Roiland	868.00
<b>Total for Payroll expenses</b>					<b>\$ 1,860.00</b>

**Total for Expenditures** **\$ 10,326.53**

Totals for Each Church Parish			Amount
		30% split equally	\$ 3,097.96
		10% to Zion	\$ 1,032.65
<b>Zion Share - 50%</b>	<b>\$ 4,646.94</b>	10% to MN Valley	\$ 1,032.65
<b>MN Valley Share - 30%</b>	<b>\$ 3,201.22</b>	10% to Borgund	\$ 1,032.65
<b>Borgund Share - 20%</b>	<b>\$ 2,478.37</b>	Remaining	\$ 7,228.57
		50% Zion	\$ 3,614.29
		30% MN Valley	\$ 2,168.57
		20% Borgund	\$ 1,445.71

**Checkbook Detail: Zion Lutheran Church - December 2023**

Date	Type	Check #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
			<b>Beginning Balance</b>			\$7,646.12
12/04/2023	Deposit		Sunday Offerings		\$1,290.00	\$8,936.12
				Church Building & Parsonage:		
12/05/2023	Check	EFT	Federated Telephone Cooperative	Internet & Telephone	-\$197.49	\$8,738.63
12/05/2023	Check	EFT	Minnesota Energy Resource Corp.		-\$66.93	\$8,671.70
12/06/2023	Check	20631	MN Dept. of Labor & Industry		-\$10.00	\$8,661.70
12/06/2023	Check	20632	Concordia Publishing	Inv# INVSM011147518	-\$125.04	\$8,536.66
12/06/2023	Check	20633	1517 Media	Inv 84584409	-\$33.00	\$8,503.66
12/06/2023	Deposit		Deposit		\$70.00	\$8,573.66
12/07/2023	Check	EFT	Xerox Corporation		-\$355.16	\$8,218.50
12/11/2023	Deposit		Deposit		\$235.00	\$8,453.50
12/12/2023	Deposit		Sunday Offerings		\$5,622.83	\$14,076.33
12/14/2023	Check	EFT	Verizon	Pastor's Cell phone	-\$74.03	\$14,002.30
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Otter Tail Power Co.	Church building	-\$390.85	\$13,611.45
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Otter Tail Power Co.	Church parsonage	-\$38.26	\$13,573.19
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Dawson Co-op. Credit Union		-\$253.46	\$13,319.73
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	City of Appleton	Church building	-\$105.01	\$13,214.72
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	City of Appleton	Church parsonage	-\$83.93	\$13,130.79
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Diane Kepner		-\$424.81	\$12,705.98
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Larry Kepner		-\$106.20	\$12,599.78
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Demi Roiland		-\$916.12	\$11,683.66
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer		-\$1,958.12	\$9,725.54
12/15/2023	Check	EFT	North Star Mutual		-\$760.83	\$8,964.71
12/19/2023	Deposit		Sunday Offerings		\$14,220.50	\$23,185.21
12/19/2023	Deposit		Deposit	Scholarship CD/gifts to sophomores	\$500.00	\$23,685.21
12/20/2023	Check	EFT	West Central Sanitation		-\$90.20	\$23,595.01
12/21/2023	Check	20638	Lac Qui Parle Conference - ELCA	See attachment.	-\$500.00	\$23,095.01
12/21/2023	Check	20634	Sister Kay Fernholz	Pulpit fill/mileage	-\$170.00	\$22,925.01
12/21/2023	Check	20635	ZLCW	Fair Stand rent/pass through \$	\$500.00	\$22,425.01
12/21/2023	Check	20639	SW MN Synod, ELCA	Mission Pledges	-\$1,200.00	\$21,225.01
12/21/2023	Check	20640	Kendall Wolle	College Freshmen scholarship	-\$250.00	\$20,975.01
12/21/2023	Check	20641	Julia Borstad	College Freshmen scholarship	-\$250.00	\$20,725.01
12/21/2023	Check	20642	Jeanette Pfaff	Bells of Praise Stipend	-\$150.00	\$20,575.01
12/21/2023	Check	20643	Hope Schmidt	Krystal Ringers Stipend	-\$50.00	\$20,525.01
12/21/2023	Check	20644	Brenda Oyen	March-December Financial Secretary	-\$461.75	\$20,063.26
12/21/2023	Check	20645	Cheryl Strand	March-December Financial Helper	-\$500.00	\$19,563.26
12/21/2023	Check	20636	Mid-MN Lumber	Repair for parsonage steps	-\$11.98	\$19,551.28
12/21/2023	Check	20637	KLQP FM	Radio broadcasting	-\$210.00	\$19,341.28
12/21/2023	Check	20646	Church Budget Envelope Co	2024 Donation Envelopes	-\$279.33	\$19,061.95
12/22/2023	Check	EFT	Portico Benefit Service		-\$3,417.88	\$15,644.07
12/26/2023	Deposit		Sunday Offerings		\$8,152.00	\$23,796.07
12/26/2023	Deposit		Interest Paid		\$6.14	\$23,802.21
12/28/2023	Deposit		Deposit		\$2,821.00	\$26,623.21
12/28/2023	Check		SW MN Synod, ELCA	2023 Mission Donations	-\$5,130.00	\$21,493.21
12/28/2023	Check	20647	FLY Backpack Program	2023 Donation	-\$1,000.00	\$20,493.21
12/28/2023	Check	20648	STF	2023 Donation	-\$100.00	\$20,393.21
12/29/2023	Check	EFT	Diane Kepner		-\$549.81	\$19,843.40
12/29/2023	Check	EFT	Larry Kepner		-\$106.20	\$19,737.20
12/29/2023	Check	EFT	Demi Roiland		-\$801.59	\$18,935.61
12/29/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer		-\$2,026.69	\$16,908.92
12/29/2023	Check	20649	Marty Koosmann		-\$69.26	\$16,839.66
12/29/2023	Check	EFT	Andrea Johnson		-\$69.26	\$16,770.40
12/29/2023	Check	20650	Pati Arnold		-\$207.79	\$16,562.61
12/29/2023	Check	20651	Postmaster	MN Dept of Rev 941-X forms	-\$66.00	\$16,496.61
12/30/2023	Check		Tubbs of Soft Water	Water for cooler	-\$19.50	\$16,477.11
			<b>Ending Balance *</b>	<i>*\$10,000 of this balance is savings funds</i>		\$16,477.11

## Fund Balances: Zion Lutheran Church - December 2023

Checkbook 700-641	Building Fund	Current Operating Fund	Mission Fund	TOTAL
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	-\$2,264.22	\$2,336.79	\$7,573.55	\$7,646.12

### Income

<b>Contributed income</b>				
Borgund Lutheran Church		2,231.83		
Building Fund Donations	170.00			
Lutefisk Supper income		50.00		
Minnesota Valley Lutheran		3,347.75		
Mission Fund Donations			695.00	
College Student Scholarships			500.00	
Offerings & Donations		21,790.75		
Online Offerings		305.00		
Radio Fund Donations		900.00		
Rental Income/Resale		231.00		
ZLCW		2,000.00	190.00	
Interest income		6.14		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 170.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,862.47</b>	<b>\$ 1,385.00</b>	

### Expenditures

<b>Church Building</b>				
Building maintenance	10.00			
Electricity		390.85		
Property Insurance		760.83		
Utilities		195.21		
Water & Cooler		19.50		
<b>Total Church Building</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,366.39</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	

<b>Church Missions</b>			4,630.00	
College Freshmen Scholarships			500.00	
ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief			600.00	
F.L.Y. Program			1,000.00	
LQP Conference - ELCA			500.00	
Strengthening the Family			100.00	
World Hunger Appeal			1,100.00	
<b>Total Church Missions</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,430.00</b>	

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**Fund Balances: Zion Lutheran Church - December 2023**

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<b>Church Office</b>				
Equipment lease & maintenance			117.81	
Janitor's Supplies			40.93	
Postage - Shared			66.00	
Printing & photocopying			237.35	
Radio Broadcasting			210.00	
Software & apps			90.00	
Telephone & Internet			125.63	
Worship Supplies			401.86	
Worship Supplies - Shared			158.04	
<b>Total Church Office</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,447.62</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>Church Parsonage</b>				
Electricity			38.26	
Repairs & maintenance			11.98	
Utilities			222.72	
<b>Total Church Parsonage</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 272.96</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>				
Mileage Reimbursement			419.20	
Pastor Cell Phone			74.03	
Pastor FICA Reimbursement			350.63	
Pastor Portico Benefits			2,049.52	
Pastor Salary			4,583.34	
Pulpit Supply			150.00	
Pulpit Supply - Mileage Reimbursement				
Reimbursement			20.00	
<b>Total Pastoral Ministry</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,646.72</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>Payroll expenses</b>				
FICA withholding			-240.87	
Mcare Withholding			-56.34	
Salaries & wages				
Janitor Salary			1,150.00	
Organist Salary			375.00	
Secretary Salary			1,860.00	
Service Stipends			1,325.00	
<b>Total Payroll expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,412.79</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Total Expenditures** **\$10.00      \$15,146.48      \$8,430.00**

**Ending Balance \*** **-\$2,104.22      \$18,052.78      \$528.55      \$16,477.11**

\* \$10,000 of this balance is savings funds

**Combined  
Ending  
Balance**

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## Southwestern Minnesota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### 2024 Synod Assembly

Where: Gustavus Adolphus College

When: June 7-8, 2024

This will be a hybrid Assembly. This means voting members will have the opportunity to participate online or onsite.

Rev. Dr. Aaron Suomala Folkerds is the keynote speaker; Executive Director for Christian Community and Leadership, Phil Hirsch is the ELCA representative; and Bishop Myaka from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa will also be attending.

#### What congregations need to know when electing Synod Assembly voting members:

- Online voting members will need to have:
  - their own device (cell phone, tablet, iPad, or a laptop).
  - their own personal email address that is checked on a regular basis.
  - the capability to log into Zoom and participate in voting using Zoom Polling.

*A hybrid voting member must meet the criteria above.*

- On-site voting members will have:
  - their own devices (cell phone, tablet, iPad, or a laptop).
  - opportunities to network in-person.
  - on-site worship, workshops, and presentations.

Whether you attend the Assembly hybrid or on-site, it promises to be equally engaging and filled with new ways to participate.

The Assembly will begin on Friday around dinnertime with hors d' Oeuvres, networking, and inspiring programming. Saturday morning will begin at 9 am with worship in Christ Chapel. Plenary Sessions, with official Assembly business, will begin on Saturday morning. The Assembly will recess on Saturday no later than 5 pm.

The chart on the back of this page will help your congregation determine how many voting members to elect at your annual meeting. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Schacher, Assembly Manager, [tammy.schacher@swmnelca.org](mailto:tammy.schacher@swmnelca.org) or 507-627-9041.

Other important registration information will be sent out in late January.



## Voting Members Chart

Congregation Size*	Voting Member #	Gender (as near as possible)
0 – 174	1 or 2	If only one registers, either male or female.
175 – 500	2	1 male, 1 female
501 – 1,000	3	1 male, 1 female + 1 either male or female
1,001 – 1,500	4	2 male, 2 female
1,501 – 2,000	5	2 male, 2 female + 1 either male or female
2,001 – 2,500	6	3 male, 3 female
2,501 – 3,000	7	3 male, 3 female + 1 either male or female
3,001 – 3,500	8	4 male, 4 female

*\*Numbers represent BAPTIZED membership.*

*More than 3,500 baptized members, add one voting member for every additional 500 baptized members.*



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