



Zion Lutheran Church  
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# Oklee Lutheran Parish

## April 2025

Marijo Vik, SAM  
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Check out our website: [OkleeLutheran.org](http://OkleeLutheran.org)

## APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

9: Bonny Cote  
14: Jessi Dessellier  
Alice Hofstad  
18: Andy Dessellier  
19: Sonia Kolstoe  
Wayne Schmiedeberg  
24: Isabella Mitzner  
26: Atley Vettleson  
29: Bryer Klasen

### Anniversaries

14: Dennis & Elaine McGearry  
18: Conway & Kim Olson  
20: Cindy & Wayne Schmiedeberg

*If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary, contact Bonny Cote at 218-796-4688 or email: [bcote@okleelutheran.org](mailto:bcote@okleelutheran.org)*



April 6:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 13:

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14—23:56

April 20:

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

April 27:

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Marijo Vik has signed a covenant with Oklee Lutheran Parish to serve us until the end of September. ~~~ Welcome Back, Marijo ~~~



• Zion's next council meeting is **Wednesday, April 2nd** at 8:00 p.m. following Service.

• Salem's next council meeting is **Tuesday, April 8th** at 6:30 p.m.

• The Parish Board meeting will be on **Thursday, May 8th** at 7:00 p.m.

**Please attend your meetings!**  
It is important to be there to support your church & community.



### Salem Ushers List

Sun. April 6:	Wyatt Vettleson
Wed. April 9:	Leif Kolstoe
Sun. April 13:	Alice Hofstad
Thu. April 17 :	Paula Christianson
Sun. April 20:	Ron Hegge
Sun. April 27:	Kyle Vettleson

### Zion Ushers List

Wed. April 2:	Confirmation Kids
Sun. April 6:	Chad Parsley
Sun. April 13:	Cheryl O'Neill
Fri. April 18:	Gin Berns
Sun. April 20:	Jami Hendrickson
Sun. April 27:	Patty Mickelson

\*\*\* Remember, if you are not able to usher the date you are assigned, it is your responsibility to find your replacement.\*\*\*

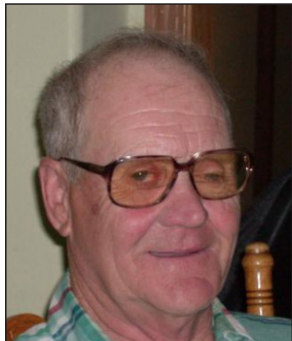
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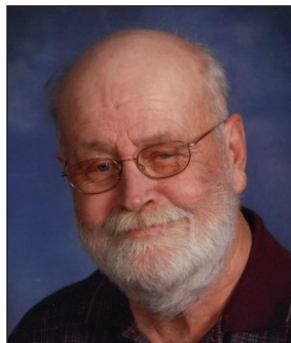
Leona Eleanor Christianson passed away peacefully on March 3, 2025.



Ordean Nelson passed away peacefully on March 6, 2025.



David Johnson passed away peacefully on March 19, 2025.



Emmett Case Brekke was baptized on March 23rd at Zion Lutheran Church. Parents are Kayla and Casey Brekke. Sponsors were: Kimberly Gilbertson and Kevin Brekke.

## HOME VISITS

ELCA Lay Minister Marijo Vik will be open to visitations up to the end of September.

If you would like her to come and visit with you please contact Bonny Cote to make the arrangements. Bonny's contact information is: Cell: 612-840-9401, or email: [bcote@okleelutheran.org](mailto:bcote@okleelutheran.org)

## Salem News

### Salem WELCA Meets

Note the Date Change: This month the meeting is set for Monday, **April 7th** at 7:00 p.m. Phyllis Linder is the Bible Study Leader and the Hostess. All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

### Easter Breakfast

Salem will host a Easter Breakfast of rolls, coffee and juice before Easter Services starting at 9:30 a.m.

### Local Food Shelf

Salem members contributed \$179.29 for our local food shelf during our special collection on March 16th. Salem WELCA added another \$100 to make the grand total of \$274.29 going to our Oklee Food Shelf. Remember during March, money donated are matched. Thank you everyone.



**April 2: 6 PM Meal. 7 PM at Zion**

**April 9: 6 PM Meal. 7 PM at Salem**

**April 13: Palm Sunday**

**Zion: 9 AM Worship. 10:30 AM SS.**

**Salem: 9 AM SS. 10:30 AM Worship.**

**April 17 - Maundy Thursday: 7 PM at Salem**

**April 18 - Good Friday: 7 PM at Zion**

**Easter Sunday**

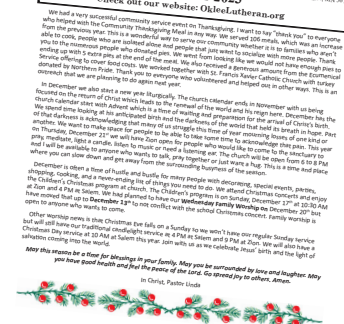
**March 31: 9 AM Zion, 10:30 AM Salem**

**No Sunday School at either church**

## Please Take Note...

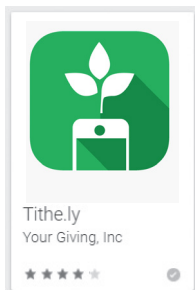
If you know someone who would like to get the newsletter or should be added to the list for the newsletter, please contact Bonny Cote at 612-840-9401 or email her at [bcote@okleelutheran.org](mailto:bcote@okleelutheran.org) to add them on to the list.

Example: your child that has moved away from home or someone has moved to or from the area.



**Update: You now have six choices to choose from to make your donation:**

- Oklee Lutheran Parish
- Parish Youth Group
- Zion Church
- Salem Church
- Zion Cemetery
- Salem Cemetery



**Please continue to be generous in your support!**

**Use the Tithe.ly app**

The Link is on our website:  
**okleelutheran.org**

or  
**Try our QR Code**

**Thank You!!**



## **JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Salem Sunday School is held at 9:00 AM**  
**Zion Sunday School is held at 10:00AM.**

**Salem Sunday School Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Salem16vbs/>**



**Zion Sunday School Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Zion-Lutheran-Church-Sunday-School-102359373581873/>**

**Oklee Lutheran Parish - <https://www.facebook.com/okleeparish/>**



Current leaders have stepped down effective Jan 1, 2025. If interested in serving as Youth Group leaders, please reach out to the Parish Board.



### **2025 Zion Altar Schedule**

January: Jami Hendrickson/Sarah Lee  
February: Marcella Melby/Kari Hamm  
March: Bonny Cote  
April: Liz Follmann  
May: Cheryl O'Neill  
June: Ashley Halvorson/  
Nancy Gunderson  
July: VACANT-need new person  
August: Ione Nelson/Amanda Nelson  
September: Kaye Munt  
October: Sheryl Fore/Jo Ann Lerohl  
November: Diane Hanson  
December: Patty Mickelson

### **2025 Salem Altar Schedule**

January - Pam Vettleson  
February - Toni Johnson  
March - Jenny O'Neill  
April - Cindy Rystad  
May - Jordan Larson  
June - Sandra Tougas  
July - Toni Johnson

Follow Oklee Lutheran Parish on  
**FACEBOOK & YouTube**

**Worship Services are available at 10 AM on our Oklee Lutheran Parish FACEBOOK page and YouTube channel and on GVTEL Channel 35 at 10 p.m. on Wednesday and repeated the following Sunday.**





Greetings from  
Inter-County  
Community  
Council (ICCC),  
your local  
Community Action  
Agency



This month I wanted to share some information about Inter-County's Annual Report which can be found on our website. Inter-County was able to provide services to a number of individuals and families. This past year served over 2,372 Households across 6 different departments were served. Below are some highlights from each Department.

### **Employment & Training**

The employment and training department offers services to help provide education and assist in job seeking. Total they served 137 individuals.

### **Food Shelf**

Food Shelf provides households with emergency food boxes and served 162 households.

### **Energy Assistance**

Energy Assistance assists households with heating bills, and no-heat situations, through Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater and East Polk Counties 1607 households were served.

### **Head Start**

Head Start provides home based/center care for children to foster learning and parent connection and served 189 individuals.

### **Family Services**

Family Services assists household with getting and retaining, housing and were able to serve 238 households

### **Weatherization**

Weatherization helps households improve energy efficiency through energy audits and education. They were able to serve 39 households between Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater and East Polk Counties and Red Lake Nation.

*Thank you for the opportunity to share space in your newsletter. To learn more about ICCC you can visit [www.intercountyycc.org](http://www.intercountyycc.org) or call me directly at 218-796-5144 ext 1027.*

*Yours in action- Catherine Johnson, Executive Director.*

## **Theme: It is Well with my Soul**

Women of the ELCA  
Fall Gathering - Conference 2  
Northwestern Minnesota Synod

Saturday, April 12, 2025  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
325 Horace Ave  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Speakers: Lori Thompson & Jane Aandal  
will be speaking on mental and physical  
wellness.

8:30 a.m. Registration & Coffee  
9:00 a.m. Program Starts  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
Registration Fee: \$10



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**April Spring**  
**Cleaning Auction Sale!!**  
**Sunday, April 6th**  
**Oklee Community Hall**  
**Sale Start at 12 noon**  
**Setup April 5th**  
**10 am. to 2 p.m.**  
**Donations accepted up to**  
**start of sale**  
**Something for everyone**  
**Eric W. Mickelson, Auctioneer**  
**Lic.# 63-6**  
**All proceeds go to Zion's**  
**General Fund**

# Parish Minutes & Financials

## Parish Board meeting

March 13, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Kyle Vettleson, Kari Hamm, Josh Vettleson, Cheryl O'Neill and Gin Berns. Secretary/Treasurer Bonny Cote. Missing: David H.

Cheryl called the meeting to order. Cheryl welcomed Marijo Vik to the meeting.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. A short discussion about comments being heard around the community that Salem might split from the Parish. That was put to rest as it has not been discussed. A motion by Josh, seconded by Kyle, all in favor, carried.

Financial report was given by Bonny and approved with a motion by Kyle, seconded by Kari.

Bonny mentioned that she has started a yearly calendar as she is the one that has been receiving calls for baptism, funerals, etc. She is encouraging everyone to keep her informed so she has the correct information when needed.

### New Business:

Marijo Vik would like to start up with a covenant again this year from April to the end of September. She is asking for the same as last year with an increase in the mileage per the IRS recommendation, minus two Sundays (May 25 & June 1st). The board said they would like give her more, so she added in to her addendum extra services, and required classes. The document was signed by Marijo Vik and Josh Vettleson. Bonny will send to the Bishop for his signature. Motion was made by Kyle, seconded by Gin, to hire Marijo Vik as the SAM.

Marijo Vik will do the Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, May 8th, at 7 p.m.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Kyle, seconded by Josh, Carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Bonny Cote

## Parish Banking Summary

1/1/2025 through 2/28/2025

Category	1/1/2025- 2/28/2025
<b>INCOME</b>	
Income	
Misc	
Tithely	1,157.87
TOTAL Misc	1,157.87
Salem	8,475.60
Zion	7,515.70
TOTAL Income	17,149.17
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>17,149.17</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	61.57
Operational	
Auto Expense	90.45
Computer Allowance	100.00
Electricity	138.00
Office Supplies	147.53
Copier	238.22
Programs	47.85
TOTAL Office Supplies	433.60
Postage	100.00
Newsletter	92.45
TOTAL Postage	192.45
Telephone	
Telephone Zion	263.95
TOTAL Telephone	263.95
Water-Garbage	957.66
TOTAL Operational	2,176.11
Program	
Bulletins Etc	412.50
Pulpit Supply	1,985.80
TOTAL Program	2,398.30
Salary	
Secretary	
FICA	5.10
Salary	733.33
TOTAL Secretary	738.43
TOTAL Salary	738.43
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,374.41</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>11,774.76</b>



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## Jesus dies on the cross.

Matthew 27:32-56; Mark 15:21-41;

Luke 23:26-49; John 19:17-37



April 2025						
◀ March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>Zion Altar</u></b> Liz Follmann	<b><u>Salem Altar</u></b> Cindy Rystad	1	2	3	4	5
<b>6 Communion</b> 9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. Salem SS 10:00 a.m. Zion SS 10:30 a.m. Salem Zion Auction at Noon			Lent Service 6:00 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m. Zion. 8:00 p.m. Zion Council.			Zion Auction Setup 10 am. To 2 p.m.
<b>13 Communion</b> 9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. Salem SS 10:00 a.m. Zion SS 10:30 a.m. Salem	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Maudy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Salem	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Zion.	
<b>20 Easter</b> 9:00 a.m. Zion No Salem SS No Zion SS 10:30 a.m. Salem	21	22	23	24	25	26
						
<b>27 Last Day of SSchool</b> 9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. Salem SS 10:00 a.m. Zion SS 10:30 a.m. Salem	28	29	30		<b><u>Salem Ushers</u></b> Apr. 6: Wyatt V Apr. 9: Leif K Apr. 13: Alice H Apr. 17: Paula C Apr. 20: Ron H Apr. 27: Kyle V	<b><u>Zion Ushers</u></b> Apr. 2: Confir Kids Apr. 6: Chad P Apr. 13: Cheryl O Apr. 18: Gin Berms Apr. 20: Jami H Apr. 27: Patty M

The Newsletter deadline will be the first Saturday after the 15th of the month.  
Please send your contributions to Bonny by email to [bcote@okleelutheran.org](mailto:bcote@okleelutheran.org).  
Or call or text Bonny at 612-840-9401. Thank you!!

*You care  
for the land  
and water it;  
you enrich it  
abundantly.*

*Psalm 65:9*



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