



The Messenger

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We're a relationship-based congregation!

Zion Lutheran's Vice President, Ben Accola, got my attention when the Executive Team interviewed me as a candidate for your Interim Pastor. Ben said, "We're a relationship-based congregation, not program focused."

I think the heartbeat of life together in Christian Community is in relationships. Relationships grounded in the Holy and Triune God who seeks to be in relationship with us throughout our days. And, in our relationships with one another as we walk together in faith and doubt, struggle and celebration, questions and commitments.

Here is a window view of life together at Zion on Tuesday, July 11th. Heavy rains brought everyone inside.

Three or four big round tables in the Banquet Room were filled with young people of multi-ethnic and faith backgrounds visiting together, engaging in activities, and playing games. In the kitchen, Jesús Pérez, South Minneapolis Program Manager for Youth Farm was cooking the biggest pan of fluffy scrambled eggs I have ever seen and a second pan of savory food was simmering on the stove. Jesús was assisted by two other adult leaders who are part of the staff of Youth Farm, a Twin Cities youth-led development organization that is based at Zion. Youth Farmers work the land, grow and prepare food while building inter-generational, cross-cultural and confident relationships.

Also in the Banquet Hall, some of the Zion Quilters, Thelma, LuAnn, and Penny, were tying a quilt.

Youth Farm Director, Gunnar Liden, and the Assistant Director were meeting across the hall in the Fireside Room. On the third floor, the Business Director was working in the Youth Farm office.

Patty and Alex were at work in the main floor church office.

Then Gary arrived to check our food inventory and prepare his shopping list for Wednesday's Community Dinner. Sam was checking in on building matters and joined our staff meeting.

Zion was filled with abundant life – people from different cultures, genders, generations, and service commitments – all kinds of diversity, sharing so many amazing gifts together. The Heartbeat of God is strong here – intertwined in our life together where we hold each other up, offer support and give from our strengths and gifts and skills so that all may have abundant life, hope and faith.

"Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God was coming." Jesus answered them, "The Kingdom of God is among you!" Luke 17:20-21

We are a relationship-based congregation and God is in our midst! Thanks be to God.

Pastor Eva Jensen

From the Office

Zion's office hours are changing!

On August 1, the office will be open **Monday-Thursday 12-4pm**. This will allow better afternoon coverage during this time of transition.

Zion is a busy building with many community partners. Most of these partners hold events in the late afternoon, the Lyndale Community Dinner, for example, and they need access to Zion's lovely insides. This change in hours will provide better support to those partners and afternoon visitors and friends.

Members and friends should feel free to drop by the anytime during office hours. Alex works hard to craft a welcoming and comfortable space for all visitors. There's always coffee, conversation, and usually cookies!

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Sharing Our Milestones



Gratitude & Thanks

A special thanks to Sam Gardner for all of his behind-the-scenes work at Zion. He keeps the building running and the doors on their hinges (usually!). It's easy to overlook all of his hard work because he's here when most others aren't, but we wouldn't have the peace of mind and sense of safety without his diligent attention. Say THANK YOU to Sam this month, and next month, and the month after that.

Celebrations

National Night Out is August 1! Help Minneapolis be the #1 city with the most block parties, again! Join the nearest block party (there are 25 scheduled in Lyndale!) and get out your lawn chairs, grill up some juicy foods and go out of your way to meet some neighbors you don't already know.

August Birthdays

- 1 Lone Nelson
- 2 Justin Fuentes
- 5 Douglas Johnson
- 6 Laurie Courtemanche
- 9 Amanda Krzmarzick
- 11 Marisa Schloer Pracher
- 19 Janet Fisher
- 20 Matthew Frye
- 22 Patty Beadle
- 24 LaVonne Holden
- 30 Wilma Klaahsen
- 30 Danie Arneberg



News from Zion's Neighbors & Partner

The Youth Farm Lyndale Harvest Fest is Wednesday, August 16th! Join Youth Farmers as they show off the fruits (and veggies!) of their summer labors. This will take place at Zion on the south lawn during the Lyndale Community Dinner. Food is served at 6pm.

Lyndale Neighborhood Association's new program, Women in Action, for Somali and Latina Women is a program of 15 sessions running from July 22, 2017—May 4th, 2018. The program highlights central issues for women of color in the Twin Cities. It will guide women through important steps like running for electoral office and developing a mayoral forum. LNA is still taking applications. Send inquiries to Evelyn Vargas at evelyn@lyndale.org.

Nicolette Open Streets is September 24th! Zion and the LCD are considering sponsoring this fun neighborhood event. Contact the office if you'd like to be involved!

Hosmer Library is hosting Transfabulous: LIAR, A Writing Workshop Series. The first workshop is Saturday, August 5th from 1-3pm. Ollie Schminkey, transgender slam poet, is leading this 6-week workshop aimed at helping poets develop and perform work that speaks their truth. Beginners and experienced poets welcome!

Reconciling in Christ is hosting "Re-envisioning the RIC Welcome in 2017" at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S) on Saturday, August 19, from 8:30am-12:00pm. They ask each RIC congregation in the metro area to send two members to participate. Contact the Zion office if interested in attending.

ESL Classes will not be held during the last week of August. ESL usually meets at Zion on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:30pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with the classes, please contact Erin Carey at erin@lyndale.org.

Zion's **Mental Health Connect** Ambassador is Farrah Frye. MHC provides aid and resources for those struggling with mental illness. If you have questions or ideas about engaging MHC in our community, contact Farrah at fafrye@gmail.com.

Home and Hospital Pastoral Visitation

If you or a loved one would like a home or hospital visit, please let Pastor Eva know.

Everyone has different wants and needs when they are ill or home-bound, so please communicate your wishes and expectations. We want you to feel loved and supported by this community.

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call:



Pastor Eva Jensen
612-270-0416 (cell)

What's Happening at Zion this Month?

Monthly Council Update

The council met in Pastor Eva's office on July 18, 2017 and was joined by Patty Kane and Mark Fandrey of the Endowment Committee. Mark presented the Endowment Committee's biannual report to the council and noted that the church's endowment investments increased by approximately \$10,000 through 2017. Investments may increase or decrease depending on market performance.

Pastor Eva provided an update on Zion music. Thanks to Pastor Eva and Alex's hard work, all substitute music leaders are scheduled through August.

The council authorized an interview committee composed of President Kara Bennett, Emily Hagen, and Pastor Eva to conduct first round interviews of music coordinator candidates. Initial applications are encouraging!

Finally, the council received an update on the Transition Committee's work, courtesy of SueAnn Westphal. The Committee emphasizes the importance of participating in the Journey of Faith discussions. These discussions are essential as the committee begins work on the Ministry Site Profile and search for a permanent pastor.

Lyndale Community Dinner

On August 30th, put your money where your mouth (and stomach) is! You are invited to the 2017 Lyndale Community Dinner Fundraiser. Your weekly neighborhood meal operates on a very bare bones budget, impressively gathering about 60 people each Wednesday to eat together. Every dollar donated to the LCD supports the supplies for dinner, stipends for cooking hosts and the dinner coordinator, and helps us purchase whole and healthy food for our neighbors. This next year we hope to build up our ability to buy locally and sustainably sourced food, so that the LCD can become more of an active supporter of the good things that are happening in our community. Let's make a commitment together to continue to serve as great stewards to the earth and our neighbors!

Yoga with Farrah is outside on the front lawn every Wednesday at 5pm before the Lyndale Community Dinner. Join this free beginner level class and achieve the Zen goals you've been avoiding since you made that New Year's resolution 8 months ago. Mats are provided.

Men's Breakfast

Friday, August 25th at 7am at Curran's Restaurant on 42nd Street and Nicollet Avenue. This is a reoccurring event on the fourth Friday of each month. This group assures you that Medicare cards are not required for participation. Join us!

Zion's Young Adults gather for soup, bread, and wine on second Mondays or Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm. Zioners rotate hosting in their homes. Contact Lee George to be added to the e-mail list.



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learning/johnson-
symposium/](https://htlcmpls.org/learning/johnson-symposium/)

Friday Evening

5:45 Doors open

6:15-7 Opening Music by
The Poetic Diaspora

7-9 Evening Performance by
Don and Emily Saliers

Saturday Morning

8 Doors open

8:30-10:15 "Faith, Activism,
and Justice: Reflections on
Music as the Heart of Social
Movements," Part One,
with Don and Emily Saliers

10:15-10:45 Break

10:45-12 "Faith, Activism, and
Justice: Reflections on Music
as the Heart of Social
Movements," Pt. 2 with Don
and Emily Saliers

2017 JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM ON FAITH & SOCIETY

Dr. Don E. Saliers and Emily Saliers

November 10 & 11, 2017

"A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Reflections on Music as
Spiritual Practice"

Holy Trinity has long sought to provide opportunities for conversations about faith and life. Designed to celebrate and honor the exemplary ministries of Pastors Ronald K. Johnson and Stacy K. Johnson during a creative and exciting period in the life of the congregation, the Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society is envisioned as an annual event in which a leading theologian, scholar, and/or practitioner will be present to lead conversations over a two day period on important issues facing the church and society today.



(Dr. Don E. Saliers and Emily Saliers)

Dr. Don E. Saliers is currently the Theologian-in-Residence after retiring in 2007 as the William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. In addition to publishing widely in the fields of theology, liturgy, and music, Don is a composer of liturgical music and is an accomplished keyboard player with both a classical and jazz background. Emily Saliers is best known as part of the Grammy Award-winning Indigo Girls, celebrated for their tireless work for social justice.

Don Saliers and Emily Saliers, father and daughter, spoke to *Rolling Stone* about why it's important for the church to evolve in its teachings, why music activism is essential, and the reason it's imperative that we don't get used to the hateful words being spoken in the public square.

Transition Team

The Transition Team began meeting every other week starting on Monday, July 3.

Some members of the congregation have served on a Transition or Call Team. One of the common questions I have received is “When will we get a new pastor?” The answer will become clearer as we work through our transition process. The Transition Team will conclude when we submit a Congregational Profile to the Minneapolis Area Synod. The profile will articulate our identity, our mission and ministry, our vision for the future and our pastoral leadership preferences. Next, the Synod office will match pastors who best align with Zion’s profile. Once candidates are found we will switch from being a transition team to a call committee and interviews will begin.

So, who are we and what is important to us as a congregation? Many of you attended the Journey of Faith sessions. The information collected was extremely helpful for the Transition Team. We appreciate everyone’s contributions. Our neighborhood partnerships are also a central part of our identity. During the month of July, we met with our key neighborhood partners and sought input about our existing relationships and their vision for future relationships. All of the data we are gathering is important in the transition process and will help us articulate our future. This is a transparent process. Feel free to contact me or chat with me during coffee hour with your questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Stan Nelson
Transition Team Chairperson

Ministry Area Highlights

Music & Worship

The search for a new music coordinator continues in high spirits! We’ve had a strong number of well-qualified candidates, and the interview team (Eva Jensen, Kara Bennett and Emily Hagen) is moving forward with interviews. We have scheduled music subs through August and anticipate hiring someone by September.

ZOOM Food Shelf

KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES? GO NO FURTHER!

Zion needs volunteers to staff the food shelf on the last two Mondays and Thursdays of each month. This is a great way to support your neighborhood, community, and to participate in Zion’s greater mission of togetherness in Christ. The food self provides ZOOM residents with paper products and cleaning supplies, diapers and the like, as well as non-perishable foods. Is your niece or nephew looking to rack up some volunteer hours for that once-in-a-lifetime scholarship? Is someone you know hoping to satisfy their altruistic vices? Send them our way! Call the church office to sign up.

Community Life

(Nedra Granquist)

LIKE HELPING TO HOST BIG ZION EVENTS? JOIN THIS COMMITTEE!

Leading the community life committee includes helping to plan potlucks, the annual meatball & lutefisk dinner, and Easter Breakfast. Please be in touch with Nedra Granquist or the church office if you are interested in joining the team! Email nedragran@mac.com or alex@zionchurchmpls.org.

Finance & Stewardship

(Carl Hendrickson, Stan Nelson, Ben Accola, Gary Larsen)

The pledges received in June were a little behind anticipated budget. About \$1,400 behind year to date. We used \$1,800 from the WELCA Operations Gift and \$775 from the Special Music fund to cover expenses. Please keep your pledge giving current. Thank you for your continued support.

Faith Formation

(Kirsten Anderson and Carolyn Due)

There will be not be an outdoor worship service in August. We’ve scheduled substitute musicians through this month and don’t want to overly complicate their visits. Thanks for understanding!

Property

(Stan Due, Sam Gardner, Deana Miller, Dale Mendenhall, Mark Fandrey & Gary Larsen)

Have you taken a look around Zion lately? The East Garden is looking good. There was a crop of raspberries and soon there will be broccoli – and more! Thanks to Carla for all the work. Gary and his helpers are doing a nice job with the rest of the landscaping. Thanks to all who are helping out. Thanks to the volunteers who come over every First Saturday and tackle a hefty to-do list. Without the help of many volunteers, Zion’s property would not be in such good shape. We are most appreciative of the hours that you spend!

August 2017 CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 1

National Night Out

9:00am Quilters
9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
5:30pm ESL Classes

Wednesday, August 2

9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
1:00pm Office Helpers
5:00pm Yoga with Farrah
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, August 3

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, August 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, August 5

9:30am Property Work Day

Sunday, August 6

10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am Household of Faith School
11:15am Journey of Faith
11:30am Household of Faith Worship
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

Monday, August 7

5:30pm ESL Class
6:00pm Transition and Call Committee

Tuesday, August 8

9:00am Quilters
9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
5:30pm ESL Classes

Wednesday, August 9

9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
1:00pm Office Helpers
5:00pm Property Committee
5:00pm Yoga with Farrah
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, August 10

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, August 11

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, August 12

10:00am Anniversary Planning

Sunday, August 13

9:00am Finance Committee
10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am Household of Faith School
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship
11:30am Household of Faith Worship
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

Monday, August 14

5:30pm ESL Classes

Tuesday, August 15

9:00am Quilters
9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
5:30pm ESL Classes
5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting
6:30pm Zion Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 16

9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
1:00pm Office Helpers
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
5:30pm Youth Farm Harvest Fest
No Recovery Worship

Thursday, August 17

12:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf
5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, August 18

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

ZOOM Can Do Sunday

10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am Household of Faith School
11:00am Coffee and Fellowship
11:30am Household of Faith Worship
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

Monday, August 21

12:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf
5:30pm ESL Classes
6:00pm Transition and Call Committee

Tuesday, August 22

9:00am Quilters
5:30pm ESL Classes
6:00pm ZOOM Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 23

1:00pm Office Helpers
5:00pm Yoga with Farrah
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, August 24

12:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf
5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, August 25

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00am Men's Breakfast
9:00am Youth Farm Summer Program
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, August 26

Sunday, August 27

10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am Household of Faith School
11:00am Coffee and Fellowship
11:30am Household of Faith Worship
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

Monday, August 28

12:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Tuesday, August 29

9:00am Quilters

Wednesday, August 30

1:00pm Office Helpers
5:00pm Yoga with Farrah
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Annual Lyndale Community Dinner Fundraiser!
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, August 31

12:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Zion is a busy building. If you are planning a meeting, reserve your space early by calling the church office.

LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
	Given by Carl and Sharon Hendrickson in celebration of Kayden's birthday		Given in memory of Jesse and Jan Johnson by their family		Given by Gary Larsen in honor of Nolan Robert Ferguson and in memory of Warren Randy

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4
Offering Counters	Justin Snesrud and Farrah Frye	Justin Snesrud and Ethel Allardyce	Justin Snesrud and Darlene Carlson	Justin Snesrud and Patty Kane
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Douglas Johnson	Kara Bennett and Jenna Yeakle	Gary Larsen	SueAnn Westphal

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	June Actual	June Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$16,201	\$15,615	\$97,888	\$103,167
Expenses	(\$16,376)	(\$16,520)	(\$100,855)	(\$101,763)
Net Income	(\$175)	(\$905)	(\$2,967)	\$1,404
Pledges	\$8,252	\$8,985	\$52,570	\$53,910

The committee continues to monitor monthly income and expenses. We encourage you to sign up for Simply Giving . Call the church office if you are interested in enrolling in the Simply Giving program. Income exceeded budget projections in the following areas: Administration (office). Expenses exceeded budget projections in the following areas: Special music and Leadership Development (Synod Assembly registration). Thank you to all who have given and continue to support our ministry at Zion. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board in the Banquet Room. If you would be interested in serving on the Finance/ Stewardship Committee contact one of the committee members.

June Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday		
49	39	42	48		

Average Sunday Attendance: 44

Average Wednesday Attendance: 11

Current Committee members: Ben Accola, Carl Hendrickson, Gary Larsen, Stan Nelson



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Zion's Schedule

Sundays

10:00am Worship & Holy Communion
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesdays

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Office Hours:

12:00pm - 4:00pm Monday - Thursday
We are closed on Fridays and Holidays.

*Zion is a little church with a BIG heart.
We show up with purpose because
we believe our lives are useful
and the world needs places for the
broken and beloved to gather.*



Wednesdays at 6:00pm

August Menu

8/2 Cooking Matters
8/9 Cooking Matters
8/16 Youth Farm Harvest Fest
8/23 Grilled Chicken and Veggies
8/30 Annual Lyndale Community
Dinner Fundraiser!

Contact Jenna Yeakle
at lcd@zionchurchmpls.org
to host.



Value Challenge

Grant funds are still available from the Epiphany Legacy Fund! You can apply for a grant of **up to \$500** if your ministry project or event directly relates to one of Zion's four core values: **Feasting Together, Caring Deeply, Creative Hospitality, and Growing in Faith and Relationship**. If you want to pitch an idea to be considered, contact a member of the Executive Team.