



# The Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, ELCA  
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## Intentional Transition: Creating a Congregational Journey of Faith

What events, people, ministries, occasions, highlights and challenges would you include in a list of significant events at Zion? Some of you will have a lifetime of memories from which to select key events. Some will have less than a decade, even less than one year! And yet, for everyone, the meaning and impact of the events that mark involvement or relationship with Zion are important. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to gather as members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church to share your lists with one another and take the first step in creating a “Journey of Faith” collage of Zion Lutheran Church.

A “Congregational Journey of Faith” is a powerful way for a group of people to create a shared historical perspective from which to look to the future. Pastor Eva will lead us through this process over a three-week period. The ideas generated by all participants will be collectively organized by everyone who can participate to develop a shared perspective of history, community life and faith, ministry, service, relationships and ideas for the future.

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The image and story we create together will be an inclusive contribution of ideas that the Transition Team will draw upon to create the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) for Zion Lutheran Church. Pastor Eva has facilitated this process in several congregations. It is interactive and fun. In every situation new insights and inspiration emerge. In this transition time when Zion is again asking “Who are we as a congregation and what is God calling us to in the next phase of our life as a congregation?” the process will create a rich tapestry story of faith, life, imagination, and service at Zion. The story will be a resource that the Transition Team and Call Committee will draw upon to communicate your identity and vision for the future to the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod and potential Pastoral candidates.

**Mark the dates for your participation:**

**July 16 (11:15am-12:15pm), July 23 (11:15am-12:30pm), July 30 (11:15am-12:30pm)**

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## Sharing Our Milestones



### Gratitude & Thanks

THANKS to all who helped fund our "Patch our Holey Parking Lot" project! Council had approved \$5000 but we needed an additional \$2200. In two Sundays, our faithful, awesome Zioners came through with the money!

—Property Committee

### Celebrations

Ben and Joanna's little twins, Lloie Kam and Casper Russell, came into the world on June 27! We can't wait to get to know them and are so happy for their healthy arrival.



### July Birthdays

- 1 Al Albertson
- 7 Sandra Johnson
- 7 Susan Ryan
- 10 Amber Lewis
- 11 Daniel Lewis
- 12 Carl Hendrickson
- 12 Chris Due
- 12 Candy Due
- 17 Sharon Hendrickson
- 17 Jenna Yeakle
- 18 Becca Tumm
- 19 Joyce Jensen
- 21 Illianna Gerst
- 23 Autumn Lewis-Wagner
- 23 Tanna Morse
- 26 Karin Holida
- 27 Ronald Schloer
- 27 Linda Thomsen
- 30 Anne Ingvoldstad

## News from Zion's Neighbors & Partner

**Zion Lutheran Church and the Lyndale Community Dinner are proud partners of Cooking Matters!** Cooking Matters for Families is a six-week cooking course that covers a variety of health and nutrition topics. Each class involves practical experience by preparing food for the weekly Lyndale Community Dinner. Participants are welcome to stay, eat and discuss healthy living and eating practices. Say Thank You to these participants for making yummy food and serving their neighbors!

If interested in learning more or registering, contact Jenna Yeakle at [218-310-5322](tel:218-310-5322) or [lcd@zionchurchmpls.org](mailto:lcd@zionchurchmpls.org).

**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** meet 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](mailto:erin@lyndale.org).

**Mental Health Connect** works with congregations and neighbors to end stigma about mental illness, have conversations and get those in need connected with proper resources. Zion's Mental Health Connect Ambassador is Farrah Frye. If you have questions or ideas about engaging MHC in our community, contact Farrah at [fafrye@gmail.com](mailto:fafrye@gmail.com).

### Mental Health Speaker Events

A collaborative ministry with St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church on second Mondays provides resources, education and social interaction for people living with mental illness, their families, friends and people working in the mental health field. A light dinner at 5:45 PM is followed by a presentation at 6:30 PM.

[www.bethlehem-church.org/care-ministries/](http://www.bethlehem-church.org/care-ministries/)

### 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

Council met on May 16, 2017 to discuss the formation of the transition team and call committee. The transition team, after consultation with the congregation, creates the ministry site profile (a kind of church dating profile) and the creation of the call committee, who interviews the prospective pastors. If you have an interest in serving on one or both of the committees, please contact Kara Bennett.

The church constitution and bylaws are undergoing an update after 25 years! Prior to congregational approval, updated constitution will be printed and available in the office. Changes to the constitution require congregational approval.

Justin, Deana, and Pastor Eva attended the synod conference. Take-aways included encouraging conversations around racial justice and welcoming our Muslim neighbors. ELCA is in the process of working on a social statement. Opportunity exists for Zion to engage in the conversation toward a social statement. More information can be found at [www.mpls-synod.org](http://www.mpls-synod.org) or by speaking with Pastor Eva.

**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.

**Lyndale Community Dinners** are delicious and creative meals that gather neighbors for healthy relationships and whole lives. Make Wednesday evenings part of your weekly dinner routine.

During outdoor meals, dinner goers are welcome to bring picnic blankets. Blankets are easy clean up and fun to share!

**Yoga with Farrah** is outside on the front lawn every Wednesday at 5pm before the Lyndale Community Dinner! This is beginner level and mats are provided.

**Thanks to Jenna Yeakle and Matthew Frye for being the first ever Zion Biking Team for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Luther Park Bike A Thon!** The Bike A Thon raised just over \$7,000. You can still send checks (or cash) made out to Luther Park, (Bike A Thon on memo) & give to Deana (Luther Park Treasurer). So far, Zioners gave \$815 for camperships and \$150 to cover our bikers' expenses (overnight, meals, water, gas for vehicles accompanying the riders). Thanks to all supported this event to raise funds for camperships!

**Blessed to Be Loved Day Camp was held June 19-23.** Zion is one of 14 small South Minneapolis churches who work together to offer a day camp. Three Zion campers participated at Bethel Lutheran this year. Ask Riley, Kayden or Jenny about the week, based on the Beatitudes. Thanks to Deana for serving as check in/out person for Day Camp!



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### Zion's Council Members

Kara Bennett, President  
Ben Accola, Vice President  
Joan Olson, Secretary  
SueAnn Wesphal, Financial Secretary  
Kirsten Anderson, Member  
Carla Hofland, Member  
Brad Langley, Member  
Gary Larsen, Member  
Justin Snesrud, Member  
Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer

## Note from Jasmine

Prior to meeting the people of Zion, I struggled with finding a church community. Then I walked in the front doors of Zion, and I immediately was surrounded by the power of Zion's warmth, love, and light. I knew deep in my heart that Zion is my home, and without hesitation accepted the offer to become music coordinator here. In my time at Zion, I have learned so much: Zion is a place of healing, Zion is a strong community, Zion is resilient, Zion is passionate, and Zion sings God's praises. I have found a home here that I never dreamed actually existed, and I will be forever grateful to Zion for accepting me here.



Letters should be arriving in your mailboxes this week with the news that I will be stepping down as music coordinator, transitioning from staff to a member of Zion. My music therapy private practice unexpectedly doubled in size, resulting in the need for availability on evenings and weekends. It is with a heavy heart that I resign as music coordinator. I have felt honored to serve as music coordinator for these past six months, and have learned and grown along side each and every one of you.

I feel so blessed with the possibility that I can continue to serve God with music in another way, while also remaining a part of Zion's community. During the transition, I may be asked to sub for worship from time to time. Outside of stepping in to sub for worship, Steve and I will be taking a temporary respite from Zion for a few months as the new music coordinator adjusts to his or her position. We fully look forward to returning to Zion once the new music coordinator is established in his or her role, and we look forward to continuing relationships with everyone.

## Looking Ahead

We deeply appreciate Jasmine's contribution to our music ministry and life together in this congregation. We wish her all the best in her music therapy career! Thank you, Jasmine! We look forward to celebrating her time with Zion on July 9th during coffee hour.

A music coordinator position description has been drafted and distributed. We're reaching out to friends and colleagues, music programs at area universities and choirs. We're receiving applications on a rolling basis and will interview qualified candidates in July. If you know of someone who might be interested in applying, please ask them to call the church office for a position description. We have high hopes that strong candidates will show up for Zion!

In the meantime, we are scheduling substitute musicians for Sundays and Wednesdays who will cover until we've hired a new music coordinator.

## Music Notes

- 7/2 9:30-9:45am  
Patriotic Sing Along in Sanctuary
- 7/2 10am Worship
- 7/5 6:45pm Recovery Worship
- 7/9 10am Worship  
**Jasmine's last day**
- 7/12 6:45pm Recovery Worship
- 7/16 10am Worship
- 7/19 6:45pm Recovery Worship
- 7/26 6:45pm Recovery Worship
- 7/30 10am Worship



In honor of the 4th of July coming up, Jasmine will be leading a patriotic sing along before worship on July 2nd. All are welcome to listen, sing, and celebrate! Jasmine will be bringing her accordion for these festivities!



## Ministry Area Highlights

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### Community Life

Community Life is seeking a new co-leader, as Joanna will be stepping down. Nedra will continue to be on the team, so you will have plenty of support! Duties include helping to plan potlucks, the annual meatball & lutefisk dinner, and Easter Breakfast. Please be in touch with Nedra Granquist if you are interested in joining her on the team!  
[nedragran@mac.com](mailto:nedragran@mac.com)

### Finance & Stewardship

(Carl Hendrickson, Stan Nelson, Ben Accola, Gary Larsen)  
Zion's financial picture is on schedule thru the first third of 2017. Thank you for your continued support. As summer is about to come upon us, please remember Zion and your financial commitment. Those of you who use Simply Giving, thank you.

### Faith Formation

There will be one outdoor worship service this year on the third Sunday in August, 8/20.

### Property

It's been a busy month for the Property Committee. As you can see, the parking lot has been patched. Painting stripes on the lot is planned – and may be completed by the time you read this. Thanks to all who gave \$ to help cover the cost of the project. First Saturday monthly cleaning days are most productive! The tasks accomplished on these days are those not included in our JanPro (thrice weekly cleaning crew) contract. Thanks to those who come and help. Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 is our next scheduled First Saturday.

Committee members are Stan Due & Deana Miller, Carl Hendrickson, Dale Mendenhall, Mark Fandrey, Sam Gardner & Gary Larsen.

# July 2017 CALENDAR

## Saturday, July 1

9:30am Property Work Day

## Sunday, July 2

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, July 3

5:30pm ESL Classes  
6:30pm Transition and Call Committee

## Tuesday, July 4

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

## Wednesday, July 5

10:00am Youth Farm  
11:00am Office Helpers  
5:00pm Yoga with Farrah  
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner  
6:45pm Recovery Worship

## Thursday, July 6

5:30pm Youth Farm Cooking  
5:30pm ESL Classes

## Friday, July 7

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, July 8

## Sunday, July 9

9:00am Finance Committee  
10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am Household of Faith School  
11:00am Celebrating Jasmine  
11:30am Household of Faith Worship  
11:30am Endowment Committee  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, July 10

5:30pm ESL Class  
6:30pm Young Adult Soup Dinner

## Tuesday, July 11

9:00am Quilters  
10:00am Youth Farm  
5:30pm ESL Classes

## Wednesday, July 12

10:00am Youth Farm  
11:00am 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, July 13

5:30pm Youth Farm Cooking  
5:30pm ESL Classes  
6:30pm Young Adult Soup Dinner

## Friday, July 14

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, July 15

10:00am Anniversary Planning

## Sunday, July 16

**ZOOM Can Do Sunday**  
10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am Household of Faith School  
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:15am Transition Team Event  
11:30am Household of Faith Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, July 17

5:30pm ESL Classes  
6:30pm Transition and Call Committee

## Tuesday, July 18

9:00am Quilters  
10:00am Youth Farm  
5:30pm ESL Classes  
5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting  
6:30pm Zion Council Meeting

## Wednesday, July 19

10:00am Youth Farm  
11:00am Office Helpers  
5:00pm Yoga with Farrah  
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner  
6:45pm Recovery Worship

## Thursday, July 20

12:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf  
5:30pm Youth Farm Cooking  
5:30pm ESL Classes

## Friday, July 21

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
7:00am Men's Breakfast  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, July 22

## Sunday, July 23

10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am Household of Faith School  
11:00am Coffee and Fellowship  
11:15am Transition Team Event  
11:30am Household of Faith Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, July 24

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

## Tuesday, July 25

9:00am Quilters  
10:00am Youth Farm  
5:30pm ESL Classes  
6:00pm ZOOM Board Meeting

## Wednesday, July 26

10:00am Youth Farm  
11:00am Office Helpers  
5:00pm Yoga with Farrah  
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner  
6:45pm Recovery Worship

## Thursday, July 27

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

## Friday, July 28

OFFICE CLOSED  
7:00am Men's Breakfast  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, July 29

## Sunday, July 30

10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am Household of Faith School  
11:00am Coffee and Fellowship  
11:15am Transition Team Event  
11:30am Household of Faith Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, July 31

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

# LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



|  | June 4          | June 11 | June 18 | June 25 |  |
|--|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
|  | Darlene Carlson |         |         |         |  |

# SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

|                            | July 2                     | July 9                            | July 16                         | July 23                     | July 30                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Worship Leaders</b>     | Sunday Servant Team 1      | Sunday Servant Team 2             | Sunday Servant Team 3           | Sunday Servant Team 4       | Sunday Servant Team 4    |
| <b>Offering Counters</b>   | Stan Due and Doug Harrison | Stan Due and Linda Torkelson      | Stan Due and Darlene Carlson    | Stan Due and Dennis Werneke | Stan Due and Mark Fandry |
| <b>Coffee Hour Host(s)</b> | Nedra Granquist            | Joan Konigson and Darlene Carlson | Tammy Fuentes and Sandy Johnson | Deana Miller                | Quilters                 |

# A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

|                   | May Actual | May Projected | YTD Actual | YTD Projected |
|-------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Income</b>     | \$11,738   | \$16,499      | \$81,687   | \$87,552      |
| <b>Expenses</b>   | (\$15,610) | (\$17,975)    | (\$84,479) | (\$85,243)    |
| <b>Net Income</b> | (\$3,871)  | (\$1,476)     | (\$2,792)  | \$2,309       |
| <b>Pledges</b>    | \$7,533    | \$8,985       | \$44,318   | \$44,925      |

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.

## May Worship Attendance

| 1st Sunday | 2nd Sunday | 3rd Sunday | 4th Sunday |  |  |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| 55         | 55         | 42         | 48         |  |  |

Average Sunday Attendance: 50

Average Wednesday Attendance: 11

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



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## Zion's Schedule

### Sundays

9:30 Rhythm Band

10:00am Worship & Holy Communion

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

### Wednesdays

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

6:45pm Recovery Worship

### Office Hours:

10:00am - 2:00pm 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

#### July Menu

7/5 Pizza

7/12 Baked Flaked Chicken & Sweet  
 Potato Fries

7/19 Breakfast Burritos & Yogurt  
 Parfaits

7/26 Turkey Veggie Wraps &  
 Smoothies

Contact Jenna Yeakle  
 at [lcd@zionchurchmpls.org](mailto: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.