



The Messenger

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From the Pastor

“Through the ages people have been drawn to the lights of the heavens, not only because those lights comfort and guide in darkness but also because these vast twirling masses of light evoke a cosmic Mystery.”

From *The Cosmic Dance: An Invitation to Experience Our Oneness* by Joyce Rupp, poet, author and liturgist

Yesterday, on August 21st, millions of people across the United States experienced the solar eclipse. Many paused to watch. As the moon passed between Earth and the Sun that gives light and life to our planet, we were reminded that we belong to a vast and mysterious universe of life. We are held together in that universe by interdependent relationships on which we depend – usually unaware.

On Sunday, August 13th, Alison and Evelyn from the Lyndale Neighborhood Association gathered with us in worship to share with us stories of their work in the Lyndale neighborhood and to give thanks for Zion for being an integral part of the universe of community life in our shared neighborhood. We heard about ESL, Somali language groups, the Spanish – English Club and the significance of relationships nurtured and formed through conversations that traverse different languages.

Together we strengthen community life in our diverse and gifted Minneapolis neighborhood – a bright star of light in these times when stories of division and separation are too loud! In the rich tradition of Lutheran confessions and Christian faith, we stand together with loud voices and actions that affirm our belief – that all are beloved people of God, created in God’s image and saved by God’s grace!

Alison and Evelyn held before us their dream of building authentic relationships and community throughout the Lyndale neighborhood – an opportunity to “Share Dreams as Partners”. During “Coffee and Conversation” after worship, the enthusiasm experienced as we explored and learned about volunteer opportunities for “building relationships together” was enormous!

How good life is when the planets, stars, and dreams of people align in the glory of God’s creation! Let us join with God in proclamation and action that declares “It is all very good!” Amen.

From the Staff

We are so excited to welcome Paul McCalvy as our new music coordinator here at Zion! Paul, a longtime Twin Cities resident and performing musician, with years of involvement in worship music, was born in a hospital manger on the West Bank of Minneapolis on a cold, stormy November night in the last century. He grew into a musical director trained in classical piano performance at the MacPhail Center for Music in Minneapolis and enjoys a career as a bass guitarist. He followed a path to Zion. There, he hopes to spread musical joy, and offerings to the Source of all inspirations. Paul also spends much of his time working in his multitrack recording studio where he creates smooth-jazz CDs and soundtrack music for film and video. Paul is assisted in virtually all of his home activities by his feline pal, Paco. He dedicates his talents to making musical worship at Zion a fulfilling experience for all.

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Sharing Our Milestones



Gratitude & Thanks

A huge thanks to all of our July and August music substitutes, Tim Short, Kay Else and Linda Gathright! They each brought a special touch to Zion's Sunday services. We couldn't have done it without them!

Celebrations

Congratulations to Jenna Yeakle who this month is starting a graduate program in public health at the University of Minnesota! We admire your tenacity and wish for you all the caffeine and #2 pencils you need to get that degree!

An Anniversary Item

Wanted: Your Zion Story or Your Favorite Zion Memory

2018 will be the 125th Anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church. Throughout the upcoming months, the Anniversary Committee would like to share stories of Zion's current and former members and friends. What brought you here? What kept you here? Write our your story of approx. 125 – 175 words. It may be used in the Messenger, the bulletin, or a brochure or the website. We'd like to start this fall and continue into 2018.

Questions? Talk to Deana (deanabibi@gmail.com) or Carolyn (bartongirl60@gmail.com).

September Birthdays

13 Amanda Rupert
15 Kirstin Anderson
15 Riley Fuentes
17 Dan Westphal
18 Margery Cluckey
20 Darlene Carlson
30 Finn Van Himbergen

News from Zion's Neighbors & Partner

Lyndale Neighborhood Association

Nicolette Open Streets is September 24th! Minneapolis residents, local businesses, families, and neighbors bike, walk, socialize, play and shop in their communities in a car-free environment. Explore your neighborhood streets without the presence of motorized traffic. From group yoga and exercise to live music and kids play zones, there's something for everyone at Open Streets!

Thrivent Financial

Are you a Thrivent member? Most Thrivent members are eligible to receive Choice Dollars – a program that allows members to designate 'earned' Choice Dollars that can be given to eligible organizations. Both Zion and Luther Park, among many others, are on the list. You can designate dollars by signing on to your Thrivent account online and designate your dollars. You can also call Thrivent, choose Choice Dollars, and a Thrivent staff will help you. Choice Dollars accumulate January-December 2017 and must be designated before March 31, 2018.

Hosmer Library

On Saturday, September 9 at 2 PM - 3 PM, join Hosmer Library in celebrating and saying goodbye to the Hosmer World Music Series. Dreamland Faces will perform followed by a reception honoring Dan Rein's contribution to the program, which brought free, live music form around the world to Hennepin County. This program is free admission and great for kids!

The fall Gathering for Women of the ELCA, Minneapolis Area Synod

will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21 at Gethsemane, Hopkins (715 Minnetonka Mills Rd. Hopkins MN). The theme is "Living Water" based on the story of the woman at the well. Friday will be the plenary session for voting member and guests; registration begins at 5pm. Saturday's events include workshops, bible studies, lunch, speakers and closing worship; registration begins at 8am.

The Minnesota Literacy Council offers free adult classes to Minnesota Residents. Classes offered cover ESL, GED prep, computer skills, citizenship, math and reading, and more. To find classes or learn more, call 1-800-222-1990, visit mnliteracy.org, or text 612-424-1211.

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?

Lyndale Community Dinner

The LCD Annual Fundraiser is On August 30th! Put your money where your mouth (and stomach) is! 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!

Free Flu Shot Clinic - Watch for an announcement about our annual fall Flu Shot Clinic! The Lyndale Community Dinner will be hosting 1-2 free clinics during dinners. Zion and the Lyndale neighborhood is fortunate to have such a great relationship with Fairview Clinics! We are thankful for their nurses and volunteers that support our community's health.

Men's Breakfast

Friday, September 22nd 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 summer cookouts 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. Thanks to Tyler and Tom for hosting in August!

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.

Zion is hosting a Mental Health Connect Coffee and Conversation event on September 13, 8:45am-10am. This will be an opportunity for congregations to come together and discuss strategies for church staff and congregations to address mental health needs in our communities. A presentation will help parish teams become aware of available resources. Debra Schloer is hosting with the help of Pastor Eva and Alex.

Zion's MHC 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.



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

Join ZOOM House leadership, board members, volunteers and friends on Tuesday, September 12 at LUNAFEST, presented by the MN Peacebuilding Leadership Institute. Established in 2000 by LUNA, the makers of the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women, LUNAFEST is a short film festival that connects women, their stories and their causes through film.

General admission tickets are \$25. Ticket sales and raffle proceeds will support MN Peacebuilding training and events, and 15% of proceeds will be donated to the Breast Cancer Prevention Partners (formerly the Breast Cancer Fund). Additionally, a portion of funds raised will be used to host a STARLite training for the ZOOM Community. Attend LUNAFEST to enjoy great short films, and to hear more about ZOOM House and other important causes in our community - you'll have fun and make a difference.

When: September 12, 2017

Where: Woman's Club of Minneapolis Theater

410 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403-3294

Time: 6:30 p.m.



*Celebrating the ministries
of Ronald K. Johnson
and Stacy K. Johnson
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*

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”

htlcmpls.org/learning/johnson-symposium/

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.

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 1

10:15-10:45 Break

10:45-12 “Faith, Activism, and Justice: Reflections on Music as the Heart of Social Movements,” Pt. 2



(Dr. Don E. Saliers and Emily Saliers)

Monthly Council Update

Zion's Council met in Pr. Eva's office on the mild and calm evening August 15 to discuss a number of issues:

(1) Zion is growing, and Council discussed ways to welcome visitors, Friends of Zion, and new members. Council loves the welcome baskets and discussed pastoral next steps. All agreed that Zion does a great job of engaging people organically with a personal touch.

(2) Council discussed the possibility of becoming a supporting sanctuary congregation. While Council expressed strong interest in the proposal, it agreed that more information and discussion was necessary prior to making a decision. Kara Bennett will follow up to Council on this matter. Poke around Isaiahmn.org and speak with Kara for more information.

(3) Pr. Eva raised the possibility of celebrating the commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi as a renewer of the church with a blessing of the animals (dogs and cats) on Wednesday, October 4th, during an alternative recovery worship. Planning is in the initial stages and Council and Pr. Eva are interested in gauging enthusiasm. Contact Pr. Eva if this is something that interests you!

Finally, the Council made a couple of decisions:

(1) Prior to the August meeting, Zion lacked a formal records retention policy. Council discussed records retention periods and deliberated which records would be retained by office staff. Council resolved that Property and Council minutes, Finance reports, the Messenger, and Annual reports would be retained by the Office Administrator in the church's Google Drive, an electronic depository, in perpetuity. Ad hoc and other committees may submit minutes to the Church Administrator for digital storage. While Council acknowledges that the lack of paper copies may prove to be a barrier to access, the Google Drive offers efficiencies in search, cost, and space. Further, any member may request documents from the Church Administrator.

(2) Due to recent non-member interest in renting the sanctuary and banquet hall, Council deliberated the cost of renting space to non-members. Council acknowledged the importance of maintaining an affordable space for community use and the need to treat long-term tenants fairly. Council resolved to set the cost to rent the sanctuary and banquet hall at \$200 per day.

Ministry Area Highlights

Transition Team

Our congregation takes great pride in knowing our strengths, as well as our areas for improvement. During the month of August, the Transition Team focused on reviewing and analyzing the information the congregation provided during the Journey of Faith sessions. Zion has been open to bold thinking and taking risks. Our recent meetings have been focusing on what we want our identify to be in the future. This information is critical as we begin to put these thoughts into the Congregational Profile that will be used to match a pastor whose interests and talents align with our congregational vision. Remember, this is a transparent process. Feel free to contact me, Stan Nelson, or chat with me during coffee hour with your questions or concerns.

Community Life

(Nedra Granquist)

THE COD SQUAD OF ZION SENDS A MEATBALL DINNER HEADS UP!

It's all about October 28: doors open at 3pm and dinner will be served 4-7pm. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be out in September. Please sign up for meatball rolling, lefse rolling, potato peeling, shopping, baking, cooking, the bake sale, quilt sale, dining room set-up, serving, ticket sales, and clean-up. It's a lot of work, but the results are so good! Be generous with your time and talents.

Tickets for adults are \$16 in advance, \$19 at the door.

Tickets for children are \$9 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Finance & Stewardship

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

The committee continues to monthly monitor the financial health of the congregation. Income is coming in as expected. Expenses have been a little less than expected. The pledge giving is just under a thousand dollars short of expectations. Year to date we are doing fine. Thank you all for your generous giving.

Property

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

At the August meeting property folks reviewed Sam's job description to have a better understanding of what he does and how they can help. Two special projects have been scheduled: shampoo carpet in the nursery on September 8 & 9 and work on scraping & painting outside windows on first level of educational building on October 5 & 6. Talk to Stan D or Deana for more info. Thanks to all volunteers who work to keep Zion looking good!

The ZOOM Food Shelf is open from 2-4pm on the last two Mondays and Thursdays of each month. Zion needs volunteers to staff the food shelf. This is a great way to support your neighborhood and community. Want to get even more involved? Consider becoming the volunteer coordinator of the food shelf and take responsibility for finding volunteers, tracking donation needs, etc.

September 2017 CALENDAR

Friday, September 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, September 2

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4

Labor Day
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5

8:00am Youth Farm Meeting
9:00am Quilters
5:30pm ESL Classes
6:30pm Transition and Call Committee

Wednesday, September 6

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
5:00pm Property Committee
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, September 7

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, September 8

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, September 9

9:30am Property Work Day
10:00am Anniversary Planning Meeting

Sunday, September 10

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, September 11

5:30pm ESL Classes

Tuesday, September 12

8:00am Youth Farm Meeting
9:00am Quilters
5:30pm ESL Classes

Wednesday, September 13

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
8:45am MHC Coffee & Conversation
1:00pm Office Helpers
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, September 14

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, September 15

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, September 16

Sunday, September 17

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, September 18

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf
5:30pm ESL Classes
6:30pm Transition and Call Committee

Tuesday, September 19

8:00am Youth Farm Meeting
9:00am Quilters
5:30pm ESL Classes
5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting
6:30pm Zion Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, September 21

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf
5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 23

Sunday, September 24

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

Monday, September 25

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Tuesday, September 26

8:00am Youth Farm Meeting
9:00am Quilters
5:30pm ESL Classes
6:00pm ZOOM Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, September 28

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Friday, September 29

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, September 30

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



	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	
	Given by Carl and Sharon Hendrickson in celebration of Kayden's birthday		Given in memory of Jesse and Jan Johnson by their family		

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4
Offering Counters	Kara Bennett and Carolyn Due	Kara Bennett and Stan Nelson	Kara Bennett and Alicia O'Neal	Kara Bennett and Sandy Johnson
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Farrah and Matthew Frye	Douglas Johnson	Carl and Sharon Hendrickson	Ron and Debra Schloer

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	July Actual	July Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$16,120	\$17,505	\$114,008	\$120,670
Expenses	(\$15,137)	(\$16,245)	(\$115,991)	(\$118,008)
Net Income	\$983	\$1,260	(\$1,938)	\$2,664
Pledges	\$9,349	\$8,985	\$61,919	\$62,895

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.

July Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
49	57	61	52	50

Average Sunday Attendance: 54

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

Be sure to check the Lyndale Community Dinner Facebook and Nextdoor accounts for the most up-to-date information regarding meals, special guests, and additional programming. Something is always a little different each Wednesday, so please keep yourself informed and tell your neighbors!

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.