



The Messenger

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IT'S BACK!



ZION'S COD SQUAD IS PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL MEATBALL AND LUTEFISK DINNER! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

- ✓ The Lutefisk & Herring have been ordered.
- ✓ Dates are set for making Lefse & Swedish Meatballs!
- ✓ The sign-up sheets are ready for volunteers to sign.
- ✓ Raffle tickets are available.
- ✓ The Dinner Tickets are ready for purchase.
- ✓ Bakers are signing up to bring goodies for the Bake Sale.
- ✓ The Quilters are measuring & pricing their quilts.

This dinner is Zion's only large fund raising event each year. We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend. **Dinner will be served from 4 to 7pm.** Advance tickets are **\$16.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 12.** You can reserve tickets by calling Zion's office, 612-824-1017, Mon-Thurs between noon & 4pm. You can also buy them during Sunday morning Coffee Hours. See Deana for dinner tickets. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. **Zion's doors will open at 3:00pm for the Bake Sale and Quilt Sale.** The Raffle prizes are an assortment of gift cards from local businesses with the Grand Prize a \$250.00 Visa card. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each or five for \$45.00. You do not need to be present to win. Drawings will be held at 5:00, 5:45, 6:30 and 7:00. See Carolyn for raffle tickets.

Transition Team

The Transition Team has been meeting for three months. This past month we began completing sections of the Ministry Site Profile. The Synod asks all congregations to use this document to articulate things such as our characteristics, trends, programs, purpose, mission, etc. We will continue this work through October. Many people are asking where we are at in the process. Our goal is to complete our work as Transition Team and submit our completed Ministry Site Profile to the Synod by the middle of November. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will visit our congregation on Sunday, December 3 to discuss our Ministry Site Profile. Following Bishop Ann's visit, the Synod will start the process of finding pastoral candidates for Zion. Interviews could start in December and continue through January. We are hopeful we will have a pastor in place by February. Feel free to contact me or any member of the Transition Team with your questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Stan Nelson Transition Team Chair
(Transition Team Members: Stan Due, Farrah Frye, Lee George, Douglas Harrison, Carl Hendrickson, Pastor Eva Jensen, Douglas Johnson, Deana Miller, Becca Tumm and SueAnn Westphal)

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Sharing Our Milestones



Gratitude & Thanks

Special thanks to Elizabeth Callen for joining the Zion volunteer team! She's our new ZOOM Food Shelf Coordinator and will be tracking donations, finding volunteers and making sure the shelves stay stocked. Great work, Elizabeth!

Celebrations

Congratulations to Kelly and Emma in their marriage at Zion this month! Thank you for sharing your love with us. Shout out to Joanna Accola for bringing these two to Zion!

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).

October Birthdays

- 4 Karl Werneke
- 5 Ellie Courtemanche
- 6 Joan Konigson
- 15 John Pietz
- 18 Gary Larsen
- 23 Betsy Koivisto
- 24 Ben Accola
- 29 Harlan Lewis

News from Zion's Neighbors & Partners

Support ZOOM House as part of The Lowbrow's Dine Out, Give Back program. On Monday, October 2, 4pm-10pm a portion of each patron's bill will benefit ZOOM House - enjoy a delicious meal for a great cause!

LNA's Spanish/English conversation club is every second Wednesday at Zion from 6:30pm-7:30pm during the Lyndale Community Dinner. Come for a healthy, home cooked meal and converse in a second or third language with your neighbors! All proficiency levels welcome.

Hosmer Library hosts family story time on Wednesdays from 10:30am-11:00am Caregivers and children of all ages can talk sing, read and play together. Learn about the library and make new friends!

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 Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County offers and connects Hennepin Country residents with services and programs that address poverty and improve family and economic stability. Programs and services include energy assistance, financial literacy workshops, food support, foreclosure preventions, home maintenance, vehicle repair, and more. Visit caphennepin.org for more.

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-

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?

The Lyndale Community Dinner's Annual Free Flu Shot Clinic on October 4th, 5:30-7:30pm. In partnership with Fairview Clinic, the LCD is hosting a free neighborhood flu shot clinic. Getting an annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself, your family and your neighbors from the flu. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent any flu-related hospitalizations. Together, we can all take steps to care for ourselves and our community.

Thanksgiving Eve

As with all Zion traditions, Thanksgiving Eve festivities take our entire village. The whole nine yards - turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries, stuffing and pies - feeds so many on the night before Thanksgiving. Let's kick off the long weekend of sweatpants, football and family the right way! Please contact Jenna at lcd@zionchurchmpls.org to donate food items or sign-up to volunteer. Sign-up sheets will be available at Lyndale Community Dinners and during coffee hour after Sunday's services.

Zion will host a Blessing of the Animals on October 11th at 6:45pm. Share in the ways God loves and cherishes the pets in our lives. Pets and humans of all kinds welcome! If you can't bring your pet, come anyway, and we'll recognize their presence in our lives together.

Zion's annual meatball and lutefisk dinner is October 28. Volunteer sign-up sheets are still floating about. Please consider signing 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!

Contact Deana Miller, deanabibi@gmail.com, or Nedra Granquist, nedragran@mac.com, if interested in helping out.

Tickets can be purchased directly, or can be reserved by calling Alex in the church office. Save some cash by calling today!

Advance tickets: \$16.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 12
Tickets at the door: \$20 for adults and \$10 for children

Men's Breakfast

This month's breakfast is Friday, October 27th at 7am at Curran's Restaurant on 42nd Street and Nicollet Avenue. This is a reoccurring event on the fourth Friday of each month. Join the men and start your day with eggs sunny-side up before the sun herself is awake and rising!

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.



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

The Lyndale Neighborhood Association's Annual Fall Fundraiser is October 6!

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Come celebrate the Lyndale community at the Lyndale Community Center. This annual event is an important part of supporting the work that makes Lyndale one of the strongest and most active neighborhood associations in this great city.

Come for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments alongside a campfire. There will be a wine cellar raffle with a top prize of 25+ bottles of wine, and \$75 and \$50 cash for second and third place prizes. Play games and support the programming that makes Lyndale safe, vibrant, and sustainable.



Local Elections in November

Local elections matter! Participation in mayoral elections as well as city council elections is essential for healthy community.

In Lyndale, precinct 1 will vote at Horn Towers, 3131 Pillsbury Ave S; precinct 2 will vote at the Lyndale Community School, 312 W. 34th St.

Find a full list of polling locations, elections and candidates at vote.minneapolismn.gov.



*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.

Music Notes from Paul

Now that the school year is underway some kids who might be inclined to explore music are learning that there are often extensive fees for participation in school music programs. Chief among these are rental fees for kids that don't have an instrument. Often, parents are hesitant to make an investment until they are certain the child is genuinely interested in continuing with a given instrument. And of course, there are many kids for whom the money just isn't available for these fees.

Here's where you can help: if you have an instrument languishing in your closet and are wondering where it should go, there are organizations that would be happy to receive your donation, refurbish it, and distribute it to a deserving child. One of these is the Play It Forward project. You can learn about this effort on Minnesota Public Radio's website at www.classicalmpr.org/story/2016/01/01/play-it-forward.

Don't have an extra instrument lying around, but want to help? There are organizations dedicated to providing resources for kids who need help pursuing music. One of these is the Mr. Holland's Opus organization. Financial donations to them will be used to purchase instruments and distribute them. You can learn more at <http://www.mhopus.org>.

Following our recent horrific natural disasters the need to replenish these resources is extreme. By donating, you will be helping a child learn the wonder of music, a gift that keeps on giving for the rest of that child's lifetime. And you may be *instrumental* (sorry!) in helping to foster the next Bach or Bono.

Ministry Area Highlights

Monthly Council Update

(1) Zion discussed the frequency of Zion Council meetings. After Council agreed that Zion's Council could efficiently manage the church's business every other month, the Council agreed that beginning in February 2018 Zion's Council will meet every other month. It was also determined that the 2017 October meeting may be skipped. Council will reconvene in November and December. Executive Council will continue to meet on a monthly basis.

(2) Council discussed preparations for the annual meeting, which will occur on the fourth Sunday in January, January, 27th.

(3) We discussed the possibility of becoming a sanctuary supporting congregation. This means that when a family sought sanctuary at another church acting as the sanctuary congregation, or host congregation, Zion would assist with this in whatever way was determined to be helpful by the family in sanctuary and the host church. That might mean attending or helping lead vigils, providing food for the family when needed, helping with transportation needs. Council agreed that before accepting any designation, the congregation should enter into a discernment process.

(4) ZOOM House has matured to such a way that will likely become an independent 501(c)(3) under the U.S. tax code in 2018. While ZOOM is already largely financially independent of Zion, ZOOM will not longer operate under Zion's legal authority as a kind of subsidiary of Zion and will not require that a Zioner sit on ZOOM's board. ZOOM will, however, maintain strong ties with Zion's community.

Finance & Stewardship

(Carl Hendrickson, Stan Nelson, Ben Accola, Gary Larsen)
Zion's pledge giving is falling behind expectations. As of the end of September we are about \$3200.00 short. Pledges make up about 53% of our total income. Simply Giving members contribute about 61% of our pledges. We encourage you to keep your giving current. Thank you.

Property

(Stan Due, Sam Gardner, Deana Miller, Dale Mendenhall, Mark Fandrey & Gary Larsen)
Before cold weather sets in, the property committee has a project – and we invite you to help. On Friday, October 6th, weather permitting, we will work on scraping the windows on the first level of the Educational building. On Saturday, October 7th, we will paint these windows. They are looking shabby. Talk to Stan Due or Deana for more information. Those who come should bring- if possible - a putty knife or other scraper, an 8-foot ladder, gloves, safety glasses, and be ready to work. Saturday, Carl will have primer, paint and brushes for the project. Hope to have sufficient help to complete the project in these two days. Saturday will also be the First Saturday Property Work Day, so those who don't want to paint can work on the list of tasks inside. Special thanks to Gary and David for their amazing work on September's First Saturday.

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. Contact the ZOOM House Food Shelf Coordinator, Elizabeth Callen, at elcallen@gmail.com to volunteer!

OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1

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, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 3

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

Wednesday, October 4

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
5:00pm Property Committee
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
5:00pm Free Flu Shot Clinic
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

Thursday, October 5

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, October 6

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, October 7

9:30am Property Work Day
11:00am Romanowicz Baptism

Sunday, October 8

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, October 9

5:30pm ESL Classes

Tuesday, October 10

8:00am Youth Farm Meeting
9:00am Quilters
3:00pm ZOOM Meeting
5:30pm ESL Classes

Wednesday, October 11

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 Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, October 14

9:00am Lefse Making
2:00pm Kelly and Emma's Wedding

Sunday, October 15

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, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf
5:30pm ESL Classes
5:30pm Youth Farm Cooking

Friday, October 20

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, October 21

9:00am Meatball Making

Sunday, October 22

Quilter's Sunday
10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am Household of Faith School
11:00am Coffee and Fellowship
11:30am Endowment Committee
11:30am Household of Faith Worship
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

Monday, October 23

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Tuesday, October 24

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

Wednesday, October 25

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
4:00pm ZOOM House Halloween Party
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
6:45pm Recovery Worship

Thursday, October 26

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf
5:30pm Youth Farm Cooking

Friday, October 27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00am Men's Breakfast
4:00pm Potato Peeling
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, October 28

3:00pm Meatball and Lutefisk Dinner

Sunday, October 29

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, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

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



	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
	Tom and Gayle Ellingson	William Miller's Family	LuAnn Giles	

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4	Servant Team 5
Offering Counters	Kirsten Anderson and Matthew Frye	SueAnn Westphal and Sharon Hendrickson	SueAnn Westphal and Patty Kane	Kirsten Anderson and Mark Fandrey	SueAnn Westphal and Kirsten Anderson
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Nedra Granquist	Jenna Yeakle and Kara Bennett	Joan Konigson and Darlene Carlson	Carl and Sharon Hendrickson	Linda Torkelson

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	August Actual	August Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$14,719	\$15,265	\$128,727	\$135,937
Expenses	(\$15,758)	(\$16,234)	(\$131,750)	(\$134,242)
Net Income	(\$1,040)	(\$969)	(\$3,023)	\$1,695
Pledges	\$7,748	\$8,985	\$69,667	\$71,880

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		
47	49	45	44		

Average Sunday Attendance: 46

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.