



The Messenger

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A Season of Gratitude and Vision

In November, the congregation will receive a summary of the Ministry Site Profile that the Zion Transition Team is preparing. The Profile communicates the story of Zion Lutheran Church – who you are as a congregation and your sense of God’s call. It describes your mission and ministries, the context in which you serve, partners with whom you work, and what gifts you desire in a Pastoral leader who will accompany and lead you into the next phase of your congregational life.

The Transition Team has met every other week for the past four months, with homework in between meetings. They have listened carefully to the congregation, been intentionally present to where the congregation is now and has prepared the report with full anticipation for the future.

After worship on Sunday, December 3, 2017, ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Ann Svennungsen will meet with Zion for a conversation about your ministry and vision for the future. As a congregation, you will be asked to read and reflect upon the work of the Transition Team and prayerfully prepare for the visit of Bishop Ann. December 3rd is a time for her to listen to you – the gifts, strengths, hopes and concerns that you bring to ministry; the expectations you have of a pastor and your commitments to the congregational ministry and pastor.

So, with all that is unfolding in this season, this is a time of deep gratitude for the work of the Transition Team and the opportunity to walk into a shared vision for the future, while staying grounded in who Zion is as a community of faith and beacon of hope in this time and place. Thanks be to God!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3, 2018!

November Worship

On **All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2017** we will recognize and honor our ancestors in faith and companions in life at Zion Lutheran Church who have passed away during the past year. We will also remember and give thanks for family members



and friends who have been examples for us of God’s love at work in the world by lighting a candle and holding them in prayer.

Stewardship Sunday is November 19, 2017!

Stewardship packets will be mailed in early November. Bring your prayerful and generous commitments for 2018 to worship. Offer them as an important part of God’s abundant generosity alive in Zion Lutheran Church.

Christ the King Sunday is November 26, 2017. Join us in the Baptism of Lloie and Casper Accola!

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Sharing Our Milestones

Gratitude & Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Meatball and Lutefisk Dinner! Our big annual fundraiser happens because so many people put in good, hard work!

Celebrations

Casper & Lloie Accola's baptism is November 26th! Help celebrate these two tiny Zioners during and after worship.

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).

November Birthdays

1	Marilyn Anderson
4	Antonio Fuentes
4	Raewyn Kelley
6	Karen Lundeen
9	Maxwell Courtemanche
9	Jeremy Fuentes
10	Joan Olson
11	Jageshwar Mangal
11	David Van Himbergen
14	Marie Tveitbakk
15	LuAnn Giles
15	Eric Courtemanche
16	Sam Gardner
26	Bill Robbins

News from Zion's Neighbors & Partners

Help the Lyndale Neighborhood Association thank the community this November! Write a Thank You card and drop it off at the LNA office anytime before November 16th. Go a step further and join the Thanks Giving Walk on November 19th to hand deliver these cards. Feel good making someone feel good. Contact norma@lyndale.org for more information.



ZOOM House is hiring board members. Interested individuals should contact Kirsten Burch at Kirstin@thezoomhouse.org.

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.

ESL classes with LNA are 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.

Hosmer Library offers free in-person tutoring for K-12 students on Mondays and Wednesday from 3:30-7:30pm and on Saturdays from 1-4:30pm. Check out hclib.org/homework for more information.

Conversation circles at the library are on Saturdays from 11am-1pm. Non-native English speakers can practice English and make friends.

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?

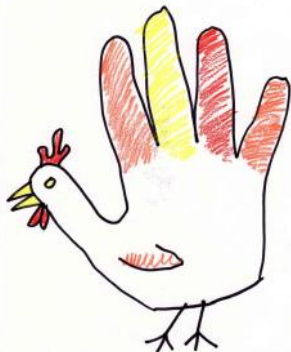
Council Update

Council now meets every other month. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30pm.

The Lyndale Community Dinner Presents: Thanksgiving Eve dinner on November 22 at 6pm

Draw a Turkey hand or lend one! Food donations, bakers and chefs, and day-of volunteers are needed! Please be on the look out for sign-up sheets and announcements throughout the month!

Questions and ideas can be directed to Jenna Yeakle at lcd@zionchurchmpls.org.



ZOOM Can Do Sunday is November 19th! The ZOOM House food shelf is in need of hearty contributions! Donations of canned goods, cereals, and other non-perishable food items are needed to keep the shelf stocked and able to support neighbors who need it. Paper products, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies make great donations too. Make this month extra-special with a generous donation to the food shelf.

Men's Breakfast

This month's breakfast is Friday, November 24th 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 soup 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.

Daylight Saving Time is November 5th! Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour. Did you know that the United States, along with Australia, Great Britain, and Germany, adopted summer Daylight Saving Time during World War I to conserve fuel by reducing the need for artificial light? Light is time, and time is money, people!

The November Property Work day is Saturday, November 4th at 9:30am! Zion needs many willing hands to help it sparkle.



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Carla Hofland, Member
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Gary Larsen, Member
Justin Snesrud, Member
Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer

The Lyndale Community Dinner Presents: Thanksgiving Eve

Mark your calendars for the always popular Thanksgiving Eve dinner on **Wednesday, November 22nd at 6pm!**

The Lyndale Community Dinner, driven by Zion members and our love of mashed potatoes, is hosting a pre-Thanksgiving feast.



Food donations, bakers and chefs, and day-of volunteers are needed to ensure our neighborhood is stuffed. Please be on the look out for sign-up sheets and announcements throughout the month! Your cooking, decorating, serving, cleaning, and hospitality make all the difference!

Questions and ideas can be directed to Jenna Yeakle at lcd@zionchurchmpls.org.

Don't forget! We eat dinner together most Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. You're always welcome to join us for good food and great company. Assistant cooks, servers, and dishwashers are needed at every meal.



Local Elections November 7

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.

In **Kingfield**, precincts 6 & 7 will vote at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave s.

In **Bryant**, precinct 3 will vote at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th St.; precinct 4 will vote at St. Joan of Arc, 4537 3rd Ave S.

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

THE **Johnson Symposium**
ON FAITH & SOCIETY

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/

Music Notes from Paul

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546), in addition to his role in the Reformation, had a musical side. He was a prolific hymnodist, one who regarded music, and especially hymns in the German language, as important means for the development of faith. Luther wrote songs for occasions of the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost), paraphrases of psalms, and other songs.

Luther authored hymns such as "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", based on Psalm 46. His compositions span high art and folk music, all classes of society, clergy and laity, men, women and children. He encouraged the singing of German hymns in connection with worship, school, home, and public functions. Luther's hymns were frequently evoked by particular events in his life and the unfolding Reformation.

Contrary to popular myth, Luther is not the composer of "Away In A Manger". This attribution first appeared in 1887 in a book of children's songs, featuring the subtitle "Luther's Cradle Song". In fact, the song is almost certainly of 19th-century American origin, with the first known publication occurring in 1885 featuring two verses, with a third verse added later.



Ministry Area Highlights

Transition Team

The Transition Team is on track to complete and submit our Ministry Site Profile to the Minneapolis Synod office in the middle of November. This document, as mentioned in previous Messenger articles, defines our congregational characteristics, trends, programs, purpose, mission, etc. Part of the profile document outlines the amount of experience we are seeking in our new pastor and the type of employment we will offer (full or part time). The Transition Team is made up of a diverse demographic of our congregation. Please know that we are making decisions that best meet the needs of our congregation within our financial means.

Mark your calendars. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will visit our congregation on Sunday, December 3 to discuss our Ministry Site Profile after worship service. 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

Finance & Stewardship

(Carl Hendrickson, Stan Nelson, Ben Accola, Gary Larsen)
Thru September the pledge giving has fallen \$3,181.00 behind projections. Watch for your 3rd quarter giving statement. Thank you to all who are meeting their pledge. The Finance/Stewardship committee has started working on the budget for 2018.

Property

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

The painting windows project was canceled/postponed twice due to rain and the wood was too wet to work on. The nursery clean up was postponed but is rescheduled for Friday, November 3 with finishing on Saturday, Nov 4 at the monthly Property Work Day. Thanks to all who helped with the Meatball & Lutefisk Dinner room set up and tear down. Your help is much appreciated. Watch for info on the scheduling of decorating for Advent and Christmas!

The ZOOM Food Shelf is open from 2-4pm on the last two Mondays and Thursdays of each month. Contact Elizabeth Callen, Food Shelf Volunteer Coordinator, at elcallen@gmail.com, to sign up!

NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 2

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, November 3

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, November 4

9:30am Property Work Day

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday

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, November 6

5:30pm ESL Classes

Tuesday, November 7

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

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, November 10

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, November 11

Sunday, November 12

Stewardship Sunday

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, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

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

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, November 18

Sunday, November 19

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, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King Sunday

10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am Household of Faith School
11:00am Casper & Lloie Accola's Baptism Celebration
11:30am Household of Faith Worship
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

Monday, November 27

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Tuesday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 29

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, November 30

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

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



October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
		Gary Larsen		

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4
Offering Counters	Gary Larsen and Tammy Fuentes	Carla Hofland and Doug Harrison	Gary Larsen and Nedra Granquist	Carla Hofland and Dale Mendenhall
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Dennis and Penny Werneke		Jenna Yeakle and Kara Bennett	Casper and Lloie Accola

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	September Actual	September Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$14,493	\$15,465	\$143,220	\$151,402
Expenses	(\$15,332)	(\$16,327)	(\$147,081)	(\$150,569)
Net Income	(\$839)	(\$862)	(\$3,861)	\$833
Pledges	\$8,017	\$8,985	\$77,684	\$80,865

The committee continues to monthly monitor the income and expenses. We encourage you to sign up for Simply Giving in 2017. Call the church office if you are interested in enrolling in the Simply Giving program. Income exceeded budget projections in the following area: WELCA Operations Gift. Expenses exceeded budget projections in the following areas: Leadership Development (two conferences), ELCA disaster relief and utilities. 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. Pledge giving has fallen \$3,181.00 behind projections

September Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday		
55	45	52	59		

Average Sunday Attendance: 53

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.