



# The Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, ELCA  
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## Our Mission Statement:

To put the love of Jesus into action by worshiping together, embracing an inclusive spirit, and building community in the Lyndale Neighborhood.

Dear people of Zion,

Hello! I am so excited to be here and get to know you and the Lyndale Community. In case you haven't heard about me yet - here is a little blurb about me... This is my third call. Previously, I was the pastor at Salem Lutheran in Dalbo, MN from 2014-2018. My first call was at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN from 2012-2014, I have a MDIV from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and a BSW from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. I am passionate about being outside, working for justice and sharing God's love. I am married to Mike and we have three ridiculous pets - Sammie, Robi and Bruce. I welcome challenging questions about faith and life and hope you leave worship each Sunday knowing you are a loved, forgiven, beloved child of God. As I unpack and get settled, I would really love to get to know you! Send me an email (CJ@zionchurchmpls.org), give me a call/text (cell 937.658.3188) or stop by the office and introduce yourself. I would love to grab coffee or a meal and hear your favorite and most challenging stories about Zion. I am excited to see what God has in store for our ministry together. While change is exciting, it can also be scary. So I would like to leave you with this poem that has carried me through several new beginnings by poet John O'Donohue from his book, To Bless the Space Between Us. Here is to new beginnings and new adventures together! God's peace to you,

Pr CJ

## To Bless the Space Between Us

**John O'Donohue**

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you willed yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety  
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,  
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,  
Wondering would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,  
And out you stepped onto new ground,  
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,  
A path of plentitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself in to the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

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# Zion's 125th Anniversary Worship and Luncheon

It may have been an April Blizzard, but Zioners came anyway! We completely understand if you couldn't "dig-out" and get to Zion - even some of our Committee was snowbound. It was amazing to see that 88 people made it to Zion for Worship and we served 94 at the Luncheon. We did have reservations for 150 but know that folks' safety was much more important! There will be other chances later in 2018 to come to Zion and Celebrate the 125 years of ministry on the corner of 33rd and Pillsbury. Watch for details coming soon!



## Announcements

### **Property Work Day!**

The work day will be May 5th. We'll start about 9:15am and work until we're done! If you see things in Zion's building, or around the exterior, that need attention, please let either Stan Due or Deana Miller know so we can get it on the "to do list". Thanks to all who come on the scheduled Work Days and make many tasks happen!

### **Neighborhood Street Resurfacing**

The streets around Zion are scheduled to be resurfaced this summer. Zion has 7 lots with 395.3 feet curbing. Our tax assessment will be \$24,701.03 plus 4.1% interest over the 5 year payoff plan. The assessment will be on our Property Tax Statement starting in 2019 and continuing thru 2013. That is a lot of money. Zion's Finance committee has one year to figure out how we will pay this off. We will look at all our resources in the coming year. We are informing you now so that it will not be a surprise next May 15, 2019.

### **ZOOM Can Do Sunday Is May 20th**

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, Zioners bring nonperishable food, cleaning and paper supplies, diapers, etc. to stock the shelves. This resource is solely for the residents of ZOOM House. The food shelf is open 4 times at the end of each month. The March ZOOM Can Do Sunday netted 66.5lbs of items and April had 106.5lbs donated! Great job everyone! In March we did a survey of ZOOM residents to see what they would like to see on the shelves, the list is too long to print - but canned vegetables, size 5 & 6 diapers, size 5 pull-ups, cereal, facial tissues, toilet paper, canned fruit/fruit & pudding cups, baking supplies & condiments were on many lists. Our goal is to staff the Food Shelf with two people each time it is open. If you are interested in helping, talk to Linda Torkelson or Deana Miller. May dates for the Food shelf are on the calendar. The returned surveys ALL carried notes of appreciation and thanks from the residents of ZOOM House. It helps these families get through to the end of the month. Thank you for sharing with our neighbors.

### **Summer Day Camp**

Once again Zion is participating with about 15 other small congregations to provide a week-long Day Camp for youth entering kindergarten through 8th grade. The dates are June 18-22, 9am - 4pm each day. Cost is \$30 per camper or \$60 max for families. Camp will be held at Bethel Lutheran, 4120 17th Ave S, Mpls. Registration forms are available in the office. For more information, talk to Deana, Zion's rep. on the planning committee. Watch for more details on how YOU can be involved. This year's theme is Love Your Neighbor.

### **Mental Health Connect**

Our good friend Liz Timm will be hosting Mental Health Connect Open Hours in conjunction with the weekly Lyndale Community Dinners that happen at Zion. Open hours will be scheduled 5:30-7:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Liz is a Peer specialist who helps individuals and families connect to resources needed for improving their health! Resources may include therapy or counseling referrals, health insurance issues, confusion about benefits, etc. A mental health diagnosis is not required for these visits. We are grateful for Liz and this wonderful community service.

**Zion's Young Adults** gather for soup on second Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm. Zioners rotate hosting in their homes. Contact Lee George to be added to the e-mail list. The young adults also host the Lyndale Community Dinner on Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm. If able to volunteer to serve this weekly neighborhood meal, confirm your attendance with Jenna Yeakle at [lcd@zionchurchmpls.org](mailto:lcd@zionchurchmpls.org)!

**Host Coffee Hour!** Several Sundays in May - June are open. Gary brings the goodies, Sam fills the coffee pot, Hosts dish up and set out the food, make a small pot of decaf coffee, heat tea water, watch the table during serving and clean up. See/talk to Deana to sign up.

### **May Birthdays**

9th Mike Valenti  
11th Vicki Bennett  
14th Adam Hendrickson  
16th CJ Valenti / Josh Fuentes  
18th Penny Werneke  
20th Linda Torkelson  
27th Alicia O'Neal  
29th Dawn Cvangros



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### **Zion's Council Members**

Ben Accola, President  
Doug Harrison, Vice President  
Farrah Frye, Secretary  
Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer  
Sue Ann Westphal, Financial Secretary  
Stan Due, Member  
Kirsten Anderson, Member  
Gary Larsen, Member  
Justin Snesrud, Member

## 2018 Sunday Servant Teams

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5
Deana Miller * Ron Schloer * Debra Schloer Gary Larsen Joan Konigson Ethel Allardyce Alicia O'Neal SueAnn Westphal Jim Iacarella Mark Fandrey Matthew Frye Farrah Frye Nikki Schmidt Jeff Rea	Tyler Schafer * Lee George * Elizabeth Callen * Peggy Stevenson LaVonne Holden Kirsten Anderson Dale Mendenhall Nedra Granquist Patty Kane Brad Langley David Kulm Tom Rhone Raewynn Kelley	Carl Hendrickson * Joan Olson * Dick Olson Tammy Fuentes * Sandy Johnson Sharon Hendrickson LuAnn Giles Linda Torkelson Kara Bennett Darlene Carlson Carla Hofland Felicia Borgeson Elisabeth Heal	Ben Accola * Joanna Accola * Stan Due * Stan Nelson * Norma Pietz Douglas Johnson Dennis Werneke Penny Werneke Becca Tumm Bill Robbins Amanda Rupert	(5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of April, July, September, December) Kirsten Anderson Ben Accola Stan Due Farrah Frye Doug Harrison Gary Larsen Tyler Schafer Justin Snestrud SueAnn Westphal Carl Hendrickson
*Co-leaders	Tyler & Lee Jan-June  Elizabeth	*Rotate leaders Months vary – usually 4-5 months	Ben & Joanna Jan-June  Stan & Stan July-Dec	Determine at Council meeting

## Council Updates

- ⇒ Ben Accola, President
  - ⇒ Doug Harrison, Vice President
  - ⇒ Farrah Frye, Secretary
  - ⇒ Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer
  - ⇒ Sue Ann Westphal, Financial Secretary
- ✓ Official Letter of Call for Pastor CJ was sent to the Synod, moving the process for her arrival one step forward.
  - ✓ Carl Hendrickson was nominated to fulfill a one year vacancy on the council.
  - ✓ Follow up with the Ministry Teams has begun since the 2018 Action Planning Retreat.

### Home and Hospital Pastoral Visitation

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

Everyone has different wants and needs when they are ill or homebound, 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 CJ Valenti  
937-658-3188 (cell)



## **Ministry Team Highlights**

Welcome to Zion's new and improved Ministry Teams!

Here you will find an overview of each team's purpose and function. Stay tuned for monthly updates from team conveners!

### **Congregational Connections**

*(Becca Tumm)*

*Purpose:* Building connections and fostering relationships through social, educational and spiritual engagements with Zion members and friends. This team will focus on fundraisers like the lutefisk dinner, social and relational events and trips, celebrations and milestones, and internal communications like social media and the Messenger.

### **Faith Formation**

*(Farrah Frye, Ben Accola, new team members needed)*

*Purpose:* Supporting members of the Zion community in the exploration and development of their faith. This might take shape in retreats, bible studies and temple talks.

### **Finance & Stewardship**

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

*Purpose:* Supporting the mission of the church by being fiscally responsible, encouraging stewardship of time and talents and inspiring faithful giving. This includes building a balanced budget, monthly monitoring church finances,, developing a stewardship campaign, providing monthly reports and providing quarterly member giving statements.

### **Property**

*(Stan Due, Deana Miller, Sam Gardner, Dale Mendenhall, Mark Fandrey, Gary Larsen, and Douglass Johnson)*

Thanks to all who showed up in blizzard conditions to help set up for our Anniversary Worship Service. You are greatly appreciated!

WANTED: Property Committee is looking for someone who would give some TLC to our landscaping. Tasks would include: watering, weeding, general cleanup, etc. We aren't asking for one person to do it all alone but to guide us in the tasks involved in keeping up Zion's "Curb Appeal". For more information or to volunteer, talk to Stan D. or Deana M. soon.

### **Worship and Music**

*(Interim Music Director, Tim Short)*

*Purpose:* Assisting in creating and planning meaningful worship experiences. This will be done by determining when chair migration happens, placing banners, managing the sacristy, taking inventory of worship supplies, organizing outdoor worship services, and more!

### **Zion Reaches Out!**

*(Doug Harrison and Jenna Yeakle)*

*Purpose:* Building community by connecting our members to our neighborhood. Examples of this team's work are the Lyndale Community Dinner, the ZOOM Food Shelf, school collection drives and the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

# MAY 2018 CALENDAR

## Tuesday, May 1

### Pastor CJ's first day

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am YF Meeting

## Wednesday, May 2

10:30am YF Meeting  
1:00pm Office Helpers  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, May 3

5:30pm YF Cooking Class

## Friday, May 4

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, May 5

9:00am Property Work Day

## Sunday, May 6

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am CLG Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:30am CLG Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, May 7

## Tuesday, May 8

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am YF Meeting  
6:00pm LNA Ready to Work Job Fair

## Wednesday, May 9

10:30am YF Meeting  
1:00pm Office Helpers  
5:00pm Property Committee  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, May 10

5:30pm YF Cooking Class

## Friday, May 11

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, May 12

## Sunday, May 13

### Mothers Day!

10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am CLG Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:30am CLG Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, May 14

## Tuesday, May 15

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am YF Meeting  
5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting

## Wednesday, May 16

10:30am YF Meeting  
1:00pm Office Helpers  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, May 17

5:30pm YF Cooking Class

## Friday, May 18

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, May 19

## Sunday, May 20

### ZOOM Can Do

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am CLG Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:30am CLG Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, May 21

2:00pm Zoom Food Shelf

## Tuesday, May 22

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am YF Meeting

## Wednesday, May 23

10:30am YF Meeting  
1:00pm Office Helpers  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, May 24

2:00pm Zoom Food Shelf  
5:30pm YF Cooking Class

## Friday, May 25

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

## Saturday, May 26

## Sunday, May 27

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am CLG Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:30am CLG Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, May 28

## Tuesday, May 29

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am YF Meeting

## Wednesday, May 30

10:30am YF Meeting  
1:00pm Office Helpers  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, May 31

2:00pm Zoom Food Shelf  
5:30pm YF Cooking class

## Friday, June 1

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

*Zion is a busy building. If you are planning a meeting, reserve your space early by calling the church office and filling out a space request form found on the wall by the Lounge door.*

# LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
		Dawn & Elaine Klingman		

# SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 5
Offering Counters	Farrah Frye and Carl Hencrickson	Farrah Frye and Sharon Hendrickson	Farrah Frye and Patty Kane	Farrah Frye and David Kulm
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Linda T. Nedra G. Douglas J. Deana M.		Carl and Sharon Hendrickson	

# A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	April Actual	April Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
<b>Income</b>	\$20,103	\$19,226	\$67,415	\$67,044
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$20,376)	(\$15,830)	(\$65,545)	(\$64,356)
<b>Net Income</b>	(\$273)	\$3,396	\$1,870	\$2,688
<b>Pledges</b>	\$9,684	\$8,800	\$36,812	\$35,200

The committee continues to monitor monthly the income and expenses. We encourage you to sign up for Simply Giving in 2018. Call the church office if you are interested in enrolling in the Simply Giving program. Income exceeded budget projections in the following area: Pledges, and Other Misc. Income. Expenses exceeded budget projections in the following areas: 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.

## April Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
93	38	88	47	64

Average Sunday Attendance: 66

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

### 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](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.