



# The Messenger

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## Welcome Interim Pastor, Eva Jensen!

The Executive Board is proud to announce the call of Zion's Interim Pastor, Eva Jensen! Eva brings a wealth of experience to Zion with a pastoral career that stretches from Africa to the Twin Cities.

Pastor Eva's warm presence, love of community (and community dinners), and relational approach to pastoring makes her a great fit for Zion. We're excited for you to meet her!

Prior to Pastor Eva's previous interim call at Grace Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis, Pastor Eva served as ELCA Program Director for West Africa, where she directed the operation of 15 churches, institutions and agencies in seven countries. She also enjoys a career as a facilitation consultant shepherding conversations around strategic planning, organizational assessment, and review of staff relations and community relationships.

Pastor Eva's first Sunday with us will be April 30, 2017. In order to accommodate Pastor Eva's complementary career as a facilitator, she will begin half-time through May and a portion of June before moving to three-quarter time for the remainder of her call.

Be sure to reach out and give her a warm Zion welcome!

## Patty Beadle's see you later party is on Sunday, May 14!

The Intern Committee will host this celebration during coffee hour. We're beyond lucky to have had her as a leader for two years! Look forward to thanking Patty for her warm presence and generous actions.

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## From the staff . . .

Our pastoral intern Patty Beadle once said that doubt is not faith's antithesis; certainty is faith's antithesis. Doubt is inescapable. Certainty is alluring. Doubt weighs heavily on our minds, complicates our perspective. Certainty comforts, provides a bedrock on which to build a certain set of truths, a sequence of hours around which to write a schedule. But which is more productive? Which truly drives a depth a faith that becomes unshakeable?

While certainty lulls us into a kind of understanding, doubt makes room for curiosity, discovery, growth.

There are things of which we can be certain. The sun appears in the morning. Clouds produce rain to feed the Earth. Then there are things that were once certain and are now not.

These sudden disturbances shake us out of certainty, but that certainty was untrue. Nothing but those objective things, the sun, the rain, are certain, and true.

And doubt is certain. And it is painful, as our congregation admitted on a small collection of colorful sticky notes. And doubt births opportunity to discover new confidence. It reveals needs previously neglected in a temporary sense of security.

In a community of faith, it is easy to doubt and to question, ourselves, the world, each other. It is inescapable. But this doubt brings us closer together, forces us to be honest about our needs. It forces us to compromise, to converse, to reach out and in. I'm certain I wouldn't enjoy doubting quite as much with any other group.

In Faith, Alex Albertson

## Sharing Our Milestones

### Gratitude & Thanks

Words cannot express my deep gratitude for the ways you blessed me on my way last month. I am thankful for our visits, phone calls, hugs, and the celebration you offered to me and my family on the 19th. Zion will always be a special part of my ministry and life - a scrappy and joyful community that will continue to inspire me!

In Christ, Meta Carlson

### Celebrations

On May 7 during coffee hour

Zion will host a baby shower for Ben and Joanna!

Attendees are encouraged to bring gifts of

newborn diapers,

baby wipes, and children's books.



Patty Beadle is very near completing her internship! It's been a wonderful two years of growth. Help us celebrate her time with us on May 14th!

### May Birthdays

- 4 Marie O'Connor
- 4 Geoff Williams
- 11 Vicki Bennett
- 14 Adam Hendrickson
- 16 Joshua Fuentes
- 18 Penny Werneke
- 20 Linda Torkelson
- 27 Alicia O'Neal
- 29 LaNava O'Connor
- 29 Dawn Cvengros

*Have a milestone, anniversary, achievement, or memory to share? Contact the church office by the 16th of next month to be included in the April issue.*

## News from Zion's Neighbors & Partners

**All ISIAIAH Day of Action:** Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm at the MN State Capitol. This is an opportunity for faith leaders from congregations (that's you!) to receive training and take a stand for healthcare justice and worker's rights in MN. For more information, visit [www.isaiahmn.org](http://www.isaiahmn.org).

**ZOOM House** benefits greatly from your contributions, especially on ZOOM Can Do Sundays! ZOOM House's needs list includes foods such as juice, fruit cups, cereal, oatmeal, ramen, soup, canned veggies, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, fruit snacks, condiments. It also includes household items like trash bags, sponges, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, Kleenex, laundry detergent, dish soap, 409, disinfectant, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, and feminine hygiene products. Thank you so much for your consistent and generous donations! Learn more about ZOOM House at [thezoomhouse.org](http://thezoomhouse.org).

**Youth Farm** cooking classes are back on Thursdays at 5:30pm in the Zion kitchen! Youth Farm's food distribution promotes food justice by growing new relationships between youth and food, meeting the wellness needs of our communities, and recognizing historical narratives and current exploitation in the food system. Zion is happy to help such a productive community-based organization!

**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** sends out a monthly newsletter that helps congregations and neighbors connect with resources and relationships that work to end stigma about mental illness. 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).

### Home and Hospital Pastoral Visitation

If you or a loved one would like a home or hospital visit, please let Pastor Eva or Patty B. 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)

Pastoral Intern Patty Beadle  
612-251-0711 (cell)

## What's Happening at Zion this Month?

**Men's Breakfast:** Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 7am at Curran's Restaurant on 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 soup, bread, and wine on second Mondays or Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm. Zioners rotate hosting in their homes. Contact Lee George or Alex Albertson to be added to the e-mail list.

**The Prayer Chain** is an important ministry at Zion. Deana Miller will continue to serve as the point person for your prayer concerns. Please contact her directly if you wish to add or update a prayer request: (612) 964-6310 or deanabibi@gmail.com. Please note that prayer chain requests are separate from pastoral care visits and emergencies, which should be directed to the pastoral staff.

**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.

### Wednesday, May 31st

the LCD will be at Painter Park (just a block away from Zion), co-hosted by the Lyndale Neighborhood Association with art, music and good picnic food!



**The Luther Park Bike-a-thon** is around the corner! For the first time ever, Zion will have riders in this annual LP fund raiser! One biker is committed, five more are seriously considering riding. By the time you read this, we should have our Zion Team finalized. Watch for fundraising details on the fund raising info. The Bike-a-thon is June 3&4.

**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.



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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 Snedrud, Member  
Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer

## On Easter Morning, our sanctuary was decorated with love and memories.

### Thanks to all who donated lilies and mums:

Allardyce, Ethel & Jerry in memory of loved ones

Anderson, Barb in honor of her mom and family

Anonymous in memory of Kari

Carlson, Meta & Matt with gratitude and love for Zion

Due, Stan & Carolyn in memory of their parents

Fernstrom, Gaylord & Jeanenne in memory of Pastor Daniel & Nellie

Martin, Emil & Hilda Fernstrom, Wallace & Lucille Fernstrom

Frye, Farrah and Alyssa Kohn in memory of Dorothy Kohn

Fuentes Family in memory of Ambrosio & Martina Fuentes

Granquist, Nedra in memory of Julia Johnson-Mendelin-Keisu and Saima Salmela

Harrison, Doug in honor of Crystal Harrison

Hendrickson, Carl & Sharon memory of loved ones

Johnson, O'Neal & Fuentes Families in memory of Janet and Jesse Johnson

Johnson, Douglas in memory of Shirley Johnson

Kane, Patty in memory of Dennis Kane

Konigson, Joan in memory of Al Konigson

Klingman, Dawn in memory of Donald and Elaine Klingman

Larsen, Gary in memory of his parents

McLaughlin, Wade in memory of Randy Vermeer

Mendenhall, Dale in memory of his parents

Miller, Deana in memory of Arthur & Esther Miller, Albert & Ruby Nordstrom, & William Miller

O'Neal, Alicia in memory of Clifton and Magnolia O'Neal

Olson, Dick & Joan in honor of loved ones

Schloer, Ron & Debra in memory of John Martin, Walter & Gladys Schloer



*Many thanks to our Easter breakfast volunteers, especially Doug Harrison who crafted that fantastic menu stacked with four incredible waffle options, Nedra Granquist and Joanna Accola for their leadership and planning, and Jenna Yeakle who cooked all morning long to be sure everyone received an appropriate early dose of fruit and sugar! And special thanks to Deana Miller for coordinating the Children's Egg Hunt!*

*Thanks to Deana Miller for coordinating the Children's Egg Hunt. Thanks to those who donated goodies for the hunt! The kiddies had a great time gathering the eggs and getting treats. Thanks to all who helped hide eggs and supervise the hunt!*

## Music Notes from Jasmine

### May Music Schedule

5/7	8:45am Choir Rehearsal
5/14	8:45am Choir Rehearsal
5/14	11:30am Round Table Discussion
5/21	8:45am Choir Rehearsal
5/28	8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Last rehearsal before summer break)

During the summer months, in place of choir singing on Sunday mornings, all congregation members are welcome to participate in music by playing percussion instruments. Jasmine will be starting a Summer Rhythm Band for everyone, especially those who have shared that they are more comfortable playing something than singing.

Jasmine will go through the hymns at 9:30am before the service if you want practice, or feel free to grab an instrument on your way into the sanctuary as the service begins. Instruments are welcome on all hymns!

### My Office Hours Have Changed!

Tuesdays 10:30– 12:30pm  
Worship planning and meetings

Wednesdays 3:00-6:30pm  
Rehearsing in the Sanctuary



## Ministry Area Highlights

### Community Life

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the Easter Breakfast a huge success! Special thanks to Doug Harrison who organized the waffle breakfast, and Deana Miller for putting together the egg hunt.

### Finance & Stewardship

(Carl Hendrickson, Stan Nelson, Ben Accola, Gary Larsen)  
Through March our pledge giving was right where we anticipated. We are looking forward to April's receipts, with five Sundays, Lent and Easter offerings. Simply Giving is a convenient option for regular giving.

### Faith Formation

Look forward to outdoor worship on the last Sunday of the month in June, July and August! This is a fun tradition, and setting up is a big task, so start thinking about how you can help! We'll also plan a picnic/potluck in June, so watch out for volunteer details!

2017 Summer Day Camp for kids entering Kindergarten - Grade 8 will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church on 42nd Street June 19-23. The theme is "Blessed to Be" and rooted in the Beatitudes of Matthew 5:3-12. More than 15 small congregations of many different denominations work together to provide this week of fun and faith formation. Save the date and stay tuned for ways you can support this ministry and its campers!

### Worship and Music

Jasmine will be starting a new music series, Funky Fifth Sunday with Jasmine: a Creative Musical Experience. The first fifth Sunday will be April 30th from 11:30-12:00, and Jasmine will be hosting "Instrument Speed Dating." If you have been curious about how an instrument works, just want to try it, or are ready to have fun with many mistakes allowed, this is the post-worship event for you! You will have an opportunity to date an accordion, handbells, fruit shakers (yes, they are as wild as they sound), various drums, and a banjo. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Property

The Property Committee met on April 12th and covered a variety of topics. As Council has approved patching the parking lot, we are continuing to get bids. We hope to make a decision at the May meeting, contingent on receiving the bids. There is a consensus that monthly work days are important to the health and welfare of Zion's property, both inside and out. The next work day is 9:30am on Saturday, May 6th. Come on over and join the fun! More folks make more happen. Thanks to those who come and help!

# May 2017 CALENDAR

## Monday, May 1

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Tuesday, May 2

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

## Wednesday, May 3

10:00am Youth Farm  
11:00am Office Help  
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner  
6:45pm Recovery Worship

## Thursday, May 4

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

## Friday, May 5

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, May 6

9:30am Property Work Day

## Sunday, May 7

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am Household of Faith School  
11:00am **Ben and Joanna's Baby Shower**  
11:30am Household of Faith Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, May 8

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Tuesday, May 9

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

## Wednesday, May 10

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

## Thursday, May 11

5:30pm ESL Classes  
6:00pm Young Adult Soup Dinner

## Friday, May 12

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, May 13

## Sunday, May 14

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
9:00am Finance Committee  
10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am Household of Faith School  
11:00am **Patty Beadle's See You Later Party**  
11:30am Endowment Committee  
11:30am Household of Faith Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, May 15

5:30pm ESL Class

## Tuesday, May 16

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

## Wednesday, May 17

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

## Thursday, May 18

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

## Friday, May 19

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, May 20

## Sunday, May 21

**ZOOM Can Do Sunday**  
8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am Household of Faith School  
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:15am Music Table Talk  
11:30am Household of Faith Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, May 22

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

## Tuesday, May 23

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

## Wednesday, May 24

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

## Thursday, May 25

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

## Friday, May 26

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

## Saturday, May 27

## Sunday, May 28

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, May 29

**Memorial Day**  
OFFICE CLOSED

## Tuesday, May 30

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

## Wednesday, May 31

10:00am Youth Farm  
11:00am Office Helpers  
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.  
**6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner at Painter Park!**  
NO RECOVERY WORSHIP

*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



	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 16	
	LuAnn Giles	No flowers	No flowers	See page 4	

# SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	
Worship Leaders	Sunday Servant Team 1	Sunday Servant Team 2	Sunday Servant Team 3	Sunday Servant Team 4	
Offering Counters	Carl Hendrickson/ Farrah Frye	Carl Hendrickson/ David Kulm	Carl Hendrickson/ Mark Fandrey	Carl Hendrickson/ Ethel Allardyce	
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Dennis and Penny Werneke	Intern Commieitee	Joan and Dick Olson	Linda Torkelson	

# A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	March Actual	March Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
<b>Income</b>	\$17,099	\$16,244	\$47,841	\$50,694
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$17,978)	(\$16,960)	(\$50,238)	(\$49,895)
<b>Net Income</b>	(\$878)	(\$716)	(\$2,396)	\$799
<b>Pledges</b>	\$9,027	\$8,985	\$26,857	\$26,955

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.

## March Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday		Recovery
51	57	73	63		26

Average Sunday Attendance: 61

Average Recovery Worship Attendance (YTD): 17

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



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## Zion's Schedule

### Sundays

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
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

Hoping to test your cooking skills on a friendly group of hungry folk? Join the Lyndale Community Dinners often and hankering to return the favor?

There are still a few open hosting dates in April!  
Contact Jenna Yeakle at [lcd@zionchurchmpls.org](mailto:lcd@zionchurchmpls.org) to sign up.



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