



The Messenger

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Beginnings

*“To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.”
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

All our beginnings happen within the continuity of life – what has been, what is, and all that is to be.

I am thankful to be with you as the interim pastor at Zion Lutheran Church and to begin this time of transition in your life that we will walk together. I look forward to getting to know each of you in the weeks and months ahead, as together we discern where God is leading you in your mission to share God’s love and service with your neighbors.

I served my first interim call in 1998 and this is my fourth interim in a congregational ministry. In this interim, I will work $\frac{3}{4}$ time and focus in the first couple months on getting to know you, your congregational life and community engagement. We will gather regularly in worship and community life to remember God is with us and we are God’s. I will preach and/or preside in worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I will be in the office to work with staff, members and companions in the community.

In my work as a facilitator, I help congregations and non-profit organizations plan intentional transitions for a future of vitality. I love the joys and challenges of accompanying a congregation as they ask the questions of transition: Who are we? Where have we been, where are we now, and to what is God calling us in the future?

My call as your interim pastor is to create opportunities for you to do the discernment work you need to do to prepare for the future. We will have lots of conversation – individually and corporately – about your life together and how you might engage the opportunities before you. How will you apply your faith and gifts in creative, bold, and collaborative action? Critical to this interim process is your participation in these conversations, worship, and community life. We will seek to be led by the Spirit of God and I invite you to commit with me to pray for Zion, our life together in community, and our discernment process.

The Congregational Council will appoint a Transition Team with whom I will work to guide the transition process. A major task for the team will be to prepare the ELCA’s Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a document that speaks to Zion’s history, identity, mission, gifts, values and goals. Although you completed a profile six years ago, as Gary Larson said on Sunday, Zion is not the same church you were then. The Spirit has led you to new life together and God is not done yet! I believe we will have a good time learning together our hearts’ desires and God’s passion for us and the community in which we live.

Thank you for the opportunity to walk with you in this time!

Pastor Eva Jensen



From the Pastor ...

In To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings, John O’Donohue writes, “Perhaps the art of harvesting the secret riches of our lives is best achieved when we place profound trust in the act of beginning. Risk might be our greatest ally. To live a truly creative life, we always need to cast a critical look at where we presently are, attempting always to discern where have become stagnant and where new beginning might be ripening. There can be no growth if we do not remain open and vulnerable to what is new and different. I have never seen anyone take a risk for growth that was not rewarded a thousand times over.”

Beginnings may frighten us, because it seems like we are standing at the edge of uncertainty, beginning a venture into the unknown. This beginning place and time where we stand, lives within a movement of continuity in God’s faithful presence, wisdom and passion for all that God has made. God will be with us in the questions we live and the directions we shape.

—Pastor Eva Jensen

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Sharing Our Milestones

Gratitude & Thanks

We would like to thank everyone at Zion for so generously showering us with an overwhelming amount of baby supplies, 1500 diapers, 3800 wipes, and 20 books! We definitely feel the love, and we are excited for our little ones to join this wonderful community.

From Ben & Joanna Accola

Celebrations

In 2018 Zion, will celebrate 125 years of ministry on the same corner in South Minneapolis! A committee is being formed and ideas are being gathered.

If you have ideas, wish to be involved, or have questions, contact Deana Miller.

Email deanabibi@gmail.com or call 612-964-6310.

June Birthdays

- 2 Lillian Jones
- 4 Gwen Williams
- 6 Jill Van Himbergen
- 8 Romdyah Mengal
- 10 Dan Lundeen
- 17 Alexis O'Connor
- 18 Johnny Ott
- 19 Dennis Werneke
- 20 Lisa Werneke Jones
- 20 Douglas Harrison
- 25 Nedra Granquist
- 25 Peggy Stevenson
- 25 Stan Due
- 25 Allan Daley III

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

News from Zion's Neighbors & Partner

Cooking Matters, a University of Minnesota Extension community cooking class, will be at Zion for six weeks with a families class! Cooking Matters for Families will start on Wednesday, June 21st through Wednesday, July 26th. Class time is 4 - 6pm. The class will prepare food for the Lyndale Community Dinner and build culinary skills, shopping tips, and nutrition facts as a family.

If interested in learning more or registering, contact Jenna Yeakle at [218-310-5322](tel:218-310-5322) or lcd@zionchurchmpls.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!

ZOOM House benefits greatly from your contributions, especially on ZOOM Can Do Sundays! Thank you so much for your consistent and generous donations! Learn more about ZOOM House at thezoomhouse.org.

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.

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.

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?

Monthly Council Update

On May 16, 2017 council discussed the formation of the transition team and call committee. The transition team, after consultation with the congregation, creates the ministry site profile (a kind of church dating profile) and the creation of the call committee, who interviews the prospective pastors. If you have an interest in serving on one or both of the committees, please contact Kara Bennett.

The church constitution and bylaws are undergoing an update after 25 years! Prior to congregational approval, an updated constitution will be printed and available in the office. Changes to the constitution require congregational approval.

Synod Assembly Update

Justin, Deanna, and Pastor Eva attended the synod conference. Take-aways include encouraging conversations around racial justice and welcoming our Muslim neighbors. ELCA is in the process of working on a social statement. Opportunity exists for Zion to engage in the conversation toward a social statement. More information can be found on page 4, at www.mpls-synod.org or by speaking with Pastor Eva.

The Luther Park Bike-a-thon is June 3 and 4! For the first time in the 19 years Luther Park Bible Camp has done Bike-A-Thons, Zion has a team of two riders! Jenna Yeakle and Matthew Frye will join 6 riders from 3 additional churches for this first Bike-A-Thon this year. A second Bike-A-Thon will be held in July. Riders of Luther Park Corporation churches seek donations for camperships. As of May 15, our team has a recorded total of \$315 in donations! Support our bikers with your monetary gifts - checks should be written to Luther Park, with Bike-A-Thon on the memo line and given to Deana, Jenna or Matthew.

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 to be added to the e-mail list.

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.

Upcoming Dates	
June 3-4	Luther Park Bike-A-Thon. Go Jenna & Matthew!
June 11	First Rhythm Band Practice 9:30am
June 23	Men's Breakfast at Curran's Restaurant
June 25	First Outdoor Worship 10:00am



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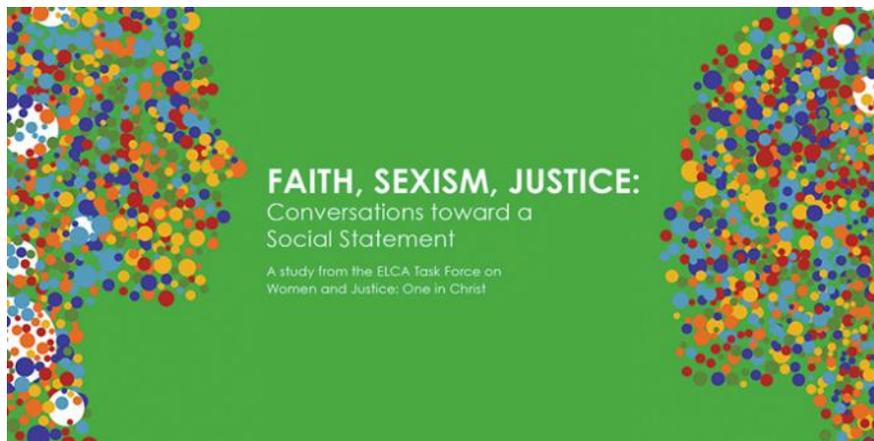
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Kirsten Anderson, Member
Carla Hofland, Member
Brad Langley, Member
Gary Larsen, Member
Justin Snesrud, Member
Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer

Intersectional Faith

On June 3rd, The Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA, is sponsoring a morning introduction and conversation event, **Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations Toward a Social Statement**. This is an opportunity to learn about and contribute to an exchange of information that will inform a social statement to be voted on at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. The statement aims to engage congregations in studying how to work through sexism



and move toward justice. Bishop Ann Svennungsen, the Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA, Bishop, and Dr. Mary Lowe, professor at Augsburg College, are on the task force drafting the statement and will be leading a walk-through of several modules. The event is at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church.

Check in is at 8:30am; the event runs from 9am-1pm. We would love to have a Zion team participate in this essential conversation. Talk with Pastor Eva if interested in attending.

To learn more about the social statement, why it's necessary, and how congregations can grow with it, check out the detailed document in the church office or find it at ecla.org by entering "Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations Toward a Social Statement" into the search bar.

What is intersectional faith? Sonny Singh explains in his #RaceAnd Religion video that "we all have multiple identities" and those identities influence how we experience the world. The color of your skin, the relationships you have, the job you hold, your gender, and all the other things that make you, you, also make your experience unique and affect the way people treat you. Singh says that "structural racism, structural religious oppression or Christian hegemony, structural patriarchy or sexism, all of these things are actually interlocked in society, and intersectionality acknowledges that." He goes on to suggest that all forms of oppression need to be addressed if we want to live in harmony.

Watch Singh's video, #RaceAnd: Sonny Singh, online.

#RaceAnd is a video series exploring how race intersects with all the other issues faced by people of color. Each video features a different artist, activist, or thinker, sharing their lived experience of how race intertwines with their other identities.

Learn more by visiting www.raceforward.org/videos/RaceAnd

Queer Grace is an online encyclopedia for LGBTQ and Christian Life. It provides lists of websites, books, documentaries, podcasts and more that explore how LGBTQ life and faith can work together.

Find the encyclopedia here: <http://queergrace.com/resources/>

To help expand this online encyclopedia, check out this fundraiser:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/queergracewebsite>

Intermedia Arts is a local organization that supports artists of marginalized groups. They showcase visual arts, film and media, literary arts and performing arts. Check out upcoming events at intermediaarts.org.

Music Notes

June Music Schedule

6/4 Jasmine gone;
Organ substitute is Kay Else

6/7 Recovery Worship 6:45pm

6/11 Rhythm Band Practice
9:30am

6/14 Recovery Worship 6:45pm

6/18 Rhythm Band Practice
9:30am

6/21 Recovery Worship 6:45pm

6/25 Rhythm Band Practice
9:30am;
10am outdoor worship
with violist Emily Hagen

6/28 Recovery Worship 6:45pm

A new Music Coordinator Office was previously the Intern Office. Jasmine will be moving some instruments in there and reorganizing things, so please ask her if you are looking for an item that has been moved.

Jasmine's Office Hours at Zion

Tuesdays 10:30– 12:30pm

Worship planning & meetings

Wednesdays 3:00-6:30pm

Rehearsing in the Sanctuary



Ministry Area Highlights

Community Life

Community Life is seeking a new co-leader, as Joanna will be stepping down. Nedra will continue to be on the team, so you will have plenty of support! Duties include helping to plan potlucks, the annual meatball & lutefisk dinner, and Easter Breakfast. Please be in touch with Nedra Granquist if you are interested in joining her on the team!

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Finance & Stewardship

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

Zion's financial picture is on schedule thru the first third of 2017. Thank you for your continued support. As summer is about to come upon us, please remember Zion and your financial commitment. Those of you who use Simply Giving, thank you.

Faith Formation

Look forward to outdoor worship on fourth 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!.

Music & Worship

During summer months, starting on June 11th, in place of choir we will be having a Rhythm Band. Anyone who is interested in playing a shaker, drums, or other rhythmic instruments are welcome to join during the service! At 9:30am in the sanctuary we will go through some rhythms and practice going through the hymns for that Sunday. All ages and abilities are welcome!

Property

The Committee had a productive May meeting! We chose a contractor for the approved patching of Zion's parking lot, discussed raising funds for the patching, decided on a project to repair four Banquet Room windows, discussed at length the issue of neighborhood parking and overnight illegal parking and some possible actions we will work on, and discussed a proposal for taking care of the landscaped areas of the property. Our lawn service takes care of the mowing, etc. but not the landscaped areas. Our next Property Work Day is Saturday, June 3rd, 9:30am-noon. The next Property Committee meeting is Wednesday, June 14 at 5pm. Watch for more details on items above!

The Property Committee has chosen a company to do the patching of the parking lot this summer. Carl met with the contractor during the week of May 15th to finalize the details of the job. Council has approved the amount of \$5,000.00. It is anticipated that the actual cost will be at least \$6,000. Watch for details on the next steps of this project!

Committee members are Stan Due & Deana Miller, Carl Hendrickson, Dale Mendenhall, Mark Fandrey, Sam Gardner & Gary Larsen.

June 2017 CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, June 3

9:30am Property Work Day

Sunday, June 4

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, June 5

5:30pm ESL Classes

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

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, June 8

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

Friday, June 9

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, June 10

Sunday, June 11

9:30am Rhythm Band
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, June 12

5:30pm ESL Class
6:30pm Young Adult Soup Dinner

Tuesday, June 13

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

Wednesday, June 14

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, June 15

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

Friday, June 16

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, June 17

Sunday, June 18

ZOOM Can Do Sunday
9:30am Rhythm Band
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, June 19

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

Tuesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 21

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, June 22

12:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf
5:30pm Youth Farm Cooking
5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, June 23

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

Saturday, June 24

Sunday, June 25

9:30am Rhythm Band
10:00am Outdoor 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, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

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, June 29

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

Friday, June 30

OFFICE CLOSED
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.

LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	
	LuAnn Giles	Barb Anderson	The Olsons	Sandy Johnson	

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	
Worship Leaders	Sunday Servant Team 1	Sunday Servant Team 2	Sunday Servant Team 3	Sunday Servant Team 4	
Offering Counters	Ben Accola/ Dale Mendelhall	Joan Olson/ Alicia O'Neal	Ben Accola/ Sandy Johnson	Joan Olson/ Deana Miller	
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Carla Hofland	Ron and Debra Schloer	Nedra Granquist	LuAnn Giles	

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	April Actual	April Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$22,106	\$20,359	\$69,947	\$71,053
Expenses	(\$18,631)	(\$17,373)	(\$67,268)	(\$67,268)
Net Income	\$3,475	\$2,986	\$1,079	\$3,785
Pledges	\$9,928	\$8,985	\$36,785	\$35,940

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.

April Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday	
58	71	105	48	57	

Average Sunday Attendance: 68

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



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Zion's Schedule

Sundays

9:30 Rhythm Band

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 to sign up.



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.