



The Messenger

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Dear Members and Friends,

The energy of new beginnings is in the air. God is up to something new among us. Advent is a season of anticipating – something new is on the horizon.

On December 3rd, the first Sunday in Advent, ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be with us in worship. Following the service she will facilitate a conversation about who you will call as your next pastor. This is a critical conversation for the Bishop to learn from you.

Bishop Ann will use the Ministry Site Profile, prepared by the Transition Team, to explore, listen and learn more about Zion with you. She looks forward to hearing your vision for the future and what kind of pastoral leader you seek to walk with you into the next phase of your life as a people of faith.

After this, the next step is that the Congregational Call Committee will receive names and profiles of candidates to consider for Zion's new pastor.

As the season of Advent dawns, many it be a time for us to reorient our lives toward the Holy One who claims us and comes to be with us in all that we carry as we look to the future. Some of us carry grief still so fresh we know not when it will catch us by surprise and move us to tears. Some of us are uncertain about our health and the path of care that we are living. Some of us live with joy, anticipating new work, new commitments in relationships, retirement that will create new opportunities for us to share our gifts in the world.

In this anticipatory time, God is with us and promises to accompany us into each new day and all that unfolds in our lives and at Zion.

Blessed Advent days be with you. Pastor Eva Jensen

Advent & Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

10am, December 3, Advent 1
10am, December 10, Advent 2
10am, December 17, Advent 3
10am, December 24, Advent 4
4:30pm, December 24, Christmas Eve



Additional Important Dates

A Congregational Leadership Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 6, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

January 14: New Member Sunday

The 2018 Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 28 in the banquet hall after worship.

Envelopes for Poinsettias (\$14 red, white or pink) will be available during worship on Dec 10 & 17.



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Sharing Our Milestones

Gratitude & Thanks

Thanksgiving Eve - Thanks to You!

Thank you to all of our members, partners and neighbors who contributed to the wild success of the 2017 Thanksgiving Eve feast. Thank you for donating turkeys, potatoes, cranberry sauce, pies and stuffing. Thank you for cooking all week and preparing all day. Thank you for setting up the tables and wiping them down. Thank you for getting elbows deep in dishes after the meal. We are a tiny church with a mighty gift of getting the job done. And done with laughing, imperfections and grace. I am thankful for you.

Jenna Yeakle

Recently Passed Member of Zion

Gerald (Jerry) Allardyce, long time member of Zion Lutheran Church, passed away peacefully Friday, September 22, 2017 at the age of 80. Jerry loved spending time with family and friends, as well as watching the MN Twins. He joined Zion after meeting Ethel Wagner, who became his wife of 58 years. The two were married at Zion on August 15, 1959. Jerry is preceded in death by son Michael J. Allardyce, sisters Jeanne Miller, Mary Berger; brother James Allardyce. He is survived by wife Ethel, sisters Carol Sigerseth, Fran Allardyce and nieces, nephews and friends. The funeral service was Tuesday, September 26 at 11:00 AM at Zion Lutheran Church.

An Anniversary Item

Wanted: Your Zion Story

Throughout the upcoming months, the Anniversary Committee will share stories of Zion's current and former members and friends. Write our your story of approx. 125 – 175 words. It may be used in the Messenger, the bulletin, or a brochure or the website.

Questions? Talk to Deana (deanabibi@gmail.com) or Carolyn (bartongirl60@gmail.com).

December Birthdays

3 Clarence Aboglle
4 Aaron Schloer
23 SueAnn Westphal
30 Patricia Kane

News from Zion's Neighbors & Partners

The Blaisdell YMCA is donating Christmas Food Baskets through Dec. 22 for families who need them. Email or call the church office by December 13 if you know of a family who would benefit from a donated food basket.

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.

Plymouth Congregational Church is hosting "Re-Imagining a World Without Violence", an all-day conference and worship experience examining current issues of violence through the lens of faith and community. "Re-Imagining a World Without Violence" is on January 27. Register at re-imaginingcommunity.org.

Border CrossIng, founded in 2017 by a team of accomplished musicians and arts leaders, integrates historically-segregated audiences and musicians through choral music performance. Find more at bordercrossingmn.org.

El Mesías

December 15, 2017 at 8:00pm
Venue: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
401 Concord Street
St. Paul, MN 55107

"Border CrossIng's third installment of its five-concert series, Puentes is a concert in collaboration with the Minnesota Chorale. El Mesías brings together a bilingual version of Handel's Messiah with music by Ignacio de Jerusalem and Manuel de Sumaya that was performed in the cathedrals of Mexico during the same period. Although Messiah is frequently performed in the Twin Cities, the absence of Messiah performances at Latino community centers is a symptom of segregation. This program is meant to demonstrate that well-known standards of classical choral music can be relevant to all audiences."

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 November Property Work day is Saturday, December 2 at 9:30am; this will be a special morning! At 10:30am, come and help decorate Zion for Advent and Christmas. The trees will be up, the lights, Chrismons and other decorations will be out and ready for folks to put them in place. Hot Apple Cider and special treats will be available. Come and join in the fun! Be a part of preparing Zion for the Holidays.

On Monday, December 4th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, there will be a dinner gathering for people who are planning or considering membership in Zion Lutheran Church. Call the church office if you are interested and have not received an invitation letter and book.

The Lyndale Community Dinner

Ending Hunger & Homelessness in Kingfield—one bowl at a time

Mark your calendars for a community bowl painting event hosted during the Lyndale Community Dinner on **Wednesday, Dec. 13th** at 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Banquet Hall at Zion. You are invited to paint locally handmade bowls being prepared for the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser in the Kingfield Neighborhood on Thursday, Feb. 8th. This event's funds will benefit Nicollet Square and the Lyndale Community Dinner. You are welcome to bring family and friends for this engaging arts and social justice neighborhood activity!

If you'd like to learn more about this new partnership, please contact Jenna Yeakle at lcd@zionchurchmpls.org, or Sarah Linnes Robinson at Sarah@kingfield.org, 612/823-5980.

ZOOM Can Do Sunday is December 17!

Buy too many canned vegetables, pull-ups, or toothpaste on Black Friday? Bring them to Zion on December 17! The food shelf thrives by your generosity!

Interested in volunteering? Contact Elizabeth Callen at elcallen@gmail.com.

December Food Shelf Hours:

Monday December 18, 2pm-4pm

Thursday December 21, 2pm-4pm

Thursday December 28, 2pm-4pm

Men's Breakfast

Join this month's breakfast on Friday, December 22 at 7am at Curran's Restaurant on 42nd Street and Nicollet Avenue. This is a reoccurring event on the fourth Friday of each month. Carl says, "Some just have a cup of coffee and a caramel role, some have a full breakfast. We drink as much coffee as we can stand. Then we leave."



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

Transition Team

The Transition Team is excited to report that we have completed our ELCA Ministry Site Profile. The Congregational Council reviewed and approved it at their November meeting. The Minneapolis Synod received the finalized version on November 22. Based on the information collected during our Journey of Faith discussions, budget considerations and discernment by our committee, Zion will be seeking a three quarter time pastor who has at least 2-3 years of experience.

So what happens now? When will we start interviewing candidates? Bishop Ann Svennungsen will visit our congregation on Sunday, December 3 to discuss our Ministry Site Profile after our worship service. Following Bishop Ann's visit, the Synod will start the process of finding pastoral candidates. The Transition Team will now become the Call Committee.

The Transition Team determined while finalizing our Ministry Site Profile that we need to evaluate the mission, organization and leadership of our ministry teams (formerly committees) prior to the arrival of new pastor. Pastor Eva will lead us in an all-day workshop on Saturday, January 6 to clarify and define an organizational structure for our current ministries. More details to come regarding time and location. The Transition Team and Congregational Council will be attending the workshop. Participation in this all-day event is open to all members of Zion. Please note that this workshop is independent of the call process and its completion will not delay the Synod from sending us candidates.

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

The Meatball and Lutefisk Dinner Recap



MEGA THANKS for all who helped with our annual dinner. We served 128 (by plate/take out count) and cleared \$4100. All the bills are in, there are still a few dollars dribbling in for food sold and items purchased. The Raffle was a success – Dennis Werneke, Mark Fandrey, Kellie Wieland, Matt Carlson, Justin Snesrud were winners in the 8 raffle drawings with Dawn Klingman winning the top item – a Visa card! Again, our thanks for being a part of this event!

Council Update

Council met with Transition President, Stan Nelson, to discuss the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Stan reviewed the MSP with the Council and requested that Council adopt the MSP, which Council adopted. Copies are available in the Church office and in the banquet hall. The MSP seeks a ¾ time pastor for the church.

In support of the ¾ time pastor, it is essential that the congregation supports the church's mission and pastor in the first year. During the first or second week of January, the congregation will come together in a workshop on a Saturday to examine the focus, purpose and direction of our ministries. Look for an update about this opportunity to prepare for 2018.

The annual meeting will be January 28th. The deadline to receive annual reports from the committee is December 4, 2017.

Council is in need of new members to Council and has formed a Nominating Committee of Ben Accola and SueAnn Westphal. Please reach out to them if you have an interest in serving on Council!

Music Notes

Tim Short will serve as a temporary Music Coordinator at Zion Lutheran Church. A transplant to Minnesota in 1999, he is an estate and trust administrator for Wells Fargo by day. In his spare time, he is a substitute organist and choir director in the Twin Cities. Tim holds degrees in music education and organ performance. He is pleased to assist the staff and congregation during this interim period.

Choir Rehearsal will be at 8:45am before worship starting December 3.

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Ministry Area Highlights

Annual Reports are due to the office by December 4th! If you need more time, send Alex an email.

Finance & Stewardship

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

As we prepare Zion's budget for 2018, we look at the 2017 income and expenses, pledge cards received for 2018 and input from the Transition committee. Will Zion have a three quarter time or full time pastor? With a few years of experience or right from the seminary? We meet the Minneapolis Area Synod Compensation guidelines in what is offered to our pastor. Work week and experience influence the size of the compensation offered the candidates. We encourage you to honor your 2017 pledge, so we can finish strong.

Property

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

As you looked at the Time & Talent sheet, we hope you checked the boxes that fall under the Property Committee's work on the upkeep and 'curb appeal'! We would be delighted to have a few more hands to call upon when we do our Monthly Property Work Days and the special tasks throughout the year. Come on over on the first Saturday of each month (normally) and lend a hand with a few tasks. There's always coffee, goodies – and fellowship – along with the work.

Host Coffee Hour

A few Sundays in the coming months need hosts. If you are available to host on December 31, January 21 or 28, please talk to Deana. Soon, recruiting will begin for February through May. The schedule will be available early December. The goodies are provided, Sam makes the coffee, juice is here – Coffee Hour hosts dish up, set up and clean up. You just need to show up a bit early and hang around til folks are done visiting and drinking coffee! If you have never done it – try it! Thanks.

Zion's 125th Anniversary is on April 14th, 2018

Several events are being planned throughout the year. The Anniversary Worship Service, to be followed by a catered Buffet Luncheon, will be on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Early in 2018 more details will be published for your information and planning.



125 anniversary

DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

Friday, December 1

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, December 2

9:30am Property Work Day
10:30am Decorate Zion

Sunday, December 3

8:45am Choir Rehearsal
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, December 4

5:30pm ESL Classes
6:00pm New Member Dinner

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Thursday, December 7

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, December 8

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, December 9

10:00am 125th Anniversary Committee
3:00pm ZOOM House Holiday Party

Sunday, December 10

8:45am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Finance Committee
10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am Household of Faith School
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship
11:30am Household of Faith Worship
12:00pm Swanson Family Gathering
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
5:00pm Property Committee
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm LCD & Bowl Painting
7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Thursday, December 14

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, December 15

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, December 16

9:00am La Barca Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 17

ZOOM Can Do Sunday
8:45am Choir Rehearsal
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, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

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

Wednesday, December 20

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner
7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Thursday, December 21

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

8:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am Household of Faith School
11:30am Household of Faith Worship
12:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship
4:30pm Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 27

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Office Helpers
6:00pm Household of Faith Bible Inst.
NO LCD
NO RECOVERY WORSHIP

Thursday, December 28

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Friday, December 29

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

8:45am Choir Rehearsal
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

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



November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
	LuAnn Giles	Ron and Debra Schloer	

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4	Servant Team 5
Offering Counters	Justin Snesrud Sharon Hendrickson	Justin Snesrud Peggy Stevenson	Justin Snesrud David Kulm	Justin Snesrud Deana Miller	Carl Hendrickson Carolyn Due
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Carla Hofland Patty Kane	Tammy Fuentes Sandy Johnson	Gary Larson	NO COFFEE HOUR	TBD

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	October Actual	October Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$16,784	\$17,505	\$160,004	\$168,907
Expenses	(\$15,209)	(\$15,752)	(\$162,290)	(\$166,321)
Net Income	(\$1,575)	\$1,753	(\$2,286)	\$2,586
Pledges	\$9,792	\$8,985	\$87,476	\$89,850

The committee continues to monthly monitor 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, Building rent (3 months), LCD Special gifts and misc. income. Expenses exceeded budget projections in the following areas: Coffee hour 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.

October Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
39	40	43	48	53

Average Sunday Attendance: 45

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
 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

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.