



# The Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, ELCA  
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God speaks through the prophet, Jeremiah:

*“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”* (31:3)

That is the message of the Bible—that is also the message that forms the core of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. That is the love that informs and infuses the mission of Zion Lutheran Church, a “Little Church with a Big Heart” that boldly proclaims:

**“We put the love of Jesus into action by worshipping together, embracing an inclusive spirit, and building community in the Lyndale neighborhood.”**

Through a variety of ministries, programs and events, Zion Members and Friends live out this mission. *We organize ourselves for this ministry through six different “Ministry Teams”, which support and guide our on-going commitments of “faith active in love”.*

**Congregational Connections** – works to build connections and foster relationships through social, educational, and spiritual engagements with Zion members and friends.

**Faith Formation** – supports members of the Zion community in the exploration and development of their faith.

**Finance and Stewardship** – supports the mission of the church by being fiscally responsible, encouraging stewardship of “time and talents” and inspiring faithful giving.

**Property** – maintains buildings, grounds, and parking lot; maintains relationships with all building tenants.

**Worship & Music** – assists in creating/planning meaningful worship experiences.

**Zion Reaches Out!** – builds community by connecting our members to our neighborhood.

**Every week, as we gather together in worship, we are reminded of God’s persistent love for all that God has made and God’s sustaining presence in our lives. We build and sustain our relationships with one another. We re-commitment to sharing God’s love in our daily lives and as a community of faith.**

Our worship life is shaped by the Christian liturgical year, which divides the year into a series of seasons that recall and celebrate the many ways God walks with us in the seasons of our life.

**On February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – we begin the season of Lent**, a season when we remember our mortality and return to God’s mercy and grace. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm to be marked with the sign of the cross in ashes, remembering God’s gracious and faithful love given for the sake of the whole world. During the six weeks of Lent, we remember God’s steadfast love. **Come, join us in this season of Lent, as we hear stories of promise, blessing and transformation. God has and continues do something wonderful in us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ!**

Pastor Eva Jensen

## Zion’s 125th Anniversary

In March, 1893, a notice was posted for three successive Sundays at three different places. It read: “A meeting is called to be held at 2920 Pillsbury Avenue, Friday evening, April 14, 1893, at eight o’clock for the purpose of organizing a Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Minneapolis. Parties interested in a movement of this kind are requested to be present.” It was signed by 8 gentlemen and dated March 23, 1893. On April 14th, folks gathered, a motion was made, unanimously adopted, that a congregation be organized. Membership at that meeting numbered 26 adults and 21 children!

**In honor of Zion’s 125 years, guest preacher Pastor Bruce Westphal will join worship on February 11th. An Anniversary worship service is April 15th, with guest preacher retired Bishop of the ELCA Mark Hanson. A catered Anniversary Luncheon will follow. Lunch reservations are requested. \$15 per person (children under 12 free).**



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## Sharing Our Milestones



### Gratitude & Thanks

Thanks to all who submitted reports in preparation for the annual meeting! Thanks to all who attended, and thanks to those who couldn't but show up in countless ways in active ministry every week. Another year of healthy participation and growth is just what Zion needs!



**In celebration of Zion's 125 years,** guest preacher Pr. Bruce Westphal will join worship on February 11th! A special coffee hour will follow.

Make your reservations for the catered Anniversary Luncheon on April 15! \$15 per person (children under 12 free).

### February Birthdays

- 3 Carolyn Due
- 3 Carrie Bergum
- 9 Harlan Tveitbakk
- 12 Christine Zwicky
- 19 Debra Schloer
- 23 Deana Miller
- 27 Kelly Snestrud

## News from Zion's Neighbors & Partners

### Zoom House

**It's time to gear up for ZOOM House's annual fundraising gala on March 24, 2018!**

The evening will include delicious food, live and silent auctions, a wine, beer and spirits pull, fund-a-need opportunities and other fun activities! We invite you to join us in celebrating all that takes ZOOM House "beyond shelter!"

**RSVP by March 16! Purchase tickets at [thezoomhouse.org](http://thezoomhouse.org).**

Auction & doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner seating at 7 p.m.

Welcome at 7:30 p.m.

NEW! After party with live music at 9:30 p.m.

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest

7025 Northland Drive N.

Brooklyn Park, MN 55428



### The Lyndale Community Dinner and Kingfield Neighborhood Unite!

On Thursday, February 8th, the Kingfield Neighborhood hosts its seventh annual Kingfield Empty Bowls fundraiser at 4 - 8pm at Rev Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, and your Lyndale Community Dinner is teaming up! Empty Bowls combines art, food, local businesses and nonprofits to combat hunger in our neighborhoods. We are thrilled to support causes that we value, food security, good health, community and belonging.

Donations to Empty Bowls benefit Nicollet Square, a project of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, which provides affordable housing and a supportive environment for youth who are or have been home-insecure. The food roster is impressive: Blackbird Cafe, Butter Bakery Cafe, Nighthawks & Birdie, Pat's Tap, Sun Street Breads, Patisserie 46, Royal Grounds Coffee, Cafe Ena, Five Watt Coffee, and Victor's 1959 Cafe and more are teaming up to cook soup and bake bread and desserts for Empty Bowls!

Please connect with Jenna Yeakle with your excitement and questions, [lcd@zionchurchmpls.org](mailto:lcd@zionchurchmpls.org).

### 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 February Property Work Day is February 3rd at 9:30am.  
The next property committee meeting is February 14th at 5pm.

**Installation of new council members will be on Sunday,  
February 25th!**

### Lenten Worship

**With Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent.**

On February 14, we will gather in the sanctuary at 7pm to be marked with the sign of the cross in ashes.

Come, join us in this season of Lent, as we hear stories of promise, blessing and transformation. God has and continues do something wonderful in us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ!

Holden Evening Prayer will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary during the six weeks of Lent.

**February 14, Ash Wednesday service, 7pm in the Sanctuary**

**February 21, Holden Eve Prayer, 7pm in the Sanctuary**

**February 28, Holden Eve Prayer, 7pm in the Sanctuary**

**March 7, Holden Eve Prayer, 7pm in the Sanctuary**

**March 14, Holden Eve Prayer, 7pm in the Sanctuary**

**March 25, Palm Sunday, 10am worship**

**April 1, Easter Sunday, 10am worship**

### ZOOM Can Do Sunday is February 18!

The food shelf thrives by your generosity! Bring what you can for our neighbors. The shelf has room for toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, baby wipes, tissues, and all kinds of nonperishable foods.

Contact the church office at (612) 824-1017 and volunteer to open the food shelf!

### February Food Shelf Hours:

**Thursday February 14, 2pm-4pm**

**Monday February 19, 2pm-4pm**

**Thursday February 22, 2pm-4pm**

**Monday February 26, 2pm-4pm**

### Men's Breakfast

Join this month's breakfast on Friday, February 23 at 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. Have a cup of coffee and a caramel role. Carl says when they push two tables together, there's plenty of room for more!



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### Zion's Staff Members

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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 Snesrud, Member  
Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer



## New Members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, ELCA



**Elizabeth Callen** grew up in Springfield, Missouri and moved to Minnesota to attend Carleton College, where she studied English and Latin American Studies. She lives in the Powderhorn Park neighborhood of Minneapolis and works as a journalist. She grew up attending an ELCA church and has loved getting to know Zion throughout the last year and is happy to be joining as a member today!



**Emily Hagen** is a professional viola player who performs with the Minnesota Opera and Minnesota Orchestra. She teaches violin and viola lessons at Zion during the week and also teaches at Bethel University. She lives in the Lyndale neighborhood with her husband Jesse and their two-year old daughter, Lena.



**Liz Heal** was attracted to Zion's welcoming and genuine nature. She hasn't joined a church as an adult but is excited to make this commitment. By day, she's a pediatric interventional cardiologist. She loves being active, having adventures and spending time outside. She enjoys good conversation, food and travel.



**Agus Stremel** moved from Argentina to Minneapolis in December of 2016 and was looking for a church to call her own. She loves Zion because it's a beautiful place to be, where everyone is kind and lovely. Agus earned her Medical Degree in Buenos Aires and is now working for a medial technology company. She looks forward to starting her residency here. She loves cooking, learning new languages, and meeting new people.



**Emma Molls** moved back to Minneapolis in 2016 and was welcomed with open arms by many old friends. Joanna Accola recommended Zion as both a place of community (and a potential wedding venue!). From the first visit, Emma found the people and spirit of Zion to be kind and welcoming. Emma and Kelly Thompson were married at Zion on October 14, 2017. Emma works as a librarian at the University of Minnesota. In her free time she enjoys coffee, biking, vegetarian cooking, and exploring the Twin Cities.

**Kelly Thompson** is excited to join Zion because it is a congregation that prides itself on being warm, welcoming, and engaged in social justice. Kelly is originally from Austin, MN. She works as a librarian/data wrangler at the University of MN Libraries. She spends free time cooking vegetarian food, gardening, reading, quilting, and jogging. A new hobby she's been enjoying is volunteering as a tax preparer at Prepare + Prosper in St. Paul. She loves the people she and Emma have met since first visiting Zion!

## Transition Team

Thank you to those who stayed during coffee hour on Dec. 3 to discuss our Ministry Site Profile with Bishop Ann Svennungsen. Following that meeting, our committee met with Pastor John Hulden from the Synod Office. This meeting was to clarify the call process and understand expectations. The Transition Team is now the Call Committee. The synod office will begin the process matching pastoral leaders currently seeking a call with the congregational characteristics we articulated in our Ministry Site Profile.

There are three ways Zion can receive candidates:

1. Through the synod office. They maintain a list of candidates that are currently seeking a call. Through rostered persons in the Minneapolis Area Synod who are interested in serving Zion after learning of our pastoral vacancy.
2. Through members of the congregation. If you know of someone you think would be a good candidate, please that name to a member of the call committee. We will forward the name onto the synod office for consideration.
3. It is important to remember that although our committee will be transparent about the process and progress we are making, the names of candidates are confidential. Members of our committee cannot share that information with the congregation.

Our committee is looking forward to the call process and finding Zion's next pastoral leader. Feel free to contact any member of the Call Committee with your questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Stan Nelson , Call Committee Chair  
Call Committee Members: Stan Due, Farrah Frye, Lee George, Douglas Harrison, Carl Hendrickson, Pastor Eva Jensen, Douglas Johnson, Deana Miller, Becca Tumm and SueAnn Westphal

## Ministry Area Highlights

**The annual meeting was January 28th.** The upcoming budget was approved and new council members were voted in. Ministry teams were discussed and will be helpful in Zion's mission of togetherness and community engagement in Jesus's love. We look forward to another year of growth and transformation! Annual Reports are still available. If you missed the annual meeting but would like to catch up on yearly goings-on, pick a 2017 report in the church office.

### The 125 Anniversary Committee

(Vicki Bennett, Darlene Carlson, Karen Durant, Stan & Carolyn Due, Mark Fandrey, Nedra Granquist, Carl & Sharon Hendrickson, Carla Hofland, Bob Hokanson, Pastor Eva Jensen, Douglas Johnson, Joan Konigson, Deana Miller, Chair, and Linda Torkelson)

The Committee will share stories and memories of Zion's 125 years. We invite members/former members to share their stories/memories – in writing – that we can use in Messengers, bulletins, on the website and Facebook page. They can be sent to Carolyn Due, bartongirl60@gmail.com, or Deana Miller, deanabibi@gmail.com.

### Finance & Stewardship

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

Zion finished it's financial year in good order. Our pledges came in slightly above budget numbers. All expenses were paid and our benevolence giving was paid per the budget numbers. The stewardship response was good for 2018. We still encourage Simply Giving as a way of keeping current on your pledge giving. Thank you to all for your financial support in 2017. We are look forward to 2018.

### Quilters

Zion did it again. In December, you decorated the Hat Tree and filled four boxes. 162 hats, 10 hat sets, 5 neck gaiters, 23 scarves, 53 pairs of gloves and 8 pairs of mittens were taken to Lyndale School. Many thanks for all that you gave. Students will be warm this winter!

20 people participated in quilt square cutting on January 20th and cut over 1100 square feet of fabric, enough to make 31 quilts. Doug and Wade prepared a delicious meal. Many thanks to all who helped!

### Property

(Stan Due, Sam Gardner, Deana Miller, Dale Mendenhall, Mark Fandrey & Gary Larsen)  
Saturday, December 2nd was a busy & fun time at Zion! Four trees were set up in the Sanctuary – the big one was decorated with lights and Chrismons. These beautiful Chrismons were handmade by Zioners decades ago! Lights were added to trees by the altar and mittens and hats were hung on the tree by the Choir loft. The Banquet Room tree was decorated with colored balls and lights. The Fireside Room was set up – it has its own lights. Close to noon the 16+ folks gathered for Lasagna, warm French bread and Christmas cookies. Thanks to all who helped!

**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)!

# February 2018 CALENDAR

## Thursday, February 1

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Friday, February 2

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, February 3

9:30am Property Work Day

## Sunday, February 4

8:45am Choir Rehearsal

10:00am Zion Worship

10:00am HOF School

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

11:30am HOF Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, February 5

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Tuesday, February 6

9:00am Quilters

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Wednesday, February 7

1:00pm Office Helpers

5:00pm Property Committee

6:00pm HOF Bible Inst.

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, February 8

4:00pm Kingfield Empty Bowls

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Friday, February 9

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, February 10

## Sunday, February 11

8:45am Choir Rehearsal

9:00am Finance Committee

10:00am Zion Worship

Guest Pr Bruce Westphal

10:00am HOF School

11:00am Coffee and Fellowship

11:30am HOF Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, February 12

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Tuesday, February 13

9:00am Quilters

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Wednesday, February 14

### Ash Wednesday

1:00pm Office Helpers

5:00pm Property Committee

6:00pm HOF Bible Inst.

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

## Thursday, February 15

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

## Friday, February 16

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, February 17

## Sunday, February 18

### ZOOM Can Do Sunday

8:45am Choir Rehearsal

10:00am Zion Worship

10:00am HOF School

11:30am HOF Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, February 19

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

## Tuesday, February 20

9:00am Quilters

5:30pm ESL Classes

5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting

6:30pm Zion Council

## Wednesday, February 21

1:00pm Office Helpers

6:00pm HOF Bible Inst.

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

## Thursday, February 22

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

## Friday, February 23

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00am Men's Breakfast

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, February 24

## Sunday, February 25

8:45am Choir Rehearsal

10:00am Zion Worship

10:00am HOF School

11:00am Coffee and Fellowship

11:30am HOF Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, February 26

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Tuesday, February 27

9:00am Quilters

5:30pm ESL Classes

## Wednesday, February 28

1:00pm Office Helpers

6:00pm HOF Bible Inst.

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

*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



January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
		ZOOM House	Gayle and Tom Ellingson

# SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
Worship	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4
Offering Counters	Ben Accola and Linda Torkelson	Joan Olsen and Penny Stevenson	Ben Accola and Tammy Fuentes	Joan Olsen and Dennis Werneke
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Carl and Sharon Hendrickson	Anniversary Committee	Tammy Fuentes and Sandy Johnson	Penny and Dennis Werneke

# A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

## A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	December Actual	December Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
<b>Income</b>	\$19,005	\$17,390	\$195,935	\$202,237
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$20,448)	(\$19,947)	(\$197,661)	(\$202,237)
<b>Net Income</b>	(\$1,443)	(\$2,557)	(\$1,726)	\$0.00
<b>Pledges</b>	\$10,826	\$8,985	\$108,017	\$107,820

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, loose offering, building use-other Christmas offering and LCD donations. Expenses exceeded budget projections in the following areas: Cong Life/Mission Outreach 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.

## December Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
53	51	59	116	33

Average Sunday Attendance: 62

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.