



The Messenger

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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.

Exciting News From Zion’s Call Committee and Council!

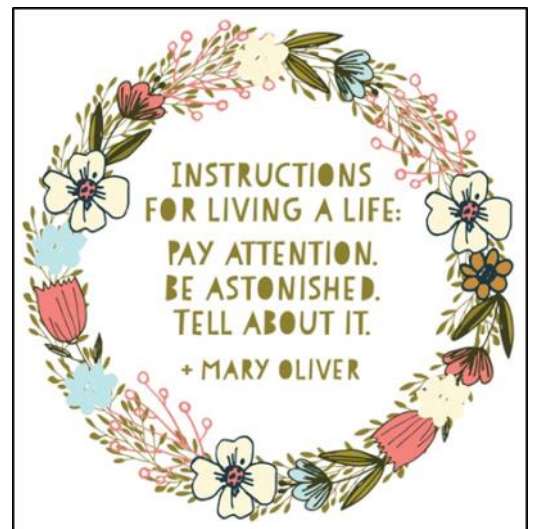
To all Voting Members of Zion,

The Council of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 11:00 am, following the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the calling of a pastor to Zion.

Zion’s Call Committee recently recommended a candidate to the Congregational Council to be Zion’s next pastor. The Congregational Council held a meeting on February 20th, 2018 and approved this recommendation.

All voting members should plan to be present for this meeting. This is an important decision that we will make together as a congregation. As per Zion’s Constitution, this will be the only business conducted at this Special Meeting.

At this time, we must still abide by the confidentiality guidelines set by the Minneapolis Area Synod, and therefore cannot provide any information about the candidate. Details regarding the candidate will be shared at the meeting on March 11th, prior to the vote to call the candidate.



In this season of Lent that leads us to Easter resurrection the light of our days lengthen. We gather each week, remembering God’s enduring love for all creation and seek to do our part in a world so full of shadows: to be bearers of peace, offer healing comfort, and make room in our hearts for what matters most. Through song and the language of poetry, scripture, silence and prayer, we gather to pay attention and be astonished. Come and join us in this season of anticipation and hope. See worship schedule on page 3 of this newsletter.

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Sharing Our Milestones



Gratitude & Thanks

Thank you for your support of the Empty Bowls fundraiser that happened in February. The annual Kingfield Neighborhood Empty Bowls 2018 proceeds are funding Nicollet Square housing and our very own Lyndale Community Dinner. We are grateful for the partnership of the Kingfield Neighborhood Assoc. and your contributions to grow and sustain healthy eating and community gathering on Wednesday nights at Zion.

- Jenna Yeakle

March Birthdays

- 2 Charlie Metz
- 4 Stan Nelson
- 6 Kelly Thompson
- 10 Thelma Lewis
- 13 Tammy Fuentes
- 14 Ruth Ann Von Grossman
- 16 Emily Gerst
- 17 Essence Wagner
- 19 David Kulm
- 19 Jackson Courtemanche
- 22 Dale Mendenhall
- 25 Felicia Borgeson
- 25 Jenny Gerst
- 29 Roger Dokken
- 31 Ethel Allardyce
- 30 Mark Fandry



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.

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—Let's Celebrate with Pie!

To celebrate creative neighborhood efforts between Kingfield and Lyndale, the Lyndale Community Dinner will be hosting a Pi(e) Day dinner on Wednesday, March 14th! This delicious holiday will include a pie eating contest and a pie raffle. Wahoo! Please share in the enthusiasm for donated pies from Dave the Pie Guy and Curran's, a visit from a regional pie eating champion and another fundraising opportunity to fight hunger and food insecurity in our communities.

To register as a contestant for the pie eating contest, please complete this online form. As a contestant, you will be responsible for fundraising your way to the pie eating table on Wednesday, March 14th. The top ten fundraisers will be invited to participate in the pie eating contest, competing for a grand prize of \$50 and, of course, bragging rights.

Luther Park

Annual Meeting: March 11, 2018

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1:30-3:00

1509 NE 27th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55418

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?

Lenten Worship Schedule

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

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

3/7: Wednesday Evening Service
3/14: Wednesday Evening Service
3/21: Wednesday Evening Service
3/29: Maundy Thursday Service

Special Sunday Services in March and April at 10am in the Sanctuary.

3/25, Palm Sunday
4/1, Easter Sunday
4/15, Zion's 125th Anniversary Service

The March Property Work Day is 9:00am, Saturday, March 3rd.

There will be a list of tasks to do. One of the most important is Clorox wiping of all railings, door knobs/handles, etc. This is crucial in this flu season! We'll start at 9:00am – NOTE a half hour earlier! There'll be coffee, goodies and good conversation! Hope to see some new faces helping this year.

Thanks to all who helped both decorate and undecorate Zion for the holidays. Our monthly Work Days are important, and your help is greatly appreciated! For those of you who were here on February 11th, Pastor Bruce Westphal mentioned "how good Zion's building looks." That is thanks to all the volunteers!

ZOOM Can Do Sunday Is March 18th!

The Food Shelf needs size 5 diapers, wipes, non-perishable foods, and cleaning products. Your donations make all the difference!

This Month's Men's Breakfast is Friday, March 23rd!

Join some of Zion's finest man-people for coffee and breakfast at Curran's Restaurant on 42nd Street and Nicollet Avenue at 7am.

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!

Host Coffee Hour! Several Sundays in March - 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.



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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 th Sunday of April, July, September, December) Kirsten Anderson Ben Accola Stan Due Farrah Frye Doug Harrison Gary Larsen Tyler Schafer Justin Snesrud 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

- ✓ New council officers were voted for unanimously for 2018.
 - ⇒ Ben Accola, President
 - ⇒ Doug Harrison, Vice President
 - ⇒ Farrah Frye, Secretary
 - ⇒ Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer
 - ⇒ Sue Ann Westphal, Financial Secretary
- ✓ The new council installation will happen during service on 25 February.
- ✓ A pastoral candidate was presented to council by Call Committee Chair, Stan Nelson.
- ✓ A special congregational meeting will be held on 11 March 2018, immediately following service.
- ✓ Pastor Eva followed up with council about the 2018 Action Planning Retreat, and a liaison was appointed to each ministry team from the council.
- ✓ Easter breakfast will be coordinated again this year by Doug Harrison, with details forthcoming.



Zion's 125 Anniversary

Hope you were at our Anniversary kick-off worship service on Sunday, February 11th. Pastor Bruce Westphal, who served Zion from 1989 to 2000, was our guest preacher. It was interesting to sit in the back and watch heads nodding as folks remembered the events in the stories he told of his years at Zion! Our Banquet Room was dressed up for a fancier-than-usual Coffee Hour treat table. Thanks to all who helped prepare the feast. We are most appreciative of the gifts we are receiving to help fund the events and activities of our 125th Anniversary year. Our thanks to all!

Watch your mail in early March for an invitation to the Anniversary Worship Service followed by a catered luncheon on Sunday, April 15th. There will be a charge of \$15.00 for the luncheon, and your reservations are requested by March 31st. All details will be in the invitation along with a reservation card and envelope. We are looking forward to having Presiding ELCA Bishop Emeritus Mark S. Hanson as our preacher at worship. Let's fill the sanctuary that day!

(The Anniversary Committee includes 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)

Ministry Area 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, Kirsten Anderson, Ben Accola)

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)

Purpose: Maintaining building, grounds and parking lot as well as relationships with building tenants. First Saturday work days, working with building and kitchen stewards, cleaning, repairing and updating the building as needed will help this team function effectively.

Worship and Music

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.

MARCH 2018 CALENDAR

Thursday, March 1

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, March 2

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, March 3

9:00am Property Work Day

3pm FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MARILYN ANDERSON

10:45am Anniversary Committee

Sunday, March 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, March 5

5:30pm ESL Classes

Tuesday, March 6

9:00am Quilters

5:30pm ESL Classes

Wednesday, March 7

1:00pm Office Helpers

5:00pm Property Committee

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

7:00pm Zion Lent Service

Thursday, March 8

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, March 9

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, March 10**Sunday, March 11**

8:45am Choir Rehearsal

10:00am Zion Worship

9:00am Finance Committee

10:00am HOF School

11:00am Coffee and Fellowship

11:30am HOF Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

Monday, March 12

5:30pm ESL Classes

Tuesday, March 13

9:00am Quilters

5:30pm ESL Classes

Wednesday, March 14

1:00pm Office Helpers

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

7:00pm Zion Lent Service

7:30pm Property Committee

Thursday, March 15

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, March 16

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, March 17**Sunday, March 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, March 19

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

Tuesday, March 20

9:00am Quilters

5:30pm ESL Classes

5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting

6:30pm Zion Council

Wednesday, March 21

1:00pm Office Helpers

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

7:00pm Zion Lent Service

Thursday, March 22

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

5:30pm ESL Classes

Friday, March 23

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00am Men's Breakfast

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, March 24

5:30pm ZOOM House Gala

Sunday, March 25**Palm Sunday**

8:45am Choir Rehearsal

10:00am Zion Palm Sunday Worship

10:00am HOF School

11:00am Coffee and Fellowship

11:30am HOF Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

Monday, March 26

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

5:30pm ESL Classes

Tuesday, March 27

9:00am Quilters

5:30pm ESL Classes

Wednesday, March 28

1:00pm Office Helpers

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

Thursday, March 29**Maundy Thursday**

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

5:30pm ESL Classes

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30**Good Friday**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, March 31

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



February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
	Anniversary Committee		Joan Olson IMO Jimmy

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Worship	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4
Offering Counters	Justin Snesrud Ethel Allardyce	Kirsten Anderson Stan Nelson	Justin Snesrud Darlene Carlson	Kirsten Anderson Dennis Werneke
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Ron & Debra Schloer	Christine Zwicky Lee George	Wade McLaughlin	Darlene Carlson Joan Konigson

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	January Actual	January Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$19,507	\$17,866	\$19,507	\$17,866
Expenses	(\$14,668)	(\$15,679)	(\$14,668)	(\$15,679)
Net Income	\$4,839	\$2,187	\$4,839	\$2,187
Pledges	\$10,223	\$8,800	\$10,223	\$8,800

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.

January Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
52	44	40	56

Average Sunday Attendance: 48

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
 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.