



# The Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, ELCA  
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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.

Dear people of Zion,

Over the past twelve months I have witnessed you – Zion Lutheran Church – as a Little Church with a Big Heart. As I leave I carry with me deep joy and gratitude for having the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor.

From the joy of Sunday worship and congregational conversations week after week to Wednesday community meals, you are deeply rooted in a faithfulness of loving God and neighbor as yourself. In between there is a heartbeat of compassion, and encouragement that reveals the vitality of your life and ministry – the weekly quilters community, young adult dinners, men’s breakfasts, property work groups, service groups (like Sunday Servants, garden care, meal preparation and clean-up, Zoom Food Shelf service), deep and abiding friendships, and neighborhood partner relationships.

Over the past 125 years, Zion has known the ebb and flow of life as a church – beginnings and endings, new and changing ministries, times of questioning and times of clear direction and energy. Today you are standing at the threshold of a new beginning as you call Pastor CJ Valenti to lead you into the future to

which God is calling you. At this threshold may you be courageous, take risks, and unfurl yourselves into God’s amazing grace. Invite friends and neighbors to worship and Wednesday dinners. Hold nothing back for God is doing a “New Thing” in your midst.

In the Zion tradition, as I depart and say “see you later”, I carry this verse in my heart from *Philippians 1:3-6*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

May you always know that you are loved by God.

With abiding gratitude,

Pastor Eva Jensen

**Pastor Eva’s Last Sunday: April 29, 2018**

**Pastor CJ Valenti’s first day: May 1, 2018**

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## LUTHER PARK NEWS:

**OLE & LENA DINNER** – It's Back! This night of fun, good food, fellowship and prizes will be on SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm at Richfield Lutheran Church, 60<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet. This is a fundraiser for Camperships for kids to go to Luther Park. Tickets are \$20 If you are interested in attending, talk to Deana for more info.

**LUTHER PARK BIKE A THON** – June 2-3, 2018 will be the second year Zion will have bikers in this 20-year tradition! We're building the team now – there's the possibility of 4-5 bikers – if you are interested, talk to or email Matthew Frye - mfrye1971@gmail.com or Deana Miller - deanabibi@gmail.com SOON. Watch for details on how you can sponsor/ support our team. (Last year Zion had 2 bikers and we raised almost \$2000!) The goal is to raise funds for camperships! There is a second Bike A Thon on July 13 & 14 if that works better with your schedule.

## Summer Day Camp - 2018

Once again Zion will be collaborating with area congregations to provide a weeklong Day Camp for kids! Camp will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church 41st St & 16th Ave S. June 18-22. It is for kids K-8th grade. This years theme will be Love Your Neighbor. Watch for more details on registration, cost, and how Zion members can be involved. Zion's liaison with the Day Camp is Deana Miller.



## Lyndale Community News:

The Lyndale Green Expo: Creating a Sustainable Community Together is coming up on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00 - 4:00pm at the Lyndale Community School! The event is free and everyone is welcome. Celebrate Mother Earth by learning how to live a greener, more sustainable lifestyle. With exhibitors with topics ranging from zero waste to pollinating plants, brush up on your reduce, reuse, and recycle knowledge! This event will include activities and games for adults and kids, a free Chinook Book for the first 50 attendees, trees for kids and their families, compost for \$3, snacks and raffles. Questions? Contact Aryca at [aryca@lyndale.org](mailto:aryca@lyndale.org) / 612-824-9402. The Lyndale Community Dinner will have a table displaying favorite recipes, vegan treats, and information about how dinners engage in environmental justice.

## Thanks a million from Lyndale Education Program

The best partners are usually the best people, which is definitely how Lyndale Neighborhood Association feels about its longtime partners at Zion. While our evening English classes, held three nights a week at Zion since 2012, just moved over to the Blaisdell YMCA in mid-March, we will always be thankful for the faith that the Zion community placed in us as stewards of their spaces. It's been an amazing six years, which have truly left a mark on the community. Since May 2012, Lyndale English learners have had almost 30,000 hours of instruction in language, literacy, community navigation and much more. Memories of these hours of learning, sharing and community-building will live on in roughly 350 students, 82 volunteers and six different LNA instructors. The program will live on at the YMCA, and will be able to avail our adult learners of their free childcare and wifi; while this is exciting, we will miss the uniquely peaceful environment that Zion has made available to our program, the support they've always provided in recruiting and communicating with our students and the trusting mutual relationship we've shared. Last year, LNA was thrilled to nominate and present Zion with an award from the Minnesota Literacy Council as a Community Partner, and it couldn't have been better deserved. It goes without saying that LNA looks forward to partnering with Zion in as many other ways as possible for as long as both organizations shall live. We're very proud to help sponsor Zion's weekly Wednesday Community Dinner and to share their news in this publication every month, and we plan to hold events in their fabulous spaces long into the future. With that, a heartfelt thank-you to the Zion Lutheran Church staff and community for everything you've done over the years for Lyndale Education Program, and thanks in advance for all we'll continue to accomplish together!

## What's happening at Zion this Month?

### Property Work Day!

The work day will be held on the 14th this month. Working on the 14<sup>th</sup> will allow us to do the set up prep for Sunday's Anniversary Worship and Luncheon! We'll start about 9:15am and work until we're done! There will be extra tasks that day... therefore extra hands will be appreciated. If you see things in Zion's building, or around the exterior, that need attention, please let either Stan Due or Deana Miller know so we can get it on the "to do list". THANKS to all who come on the scheduled Work Days and make many tasks happen!

### Pi(e) Day - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who showed support, enthusiasm, and a little bit of disgust during our first (and last) Pi Day Pie Eating Contest and fundraiser. A special thanks to all of our contestants who raised money for the Lyndale Community Dinner and Nicollet Square Housing Collaborative - Lyndale resident Colin, LNA Executive Director Brad Born, KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson, former LNA Board president Robert Dahlstrom, regional pie eating champion Betsy Soderlund, Park Board Commissioner Kale Severson, and current LNA Board President Frank Alarcón

### ZOOM Can Do Sunday Is April 22nd!

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, April 27th

Join some of Zion's male members 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](mailto: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.

### April Birthdays

- 6 Alyssa Kohn
- 12 Alex Gerst
- 17 Justin Snesrud
- 22 Norma Pietz
- 24 Lee George
- 27 Alaina Metz



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

- ⇒ Ben Accola, President
  - ⇒ Doug Harrison, Vice President
  - ⇒ Farrah Frye, Secretary
  - ⇒ Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer
  - ⇒ Sue Ann Westphal, Financial Secretary
- ✓ Official Letter of Call for Pastor CJ was sent to the Synod, moving the process for her arrival one step forward.
  - ✓ Carl Hendrickson was nominated to fulfill a one year vacancy on the council.
  - ✓ Follow up with the Ministry Teams has begun since the 2018 Action Planning Retreat.

### 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 homebound, 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)





## Zion's 125 Anniversary

We hope you are planning on attending our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on April 15<sup>th</sup>! We have been hearing from former members who plan to be here with current members who will also participate. Former choir members will be joining our current choir members forming an Anniversary Choir!

Join us for worship at 10:00am. We are looking forward to having Presiding ELCA Bishop Emeritus Mark S. Hanson as our preacher. Let's fill the sanctuary that day!

The Anniversary Luncheon follows worship in the banquet hall.

The Anniversary Committee has chosen three projects for fund raising for the 125<sup>th</sup> year, following Zion's history of reaching out to others. Envelopes will be available starting in April to support these projects – the Zion Endowment Fund, Luther Park Bible Camp and buying a farm through the ELCA Good Gifts program for a family in Nigeria. Watch for details and the envelopes!

*(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, Douglass Johnson, Joan Konigson, Deana Miller (Chair), and Linda Torkelson)*

## Ministry Team 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, Ben Accola, new team members needed)*

*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, and Douglass Johnson)*

*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

*(Interim Music Director, Tim Short)*

*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.

# APRIL 2018 CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 1

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00am Zion Worship  
 10:00am HOF Sunday School  
 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
 11:30am HOF Worship  
 3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, April 2

## Tuesday, April 3

9:00am Quilters  
 9:00am YF Meeting

## Wednesday, April 4

10:30am YF Meeting  
 1:00pm Office Helpers  
 6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, April 5

10:00am YF Meeting

## Friday, April 6

OFFICE CLOSED  
 6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, April 7

La Barca de Jesus Wedding

## Sunday, April 8

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, April 9

## Tuesday, April 10

9:00am Quilters  
 9:00am YF Meeting

## Wednesday, April 11

10:30am YF Meeting  
 1:00pm Office Helpers  
 5:00pm Property Committee  
 6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, April 12

10:00am YF Meeting  
 5:30pm YF Cooking Class

## Friday, April 13

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, April 14

9:00am Property Work Day

## Sunday, April 15

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00am Zion Worship  
 10:00am HOF School  
 11:00am 125th Anniversary Party  
 11:30am HOF Worship  
 3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, April 16

## Tuesday, April 17

9:00am Quilters  
 9:00am YF Meeting  
 5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting  
 6:30pm Zion Council

## Wednesday, April 18

10:30am YF Meeting  
 1:00pm Office Helpers  
 6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, April 19

10:00am YF Meeting  
 2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf  
 5:30pm YF Cooking Class

## Friday, April 20

OFFICE CLOSED  
 6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, April 21

## Sunday, April 22

**ZOOM CAN DO**  
 10:00am Zion Worship  
 10:00am HOF School  
 11:00am HOF Youth Service Day  
 11:00am Coffee and Fellowship  
 11:30am HOF Worship  
 3:00pm La Barca de Jesus Worship

## Monday, April 23

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

## Tuesday, April 24

9:00am Quilters  
 9:00am YF Meeting

## Wednesday, April 25

10:30am YF Meeting  
 1:00pm Office Helpers  
 6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

## Thursday, April 26

10:00am YF Meeting  
 2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf  
 5:30pm YF Cooking Class  
 7:00pm Luther Park Board Meeting

## Friday, April 27

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

## Saturday, April 28

## Sunday, April 29

8:45am Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00am Zion Worship-Pastor Eva's last day with Zion.  
 10:00am HOF Sunday School  
 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
 11:30am HOF Worship  
 3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, April 30

2:00pm ZOOM Food Shelf

## Tuesday, May 1

Pastor CJ Valenti's first day  
 9:00am Quilters  
 9:00am YF Meeting

*Zion is a busy building. If you are planning a meeting, reserve your space early by calling the church office and filling out a space request form found on the wall by the Lounge door.*

# LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
		Lu Ann Giles	

# SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Worship	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 4	Servant Team 5
Offering Counters	Ben Accola David Kulm	Ben Accola Kara Bennett	Ben Accola Peggy Stevenson	Ben Accola Linda Torkelson
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Gary Larsen	Anniversary Luncheon	Tammy Fuentes Sandy Johnson	Nedra Granquist Deana Miller

# A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	March Actual	March Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
<b>Income</b>	\$14,962	\$15,086	\$47,312	\$47,818
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$15,697)	(\$16,653)	(\$45,170)	(\$48,526)
<b>Net Income</b>	(\$735)	(\$1,567)	\$2,143	(\$708)
<b>Pledges</b>	\$9,407	\$8,800	\$27,128	\$26,400

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.

## March Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
47	47	42	54

Average Sunday Attendance: 50

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.