



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.

Hello Zioners!

First of all, thank you for the warm welcome Mike and I have received. It is so good to be in your midst and I really appreciate your patience as I learn where all the light switches are (among other things)!

The biggest question I have heard from people in these first few weeks is . . . what is happening with Recovery Worship?

At our council meeting on May 15th, we explored this very question. Together we wondered- what recovery worship meant to each person and what could be the vision for this time and space.

For the time being, council has decided to pause Recovery worship so there can be space for this discernment. So given permission by the council to explore, I now come to you! What is your story with Recovery Worship? What is the best use of our time and resources? What new things could we do with this time? What does the community need that we could offer?

Prayerfully think about these things and talk to me or any member of council. You are a part of this community and we value what you think about all of this.

God's peace to you!

Pr CJ

P.S. How can you talk with me? My plan to honor ¾ time is to take Mondays off as a Sabbath day, be present in South Minneapolis Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and allow Friday to be a 'flex' day. When I am present in South Minneapolis you may find me in the office but I may also be out and about. If you would like to meet with me- please send me an email (cj@zionchurchmpls.org) or call/text (937.658.3188) and we can set up a time and place. Flex day means- I will be available by phone or e-mail, but will be working from home. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call my cell no matter what day or time it is!



Rev. Dr. Guy Irwin, of the SW Ca. ELCA, presides at the SoCal Lutheran Street Eucharist at the Los Angeles Pride Parade .

Why should RIC communities attend their local LGBTQ Pride Festivities?

Although Pride participation is not a requirement to becoming a Reconciling in Christ community, it can be an effective form of outreach to the LGBTQ community. Marching in a Pride parade or hosting a booth at a Pride festival can be an incredibly powerful experience for both the LGBTQ participants as well as members of your community. Keep your eyes and your heart open! You may encounter an LGBTQ youth who has been told by their family or church that God no longer loves them. Or you may meet an LGBTQ person who hasn't stepped foot in a faith community for years and has never heard a specific invitation with their identity. The only requirement for a Lutheran community to be listed as RIC is for them to pass a welcome statement which specifically includes "people of all sexual orientations and gender identities" or "LGBT" people.

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Lyndale News

Messy Community Conversations: Understanding and Addressing Implicit Bias. Facilitated by *Dr. Raj

Restorative justice is about repairing the harm caused by crime or conflict. Face-to-face models allow the people affected to meet and decide outcomes together. In contrast to the traditional system of justice, which is punitive, restorative justice aims to mend what was broken.

Through restorative justice:

- * Victims and community have a voice in the process
- * Offenders take steps to repair harm
- * Offenders are re-integrated
- * Relationships are strengthened

Zion will be hosting the next RJCA event on Saturday, June 9th 9:00am-12:00pm
Please send RSVP to info@rjca-inc.org by June 7th

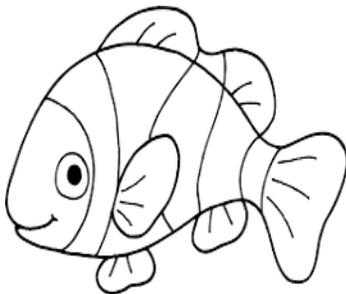
*Dr. Raj is Assistant Professor in the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at Metropolitan State University and is the 2016 recipient of the St. Paul Foundation's Facing Race Ambassador Award.

Fish Fest!

Come celebrate the most Lyndale-y of all Lyndale events at the annual Fish Fest! This year's event is being hosted as a partnership with Painter Park and will include bouncy houses, games, a magician, art activities, food, friends, music from the Robb Henry Trio, and of course the annual cleansing of the fish murals. There will be a Taco Truck as well as cornbread and desserts from community members.

When: Saturday, June 9th, 4:30-7:30 pm
Where: Garfield Avenue between 33rd & 34th St.
Why: For Fun, Food, Family, the Fish, & the Community.

If you'd like to volunteer or if you have questions about the event, contact Arcya Meyers: Aryca@lyndale.org (612) 824-9402 ext. 14



YMCA Memberships for teens.

Starting June 4th Thousands of Minnesota teens will have access to free summer memberships to the Greater Twin Cities YMCA's 25 locations! And it's way more than just basketball and swimming. Free health and well-being classes, leadership and character programs, and career readiness workshops will also be available. To top it all off meals will also be provided at several locations.

These Memberships come from a grant courtesy of the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. *Schulze and his family believe that a good education, a supportive family and a strong work ethic prepare children for a successful future. To support that belief, they support organizations operating in the areas of human & social services, education, including college and early learning scholarship awards and health & medicine.

Students must be enrolled in High School and show student ID. More information can be found on the YMCA website. There is a deadline of the 15th so sign up quick!

Students 9th - 12th grade
June 4th - August 31
<https://www.ymcamn.org/getsummer>

*Schulze Foundation website

LNA Annual Meeting.

Residents, workers and property owners in the Lyndale neighborhoods are invited to the annual LNA meeting on Monday, June 25th 6:30-8:00pm at Painter Park. The board will be presenting its strategic plan for the next three years and community members are encouraged to provide feedback.

This year, six LNA Board seats are up for election. Board members serve a two year term and help set policy and governance decisions for the Lyndale Neighborhood Association. The Board is currently one of the most diverse in the history of the organization, representing people from many walks of life and many corners of the globe.

Potluck will be held at the front end of the meeting. For suggestions on Kosher, halal or Vegetarian options contact the community organizer Evelyn Vargas at (612) 824-402 ext. 10.

For more information about the Lyndale Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting or Board of Directors Elections, contact brad@lyndale.org

Announcements

ZOOM Can Do Sunday is June 17th

Zioners are amazing! May 20th was our monthly ZOOM CAN DO Sunday. On the 3rd Sunday of each month the grocery cart sits in the sanctuary—and magically it fills up! Each month we weigh the donations—on the 20th, your donations totaled 106lbs! Amazing. Our ZOOM neighbors greatly appreciate having the Food Shelf at Zion four times at the end of each month. That's the time their resources are the shortest. Thanks for sharing! All nonperishable food, cleaning & paper supplies, dish, laundry & bar soap, personal hygiene items, diapers sizes 5 & 6, and Pull-Ups® 2T and 3T are needed. If you would like to spend two hours on either of the last two Mondays or Thursdays (2-4) helping at the food shelf and meeting our Zoom neighbors, talk to Linda Torkelson or Deana Miller to sign up.

Summer Day Camp

This year, campers will be assembling Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries. The kits are full of personal care items that are easy enough to get for us, but more difficult for those in some parts of the world. Families with campers are being asked to donate: New or gently used regular sized bath towels (no longer than 48 inches), individually packed toothbrushes, and bath sized bars of soap (bars only).

Monetary gifts are acceptable and if you would like to donate specific items for the kits, the items congregations can gather are: 4oz. or larger tube of petroleum jelly (such as Vaseline), new or gently used washcloths, and heavy duty rubber gloves (kitchen type-try for medium size). Camp organizers are aiming to assemble at least 200 kits, so any donations will be helpful. Camp will be held at Bethel Lutheran, 4120 17th Ave S, Minneapolis, June /18-22 9am - 4pm

Blessing the Bicycles

Spread the word amongst any and all bikers. On June 24th we will be taking our service to the bike racks. Ride your bicycle to Zion on June 24th for the Blessing of Bicycles! Service will begin in the sanctuary at 10:00 AM, and conclude outside for Pastor CJ to bless everyone's two-wheeled (or three!) transportation. Coffee & Fellowship following the blessing will continue outdoors. This will be a great opportunity for a group ride.

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 June - July 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.

Crime Alert!

Minneapolis Police have issued a crime alert for burglaries in the Lyndale and Kingfield neighborhoods, citing 11 reported burglaries since Friday, May 18. Suspects cut lower-level screens and opened unlocked windows in five of the house burglaries. Suspects entered six garages by walking through unlocked service doors or kicking in doors. Extra patrols in plain clothes and in uniform are watching the area. Anyone who would like to host a block club meeting can contact Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer Waisanen at 673-5407. Anyone with information about burglary suspects can contact property crimes investigators at 673-5715.

June Birthdays

2nd Lillian Jones
8th Romdyah Mangal
10th Dan Lundeen
19th Dennis Werneke
20th Lisa Werneke Jones
20th Doug Harrison
23rd Diane West
25th Nedra Granquist
25th Peggy Stevenson
25th Stan Due
27th Loie Accola
27th Casper Accola



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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

When did Pride begin?

One Summer morning in the early hours of June 28, 1969, a group of customers at Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in New York City’s Greenwich Village, had grown angry at the harassment by police, took a stand and a riot broke out. The next night, an even larger crowd comprised of LGBTQ people (and many of their allies) returned, with numbers reaching over 1000. For hours, protesters demonstrated outside the Stonewall Inn until the police sent a riot-control squad to disperse the crowd.

On June 28, 1970, the first Gay Pride marches took place in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago commemorating the anniversary of the riots. Similar marches were organized in other cities. Today, most cities hold annual Pride events in June to mark this enormously important moment in the modern struggle for LGBTQ rights.

FIND YOUR LOCAL PRIDE CELEBRATION!

If you are not sure your local town has an LGBTQ Pride parade or festival you can do an online search. Just type in “[Your Town Name] and [Gay Pride Festival]”. If your town isn’t large enough, make sure to extend your search to larger towns near you.

Minneapolis’ Pride Festival is held in Loring Park on the outskirts of Downtown, Minneapolis. June 23rd and 24th 10:00am-6:00pm with a parade route through downtown TBD.

Thanks to our Zion quilters for donating a beautiful quilt for the Reconciling Works gala which will be happening Pride weekend (June 22-24). Zion is a reconciling in Christ Congregation meaning we promise to be an affirming and welcoming space for ALL especially people who identify as LGBTQIA+. (www.reconcilingworks.org)



Volunteer at Zion!



Zion is seeking a Lyndale Community Dinner Assistant to support the Dinner Coordinator during June, July, and August on Wednesday evenings! This person will greet, equip and support dinner volunteers and cultivate community leadership. We seek a person with a passion for building community, an interest in food and upholding cultural values, and an openness to experimentation and shared leadership. We hope to hire someone with strong bilingual skills (preferably in Spanish or Somali) and who lives or works in the Lyndale Neighborhood. This position is eligible for a \$50 per week honorarium. Please reach out to Jenna at lcd@zionchurchmpls.org to learn more or to send resumes!

Home and Hospital Pastoral Visitation

If you or a loved one would like a home or hospital visit, please let Pastor CJ know.

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call:

Pastor CJ Valenti
937-658-3188 (cell)

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.



Ministry Team Highlights

Congregational Connections

(Becca Tumm)

Save The Date June, twenty sixth, 2018 5pm for an Intergenerational Happy Hour. Becca Tumm and Carolyn and Stan Due are planning to host a Happy Hour on the Due's Patio. This will be an all generations event, bringing together bringing together Zioners of all ages for delicious drinks and satisfying conversation. Transportation will tentatively be provided for all who would like to attend.

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.

Update: Now that summer seems to be upon us, it is important to remember your financial support of Zion. Vacations, travel, graduations, weddings all keep us busy during the summer. Our expenses at Zion continue: Salaries, utilities, insurance, taxes, maintenance and program expenses don't take the summer off. Summer can be a little "dry" spot in our income. Simply giving is an easy way to keep your giving current throughout the year.

Property

(Stan Due, Deana Miller, Sam Gardner, Dale Mendenhall, Mark Fandrey, Gary Larsen, and Douglass Johnson)

Thanks to all who give of their time to keep Zion's building in good shape. We are still looking for someone to be the "point person" to work with the committee and others on the outside landscaping - weeding, watering, etc. We have a contract with All Lawn for the mowing so that is taken care of. Talk to Stan Due or Deana Miller for more info or to volunteer. The next "Chair Migration" is Scheduled for Saturday, June 9th. Talk to Carl H. for more info or to volunteer.

Council Updates

- ⇒ Ben Accola, President
- ⇒ Doug Harrison, Vice President
- ⇒ Farrah Frye, Secretary
- ⇒ Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer
- ⇒ Sue Ann Westphal, Financial Secretary

- ✓ Council discussed Recovery Worship and decided to suspend this service for the time being.
- ✓ Chair Migration Scheduled for June 9th at 9:30am
- ✓ A social statement on Gender and Justice is open for discussion by congregations and Pastor CJ will be talking about it in Church.



**Restorative
Justice**
community action

Community Discussions: Understanding and addressing Implicit Bias. June 9th, 9:00am
Zion Lutheran Church
128 W 33rd St
Minneapolis, Mn 55408



**MUSIC!
FOOD!
FRIENDS!**

FISH FEST
SATURDAY, JUNE 9
New Location! Painter Park
(33rd & Garfield)
4:30-7:30 p.m.

*Blessing of bicycles! Sunday, June 24.
Refreshments and fellowship to follow service.*



MAY 2018 CALENDAR

Friday, June 1

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, June 2

2:00pm Property Work Day

Sunday, June 3

Installation of Pastor CJ

As Zion's Pastor.

10:00am Zion Worship

10:00am CLG Sunday School

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

11:30am CLG Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

Monday, June 4

Tuesday, June 5

9:00am Quilters

9:00am YF Meeting

Wednesday, June 6

10:30am YF Meeting

1:00pm Office Helpers

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

Thursday, June 7

Friday, June 8

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, June 9

9:00am RJCA Community Discussion

Sunday, June 10

10:00am Zion Worship

10:00am CLG Sunday School

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

11:00am 125th Anniversary Mtg.

11:30am CLG Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

Monday, June 11

Tuesday, June 12

9:00am Quilters

9:00am YF Meeting

Wednesday, June 13

10:30am YF Meeting

1:00pm Office Helpers

5:00pm Property Committee

5:30pm Lyndale Health Connect

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

Thursday, June 14

Friday, June 15

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, June 16

Sunday, June 17

ZOOM Can Do!

Fathers Day!

10:00am Zion Worship

10:00am CLG Sunday School

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

11:30am CLG Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

Monday, June 18

2:00pm Food Shelf

9:00am Day Camp at Bethel

Tuesday, June 19

9:00am Day Camp at Bethel

9:00am Quilters

9:00am YF Meeting

5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting

6:30pm Zion Council

Wednesday, June 20

9:00am Day Camp at Bethel

10:30am YF Meeting

1:00pm Office Helpers

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

Thursday, June 21

9:00am Day Camp at Bethel

2:00pm Food Shelf

Friday, June 22

7:00am Men's Breakfast @ Curran's

9:00am Day Camp at Bethel

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, June 23

Sunday, June 24

10:00am Zion Worship

10:00am Blessing of bicycles

10:00am CLG Sunday School

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

11:30am CLG Worship

3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

Monday, June 25

2:00pm Food Shelf

Tuesday, June 26

9:00am Quilters

9:00am YF Meeting

5:00pm Happy Hour at The Due's

Wednesday, June 27

10:30am YF Meeting

1:00pm Office Helpers

5:30pm Lyndale Health Connect

6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner

Thursday, June 28

2:00pm Food Shelf

Friday, June 29

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus Bible Study

Saturday, June 30

Sunday, July 1

10:00am Zion Worship

10:00am CLG Sunday School

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

11:30am CLG 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 and filling out a space request form found on the wall by the Lounge door.

LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	
Our Anniversary Luann Giles					

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4	
Offering Counters	Stan Due and Matthew Frye	Stan Due and Tammy Fuentes	Stan Due and Sandy Johnson	Stan Due and Darlene Carlson	
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Pastor CJ's Installation. Call Committee	Darlene Carlson and Joan Konigson	Gary Larsen	Ron and Debra Schloer	

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	May Actual	May Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$12,682	\$14,866	\$80,098	\$81,910
Expenses	(\$16,784)	(\$16,300)	(\$82,330)	(\$80,686)
Net Income	(\$4,102)	(\$1,464)	(\$2,232)	\$1,224
Pledges	\$8,038	\$8,800	\$44,850	\$44,000

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: None, income was \$2,184 less than expected in May. Expenses exceeded budget projections in the following areas: Coffee Hour and Office/Admin.

May Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday		
60	41	48	50		

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.

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
 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.