



# 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.

Families are being separated.

In the midst of such horrible news headlines lately about detaining families seeking asylum, you may be asking- What can I do?

Bishop Eaton, our presiding Bishop of the ELCA, made a statement about President Trump's executive order on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Here is a short section of it. You can read the full statement here- <http://elca.org/News-and-Events/7939>

*In his explanation of the Lord's Prayer in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther reminds us that good government is part of our daily bread. As Lutherans and as citizens, we can work with elected officials toward humane, just, and compassionate solutions. Through AMMPARO and LIRS, the ELCA is committed to walking alongside children and families who are seeking asylum. You can be part of a network that uses their hands and voice to ensure they feel welcomed wherever they go. We can also advocate through ELCA Advocacy ([elca.org/advocacy](http://elca.org/advocacy)). By grace we are set free to love and serve the neighbor. Let us, through prayer and action, serve these vulnerable children and families.*

As a congregation we have already done two things. Our church sign recently changed to say- This church was founded by immigrants 125 years ago. Estamos Contigo ("We are with you." in Spanish) On Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, we recorded the congregation saying a new version of Lord, Listen to your children praying with verses that included prayers for children and parents. This video was sent to Pr Jane Bucky Farlee to be complied with other

congregations who also are singing. You can find the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpbOyoGrsHI&feature=youtu.be>

As policies continue to target vulnerable children and families, people of faith of have been leading the charge in providing services and advocating alongside these communities. Here are two ways in which you as an individual can help children and families facing these policies.

**Join a Network that accompanies these children and families.** The ELCA has the AMMPARO strategy ([www.elca.org/ammparo](http://www.elca.org/ammparo)) in which congregations can form part of a welcoming congregations network around the country. These congregations commit to accompany children in their community, pray and advocate for migrant children and families. Please let Pr CJ know if you are interested in being more connected to this program! Lutherans can also learn more about these issues from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service ([www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org)).

**Advocate. Advocate. Advocate.** Whether in the budget process or through stand-alone bills, Congress can provide much-needed oversight and regulation to policies that are hurting children and families. They must hear your voice. You can join the ELCA Action Network through the ELCA website and check their Facebook page and twitter to stay current on these policies.

Pr. CJ

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This month at the Lyndale Neighborhood meeting there will be a presentation from the T.C. Community Land Trust and a meet and greet with various candidates running in the August Primary. If you are interested in serving on the Lyndale Board of Directors, contact Brad Bourn at 612-423-9901 or [brad@lyndale.org](mailto:brad@lyndale.org)

July 23rd from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Painter Park 620 West 34th Street

Free Childcare available for youths aged 2-12.

Interested in doing a paid Christian - only research study for Thrivent Financial in July?

Contact Meredith at 612.859.7646 or [meredith@inspeier.com](mailto:meredith@inspeier.com)



National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family. For more information, see the Minneapolis NNO mission statement.

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/nno\\_mission](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/nno_mission)

As with many past National Night Outs, Minneapolis was ranked #1 among all U.S. cities over 250,000 population in 2017. Over 1,500 events were registered in 2017. Was yours

### Summer Day Camp

... Excitement! ... Energy! ... KIDS!!!! There was an abundance of all at Bethel Lutheran from June 18-22 for the collaborative Day Camp. Zion was one of 15 small churches of several denominations and both Pastor CJ and Deana helped this year. The theme was "Love Our Neighbor" and we learned who our neighbors are and what we can do to share God's love with them. IF you want details of what went on – talk to Riley Fuentes who was one of the 77 registered kids at Camp (or Pastor CJ or Deana). Our THANKS to Zioners who helped cover the cost of the candy for the Blessing Plates – a variation of May baskets of our childhood days – 58 plates were made, with invitations to the closing program, with a handful of treats in the pocket, and hung on door knobs on neighboring houses. And THANKS for the donation of items for the Hospice Kits that were made for Global Health Ministries. 170 complete kits were made – and an additional 20 need one more item! WOW! Pastor CJ and I also helped make individual bird feeders that the kids took home to hang on a tree in their yard. Thanks also for helping to provide treats for two of the morning snacks plus dessert for lunch one day for the entire Day Camp – kids, volunteers & staff. Your help, prayers and support are greatly appreciated. Watch for more of the art work to show up later.



## Announcements

### **ZOOM Can Do Sunday is July 15th**

Our ZOOM neighbors appreciate your donations on ZOOM Can Do Sundays. In June your donations totaled 131 pounds! Way to go, Zioners! We also received donations from the ZOOM Board and the LNA Annual Meeting attendees plus a couple individuals. If you are interested in helping at the ZOOM Food Shelf, talk to Linda T or Deana. July dates are Mondays, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursdays, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4pm.

### **Zoom House BBQ**

On Wednesday, July 18th ZOOM house will be hosting a BBQ for the Lyndale Community Dinner. Residents, Staff and board members will commit to preparing dinner, serving dinner, and cleaning up. So Sweet! We'll have chalk, bubbles, and other small, outdoor activities. Wednesday, July 18th at 6:00pm

### **Missing Kitchen Items**

The following items have gone missing from the kitchen.

2 (two) pressed crystal vases 7", 5 (five) large white cutting boards, 1 (one) large stainless steel egg slicer, 1 (one) cast iron skillet, 1 (one) large commercial frying pan, multiple pairs of kitchen shears, multiple refrigerator/storage dishes of many shapes and sizes, 3 (three) clear plastic water pitchers, 1 (one) gallon plastic pitcher, 1 (one) box grater, and multiple metal tongs.

If you have them please return them, if you lost or broke them (accidents happen) please contact Douglas Johnson, Kitchen Steward.

### **125<sup>th</sup> ZION ANNIVERSARY**

2018 is Zion's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year ... and the committee has planned four events – the first was February 11<sup>th</sup>, the second April 15<sup>th</sup> ... And the third will be Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm on the south lawn (weather permitting). We will do our best to replicate an old fashioned "Church Basement Ladies' Dinner" — come and join us. It will be a time to recognize and thank our partners. There will be music and we will wrap up the evening with an Ice Cream Extravaganza! Plan to come on over! Our 4th event is a worship service on Sunday, November 4th, All Saints Sunday.

### **An Opportunity For You To Be The Host/Hostess With The Mostest!**

... At Zion on a Sunday morning.

We are looking for volunteers—whether a repeat Coffee Hour Host—or a newbie—to help set up, serve, and clean up. It's not difficult... Gary shops for treats, Sam fills the coffee pot, first to arrive plugs in the coffee in... Hosts come a bit early & put the treats on platters, make a pot of decaf and sometimes make a pitcher of orange juice or lemonade, heat some water for tea... leave the sanctuary early and come down & put the platters on the serving tables, watch to keep them full... after Coffee Hour, hosts clean up. Easy Peasy! The sign up sheet is around on Sunday Mornings—talk to Deana to sign up.



### **Office Hours in July**

Pr. CJ will be out of the office July 10th and 11th. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Pr. Hans Lee of Calvary Lutheran Church ([pastorhans@clchurch.org](mailto:pastorhans@clchurch.org) or 612-827-2504, ext. 202). She will attend to her e-mails and be present in the office July 12th and 13th. While Josiah is out of the office, Pr. CJ will be in the office Tuesday July 17th, Wednesday July 18th, Thursday July 19th, Tuesday July 24th, Wednesday July 25th, and Thursday July 26th for normal office hours.

### **July Birthdays!**

7 Sandra Johnson  
7 Susan Ryan  
10 Amber Lewis  
11 Daniel Lewis  
12 Carl Hendrickson  
12 Chris Due  
12 Candy Due  
17 Sharon Hendrickson  
17 Jenna Yeakle  
18 Becca Tumm  
21 Illiana Gerst  
23 Autumn Lewis-Wagner  
27 Ronald Schloer  
27 Linda Thomsen  
27 Joanna 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

Hello Zion Lutheran!

One of the beautiful things about being your new pastor is you all have given me a book fund. This is something I have not had in my six years of being a pastor. I am so grateful for this support and it is truly a gift to be given the space to learn, study and grow. The first book I ordered is Everything Happens for a Reason: and other Lies I've loved by Kate Bowler and I recruited some close seminary friends who are pastors around the country to read it with me and discuss.

Bowler is a seminary professor at Duke Divinity School, who at 34 was given a grim stage IV cancer diagnosis. The book is a quick read and grapples with questions of illness and faith. When Brett, Leslie and I discussed the book- all three of us shared the best part of this book is the appendices. The book's first appendix is things NOT to say to someone experiencing terrible times and the second appendix are things TO say. I wanted to share with you an excerpt this second appendix. Perhaps this is something to tuck away, or to forward to a friend or family member who can relate, or is struggling what (not) to say.

**Here are Bowler's words: A short list [What to say to support someone going through terrible times]:**

*"I'd love to bring you a meal this week. Can I email you about it?"*

Oh, thank goodness. Mostly I can never figure out something to tell people I need, even if I need it. But really, bring me anything. Chocolate. A potted plant. A set of weird erasers. I remember the first I got that wasn't about cancer and I was so happy I cried. Send me emails filled with funny Youtube clips to watch during chemotherapy. Do something that supports your gifts.

*"I'm so grateful to have heard about how you're doing and just know that I'm on your team."*

You mean I don't have to give you an update? You asked someone else for all the gory details? Whew. Great! I feel like you are both informed and concerned. What you have said is amazing, so don't be a Nosy Nellie. As a question about any other aspect of my life.

Some of my best moments with people have come with a hug or a hand on the arm. People who are suffering often - not always - feel isolated and want to be touched. Hospitals and big institutions in general tend to treat people [so distantly]. So ask if your friend feels up for a hug.

*"Oh, my friend, that sounds so hard."*

Perhaps the weirdest thing about having something awful happen is the fact that no one wants to hear about it. People tend to want to hear the summary but they usually don't want to hear if from you. So if your friend wants to talk, let them talk for a bit. Be willing to stare down the ugliness and sadness without immediately covering it up or moving on. Life is absurdly hard, and pretending it isn't is exhausting.

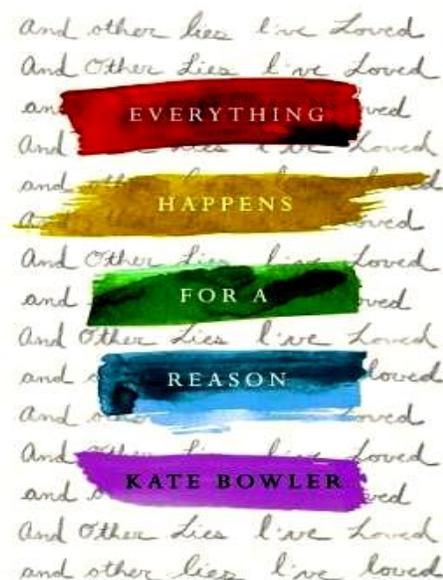
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The truth is that no one knows what to say. It's awkward. Pain is awkward. Tragedy is awkward. People's weird, suffering bodies are awkward. But take the advice of one man that wrote to me with his policy: show up and shut up.

Bowler's perspective is her own, and she certainly acknowledges that these are simply her thoughts. Your friend, parent, or loved one may have a different set of hopes as you walk with them through a tough time. Even in midst of sunny summer, these might be needed words for you or someone you know. I welcome your thoughts and conversation on this or anything! May our love, reflecting God's love, be constant as God's is, even on the hardest days.

God's peace to you!

Pr CJ



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## Ministry Team Highlights

### 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, but still, our expenses at Zion continue. Summer can be a little “dry” spot in our income. Simply giving is an easy way to keep your giving current throughout the year. Street assessment begins in 2019 and will last for 5 (five) years.

### Property

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

Have you been checking on the landscaping around Zion? Did you know ... that Mother Earth, the nursery where we purchased the plants and trees last year, has been DONATING time each week to check on the plants and help with the weeding? Yup – pretty nice for Zion!! In addition, Candy Due, Elaine Evers & Gary Larsen have been helping. Our THANKS to all! We are looking for a few folks who will “adopt” an outside task for the summer. (Mowing is done by the lawn service!) Talk to Stan D or Deana to hear more about the opportunity.

Remember our FIRST SATURDAY PROPERTY WORK DAYS – without a custodian, there are many tasks that our three times a week ‘cleaning crew’ does not do ... volunteers are crucial to the “curb appeal” of Zion. Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am, is the next scheduled Work Day. Come on over! Lend a hand or two!

### Zion Reaches Out

(Jenna Yeakle and Douglas Harrison)

We have several fun events planned in the near future. For the community dinner on July 18th we'll be served a ZOOM House BBQ, there will be sidewalk chalk, bubbles and other outdoor activities. August 1st the 125th Anniversary Committee will host Zion's Church Picnic with a “Church Basement Ladies” theme. August 8th Youth Farm will be having a Harvest Fest! Come partake of all the delicious foods Youth Farm grows and cooks all year long. August 29th there will be a neighborhood ice cream social at Painter Park. More details to come soon.



**Lyndale Community Dinner**

- JULY 4** Grill Out with sparklers and snappers  
hot dogs, corn on the cob, watermelon!
- JULY 18** ZOOM House BBQ  
lawn games & fun for the whole family!
- AUGUST 1** Zion's 125th Anniversary Classic Church Picnic  
hot dish, jello, & gratitude for Zion's partners!
- AUGUST 8** Youth Farm's Annual Harvest Fest  
dinner fresh from the garden!
- AUGUST 29** Neighborhood Ice Cream Social  
@ Painter Park! food, games, live music, bouncy house!

CHECK US OUT AT [HTTP://ZIONCHURCHMPLS.ORG/](http://ZIONCHURCHMPLS.ORG/)

The Following is a brief message from Pastor CJ.

Let's chat!

Sunday morning coffee hour just isn't long enough to really say hello to everyone. So with the council's help, I am offering two community office hours for you to get to know me and me to get to know you- Tuesday July 24th from 4:00 PM-5:30 PM and Thursday July 26th from 10:00AM-11:30AM.

Please come to one or both bringing your questions and stories.

Treats will be provided.

Contact the Church office for more information. (612) 824-1017



**ZOOM HOUSE BBQ**

LET'S CELEBRATE SUMMER TOGETHER!

Zoom House is partnering with the Lyndale Community Dinner for a community BBQ!

Wednesday JULY 18TH | STARTS AT 6 PM | KIDS ACTIVITIES

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COME ONE, COME ALL

# MAY 2018 CALENDAR

## 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

## Monday, July 2

## Tuesday, July 3

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting  
1:00pm Quilters Fireside Rm.

## Wednesday, July 4

### Independence Day!

OFFICE CLOSED  
10:30am Youth Farm Meeting  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner  
Independence Day BBQ

## Thursday, July 5

1:00pm Office Helpers

## Friday, July 6

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, July 7

9:30am Property Work Day  
10:00am 125th Anniv. Committee Mtg.

## Sunday, July 8

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, July 9

## Tuesday, July 10

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting  
1:00pm Quilters Fireside Rm.

## Wednesday, July 11

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

## Thursday, July 12

## Friday, July 13

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, July 14

## Sunday, July 15

### ZOOM Can Do!

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, July 16

## Tuesday, July 17

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting  
1:00pm Quilters Fireside Rm.  
5:30pm Zion Executive Meeting  
6:30pm Zion Council

## Wednesday, July 18

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting  
1:00pm Office Helpers  
6:00pm Lyndale Community Dinner/  
ZOOM House BBQ

## Thursday, July 19

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Friday, July 20

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, July 21

## Sunday, July 22

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, July 23

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Tuesday, July 24

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting  
1:00pm Quilters Fireside Rm.

## Wednesday, July 25

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

## Thursday, July 26

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Friday, July 27

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

## Saturday, July 28

## Sunday, July 29

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, July 30

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Tuesday, July 31

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting  
1:00pm Quilters Fireside Rm.

*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.*

*Deadline to submit articles/blurbs for August's newsletter is Wednesday, July 25th.*



# LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	
	To the Glory of God. Luann Giles		Deana Miller	

## SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4	Servant Team 5
Offering Counters	Deana Miller and Matthew Frye	Deana Miller and Carolyn Due	Deana Miller and Nedra Granquist	Deana Miller and Peggy Stevenson	Deana Miller and Dale Mendenhall
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Douglas Johnson	Ron and Debra Schloer	Lisa and Jason Jones	Wade McLaughlin	Linda Torkelson

## A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	June Actual	June Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
<b>Income</b>	\$16,092	\$14,866	96,190	96,776
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$14,755)	(\$16,007)	(\$97,084)	(\$96,693)
<b>Net Income</b>	\$1,338	(\$1,141)	(\$894)	\$83
<b>Pledges</b>	\$8,884	\$8,800	\$53,734	\$52,800

The committee continues to monitor monthly the income & 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 areas: None, but we transferred funds to cover expenses from the WELCA Gift & LCD Special Gifts (both funds are in our long term liabilities). Expenses exceeded budget projections in the following areas: Special music, summer youth camp, utilities & Office/Admin. 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

### June Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday		
62	30	47	52		

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](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.