



# 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.



Hello Zion!

In the midst of such a complicated world, sometimes it is difficult to know what to say or think. Something I did not know about until seminary... is that our church (the ELCA) has given us thoughtful tools to approach these “isms” backed by professors and lay folk and nationwide church voting. We have two sets of tools to help us think about the role of public voice in our faith-social messages and social statements. Social messages are reviewed by the ELCA conference of bishops and adopted by the ELCA church council to focus attention on timely pressing matters of social concern to the church and society. These do not create new policy but build upon existing teachings and policy positions for specific things. We have 13 social messages in our church on things such as gender based violence and AIDS. You can find them here- <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages>. Most social messages come out of our social statements. *Cont'd on pg. 4*

## 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ‘RECOGNIZING OUR PARTNERS’ EVENT – AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

ENVISION ... Zion’s South Lawn – loaded with tables and chairs – all filled with people ... live music played by Minister Sam of Church of the Living God and his family ... at least 7 Mpls police cars parked on the street or in the parking lot with more than a dozen uniformed police walking around talking to folks ... the grill was covered with hot dogs and hamburgers, 4 tables filled with food in Church Basement Ladies style ... long food line ... and then ... the Ice Cream Truck from Big Bell Ice Cream pulls into the lot for dessert ... can you “see” the picture? That’s really the way it was! Zion’s partners were there – they received framed certificates thanking them for partnering with Zion over these past years. Pastor Mark Schmid was MC. Pastor CJ & husband Mike help serve, along with others. In preparation, Gary shopped for hours, a crew chopped, diced, mixed & cooked for hours. Others came early and helped carry & set up tables & chairs, food was brought out and served ... neighbors, former & current members, partners came – what a fun celebration of Zion’s 125 years! If you couldn’t attend – talk to one of the 130+ folks who were there. What a “blast” it was! A HUGE THANKS to all who made it happen ... and to all who came and enjoyed!



Watch for details on the 4<sup>th</sup> (and last) 125<sup>th</sup> year Celebration on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> All Saints Sunday.

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## 811 Walk/Run on Bde Maka Ska

is a great public awareness event to help spread the safe digging word while raising money for a great cause! Join us for a 5K race &



safety day at Bde Maka Ska on 8/11/18. All proceeds from the run are donated to Twin Cities Firefighters Operation Warm, a non-profit that provides warm winter coats for children in need. There will be games and a raffle with great prizes!

**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 one of them? We hope so! And save the date for this year: NNO is set for August 7, 2018.

Find your local block party and hangout with your neighbors!

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### **Building Bridges and Breaking Bread!**

Our communities celebrate the reopening of the 38th St. Bridge with the Minnesota Department of Transportation on Thursday, August 16th, from 4:00-8:00pm. Join us for a sit-down dinner on the bridge, kid friendly activities, live music and more.

A collective dinner will include halal, vegan and gluten free options.

**When: 4:00-8:00pm (dinner at 6:00)**

**Where: E 38th St. Bridge, between 1st Ave S. and 3rd Ave S.**

## Announcements

**ZOOM FOOD SHELF REPORT** Zioners are incredible. On the July ZOOM CAN DO Sunday, you donated 124.5 pounds of “goodies” for the ZOOM Food Shelf! We wish you could all be there when ZOOM residents come to visit the Food Shelf and see that their Zion neighbors are helping them get through the month with food, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, etc. etc.!! They are thankful the Food Shelf is there for them. Ideas for the next ZOOM CAN DO Sunday – August 19<sup>th</sup>: canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, Ramen Noodles, cake & brownie mix, salad dressing, rice, pasta, condiments, packages of instant potatoes, cans of tuna & chicken, Sizes 4, 5, 6 diapers, Pullups size 2T & 3T, etc. Special Request: with new folks moving in at ZOOM, we are in need of new or gently used bed sheets – for double or queen size beds. The Food Shelf is open 4 times a month. If you are interested in volunteering for a two-hour shift, talk to Linda Torkelson or Deana Miller.

### **RALLY DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Once again, we are joining Lutheran Churches across the country in GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.

For several years, we have been gathering school supplies for Lyndale School and during Coffee Hour on Rally Day we have sorted, counted and packed them for delivery to Lyndale School, one of Zion’s partners. This year we are doing it again – but with a twist! You can purchase any of the following, in whatever multiplies you wish – Pencils, Spiral Bound Notebooks (Red, Yellow, Green or Blue covers only) or 2-pocket folders (Red, Yellow, Green or Blue only). Target, Office Max/Depot, Walgreens and others have great school supply sales already. AND/OR you can donate money (any amount) to cover the purchase of individual headphones for students to use with the school-provided iPads for both Mathematics and Literacy curriculum. (MPS provides the iPads but not the needed headphones.) We are still researching for “a good deal” but it looks like they will be \$10 each or less.

This year, we are expanding our GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS gathering. ZOOM House, another of Zion’s partners, has new residents moving in now and within the next few months. There is a need for new or gently use bed sheets, either double or queen size. Our Food Shelf has had many requests for sheets – and only have a very few twin bed sheets left.

All of the above donations can be brought to Zion anytime during August right up to September 9<sup>th</sup>!

### **Save the Date!**

Nicollet Open Streets is coming! Sunday, September 23rd 11:00am-5:00pm. More details to come.

### **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... 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.



### **August Birthdays!**

5 Douglas Johnson  
6 Laurie Courtemanche  
9 Amanda Krzmarzick  
10 Marisa Pracher  
19 Janet Fisher  
20 Matthew Frye  
22 Patty Beadle  
24 LaVonne Holden  
30 Wilma Klaahsen



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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

## Reflections on Chaotic, Beautiful Wednesdays

January 2016, former pastor Meta Carlson asked if I would lend a hand with the Lyndale Community Dinners. At the time, I was job hunting. Feeling disappointed in how my career was shaping up and seeking something life-giving. The simple combination of desperation and vocation resulted in a half-enthusiastic, yeah sure! That moment evolved into the greatest gift my life knows.

I had been attending the Lyndale Community Dinners with my former roommate and friend, Kara Ellison, then Kara Bennett, for a few years. We would walk from our squishy, tiny apartment on Grand Ave to the dinners for good food and better company. I had always enjoyed this mid-week pause. I liked meeting new people and, of course, being fed. Wednesday nights at Zion were now going to be a bigger part of who I was.

Showing up at church every Wednesday to greet old friends and new faces, smell like dish soap or burnt soup, and celebrate the small stuff, like finally finding the paper towels, or the big stuff, like a neighbor finally finding secure housing. It's no picnic. Yet, week after week I am met with the most gorgeous bits of human nature: the desire to feed and offer collective care to others. That's the medicine. That's the stuff of life that keeps neighborhoods and households healthy and thriving.

The Lyndale Community Dinners have far outweighed their gifts to me than I have been able to give to them. They inspired me to create deeper connections with my neighborhood; to explore creative ways of caring through healthy, thoughtful foods; and to pursue a life in public health as an organizer and advocate for these Wednesday-night-like moments.

Please help me celebrate togetherness and good food on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Painter Park. I would love to see you there and share some of my favorite LCD stories with you.

Affectionately,  
Jenna



*Jenna will continue to be a leader of the Zion Reaches Out Ministry Team, but Zion is still seeking a summer assistant for the weekly community dinner. Contact the Zion office for information.*

*PR CJ's letter continued...*

Social statements are teaching and policy documents that help our church form judgment and guide our actions on social issues. They are meant to help individuals, communities, congregations and synods thoughtfully consider important topics guided by scripture, Lutheran theology and our world today. These statements are developed over time. Usually initiated by a vote at a churchwide assembly, a taskforce is first formed to do research. This taskforce is made up of Bishops, clergy, and lay folk from all over the country. From this taskforce comes a study that is open to all ELCA congregations to consider. After the feedback from the study, the taskforce puts together a draft statement which is again open to all ELCA congregations to consider. After the feedback for this draft statement has closed, the taskforce puts together the final draft and a churchwide assembly will vote to adopt the statement or reject the statement. We have 12 social statements in the ELCA on topics such as Creation Care, Economic Life and Human Sexuality. You can find them all here- <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements>

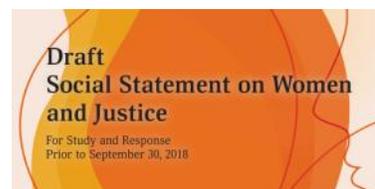
The reason I bring up all of this is because we are at an exciting moment and Zion has the opportunity to weigh in on the next Social Statement our church is considering - Women and Justice. It is an invitation to think about what our church should teach about contemporary issues related to sexism and patriarchy in our world. The ELCA is accepting feedback until September 30<sup>th</sup>. We can give feedback through the website or show up for a synod hosted hearing on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Community of the Cross Lutheran Church or September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM Grace University.

**SO- I am going to host two sessions on this draft statement during coffee hour on August 19<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> and we can have table conversation about it. Copies are available online- <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice> or stop by the office to pick one up.**

If you have any questions, just let me know!

God's peace to you!

Pr CJ



## 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:** By now you may have driven on the newly resurfaced roads along two sides of Zion. We have 395.3 feet of new roadway adjoining the property. Zion has been assessed \$24,701.03 for this improvement. This amount may be paid in full in November thru December, 2018. If it is not paid in full this year, the county will add it to our property tax statements for the next 5 years starting in 2019. We will be charged interest on the unpaid balance of 4.1%. This will amount to about \$3038.00 in interest over the five years.

The finance committee would like to pay off the \$24,701.03 by end of 2018. We are looking at all assets available to us. We feel that a special appeal will be necessary to achieve this amount or a large portion (half) of the assessment the rest coming from other assets.

By paying off the assessment now we will save thousands of dollars and will not have to deal with this added expense for the next five years in our annual budgets.

### Property

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

Our Summer has been a busy time for all ... and some of the Property Committee “tasks” have taken a back seat! Our THANKS to all of you who have stepped up and helped keep Zion – inside and out – up to our “desired curb appeal”. We appreciate your eyes and for alerting us to things that you see that need attention ... and especially the comments like “The flowers by the steps are gorgeous!” We know that some of you are doing tasks without announcing it - our thanks for that! Thanks also to Gary Larsen, Elaine Evers, the Due Family for their attention to the landscaping.

A reminder – Saturday September 1st – is our next monthly Property Work Day beginning at 9:30am. This is the time that we do the tasks that our JanPro cleaning crew do not cover ... lots of hands make “the list” covered quickly!



**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 GREATEST SHOWMAN**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**Fuller Park**  
4802 Grand Ave S, Minneapolis

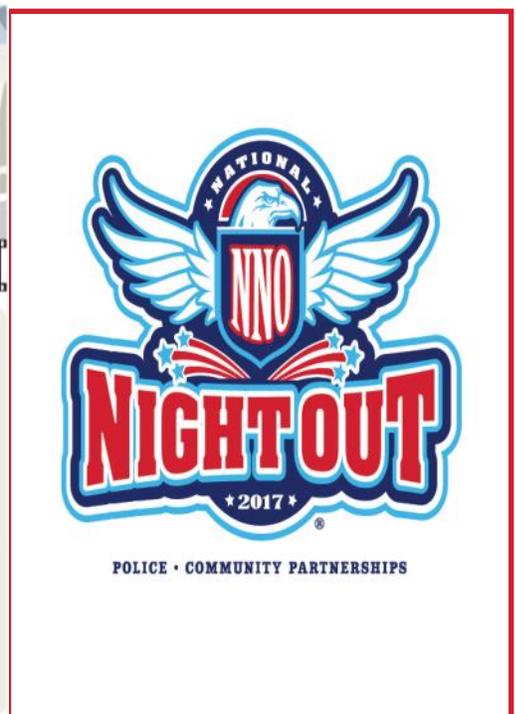
**August 20**  
8:25pm-10:15pm

**music movies in the parks**

**Information:** This is a free event. The movie will be shown in the open field space outside. Bring your own chair, blanket, bug spray, etc to enjoy this outdoor showing. Blue Bell Ice Cream Truck will be selling items for \$5 and under; cash only. Visit our Facebook page for up to date information regarding weather cancellations. @Fullercenter

**Questions:** 612-370-4963 or fuller@minneapolisiparks.org

\*The Greatest showman is a PG movie and has a running time of 1hr 45min. This hit celebrates the birth of show business, and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. (imdb.com)



**NATIONAL**

**NIGHT OUT**

**★ 2017 ★**

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# MAY 2018 CALENDAR

## Wednesday, August 1

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

## Thursday, August 2

## Friday, August 3

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, August 4

9:00am Property Work Day

## Sunday, August 5

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, August 6

## Tuesday, August 7

### National Night Out!

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

## Wednesday, August 8

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

## Thursday, August 9

## Friday, August 10

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, August 11

## Sunday, August 12

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, August 13

## Tuesday, August 14

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

## Wednesday, August 15

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

## Thursday, August 16

## Friday, August 17

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, August 18

## Sunday, August 19

### 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, August 20

2:00pm Food Shelf  
8:25pm Movie in Fuller Parkl

## Tuesday, August 21

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

## Wednesday, August 22

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

## Thursday, August 23

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Friday, August 24

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

## Saturday, August 25

9:00am La Barca de Jesus Wedding!

## Sunday, August 26

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, August 27

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Tuesday, August 28

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

## Wednesday, August 29

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

## Thursday, August 30

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Friday, August 31

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus Bible Study

## Saturday, September 1

9:00am Property Work Day

*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 behind the Lounge door.*

*Deadline to submit articles/blurbs for September's newsletter is Wednesday, August 22nd.*



# LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	29
	Kayden's Birthday! Carl and Sharon Hendrickson			Family Birthdays! Gary Larsen	

## SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26	
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4	
Offering Counters	Farrah Frye and Tammy Fuentes	Farrah Frye and Stan Nelson	Farrah Frye and Nedra Granquist	Farrah Frye and Dennis Werneke	
Coffee Hour Host(s)					

## A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	July Actual	July Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
<b>Income</b>	\$18,954	\$17,106	\$115,145	\$113,882
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$16,564)	(\$15,757)	(\$113,648)	(\$112,450)
<b>Net Income</b>	\$2,390	\$1,349	\$1,495	\$1,432
<b>Pledges</b>	\$11,754	\$8,800	\$65,488	\$61,600

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 areas: Pledges and 6 months ESL rent (no more to come). Expenses exceeded budget projections in the following areas: Worship committee, Cong. Life/ Mission Outreach, coffee hour, LCD, utilities and bldg. maintenance. 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.

### July Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday	
41	47	63	44	51	

Average Sunday Attendance: 49

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.