



# 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.

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## Announcements

**Save the date!** Energy and Equity in our neighborhood!

September 30th, Emilie Bouvier and Grace Corbin, our eco justice team from the synod office will be with us in worship and during coffee hour to talk about an upcoming opportunity Zion has to participate in some local community action around energy equity! You can check out a video explaining the program- pay as you save- here- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxoApQkEhyA>

**ZOOM FOOD SHELF REPORT** WE'VE SAID IT BEFORE ... and we say it again – ZIONERS ARE AMAZING! The August ZOOM CAN DO SUNDAY brought 290 pounds of goodies for sharing with our ZOOM neighbors! Don't know how familiar you all are with the EBT card restrictions– but there are many things card holders are NOT allowed to purchase with this benefit card. Toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning supplies (as we understand it) are some of these “no no items”! And, we are just learning about details, recently heard these restricted items may vary by needs of the recipients. Another reason why our “little Food Shelf” is so important to our ZOOM neighbors. Thank you for your sharing!

If you would like to VOLUNTEER to help with a Food Shelf afternoon ... it is open 2 to 4 pm (2 hours) two Mondays & two Thursdays a month. September dates are: Mondays Sept 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursdays Sept 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Either Linda T or Deana are there each of those days, but it really works better if there's more than one person! Talk to Linda or Deana for more info or to sign up.

**Anniversary Update:** Folks are still talking about the fun they had at the August 1<sup>st</sup> picnic on the south lawn – The number of people who attended, the live music, good to see Pastor Mark, how fun it was when the Ice Cream Truck came ... we greatly appreciate the folks who helped make it all happen!

An update on the three-prong fund raising yearlong Anniversary project: as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, your gifts enabled us to distribute funds to each of the 3 projects. The three projects are: Zion's Endowment Fund, Luther Park Camping & Retreat Center and the ELCA Global Buy a Farm (we asked for Nigeria). Each of the three entities received a check for \$2500.00 – thanks to the generosity of Zion former & current members and friends. This project continues through December 31<sup>st</sup> so you still have a chance to send your gift for the next round of distributions.

Our fourth, and last, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event will be an All Saints Sunday worship on November 4<sup>th</sup>, with Pastor Jason Van Hunnik preaching. We will remember and honor the charter members of Zion as well as all the Zion Saints who have shared the ministry of Zion on the corner of West 33<sup>rd</sup> & Pillsbury since 1893! A special Coffee Hour will follow the worship service.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** are still needed for Sunday October 7. Every other Sunday is covered. It's easy to do – don't have to shop or bake – Gary brings the goodies before Sunday ... Hosts dish them up, put them on the table, clean up – obviously a 'shorthand version' of what it takes to be a Coffee Hour Host... there's a list that helps you if you have not done it before ... Check out the schedule posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the office for open Sundays – or talk to Deana to schedule a Sunday. November forward is wide open!!

**Calendar changes** should be noticeable in the next few Messenger issues. We will be changing the dates for publishing, and the dates covered. The calendar will be a six week outlook covering the end of the current month and all the important dates of the following month. Any changes will be added to the weekly bulletins and social media pages. If you have any questions or comments please forward them on to Josiah Owen, Office administrator.

### September Birthdays!

13 Amanda Rupert  
15 Riley Fuentes  
15 Kirsten Anderson  
17 Dan Westphal  
20 Darlene Carlson



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Ben Accola, President  
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Carl Hendrickson, Treasurer  
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Stan Due, Member  
Kirsten Anderson, Member  
Gary Larsen, Member  
Justin Snesrud, Member

## Hello Zion Lutheran!

When you hear the word Bible, what stories are triggered for you? Are you reminded of your Sunday School teacher from childhood who taught you about Biblical characters using two dimensional paper people glued to popsicle sticks? Are you reminded of Sunday morning worship or a meaningful bible study you have participated in? Perhaps unkind memories surface- instances where the Bible was used to support a political agenda or hate group. Maybe you even feel a stab of guilt that you don't have a great love of the bible or do not feel called to pick it up as a bedtime reading. The bible can bring jog many memories- good, bad and in between.

Using a little more of my book fund and encouraging my seminary classmates to join me, I just finished the book Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans. Evans grew up in an evangelical household that supported a literal reading of scripture. This worked for her as a child and teen but when she discovered the world was more gray than black and white, she began to feel conflicted about the role of the bible in her faith and life. This book describes her journey to loving the bible again. She invites the reader to sit down with the Bible with a different perspective of wonder and play and questions. She does not shy away from the parts of scripture that are difficult such as war stories or texts of terror.

Inspired encourages the reader to approach the bible as complicated and mysterious. The bible can handle our questions and wonderings. The bible is really a library of books about God's relationship with us, a relationship that takes more than one story or perspective to figure out.

In the introduction, Evans writes. . .

*"Memoirist Addie Zierman writes an online advice column, 'Dear Addie,' for people who have left legalistic religious backgrounds. Recently a reader named Megan asked for advice on how to engage the Bible when it comes with so much baggage, when it tends to trigger more doubts than it resolves. Zierman advised Megan to think of the Bible not as one of those Magic Eye books, which, with enough squinting and studying, reveal a single hidden image, but rather a song that can be covered and remixed by a variety of artists. 'Find your cover artists,' she wrote. 'Find the voices that help you hear the same songs differently.'*

This book reminded me of the beauty of deep study from my seminary days. . . a way to think about scripture without the pressure of finding the one answer. . . but rather an invitation to dive in without reservations and see what beautiful voices surface. Inspired was a fun and thought provoking read. Let me know if you want to borrow it or chat more!

God's peace to you,

Pr CJ



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Shop for books that help you heal, grow, and thrive! All books are sold at a special discount.

Stop by the Banquet Room on October 7th through October 28th between 11:00am and 12:00pm

Questions? Talk to Debra Schloer or Kara Bennett.

## **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.

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. 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.

The Special Appeal for the road resurfacing assessment was mailed on Sept 13. Funds are due October 15 or before. This appeal is totally separate from your regular pledge giving.

Pledge Sunday this year will be on November 11. Thank you for your generous support.

### **Congregational Connections**

(Becca Tumm)

You are cordially invited to another Intergenerational Happy Hour! We'll meet on Tuesday, September 25th from 6:00 pm until close. It will once again be at Stan and Carolyn Due's house (2242 Wilson St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418). We will provide drinks, including a specialty cocktail, beer, wine, and water. We ask that everyone bring a food item to share (store bought, still in the package, homemade, anything goes!). Last time there was enough food that it worked for dinner, so there won't be a need to eat before coming!

### **A "Short" goodbye**

To the members and friends of Zion: Thanks very much for your kind words and cards of good wishes as my time as Interim Music Coordinator came to its close.. I send special words of thanks to the choir (Lyndy, Diane, Dan, Nedra, Elaine, Linda, and Sharon) for allowing me to experiment with them in a musical laboratory each week as we explored our role as choir and singers to support the congregation; to Emily Hagen, violist extraordinaire, who was a great musical partner each month in providing interesting music and hymn accompaniments; and to Kara for her help with solo work and worship leadership. I had a great time working with all of you and I appreciate your dedication to the role of music in worship. Many thanks to the Zion Quilters for their time in creating a special quilt to wrap me in the good memories of my time at Zion; to Pastor CJ for her valuable insights for creative worship, the church council for their kind gift card, and I stayed organized and informed by the work of Josiah, and Zion's treasurer, Carl. Worship isn't a weekly event that simply "happens" – it takes weekly work (much of it behind the scene and from more than just the musicians) to create well-meaning worship for a faith community. Luther declares that music is a bitter enemy to evil, and reminds us that the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. With these thoughts, I remind all of you to continue to sing with your outside voices for the liturgy and hymns – it was a pleasure to help you discover your voice in song.

Kindest regards, Tim

### **Maternity Leave!**

Baby Valenti is due to come October 6th. Sometimes babies come early and sometimes babies come late. My hope is to work up until I go into labor. I have scheduled a few local pastors to be on call just in case I go early or late and scheduled guest preachers to be with you all from October 7th- November 25th. You will see familiar faces a few weeks and seminary students the others. Please make all of our guests feel welcomed! Should a pastoral emergency arise while I am gone, you can reach out to Pr Eva Jensen or Pr Lyndy West. Josiah has their information and the best way to get a hold of them in the office. I know you all will be in great hands while I am away. Thank you for all the prayers and support to help welcome a new family member into our life!

Pr CJ and Mike

# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018 CALENDAR

## Thursday, September 20

10:00am Youth Farm Meeting  
2:00pm Food Shelf

## Friday, September 21

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, September 22

## Sunday, September 23

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, September 24

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Tuesday, September 25

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting

## Wednesday, September 26

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

## Thursday, September 27

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Friday, September 28

OFFICE CLOSED

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

## Saturday, September 29

## Sunday, September 30

10:00am Zion Worship  
10:00am CLG Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:30am Forum on Energy & Equity  
11:30am CLG Worship  
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

## Monday, October 1

## Tuesday, October 2

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting

## Wednesday, October 3

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

## Thursday, October 4

10:00am Youth Farm Meeting

## Friday, October 5

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, October 6

8:00am Lefse Bake  
9:00am Property Work Day

## Sunday, October 7

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, October 8

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

## Tuesday, October 9

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting

## Wednesday, October 10

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

## Thursday, October 11

## Friday, October 12

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus Bible Study

## Saturday, October 13

## Sunday, October 14

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, October 15

## Tuesday, October 16

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

## Wednesday, October 17

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

## Thursday, October 18

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Friday, October 19

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, October 20

## Sunday, October 21

### 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, October 22

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Tuesday, October 23

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting

## Wednesday, October 24

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

## Thursday, October 25

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Friday, October 26

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

## Saturday, October 27

4:00pm Swedish Meatball and  
Lutefisk Dinner.

## Sunday, October 28

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, October 29

2:00pm Food Shelf

## Tuesday, October 30

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting

## Wednesday, October 31

HALLOWEEN

10:30am Youth Farm Meeting  
1:00pm Office Helpers

# LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26	
	Douglas Johnson	LuAnn Giles, in memory of Jim's Birthday.	Gary Larsen, in memory of his Mother.		

## SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4	Servant Team 5
Offering Counters	Carl Hendrickson and Mark Fandrey	Carl Hendrickson and Stan Nelson	Carl Hendrickson and Patty Kane	Carl Hendrickson and Carolyn Due	Carl Hendrickson and Linda Torkelson
Coffee Hour Host(s)		Rally Day!	Carl and Sharon Hendrickson	Tammy Fuentes	Wade McLaughlin

## A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	August Actual	August Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
<b>Income</b>	\$14,144	\$14,866	\$129,288	\$128,748
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$15,657)	(\$15,682)	(\$129,306)	(\$128,132)
<b>Net Income</b>	(\$1,513)	(\$816)	(\$18)	\$616
<b>Pledges</b>	\$9,211	\$8,800	\$74,699	\$70,400

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 areas: Pledges and LCD Spec. Gifts. Expenses exceeded budget projections in

the following areas: Worship committee, LCD, utilities, and Stewardship. 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 Fin/Stew committee contact one of the committee members. *Please respond to our Special Appeal for the road resurfacing assessment. It would be wonderful to not have to worry about that for the next five years.*

### August Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
43	42	49	50

Average Sunday Attendance: 46

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 Church Office at  
(612) 824-1017



### 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.