



The Messenger

October - November 2018



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November 24th!

Pastor CJ's invitation to Advent.

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Mental Health Connect Presents...

Creating Caring Faith Communities in Minnesota:

Five Things you can do

Learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes, and the five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience a mental illness.

This one-hour class is for faith communities interested in learning about mental illnesses and helping to change attitudes toward mental illnesses.

Sunday, December 9, 11:15am

Zion Lutheran Church

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For more information, contact the Workshop Coordinator at (651) 645-2948 or

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Shop small Saturday is this weekend!

Backed by one of the largest credit card companies that ever was, Shop Small Saturday does some good things, but it can sometimes be too easy to purchase those weekend deals with your bank's debit card. The fee a merchant must pay to process each card transaction, called an 'interchange fee' must be paid for each card swipe. These fees are minimal when you think only of your transaction, but if you look around and see how many other shoppers are using their cards you may begin to realize how the interchange fee per swipe can really add up. So if we take a normal busy Saturday at the local café, clothing reseller, or book shop, and add on to that, all the business the Shop Small advertisements will bring in, those fees will be considerable. The best way to help the small businesses in your city is to pay with cash! Not only is it easier to tip your barista or the attendant refilling the Mimosa fountain, you will also cut down on the fees the merchant must pay. So get out

there this Saturday and show your appreciation to the small businesses that make our neighborhoods such an incredible place to live.



Reminder of Winter parking rules.

- If the lot has been plowed, day time parking is allowed. If it has not been plowed or if you are not certain that it has, DO NOT park in the lot.
- If there is a snow emergency, and Zion's lot has been plowed, you may park in the lot during the snow emergency. DO NOT leave the vehicle in the lot overnight. You must move the vehicle once the streets are plowed.
- Members of the three congregations that meet in the building have priority for parking spaces. This policy applies at all times.
- Staff of Zion, ZOOM house, Youth Farm, and other partners must follow the same rules. If you park in the lot and it has not been plowed you must watch/listen for our snow plow, and move your vehicle so the whole lot can be cleared.

Note:

If you're interested in renting a permit spot in Zion's lot, call the office: (612) 824-1017 to check for availability.

Announcements

ZOOM FOOD SHELF REPORT ... A second partner church has started monthly donations to the food shelf! That's good because the visits to the Food Shelf have increased. Zion's "ZOOM Can Do Sunday" plays a big role in keeping the food shelf stocked. Toilet paper and paper towels are hard to keep on hand, dish & laundry soap goes fast, too. Cleaning supplies of all sorts are a hot item. Non perishable foods are great! Canned vegetables, cereal, and instant potatoes also go quickly. And the List goes on and on. Your sharing with our ZOOM neighbors is generous... everyone who comes to the Food Shelf expresses their appreciation for the gifts they receive! On their behalf — THANK YOU! ZOOM Can Do is the Third Sunday of each month — watch for the grocery cart in the Sanctuary December 16th.

Swedish Meatball and Lutefisk dinner was held on Saturday, October 27th. Quick Review: served 145 plates (not including seconds or leftovers). More than 40 volunteers helped make this event possible. As of November 4th, we had deposited \$5,298.75, had expenses totaling \$1,129.44 for a profit of \$4,169.31! Wow! Thanks to everyone who made this event a success.

The Annual Lyndale Community Thanksgiving Dinner is Wednesday, November 21st at 6:00pm. All are welcome! Zioners and neighbors are donating food and volunteering to make it happen. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing — the works!! See YOU there!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

New sign up sheet for December is available. Each Sunday except for the 30th is spoken for.

It's easy to do –you 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 this 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.



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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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Stan Due, Member
Kirsten Anderson, Member
Gary Larsen, Member
Justin Snesrud, Member

“There is a tendency for us to flee from the wild silence and the wild dark, to pack up our gods and hunker down behind city walls, to turn the gods into idols, to kowtow before them and approach their precincts only in the official robes of office. And when we are in the temples, then who will hear the voice crying in the wilderness? Who will hear the reed shaken by the wind?”

- Chet Raymo, The Soul of the Night

(As quoted in Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor)

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I used to be afraid of the dark. I had a nightlight in the shape of Lumiere from Beauty and the Beast in my bedroom growing up and even in college I had a really bright alarm clock that would illumine my dorm room. This fear came to a head one summer while I was working as a camp counselor at Luther Springs in Hawthorne Florida. Every night after our campfire, it was my job to escort the goobers back to the cabins using my trusty flashlight as a guide. One night, my flashlight stopped working. I knew I couldn't panic because I had to be the big kid. I had to be brave. My camp counselor buddy, Michelle, saw the panic in my eyes while I wrestled with the broken flashlight and gave me a word of advice that changed my life. She said-Don't panic. Let your eyes adjust to the dark. There is enough light in the midst of the dark to guide you back.

And it was true. After I took a deep breath, I let my eyes adjust and noticed that the moonlight was reflecting off the sandy path back to the cabin. We had enough light to see and there was special beauty in darkness I had never paid attention to before.

This advent I would like to invite you to reclaim the dark. Darkness gets such a bad wrap in our culture, but really we need darkness. Our bodies need time in the dark to rest and to grow. Our souls need to be reminded that not all light is good. Our hearts need the space to lament and sit in the dark.

This is our theme for our Wednesday evening services (6:30PM) that will include Holden Evening Prayer, poetry, scripture and silence. I also hope to do a book study on Barbara Brown Taylor's Learning to Walk in the Dark maybe Sunday mornings? (TBA)

Advent is a short season- only 4 weeks. It will begin on Dec. 2nd and take us all the way to Christmas. It is an opportunity to try something new knowing that it doesn't have to be a permanent thing in your schedule. In these short days of winter, I invite you to embrace the dark. Sit without any lights on in your house for 15 minutes a day. Pay attention to the evening sky. Join us for worship and conversation. See how your soul adjusts to the beauty this season has to offer.

Happy Advent!

Pr CJ Valenti

Property Committee Update

Uff Dah! 150+ hours of volunteer work. \$800+ in repairs & new technology. Advice and work from an electrician, plumber, plasterer/painter, plus all the work of Zion folks. Why? The City Fire and Safety Inspector visited the building and we received pages of items to change/fix, replace, update, and move in order to pass inspection. We had 30 days to complete all of the items on the list. After much of the work being done by Carl H. and the Zion folks he directed to the tasks needing to be done. We passed! Thanks to all who came and pitched in.

Two Property Work Days!

- *Saturday, December 1st.*

Starting at 9:30am in addition to the 'regular tasks' we will begin the preparation for Advent and Christmas by setting up the trees and lights.

- *Saturday, December 8th*

We will gather at 10:00am to decorate the trees, add mittens and things to the mitten/hat tree, etc., etc. This will be a 'family/intergenerational event' ending with a light lunch. Come on over and join the fun!

Everyone is welcome.

125th Anniversary

The 125th Anniversary year's last event was November 4th, All Saints Sunday. It was a great close to a year of celebrating Zion's 125 years of ministry on the corner of 33rd and Pillsbury. Almost 80 people attended worship where we remembered and honored the Charter members of Zion, as well as all the saints who have gone before us. Our special music arranged by interim organist, Diane West, was spectacular. Former members Linnea Johnson on the violin and Karen Miller Durant on the piano were great. It was a treat to have them join Diane for the hymns in addition to the special pieces they played.

Thanks to everyone who worked to prepare the brunch that was served after worship. Thanks also to Pastor Jason Van Hunnik for presiding and preaching. It was a very special Sunday.

Zion Charter Members

Mr. & Mrs. Westerberg	Mr. & Mrs. Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. J. Engquist	Mr. & Mrs. Ekstrom
Miss Ida Hallquist	Mr. & Mrs. C. Engquist
Miss Emma Hallquist	Mr. A.J. Carlson
Miss Hilma Johnson	Mr. & Mrs. Noolen
Mr. & Mrs. Fagerstrom	Mr. Peter Palmer
Mr. & Mrs. Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. Melander
Miss Ida Johnson	Mr. & Mrs. Velander

Finance and Stewardship

As of November 10, 2018 Zion has received \$19,701.03 for the 2018 Road assessment appeal. This exceeded our expectations. Thank you to all who contributed.

The \$5000.00 balance will be taken from reserves.

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.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday, November 18

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, November 19

2:00pm Food Shelf

Tuesday, November 20

5:30pm Zion Executive Mtg.
6:30pm Zion Council Mtg.

Wednesday, November 21

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

Thursday, November 22

OFFICE CLOSED
THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 23

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

Saturday, November 24

Sunday, November 25

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, November 26

2:00pm Food Shelf

Tuesday, November 27

9:00am Quilters
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Quilters in Fireside Room
3:30pm Youth Farm Meeting
6:00pm ZOOM Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 28

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

Thursday, November 29

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

Friday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 1

9:30am Property Work Day

Sunday, December 2

10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am CLG Sunday School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:30am CLG Worship
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

Monday, December 3

Tuesday, December 4

9:00am Quilters
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Quilters in Fireside

Wednesday, December 5

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

Thursday, December 6

10:00am Youth Farm Meeting

Friday, December 7

NEVER FORGET
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, December 8

10:00am Property Work Day II

Sunday, December 9

Mental Health Connect Workshop

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, December 10

Tuesday, December 11

9:00am Quilters
9:00am Youth Farm Meeting
1:00pm Quilters in Fireside

Wednesday, December 12

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

Thursday, December 13

10:00am Youth Farm Meeting

Friday, December 14

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm La Barca de Jesus

Saturday, December 15

Sunday, December 16

ZOOM Can Do!

10:00am Zion Worship
10:00am CLG Sunday School
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship
11:30am CLG Worship
12:00pm Swanson Family Party
3:00pm La Barca de Jesus worship

Monday, December 17

11:30am Youth Farm Meeting
2:00pm Food Shelf

Tuesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 19

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

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

Look for changes to the calendar in the coming issues of The Messenger.

Deadline to submit articles/blurbs for to the next issue of the messenger is December 9th.

LAST MONTH'S ALTAR FLOWERS



October 7

October 14

October 21

October 28

Wade McLaughlin
IMO
Randy Vermeer



SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

	November 18	November 25	December 2	December 9	December 16
Worship Leaders	Servant Team 3	Servant Team 4	Servant Team 1	Servant Team 2	Servant Team 3
Offering Counters	Gary Larsen and Mark Fandrey	Gary Larson and Carolyn Due	Carl Hendrickson and Ethel Alardyce	Carl Hendrickson and David Kulm	Carl Hendrickson and Darlene Carlson
Coffee Hour Host(s)		Douglas Johnson	Linda Torkelson	Tammy & Tony Fuentes	Nedra Granquist

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

A Summary from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

	October Actual	October Projected	YTD Actual	YTD Projected
Income	\$17,788	\$17,106	\$162,003	\$160,870
Expenses	(\$16,534)	(\$14,786)	(\$161,671)	(\$158,982)
Net Income	\$1,254	\$2,320)	\$332	\$1,888
Pledges	\$10,091	\$8,800	\$94,626	\$88,000

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August Worship Attendance

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
45	34	45	43

Average Sunday Attendance: 42

Current Committee members: Ben Accola, Carl Hendrickson,

Gary Larsen, Stan Nelson



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Place mailing label here.



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



ALL ARE WELCOME.
COME AND BE FED.

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.*