

Worship Services

Sundays

8:30am Traditional
9:40 Education Hour
10:45am Contemporary

Office Hours

Monday—Friday
10:00 to 3:00

Our Mission

With the assurance of God's faithfulness, we'll
† nurture disciples,
† extend healing and compassion, and
† work for justice in our communities and throughout the world.

Our Vision

Gathered by the grace and love of Jesus Christ, the people of Mt Zion commit to know God deeply and to serve God gladly through the many and diverse gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

Marks of Discipleship

† PRAY daily
† WORSHIP weekly
† READ the Bible
† SERVE at Mt Zion and beyond
† Be in RELATIONSHIP to encourage spiritual growth in others
† GIVE of my time, talents, and resources

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Gifts that Nurture Mission and Ministry through Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Adult Forum

On Sunday, May 16th, 2021 at 9:45 a.m., Cynthia Halverson, with the ELCA Foundation and Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin, will be on-line and in person to share powerful information on creating your Legacy Plan. This presentation will get you thinking about the gifts you've received throughout your lifetime, and how your fami-ly and ministry can benefit from these gifts to make a lasting and meaningful impact in this world through our congregation and beyond.

Cindy will include an overview of how to make informed decisions -- while always considering your current needs as well as your loved one's future needs. One on one follow up appointments are available to answer your personal questions, confidentially.

All adults are encouraged to attend this informative presentation!

**Zoom Adult forum Meeting ID: 868 1235 8587
Passcode: 12012**

ENSURE YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCIAL WELL-BEING



Support Our Mission Trip

In June, a group of youth are going on a mission trip to Appalachia. This will be the first time we're all able to hang out together since the pandemic started, which will be wonderful. But more than that, we're going to go and make a difference in the lives of people who need what we have to give. Jesus said, "If you have water and someone is thirsty, give them water. Whatever you do to someone in need you do to me." Imagine that! Not only will we be helping people, but we'll be meeting Jesus at the same time! Kinda cool. Plus, we're going to be picking up some good life skills along the way. The main work we'll be doing will involve construction of some type – building a ramp, painting a house, maybe even building someone's future home. Most of us don't know the first thing about carpentry, but experts will be there to train us on how to be safe and do things right. By the end of the week we'll be able to say, "Look what we made. I didn't know we had so much to offer God's people."

Of course, this trip is going to cost money. Those going have already invested an initial down payment, and the Leadership Board has offering support from Mt Zion, but we need a little more to get us to our goal. On **Sunday, May 23**, we're doing a **car wash fundraiser**. We've already raised nearly \$2000; will you help us the final \$1500 so that we can have the awesome opportunity?

If you can't attend the fundraiser, you could make a donation to Mt Zion and earmark it for "Youth Fund".



Thank You and Congrats!



Tosa Cares came in 3rd place during Waterstone Bank's 100th Anniversary celebration.

They received an award of \$20,000 thanks to a vote tally of 1,522!

Congratulations to the first place charity
Ignite the Spirit!

Tosa Cares' priority with this money will be to create a more accessible entrance for volunteers, guests, and deliveries using carts.

This Week at Mt Zion

<p>Sun May 9</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship youtube.com/mtzionlutheran Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335 password 12012</p> <p>9:40a Faith Formation Hour (youth, Sunday School, Adult) Adult forum Meeting ID: 868 1235 8587 Passcode: 12012</p> <p>10:45a Contemporary Worship</p> <p>5:00pm Confirmation</p> 
<p>Mon May 10</p>	<p>12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook</p> <p>6:00p Property Meeting 870 8312 8700 Passcode: 12012</p> <p>7:00p NA 12-steps group Mt Zion Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>Tues May 11</p>	<p>12:00p AA 12 Steps Meeting continues virtually</p>
<p>Wed May 12</p>	<p>12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study on Zoom Meeting ID 84924897122 Password 12012</p> <p>1:00p Prayer Warriors (same login as Brown Bag Bible Study)</p> <p>4:30p Staff Meeting on Zoom</p> <p>7:00p Stewardship Meeting</p> <p>8:00p Korean Worship Service on Zoom</p>
<p>Thurs May 13</p>	<p>9:00a Marketing Meeting 829 8412 1533 Passcode: 12012</p> <p>12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook</p> <p>6:00pm Voices of Zion Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Fri May 14</p>	<p>7:00p ACA 12-Step Group [Rm 101]</p> <p>7:30p Essay 12-Step Group Meeting Virtually</p>
<p>Sat May 15</p>	<p>8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study on Zoom Meeting ID: 849 6940 2756 Passcode: 12012</p>
<p>Sun May 16</p>	<p>8:30a Worship Service Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335 password 12012</p> <p>9:40a Faith Formation</p> <p>10:45a Contemporary Worship</p>

Peace and Love

While celebrations of mothers have existed for millennia, the history of the modern American Mother's Day has roots in the American Civil War (1861-1864).



Ann Reeves Jarvis organized a “Mothers’ Friendship Day” in 1868 in which the goal was to get mothers to come together with former Union and Confederate soldiers and work toward reconciliation. Two years later in 1870, Julia Ward Howe encouraged “Mothers to unite in promoting world peace” and wanted a “Mother’s Peace Day” to be celebrated annually. (source: www.history.com/topics/holidays/mothers-day)

Jarvis’ daughter worked to make Mother’s Day a national holiday. In her mind, the holiday would offer a small way for a family to honor all the hard work and sacrifices mothers make. Yet, once it was made a national holiday, she became disgusted with the commercialization of it by the early 1900s. In fact, she then fought back against the modern idea of Mother’s Day! Jarvis wanted people to stop buying flowers, candy, and cards for their mothers.

In 2021, it would seem possible, and necessary, to merge the historic visions of Mother’s Day. Yes, take the day to celebrate your mom in all the ways she is/was awesome and selfless. Buy her flowers, make her a card, or give her time for a hobby, whatever works for your mom. Then it’s time for you to get to work! Honor not only your mom but all moms by supporting efforts that promote peace, safety, equity, quality healthcare, education...those things Mom craves more than a box of chocolates.

Kids: But, why?

Moms Everywhere: Because I said so.

Mt Zion Moms

We’re celebrating some of our Mt Zion moms on page 10!



AAPI Heritage Month

May is Asian-American and Pacific Island Heritage Month!

Approximately 22,000 members of the ELCA family are of Asian or Pacific Islander Heritage. To support the variety of cultures and languages throughout the country, the ELCA has over 100 Asian congregations and ministries in the US, three of which are located right here in the Greater Milwaukee Synod! Ascension Lutheran Church on Layton Blvd provides an English Speaking Ministry as well as Hmong specific language/culture ministry. St. Paul's Church in West Allis has a Laotian Ministry.

The AAPI ministry of the ELCA works to promote the expression of the Christian faith from an Asian Pacific American perspective; strengthen the unity of the Asian and Pacific Islander community in the ELCA; facilitate full participation, inclusiveness and diversity...and more. Learn more about this ministry on the [AAPI- ELCA Facebook Page](#) or on the ELCA's Asian and Pacific Islander page at <https://bit.ly/3b0Rs7j>.

Badminton, Thai food, and Faith

Diversity makes the St Paul Thai Church in Forest Park, IL stronger



Badminton, Thai food and faith - St Paul Thai Church - One Body, Many Members

[Watch now on Youtube.com or](#)

[Sunday during our worship announcements!](#)

Mission of the Month

Serving and Learning Together (SALT) Reformation's Summer Youth Ministry

Helping our youth to build a positive relationship with God and with their community does not stop because school is out for the summer OR because of a pandemic. Reformation adapted the SALT program to ZOOM last summer and is doing the same this summer. The youth, elementary age through high school, will learn from home and serve in their individual neighborhoods. The day will begin with a devotion and group ZOOM activity. Then, each child will move to individual service and learning with materials supplied by Reformation. Approximately 60 students are expected to enroll this year. Continue to check Grace Notes this month for more articles on the SALT Program.



If you would like to help fund this opportunity for the youth of Reformation and youth in their neighborhood, consider a scholarship. \$225 to \$300 will fund one child for the entire program. If that is not possible for you, any amount will be helpful in purchasing necessary materials for the program. Please note SALT in the memo section of your check, or in the "note" drop down box if you donate electronically.

Please continue to pray for the youth and the leadership at Reformation, our sisters and brothers in Christ

Save the Date!

Save Saturday, May 29th, because you are invited to help two families from Reformation with spring yard clean-up. We will meet at church at 9:30 a.m. and plan to be back no later than 3 p.m. Work will be done at one home in the morning, the other in the afternoon. You can volunteer at both, or pick either the morning or afternoon shift, whichever fits into your schedule. Please, watch for more details and how to sign-up in upcoming Grace Notes.



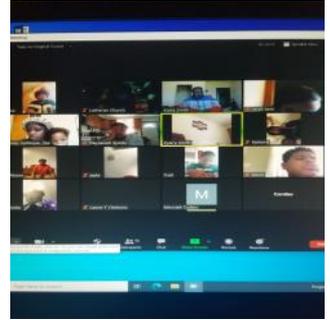
Andrea Cockerham
Outreach Committee

More about SALT

Reformation Lutheran's Summer Youth Ministry May's Mission of the Month

The Summer Youth Program at Reformation, SALT, starts June 28th and runs through July 30th. The elementary and middle school kids attend for four weeks total, with a break the week of July 12th. The high school kids participate all five weeks. In addition, the high school aged participants are paired with employers for summer jobs. As the previous article stated, SALT will be conducted via ZOOM again this summer, with hopes of having some outdoor group activities, such as tending Reformation's Angel Garden (dependent on pandemic protocols, of course).

The accompanying photo(*s) are from last year's ZOOM SALT when 60 kids participated. This year the total is expected to be around 50 young people. As in past years, upon completion of the program, each child receives a stipend for purchasing school materials, and uniforms or clothes for the upcoming school year. They also receive a backpack containing some school supplies. For the kids, this is a welcome experience, where they are not only rewarded materially for their participation, but also with an opportunity to grow in their relationship with God and their neighbors.



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MAY 23-MAY 28

SPirit WEEK

SUNDAY

Wear Red for Pentecost

MONDAY

Superhero Day

TUESDAY

Church Colors Day
(Blue, Purple, and Green)

WEDNESDAY

Fun Hair Day

THURSDAY

Sports Day

FRIDAY

Wacky Socks Day

Science Tidbits



For the Love of Birds

It's finally spring and the time of year when migrating birds return to Wisconsin. Sure, we get the usual chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers and finches throughout the year, but it really gets exciting for us when the birds that have been south for the winter return to our yard.

On Sunday we bought an oriole feeder that was on sale and placed it in our back yard. Orioles like oranges, grape jelly and sugar water nectar, and the feeder holds all three. We were hopeful, but not terribly confident, that the intended species would come to visit, based on our past limited success on attracting these birds. But early the next morning, as I peered out our kitchen window, an oriole landed on the feeder and began to feed. Bingo! I yelled out "Oriole!" and together Sherry and I excitedly watched it feed. It's amazing how its startling bright orange belly adds a dramatic splash of color to the yard.

But the highlight is the migratory return of the hummingbirds from their winter haunts in Mexico and Costa Rica. Many years ago, Sherry and I stayed at a resort in Colorado that had a long row of hummingbird feeders outside their restaurant. It was my first experience seeing them and I was totally mesmerized by their frenetic activity and pattern of flight. I still never tire of watching them. In the last few years, we have added plants to our yard that attract these fascinating birds plus, of course, the requisite feeders. While orioles are attracted to orange feeders, hummers like the color red, and their feeders are filled with sugar water.

Although there are many varieties, Wisconsin is basically restricted to one, the ruby throated hummingbird. They are very small at 3-3.5 inches long, weighing 0.11 ounce, with beautiful iridescent green bodies, and the males sport a shiny red patch on their throat.

Hummingbirds live 3-5 years and will return to the same yards in the spring that they frequented the previous year. We were blessed last year with a pair of hummers who stayed all summer. On May 2nd, we hung up our hummingbird feeder for the first time, and only two days later I was excited to see a male ruby throated hummingbird at the feeder. I shouted "Hummer!" and Sherry and I enjoyed a male's inaugural visit (the males arrive first while females follow sometime later).

These birds have amazing attributes. For example, found on an Audubon website: "If my feeder goes empty, they will come up to my windows. They will fly around the house until they see me inside and then begin to "chirp" until they get my attention. It amazes me how they've made the connection I put the food into the feeders and that they can come and complain about it being empty!"

How therapeutic that nature has the power to refresh our spirits. And so important in light of what we have endured this past year.

Steve Downs

Moms Rock!



She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness
is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26



Volunteer Schedule

Here are the people who are volunteering through in May:

AV

May 9: Douglas Johnson
May 16: Caspersons
May 23: Dralles
May 30: Marciniaks

Money stewards

Morgan/Hexts
John L and Roy D
Engelhardtts and Nancy
Morgans/Hexts

Assistant

May 9: Perrie
Janet
May 16: Tom
TBA
May 23: TBA
Mavis
May 30: TBA

Usher

Marciniaks
Janet
Kleppecks
TBA
Zareks
Dralle
TBA

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Meghann S. 5/2
Nate E. 5/2
Ryan M. 5/2
Bob S. 5/3
Linda D. 5/3
Betsey G. 5/5
Owen A. 5/5
Charlie S. 5/5
Maya S. 5/7
Della S. 5/7
George R. 5/7
Arihanna H. 5/8
Isabella R. 5/9
Leah C. 5/14
Pat M. 5/15

Mae E. 5/16
Steve H. 5/18
AJ K. 5/18
Stephanie I 5/19
Barbara G. 5/21
Marleen C. 5/21
Joyce N. 5/22
Olivia A. 5/24
William S. 5/23
Finley S. 5/25
Norma H . 5/25
Kenny H. 5/26
Peg P. 5/27
Pam K. 5/29
Jack S. 5/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Jim and Lisa M. 5/6
Mike and Deni M. 5/6
Jamie D and Stephanie I 5/12
Kurt and Debbie K. 5/15
Jeff and Andrea C. 5/26
Matt C and Marika M. 5/29
Bob and Marleen C. 5/30
Betsy and Robert G. 5/31
Bob and Sandra H. 5/17

Scripture Readings for This Week

Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

<https://bit.ly/3h4b5PW>

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