



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!

Celebrating Easter!

On Easter Sunday we will have an indoor service at 8:30 and an outdoor service at 10:00.

If you're able to make the walk, please park by the Tosa Cares entrance. We are reserving a few spots up front for those attending the 10:00am service who need accessible parking.



Reserved parking highlighted in red



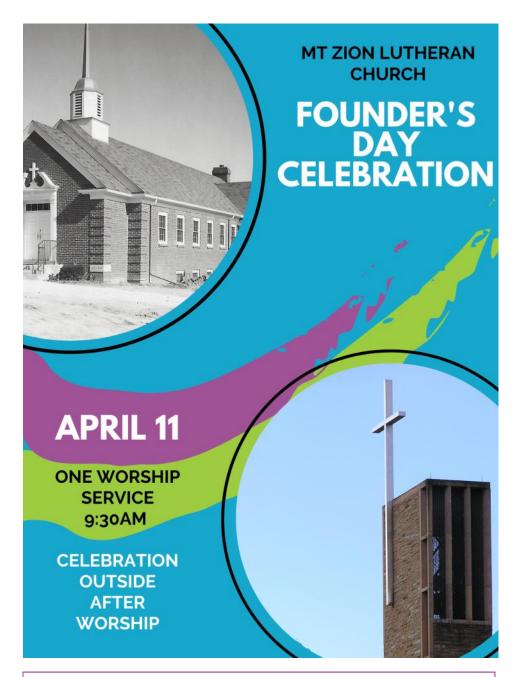
Forecasts are predicting nice weather so we are encouraging people to bring chairs (and masks). We will have some chairs available if you need a chair.



We are also encouraging people to bring noisemakers, bells, or instruments to make some noise. Get ready to honk your car horns. Yes, we need more cowbell! Volume up to 11!



Lastly, we're planning to do socially distanced, interactive style songs during the worship service to get people outside up and moving around, and keep the music accessible without printed words available. We're not likely to have bulletins at the outdoor service due to wind.



Please join the Mt Zion Community in celebration of our Founder's Day on Sunday, April 11th. We will have one Service at 9:30 and immediately following we will gather outdoors for a socially distanced/masked celebration of ministries at Mt Zion! Each of our Mt Zion ministries will be marked with a white cross and prayed for during our time together.

This Week at Mt Zion

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| Sun | Easter | | |
| April 4 | 8:30a Indoor Worship youtube.com/mtzionlutheran | | |
| | Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335 password 12012 | | |
| | 10:00a Outdoor Worship in the parking lot | | |
| Mon | Office Closed | | |
| April 5 | 12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook | | |
| | 7:00p NA 12-steps group alternate location while closed | | |
| Tues | All Day Election Day | | |
| April 6 | 10:00a Staff Meeting | | |
| 7.0111.0 | 12:00p AA 12 Steps Meeting continues virtually | | |
| | 5:00p Justice Team on Zoom | | |
| | 6:00p 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting on Zoom | | |
| Wed | 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study on Zoom | | |
| April 7 | Meeting ID 84924897122 Password 12012 | | |
| April 7 | 1:00p Prayer Warriors (same login as Brown Bag Bible Study) | | |
| | 8:00p Korean Worship Service on Zoom | | |
| Thurs | 12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook | | |
| A muil O | 6:00pm Voices of Zion Choir Rehearsal | | |
| April 8 | · | | |
| Fri | 7:00p ACA 12-Step Group Meeting Remotely | | |
| April 9 | 7:30p Essay 12-Step Group Meeting Virtually | | |
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| Sat | 8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study on Zoom | | |
| April 10 | Meeting ID: 849 6940 2756 Passcode: 12012 | | |
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| Sun | 9:30a Worship Service | | |
| April 11 | Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335 password 12012 | | |
| | 10:30 a Founder's Day Celebration | | |
| | 5:00p Confirmation | | |
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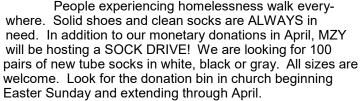
Mission of the Month



Mr Bob's Under the Bridge

Mr. Bob's is an outreach ministry in the Milwaukee area serving people experiencing homelessness each week out of Kosciuszko Park on Milwaukee's near South Side. Every Saturday morning, rain or shine, snow or freezing temps, the Mr. Bob's organization extends grab and go food (in conjunction with Just One More Ministry), hygiene products, clean underwear and socks and clothing for those who need it most.







Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsals Resume Thursday, April 8 6:30pm

The plan is at the moment to rehearse outdoors and record indoors when a song is ready.

Well-fitting masks that reach over the nose and below the chin are required. Two masks are recommended.





New Grace Notes Feature! At The Bijou

In these stressful times, we all feel the need for a little escapism, if only for a couple hours. I'm old fashioned, hopelessly sentimental and greatly enjoy classic movies, particularly from the period 1935-1949. I would like to share my love of movies and once a month offer a gem for your viewing from this period. The majority may be unknown to you, less famous than others from that period, but no less enjoyable; plus, they should be available from the library. Most importantly, the films will be devoid of gratuitous profanity, sex or violence; instead, they more often than not will be heartwarming, showcase strong family values, and put a smile on your face, perhaps even elicit a tear or two.

I regularly use IMDb (internet movie database), an invaluable resource that rates movies usually based on thousands of viewer reviews. Scores are between 1 (horrible) and 10 (spectacular). For example, here are the average IMDb scores for three random popular films: Citizen Kane, 8.3; Sound of Music, 8.0; Bridge on the River Kwai, 8.1. My choices will have a minimum IMDb score of 7.0. And most will be in glorious black and white!

For my inaugural film, watch a 4:35 excerpt from <u>"Every Sunday" on YouTube</u>. This is from a fascinating 11minute short movie made in 1936, showcasing the musical talents of two 14-year-olds. One you know, Judy Garland and the other you probably don't, Deanna Durbin. This little film was actually an audition for the two prospective starlets, and they were competing for the attention of the major studios. As a result, Garland ended up at MGM and Durbin at Universal.

I would like to focus on Deanna Durbin. She is probably the most famous movie star you've never heard of. In fact, her films saved Universal Studios from bankruptcy. Her films are light, breezy comedies and always feature her outstanding operatic voice. I'm recommending the film "It Started With Eve" from 1941. It's a very enjoyable movie with an IMDb rating of 7.6. The IMDb site describes the movie as follows: "In order to please his dying father, a man convinces a hatcheck girl to impersonate his fiancé, but complications arise when the father suddenly improves." One of the delights of this movie is the comic turn by Charles Laughton as the father. Laughton is usually remembered for his serious, menacing roles such as Captain Bligh in Mutiny on the Bounty.



You may be surprised to hear that, due to her popularity, in 1947 Deanna was the top-salaried woman in the United States! She was Winston Churchill's favorite actress, and Ann Frank pasted her poster to her bedroom wall where the Frank family hid during WWII (and it can still be seen there today). MTZ's Movie Buff

Keep and eye out for future "At the Bijou" articles!

Heating/Cooling Special Appeal Update

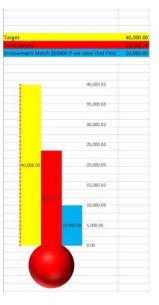
Off to a Solid Start!

The Special Appeal for Heating and Cooling improvements and repairs is off to a solid start. As of Monday, March 29, we have received donations of \$14,484.66. The first \$10,000 triggered matching funds from the Endowment Fund, so our total raised so far is about \$24,484.66. THANK YOU to those who have generously donated so far!

Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to fund needed repairs, including a new boiler (estimated at \$34,000), repairs to the heating unit for the Upper Room (\$2,800), and repairs needed for aging HVAC equipment in the Education Wing.

If you received a federal stimulus payment and don't need it to pay bills, please consider donating half of it to keep Mt Zion warm and welcoming!

By mail, please send your donations to Mt Zion Lutheran Church, 12012 W North Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53226, c/o Special Appeal, or submit online at https://www.mtzionlutheran.org/donate/ and click on the green "GIVE" button. If writing a check, please note "Heating and Cooling" in the memo area. If donating online, look for a dropdown that says "Heating and Cooling" to designate your donation.



| Number of gifts needed | Subtotal at each level | | Notes | |
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| 1 match @ \$10,000 | \$ | 10,000 | Matching commitment from Endowment Fund (\$1 for every \$1 donated by the congregation, up to \$10,000) | |
| 40 people @ \$700 | \$ | 28,000 | Half of your next stimulus check, which will be \$1,400 per person (only for families that are financially stable) | |
| 10 families @ \$100 | \$ | 1,000 | Smaller donations from families that need their stimulus checks but still want to be a part of securing our heating/cooling future. | |
| 10 families @ \$50 | \$ | 500 | | |
| 20 families @ \$25 | \$ | 500 | | |
| Total: | \$ | 40,000 | Will fund essential HVAC repairs and improvements to keep Mt. Zion warm and welcoming! | |



Questions? Call 877.232.4376

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Easter Lilly Education

White Easter Lilies symbolize the purity of Christ to Christians and are common decorations in churches and homes around the Easter holiday. Lilies are native to Japan and were brought to England in 1777, but wound their way to the U.S. in the wake of World War I. They went on to become the unofficial flower of Easter celebrations across the United States (excerpt from https://doi.org/10.2016/j.com (excerpt from https://doi.org/10.2016/j.com).

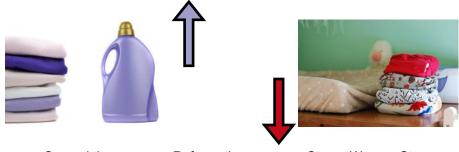
Easter lilies are beautiful and fragrant but can trigger server allergic reactions in some adults. They are also incredibly poisonous to domestic cats. Ingesting one or two leaves could be fatal. Lillies are not, however, considered harmful to dogs. Use caution if you are considering bringing lilies in your home.

SONshine Pantry and Strong Women Strong Babies

Through this pandemic, Reformation has continued to reach out to their neighbors. One such outreach is the SONshine Pantry. The pantry distributes household cleaning and hygiene items so necessary during this time of COVID. The next event is scheduled for April 15th, and Reformation still needs more of the following (see below on how to donate):

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Laundry detergent
- Dish detergent
- Pine-Sol
- Bleach
- Dollar Store gift cards (so Reformation can purchase needed items)

If you are unable to shop for these items yourself but would still like to contribute, you can send your financial support directly to Reformation Lutheran at 3806 W. Lisbon Avenue, Milwaukee, 53208. Please note SONshine Pantry in the memo section of your check.



Several times a year, Reformation sponsors Strong Women Strong Babies. Not only are moms offered education in parenting and caring for their infants, but they are given the opportunity to pick out (for free) infant clothes, toys and diapers. Reformation has most of the items they need for the next event, but before scheduling it, they need to rebuild their supply of newborn to size 6 diapers and pull-ups.

If you are able to assist in either or both of these endeavors, donations can be left at Mt. Zion or taken directly to Reformation at the address above. Please contact Reformation directly at 414-444-0440 to arrange a time for drop off.

The last 12 months have left many people, especially low income, hurting. Your gifts are welcomed and show Christ's love through your caring.

Andrea Cockerham Outreach Committee

Science Tidbits

Don't Fence Me In

There is a newly completed subdivision near where we live, and the other day while driving past one of the houses, I noticed something interesting. The back yard of this house abuts a busy street, and the homeowners had planted a row of young trees just inside an elegant iron fence that encircles the yard, most likely in the hope that the trees will eventually fill out and provide some privacy from the outside world. A great idea. We used the same approach with a row of Black Hills spruce in our yard.

Only we don't have a fence next to them. Fences and trees don't mix well together, at least not in close proximity. The reason is that as trees grow in height they also grow in girth. This should be obvious, but ofttimes when a young tree is planted, people don't think about circumstances 10-15 years or more down the road. Another example I've seen is a Colorado blue spruce planted within 5-6 feet of a house. These trees can grow up to 80 feet tall and over 20 feet wide. I'll let you do the math.

When a growing tree meets resistance (fence, house) the tree invariably wins. I've seen a house overhang crushed by the lateral growth of trees planted close by. And trees will literally grow through or engulf a metal fence (see pics) or destroy a wooden fence. This is because a new ring of growth forms each year from a layer of stem cells, called the cambium, that encircles the tree trunk on its periphery. Each growing season new xylem and phloem is produced that becomes active in moving life-sustaining water and nutrients, respectively, within the trunk, while the year's previous growth becomes inactive and adds to the inner accumulating "wood."

Many campers who have foraged for kindling materials to build a campfire probably know it can be deadly for a birch tree to use its bark for this purpose. Actually, removing the bark from any tree has similar consequences. This is because when bark is torn from a tree, inevitably the cambium is removed along with it. Such loss can be a death sentence, but only if the bark is removed from around the entire circumference of the tree, for then no water from the roots can make it to the top of the tree and no food produced in the leaves can reach the roots. A small patch of intact tissue will allow the tree to survive.

New upward growth in a tree only occurs at the top in its upper meristem tissues. Thus, once formed, the trunk of the tree never grows upward, only laterally. This can be shown when a person carves their initials in the trunk of a tree. Returning 20 years later, the trunk will be bigger, but those initials will be the exact same distance from the ground that they were at the time of the carving.

Steve Downs

Candy and Colored Eggs

Excerpts of "Easter Symbols and Traditions" From History.com



The Tradition of Easter Candy is How Old?

Easter is the second best-selling candy holiday in America after Halloween. Among the most popular sweet treats associated with this day are chocolate eggs, which date back to early 19th century Europe. Eggs have long been associated with Easter as a symbol of new life and Jesus' resurrection. Another egg-shaped candy, the jelly bean, became associated with Easter in the 1930s (although the jelly bean's origins reportedly date all the way back to a Biblical-era concoction called a Turkish Delight).

Easter Eggs as Decoration!

Some of Easter's customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.



Volunteer Schedule

Here are the people who are volunteering through in March and April

| AV | | Money stewards |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| April 4: | Marciniak Family | Tom E, Jim G, Gary G. |
| April 11: | Casperson Family | Morgans and Hexts |
| April 18: | Dralle Family | Pete P., John L., Roy D. |
| April 25: | Czervionke Family | Engelhardts and Nancy S |

| Assistant | t | Usher |
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| April 4 | TBA | Dralles |
| | TBA | Janet, TBA |
| April 11 | Rich R. | Deb/Kurt K |
| | Lora M. | TBA |
| April 18: | Tom E. | Dave F. |
| | Mavis R. | Dorothy S. |
| April 25: | Perrie D. | Doug D. |
| | Janet M. | Janet M. |
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March/April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Andrew J. 4/2 Siena K. 4/2 Malaki B. 4/3 Clara M. 4/3 Amy R. 4/3 Pat G. 4/4 Lisa B. 4/5 Lisa K. 4/6 Jessica M. 4/6 Greg Z. 4/6 Samantha K. 4/7 John K. 4/8 Erik P. 4/10 Jillian M. 4/11 Dawn D. 4/11 Bethany N. 4/11 Mike N. 4/13 Isaiah J. 4/13 Rondi R. 4/13 Nora W. 4/14 Owen D. 4/15 Sue S. 4/16 Logan M. 4/16 Janelle C. 4/17 Griffin S. 4/18 Cindy J. 4/18 Lora M. 4/19

Ryan F. 4/23

Wayne S. 4/19
Nancy S. 4/20
Belinda F. 4/20
Matt C. 4/20
Steve D. 4/21
Marsha S. 4/22
Wedding Anniversaries
Kay and Mick C. 4/4
Erik and Jessica P. 4/21
Marsha S. 4/22

Jennifer V. 4/23 Jaidyn H. 4/25

Deborah J. 4/26

Sheree H. 4/28

Mark S. 4/30

Liz C. 4/30 Janet M 4/30

Scripture Readings for This Week

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1—2:2 John 20:19-31



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