

Worship Services

Sundays in Summer 9:30 Combined Service

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!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE PRESENTS JULY 4TH, 2021 9:30 AM NORTH PARKING LOT You can sit in your car or feel free to bring a chair to sit outside. You may wish to bring some water, sunglasses,

or a small umbrella (for shade).

Worship will still be available on Youtube.
voutube.com/mtzionlutheran

Grace Notes Summer Schedule

The Grace Notes will be shifting to an every other week schedule during the summer. Upcoming release dates will be June 27th, July 11, and July 25th.

You'll still get the same great information and calendar updates!

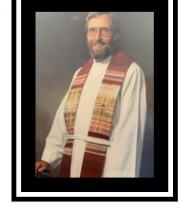
Weekly editions will resume on September 19th.

Be A Grace Notes Contributor!

Send your pictures, articles or insights to Jess at parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org

With Sympathy

We are saddened to learn of the death of Rev. Dale R. Skogman. He served as the second bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod from 1991-1999. After attending Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, he graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology on Chicago's Rock Island campus. He served four parishes in his 26 years as pastor: the two-point parish of Grace Lutheran in South Range and Our Savior's Lutheran in Atlantic Mine, Michigan for six years; First Lutheran in Gladstone, Michigan for five years; Holy Communion Lutheran of Racine, Wisconsin for nine years; and Mt. Zion Lutheran of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin for six years. We give thanks for his witness to the Gospel, and his faithful service at Mt. Zion.



The funeral was held on June 21 at First Lutheran in Gladstone.

The family suggests that memorials be given to the Dale and Jo Skogman Seminarian Scholarship Fund in care of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, or to a charity of your choice.

This Week at Mt Zion

Sun June 27	9:30am Combined Worship Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335 password 12012 10:30am Annual Meeting	
Mon	12:00 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook	
June 28	7:00p NA 12-steps group Mt Zion Fellowship Hall 7:00p Book Club Hearth Room and Zoom	
Tues June 29	10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA 12 Steps Meeting continues virtually 6:00pm 75th Anniversary Committee 7:00pm Pets Helping People Fellowship Hall	
Wed	12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study	
June 30	Meeting ID: 389 857 048 Passcode 12012 1:00p Prayer Warriors same Zoom info as Brown Bag 8:00p Korean Worship Service on Zoom	
Thurs	10:00a Reformation Lutheran Church Bible Study Zoom	
July 1	Meeting ID 236 926-7500 Passcode: 8Q0X7t 12:00 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook	
Fri	7:00p ACA 12-Step Group [Rm 101]	
July 2	7:30p Essay 12-Step Group Meeting Virtually	
Sat	8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study on Zoom	
July 3	Meeting ID: 849 6940 2756 Passcode: 12012	
Sun	Independence Day 9:30am Combined Worship Service Outdoor Worship Service!	
July 4		

Next Week at Mt Zion

Sun	Independence Day		
July 4	9:30a Combined Worship Service		
	Outdoor worship service!		
Mon	Office Closed—Independence Day Observation		
July 5	7:00p NA 12-steps group Mt Zion Fellowship Hall		
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Tues	10:00p Staff Meeting		
July 6	12:00p AA 12 Steps Meeting continues virtually		
	6:00pm 75th Anniversary Committee		
	7:00pm Pets Helping People Fellowship Hall		
	7:00pm Writer's Circle on Zoom		
Wed	12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study Virtually and in the Hearth Room		
July 7	Meeting ID 84924897122 Password 12012		
July 7	1:00p Prayer Warriors (same login as Brown Bag Bible Study)		
	8:00p Korean Worship Service on Zoom		
Thurs	10:00a Reformation Lutheran Church Bible Study Zoom		
July 8	Meeting ID 236 926-7500 Passcode: 8Q0X7t		
July 0	12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook		
Fri	7:00p ACA 12-Step Group [Rm 101]		
July 9	7:30p Essay 12-Step Group Meeting Virtually		
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Sat	8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study on Zoom		
July 10	Meeting ID: 849 6940 2756 Passcode: 12012		
	9:00a Women of the ELCA Meeting		
Sun	9:30am Combined Worship		
July 11			
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Do You Love Food?

I Do, Too!

Jesus knew that food was one of the most important parts of community. In fact, he was called a glutton and drunkard because he loved to party so much! Eating together is one of the central acts of our worship. And the best sign that people have reconciled is if they can eat and laugh together. In other words, food is an important ministry.

As we regather from the pandemic, we are looking for some food lovers who would be willing to be part of a new Food Hospitality Team. This team will have two responsibilities:



 Organize the resources for volunteers to provide and setup food and drinks for fellowship each Sunday, and

2) Organize food and drinks for our events, such as summer picnics and the Living Nativity. Would you consider helping us bring joy to our gatherings by being part of our Food Hospitality Team?



Contact Pastor Tyler or Janet McCarthy for more information.



Reformation Neighborhood Store

The Neighborhood Store needs more of the following items for its summer shoppers:

- Baby/toddler/children's clothes to size 8; swings, bouncers, stroller, Pack 'n Plays
- Bath and hand towels, washcloths, bath rugs, shower curtains and rings
- Swimming suits for all ages; beach towels
- Gift items for adults; gently used men's items including belts and wallets
- Kitchen utensils and linens, mixing bowl sets, silverware
- Kitchen dinette sets
- Pots, pans and bakeware
- Queen/King sheet sets, bed pillows, bedspreads/comforters
- Small appliances, including fans, flat screen TVs, microwaves, blenders, electric skillets, irons, vacuums, single serve coffeemakers,

Donations can be left in the Reformation Store bin outside the sanctuary.

Andrea Cockerham,
Outreach Committee

June Mission of the Month

In honor of Pride Month, Mt. Zion's June Mission of the month will benefit Courage MKE, a nonprofit organization that provides housing, resources, and services needed for displaced and homeless LGBTQ+ youth in Milwaukee to thrive.

Your offering will support these projects and services, including supplies and programming at the Courage House.

Learn more at www.couragemke.org.



Science Tidbits

The Joys of Nature

Sherry and I just returned from a remarkably revitalizing 2½-week road trip to Utah and Arizona, the first half spent visiting national parks and the second spent with our daughter's family in southern Arizona.



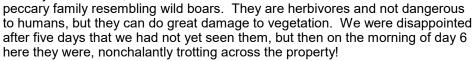
The national parks need no hard-sell, but we also had uniquely enjoyable experiences with aspects of nature unique to Arizona such as:

- 1. Saguaro cacti. These are the iconic cacti associated with the west. They inhabit the Sonoran Desert in Arizona, found mostly between Phoenix and Tucson, but are also present in California and Mexico. They are large and tree-like and can grow up to 12 meters high, often with many "arms." The blossom is the Arizona state flower. We had never seen these cacti in bloom, but on this trip we were lucky to catch the last portion of the flowering season at Saguaro National Park in Tucson. You have to time your visit carefully, because the blossoms come out at night and close back up by around noon. It was a real treat to catch these blooms.
- 2. Roadrunners. I'm sure you have all seen Warner Bros. roadrunner/Wiley Coyote cartoons. That had been my sole experience with roadrunners until this trip. These birds are all over southern Arizona, but we had never caught sight of one. We were stunned one morning to see a pair of these elusive birds on my daughter's patio and I snapped this pic.



Fun fact: The roadrunner is one of the few predators of rattlesnakes, killing them with an amazing show of speed and vicious determination. They can sometimes be seen with a portion of snake dangling from their mouth.

3. Javelinas. We stayed in a small cottage close to my daughter and it was known to be visited by a family of Javelinas, medium-sized mammals from the



4. Birding. My daughter lives in Sierra Vista, where bird enthusiasts from all over the world seek out the many, varied species in the area. We visited the conservancy where they had countless humming-bird feeders. While Wisconsin has but one humming-bird species, this area is visited by 14 different varieties (we saw at least 6). Hummingbirds are small and usually produce a soft humming sound, but one unusual type was very large and sounded more like a helicopter.

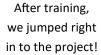


Youth Mission Trip





We were excited to hit the road!











We had opportunities to play new games and learn about other cultures, including Appalachian folk music and we tried Ethiopian food on our trip down to Kentucky.



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Construction crews rock!





We were never at a loss for company—
The homeowner was friendly and so were the chickens,
goats, dogs, and the duck.











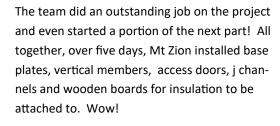
Youth Mission Trip



Morning devotionals on the ball field helped strengthen us for the day's work. We led a devotional on the parable of the Good Samaritan. Later that night, we presented our rap. (We're confident it's gonna go platinum).









With ASP



With great work comes great relaxation! We had a picnic with the other groups and staff on Thursday and then went back to the same park Friday to swim in the water.

We got to know one another, serve our neighbor, and understand God's word on a deeper level thanks to this wonderful trip.

Plus, we all came back home safely with the same number of fingers and toes as when we left!







Prison Ministry

Antwan, an inmate on our prison ministry list, received his Associates Degree with Honors from MATC. He was chosen to give the commencement speech at Redgranite Correctional Institution.



Portions of his commencement speech are shared below:

I was asked to speak today during this momentous event, not because I too am graduating, but because of my zeal for education, and my sometimes overwhelming desire to share what I have learned with others.

Learning new things has always been my most favorite pastime. As a child, I would sit for hours and watch my favorite PBS shows. Reading Rainbow, Bill Nye, and Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, to name a few. These programs stimulated my mind, while at the same time allowed me to escape the reality of my life. I was poor, I was disadvantaged, and I lived in an area where crime and violence was as common as eating and sleeping. As I grew older and became aware of my circumstances, Education became less of a priority, and surviving by any means became my most pressing need. Being so young, and so lost, forced me to make grown up decisions, which eventually led me to prison.

Strangely enough, it was because of prison that I've rediscovered my thirst for knowledge and gained a passion for education. No longer did I have to worry about where my next meal would come from, where I would sleep, or if I would be murdered like so many of my peers had been. Sadly, for many of us, prison removed those prior mentioned fears and afforded us the opportunity to see education in a safe and sheltered environment like our more affluent peers were given.

I used my time wisely by reading everything that I could get my hands on, took every class and program available, and begged to be included in the college Pell Grant Program when it first began. Because I knew deep down in my soul that education would be the key to opening doors that were once closed to me.

I've chosen to forgo my toxic ways of thinking, and in its stead, to pursue all avenues of education. My goal in life is to one day go back into those same communities that are full of poverty, crime, and violence, and work hard to affect change and inspire the youth. That they may continue to watch their favorite shows, and dream big dreams, so they might have hope for a brighter future. This can only be done with faith, education, and hard work. All of which I am prepared to use my time constructively towards.

So I say this to you graduates of 2021. No matter what adversities you've faced in your lives, and despite the mistakes you've made that landed you in this place, you've used your time constructively, worked hard, and cleared a giant hurdle to earn your certificates here today. I implore you to continue on your paths to higher education, so that you too may go out into your communities and inspire the next generation.

Be proud, enjoy this moment, because we all deserve it, congratulations!

July Mission of the Month

Backpack Kickoff Begins this Month!

Here it is the middle of summer – and we're starting BACKPACK SEASON! That's right...the annual "Backpack Drive" for Tosa Cares begins in July. Right after the July 4th Holiday school supply sales begin.

You may make a financial contribution to this mission and we will shop for you.

If you are willing to shop, we will need **backpacks** for elementary through high school ages— along with the following list of items so all children will come to school with school supplies:

- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Blue, Black & Red
 Pens
- Blunt Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Fine Tip Markers
- Broad Markers

- Wide Lined Notebooks
- Packets of Wide Lined Paper
- Some College Lined Notebooks
- Packets of College Lined Paper

- Pocket Folders
- Pink Erasers
- Rulers
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Binders
- Back packs

Please make your financial gifts to purchase the needed supplies which can be enclosed in the July Mission of the Month envelope or online giving July Mission of the Month or Tosa Cares.

We begin distributing supplies on July 26th through Labor Day.

THANK YOU to all who have helped in the past — and to those who are willing and

able to help this year. We hope that students will be safely back in school in the fall and prepared with their needed school supplies.

Sue Jacobson
Outreach

One More Picture



We learned about Dobson Flies on this trip. Whether we learned what they looked like, that they existed at all, or that they scared the snot out of us....we still had a learning opportunity.

Volunteer Schedule

Here are the people who are volunteering through July:

6/27 7/4 7/11 7/18 7/25	AV Czervionke Janet M. Marciniaks Douglas J / Janet M. Czervionke	Money stewards Engelhardts / Nancy S. Tom E. / Gary G. Morgans and Hexts John L. / Roy D. Engelhardts / Nancy S.
6/27 7/4 7/11 7/18 7/25	Assistant Tom E. Wendi H. Rich R. Linda E. Lynda Y.	Usher Linda E. Dorothy S & Kleppeks Dave F. Tom E. John Y.
7/4 7/11 7/18	Lector Yvonne K. Lora M. Mavis R.	

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jan R. 6/17 Mike K. 6/20 Pat C. 6/21 Donna H. 6/22 Deni N. 6/24 Alex H. 6/24 Jim Y. 6/25 Tyler P. 6/26 Andrew K. 6/28 Jeremy G. 6/28 Bridget K. 6/29 Keegan K. 6/29 Don F. 6/29 Brett M. 6/30 Rich D. 6/30 Robert G. 7/1 Vince P. 7/1 Gabriella R. 7/8
Kyle C. 7/1 Lorna S. 7/8
Hadley P. 7/1 Anne M. 7/11
Jeff P. 7/2 Ellyn S. 7/11
Samuel M. 7/3 Eli B. 7/12
Tony F. 7/3 Bella B. 7/18
Wendy B. 7/3 Tyler F. 7/19

Tyler R. 7/4 Ben C. 7/19
Samuel B. 7/5 Jayson P. 7/19
Carole S. 7/5 Norm W. 7/19
Maggie M. 7/5 Peter M. 7/20
Tom E. 7/6
Geoff H. 7/7
Katie C. 7/8

Tony C. 7/8

David Y. 7/8

Wedding Anniversaries

Jeb and Chris B. 6/26
Dave and Lora M. 6/26
Kim and Sue M. 6/26
Jeffrey and Marja K. 7/1
Joyce and Tony S. 7/6
Steve and Sherry D. 7/7
Lucy and Gerhard F. 7/12
Mark and Lisa J. 7/17
Eric and Lisa B. 7/18
Nancy and Joe D. 7/27
Shelly and Diane R. 7/31
Jim and Melissa S. 7/31

Scripture Readings for June 27

Lamentations 3: 22-33 Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 Mark 5:21-43

Scripture Readings for July 4

Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13



The Power of Prayer

Prayer Warriors Wednesdays at 1:00pm This week's prayer list:

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