

## Worship Services

### Sundays

8:30am Traditional

9:40am Adult Forum

10:45am Contemporary

## Office Hours

Currently closed. Staff is working remotely.

## 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!**

## Lutheran Witnesses

*This excerpt is from a Living Lutheran article  
"My Take: Lutheran witnesses needed now, more than ever"  
by Martin Zimmerman, March 24, 2020*

In March 2016, I was asked to write an article for Living Lutheran about the emerging split in our nation's culture, especially the widening gap in our political ideologies. Since then, we've witnessed further polarization and the ratcheting up of uncivil discourse as we hurl invectives at our neighbors via social media, cable news and all other varieties of public discourse. Anxiety attacks are now common across generations, especially in this horrific season of contagion. These feelings aren't new. Consider this quotation from my article's conclusion:

Many of us are wrestling with fear, the world around us seemingly on the verge of chaos. The omnipresent media is delivering messages that play to our anxieties. ... We must discern and act according to our hope in Christ, not our fear of death. Though we might not see it clearly, God is turning the world around, and love will have the final word.

Some cultural developments in the past four years have been positive—we've seen the Black Lives Matter and #MeToo movements gain momentum and make progress. The issues these movements highlight, racism and sexism, are far from being resolved, unfortunately. Yet I wept with joy last summer when I saw the procession of women ELCA pastors at the Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee. ELCA Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries, ReconcilingWorks and Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries persist in amplifying the voices of Lutherans who are marginalized.

We all have the moral obligation to use words and actions—God's word and our voices, hands and feet—to serve our neighbors and proclaim the gospel.

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# Adult Forum Reminder

## Fueling ministry through Mt Zion



Join us for our  
Virtual Adult Forum  
**May 31, 2020**  
**9:45 am**

Featuring Cindy Halverson  
Regional Gift Planner, ELCA Foundation  
Sponsored by the Mt Zion Endowment and by the Stewardship Committee, this session will contain important information for all who want to know more about thoughtful planning.

Topics will include:

- The role of a will in planning your estate
- Tax-wise giving tips
- How to get the best assets to the right beneficiaries
- Why 70% of estate plans fail to pay out the way the donor intended
- How to express your values through your estate planning
- Resources to accomplish your goals.

It's easy to attend

On your computer, go to [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join)

On your smartphone or tablet, install the Zoom app from your app store and follow the directions below.

On your telephone (voice only), call 312-626-6799

Enter meeting ID 973 6894 1752

Enter meeting password 561375

# This Week at Mt Zion

<p>Sun May 31</p>	<p><b>Pentecost</b> 8:30a <b>Traditional Worship</b> on <a href="https://youtu.be/f7C8m2NNAhU">https://youtu.be/f7C8m2NNAhU</a> 9:45a <b>Adult Forum</b> on Zoom Meeting ID 973 6894 1752 Password 561375 10:45a <b>Contemporary Worship</b> on <a href="https://youtu.be/f7C8m2NNAhU">https://youtu.be/f7C8m2NNAhU</a></p>
<p>Mon June 1</p>	<p>12:12p <b>12 Minutes of Prayer</b> of <a href="#">Facebook</a></p>
<p>Tues June 2</p>	<p>10:00a <b>Staff Meeting</b> 12:12p <b>12 Minutes of Prayer</b> of <a href="#">Facebook</a> 8:00p <b>Writers Circle</b> Meeting ID 711 638 007 Password 113585</p>
<p>Wed June 3</p>	<p>12:00p <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> on Zoom Meeting ID 763-027-694 Password 985667 1:00p <b>Prayer Warriors</b> on Zoom Meeting ID 763-027-694 Password 985667</p>
<p>Thurs June 4</p>	<p>8:00a <b>Marketing Meeting</b> on Zoom 12:12p <b>12 Minutes of Prayer</b> on Facebook 5:00p <b>Beer &amp; Bible, Wine &amp; The Word</b> Meeting ID: 994-4600-3234 Password: 271380</p>
<p>Fri June 5</p>	
<p>Sat June 6</p>	<p>8:30a <b>Women of Heart Bible Study</b> Contact Chris Kress or Andrea Cockerham for more info</p>
<p>Sun June 7</p>	<p>8:30a <b>Traditional Worship</b> on YouTube 9:40a <b>Adult Forum</b> on Zoom 10:45a <b>Contemporary Worship</b> on YouTube</p>

# Recognizing Graduates!

We want to honor our high school and college graduates! If we don't already have your graduation information, please provide the following information to Jess at parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org by **June 10**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating From (School Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Activities Involved in \_\_\_\_\_

Special Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Plans for the Future \_\_\_\_\_



Please include a photo of the student who has/will be graduating so we can include it in the Grace Notes!

## Memorials and Honorariums

### In Memory of Joan Beguhl

Naomi Kreachbaum | Dean Barr | Gerald Lowther

Tom and Linda Ertel | Joe and Chris Kress

Lynn Pearson | Leslie and Robert Warnock

### In Memory of John Finn

Steve and Sherry Downs | Gary Goll

Jeff and Andrea Cockerham

# Rain Won't Stop Us!

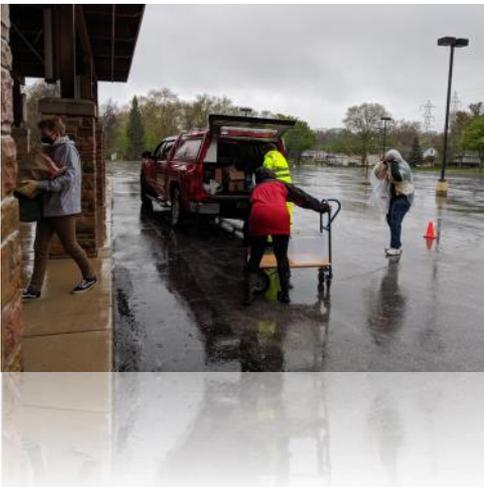
## A TOSA CARES THANK YOU

In the rain and wind on the last Sunday Drop-off Day, fifty-four cars and one brave little boy on a bike dropped off food and personal cares donations. The two Sunday donation total of 500 bags, has filled the pantry shelves. Tosa Cares is ready again to feed 160 families or more.

Thank you for those cans and boxes of food, those bags of toilet paper and diapers, the financial gifts, the words of encouragement, the prayers, the smiles, the unity in Spirit.

A special thanks to Redemption and Mount Carmel whose congregations offered a neighborhood and church collection site at their respective churches and then delivered all those donations to Mt. Zion.

Tosa Cares hopes to call on you again during the summer and count on your support to care for our neighbors. God Bless You.



# \$10 Per Week

Bus tickets are a lifeline in Reformation's servanthood with the neighborhood, especially this summer. Bus tickets help young people in our Summer Youth Work Program (SALT) get to employment sites and travel to Reformation. 54 youth have enrolled for the program.

The cost of transportation is high for families who live on so little! Costs are \$10 for weekly student bus passes. Reformation anticipates the cost of transportation for our older teenagers to get to worksites will cost \$2,000 this summer. We hope Mt. Zion can help youth who want to work, get to work!



Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our young people's need for bus passes, especially in this challenging time in our community. When we ask, we hope you receive; knowing peoples' lives are changed with these simple acts of generosity.

**Marge Johnson**  
Ministry Coordinator

## Your New Game Face



Share your best mask selfie with us and you could be in the next edition of Grace Notes!

Email Jess

Greetings from Tom M.!

# Science Tidbits

## “The Shores of Sicily”

Memorial Day has come and gone, and once again my thoughts drifted to July 9, 1943 and the beginning of Operation Husky, the WWII allied invasion of Sicily that was overseen by General George Patton. Multiple amphibious landings were planned in order to



capture Sicily's major port cities, which would provide logistical support for the staging of future operations. The combined American and British forces eventually prevailed, but the loss of life was massive, an especially poignant reminder of the great sacrifice made by countless men and women in the face of the axis threat.

Ted Downs, my father, was a member of what is oft referred to as the Greatest Generation. He was a student in the early 1940's at UW Madison and upon graduation, became engaged to my future mother and was poised to pursue the numerous teaching options available to him. But, at the time, the United States had been thrust into WWII, and Ted pursued instead, like many of his contemporaries, what he considered to be his patriotic duty.

That summer he took his army physical. But he didn't pass it. He had been a 2-sport athlete at UW, and during his last baseball season sustained a sports hernia injury that had never healed right and consequently kept him out of the army. Not only that, he was granted a deferment for the duration of the war. Undaunted, he rested a month to let his injury heal and then tried to enlist in the air force. But this time his nearsightedness prevented his acceptance.

Not letting that stop him, he successfully enlisted in the marines, having passed the physical, and was soon bound for basic training at Paris Island in South Carolina. However, eight weeks in, he experienced severe abdominal pain as his earlier hernia injury returned, ending his tenure as a marine. He was honorably discharged and spent the rest of the war as a civilian.

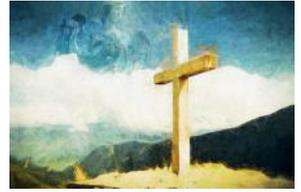
On July 9, 1943 the allies landed on the shores of Sicily. Leading the charge was a marine company from South Carolina, the same company my father had trained with. The entire company was wiped out.

The emotional impact of that fact is overwhelming. And how sobering that so many potential sons and daughters were eliminated on that day. I'm proud of my father, and though he may have been disappointed at not prevailing in the armed forces, not so my mother, brothers and me.

**-Steve Downs**

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There was a time when mainline Protestant voices were vital to our cultural conversation. One early -20th-century voice, Walter Rauschenbush, stressed “the importance of living like Christ, not believing a prescribed doctrine about Christ.” Rauschenbusch, a Baptist preacher, coined the phrase “the social gospel,” introducing the then-radical notion that Scripture shouldn’t be pondered in the abstract but rather enacted in daily life. He also took issue with the strict atonement theories of fundamentalists, which stated that, according to God’s law, Christ’s death was punishment for our sinfulness and that God was subject to a cosmic sense of justice. Rauschenbusch argued that Jesus did not *have* to die for our sins but that he *chose* to die in order to “substitute love for selfishness as the basis of human society.” Jesus died to show us a better way of living.



If this seems strikingly prescient for our time, it’s no accident. Like us, Rauschenbusch lived and worked in a nation divided by sexism, racism (during the Jim Crow era, when lynchings were rampant throughout the South *and* North) and the economic exploitation of marginalized peoples. This was the age of the 1918 influenza pandemic, which killed between 50 and 100 million. God’s people witnessed the polarization of American Christianity into those who strove to live by the spirit of the law and those who adamantly attempted to adhere to the letter of it.

Perhaps the difference between then and now is that mainline Protestants, which included this church’s predecessor bodies, had a vital voice in public discourse, whereas today, as Robert C. Blezard wrote in “[The ‘e’ word](#)” (*Living Lutheran*, April 2018), “It’s not unusual for reporters and commentators to turn to cultural evangelical leaders as de facto spokespeople for all Christians.”

What we need in a time of ugly electoral politics, a volatile economy and a global pandemic is a healthy dose of Lutheran witness. Many ELCA congregations are leading the way in practicing neighbor love as they stay at home and come together virtually for worship and prayer.

As ELCA members, we have the capacity to testify with one voice on the things that matter: neighbor love, sanctuary, peace with justice, reconciliation, reparation and dismantling walls, both here and abroad.

Martin Luther once wrote, “You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.” Bishop Eaton is not the only person responsible for speaking on behalf of the ELCA. We all have the moral obligation to use words and actions—God’s word and our voices, hands and feet—to serve our neighbors and proclaim the gospel. The world is truly chaotic, and we are only now beginning to realize the extent to which we are connected to one another. Now is the time to speak. Now is the time to be the church that speaks God’s reign into reality.

The words are as true today as when I wrote them four years ago: Though we might not see this clearly, God *is* turning the world around, and love *will* have the final word. We have been offered a vital role in this transformation. Thanks be to God.

Martin Zimmerman  
[Living Lutheran](#)

# Those Things to Celebrate

As May draws to a close, so too ends National Mental Health Awareness month.

In the last month, if you...

- Reached out to a friend when you were having a rough day
- Admitted to yourself you need help or you don't "feel like yourself"
- Made an appointment with a therapist or medical professional to talk

We give thanks for the strength you demonstrated to take the steps you have taken for your well-being.



## Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 102:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

## Scripture Readings for This Week

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

## Grace Notes Gallery

This photo from Pastor Tyler taken on Sunday, May 24 shows two of the three robin's eggs have hatched! The two that have hatched blend into the nest because they do not have any wings yet.



This photo from Jess Monahan taken on Friday, May 29 shows all three birds hatched. All birds have some feathers, but still have a lot of skin showing.



# May/June Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Pam K. 5/29  
Jack S. 5/30  
Sue K. 6/3  
Grace Y. 6/3  
Alexandra C. 6/4  
Jacob F. 6/5  
June M. 6/5  
Bill S. 6/5  
Owen G. 6/5  
Tristan P. 6/5  
Michael D. 6/6  
Kaylyn N. 6/6  
Kristina W. 6/6  
Dylan P. 6/10  
Ethan C. 6/12  
Rachel H. 6/12  
Blake P. 6/12  
Dan R. 6/13  
Drew C. 6/14  
Gianna S. 6/14  
Steven S. 6/15  
Amanda E. 6/15  
Tina H. 6/16  
Barbara P. 6/16  
Troy J. 6/17  
Jan R. 6/17  
Colt B. 6/18  
Mason H. 6/18  
Mike K. 6/20  
Pat C. 6/21  
Donna H. 6/22  
Alex H. 6/24  
Deni N. 6/24  
Jim Y. 6/25  
Tyler P. 6/26  
Andrew K. 6/28  
Don F. 6/29  
Bridget K. 6/29  
Keegan K. 6/29  
Rich D. 6/30  
Brett M. 6/30

## Wedding Anniversaries

Matt C & Marika M 5/29  
Bob and Marleen C 5/30  
Mike and Amy K. 6/1  
Roy and Linda D. 6/10  
Kim N. & Norm W. 6/12  
Geoff & Wendi H. 6/17  
Jesse M & Kate W. 6/17  
Carl and Karen E. 6/23  
Dick and Norma H. 6/25  
Dave and Lora M. 6/26  
Jeb and Chris B. 6/26  
Kim and Sue M. 6/26

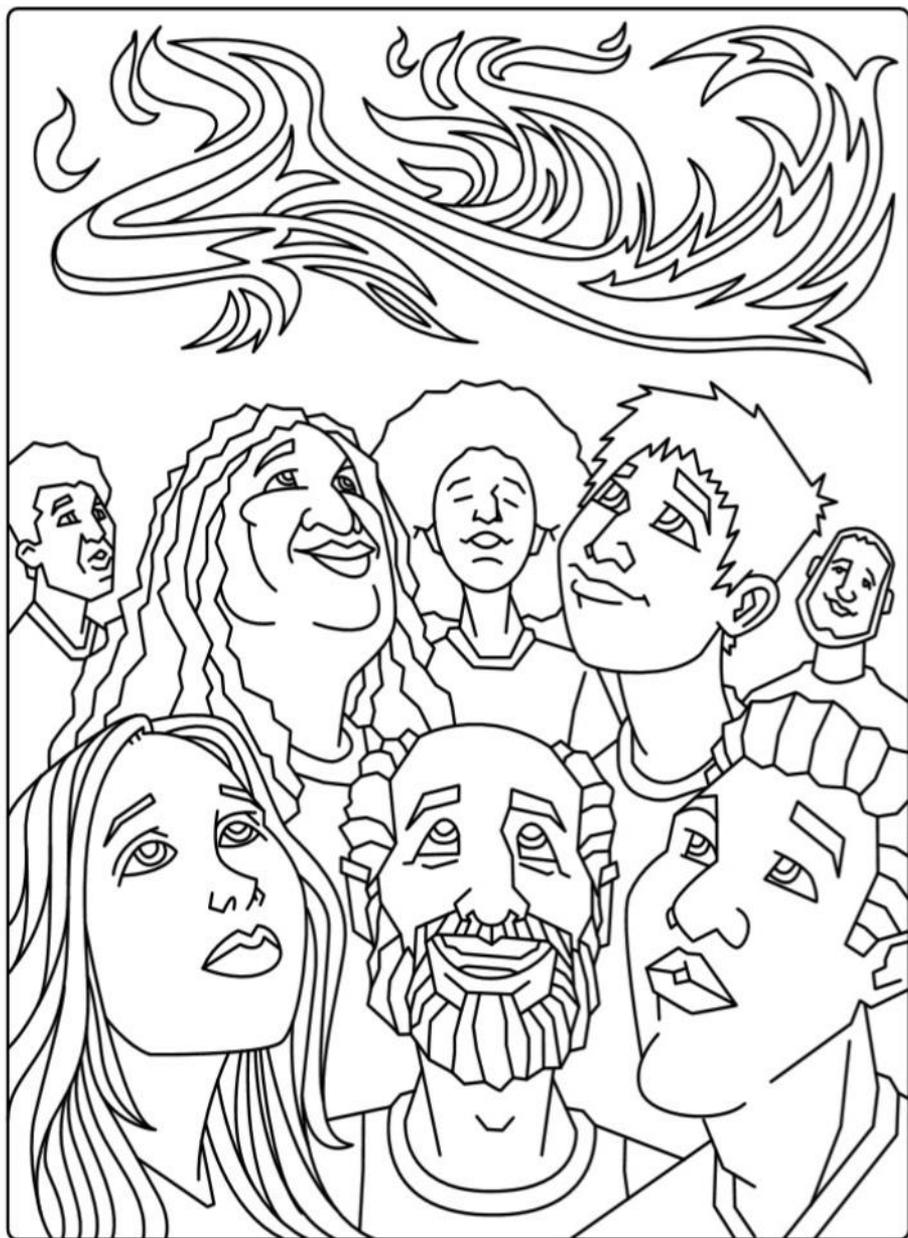


## Baptism Anniversaries

Della S. 5/28  
Ryan M. 5/30  
Siena K. 5/31  
Mark S. 5/31  
Mike N. 6/1  
Bryce R. 6/1  
Isaac R. 6/1  
Benjamin S. 6/2  
Khloe Lewis. 6/3  
Jacob S. 6/4  
Michael F. 6/5  
Angelina G. 6/6  
Nora P. 6/9  
Troy M. 6/11  
Katie E 6/12  
Kingston M. 6/12  
Alexandra C. 6/12  
Michael W. 6/13  
Isaiah B. 6/13  
Keith P. 6/14  
Mara M. 6/21  
Owen D. 6/23  
Alexander H. 6/25  
Kathryn M. 6/30  
Kristin M. 6/30



# Coloring Pentecost



Acts 2:1-12 · [illustratedministry.com](http://illustratedministry.com)

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