

## Worship Services

### Sundays

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

### Wednesdays

6:30pm Evening Prayer

## Office Hours

Parish Administrator in  
the office Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday

## 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

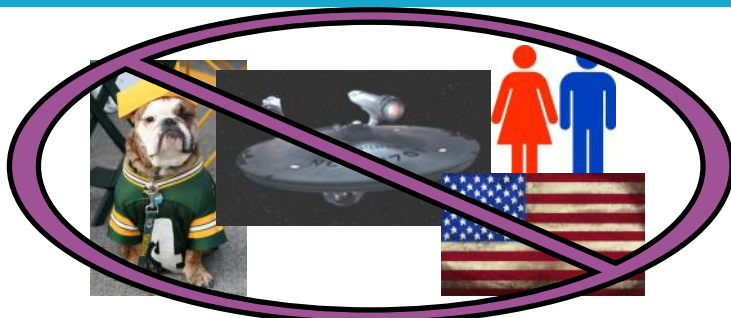
Gathered by the grace and love of Jesus Christ, the people of Mt Zion commit to know God deeply and to serve God gladly through the many and diverse gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

## 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!**

## Next Sunday is "Christ is King"



The newest feast in the Church (created in 1925 by the Pope), this day marks the end of the liturgical year. The Christian "year" begins on the first Sunday in Advent, when our first great feast cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) begins. Sometimes called Judgment Sunday or Return of Christ (think of the Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King), this Sunday celebrates the eternal reign of Christ.

This Sunday was instituted during a time of rising nationalism (both the Nazi movement and fear around the world including in America after WWI of not seeming patriotic enough or being persecuted for being perceived as not putting national interests first) to remind us that our first and primary allegiance is to Jesus and the Gospel, the work of salvation and the ministry of reconciliation. Our primary identity is not American, female, Libertarian, Hispanic, left-handed, transgender, wealthy, addict, Trekkie, Packer, or millennial. Our primary identity is Child of God and the joy and work of the Kingdom of Heaven comes first in our lives.

Next Sunday is a reminder: Don't let anyone ever tell you that anything is more important than your allegiance to Christ, your faith in God's promises, and your commitment to the Gospel.

As you'll see next week in the description of Advent, Christ is King Sunday anticipates the themes of Advent (as have the Sundays leading up to Advent), when we prepare and expectantly hope for the return of Christ, Our King.

~The Rev. Tyler Rasmussen

# Live Nativity



We are looking for 10 –15 volunteers to be part of the Live Nativity on Friday, December 2020 from 5pm-7pm. If you are able to volunteer for roles (Mary, Joseph, Wisemen, etc.) please email Katie Frederick at [Frederick.KatieE@gmail.com](mailto:Frederick.KatieE@gmail.com) no later than **November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**.

If there is not enough interest in participating, we will forgo the annual Live Nativity until 2021.

## Thank You!

We'd like to thank those who helped at the Fall Clean Up on Saturday October 31st, it was a tad chilly in the morning but the sun came out and was a gorgeous day to clean the gutters and the grounds. Thanks to,

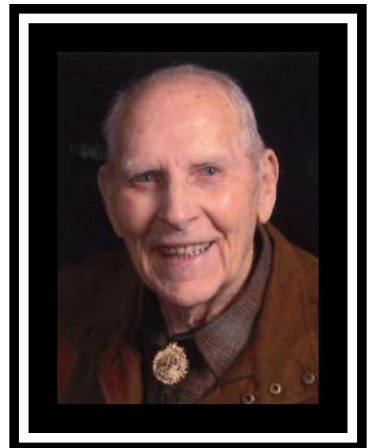
**Tom & Pat Morgan**  
**Dave Fohr**  
**Dave & Lora Marheine**  
**And ourselves, Kurt & Debbie Kleppek**

See you at our spring clean up!

## With Sympathy

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Donna Zarek's father, Clarence Calvin Olson. Clarence was born in January of 1923 and passed at the age of 97 on October 28. A private Masonic funeral service was held on November 4. To read about the incredible life of Mr. Olson, please access the obituary at the link below:

<https://www.cressfuneralservice.com/obituary/Clarence-Olson>



# This Week at Mt Zion

Sun November 15	<p>8:30a <b>Traditional Worship</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/mtzionlutheran">youtube.com/mtzionlutheran</a> Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335 password 12012</p> <p>9:40a <b>Faith Formation Hour</b> [Adult, Youth, and Sunday School]</p> <p>10:45a <b>Contemporary Worship</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/mtzionlutheran">www.youtube.com/mtzionlutheran</a> Meeting ID 875 7308 8960 password 12012</p> <p>5:00p <b>Confirmation</b> <a href="https://wartburgseminary.zoom.us/j/6455652349">Wartburgseminary.zoom.us/j/6455652349</a></p>
Mon November 16	<p>12:12p <b>12 Minutes of Prayer</b> of <a href="https://www.facebook.com/mtzionlutheran">Facebook</a></p> <p>6:00p <b>Leadership Board</b></p> <p>7:00p <b>NA 12-steps group</b> alternate location while closed</p>
Tues November 17	<p>10:00a <b>Staff Meeting</b></p> <p>12:00p <b>AA 12 Steps Meeting</b> continues virtually</p> <p>6:00pm <b>Writer's Circle</b></p>
Wed November 18	<p>8:30a <b>Health Clinic at Courtyard</b> [Parking Lot]</p> <p>12:00p <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> on Zoom Meeting ID 84924897122 Password 12012</p> <p>1:00p <b>Prayer Warriors</b> (same login as Brown Bag Bible Study)</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm <b>Curbside Communion Carryout</b></p> <p>6:30p <b>Evening Prayer</b> Meeting ID 861 3409 5569 password 12012</p>
Thurs November 19	<p>12:00p <b>12 Minutes of Prayer</b> on <a href="https://www.facebook.com/mtzionlutheran">Facebook</a></p> <p>5:00p <b>Beer and Bible; Wine &amp; The Word</b> Meeting ID 835 6456 0076 Code: 12012</p>
Fri November 20	<p><b>7:00p ACA 12-Step Group</b> Meeting Remotely</p> <p><b>7:30p Essay 12-Step Group</b> Meeting Virtually</p>
Sat November 21	<p>8:30a <b>Women of Heart Bible Study</b> on Zoom Meeting ID: 849 6940 2756 Passcode: 12012</p>
Sun November 22	<p>8:30a <b>Traditional Worship</b> in-person and on YouTube</p> <p>9:40a <b>Education Hour</b> (Adult Forum, Sunday School, Youth)</p> <p>10:45a <b>Contemporary Worship</b> in-person and on YouTube</p> <p>5:00p <b>Youth Group</b></p>

# Virtual Access for All



## Worship with Mt Zion by phone

You can join us for worship at home by just using your phone.

**Call 312-626-6799**

1. Enter the Meeting ID (see below) followed by #
2. You have no Participant ID, so just press # again
3. Enter the Passcode (see below) followed by #



**Sundays at 8:30am**

Meeting ID:  
841 6597 2335  
Passcode 12012

**Sundays at 10:45am**

Meeting ID:  
875 7308 8960  
Passcode 12012

**Then listen to worship!**

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To join Adult Faith Formation Hour at 9:40am

Meeting ID 868 6597 2335  
Passcode 12012

# Sunday School Corner

We are continuing Part 3 of our lesson on Jonah and the Big Fish. This week's lesson will be a science lesson taught by Mary and Douglas Johnson.

Take home kits will need to be picked up at the church and will be in the plastic bins by the main parking lot entrance. Feel free to stop by the church any time after Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to pick up your child's take-home kit. Please note we will NOT be delivering take home kits this week. ALL KITS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE CHURCH.

## **Kids ages 3 through 2nd Grade: 9:40- 10:05 a.m.**

Zoom ID: 75266567262

Passcode: Gf3avC

## **Kids grades 3rd through 5th: 10:10 a.m.0 10:35 a.m.**

Zoom ID: 78699621972

Passcode: tSU4vZ



If your child would like to have their picture displayed during the Children's sermon on Sunday mornings, please e-mail a picture so we can upload it into the service.

**Brenda**

# Faith Resources Corner

This week: Liturgies for Parents

Need a simple prayer resource in the midst of a busy life of working and loving children? Check out Liturgies for Parents on Instagram. Short prayers for the busy parent.



# The Other Side of Virtual Worship

Thought I'd send a photo of our setup for Mt Zion worship at our house, following Pastor Tyler's suggestions. Each item is special.

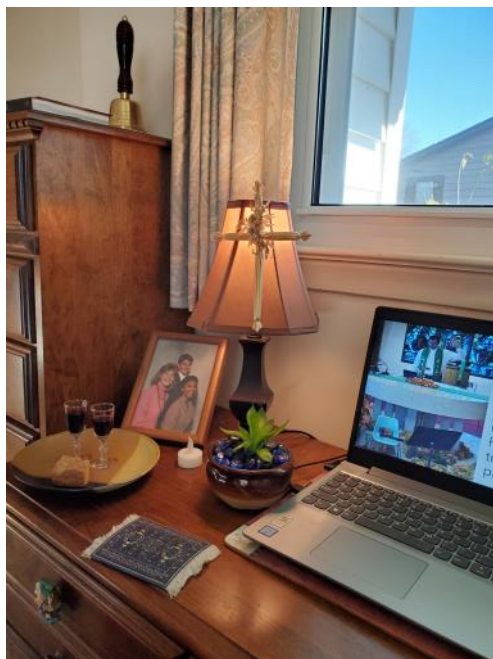
The little votive is from the parking lot "All Saints Day" worship at Emmanuel Community United Methodist, our church here in Menomonee Falls. Note it is still glowing nonstop a week later. We will replace it with a real candle soon.

The plant is a gift from a green thumb friend.

The cross is of woven straw by master artist Sidonka Wadina, longtime friend, whose work is on permanent display at the Smithsonian.

The wine is a Saturday night Cabernet leftover, our son's intro to us after he had not drunk so much as a drop of alcohol for 20+ years.

The bread is Power Bread, stoneground mixed grains done fresh by hand, from an upnorth health-centered orchard/bakery owned by U.P. friends.



Finally, framed is a high school photo done by Susanne's professional photographer sister Carla (now in memory care) of our son David, daughter Alissa, and AFS daughter Sohani from Sri Lanka the year she lived with us...the same year Sue's dad remarried a marvelous lady.

You can see why Susanne and I think it is a perfect spot to worship and be reminded of God's blessings! Thanks for your involvement in that.

**Photo and Article Courtesy of  
Susanne and William Gay**

# Charitable Gifts in 2020

Most taxpayers take advantage of the standard deduction when they are filing their Federal Income Tax Returns. The CARES Act provides an additional, “above-the-line” charitable deduction on top of the standard deduction for these taxpayers.



Taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions can take a one-time deduction of up to \$300 for gifts made to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. The deduction applies ONLY for gifts of cash made in the calendar year 2020.

**If you are not itemizing on your 2020 taxes, you can claim this new deduction.**

Stewardship Team

## Tithe.ly

**New Giving App coming December 6!**

# GIVING

IS EASIER THAN EVER



# Mission of the Month

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry.

## Hunger facts

- 821 million people around the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population.
- At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.

39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.elca.org/hunger>



**Karen Engelhart  
and MTZ Outreach Ministry**

## Holiday Food Boxes

These items are needed for food boxes for the holidays:

- Frozen turkeys
- Bags of potatoes
- Cans of vegetables, fruits (no sugar added or in own juice) and soup
- Box mixes for bread, muffins, cakes, or brownies
- Canned sweet potatoes or yams, cranberries and pumpkin
- Rice, pasta, pasta sauce and macaroni & cheese

If you want Tosa Cares to shop for you please make a financial gift to Tosa Cares at [tosacares.org](http://tosacares.org) or send a check to Mt. Zion for Tosa Cares. Thank you!

### How to Drop Off Donations

Special Thanksgiving Food Collection  
Drive-by and drop off by the main church doors

**Sunday, November 22, 10:30 – 12:30**

### Every week donation

**drop-off by pantry doors:**

Wednesdays from 1-2 pm

Saturdays from 10 - 11

# Hope for renewal of the earth

Honduras

Carlos and Anita live in the Santa Ana community of Honduras, a region that is part of the "dry corridor." In this area, farmers face difficult challenges accessing water for their households and farms. Rain comes in only four months of the year, and residents face long periods of drought, which puts them at heightened risk of hunger.

"This problem forces women to work even harder in order to collect water," Anita said. "Here, we do not sleep during the summer months, in order to grab a little water; we need to wait several hours by the well."

The lack of water is especially challenging for farmers, who depend on water for crops and animals. With support from ELCA World Hunger and the Lutheran World Federation's World Service/Central America program, local organization Red COMAL (the Alternative Community Markets Network, in English) is helping farmers such as Carlos and Anita learn new techniques and strategies that will help reduce their vulnerability to food insecurity while protecting the land on which they rely.

Through a project implemented by Red COMAL, Carlos was trained in agroecology,



an approach that focuses on food production and sustainable management of resources. Carlos has learned to diversify his crops and helped establish a system of stockpiling corn for times of scarcity and emergency. He also learned how to select, rescue, reproduce and store native seeds, which has helped him plant new crops for his family and help other farmers in his community.

In addition to planting fruit trees, sweet potatoes and squash, Carlos has also reforested his plot of land with trees such as laurel, cedar and mahogany. The wood can be used to build houses and generate income for his family. Native hens provide meat and eggs, while cows provide milk, all of which help Carlos and Anita earn income from their farm.

The dry corridor of the Santa Ana community still presents challenges for residents like Carlos and Anita. But with the support of ELCA World Hunger, LWF and Red COMAL, they are able to learn new approaches that will help their farms be profitable and sustainable for years to come.

From ELCA World Hunger

## 99c Titles to Fight Hunger

Author Jessica Monahan wants to help fight hunger through ELCA's Good Gifts program.

During November, all of Jessica's Ebook titles are only 99c and **ALL** proceeds go to supporting ELCA World Hunger. <https://amzn.to/3eWKck4> You get a story and charity gets the proceeds! Can we raise enough funds to please give someone a goat? Or a piglet? Or chickens? Or honeybees? That would be so cool!



# COVID Chaplain



“Ministering to some 700 National Guard and Army troops during New York City’s severe COVID-19 outbreak might seem daunting.

“But not to Anthony Stephens, an ELCA pastor and an Army chaplain.

“Stephens helped troops deal with their anxiety over serving on the front lines and possibly contracting the virus. He also counseled those with family members or friends who were sick, jobless or challenged by other hardships.” (Living Lutheran).

To read more about this chaplain on the front line, please visit the link:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/sofia/chaplain.php>

To learn more about Federal Chaplains or how you can become a Military Chaplain Candidate, visit:

[https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Leadership/Federal-Chaplaincy-Ministries?\\_ga=2.85097564.417156884.1588603475-481389018.1579464844](https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Leadership/Federal-Chaplaincy-Ministries?_ga=2.85097564.417156884.1588603475-481389018.1579464844)



## Pro Deo et Patria

The words, “Pro Deo et Patria” written on the Army Chaplain Corps badge above translate to

“For God and Country”

# Anti-Racism Conversation

Below is a link to a virtual event Our Savior's Hartland is hosting on **Monday evening (11/16) at 8:00 p.m. CST**. Our Savior's is pleased to be engaging in conversation with **Pastor Kara Baylor**, Carthage College campus minister, about Anti-Racism - how we in the Lake Country area can work towards and be a part of Anti-Racism efforts from our area and be an ally for our black brothers and sisters in Christ. There will be a short Q&A session at the end of Pastor Kara's presentation - if you have questions you would like to ask, Pastor Kara has asked that I attempt to get those ahead of time so she might be adequately prepared to respond.

Facebook Event Page link: <https://fb.me/e/1F5C2roQJ>

You are invited to attend, as this is open to all - please simply RSVP via the Facebook event page OR send an email with you RSVP and any questions you might have (for me or Pastor Kara) to [interntracy@oursaviorshartland.org](mailto:interntracy@oursaviorshartland.org).

## A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator  
Presbyterian Church of Canada

# Book Club

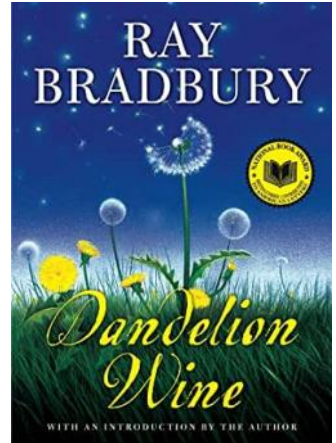
**Monday, November 23 at 7:00pm on Zoom**

## Dandelion Wine

Ray Bradbury

Twelve-year-old Douglas Spaulding knows Green Town, Illinois, is as vast and deep as the whole wide world that lies beyond the city limits. It is a pair of brand-new tennis shoes, the first harvest of dandelions for Grandfather's renowned intoxicant, the distant clang of the trolley's bell on a hazy afternoon. It is yesteryear and tomorrow blended into an unforgettable always. But as young Douglas is about to discover, summer can be more than the repetition of established rituals whose mystical power holds time at bay. It can be a best friend moving away, a human time machine who can transport you back to the Civil War, or a sideshow automaton able to glimpse the bittersweet future. Come and savor Ray Bradbury's priceless distillation of all that is eternal about boyhood and summer.

*Host Mary and Douglas Johnson*



## This Week's Prayer List



<https://bit.ly/2H0anUb>



# Science Tidbits

## *Fertility Crash*

Throughout the world, human birth rates have been progressively dropping. Actually, it is being referred to as a global crash. Every country could well have shrinking populations by the end of the century, and some, like Spain and Japan, are likely to see their populations halved by 2100. As many people will be turning 80 as there are new births.

Fertility rate is defined as the number of livebirths per woman. In 1950, women worldwide were having an average of 4.7 children in their lifetime. In 2017 this was down to 2.4 and a recent study suggests it will 1.7 by 2100. There are a number of reasons for its decline. First, fertility, or the actual ability of a couple to produce a child, may be compromised. Other important factors are the increased education of women worldwide, their working outside the home in greater numbers and greater access to effective contraception.

The necessary fertility rate to maintain most countries' population is 2.1, not 2.0. The added 0.1 is necessary because even in countries with excellent health care, not all babies survive to adulthood, and, interestingly, slightly more offspring are likely to be male. And in developing countries where infant mortality rates are high, the fertility rate needs to be even higher.

The fertility rate in the U.S. is 1.87, 0.24 points below what it needs to be to maintain the population. The consistent trend is that developed countries have a low fertility rate, while in developing countries it is high. The highest rates are found in countries such as Niger (6.49) Angola (6.19) and Mali (6.01) and Burundi (5.9), all in Africa, although they also have the highest rates of infant mortality. Some European countries are getting dangerously low (for example, Spain, 1.5; Germany, 1.45; Italy, 1.44; Slovenia, 1.36). In countries such as South Korea (1.26), Puerto Rico (1.22) and Singapore (0.83), the rates are even lower.

The outlook for the world is dour. There will be significant social change as a result. Looming questions include: Who will take care of the elderly? Who will pay the taxes necessary to run the country? How can we pay for healthcare? Will people be able to retire?

Already, countries such as Japan are importing people to tend to their rapidly aging population and the UK is increasingly dependent on migration to deal with plunging fertility rates. However, this cannot be the answer if every country suffers population loss. The question of whether to have open borders may become moot as nearly every country competes for migrants. And because of the positive fertility rates in African countries, there will be many more people of African descent in many more countries, thereby underscoring the importance of global recognition of the challenges to racism.

**-Steve Downs**

# The Back Pew



## Jess' Music Pick of the Week

"Who Am I"

NEEDTOBREATHE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iooys8xC3QA>

What I like about it: First of all, the lyrics are more complex than I have heard recently. It feels like someone cracked open a thesaurus and I appreciate that the multisyllabic words rhyme so well. Secondly, the central question is so hard-hitting, "Who am I to be loved by YOU?" This song may be powerful for those facing depression, loneliness, anxiety, or bullying. Lastly, the singing ability on the lead vocals? Whoa!

Coming Next Week:

The quickest, simplest, and most eco-friendly Advent wreath design you'll see this year!

# November Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays

David W. 11/1  
 Beth F. 11/2  
 Niko, A 11/2  
 Janice G. 11/2  
 Mary J. 11/3  
 Kingston M. 11/3  
 Judy H. 11/3  
 Jim Z. 11/4  
 Adam M. 11/4  
 Melissa S. 11/5  
 Jason F. 11/5  
 Angela R. 11/6  
 Shelly R. 11/7  
 Kyle F. 11/8  
 Katy M. 11/8  
 Samuel S. 11/9  
 Sara B. 11/9  
 Elmer B. 11/10  
 Andrew F. 11/10  
 Bob C. 11/12  
 Linda H. 11/13  
 Lisa M. 11/13

Gabby G. 11/16  
 Robert E. 11/16  
 Elena B. 11/17  
 Jacob B. 11/17  
 Mike K. 11/17  
 Amy K.. 11/17  
 John D. 11/17  
 Owen B. 11/18  
 Joyce S. 11/19  
 Rich R. 11/21  
 Nicole C. 11/22  
 Alexandra H. 11/23  
 Jelani S. 11/23  
 Robyn D. 11/26  
 Barb M. 11/27  
 Gail R. 11/29  
 Emma C. 11/29  
 Angela S. 11/29  
 Debbie K. 11/30  
 Brenda F. 11/30

## Wedding Anniversaries

Brendan and Mike M. . 11/2  
 Eric P and Cynthia R. 11/2  
 Jennifer and Steve S. 11/13  
 Jessie and Adam M. 11/18  
 John and Lynda Y. 11/27  
 Kent and Margie S. 11/28

## Scripture Readings for This Week

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18    Psalm 90:1-8,12  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11    Matthew 25:14-30

## Scripture Readings for Next Week

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24    Psalm 95:1-7a  
 Ephesians 1:15-23    Matthew 25:31-46

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