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## From Jason

Members of Mt Zion,

It is with mixed emotions I am writing to inform you as of January 3, 2022, I will be resigning from my position as Director of Music. The reason for my resignation is financial, as I will be taking on a new position with a significantly increased salary, benefits, and new opportunities in my search for fulltime employment. I will miss the weekly sass-filled love I have warmly received from choir and bell choir members, the staff, as well other relationships with members that were just developing in such a short amount of time.

I will be assisting Pastor Tyler and the Leadership Board in locating new music staff to fill this position. It is my hope that this congregation continues to grow to a thriving, spirit-filled house of Worship as it has high potential to be!

Moving Forward in Faith,  
Jason Meissner



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## Correction from the 75th

We would like to offer the following correction from our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

It has been discovered that our oldest and longest-time member at Mt Zion is **June Malen**, who is 101 years old and joined the congregation in 1950. We apologize for not catching this, and we would like to use this moment to honor June Malen.

Thank you, June, for your years of wisdom and love, and also your years of membership at Mt Zion.



## Chaney Correctional Center

Pastor Rebey has asked if Mt Zion could help donate 200 prepackaged crackers and cheese or crackers and peanut butter to be part of small Christmas gift bags given to men at Chaney Correctional Center. For some this is the only gift received.

Please contact Jean Morack ( [jeanmorack@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmorack@gmail.com) ) if you are willing to help with this request.

Cracker packages may also be dropped off at the church office (marked box)

Also if you are interested in singing Christmas Carols 7pm outside Chaney Prison, please contact Jean

**Read more about Chaney Correctional Center  
and it's connection to  
Tosa Cares food pantry on page 11**

## Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the AFWA book sale over the last two weeks. Thousands of books from multiple genres filled our Fellowship Hall. Funds raised will support scholarships for women in accounting and finance. Many of the books which were not sold have been donated to the Afghan Refugee Adult recreation and education and the children indoor activity collections.



# November 28 to December 5

Sun Nov 28	8:30a <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> 9:40a <b>Faith Formation Hour (Adult Forum only)</b> Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335 Passcode: 12012 10:45a <b>Praise &amp; Worship Service</b>
Mon Nov 29	7:00p <b>NA 12-steps group</b> Mt Zion Fellowship Hall
Tues Nov 30	12:00p <b>AA 12 Steps Meeting</b> 6:30p <b>Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting</b> 7:00p <b>Pets Helping People</b> Fellowship Hall
Wed Dec 1	12:00p <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> Meeting ID: 849 2489 7122 Passcode 12012 1:00p <b>Prayer Warriors</b> same Zoom info as Brown Bag <b>4:30 Staff Meeting</b>
Thurs Dec 2	<b>5:00p Public Theology</b> <b>6:30p Voices of Zion Rehearsal</b> <b>7:30p Festival Bells Handbells Rehearsal</b>
Fri Dec 3	7:00p <b>ACA 12-Step Group</b> [Rm 101] 7:30p <b>Essay 12-Step Group</b> Meeting Virtually
Sat Dec 4	8:30a <b>Women of Heart Bible Study</b> on Zoom Meeting ID: 849 6940 2756 Passcode: 12012
Sun Dec 5	8:30a <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> 9:40a <b>Faith Formation Hour (Adult Forum, Youth, Sunday School)</b> 10:45a <b>Praise and Worship Service</b>

**Live Nativity**



  
**CHRISTMAS HAS  
A HEART 2021**

**Alternative Christmas Market**  
**Sunday, December 12**  
**9:30**

## Mt Zion's Christmas Pageant



## Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

5:30 Family Worship Service

10:00pm Candlelight Service



## Call in to Worship

Listen to Worship  
(and other events)  
through Zoom

- No internet? Call in through Zoom instead!  
Call **312.626.6799**. When Zoom picks up...
- 1) Dial the **Meeting ID 841 6597 2335** and press #
  - 2) 2) Press # again
  - 3) Dial the **Passcode 12012** and press #

## Adult Forum Schedule

**11/28:** Dialogues on Race

**12/5:** Dialogues on Race

**12/12:** Christmas Has a Heart

**12/19:** Nativity Play (Sunday School)

## Scripture Readings for November 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

## Scripture Readings for December 5

Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79

Luke 3:1-6

## *The Power of Prayer*

Prayer Warriors  
Wednesdays  
1:00 pm

Weekly Prayers

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



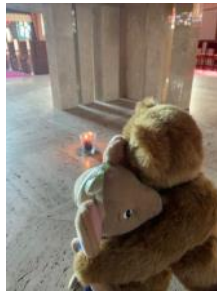
## Showcase Our Mt Zion Youth

### A word from our Social Media Coordinator....

Mt Zion youth are awesome, and we love bragging about them! Have your kids been recognized for something recently? This could be an academic achievement, a sports award, a performance in a play or musical, featured soloist in a concert, artwork spotlighted in a show, leading a service project for your community, etc. If your child has been recognized for something like this, please email a picture of your child doing the activity to Douglas ([socialmedia@mtzionlutheran.org](mailto:socialmedia@mtzionlutheran.org)) along with a few words explaining what they were recognized for, and we will share this on our social media accounts. (Note: We only identify minors with first name and last initial.) Thank you for helping us showcase our Mt Zion youth!



## Dahlia Responds to Waukesha



"Sometimes scary things happen. I struggle to make sense of pain and loss. Even when I feel like I'm all alone with my feelings, I know there's one who always has my back. I'll always have a shoulder I can cry on. Someone I can lean on."

*Need support during this time? Please call or email Pastor Tyler.*

# Operation Christmas 2021

**“Operation Christmas”** provides Christmas gifts to children of Incarnation Lutheran Church’s children as well as other neighborhood children attending Incarnation’s “God Bless the Kids” weekly after school program that welcomes ALL children.

This year Incarnation is celebrating 104 years of service to Milwaukee families at the same corner of 15<sup>th</sup> & Keefe, concentrating on reaching out to its neighborhood by working for justice and making “faith” a verb. Although zip code 53206 is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the entire country, the people at Incarnation with God’s guidance have chosen to remain in this location and address the challenges of economic deprivation, job scarcity, violence and loss of hope. Their outreach has been successful in attracting neighborhood children to worship, and their afterschool tutoring program. One way that Incarnation Church witnesses to the hope that Jesus embodies is to provide a Christmas gift for each participating child through the “Operation Christmas” effort in cooperation with Mt. Zion.

There are fewer ornaments on the tree than normal this year. Just as Covid has restricted attendance at Mt. Zion and its programs, the Incarnation programs have also been restricted. Despite that, Incarnation continues to reach out in rebuilding the “God Bless the Kids” program and these students are taught that they are a valued part of God’s Kingdom.

A number of the children on the ornaments are in the 13 and up age group this year. We realize that this is a hard age to shop for, so if you have trouble selecting an item, keep in mind that gift cards are certainly acceptable.

## The process is simple:

- Take an ornament from the tree in the narthex
- Purchase a gift for the age of the child you selected
- Wrap the gift and tape the identifying ornament to the gift
- Bring the gift to church and place it under the tree by **Sunday, Dec. 12.**



**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**- The Mt. Zion Outreach Team**



# Afghan Refugees

## November Mission of the Month:

**Collect at least 100 packages of socks and underwear – all sizes and gender.**



**For our  
Afghan  
Refugee  
Neighbors  
in our state.**

*Place donations in basket  
in gathering space.*

Mt. Zion's Mission of the Month for November is Assisting Afghan Refugees through Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and their partner Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS).

You can donate financially to the November Mission of the Month or bring in packages of socks and underwear to the basket in the Gathering Space.

## Items Urgently Needed:

Winter clothing, sweaters, boots, shoes,

Coats, hats, scarves, mittens/gloves,

Toddler clothes and infant clothes

## Items Not Needed:

Blouses, pants, t-shirts, dresses, summer clothing, sandals

Mt Zion is collecting donations across from the administration offices. Please place items into the appropriate categories. This helps sorting and distribution efforts down the line.



# Coffee for a Cause



## Something Special for the Holidays PREMIUM COFFEE

### Holiday Selection '21



Among our highest cupping scores.

#### Cuppers notes include:

Subtle natural flavors including honey, dark chocolate, winy after-taste

Can you taste them?

These are not artificial flavors

Special Vienna Roast accentuates its variety of flavors –

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#### **INCLUDES:**

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Regular Drip

Peaberry

Hazelnut

Butter Pecan

French Vanilla

Chocolate Raspberry

### Regular Drip

Meru Coffee Project has been improving the standard of living in the Meru region of Tanzania for 22 years.



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# Produce from a Prison Garden

*Excerpts from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article  
"Milwaukee correctional center helps stock shelves food pantries  
emptied by raging pandemic"  
by La Risa R. Lynch*

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2021/11/08/milwaukee-correctional-center-shares-its-vegetables-food-pantries/6057190001/>

Nonperishable dry or canned goods are often staples at most pantries, he [David Rebey] said. Fresh vegetables are a rarity. For families struggling economically from the pandemic, putting fresh vegetables on their grocery lists is rarer still.



Pastor David Rebey

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections has about 30 prison gardens or farms operating throughout its system. Many use the produce in their in-house food services with a few donating their excess to local groups.

"You kind of don't think of people incarcerated as feeding the hungry. You kind of think the other way – people doing stuff for them," he said. "I'm just in awe and amazement that they are able to do something to help others. I think knowing that, many people in the community would think differently if they know that these men even while incarcerated are contributing members of society."

The Chaney Center's superintendent said its garden instills a sense of responsibility for those who work it and allows them to become nurturers.

The effort should be a source of pride for the men, said Nancy Beaumier, a Tosa Cares' board member.

"The extras that they weren't consuming are not going to waste," Beaumier said. "They are going to feed hungry people in Milwaukee. I think that is just fabulous."

Any donations of healthy food items are appreciated, especially since the pantry is serving more families this year, Beaumier said. Tosa Cares has had to increase food distribution from two days every six to seven weeks to two to three days almost every week.

## Science Tidbits

### Wild Animals Are Just That: Wild

Earlier this fall, an Illinois woman was arrested for staying too close to a grizzly bear and her three cubs (less than 100 feet) in Yellowstone National Park and was sentenced to four days in jail, a year of unsupervised probation and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and make a \$1,000 payment to the Yellowstone Forever Wildlife Protection Fund. One of the naturalists commented that "Pure luck is why she is a criminal defendant and not a mauled tourist."



This is not an isolated incident. Every year visitors to the park are injured by bears, elk and/or bison, and some have been killed. These attacks are avoidable, usually due to man's fascination with these magnificent creatures and the stupid decision to get as close as possible, let alone snap that perfect picture. Visitors mistakenly think that since the animals roam free throughout the park, they are somehow domesticated.

I can remember when our family visited Yellowstone Park in the 1960s and black bears walked up to the cars where we fed them marshmallows through open windows. It's hard to believe the park allowed this to happen, because it trained the bears to approach humans and get used to unnatural food, which led to scary problems when the bears became emboldened to visit individual campsites.

But there was one horrific night on August 12, 1967 in Glacier National Park when two separate grizzly bear maulings changed national park policy forever. There had been forest fires in the region that were driving the bears dangerously close to populated areas. One fatality occurred on the popular Highline Trail that runs 8 miles from the centrally located Logan Pass Visitor Center to the Granite Park Chalet. At that time, the park service neglected to close trails where bear sightings were frequent, littering was common, plus there was a dump site near the chalet that bears often frequented to sift through the garbage. On this night, two young lodge employees were sleeping in the open air not far from the chalet, when one of them was dragged off by a rampaging bear in the middle of the night. Curiously, that very same night, a second, nearly identical incident, took place 8 miles away near Trout Lake, a more remote and less popular area of the park, where a group of hikers were camping.

These two deaths sent shock waves throughout the national park system and provided a wake-up call that resulted in rapid, long overdue, sweeping changes in the approach to dealing with wild park animals. There is a very strict no feeding policy, garbage is now well secured, bear warning signs are everywhere, and trails are closed in response to bear sightings.

**Steve Downs**

## Nov Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

David W. 11/1	Samuel S. 11/9	Jacob B. 11/17
Sharon R. 11/1	Sara B. 11/9	Amy K. 11/17
Janice G. 11/2	Erin M. 11/9	Owen B. 11/18
Niko A. 11/2	Elmer B. 11/10	Joyce S. 11/19
Beth F. 11/2	Andrew F. 11/10	Rich R. 11/21
Mary J. 11/3	Bob C. 11/12	Nicole C. 11/22
Kingston M. 11/3	Linda H. 11/13	Alexandra H. 11/23
Judy H. 11/3	Lisa M. 11/13	Jelani S. 11.23
Brian C. 11/4	Pam K. 11/14	Robyn D. 11/26
Adam M. 11/4	Lewis K. 11/15	Barb M. 11/27
Jim Z. 11/4	Jean W. 11/15	Angela S. 11/29
Melissa S. 11/5	Mike K. 11/15	Emma C. 11/29
Jason F. 11/5	Bob E. 11/16	Gail R. 11/29
Shelly R. 11/7	Gabby G. 11/16	Adrian B. 11.29
Katy M. 11/7	Josh G. 11/17	David K. 11/30
Kyle F. 11/8	John D. 11/17	Debbie K. 11/30
	Elena B. 11/17	Brenda F. 11/30

### Wedding Anniversaries

Cynthia R. and Eric P. 11/2	Erik and Kay H. 11/23
Brenda and Mike M. 11/2	Ellyn and Wayne S. 11/26
Steve and Jennifer S. 11/13	John and Lynda Y. 11/27
Adam and Jessie M. 11/18	Kent and Margie S. 11/28
Tom and Mary C. 11/21	

## Writer's Weekend





It was a great time during Saturday's writing weekend. Stories were created on the spot. Ideas for battling writer's block were shared and tried. Hilarious round robin story telling produced a ridiculous tale about a missing box of figs on a ferryboat. We can't wait for the next weekend sometime in late February or early March!

# Volunteer Schedule

	Nov. 28 Sunday 8:30 am	Nov. 28 Sunday 10:45am	Dec. 5 Sunday 8:30 am	Dec. 5 Sunday 10:45am	Dec. 12 Sunday 8:30 am	Dec. 12 Sunday 10:45am	Dec. 19 Sunday 8:30 am	Dec. 19 Sunday 10:45am
<b>AUDIO/ VISUAL</b>	Douglas & Mary Johnson	Douglas & Mary Johnson & Janet	Erik Peterson and Abby Sumiec	Erik Peterson and Abby Sumiec	Dawn and Joe Driscoll	Dawn and Joe Driscoll	Katie and Tony Frederick	<b>Katie and Tony Frederick</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Isabella and Gabriella Riccaboni							
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Wendi Hall		Nancy DiGiacinto		Edie DiGiacinto		Ellyn Steinke	
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	Wendi Hall	Lora Marheine	Rich Robinson	Mavis Roesch	Lynda Yanny	Janet McCarthy	Donna Zarek	Lora Marheine
<b>COMMUNION DEACONS</b>								
<b>GREETERS</b>	Angela and James Riccaboni	Volunteers needed	Margie and Kent Spicer	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers
<b>LECTORS</b>	Linda Ertel		Gail Robinson	Janet McCarthy			Kay Cucinelo	Jeremy Goss
<b>USHERS</b>	Tom Ertel	Dave and Vicki Nelson	Debbie and Kurt Kleppek	Janet McCarthy	Rick Pearson	Dorothy Snead	Jim and Donna Zarek	Dave and Vicki Nelson
<b>OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u></b>	4TH WEEK: Ellyn Steinke / Carl & Karen Engelhardt		1st Week Tom Ertel, Jim Goetzinger, and Gary Goll		2ND WEEK: Tom & Pat Morgan / Brad & Pam Hext		3rd WEEK: Pete Peterson/John Link/Roy Durrenberg	



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At Mt Zion we are  
Joyfully growing  
disciples in Christ

So that  
Everyone we meet comes to  
know themselves as a  
reflection of God's image,  
worthy of life and love



By prioritizing  
Faith                      Community  
Hospitality              Justice



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