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# Grace Notes

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## North Ave Closed

**Begins Monday, March 14**

North Ave from Highway 100 (Mayfair Rd) to 116th will be closed through late summer of 2022.

### Detours:

Coming from the North take Burleigh to 120th or 124th streets heading south.

Coming from the South

Take Watertown Plank Road to 116th street or 124th and head north. North-bound and southbound traffic will be permitted at 116th.

**For a detailed map, please see page 6**



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## Movie Screening

**MT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IN  
WAUWATOSA IS PRIVILEGED TO  
BE HOSTING A FREE SCREENING  
OF THE FOLLOWING FILM:**

**MISSION:  
JOY**  
FINDING HAPPINESS  
IN TROUBLED TIMES



Are you ready to find happiness? Join us for *Mission: Joy*, a deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny screening of the documentary movie where His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu share science-backed wisdom of how to live with joy in troubled times.

Trailer: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_nLUI5yNgIE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nLUI5yNgIE)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2022**

- 5:00p** Warm-Up Discussion: A Sneak Peak at Creating Joy
- 5:20p** Movie (Have your dinner while you watch)
- 7:00p** Connect, Share, and take the Big Joy Challenge

**Register to join over Zoom:  
<https://bit.ly/MISSIONJOY>**

Can't watch live? Email [pastor@mtzionlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@mtzionlutheran.org) for a link to the film. Link only good until 2/28.

# February 20 to February 27

Sun Feb 20	8:30a <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> 9:40a <b>Faith Formation</b> (Adult Forum, Sunday School, Youth) 10:45a <b>Praise and Worship Service</b> 5:00p <b>MZY Journey (Confirmation)</b>
Mon Feb 21	President's Day 6:00p <b>Leadership Board Meeting</b> 7:00p <b>NA 12-Steps</b>
Tues Feb 22	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 Feb 23	12:00p <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> 1:00p <b>Prayer Warriors</b> 4:30p <b>Staff Meeting</b>
Thurs Feb 24	6:30p <b>Voices of Zion</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:00p <b>Bedtime Books</b> via Zoom 7:30p <b>Festival Bells</b> Handbells Rehearsal
Fri Feb 25	7:00p <b>ACA 12-Step Group</b> 7:30p <b>Essay 12-step group</b> [meeting virtually]
Sat Feb 26	8:30a <b>Women of Heart Bible Study</b>
Sun Feb 27	Transfiguration Sunday 8:30a <b>Traditional Worship</b> <b>9:40a Faith Formation Hour</b> 10:45a <b>Praise and Worship Service</b>

Zoom Worship, Adult Forum, Brown Bag Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335

Passcode: 12012

## Adult Forum Schedule

**Feb 20:** Sue Johnson on the GMS Meru Partnership

**Feb 27:** David Lee on Lutherdale and Outdoor Ministries

## 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) Press # again
- 3) Dial the **Passcode 12012** and press #

## Scripture Readings

### For February 20

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Luke 6:27-38

### For February 27

Exodus 34:29-35

Luke 9:28-36

## LIFTING UP OUR PRAYERS

This Week's Prayer List

<https://bit.ly/33sl38c>

Prayer Warriors  
Wednesdays  
1:00pm

# PRAYgrounds

You may have heard we are getting a Playground at Mt Zion. A playground is a space for children to play in the sanctuary so that they can stay in worship throughout the service and participate at their level.

## Where will this Playground go?



It is going to be on the south side of the sanctuary right up front by the altar and pulpit. We'll be removing 3 pews to make room for this space. Why the south side? So that it's accessible for people at both services, since the 2<sup>nd</sup> service people only sit on the south side. Why up front? Well, let's be honest: kids are short. If they are going to be able to see everything going on, they need to be up close to the action. You'd be amazed the things kids absorb just by being able to see what's happening!

## Won't this encourage noise?



No more noise than the kids already make in the pews. We are working right now on finding the right toys for this space, but they are all going to be plush or foam so there's no chance kids can bang things together.

## I'm a parent; my kid likes to run if I don't hold onto them. Will this space work for my child?



The front divider rail will remain when we install the playground (we do plan to find someone to cut a foot off it so that the kids can see more easily). And we plan to find a carpenter to help us create a half pew to put sideways along the outside aisle. This will block in 3 sides of the playground, hopefully minimizing stray children. But if they do get away, well, there's grace for that.

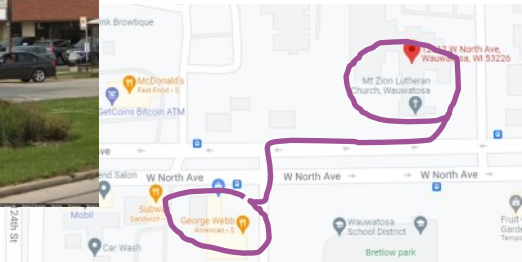
## Still unsure about playgrounds?

Check out [graceofav.org/prayground/](http://graceofav.org/prayground/), and read through the FAQ to hear about the experience of one Lutheran church and their playground.



# Fundraiser for Local Employee

An employee at the George Webb restaurant across the street from Mt Zion was shot in the face on January 30 as a result of an argument over food service. A GoFundMe fundraiser has been started to support the recovery needs of the employee. According to the GoFundMe page, this young man has been to an oral surgeon, has been assigned to speech therapists and physical therapists, and has recently been fitted with a new, more comfortable, neck brace. You can contribute to this fundraiser at the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/mus262-all-in-for-anthony>



# North Ave Construction

Beginning Monday, March 17



## Book Club Book Shelf



## Book Club

**Monday, February 28**

**7:00pm**

**Hearth Room**

The Authenticity Project  
by Clare Pooley

The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley is the perfect antidote to the pandemic blahs.

This bestseller is the story of a solitary notebook that brings together six strangers and leads to unexpected friendship and even love. It's a tale of being brave and putting your real self forward—and finding out that it's not as scary as it seems. It's about turning isolation and loneliness into life-changing friendships. And at its heart, it's about the beautiful things that can bloom around you when you do good things for others.

Host: Tosa All City Reads

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**March 2**

**12:00pm**

**In-person**

**6:30pm**

**In-person and Online**

## Mission of the Month

MICAH – Mission of the Month – Feb 20, 2022

### We Rise to Speak the Truth

The Feb 6<sup>th</sup> the Grace Notes mentioned some of the injustices that MICAH (Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope) Task Force for Education is tackling. The Feb 13<sup>th</sup> subject was MICAH's Task Force on Health and especially their COLE (Coalition on Lead Emergency) working for justice. If you were unable to read either of those two notes and/or neither Education nor Health are of interest to you in a justice framework, pick up a MICAH booklet at the front entry desk or one of the coffee tables in the Gathering Space for more information.

This week, the MICAH restorative justice subject is covered by the MICAH Criminal Justice Reform Task Force. This task force investigates changes that need to be made. Would this be the justice model which piques your interest and the subject for which God wants you to use your gifts? In our Baptism covenant, we are instructed among other things to lead a Godly life. Micah, the Old Testament prophet in Chapter 6 Verse 8 states: *"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God."* In that vein, the motto of MICAH is: **Do What is Just.**

Criminal justice reform has many aspects. As first responders, police have a tremendous task. They need more options. They need to be trained to know who to contact to de-escalate a situation. They should be immediately backed up by mental health experts and sociologists who can determine PTSD or mental illness or addiction and police need help from health experts to know the differing actions to be taken for each.

Criminal justice reform addresses the need for restorative justice. Restorative Justice means to change the individual to wholeness. Incarceration without that transformation is useless. We must take action to transform the legal system. Solitary confinement is used extensively in Wisconsin as a punishment for even extremely minor offenses. Currently, there are 743 people in Wisconsin's solitary confinement. Solitary confinement exceeding 15 days has been determined to be torture since people are social creatures. The average stay in solitary confinement in Wisconsin is 1-3 months without interacting with another human being. This produces the same effect as PTSD. If the incarcerated person was a veteran, there is a good chance that this adds to the severity of the PTSD that the person already has endured. Solitary confinement must end if we are to do God's work.



## Mission of the Month

In 1853, Wisconsin abolished the death penalty, but with Covid, there has been no proper care of imprisoned people. Medications are not given in a timely manner. Social distancing is impossible. If people get sick, they are put into the infirmary with non-quarantined Covid victims. This adds up to a possible death sentence not legally imposed by any court system.



MICAH is committed to reinvestment of our tax dollars. At the inadequate Waupun and Green Bay facilities, both over 100 years old, we spend \$94M per year. If we would use TAD (Treatment Alternatives and Diversion), those facilities could be closed and our taxes could be used in many cases for treatment instead of incarceration and those saved tax dollars could be more effectively used while also bringing useful citizens back to their families and to their community which would stabilize neighborhoods. TAD saves \$2 for every \$1 spent and those persons working under TAD treatment are nine times less likely to return to prison. If drug and alcohol treatment courts were expanded, the facilities would also have fewer imprisoned persons which would also lessen required tax dollars.

Crimeless revocations waste tax dollars. It is estimated that right now, Wisconsin has over 4500 persons in prison for crimeless revocations such as missing a bus and being late to meet with a parole officer or buying a cell phone or getting a job without the ok of the parole officer. Doing these crimeless "offenses", none of which have anything to do with the original crime, causes people to be automatically sent back behind bars for a lengthened sentence without any trial. This does not make our streets safer.

There are many ways in which justice could be attained with fewer tax dollars. MICAH wants to let our tax money to be used more effectively for justice, while also having a safer community. I don't think anyone likes to pay taxes, but when tax money could be spent more wisely and justice done as well, it just makes sense. If some Southern states are using these procedures, not for justice, but just to save money, why don't we?

**Jerry Roesch, member of Mt. Zion Outreach Committee**

# Our Volunteers

## Volunteer

## Spotlight



### Volunteer Positions

Liturgy Assistant, Lector, Women of Heart, Bell Choir, Reception, Brown Bag, Prayer Warrior, Leadership Board, Book Club, God's Work Our Hands.

### Has there been an exciting moment in your volunteer positions?

There has been no dramatic moment but lots of conversations that have been caring and encouraging and helped for relationships.

### Has Do you have a favorite book?

I love reading fiction: memoirs and mysteries.



# Mavis Roesch

## Our Volunteers

### Volunteer

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Name a challenging time you encountered as a volunteer. How did you handle it? What did you learn from it?

My continuing challenge is using computer technology beyond the basics as a volunteer receptionist (I've wasted so much time trying to figure it out myself), yet when I've had to ask for help, those in charge have been kind and patient in providing it. I learned I have to get over my embarrassment about asking for help.

What kind of music do you like?

I'm fond of quiet classical, golden oldies, and contemporary Christian as background.

## Mavis Roesch

## Science Tidbits

### In Honor of Valentine's Day

*It's not enough to have lived. We should be determined to live for something. May I suggest that it be creating joy for others, sharing what we have for the betterment of personkind, bringing hope to the lost and love to the lonely.*

**Leo Buscaglia**

This is a quote from a man who was well known for promoting love. His message has filtered down to our children in different ways, as seen below.

-  *If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it.* **Glenn, 7**
-  *No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell.* **Mae, 9**
-  *Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife.* **Tom, 5**
-  *Love will find you, even if you are trying to hide from it. I been trying to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me.* **Dave, 8**
-  *When a person gets kissed for the first time, they fall down and they don't get up for at least an hour.* **Wendy, 8**
-  *It's never OK to kiss a boy. They always slobber all over you. That's why I stopped doing it.* **Tammy, 10**
-  *I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough.* **Regina, 10**
-  *(On seeing a couple kissing) He is trying to steal her chewing gum.*
-  **Boy, age 6**
-  *Lovers will be staring at each other and their food will get cold. Other people care more about the food.* **Brad, 8**
-  *It's love if they order one of those desserts that are on fire. They like to order those because it's just like how their hearts are-on fire.* **Christine, 9**
-  *Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take out the trash.* **Erin, 8**
-  *One of the people has freckles, and so he finds somebody else who has freckles too.* **Andrew, 6**
-  *I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful.* **Manuel, 8**
-  *I know one reason kissing was created. It makes you feel warm all over, and they didn't always have electric heat or fireplaces in their houses.*
-  **Gina, 8**
-  *Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too.* **Greg, 8**

# February Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Robert J. 2/1	Dean S. 2/9	Roger S. 2/20
Mickie R. 2/1	Kate W. 2/9	Yvonne K. 2/21
Dave F. 2/1	Erica M. 2/11	Margie S. 2/21
Loretta B. 2/2	Wyatt S. 2/12	Eloise K. 2/21
Debbie F. 2/2	Gwenivere A. 2/12	Carolyn H. 2/22
Robert J. 2/2	Dick H. 2/13	Logan W. 2/22
Nancy K. 2/2	Aharon G. 2/13	Brian W. 2/22
Mara M. 2/2	James H. 2/15	Alex H. 2/24
Patricia S. 2/3	Trentin E. 2/16	Kathryn M. 2/25
Natasha P. 2/3	Lynn K. 2/16	Kristin M. 2/25
Sherry D. 2/6	Franklin B. 2/17	Joe D. 2/25
Eliza F. 2/6	Jim S. 2/19	Garret J. 2/25
	Harper P. 2/20	Vince C. 2/26
	Michael F. 2/20	Grace H. 2/27
		Pat G. 2/28

## Wedding Anniversaries

Keith and Peg P. 2/8  
 Jim and Tina K. 2/17  
 Carole and Ken S. 2/21  
 Andrew and Kelsey F. 2/23

# I'm 72. Now What?

## Zoom Webinar

**Friday, February 25 at 12:00pm**



When you turn 72, you're required to accept taxable payments from your tax-deferred retirement account, and navigating these requirements can be confusing. Many charitable donors find themselves in a position of taking distributions while continuing to make gifts to charity out of their banking accounts. By contrast, making distributions directly from an IRA — also known as qualified charitable distributions — can be a win-win, both in supporting ministry and reducing taxable income. Join the ELCA Foundation for this webinar to learn more about qualified charitable distributions: who can make them, at what age they can be made, and what they can be used to support.



<https://bit.ly/3gNExZ9>





Volunteer Schedule

	Feb. 20 Sunday 8:30 am	Feb. 20 Sunday 10:45am	Feb 27 Sunday 8:30am	Feb 27 Sunday 10:45am	March 6 Sunday 8:30am	March 6 Sunday 10:45am
ACOLYTES						
ALTAR CARE	Nancy Di Giacinto		Nancy Di Giacinto		Edie Di Giacinto	
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Lynda Yanny	Lora Marheine	Rich Robinson	Mavis Roesch	Lynda Yanny	
COMMUNION DEACONS						
GREETERS						
LECTORS	Joe Di Giacinto	Janet McCarthy	Gail Robinson	Jeremy Goss	Nancy Di Giacinto	Mavis Roesch
USHERS	Jim & Donna Zarek	Dave Fohr	Kurt and Debbie Kleppek	Dave Fohr	Joe and Nancy Di Giacinto	Dave Nelson
OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u>	3rd WEEK: Roy Durenburg, John Link, Pete Peterson		4th Week Karen and Carl Engelhardt Ellyn Steinke		1st Week Gary Goll / Jim Goetzinger	
AUDIO/VISUAL	Dawn and Joe Driscoll	Dawn and Joe Driscoll	Tony and Katie Frederick	Tony and Katie Frederick	Marciniaks	Marciniaks



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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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