

May 8, 2022



Grace Notes

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Mother's Day

"Bold power and glorious majesty are wrapped around her as she laughs with joy over the latter days. Her teachings are filled with wisdom and kindness, as loving instruction pours from her lips. She watches over the ways of her household and meets every need they have. Her sons and daughters arise in one accord to extol her virtues, and her husband arises to speak of her in glowing terms."

Proverbs 31:25-28
Passion Translation



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Care for Mother Earth and strengthen our ability to care for all the world's mothers, children, and spouses. Turn to the Justice section on pages 8 and 9.

Summer Schedules

First Sunday Summer Worship Series
Join us on the first Sunday of the month for a
combined worship service at 9:30am.



All other Sundays during June, July, August, and September
will maintain worship at 8:30 and 10:45am

Release dates for summer issues of the Grace Notes.



May 22

July 3

August 14

July 17

August 28

June 5

July 31

June 19

September 11

September 25

Contributions to Grace notes are due by the
Tuesday before the edition release date.

With Sympathy


We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of two of our members:

Kenneth Schmidt passed away on May 3.
A small family service was held Friday.

Sandra Echols passed away on April 25.
A memorial service will be held at Mt Zion on
Saturday, May 14th beginning at 12:00pm.
If you plan to attend, the family is asking
guests to wear a white shirt and blue jeans or
blue jean skirt.
Please keep Sandra's sister, nephew, and
dog Bailey in your prayers.



May 8 to May 15

Sun May 8	8:30a	Traditional Worship Service	
	9:40a	Faith Formation (Sunday School, Youth) Coffee, Snacks, and Fellowship	
	10:45a	Praise and Worship Service	
	5:00p	MZY (Confirmation)	
Mon May 9	6:00p	Property Committee	
	7:00p	NA 12-Steps	
Tues May 10	12:00p	AA 12 Steps Meeting	
	6:00p	Outreach Committee Meeting	
	6:30p	Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting	
	7:00p	Knit One, Pray Too Conference Room	
	7:00p	Pets Helping People Fellowship Hall	
Wed May 11	12:00p	Brown Bag Bible Study	
	1:00p	Prayer Warriors	
	4:30p	Staff Meeting	
	7:00p	Stewardship Team Meeting Zoom	
Thurs May 12			
Fri May 13	7:00p	ACA 12-Step Group	
	7:30p	Essay 12-step group [meeting virtually]	
Sat May 14	8:30a	Women of Heart Bible Study	
	9:00a	Tosa Takes Out the Trash	
	12:00p	Sandra Echols Memorial Service	
Sun May 15	8:30a	Traditional Worship Service	
	9:40a	Faith Formation Hour	
	10:45a	Praise and Worship Service	

Zoom Worship, Adult Forum, Brown Bag Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335
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JOIN US FOR A
JOINT SERVICE WITH

New Command Korean Church

May 22 at 11:00am
Mt Zion Sanctuary
Followed by a meal



GRADUATION SUNDAY



Sunday, June 5

**Followed by a
cookout in the courtyard
after the 10:45 service!**

**Would you like to recognize a graduate?
Please contact Douglas at
social@mtzionlutheran.org
or call the church 414-258-0456**

Gathering Snacks

Have you enjoyed the snacks and refreshments between worship services on Sundays? Please consider signing up to serve snacks! The sign up board is in the Gathering Space.

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 #

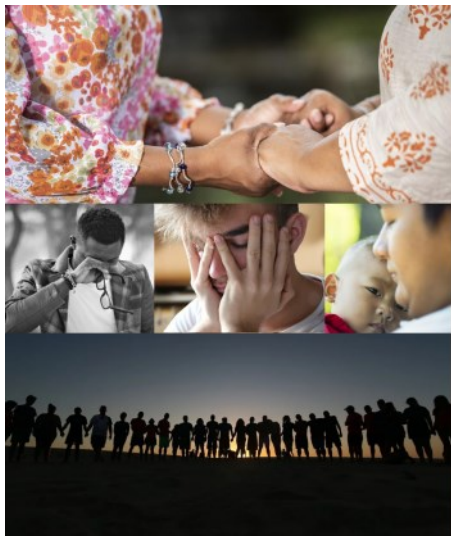
Scripture Readings

May 8

Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

For May 15

Acts 11:1-12, 15-18
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35



Lifting up our prayers of
thanksgiving and concern.

ACCESS THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST HERE:

<https://bit.ly/3P23Q9B>

Prayer Warriors meet
Wednesdays at 1:00pm.

May Mission of the Month

REFORMATION LUTHERAN'S YOUTH SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

Thank you, Mt. Zion!! Your gifts via the Lenten Giving Cross totaled \$2275, nearly doubling our goal! That covers the scholarships for EIGHT children to attend Reformation's Youth Summer Work Program 2022!!! Thank you so much!

So, you say, why is the Youth Summer Work Program the Mission of the Month for May, then? Well, there are other expenses that Reformation needs to cover to give each child a great experience. Here are two specific ones. Each summer the kids are taken on a field trip. This summer they are going to a nature center, so transportation and admission costs must be covered, about \$35 per child. And to ensure that transportation issues don't keep kids from attending camp, families who need them are given bus tickets to get their children to and from Reformation each day.



Lunch is provided every day, as well. Several partner churches participate in this, each church supplying and serving lunch for a week. Mt. Zion is one of those churches. Total cost for a week of food and juice is approximately \$400.

Mt. Zion also sponsors the end of summer camp program. It is a celebration of the children's time together and of their accomplishments. Here they receive their back packs filled with school supplies for the coming year and some money to help with purchasing school clothing, etc. Every celebration should include a cake, right? So that is where Mt. Zion comes in. We sponsor the purchase of a large sheet cake complete with lots of gooey frosting in fun party colors to make the event even more special.



Any of the money you donate to the May Mission of the Month will go to Reformation to use specifically for the Youth Summer Work Program. So, the more we give, the more the coordinators can focus on the kids in the program and the less they have to worry about how to pay for it. Use your Mission of the Month donation envelope and note "Reformation Youth" in the memo section of your check, or choose the Mission of the Month option for on-line giving.

Whatever you are able to give, know it will go to help a child have an awesome experience this summer. It will be a positive experience which they can continue to build on.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Andrea Cockerham
Outreach Committee**

Support the Health of Families

Support Local Land and Human Health

As a member congregation of MICAHA, we support the work of COLE, the Coalition on Lead Emergency, an organization that MICAHA helped found and He-phatha Lutheran helps lead. Recently COLE spoke in front of the US Congress about the problem of lead pipes in Milwaukee water systems and lead in Milwaukee homes. We all know how damaging lead can be to people, especially to children and their mental development. Unfortunately, Wisconsin has double the rate of lead poisoning in children compared to the national average.



Please read this article to learn more, and consider what you can do to help COLE get the funds it needs to remove lead from Milwaukee and improve the lives of all our neighborhoods in the process.

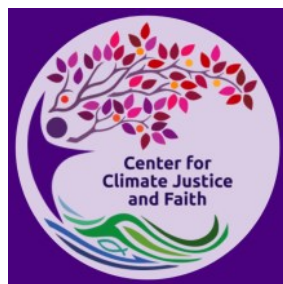
<https://spectrumnews1.com/wi/milwaukee/politics/2022/04/09/milwaukee-advocates-talk-challenges-to-replacing-the-city-s-lead-pipelines>.

If you would like to hear COLE's testimony, go to <https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-trusting-the-tap-upgrading-americas-drinking-water> and jump to the 42:08 mark.

Merge Creation Care with Social Justice

Obtain a certificate in climate justice and faith. This certificate offers a cohort-based, online trans-continental curriculum which empowers participants to cultivate moral, spiritual, and practical power for leadership in the work of climate justice in communities of faith and in collaboration with others. Topics covered include theology, ethics, and spirituality related to climate justice; climate change knowledge; and social change practices that connect ecological well-being with racial, economic, and gender justice.

Tuition is \$600 for the entire program and assistance is available.



Apply by June 10!

<https://centerforclimatejusticeandfaith.org/programs/certificate-in-climate-justice-and-faith/>

Support the Health of Mother Earth



Clean Up the World Right Outside Our Doors

On Saturday 4/30, Wauwatosa hosted a city-wide day of volunteer trash clean-up called "Tosa Takes Out the Trash" to beautify our public spaces. Mt Zion decided to "adopt" the median of North Ave right out in front of our building, and volunteers collected a lot of trash that morning! "Community" is one of our four core values, so spending time cleaning up our neighborhood is a great way to show we care for our community!

Join us for our
Spring Outdoor Cleaning Day at Mt Zion!
Saturday, May 21 starting at 8:00am.
Come when you're able. Bring gloves and
garden tools if you have them.



Become Stronger Leaders in Creation Care

Individually or as a whole church, we can review the ELCA's 1993 Call to action and commit to engaging in steps to live into that calling.

As a congregation, Mt Zion take that call and care a step further by creating a Green Team and Action Plan then develop commitments in the five areas of worship, education, building and grounds, member discipleship, and public witness. These steps can lead to becoming a certified creation care community affiliated with Lutherans Restoring Creation.

<https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>

Women of Heart Bible Study

Meet in-person beginning May 7

After two years of Covid precautions, Mt Zion's Women of Heart have decided to go back to meeting in-person on the first Saturday of the month, starting May 7. The meetings will be held in the Hearth Room at 8:30am.

For the last two years of Covid, the group met on Zoom to avoid in-person contact, but had decided to meet every week instead of every month. Now everyone misses the get-togethers at church, and yet hate to give up the weekly meetings on Zoom where we could get up and tune in without the travel. We decided to do both.

Our plan is to meet at church on first Saturday of the month and on Zoom all other Saturdays. All meetings are at **8:30 am**. We plan to format the study so that you can either choose to attend all meetings, or only occasionally. The in-person meetings will not be on Zoom. If you are unable to attend all meetings, we will bring you up to speed when you can make it.

We will be starting a study of Acts in May, using the book **"Acts for Everyone, Part 1" by N.T. Wright**. Part 1 includes Chapters 1-12 of Acts, and the group will decide later if we will move on to Part 2 (the rest of Acts) or go to another subject. It is not necessary to have a copy of the book in order to attend.

The group is for all women (and girls) of Mt Zion, all ages and is a great way to connect with other members. Our studies are informal, conversational, and we learn a lot from one another and from the study material. If you'd like to Zoom in on the meetings in the weeks after the in-person meeting, at the time of the meeting, go to the Zoom website or app on your computer, tablet or smart phone. Meeting ID: **841 6597 2335** Passcode: **12012**



Food Pantry Donations

Looking to drop off items for the Tosa Cares Food Pantry?

Volunteers are available to receive items:

Wednesday 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am to 12:00pm



Science Tidbits

Geese Police

Beginning in October, 2021, China began a new security policy on its 300-mile border with Vietnam in an effort to limit coronavirus entry via illegal immigration. They employed gaggles of geese to serve as security guards, ready to raise a terrible honking ruckus and bite anyone trying to sneak across the border. Once these domesticated geese get acclimated to their environment and establish their territory, they fiercely defend it. And there is absolutely no training required.



That geese are helping uphold China's pandemic policy provides a new twist to an age-old practice, that of using geese as intruder alarms. Geese were domesticated over 5,000 years ago, making them the second oldest domesticated animal after dogs. There are many historical tales of goose "armies," including one story crediting geese with saving Rome from a Gaul invasion in 390 BC. Wrote a witness: "The goose is carefully watchful; witness the defense of the capitol when the silence of the dogs [apparently the dogs were uselessly noncommittal] would have betrayed nothing."

More recently, another gaggle, appropriately christened the "Scotch watch," patrolled 300 million pounds of Scottish whiskey in Dumbuck, Scotland from 1959 until 2012. And so successful was the U.S. army's 1986 deployment of 18 geese to safeguard radar and anti-aircraft installations in West Germany, that they "conscripted" 900 more for service in the region.

As suggested in the Rome story, geese may be more effective in this line of work than dogs because geese are more selective about raising an alarm. They restrict their warnings to intruders that encroach into their special area, while dogs can make noise just for fun or to engage in "casual conversation" with one another.

The ability of geese to serve in this capacity is no surprise to Lauren Thielen, a veterinarian who works with geese. She says, "If you walk onto a geese's turf, they will charge you, honk and use intimidation tactics, instead of running away as most birds would do. I always think of them as bossy birds."

Geese have excellent eyesight and can spot predators approaching from a great distance. But most fascinating is the fact that they can control each eye separately. Moreover, when sleeping, geese can leave one side of the brain awake and leave open the eye connected to it in order to detect threats, a rare phenomenon called unihemispheric slow wave sleep.

Wild geese typically make use of "security geese" on the edge of flocks to warn against threats. And they are so proficient at sensing danger that ducks and cranes will often feed with them for the added protection.

Dogs do have advantages in that their smell is much better and they can be trained for multiple purposes. Further, one would probably be more intimidated by a dog and its trainer than a guy with a goose.

Steve Downs

Thank You Volunteers!

Volunteer

Spotlight



Volunteer Positions

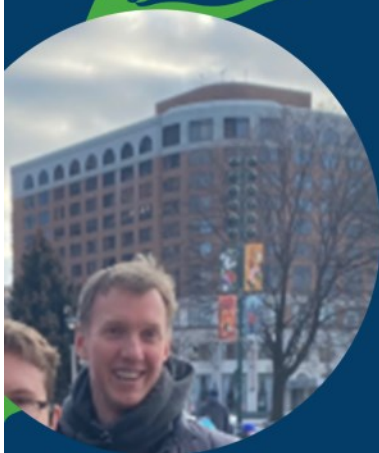
Sunday School music teacher, A/V, social event youth group leader, Leadership Board Member

What is one motivating factor to why you volunteer?

I enjoy serving others and always feel very good about myself. Volunteers at the church where I grew up had a significant impact on my life and I try to pay-it-forward here.

Has there been an exciting moment volunteering? Did it change your perspective of someone?

Steve Downs and I once volunteered to sing the 12 days of Christmas during the nativity party. I always knew Steve was talented but I never knew how incredibly talented he was until we began to rehearse and he pushed me to get better with each run through. When the room erupted in laughter from the seniors to the toddlers, I realized the full impact of Steve's talent.



Erik Peterson

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Nathan K. 5/1
 Jill W. 5/1
 Ryan M. 5/2
 Meghann S. 5/2
 Nate E. 5/3
 Shannon S. 5/3
 Bob S. 5/3
 Linda D. 5/3
 Charlie S. 5/5
 Brian J. 5/5
 Owen A. 5/5
 Betsy G. 5/5

George R. 5/7
 Della S. 5/7
 Maya S. 5/7
 Arihanna H. 5/8
 Kira S. 5/9
 Isabella R. 5/9
 Mark H. 5/13
 Leah C. 5/14
 Lori J. 5/15
 Pat M. 5/15
 Mae E. 5/16

Steve H. 5/18
 AJ K. 5/18
 Stephanie I. 5/19
 Barbara G. 5/21
 Joyce N. 5/22
 William S. 5/23
 Olivia A. 5/24
 Finley S. 5/25
 Norma H. 5/25
 Kenny H. 5/26
 Jack S. 5/30
 Marleen C. 5/31

Wedding Anniversaries

Lisa and Jim M. 6/6
 Vince and Vicki C. 5/10
 Jamie D. and Stephanie I. 5/12
 Kurt and Debbie K. 5/15
 Bob and Sandra H. 5/17

Andrea and Jeff C. 5/26
 Marika M. and Matt C. 5/29
 Bob and Marleen C. 5/30
 Robert and Betsy G. 5/31

Speaking of Geese



"No more break-ins! We have a new guard service!"



Douglas Johnson

Volunteer Schedule

	May 8 Sunday 8:30a	May 8 Sunday 10:45a	May 15 Sunday 8:30	May 15 Sunday 10:45a	May 22 Sunday 8:30	May 22 Sunday 10:45a
ACOLYTES						
ALTAR CARE	Nancy Di Giacinto		Wendi Hall		Ellyn Steinke	
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Brenda Marciniak	Mavis Roesch Gwenivere Anderson	Tom Ertel	Janet McCarthy	Lynda Yanny	Lora Marheine
COMMUNION DEACONS	Karen Engelhardt	Katie Frederick	Joe Di Giacinto	Dawn Driscoll		
GREETERS	Pat Morgan					
LECTORS	Nancy Di Giacinto	Katie and Eliza Frederick	Joe Di Giacinto	Dawn Driscoll	Karen Engelhardt	
USHERS	Susan Morgan	Gwenivere Anderson Dave Fohr	Debbie and Kurt Kleppek	Joe Driscoll	Jim and Donna Zarek	Dave Marheine
OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u>	Tom Morgan Brad Hext					
AUDIO/VISUAL	Marciniaks	Abby Sumiec Janet McCarthy		Katie and Tony Frederick	Ethan and Matt Czervionke	Dawn and Joe Driscoll



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Hours**

Monday — Friday 10:00am — 3:00pm
 Stop by in-person, call 414-258-0456,
 or email parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org





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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