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Father's Day

¹Listen, children, to a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may now in-sight;

²for I give you good precepts: do not forsake my teaching.

³When I was a son with my father, tender, and my mother's favorite,

⁴he taught me, and said to me,

"Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.

Proverbs 4:1-4



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We give thanks for
all fathers and father figures.

Special NASCAR Event!



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On June 30th at 7:30pm in the Mayfair Mall Parking Lot, join MZ member Blake Parker as he greets and welcomes a caravan of NASCAR drivers and crew. They are stopping in Wauwatosa to deliver to Blake a custom-made special-needs bicycle.

If you are available, come meet NASCAR drivers and celebrate this special event with Blake and the whole Parker family.

LOVE TO CELEBRATE?

Chance to Use Your Gifts!

We've just acknowledged the Holy Spirit at Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit provides each of us with different gifts. One of the most important gifts mentioned in the Bible is hospitality. Have you ever thought that grilling is a gift of hospitality? Almost everyone likes a good party, and we at Mt. Zion are ready to celebrate the 4th of July! Our first Sunday of the month cookout after the 9:30 service is on schedule and is an excellent opportunity for members to step up to the grilling, set-up and clean-up. Using your gift of hospitality will be very satisfying. . . and fun! And we're confident that grilling is the GIFT of many congregational members. . . we just need to ask. So we are indeed asking for one person to assist Erik Peterson grilling on **July 3** and 2 people to grill on **August 7** and/or **September 4**. We are also recruiting 2 people to help with the set-up and 2 for clean-up for the above first Sundays in July, August, and September. Directions (i.e., location of the equipment and food) are provided.



Are YOU willing to "step-up" and use your gifts? Use the sign-up information below and experience the JOY of working with others and contributing.

Sign-up here:

<https://signup.com/go/OUqwydt>

June 19 to June 26

<p>Sun June 19th</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship 10:15a Contemporary Worship</p>	
<p>Mon June 20</p>	<p>6:00p Leadership Board meeting 7:00p NA 12-Steps</p>	
<p>Tues June 21</p>	<p>12:00p AA 12 Steps Meeting 6:30p Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting 7:00p Pets Helping People Fellowship Hall</p>	
<p>Wed June 22</p>	<p>12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00p Prayer Warriors 4:30p Staff Meeting off site</p>	
<p>Thurs June 23</p>	<p>5:00p Pub(lic) Theolgy</p>	
<p>Fri June 24</p>	<p>7:30p Essay 12-step group [meeting virtually]</p>	
<p>Sat June 25</p>	<p>8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study</p>	
<p>Sun June 26</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship Service 9:30a Congregational Meeting 10:15a Praise and Worship Service</p>	

Zoom Worship, Brown Bag Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335
Passcode: 12012

Constitution Changes

At This year's Annual Meeting we are voting on updating our constitution for the first time since 1989. What is changing? If you look at the changes (found at mtzionlutheran.org/2022-meeting), it looks like a whole lot! However, we are **only doing one thing**: Bringing our constitution into conformity with the latest ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations. What does that mean?

1. Because we are an ELCA congregation, our constitution is based on a Model shared by all congregations in the ELCA. This Model is amended at every Churchwide Assembly.
2. Some parts of the Model are **required**. This means our constitution must match, WORD-FOR-WORD, exactly what's in the Model. We have no power to change it. In fact, even if we don't update our constitution, legal cases have repeatedly established that the Model wording overrules our wording. Whether we update or do nothing, the Model's language is the one with legal force.
3. Other parts of the Model are "recommended". This means there is some default language, but we are free to change it.
4. In the "recommended" sections, language has been added over the years for things like holding meeting via electronic means and sending out communications via electronic means. When the pandemic hit, our Leadership Board had to pass a temporary emergency bylaw (as described in Wisconsin statutes) to allow us to meet as a Board and as a Congregation via Zoom because we didn't have that language in our Constitution. The emergency is ending, and updating our Constitution to the latest Model will allow us to continue meeting in hybrid fashion going forward.
5. Most importantly, the ELCA stipulates we cannot make any other changes to our Constitution unless we first bring it into conformity with the latest Model. There are other changes we need to make in the near future; updating the Model is the first step in these revisions.
6. Ultimately, my experience is that constitutions primarily serve to protect congregations from legal issues. An out-of-date constitution puts organizations at risk of lawsuits. We cannot make any other changes to our Constitution until we first bring it into conformity with the Model.

I hope this makes it easy for you to understand the importance of this vote as well as the simplicity of the changes, though they look like many. At our annual meeting, we will be voting on one thing: Bringing our constitution into conformity with the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations, ratifying what the ELCA has already approved.

Once this is complete, then we can begin the real work of deciding if our Constitution matches our current structure and congregational needs. This work cannot begin until we bring our Constitution into conformity with the Model.

Pastor Tyler

Supporting Homeless LGBTQ Youth

Mission of the Month

CourageMKE is Wisconsin's first group home for LGBTQ+ teens. Our house can hold up to 5 residents, ages 12-17, who are placed in out of home care. About half of our teens come from Milwaukee and about half from counties around the state. We do not place a limit on how long residents can stay, and are very proud that our residents are staying for an average of 184 days. We can do this because of an amazing team of Resident Care Workers who get to know each resident as a unique person, and our team of skilled Crisis Stabilizers who provide on site de-escalation and support.

All of these things are possible due to the ongoing support from the community. **We believe that youth cannot heal themselves unless they can be themselves.** And we all thrive when we are a part of the communities in which we live. Our summer goal is to connect our youth with as many positive things to do in the community as possible.

How to Donate

You can give online; through the June 5th Noisy Bucket collection; or by placing your offering in an envelope and noting "Mission of the Month".



View the Wishlist here:

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/2TLLHVT2NN3R0/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_gm_wl?

Breakfast is Back!



St. John's Lutheran Church
5500 W. Greenfield Ave., West Milwaukee
has resumed its Free Community Breakfast
every Thursday morning, 8-9:30 a.m.
Come and enjoy a hot meal and fellowship!

Noisy Buckets Results

During our first noisy bucket collection, we raised

\$44.25

which will be donated to Courage House MKE.

On Sunday, July 3, we will have a Noisy Bucket collection during worship. Bring your loose change (please no foreign currency) and get ready to toss it into one of our special collection buckets. The funds raised this Sunday will go to support our June Mission of the Month—Courage House MKE.

If you can't toss your coins to the bucket in July, we'll be having another noisy bucket collection during our outdoor worship services on August 7 and September 4.

Please consider also contributing a larger donation in the form of paper currency or a check tossed in the bucket **ALONG WITH** your coins!"

Scripture Readings

June 19

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

For June 26

Galatians 5:1, 13-15

Luke 9:51-62



Lifting up our prayers of thanksgiving and concern.

**ACCESS THIS WEEK'S
PRAYER LIST HERE:**

<https://bit.ly/3tH1pjP>

Prayer Warriors meet
Wednesdays at 1:00pm.

Belonging

All women are invited to join us for a day of conversation and connection with our faith and with one another on Saturday, June 25th at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church at 84th and Center St. in Milwaukee.

With us and leading the discussion that day will be Dr. Karoline Lewis, Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary. Karoline will be sharing and engaging us around the themes of her latest book *“Belonging: Five Keys to Unlocking Your Potential as a Disciple and Leader.”*



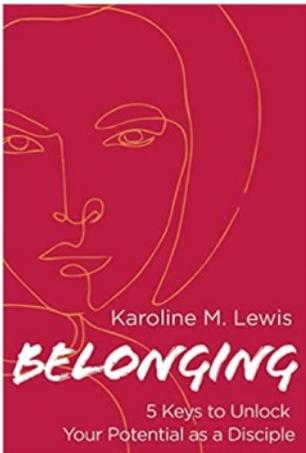
Here is an Amazon preview of this book, available in November:

“Belonging: 5 keys to Unlock Your Potential as a Disciple helps readers to understand and live out Christian discipleship in a way that is most deeply authentic for themselves. It’s for the leader who is exhausted from trying to live by other people’s templates, who wants to figure out what it looks like to live & lead as only they can. It’s for the student or layperson desiring to follow Christ with integrity, to be themselves fully as a disciple.”

This book is scholarly but accessible for pastors, students, ministry leaders, and laypersons. Karoline Lewis structures it around the story of the Samaritan woman and guides the reader to discover deep connection with biblical characters who lead to self-discovery.”

Registration begins at 8:30am, the event takes place from 9am until 3pm followed by some time for informal conversation with Karoline. The \$40 cost includes the day’s activities along with a box lunch.

As women supporting women, you are also invited to bring a donation of infant care items like diapers, shampoo, soap, and diaper ointment.



Let us know that you’re coming!

[Mount Carmel Lutheran Church: Women's Retreat Sign-Up \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Registration ends June 19th.

You can pay online at [Home | Mt Carmel Lutheran Church \(myvanco.com\)](https://myvanco.com), or in-person the day of the event.

Tell us what you'd like for lunch here:

[Women's Retreat Lunch Form](#)

Baptism



On Sunday, May 29, we welcomed Harrison Schmitt into the family of Christ through Holy Baptism. Harrison's parents are Patrick and Carrie Schmitt.

Wedding

On Saturday, June 4, we celebrated the wedding of Eden Werner and Scott Strauder. Eden was walked down the aisle by her mother, Carole Werner.



Pride Parade



Confirmation



On Sunday, June 12, we celebrated the Confirmation of three of our youth.

Clare Fricke

Devin Townsend

Jacob Fricke



Between services, the Confirmands read their faith statements while those in attendance enjoyed piece of cake.



Fate of People in Prison

For years, WISDOM has been concerned about the fate of people who have been in prison for decades. *WISDOM is a faith-based justice organization our faith community is associated with through MICAH.*

We can never write anyone off as beyond redemption

A system that locks people away for 30 or 40 years with no hope of release can't be reconciled with our faith traditions or our everyday experience. Everyone is born with the potential for goodness as well as evil, and we can never write anyone off as beyond redemption. The Sacred Scriptures give us many examples of individuals who needed a second chance—or even a third or fourth chance—before they could overcome their weaknesses and successfully fulfill the roles to which God called them. Most of us can also supply examples of transformative change from within our own families and circles of friends, and in ourselves.



People imprisoned for serious crimes can grow into good citizens

Given the opportunity, people imprisoned for serious crimes can grow into good citizens. Here is one person's story:

Shar-Ron Buie was released from the Wisconsin prison system in 2020 after serving 25 years of a life sentence for homicide. While in prison, Shar-Ron continued his education. He worked ten years as a production clerk for Badger State Industries and provided paralegal assistance and tutoring for dozens of other people in prison. In the two years since his release, Shar-Ron has earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice, bought a house, and become engaged to be married. He has also continued to serve the larger community, working as a certified peer support specialist with homeless veterans in Madison and helping to create a new Educational Preparedness Program for disadvantaged students at Marquette University, where he is now employed as a Community Liaison.



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Fate of People in Prison

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Stories of successful reentry like those of Shar-Ron are not isolated examples. Research consistently demonstrates that most people outgrow criminal tendencies. A recent Sentencing Project report said, *“There’s good reason to believe that 20 years is a good cutoff for a maximum. Studies have found that people almost always age out of crime. If a person is locked up at 21, there’s a very good chance that they won’t commit that same crime when they get out at 41.”* Research also shows that imprisoning people longer than necessary is a lose-lose strategy, since it destroys lives and consumes vast amounts of tax money without significantly reducing the crime rate.

Give people like Shar-Ron a second chance



Everyone can be redeemed. Join us in urging Governor Evers and Parole Commission Chairman Tate to keep using best practices, bringing about the release of those individuals who are ready to reenter society successfully. Encourage your state legislatures to make reforms to the law so that those like Shar-Ron get a second chance. Find and contact your legislature here:

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>

Our Faith in Action: Prison Ministry



To the Members of Mt Zion Lutheran Church

Thank you for all the cards and letters and especially from the students of Sunday School or other programs. Your thoughts, prayers and messages are a ray of hope in my day. It is always great hearing from people from the outside....

Thank you for your support. Stay safe and healthy.

Take Care

Mark

Science Tidbits

Don't Get Rattled

Our daughter Karen lives in Arizona. Some weeks ago, we learned that her father-in-law, was bitten by a western diamondback rattlesnake. He was in his back yard shoveling dirt when it happened.

All over Arizona there are warnings about rattlesnakes. One year, we went golfing near the Mexico border where there were many signs posted throughout the course warning players about these reptiles. You quickly learn to consider the ability of rattlers to camouflage themselves against the natural landscape when walking outside, but hearing of one hidden below the surface adds a new twist to one's precautions.

Western diamondbacks are superbly adapted for preying on small mammals. Heat-sensitive "pits" between each eye and nostril are so sensitive that, even in total darkness, the snake sees an infra-red image of its prey and can strike with pinpoint accuracy. Hinged, hollow fangs act as hypodermic needles to inject a lethal dose of venom during the bite. Though stricken rodents may flee after being bitten, the snake tracks them down, following the scent trail with its forked tongue.

Luckily, things turned out all right for Karen's father-in-law. Rattlesnake bites being nothing to take lightly, he immediately drove to the nearby hospital for observation. Turns out it was an adolescent snake. Karen told us they were initially very concerned, because they had heard that young snakes can't control how much venom they release and can be more dangerous than adults. However, this is an old wives' tale, but it didn't matter because, fortunately, the bite was a "dry" one, meaning no venom was released.

Here are some other common rattlesnake misnomers:

- 1) Rattlesnakes always rattle a warning before they strike. Unfortunately, there are no rules of snake etiquette. They often strike without warning.
- 2) They must first coil their bodies before striking. While coiling may provide greater striking range, snakes can deliver a bite from any position.
- 3) Since people rarely die of rattlesnake bites, they're not all that dangerous. Their bites are extremely painful and often cause serious, permanent tissue damage, and are sometimes fatal.
- 4) To treat a bite, you should apply a tourniquet, cut into the fang marks and suck out the venom. This outdated treatment actually makes the injury worse. Don't apply ice or drink alcohol either. Just hightail it to a hospital as soon as possible.
- 5) You can safely pick up a rattlesnake if it is eating. It only takes a rattlesnake a moment to regurgitate its meal and sink its fangs into anyone so foolish.
- 6) Rattlesnakes dislocate their jaws to swallow large prey. The hinged joint stays connected, but flexible ligaments allow bones of the lower jaw to stretch far apart.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Sue K. 6/3
 Marika M. 6/3
 Grace Y. 6/3
 Alexandra C. 6/4
 Bill S. 6/5
 Tristan P. 6/5
 Jacob F. 6/5
 Owen G. 6/5
 Kristi W. 6/6
 Kaylyn N. 6/6
 Michael D. 6/6
 Pam H. 6/9
 Keith A. 6/9
 Dylan P. 6/10
 Blake P. 6/12

Ethan C. 6/12
 Rachel H. 6/12
 Dan R. 6/13
 Gianna S. 6/14
 Drew C. 6/14
 Amanda E. 6/15
 Steven S. 6/15
 Brian G. 6/15
 Barbara P. 6/16
 Tina H. 6/16
 Troy J. 6/17
 Eric P. 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
 Vicki N. 6/23
 Deni N. 6/24
 Alex H. 6/24
 Jim Y. 6/25
 Tyler P. 6/26
 Andrew K. 6.28
 Jeremy G. 6/28
 Andrew U. 6/29
 Don F. 6/29
 Dan R. 6/29
 Rich D. 6/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Mike and Amy K. 6/1
 Roy and Linda D. 6/10
 Kim N. and Norm W. 6/12
 Janelle and Laura C. 6/14
 Jesse M. and Kate W. 6/17
 Wendi and Geoff H. 6/17

Carl and Karen E. 6/23
 Dick and Norma H. 6/25
 Dave and Lora M. 6/26
 Sue and Kim M. 6/26
 Chris and Jeb B. 6/26

Dad, you deserve a coffee



Still looking for a good gift?

Treat Dad to an energizing coffee this Father's Day!

When your order this fair trade coffee, you'll not only receive delicious blends, but you'll be supporting our partner Synod in Tanzania.

Products available include regular, decaf, flavored coffees, and peaberry. A portion of the order will come back to Mt Zion Lutheran Church - Wauwatosa as a thank you. When you order, after you've clicked Add to Cart - Mention Mt Zion Lutheran- Wauwatosa in the instruction box.

<https://www.mtmerucoffee.org/>

Volunteer Schedule

	June 19 Sunday 8:30a	June 19 Sunday 10:15a	June 26 Sunday 8:30a	June 26 Sunday 10:15a	July 3 Combined 9:30a
ACOLYTES					
ALTAR CARE	Edie Di Giacinto		Elyn Steinke		Nancy Di Giacinto
ASSISTING MINISTERS		Mavis Roesch	Linda Ertel	Lora Marheine	Lynda Yanny
COMMUNION DEACONS	Brenda Marciniak Pete Peterson	Mavis Roesch Jeremy Goss	Linda Ertel	Lora Marheine	Joe Di Giacinto Lynda Yanny
GREETERS					
LECTORS	Brenda Marciniak Pete Peterson	Joe Di Giacinto	Chris Kress	Mavis Roesch	Joe Di Giacinto
USHERS	Joe and Nancy Di Giacinto	Dave Nelson	Tom Ertel	Dave Fohr	Susan Morgan
OFFERING STEWARDS MONDAY	John Link Roy Durrenburg				Gary Goll Tom Ertel Jim Goetzinger
AUDIO/VISUAL	Mary and Douglas Johnson	Dawn and Joe Driscoll	Katie and Tony Frederick		Dawn and Joe Driscoll

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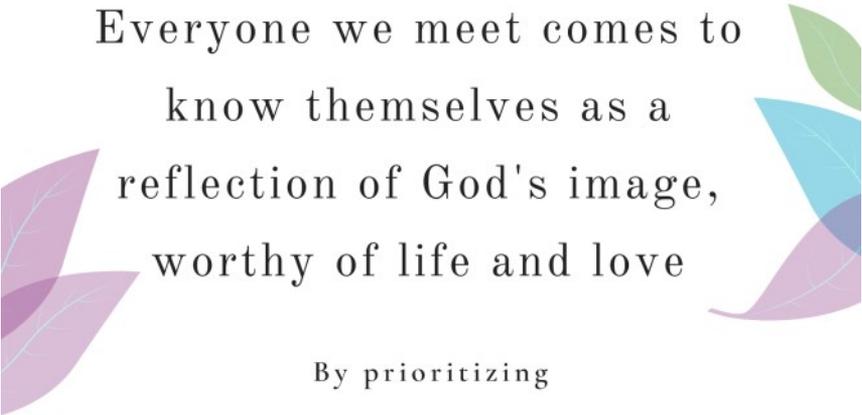
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At Mt Zion we are
Joyfully growing
disciples in Christ

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
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