



Grace Notes

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I-41 NORTH/SOUTH WEEKEND-LONG FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE

- There will be a full closure of I-41 in both directions between Burleigh Street and Watertown Plank Road from the evening of July 15th to July 18th.
- Crews will work to erect bridge girders for the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge over I-41.
- Expect additional traffic on Mayfair Road, Watertown Plank Road, 124th Street, Burleigh Street, and other roadways near the alternate routes.

11:00 PM Friday, July 15th - 5:00 AM Monday, July 18th

PLAN AHEAD - ALLOW FOR EXTRA TIME - DRIVE SAFELY

The project team appreciates your patience during this time of added traffic in your area. In the event the closure cannot take place next weekend, it will take place on a subsequent weekend.

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Road Closure

If you're planning to come to church, or you're already here, and you would like to avoid potentially heavy traffic in the area, be advised of this weekend long road closure:

I-41 between Burleigh and Watertown Plank will be closed in both directions this weekend, starting Friday at 11:00pm and ending Monday at 5:00am.

Traffic will be detoured onto Highway 100/Mayfair Road. Expect additional traffic on nearby roads including 124th street.



Sunday, July 17



COVID-19 CITY WIDE VIGIL

REMEMBRANCE OF FAITH AND HOPE

We come together in solidarity, unity, and resilience as we reflect on the effects this pandemic has had on our families and community.



TOGETHER WE RISE

SUNDAY, JULY 17TH | 2 PM TO 6 PM

WASHINGTON PARK 4599 W LLOYD ST, MILWAUKEE

PRAYERS COMMEMORATION EXHIBIT FOOD TRUCKS POETRY & CHOIRS
INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES



SIGN UP LINK IN OUR BIO!

[HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/MKEMWC](https://linktr.ee/mkemwc)

staff@mmwconline.org or 414-727-4900 for questions or sponsorship



July 17 to July 24

Sun July 17	8:30a Traditional Worship Service 10:15a Contemporary Worship
Mon July 18	6:00pm 2023 Ministry Initiatives Meeting 7:00p NA 12 Steps Group
Tues July 19	12:00p AA 12 Steps Meeting 6:30p Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting 7:00p Pets Helping People Fellowship Hall
Wed July 20	8:30a Health Clinic at Courtyard Parking Lot 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00p Prayer Warriors 4:30p Staff Meeting
Thurs July 21	5:00p Pub(lic) Theology
Fri July 22	7:00p ACA 12 Step Group Room 101 7:30p Essay 12-step group [meeting virtually]
Sat July 23	8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study
Sun July 24	8:30a Traditional Worship Service 10:15a Praise and Worship Service

Zoom Worship, Brown Bag Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335

Passcode: 12012

For instructions on calling in to worship, turn to page 5.

July 24 to July 31

Sun July 24	8:30a Traditional Worship 10:15a Contemporary Worship
Mon July 25	7:00p Book Club 7:00p NA 12-Steps
Tues July 26	12:00p AA 12 Steps Meeting 6:30p Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting 7:00p Pets Helping People Fellowship Hall
Wed July 27	12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00p Prayer Warriors 4:30p Staff Meeting
Thurs July 28	
Fri July 29	7:00p ACA 12 Steps Room 101 7:30p Essay 12-step group [meeting virtually]
Sat July 30	8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study
Sun July 31	8:30a Traditional Worship Service 10:15a Praise and Worship Service

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

Call on your telephone to Worship with Mt Zion

To access Sunday worship, Brown Bag Bible
Study, Meetings and Adult Forum



Dial (312) 626-6799



You will hear an automated greeting,
"Welcome to Mt Zion".
Please enter your Meeting ID number.



**Press: 841-6597-2335
Then press #**



Enter your participant number
or press pound to continue



Press #



Enter the meeting passcode
followed by the pound sign



Press 12012 #



You are in the meeting now. You are muted.

Scripture Readings

For July 17

Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24

Colossians 2:6-13
Luke 11:1-13

Lifting up our prayers of
thanksgiving and concern.

ACCESS THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST HERE:

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

Prayer Warriors meet
Wednesdays at 1:00pm.

Ushering in New Volunteers

We are so grateful to just one of our long-time worship volunteers, Rick Pearson, who offers his time as an usher at the 830 services. Recently, Rick guided Cody Di Giacinto through his first day as an usher. With patient and thoughtful teaching, Rick made sure Cody was ready to usher!

We caught up with Cody and asked him a couple questions about ushering.

- 1) **Why did you choose to be an usher?**
Because it looked like it would be fun.
- 2) **What do you like most about being an usher?**
Helping members go to communion.
- 3) **How did it feel to try a new job in church (during worship)?**
It felt good helping people.



If you're like Cody and want to lend a hand around church, please know there are people in the congregation who would be happy to show you the ropes for whatever you're interested in. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please see our Grow magazine.

Website

...you can subscribe to our **Grace Notes newsletter** on our website?



1. Go to <https://www.mtzionlutheran.org/>
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page

Minding Our Beeswax



The golden flames gently flicker as the worship service begins. Small, steady lights represent the presence of Christ - a bright symbol of hope and peace. But have you ever taken a moment to consider those candles? Grace Notes did. Join us as we take an inside look into the decision making process of replacing the sanctuary candles.

When it came time for the three pillar candles to be re-ordered, Parish Administrator, Jessica, first had to identify what types of candles to order. She learned the candles in question were a disposable plastic tube pre-filled with paraffin lamp fuel. Her next thought was, could we find something that would be re-fillable so we would not have to simply toss out the disposable candle every time it needed to be changed?



After contacting Altar Care volunteers, it was decided that we would not have refillable candles as not everyone was comfortable with this idea.

So, the search for a more environmentally friendly option continued when Jessica discovered a local church supply company sells beeswax altar candles. The more she looked into them, the more it seemed like something to try!



While the beeswax do burn slower and last longer, once they do get to short to use, the church supply company will collect the stumps and send them back to the candlemaker to be melted down and used in another candle. The refillable paraffin fuel candle tubes are made from some recycled materials but are not themselves recyclable. The oil, made from a refined and bleached non-renewable petroleum byproduct, produces a greater amount of soot and releases more harmful toxins when burned, compared to beeswax.

So, there are health and sustainability concerns regarding the burning of oil lamps, yet there is also a spiritual significance that comes with burning beeswax.

By inviting beeswax candles into the sanctuary, the candles themselves will burn cleaner and purer inside our sanctuary. The symbol of light will itself be more radiant as it burns brighter than oil—beeswax burns with the same spectrum similar to that of the sun. And that seems to be a fitting way to symbolize the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!



Note: This is a trial of the beeswax candles. If these candles don't work out or they're cost prohibitive, Jessica will continue to look for sustainable options

Flooring Campaign

Mt Zion is excited to announce the launch of a Special Appeal for a project to install new flooring in the Gathering Space and Hearth Room. This appeal will be used for funds to replace the carpeting in the Gathering Space with something fresh and inviting. The carpeting has faded significantly and acquired many stains since it was installed during the last renovation in 2005.

Thanks to a recent generous donation and some early commitments totaling \$11,500, we are almost halfway to our goal of raising \$25,000. This Special Appeal is outside of the regular church budget. This amount will pay to replace the carpet with a vinyl flooring designed to look (and even feel) like hardwood. With new, longer-lasting flooring, the concern over food or drink spills in the Gathering Space will be lessened, as a vinyl floor can be easily wiped up and will be less costly to maintain.

Your donations are required to complete this badly needed project. It is the hope of the Committee to complete this project by August 31 before greater activity begins at church in the fall. We are kindly asking for your gifts by no later than August 15.

Contributions can be earmarked for "flooring" and donated online or in your offering envelopes. Please help us provide new flooring that will last for many years to come and which will contribute to a welcoming atmosphere!

The table below shows the number and size of gifts we need to achieve our goal for this Special Appeal.

Number of gifts needed	Subtotal at each level
Donation and early commitments already received	\$ 11,500
5 people @ \$1,000 each	\$ 5,000
10 people @ \$500	\$ 5,000
45 families @ \$50	\$ 2,500
40 families @ \$25	\$ 1,000
Total:	\$ 25,000

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Flooring Project Committee: Karen Englehart, Debbie Kleppek, Tom Morgan, Angela Riccaboni, Lynda Yanny (with communications support from Stewardship Committee: Dawn Driscoll, Dave Fohr, Douglas Johnson, Chris Kress, Lora Marheine, John Yanny), Pastor Tyler on both committees

Election Primary



Partisan Primary August 9



There is an important partisan primary in Wisconsin on **Tuesday, August 9**, including races for governor, senator, congressional representative and sheriff. There's still time to request an absentee ballot by mail if you are not able to vote in person that day. Go to myvotewi.gov to request your ballot today.

**U.S. SENATE
CANDIDATE FORUM**

THURSDAY
JULY 21

8:15 - 10:00 PM

HYBRID EVENT

In-Person

Mount Zion Missionary
Baptist Church
2207 N. 2nd St.

Virtual

Watch Facebook livestream
on WISDOM's page



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www.wisdomwisconsin.org

FEATURING



Mandela Barnes



Sarah Godlewski



Tom Nelson

Candidates Alex Lasry and Ron Johnson have been invited.

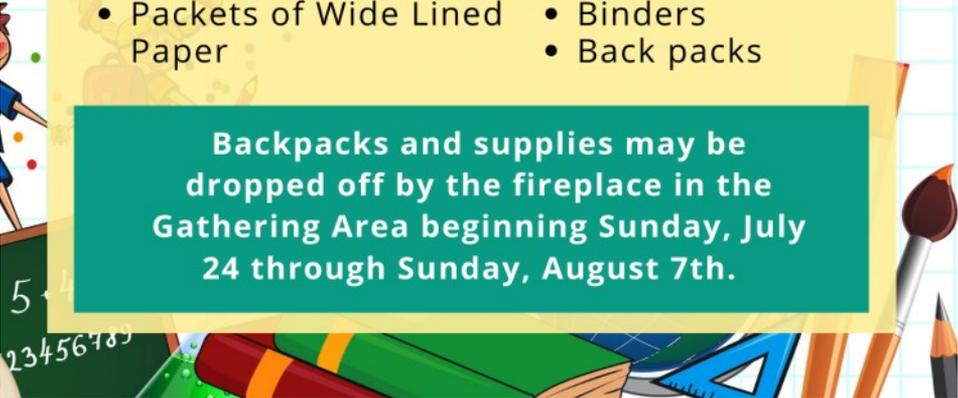
Topics will center around the Criminal Legal System and Immigration. There will be brief presentations about the issues, personal testimonials from people who are directly impacted, and direct asks of the candidates. The candidates will each have the opportunity to address the assembly at the end.



MISSION OF THE MONTH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You may make a financial contribution to this mission and we will shop for you. If you are willing to shop, we will need backpacks for elementary through high school ages— along with the following list of items so all children will come to school with school supplies:

- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Blue, Black & Red Pens
- Blunt Scissors
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Fine Tip Markers
- Broad Markers
- Wide Lined Notebooks
- Packets of Wide Lined Paper
- Some College Lined Notebooks
- Packets of College Lined Paper
- Pocket Folders
- Pink Erasers
- Rulers
- Glue Sticks
- Binders
- Back packs



Backpacks and supplies may be dropped off by the fireplace in the Gathering Area beginning Sunday, July 24 through Sunday, August 7th.

Please make your financial gifts to purchase the needed supplies which can be enclosed in the July Mission of the Month envelope or online giving July Mission of the Month or Tosa Cares.

Thank you to all who have helped in the past (**253 children received school supplies last year**), and to those who are willing and able to help this year. We hope that students will be safely back in school in the fall and prepared with their needed school supplies.

Science Tidbits

Beware the Plant Thorn



In our yard, we have planted two groups of barberry shrubs that, while attractive, pose a certain risk to one's health. Their branches are replete with long, sharp thorns (see pic) that are painful to the touch and can easily break off and embed themselves in your skin if you brush against them.

Sometimes, if you are lucky, the small barberry splinters stick out far enough above the skin so that you can immediately pull them out. However, they can just as easily penetrate completely under the skin and cannot be removed no matter how you manipulate the skin to try and force them out.

When this happens, you are stuck with an embedded splinter that is very painful, especially when something presses against the wound site. It leads to a long-term inflammatory process in which the tissue surrounding the splinter slowly degrades. Eventually a pus-filled space forms that loosens the splinter, finally enabling its removal by applying pressure to the wound site. I have experienced quite a few of these nasty splinters, some of which have remained buried for more than three weeks before I was able to remove them. Be warned that the thorns can penetrate even rubber gardening gloves.

This inconvenience is mild compared to a more serious condition that can result from plant thorns. It is called plant thorn arthritis (or synovitis), a rare form of arthritis caused by inflammation when plant thorns puncture a joint (eg, finger, knee or ankle). Beyond barberries, additional guilty parties include plum trees, palm trees, cacti, yucca and various brambles.

Plant thorn arthritis causes symptoms similar to other forms of arthritis, including skin discoloration, joint swelling, warmth, pain and reduced range of motion. Doctors may use an ultrasound scan to view thorn fragments in the joint, although small fragment size often makes diagnosis difficult. In some cases, it may take surgery to reach a final diagnosis.

The joint and surrounding cartilage are at risk when plant thorns enter a joint. Treatment may require anti-inflammatory drugs to reduce inflammation or antibiotics to prevent infection. Patients might even require a synovectomy, which removes the synovial lining of the joint. If effectively treated, people can fully recover from plant thorn arthritis before it becomes chronic arthritis. The latter is not so easily reversible.

Did you know: (1) Thistles are the national flower of Scotland. Legend has it that a party of Scots warriors were saved from ambush by an invading Norse army when one of the invaders trod on one of the prickly plants. (2) Long before electronic security systems, plants were used as a biological defense against unwanted intruders. Many ornamental plants like barberries have vicious thorns or spiny foliage that, with careful placement (such as immediately under first floor windows), can add a layer of security that deters intruders.

Steve Downs

Welcome, Newborn!



Derrick and Michelle Grosenick have welcomed a new member into their family: Chayce Grosenick, born June 29. Older brother Bryce is also very excited to have a little brother. The Grosenick family have moved a distance away from Mt Zion, hence why you haven't seen them in worship, but they continue to be a part of our hearts and prayers. Congratulations, Grosenicks! And welcome, Chayce.

Pastor Tyler

Blake's Bike

On Thursday, June 30, Blake Parker received a custom bright red tricycle complete with a personalized "license plate" on the back featuring his name. This trike was presented by several drivers of NASCAR, of which Blake is a big fan! Blake's bike has a large basket and during the event, it was stuffed full of some neat NASCAR swag including baseball caps!

Blake we hope you have many great adventures riding your new tricycle!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Robert G. 7/1	Katie C. 7/8	Steve K. 7/21
Annette P. 7/1	Tony C. 7/8	Hunter F. 7/21
Vince P. 7/1	David Y. 7/8	Jase F. 7/21
Debra D. 7/1	Gabriella R. 7/8	Lynda Y. 7/21
Kyle C. 7/1	Lorna S. 7/8	Michael C. 7/23
Hadley P. 7/2	Nathan C. 7/9	Calle S. 7/23
Jeff P. 7/2	Jonathan C. 7/9	Keston C. 7/23
Samuel M. 7/3	Anne M. 7/11	Melody F. 7/23
Tony F. 7/3	Ellyn S. 7/11	Jeffrey K. 7/23
Wendy B. 7/3	Eli B. 7/12	Elias C. 7/25
Tyler R. 7/4	Kevin S. 7/14	Donald S. 7/25
Carole S. 7/5	Bella B. 7/18	John Y. 7/28
Samuel B. 7/5	Tyler F. 7/19	Hayden P. 7/29
Maggie M. 7/5	John R. 7/19	Andrea C. 7/29
Tom E. 7/6	Jayson P. 7/19	Kylee L. 7/29
Geoff H. 7/7	Norm W. 7/19	Aidan M. 7/29
	Peter M. 7/20	Douglas J. 7/31
	Mary C. 7/20	

Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey and Marja K. 7/1	Milt and Karen D. 7/26
Tony and Joyce S. 7/6	Nancy and Joe D. 7/27
Steve and Sherry D. 7/7	Kevin and Kristi W. 7/28
Lucy and Gerhard F. 7/12	Diane and Shelly R. 7/31
Lisa and Eric B. 7/18	Jim and Melissa S. 7/31

Coming Soon

A Grace Notes Survey!

Including such questions as:

How often do you read the Grace Notes?

What kinds of stories and information would you like to see?

How frequently do you want the newsletter produced?

Volunteer Schedule

	July 17 Sunday 8:30a 8:30a	July 17 Sunday 10:15a	July 24 Sunday 8:30a	July 24 Sunday 10:15a	July 31 Sunday 8:30a
ACOLYTES					
ALTAR CARE	Nancy Di Giacinto		Ellyn Steinke		Edie Di Giacinto
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Kay Cucinello	Mavis Roesch	Linda Ertel	Lora Marheine	Tom Ertel
COMMUNION DEACONS	Nancy Schumacher Kay Cucinello	Mavis Roesch	Linda and Tom Ertel	Lora Marheine	Tom Ertel Joe Di Giacinto
GREETERS					
LECTORS	Nancy Schumacher	Lora Marheine	Linda Havlicek	Mavis Roesch Gwenivere Anderson	Joe Di Giacinto
USHERS	Cody Di Giacinto Rick Pearson	Dave Fohr	Joe and Nancy Di Giacinto	Dave Nelson	Kurt and Debbie Kleppek
OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u>	Roy Durrenburg John Link		Carl and Karen Engelhardt Elly Steinke		Nancy Di Giacinto Diane McDonald
AUDIO/VISUAL	Mary and Douglas Johnson	Brenda and Mike Marciniak	Erik Peterson Abby Sumiec	Dawn and Joe Driscoll	Troy and Mike Marciniak

Find The Full Schedule:

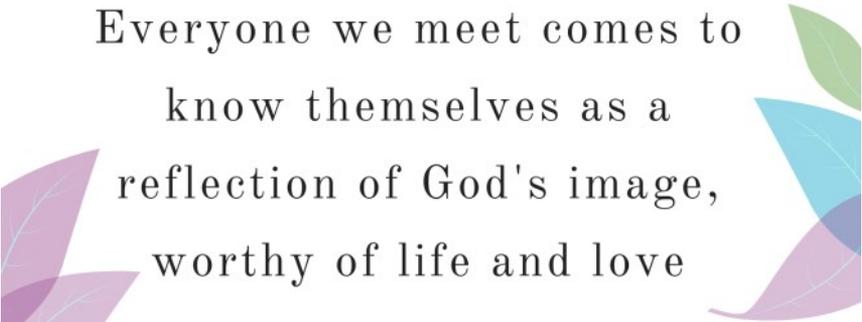
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At Mt Zion we are
Joyfully growing
disciples in Christ

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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