

September 4, 2022



# Grace Notes

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## Recognizing our Veterans

We would like to recognize our community's military veterans. If you have a family member, friend, neighbor, or classmate who has served in any branch, please send the information below to:  
[parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org](mailto:parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org) by  
**Friday, October 21st.**

Include: Name, branch, MOS (job), years served, campaigns involved in and/or where they were stationed.

Optional: relationship to you, why the veteran joined, what they learned from their military service, or what they're doing after the military. Pictures from time in service and/or post military.

Recognitions to be printed November 6.

So have the grandkids interview their grandfather, or invite your aunt for a coffee and see if she would be willing to talk about her time in service.



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## Grace Notes Updates

As of September 4,  
the Grace Notes will be printed every week.

The familiar, full length, 16 page edition will be available  
on the first Sunday of the month.

An abbreviated version, just 4 pages long, will be available the other Sundays of the month. This shorter version will still provide the weekly calendar and the link to the volunteer schedule. It will include the weekly scripture readings and prayer list, event dates, member updates and information regarding the mission of the month.



Can't go a month without the Science Tidbits?  
We've got you covered. They will be available weekly through our website under News. Click on "Category" and select Science Tidbits.

## Sendik's Fundraiser

Incarnation Lutheran Church would like to thank all members who came to Sendik's on North Avenue on August 28 and bought hamburgers, brats and hot dogs from their stand out in front. Just heard that they made \$477 dollars profit which easily paid for the July Jazz on the Lawn party that Incarnation held for their neighborhood. They worked hard to earn it, but they could not have reached that total if it had not been for the many people from Mt. Zion who came by and bought food there that day.

**Jerry Roesch**

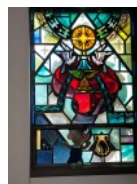
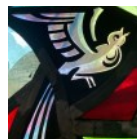
## Someone Saw the Birds

Congrats to Judy Hutto and thanks for playing! Judy found all the birds in last week's edition of the Grace Notes.

Thanks to Nancy, and Dahlia the church mouse, who found the stained glass window in the sanctuary and sent in this beautiful picture.

**Enjoy games? Would you like to help create a crossword puzzle or Word search for the October 2 edition?**

Email Jess at [parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org](mailto:parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org)!



# September 4 to September 11

Sun Sept 4	9:30a <b>Combined Outdoor Worship Service and pet blessing!</b>
Mon Sept 5	<b>Labor Day—Office Closed</b> 7:00pm <b>NA 12 Step Meeting</b>
Tues Sept 6	12:00p <b>AA 12 Steps Meeting</b> 6:30p <b>Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting</b> 7:00p <b>Pets Helping People Fellowship Hall</b>
Wed Sept 7	12:00p <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> 1:00p <b>Prayer Warriors</b> 4:30p <b>Staff Meeting</b> 6:30p <b>Knightwind Ensemble Rehearsal Fellowship Hall</b>
Thurs Sept 8	6:30p <b>Voices of Zion Choir Rehearsal</b>
Fri Sept 9	7:00p <b>ACA 12 Step Group Room 101</b> 7:30p <b>Essay 12-step group [meeting virtually]</b>
Sat Sept 10	8:30a <b>Women of Heart Bible Study</b> 10:00a <b>Jasso Visitation</b> 12:00p <b>Jasso Memorial Service</b>
Sun Sept 11	<b>Rally Day</b> 8:30a <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> 10:45a <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b> 3:30a <b>Confirmation</b>

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

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

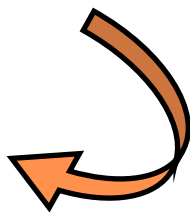
# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE



Beginning Sunday,  
September 11,  
contemporary worship will  
return to its regular time of  
**10:45am**



If you have been able to arrive at 10:15 throughout the summer, you're encouraged to continue arriving earlier as we'll have faith formation beginning at 9:40a.



Sunday School  
Starts

MZY Mornings  
Return!

**Rally Day**  
**Sunday, September 11**  
**9:40a**

Adult Forums  
Resume!

## BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING



**Sunday, September 11**

During the 8:30 and 10:45a services  
we will be blessing teachers, students,  
staff, bus drivers, and coaches.

Students! Bring your backpack for a  
chance at a prize!



## 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 September 11

Deuteronomy 6:4-7. 20-25

Luke 15:1-10

### September 18

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Lifting up our prayers of  
thanksgiving and concern.

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

<https://bit.ly/3B0oYYF>

Prayer Warriors meet  
Wednesdays at 1:00pm.



**OCTOBER  
15  
2022**

9:00am to 3:00pm

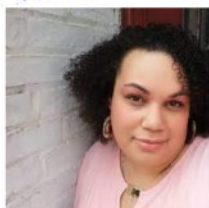
RECONCILING in CHRIST



The Greater Milwaukee Synod's  
Reconciling in Christ Team Presents:

# **WE LOVE ALL**

## **CREATING COMMUNITIES OF WELCOME**



### **Rev. Carla Christopher, Keynote Speaker**

"Love feels like a celebration beyond tolerance, beyond acceptance. Love feels like named and specific acceptance. Love feels like showing up, even in a Midwestern snowstorm. Love feels like justice. If I've been changed in any way by my faith, it's to believe that love is something God has created us all for; even me and even you."

Register today at:  
[milwaukee-synod.org/event/we-love-2022](https://milwaukee-synod.org/event/we-love-2022)

Mt Carmel Lutheran Church  
8424 W Center St., Milwaukee, WI 53222



Cost – \$10 (scholarships available)  
Registration deadline is October 10 to have lunch included.  
If you register after October 10, lunch will be on-your-own.

[Register now!](https://milwaukee-synod.org/event/we-love-2022)

# Creating Welcome Here



Thank you to John and Jean Morack who generously donated the funds to allow us to purchase this beautiful banner. It makes a bold statement of what our community is all about. Placed near the main entrance, it is intended to make sure everyone who walks through our doors feels welcomed, accepted and loved for who they are, just as they are.

## What is Reconciling in Christ?

“RIC advocates for the acceptance, full participation and liberation of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran Church”

Learn more at  
[reconcilingworks.org/about/](http://reconcilingworks.org/about/)

## Concerning the Wauwatosa School Board's Approval of the New HGD Curriculum:

As a Christian, I want to say that I am so proud of what the Wauwatosa School Board did last night in passing the new HGD curriculum. In the Christian tradition, I know there are a variety of views on this issue, but the Gospel has always been paramount. In the Gospel, welcome is a central theme. Jesus says greatness comes through making sure children feel welcome. Jesus says that showing welcome to others is akin to welcoming Jesus himself. Jesus even commands Christians to use dishonest means if necessary to create relationships of love and welcoming. Yet the judgment laid upon LGBTQ youth and families has been and remains unwelcoming, both in the Church and in our schools. The violence done by the Church to discredit their voices and devalue their existence is offensive and shameful. And this is to say nothing of the ways we have failed to love other people who do not meet the Church's standard of a “model Christian” when it comes to sex.

When the Wauwatosa School District was putting together the External Advisory Committee as required by State statute, I jumped at the chance to be a clergy person (a position required by State statute) on that committee so that all youth would understand the real Gospel of Jesus Christ: You are created in God's image, you are worthy of life and love, and even though there are parts of our community and parts of the Church where you are not welcome, you are welcome here. You are welcome in God's kingdom. And I will do everything I can to make sure you are welcome in our school and in our community.

~Rev. Tyler Rasmussen

# God's Work Our Hands

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022,  
9:30 a.m. to noon**

Save this date and watch for a postcard in the mail reminding you to sign-up for this year's God's Work Our Hands ELCA Service Day. As in years past, the projects vary, so we hope you will find something you enjoy doing and that helps support our neighbors. Here we go:

- ♥ Outreach for Hope Walk at Washington Park with members of Reformation Lutheran Church and other ELCA churches in the Milwaukee area. Register for this event at [OFHRRW.org](http://OFHRRW.org).
  - ♥ ERAS fall yard clean-up for two senior households.
- The following projects will be completed at Mt. Zion:
- ♥ Helping Tosa Cares prepare for the next distribution (packing boxes, etc.).
  - ♥ Assembling personal hygiene bags and writing notes of encouragement for residents of Courage House MKE and others who are part of their ministry.
  - ♥ Writing notes of encouragement or coloring pictures to be sent to incarcerated individuals.
  - ♥ Writing greetings or coloring pictures to be sent to Mt. Zion's homebound members.
  - ♥ Fall garden clean-up at Mt. Zion.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with God's work on September 24.



Andrea Cockerham  
Outreach Committee





**JOIN US**  
for a  
day of service

**"God's work. Our hands."** ~~Sunday~~  
*Saturday!*



# September's Mission of the Month

## REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thank you to everyone from Mt. Zion who made this summer's Reformation Youth Program a success. Your May Mission of the Month offerings supported 60 neighborhood children in four weeks of Bible study, community service, employment for the older kids and FUN! Everyone successfully completed the program, therefore, earning money for school supplies and clothes for the coming school year. Mt. Zion's donations also provided cake and beverages for the closing celebration in July. AND this was the first year Reformation was able to add a week of Vacation Bible School for the youngest children.



Even after this successful summer, Reformation's work still continues in their neighborhood by educating young mothers on baby care, by supplying free clothing and diapers for babies, by providing a place for neighbors to gather safely for coffee, cookies and community, by sharing cleaning and personal hygiene supplies with anyone in need, and by offering the opportunity to shop for household items and gifts with dignity. And while all this work goes on in the neighborhood, Reformation continues to care for its members through worship, Bible study and community.

Please keep our sister congregation in your prayers. And consider donating to September's Mission of the Month, Reformation Lutheran Church, so they can continue God's work in their neighborhood.



Andrea Cockerham  
Outreach Committee

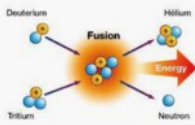
## Energize and Educate

When you order through Mt Meru you will receive a delicious cup of coffee and you will be supporting education. As Americans head back to school, children in Tanzania are lucky to have a primary education, let alone secondary or higher levels. When you buy Mt Meru coffee, you support quality education for children in Tanzania.

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



## Science Tidbits



### Energy Crunch: Where Will It Come From?

The energy landscape is ever-changing these days. A full-court press is on to shift to alternative green energies, but until they can be major contributors to our electricity needs, it will be necessary to continue with more traditional methods. So, how are we currently meeting our electricity demands?

Wind turbines. The first wind farm in the U.S. was put online in 1975. They now are found everywhere throughout the country, and some are mind-blowingly huge, many stretching as far as the eye can see. In 2021, wind power produced 9.2% of all electrical energy in the U.S.

Solar panels. Photovoltaic technology was born in the U.S. in 1954. Since then, although interest in converting solar energy into electricity has skyrocketed, solar energy's share of total electricity generation in the U.S. in 2021 was still only 2.8%.

Nuclear power (fission). Nuclear power's percent contribution to the U.S. total electricity generation in 2021 was 18.9%. Discussion concerning increasing the role of nuclear energy has recently intensified; however, environmental opposition, health risks and 5X higher costs than wind have dampened enthusiasm.

Hydroelectric power. In 2021, the U.S. was the third largest generator of hydroelectric power in the world behind Brazil and China. It provided 6.3% of the U.S. electricity supply. Notably, drought conditions out west are leading to lower river water levels and greatly threaten future hydroelectric production.

Natural gas. Of the nonrenewable energy sources, natural gas is the "greenest." It has been the largest source of electrical generation in the U.S. since 2015 and supplied 38.6% of 2021 use.

Coal. This has been a critical source of electrical power in the U.S. and in 2021 was the second highest producer at 22%. However, it is enemy no. 1 to environmentalists, being the single largest emitter of carbon dioxide gas. Nevertheless, in many areas of the country, burning coal is the primary electricity source and can't be so easily replaced. Of particular note is the dilemma facing the Jim Bridger power plant in Wyoming, one of the largest in the nation, that supplies electricity to over one million households. In order to operate, it consumes over 16 million gallons of water daily from a rapidly dwindling tributary of the Colorado River. No water à no power. Water is getting scarcer by the day in the west. How do you choose who gets it?

Biomass (burned to produce steam that powers turbines) + geothermal + petroleum, 2.5% of total electricity.

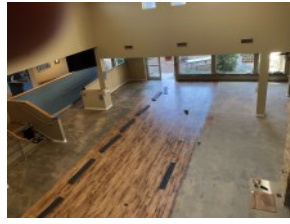
Fusion. This is a developing technology that offers the potential of virtually unlimited supplies of low-carbon, low-radiation energy. Instead of fission, which splits atoms, fusion combines two different hydrogen forms (deuterium and tritium, see pic) to produce helium plus a proton and a lot of energy. But there is a serious catch—there may not be enough tritium to jump start the fusion reactors.

**Steve Downs**

## Gathering Space Flooring



The carpeting before work begins.



The carpet is ripped up, revealing the concrete underneath. After the rough floor is sanded, the flooring panels are glued into place.



The floor is done! The baseboards will be placed the next day.

# Get Ready to VOTE

**Midterms are November 8, 2022!**

## The first step: REGISTER!

You are eligible to vote if you will be at least 18 years old on November 8, 2022, a US citizen, a resident of Wisconsin for 28 days prior to the election, and not serving a felony sentence.

Now is the time to register if you have not registered before, or to check to see that you are still registered. If you've moved, changed your name, or haven't voted in a while, you will need to re-register. You can register on election day, but if you want to save time on that day, register now!

## How to Register to Vote

**ONLINE** - You can check your registration, update your name and address, or register here, <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Register-To-Vote>.

To register, you will need a valid Wisconsin drivers license or a State of Wisconsin ID card with your current address, which you can get free from an office of the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Must be completed by  
October 19.**

**BY MAIL** - Fill out form (from <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Register-To-Vote>) and mail with a copy of your proof of residence to your municipal clerk. **Must be postmarked by October 19, 2022.**

**IN PERSON** - Go to your municipal clerk's office and bring proof of residence. Find your clerk at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/My-Municipal-Clerk>. **Must be done before November 4.**

**AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022** - If you are **not registered by October 19**, you can bring your proof of residence and your photo ID to register and vote at your polling place.

**NEED HELP?** - Call Wisconsin Elections Commission at 608-261-2028, or check with your local library for Internet use or phone numbers.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Jessica E. 9/1	David T. 9/14	Jena N. 9/21
Sara B. 9/3	Carter D. 9/15	Robyn Z. 9/21
Kim L. 9/3	Eric B. 9/15	Brent D. 9/21
Talula J. 9/4	Gary G. 9/15	Andrew W. 9/23
PJ B. 9/5	Misty S. 9/16	Jordan T. 9/24
Elizabeth M. 9/6	Ron V. 9/16	Abby P. 9/24
Cynthia R. 9/7	Nora P. 9/17	Karen E. 9/26
Dave N. 9/7	Marja K. 9/17	Andrew F. 9/27
Dave B. 9/7	Jessica P. 9/18	Francesca R. 9/27
Dan S. 9/8	Michael B. 9/18	Joey S. 9/28
Dolores E. 9/8	Mike M. 9/18	Pete P. 9/28
Dave M. 9/12	Charlotte W. 9/19	Erin P. 9/28
Elena E. 9/13	Joe D. 9/19	Jonathan F. 9/29
Marissa H. 9/14	Jessie C. 9/21	Mavis R. 9/30
Erik H. 9/14	Tina K. 9/21	
Aiden T. 9/14	Jeb B. 9/21	

### Wedding Anniversaries

Richard and Judy M. 9/3	Bob and Nancy S. 9/20
Robert and Mary J. 9/4	Kira and Kevin S. 9/23
John and Lauryl P. 9/6	Angela and James R. 9/26
Dave and Vicki N. 9/8	John and Donna W. 9/27
Erin and Jayson P. 9/9	Rich and Rondi R. 9/27
Jim and Pat G. 9/17	Dawn and Joe D. 9/29
Gina and Phillip B. 9/20	

## #MTZTosa



Jess Monahan captured this shot on a walk around the building earlier this week.

You're invited to take a walk through the church grounds and snap a few pictures of what you notice. Share them on social media with the hashtag #MTZTosa.

# Volunteer Schedule



	September 4 Sunday 9:30a Combined	September 11 Sunday 8:30a	September 11 Sunday 10:45a	September 18 Sunday 8:30a	September 18 Sunday 10:45a	September 25 Sunday 9:30a
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Ellyn Steinke	Linda Havlicek		Nancy Di Giacinto		Ellyn Steinke
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	Janet McCarthy	Joe Di Giacinto	Lora Marheine	Linda Ertel	Jeremy Goss	Nancy Di Giacinto
<b>COMMUNION DEACONS</b>	Lynda Yanny Janet McCarthy	Nancy Schumacher Joe Di Giacinto	Lora Marheine	Tom Ertel Linda Ertel	Jeremy Goss	Joe and Nancy Di Giacinto
<b>LECTORS</b>	Lynda Yanny	Nancy Schumacher	Jeremy Goss	Chris Kress	Dawn Driscoll	Joe Di Giacinto
<b>USHERS</b>	Tom Ertel Cody Di Giacinto	Kurt and Debbie Kleppek	Dave Marheine	Susan Morgan	Dave Nelson	Jim and Donna Zarek
<b>OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u></b>	Gary Goll Jim Goetzinger Tom Ertel	Tom Morgan Brad Hext		John Link Roy Durrenberg		Carl and Karen Engelhardt Ellyn Steinke
<b>AUDIO/ VISUAL</b>	Tony and Katie Frederick	Mary and Douglas Johnson	Dawn and Joe Driscoll	Abby Sumiec Erik Peterson	Katie and Tony Freder- ick	Mike and Ryan Marciniak

Find The Full Schedule:

<https://www.mtzionlutheran.org/pages/member-resources>






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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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