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Ministry Initiatives

Every year the Leadership at Mt Zion works hard to put together a set of ministry initiatives for the next year that will help us live out our Mission and Vision. Last year we had a wonderful meeting and productive talk with the Leadership, Staff, and other Ministry Teams to develop this year's Ministry Initiatives.

If you would like to help us put together our 2024 Ministry Initiatives, we invite you to

come to a meeting on
Monday, July 17th, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Gathering Space.

The meeting will last roughly 1 1/2 hours,
and light snacks will be provided.



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Thanks for helping us listen to the Spirit as it moves among us!

Detroit Mission Trip

On June 18th, youth from Mt Zion joined with youth from Martin Luther for a week of service in the city of Detroit.

Detroit is a city with a lot of life and a lot of need. In some ways, it is a sibling to Milwaukee, a warning of what might become of us, and a sign of hope for our own future. Detroit is a city built on the auto industry; Milwaukee is a city built on the brewing industry. Mathematically, Detroit is the most racially segregated city in the nation; Milwaukee is #5. Detroit has been in population decline since the 1950s; Milwaukee has been declining since the 1960s, though not nearly as fast (Detroit is declining on average at 10% per decade; Milwaukee at 4%). Detroit is the only major metropolis to declare bankruptcy in the United States; Milwaukee currently stands on the edge of bankruptcy, literally having a bill go through the State this year to try to avoid bankruptcy in the city after projections estimated Milwaukee would be insolvent by 2025.



As the youth learned prior to the trip, bankruptcy and a whole history of things that led up to it decimated Detroit. The city had a population of 1.8 million in 1950; today it's barely 600,000 at a loss of about 200,000 every decade. A [timelapse of housing in Detroit](#) shows that from the mid-2000s to the mid-2010s, communities and neighborhoods were destroyed and nearly vanished. As we found out from one local while in Detroit, for most of the 2010s, their neighborhood didn't have trash or recycling collection, nor did it have street cleaning; the result was garbage everywhere. Could this happen to Milwaukee?



At the same time, we saw major revitalization in Detroit. People everywhere are working to rebuild the city. Pockets of development showed up all around. Art projects that wowed us were everywhere. Though it will take time, community is returning to Detroit. It just needs help to get there, and a lot of support in the meantime. So, what did we do to make a difference?

Working with [YouthWorks](#), the 19 youth and adult chaperones on the trip went to many locations over 4 days to serve in any way we were needed. One day we worked on an urban farm, weeding the field and planting tomatoes to feed the neighborhood. Another day we went to another urban farm - this time with animals! - to help them move from their winter setup to summer readiness, as well as some weeding. Urban farms are nonprofit projects helping bring fresh food to communities that have become food deserts.

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July 9 to July 16

Sun July 9	9:30am Combined Worship Service
Mon July 10	6:00p Property Committee Meeting Zoom 7:00p NA Group Fellowship Hall
Tues July 11	12:00p AA 12 Steps Meeting Room 211 6:30p Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Fellowship Hall 7:00p Knit One, Pray Too
Wed July 12	12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study Hearth Room and Zoom 1:00p Prayer Group 1:00p Tosa Cares Donation Drop Off 7:00p Stewardship
Thurs July 13	
Fri July 14	7:00p ACA 12 Step Group Room 100 7:30p Essay 12-step group [meeting virtually]
Sat July 15	8:30a Tosa Cares Donations Drop Off
Sun July 16	9:30a Combined Worship Service

Partners in Faith

YOU ARE INVITED.....

July 24, 2023 beginning at 6 PM at Mount Carmel - 8424 W Center Street for Dinner, fellowship, and message/discussion led by Pastor Greer

As a way of getting to know our neighbors from Mt Carmel and Reformation
Coordinated by: Mt Zion Outreach Ministry

Come as individuals, come as families, come together as partners in faith.

If you would like to bring a side dish, please contact Karen at cengelhardt@wi.rr.com or 262-782-5159.

Window Care



Thank you to everyone who helped care for our building!

Today's Volunteers

Today 9:30am Worship Volunteers

Altar Care: Linda Havlicek

Assisting Minister: Mavis Roesch

Communion Asst.: Liza Anderson and Mavis Roesch

Lector: Liz Anderson

Usher: Carl Engelhardt

Audio/Visual: Mary and Douglas Johnson

Offering Stewards: Tom Morgan and Brad Hext

Volunteer Schedule

[https://www.mtzionlutheran.org/
pages/member-resources](https://www.mtzionlutheran.org/pages/member-resources)

ACCESS THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST HERE:

<https://bit.ly/44dPWry>

Prayer Warriors meet
Wednesdays at 1:00pm.

Summer Read-A-Thon



SUMMER READ-A-THON

**READ BOOKS
EARN PIZZA!**

Head to Mt Zion's library and check out some books.
We have books for all ages, full of stories of faith.
Join our Summer Read-A-Thon now through September 4th.

Pizza party for ALL who participate!



Pick up your pizza box reading log in the Gathering Space or the library.

Fill it out with the Mt Zion library books you read. Return it to the church office when you're done!



Website Volunteer Wanted!

Do you have an extra **hour or two** each week to volunteer?

Are you **familiar with** Wix, MailChimp, WordPress, Canva, Publisher, or any other WYSIWYG applications?

Can you do **basic image editing**, like cropping, and find awesome images on the internet?

Do you **like to write** short articles and other communications?

If you answered yes to even 2 of those questions, we have an opportunity for you! We are looking for someone to help us **manage our website**. We need someone who can add 1 news article a week (many easily copied from Grace Notes), make sure our events calendar is up-to-date, rotate images throughout our site, and generally ensure content is up-to-date and accurate. All of that should only take an hour a week, but if you have 2 hours to spare each week, then you could help Mt Zion finally get its **own app!** Wouldn't that be exciting!



If you think you could **help us** maintain our web presence, please **contact** Pastor Tyler at pastor@mtzionlutheran.org.

Incarnation Jazz on the Lawn



Jazz on the Lawn

Incarnation Lutheran Church
1510 W Keefe

Tuesday, July 11

5:30 to 7:30

Bring a folding chair or blanket

Free admission!



Detroit Mission Trip

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Other things we did included:

- Packed 15,000 peppers at a distribution center to be sent to nonprofits all over the city.
- Sorted food donations and stock shelves at a food pantry designed like a grocery store.
- Sorted clothing donation, stock racks, and help patrons at a clothing pantry.
- Distributed food and other supplies at a literal drive-through food pantry; patrons opened their trunks and as they drove by, we filled them up.
- Did numerous jobs, from working in the kitchen to cleaning the street to shredding paper at a social services agency that provides housing and all-around programming to move people from homeless to self-sufficiency.
- Cleaned the property around the facility hosting us; we filled a dump truck halfway full of trash and weeds!
- Shared a slice of birthday with a little boy at the park.
- And probably a few other things being forgotten right now.



All the youth had a wonderful time on the trip. It was amazing to see them enjoying serving! I wish every adult had a work life that gave them as much joy as the kids found on this trip. Multiple youth began asking what they can do in Milwaukee, and one youth, an Eagle Scout, has been encouraged to help us plan a local winter mission trip so that we can get to know our city the way we got to know Detroit.

Of course, we also had a lot of fun. We found a beautiful abandoned warehouse that had been turned into a community art project tagged by thousands of artists. We explored Belle Isle and enjoyed authentic Detroit-style pizza. And we spent a few hours at the Indiana Dunes. Plus, we celebrated two birthdays and had a group music jam session, including some cathartic screaming during Taylor Swift's "I Knew You Were Trouble".

**Thank you, MZY and Martin Luther Youth,
for all your hard work and service!**

Our Youth are Awesome!

Congratulations to Angelina G. for qualifying for the National Junior Olympics in the 800m and the 1500m!!!

Results of the Region 14 Qualifiers from Refilwe:

We are off to Jr Olympics! Qualified in both 800 and 1500. 6th in 800m, 3rd in 1500m (bronze medal). This child inspires me. I'm reminded that I need to dream much bigger. I'm seeing her dreams unfold earlier and right in front of me. We praise the Lord.



Angelina pictured with her mother, grandmother, and uncle who cheered her on during the race.

(1st place is getting medical attention hence pic shows 2nd and 3rd place winners only)

If you have an accomplishment you would like to celebrate, please share it with us at socialmedia@mtzionlutheran.org or tag us on social media so we see it! #mtztosa

Science Tidbits

Parenting Deer-Style

Sherry and I were out for an evening walk on a route we often take through two subdivisions in Menomonee Falls. It was after 10:00 pm. We were on Parkway Drive, a connecting road between the two subdivisions that, for a span of three blocks, is bounded by nothing but trees and tall grass. The east side of the road is a sizeable wilderness area with a creek running through it and is a haven for deer.



Night had fallen, and it was very dark, especially since there are few streetlights on this stretch of road. As we headed north along the west side of the street, a small dark figure emerged from the tall grass to our left. "What's that"? Sherry asked. "A cat?" I questioned. "No, it looks like a small deer!" she responded. She turned on her cell phone light so we could see, and I snapped this picture with my phone. Sure enough, it was a little fawn, perhaps a newborn. And it was by itself. Where was the doe?

We thought the little thing would be frightened of us, but it approached me and rubbed against my leg. It was only a foot away from the street and there were numerous cars whizzing by. I didn't want to touch it (though it was painfully cute), but we couldn't leave it next to the busy street. I was wearing a fleece jacket and scooped my left arm under its stomach, gently lifted it, and carried it several feet to the tall grass where we shooed it back into the underbrush. The fawn walked down a small decline to a spot about ten feet away, and we could see its eyes reflecting back the light from the cell phone as it stared at us.

What if it came back out and onto the street after we continued our walk? We decided to call the police, so put a call into the Menomonee Falls station. After we voiced our concern, they dispatched a patrol car to the area, and soon a policeman drove up. When we told him our story, he said we had done the right thing. When we said how surprised we were there was no doe around, he educated us on deer parenting practices.

When does give birth, they abandon their offspring for many hours. This seemed counterintuitive to me, since it would leave the fawn vulnerable to predators, but the officer explained that the mother purposely leaves it alone to avoid drawing predators to the baby deer. In fact, he added that a doe often leaves a newborn fawn in the woods behind his house during the May-July birthing season. Then, as if on cue, about a block away we all watched in the low light as a doe crossed the street. "You see?" he exclaimed, "there she is, circling around, waiting for you to leave. That little deer will be fine."

Steve Downs

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Robert G. 7/1	Tony C. 7/8	Mary C. 7/20
Annette P. 7/1	David Y. 7/8	Hunter F. 7/21
Vince P. 7/1	Gabriella R. 7/8	Jase F. 7/21
Debra D. 7/1	Lorna S. 7/8	Lynda Y. 7/21
Kyle C. 7/1	Nathan C. 7/9	Michael C. 7/23
Hadley P. 7/2	Johnathan C. 7/10	Callie S. 7/23
Jeff P. 7/2	Anne M. 7/11	Keston S. 7/23
Samuel M. 7/3	Ellyn S. 7/11	Melody F. 7/23
Tony F. 7/3	Eli B. 7/12	Jeffrey K. 7/23
Tyler R. 7/4	Kevin S. 7/14	Elias C. 7/25
Carole S. 7/5	Bella B. 7/18	Don S. 7/25
Samuel B. 7/5	Norm W. 7/19	John Y. 7/28
Maggie M. 7/5	Tyler F. 7/19	Hayden P. 7/29
Tom E. 7/6	John R. 7/19	Andrea C. 7/29
Geoff H. 7/7	Jayson P. 7/19	Kylee L. 7/29
Katie C. 7/8	Peter M. 7/20	Douglas J. 7/31

Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey and Marja K. 7/1	Joe and Nancy D. 7/27
Luke and Shauna J. 7/6	Kristi and Kevin W. 7/28
Steve and Sherry D. 7/7	Shelly and Diane R. 7/31
Eric and Lisa B. 7/18	Melissa and Jim S. 7/31
Karen and Milt D. 7/26	

Photo of the Week

Tom and Linda Ertel ride in the back of a horsedrawn carriage during Wauwatosa's 4th of July parade. They were named "Wauwatosa's Distinguished Citizens" for their years of work and dedication to helping the people served through Tosa Cares.



Photo by Kathy Roesch

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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