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Grace Notes

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Campus Ministry

As our young people start college this month, please support our

August Mission of the Month:
Lutheran Campus Ministry at UWM
(the Corner House).

This ministry serves students at all the Milwaukee area colleges, providing them a safe space to share and deepen their faith and make healthy friendships.

Put "August Mission" or "Campus Ministry" in the memo line of your donation.

As of August 26 we have raised \$115.
Can we reach \$250?



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Art Book

Jenny Hereth is an artist, a retired professor, and the daughter of a Lutheran minister—and she's spent much of her 40-year career using her art to speak out on social justice issues. Now, she's turning her creativity into action by pledging **100% of the proceeds from her new art book** to Global Refuge.



<https://lirs.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1ba26e3c84448d9ea4814c790&id=1df3c2a9a5&e=d3441ef2b0>

Thriving

As a faithful donor to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are making a difference for people whose lives have been upended by disaster. This year's issue of "[Thrive](#)" illustrates the impact you have on communities around the world. You are accompanying returned migrants in Guatemala, building schools in Ukraine, and so much more. Below, learn how you are helping ELCA camps recover from Hurricane Helene.

https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/assets/Flipbooks/LDRThrive2025/Thrive_2025.html


Socials ERA

The announcement of pop star Taylor Swift and football player Travis Kelce's engagement came out Tuesday the 26th. Within just a couple of hours, Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house for the ELCA, was already celebrating with a Facebook post saying, "We hope whoever officiates the wedding knows about all the amazing resources we have to help them!" Well done, [Augsburg Fortress](#), well done.

What kind of posts do you enjoy on Mt Zion's Facebook page or ELCA Facebook pages? What content would you like to see more of? Let us know!

Contact Douglas Johnson (our social media volunteer) socialmedia@mtzionlutheran.org

August 31 to September 7

Sun Aug 31	9:30am Worship service	
Mon Sept 1	Labor Day—Office Closed 7:00pm NA 12 Step Meeting Fellowship Hall	
Tues Sept 2	Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Room 211 6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Upper Room	
Wed Sept 3	12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Warriors 1:00pm Tosa Cares Donations Drop Off 4:30pm Staff Meeting	
Thurs Sept 4		
Friday Sept 5	12:00pm Mayfair AA Group [Hearth Room] 6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100	
Sat Sept 6	9:00am Women of Heart Bible Study	
Sun Sept 7	9:30am Worship Service	
Next Week	Prayer for Safe Schools	

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

Back to School Prayer

God,

We pray for all students, teachers, staff, and parents as a new school year gets underway. Fill students with joy at the sight of new books, art supplies, and gym equipment. Fill all bellies with warm, nutritious food and spirits with eagerness to learn. Keep all who dedicate their days to education safe and healthy. Bring reassurance to all parents and caregivers that students of all ages will be safe to study, play, and explore your incredible creation.

Amen.



August 31 Volunteers

Altar Care: Linda Havlicek and Edie Di Giacinto

Assisting Minister:

Lector: Erin McDougal

Communion, bread: Jenny Hawes

Communion, wine: Bob Young, Isabella and Gabby Riccaboni

Ushers: James and Angela Riccaboni

Greeter: Kent and Margie Spicer

Audio/Visual: Mike and Brenda Marciniak

Tellers: Nancy and Joe Di Giacinto and Jim Goetzinger

Volunteer Schedule: mtzionlutheran.org/pages/member-resources

Access the Prayer List

<https://bit.ly/4I2APJB>

The printed prayer list is updated every two weeks.



Submit prayer requests

Email: pastor@mtzionlutheran.org

Call: 414-258-0456

Write: on the prayer cards at the prayer share wall in the north narthex.

Prayers of the People

Have you ever wondered where the specific examples come from in the Prayers of the People? For example, last Sunday we prayed for stray dogs on the outdoor worship service we just so happened to have our pet blessing. And breaking news events find their way into the weekly prayers, which are always changing, too.

The prayers of intercession, or prayers of the people, are available through the website SundaysandSeasons.com. Prayers may provide spaces for our administrator, Jess, to add specific names, events, or ministries depending on the week. Sometimes this can be a prayer for conflicts to end and ecosystems to be protected. Other times it is a call for leaders to act in the best interest of the people.

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations (*leaders may be named*), we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor/Labour Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed.

How does our administrator fill in the blanks? Jess watches the news. A lot. Maybe a little too much. She's on top of what happens throughout the day and week. When accidents or conflicts erupt, she notes them for the prayers that Sunday.

When other prayer opportunities open up that she's not immediately familiar with, she hits the internet and does some research. She likes to reach across the globe to issues we might not be readily aware of so they can get prayed over, too. For example, a couple weeks ago we prayed over threatened ecological areas. Jess searched for "most endangered ecosystems" and some of the results surprised her (even for being an outdoorsy person). It was great to learn more about new places and pray over them. Here's the website so you can learn more, too! sustainability.com

Now, prayers for healing come from members of our church, through our [online prayer requests](#), and from our prayer box. Pastor compiles those into our bi-weekly prayer list and Jess works to put new names added into the Sunday prayers as timely as soon possible. For people who receive on-going care, she does her best to rotate names on a regular basis.

It's a little extra work, but one that she feels is important for the broader, global community to help make sure no one is forgotten.

If you have places, people, or incidents you would like to be prayed for, please contact Jess or Pastor Tyler.

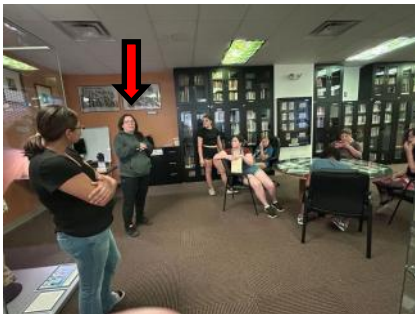
Pine Ridge Youth Trip

Some of the Lakota People We Met and Learned From



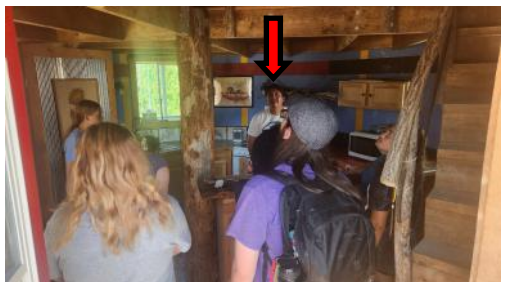
Kevin Poor Bear created beautiful pieces of art using pastels and paper while sharing hardships about life on the reservation and hope for the future.

Basil Brave Heart welcomed us into the Ceremonial House and spoke with us for 2.5 hours about topics ranging from Lakota traditions to Quantum Physics.



Oglala Lakota College Archivist Valerie Janis brought historical pieces to life with academic explanations and personal stories.

Staff from Red Cloud Renewables gave us a tour of energy efficient houses. The company trains solar panel technicians and has a class that is just for women to be able to get into the field!



Pine Ridge Youth Trip

Virgil was our guide at Wounded Knee and Wind Cave. He invited us to breath sage and give tobacco at the burial ground. He invited us to step down and feel the wind coming out of the cave.



Darren introduced us to two bison. (Yes, there was a fence between us and the wild animals). Darren had been a teacher and school superintendent on the reservation before he retired.

Kim was our guide from the Reconciliation Center. She took us to Badlands National Park, Oglala Lakota College, Artspace, and the Heritage Center (and Catholic Church) at Red Cloud School. She also gave us insight into a mom's life on the reservation.



See more pictures next week. Hear more reflections and stories during worship on **Sunday, September 28** when our youth share their trip experience in-person! They will have more insight into topics such as spirituality, poverty, or hope in Pine Ridge. Youth may even share how this trip spoke to their faith or what the congregation can do to get involved with Pine Ridge after the trip.

God's Work. Our Hands.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

This year Mt Zion is providing multiple opportunities and dates for you to lend a hand in our community.

- ♥ The first is with Mt. Zion's official God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) day on **Saturday, September 20**. Tosa Cares needs four volunteers to help with food distribution that morning. Please contact Bob Young if you are interested in helping. phone
- ♥ Wauwatosa's Green Summit is being held that same day **(9/20)**. This event is at Wauwatosa's City Hall. Two volunteers are needed for food collection for Tosa Cares. Please contact Carl Engelhardt if you are interested in volunteering. Phone
- ♥ On **Sunday, September 21**, after the church service, please consider staying to help assemble gift baskets for our at-home members. Just show up in the Gathering Space. People are also needed to deliver the baskets. Linda Ertel and Karen Engelhardt are leading this important Outreach.
- ♥ Andy Johnson is putting together a team of bike riders and walkers from Mt. Zion for the annual Outreach for Hope Bike/Walk on **Saturday, September 27**. Watch for more information on this in Grace Notes or contact Andy if you are interested. phone



What is any event without a T-shirt? All who participate will receive a beautiful, purple GWOH t-shirt to wear on the day of the event and anytime after that.



Remember, God's Work can't be done without **Our** Hands.
Be a blessing to our community, come and lend a hand.

God's work. Our hands.

Wild Church

Mt Zion members Brendan and Clara Monahan recently joined a Wild Church worship event. Brendan made the Challah bread used during communion. Reflecting on the unique worship service, Brendan said, "While based in Christianity, the outreach and attempt to be inclusive was refreshing. The reverence for nature was obvious and contagious. The interactive presentations on bread, bees, and being more in nature was a great way to get a reverential experience that many may not know to look for."

From Pastor Larry Harpster: Our Milwaukee Wild Church worship last Saturday at House of Prayer in Franklin had a theme of "How to Find Wonder and Awe in your life?" God blessed the worship we moved indoors with sounds of pouring rain, beautiful lightning and loud thunder. It really was an experience of wonder and awe!!!!

Clara had her own unique thoughts on the experience. "I don't know why I liked it, I just did. I liked it inside. Passing bread around on the grass sounded boring. And they didn't even have a playground outside. "



UPCOMING WILD CHURCH EVENTS

- September 7 @ 2 pm – Circle Gathering at Ascension Lutheran, Waukesha
- September 14 @ 4 pm – Wild Church with Faith Lutheran, Cedarburg.
- September 21 @ 4 pm – Circle Gathering at Christ the King Lutheran, Brookfield.
- September 28 @ 10 am – Adult Forum at St. Luke's Lutheran, Greendale
- September 28 @ 2 pm – Hiking Church at Lion's Den Gorge, Grafton.

Women of ELCA



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

CONVENTION & RETREAT

September 13th, 2025

9:00 am-2:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

20275 Davidson Rd

Brookfield 53045



AGENDA

9:00 am: Gathering and light breakfast

9:30 am: Worship litany

10:15 am: Welcome from Jennifer Hockenbery

Interim Executive Director of Women of the ELCA Topic:

Supporting Women in Today's World

Worship litany

10:30 am: Workshop: *Mending Our Souls* with Emma Mock

MENDING OUR SOULS

Mending Our Souls is a workshop centered on the healing power of creativity and community. The workshop includes a presentation on the significance of textiles in relation to grief across cultures and history. The hands on portion will explore how textiles can help us engage with our personal narratives of loss and healing. This space invites us to reflect on loss, memory, legacy, and healing through the transformative act of making. Together, we will create keepsakes that honor our personal experiences with loss. Inspired by the goal to promote grief awareness, reflection, and expression, this workshop emphasizes the powerful and healing nature of combining creativity with community.

12:00pm: Lunch

12:30pm: Convention for Greater Milwaukee Synodical Organization

This business meeting will include time to hear about the initiatives and strategic plan for Women of the ELCA. We will hold elections for all positions on the SWO board and for voting members for Churchwide Convention in July 2026. All are welcome to attend this meeting and learn about Women of the ELCA.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- Anyone who identifies as a woman and is interested in deepening their connections with the ELCA, either as an ELCA congregation member or a participant in women's ministries with that congregation
- Women interested in Mock's *Mending Our Souls* workshop who are looking for healing from grief

You do not need to have participated in Women of the ELCA, nor are you required to commit beyond this retreat

Children are welcome! There will be childcare provided.

Registration is free.

Donations of \$25.00 are suggested to help cover the cost of breakfast, lunch, and the speaker.

ABOUT EMMA MOCK

Emma Marie Mock is the Bereavement Care Coordinator at Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls, WI. She holds a Master of Thanatology from Marian University and is a Certified Grief Counselor. In addition to her hospice work, Emma is an artist, educator, facilitator, and speaker on topics related to the healing qualities of creating in relation to grief. Her art and workshops emphasize that creative and collective spaces often serve as healing spaces. Drawing inspiration from the intricate relationships between objects, sentimentality, and memory, Emma designs her professional work, art, and workshops to encourage the exploration of personal narratives and meaningful connections

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Adam C. 8/1	Refilwe M. 8/10	Mickey F. 8/22
Carol C. 8/1	Mia B. 8/13	Megan B. 8/22
Brad H. 8/1	Dom G. 8/13	Jenni P. 8/24
Jenny H. 8/2	Mark S. 8/17	Lauren C. 8/26
Jada G. 8/4	Jennifer D. 8/17	Spencer J. 8/26
Edie D. 8/5	Tammy C. 8/20	Amanda W. 8/28
Doris J. 8/6	Vicki C. 8/21	Liz A. 8/28
Jesse M. 8/6	Carter C. 8/21	Kurt K. 8/29
Tom W. 8/7	Katie F. 8/21	Grace B. 8/30
Quintin P. 8/8	Karen C. 8/21	Julie B. 8/31
Barb V. 8/9	Taylor U. 8/21	

Wedding Anniversaries

Sara and Dave B. 8/2	Liz and Keith A. 8/15
Adam and Elizabeth F. 8/8	Tom and Linda E. 8/16
Mitch and Kelsey L. 8/11	Mavis and Jerry R. 8/21
Meghann and Brad S. 8/11	Elmer and Loretta B. 8/25
Erin M. & Drae S. 8/11	Dave and Debbie F. 8/27
Kevin and Gloria C. 8/14	

Thought for the Week

History, despite its wrenching pain

Cannot be unlived, but if faced

With courage, need not be lived again.

Maya Angelou, "On the Pulse of Morning"

What history would you face with courage
to make sure it doesn't happen again?

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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