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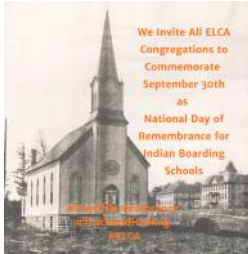
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Wear Orange

This summer the ELCA Church-wide Assembly passed a memorial to address the legacies of our church's role in Indian Boarding Schools. For 150 years, over 500 Indian boarding schools operated in the United States, where Native children were forcibly taken from their families and communities, prohibited all expression of Native language and culture, and required to perform manual labor, with a goal to "Kill the Indian in him, and save the man." Religious organizations collaborated with the federal government in operating more than half of these federally-funded schools, including predecessor denominations to the ELCA.

The first action step in the ELCA's memorial is to raise awareness about Indian Boarding Schools and Christian and Lutheran roles in perpetuating this policy against our Native siblings. Join this effort **by wearing orange on September 30**, the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools, marking this day in worship, and learning more about the ELCA's Truth Seeking and Truth Telling Initiative on Indian Boarding Schools.

Learn more:

elca.org/IndianBoardingSchools



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Flood Relief

Pastoral Message on Political Violence

Bishop Paul D. Erickson

September 11, 2025

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Romans 12:17-18)

Our nation has once again witnessed a tragic event of political violence with the shooting death of Charlie Kirk, a conservative political activist. This comes in the wake of other high-profile incidents of political violence, including the shooting death of Minnesota legislator Melissa Hortman and her husband, the assassination attempt of then presidential candidate Donald Trump, the assault on Representative Nancy Pelosi’s husband, and more.

Regardless of what one might think of the statements and opinions of these various leaders and regardless of one’s own political opinions, we must come together to condemn these acts and all acts of violence, especially those based on political motivations. The rise in violent and divisive rhetoric needs to be of grave concern for us all, and we must find a way to live together amid our differences.

The first of our four core values as a synod is curiosity, and I urge us all to recommit ourselves to embracing and living into this core value, engaging in deep listening to folks who see the world differently. I recognize that this is hard work, and I’m not sure we (myself included) are always willing/able to invest the time and energy that requires. I hope we can work to find ways to make space for folks to be seen and heard, whatever that looks like. Our recently adopted [social statement](#) on Faith and Civic Life gives us some direction on what this might look like, and I look forward to digging into this in the coming months. Stay tuned for opportunities for discussion and engagement.

Above all, I pray we can find ways to treat one another with the dignity and respect that all of us, as children of God, deserve. We cannot resort to violence, be it physical or verbal, whenever we are at odds with someone who thinks, acts, votes, loves, or looks different from us. We must learn to trust the Spirit of God, the one who guides our feet in the way of peace.

*“Holy God, out of your great love for the world, your Word became flesh to live among us and to reconcile us to you and to one another. Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit so that we seek to live in unity with all people, breaking down the walls that divide, ending the hostility among us, and proclaiming peace to those who are near and to those who are far away; through Christ Jesus, in whom we all have access in the one Spirit to you, both now and forever. **Amen.**” (All Creation Sings, p. 48.)*

September 28 to October 5

Sun Sept 28	9:30am Worship service 5:00pm Confirmation (Strengthening Faith Program) 6:00pm ELCA Sugarcane Movie Discussion Upper Room
Mon Sept 29	7:00pm NA 12 Step Meeting Fellowship Hall
Tues Sept 30	Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Room 211 6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Upper Room
Wed Oct 1	12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Warriors 4:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Voices of Zion choir rehearsal 7:00pm Festival Bells handbell rehearsal
Thurs Oct 2	7:00pm Joyfully OUT(side) Holy Cross Lutheran, Menomonee Falls 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting
Friday Oct 3	12:00pm Mayfair AA Group 6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100
Sat Oct 4	9:00am Women of Heart Bible Study
Sun Oct 5	9:30am Worship Service communion at the rail and name tag Sunday
Next Week	

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

Faith Forum Schedule

For our Faith Forums during
October and November
we will be reading and discussing,
“Together by Grace: the Gospel of Matthew”.

[https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/
productgroup/3386/Together-by-Grace](https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/productgroup/3386/Together-by-Grace)

This 8 session series will be led by
Anna Kissel and Bob Young.



This Sunday's Volunteers

Altar Care: Susan Kenny and Linda Havlicke

Assisting Minister: Refilwe Bockhorst-Magasa

Lector: Nancy Di Giacinto

Communion, bread: Joe Di Giacinto

Communion, wine: Refilwe B., Nancy D, and Lora Marheine

Ushers: Kurt and Debbie Kleppek

Greeter: Ruth McGill

Acolyte: Jack Johnston

Audio/Visual: Jeremy and Angella Goss

Tellers: Carl and Karen Engelhardt and Elynn Steinke

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.

Considering College?

Live Your Faith, Pursue Your Passions, Prepare for Your Future



At Carthage College, you don't have to choose between faith, community, and your future — you can embrace them all. If you're a high school junior or senior, visit Carthage this fall and discover the place that could become your home. All visitors will receive a \$1,000 visit grant as part of their financial aid award. And as a member of an ELCA church, you will receive a \$1,000 Lutheran Grant. 100% of students receive scholarships and grants, money you do not pay back!



Carthage is Wisconsin's only ELCA-related college, offering strong programs in the fine arts, athletics (D3), and academics (over 75 majors and programs) — including health, engineering, and many more fields.

Ready to apply? The \$35 application fee is waived with the **fee waiver code: ELCA**

www.carthage.edu/apply

I'd love to welcome you to campus and meet you during your visit!

**Pastor Adam Miller-Stubbendick,
Carthage College Campus Pastor**

Joyfully OUT(side)

**Come hear Mikah Meyer's stories of
faith, nature, music, and more**

Thursday, October 2
7:00pm
Holy Cross Lutheran
Menomonee Falls



God's Work. Our Hands.

Thank you, Mt. Zion volunteers who participated in the scheduled events for GWOH on September 20 and 21. It was filled with joy in offering our time and hands to the Tosa Cares distribution at Mt. Zion, the Tosa Cares site at the Green Summit at the Wauwatosa City Hall and the packing of fall baskets for our Mt. Zion at home members. This weekend we thank the Mt. Zion team participants and supporters of the Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk. Yeah, God's team of volunteers! God's work is never done so our hands continue to do His work.

Mt. Zion Outreach



There are still opportunities to help!

We need to deliver some of the at-home member gift baskets as soon as possible. The baskets are at the fire place in the Gathering space and include the address of the recipient. Please pick up and deliver one or two as you're able!

Reformation Partnership

In September Mt. Zion Lutheran is partnering with Reformation Lutheran Church in Milwaukee as our Mission of the Month. Reformation serves a diverse community in the city, offering worship, youth programs, community meals, and outreach to neighbors in need. Together, we share in Christ's call to love and serve others.

Thank you for Mt. Zion for your support for Reformation's Summer Youth Ministry, SALT – Serving and Learning Together which brought together 60 youth to work in the Reformation neighborhood and for older students sent them to summer internships in the community. Our donations help to support this program and Mt. Zion also provided lunches for one of the weeks of this ministry.

Our gifts make a difference as they directly support Reformation's ministries—helping them sustain worship, strengthen children and youth programs, and extend hospitality to those facing daily challenges in their neighborhood.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this important partnership. Special offerings marked "September Mission of the Month" or donating online(indicating Mission of the Month and adding Reformation in the memo line) will go toward Reformation Lutheran Church. Let us join in lifting up our sisters and brothers in Christ as we grow together in faith and service.

Unhelpful Help?

Excerpt from [Living Lutheran's](#) “Perspective: Unhelpful Help” by Baya Clare

I've been a member here for a while, coming to church most Sundays, making my way up the aisle for communion and back. I sometimes serve as a lector. The congregation has valued [accessibility](#) for a long time and does fairly well in providing it. It's one of many reasons I'm a member here. It's a hospitable church, and I get around in it.

Pity is a corrosive thing.

Which is why I was surprised when another member, with pity on her face, clucked at my canes and asked with concern in her voice if I needed help getting seated. “Oh, no, thanks,” I said. “I'm just waiting for my friends to catch up.” She cocked her head doubtfully. “Well ... if you're sure, dear.” She patted me and went on, leaving behind a little wake of sorrow.

Her pity cast only a momentary shade over my joy at the Easter Vigil, but pity is a corrosive thing.

At least she asked if she could help and took no for an answer. Some people do neither. Once, at another church, I'd made my way to the end of the potluck line when a man suddenly swooped in and carried my plate off to a table he'd decided was the “handicapped” table. After we took a moment to recover from the surprise, my friend went to retrieve it while I found us a couple of seats elsewhere. Not that the other disabled folks at that church weren't all lovely people to have lunch with, but why would we want to be segregated off in a corner by ourselves? We'd like to sit wherever.

Of course, people do want to be helpful and good. But imagine fending off offers of “help” such as this, many times every day. It can [be wearying](#).

That's why Emily Ladau, in her book [Demystifying Disability: What to Know, What to Say, and How to Be an Ally](#) (Ten Speed Press, 2021), writes that one should always “presume competence.” This means, for example, that I know I need to have someone carry my plate from the potluck spread to the table, so you can presume that I've got that arranged before I go through the line. And if I say no to your offer of help with something, even if that might look awkward or challenging to you, I mean it.



If I say no to your offer of help, even if that might look awkward or challenging, I mean it.

Similarly, if I ask you to help me with something, you're free to say no. I believe that's true of any request, whether the person making it is disabled or not. There's no need to explain—“no” is sufficient.

I invite you to consider that your impulse to help may be prompted by feelings to sort out within yourself—the need to see yourself or be seen by others as a good person, or feelings of discomfort—rather than a disabled person's actual need for assistance.

Lutheran Social Media

Are You On Social Media?

From time to time, we're going to share with you all the amazing ministries we're connected to - from local partners to churchwide organizations - and where to find them on social media. We encourage you to subscribe/follow these ministries so that you can hear about all the amazing things we are doing through "God's Work. Our Hands."



This edition: YouTube

You can easily find a ton of YouTube channels simply by going to Mt Zion's page (<https://www.youtube.com/@MtZionLutheran>) and scrolling down.

We especially encourage you to follow:

Greater Milwaukee Synod - <https://www.youtube.com/@MilwaukeeSynod>

Outreach for Hope - <https://www.youtube.com/@OutreachForHope>

Lutherdale Outdoor Ministries - <https://www.youtube.com/@lutherdale1944>

Lutheran Social Services of WI - <https://www.youtube.com/@lsswis>

The ELCA - <https://www.youtube.com/@ELCA>

Lutheran World Relief - <https://www.youtube.com/user/lutheranworldrelief>

Global Refuge - <https://www.youtube.com/@globalrefuge>

Lutheran Services in America - www.youtube.com/@LutheranservicesOrg

ELCA Advocacy - <https://www.youtube.com/@ELCAadvocacy>

Honoring Pastor Ellwanger

Our beloved Pastor Ellwanger's legacy now shines on West Walnut Street (16th–17th) with an honorary street sign. A lifelong servant of faith and justice, he marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, helped create affordable homes right here in Milwaukee, and founded The Hunger Task Force, which today feeds thousands.

He dedicated his life to living the Gospel in action—fighting for justice, compassion, and hope. We give thanks for his witness and celebrate the impact he continues to have on our community.

Read more: [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Story https://www.jsonline.com/.../here-are-the.../84337294007/](https://www.jsonline.com/.../here-are-the.../84337294007/)

See the sign: Google Maps Link
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/7PeNfcaSMFQV1Kjy9>

Flood Relief



Since the President approved Governor Evers' disaster declaration request, impacted residents in Wisconsin can apply for flooding assistance through FEMA.

The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance is November 12th, 2025.

Homeowners and renters can apply for assistance at www.disasterassistance.gov/ or by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 800-621-FEMA (3362).

As you Apply – Make sure you have personal information including email address, phone number, banking information, list of damaged items and losses, and Social Security numbers. During your application, provide as much detail as you can.

After you Apply – FEMA will review your application and may request more information from you. Please check your email regularly. You can also sign into your account to learn the status of your application.

If you would like to appeal the amount of assistance you received, you can appeal within 60 days of the date on the decision letter from FEMA. In each decision letter, FEMA will share the documents applicants may need to appeal the decision. Applicants can find information on how to appeal by visiting DisasterAssistance.gov, or calling FEMA's Helpline at 1-800-621-3362.

Find more information on the application process here. You can also find answers to commonly asked questions on this page.

Breaking the Chains

Save the Date



Breaking the Chains Church
2016-2026

10 Year Anniversary

Redeemer Lutheran Church

631 North 19th Street

Milwaukee WI 53223

Sunday February 1, 2026

4pm to 7pm

InTENTionally Walking with the Justice Impacted



breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com
414-217-0330 (please leave a voice mail message)

MICAH Public Meeting

Join Milwaukee Inner city Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH)
for Our Biggest Action of the Year!

Public Meeting
Thursday, October 23 at 6:30pm

MILWAUKEE INNERCITY
CONGREGATIONS ALLIED
FOR HOPE
(MICAH)



PUBLIC MEETING
RESISTANCE, PERSISTENCE,
INSISTENCE

Register by QR code
or email -
office@micahmke.org



Doors Open at 6 PM
6:30 PM | Thursday, 23 October 2025
Canaan Baptist Church
2975 N 11th St, Milwaukee, WI

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Francesca R. 9/27
 Joey S. 9/28
 Pete P. 9/28
 Johnathan F. 9/29
 Mavis R. 9/30
 Shauna J. 10/1
 Linda E. 10/2
 Joanne B. 10/2
 Adam F. 10/3
 Joey H. 10/4
 Arlo J. 10/6
 Zach P. 10/8

Chuck W. 10/8
 Lexi G. 10/9
 Brenda M. 10/10
 Jason B. 10/11
 Bill L. 10/11
 Judith M. 10/13
 Vivian T. 10.14
 Shirley B. 10/15
 Kristin W. 10/16
 Amy F. 10/17
 Carl E. 10/18

Karen B. 10/19
 Ellie W. 10/19
 Justin V. 10/20
 Kent S. 10/21
 Amanda C. 10/21
 Jeff C. 10/21
 Irene M. 10/21
 Elizabeth F. 10/22
 Dorothy S. 10/23
 Paul Z. 10/24
 Brian D. 10/24
 Jack J. 10/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Donna and John W. 9/27
 Rich and Rondi D. 9/27
 Dawn and Joe D. 9/29
 Brendan and Jess M. 10/9
 Jen and Andy J. 10/13

Katie and Tony F. 10/22
 Jeff and Julie B. 10/22
 Jeremy and Angella G. 10/24
 Lori and Brian J. 10/26
 Beth and Jonathan F. 10/30

Thank You!



We raised \$465 for the Campus Ministry
 August Mission of the Month August!

Thank you so much for your generosity!

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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