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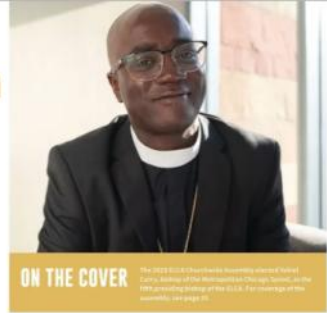
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Living Lutheran

We are a church that values and encourages diverse voices and lively dialogue in our faith and life. *Living Lutheran* is an opportunity for church members to express individual perspectives, and does not necessarily reflect official positions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Good Reading

October's edition of *Living Lutheran*, we welcome Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry. You can learn more about Rev. Curry and the ELCA Churchwide Assembly on page 10.

There is an article about the ELCA's observation of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness month including calls to action on pages 46 and 47.



Although, we think the "Pizza Church" article sounds pretty interesting plus there is an exciting article about an Illinois congregation which launched an up-to-date assistive listening system to help all **hear** the word of God.

<https://pubs.royle.com/publication/?i=851288>

Dinner Dialogue



INTERFAITH
CONFERENCE
OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue

6 PM THURSDAY, Oct. 30

**Good Shepherd Trinity Church
3302 N. Sherman Blvd. MKE**

- Practice appreciative listening
- Increase religious literacy
- Build appreciation of diversity
- Engage on a meaningful level
- Increase trust & remove barriers
- Talk about matters of faith & spirituality in a safe environment

Register or Learn more at the
link below or QR Code



<https://tinyurl.com/AFDDinfo>



October 5 to October 12

Sun Oct 5	9:30am Worship service Name Tags and communion at the rail 5:00pm Community Meal
Mon Oct 6	7:00pm NA 12 Step Meeting Fellowship Hall
Tues Oct 7	Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Room 211 6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Upper Room
Wed Oct 8	12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Warriors 6:00pm Voices of Zion choir rehearsal 6:00pm AA New Beginnings Meeting Room 206 7:00pm Festival Bells handbell rehearsal
Thurs Oct 9	
Friday Oct 10	12:00pm Mayfair AA Group 6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100
Sat Oct 11	
Sun Oct 12	9:30am Worship Service
Next Week	Public Theology

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

Love Without Limits

Calling on all Women of the ELCA!

The East Central Synodical Women's Organization Invites you on

November 8th, 2025! Doors open at 8am. Lecture will start around 9:30am.

Come here about Love without Limits!

St. Mark's Lutheran
140 S. Green Bay Rd,
Neenah, WI 549856



This Sunday's Volunteers

Altar Care: Liv and Dom Juel

Assisting Minister: Lora Marheine

Lector: Erik Peterson

Communion, bread: Erik P.

Communion, wine: Lora M, Erin McDougal, Sherry Downs

Ushers: Dave and Suzy Nelson

Greeter: Bob and Nancy Schrap

Acolyte: Gabby Riccaboni

Audio/Visual: Brenda and Mike Marciniak

Tellers: Tom Ertel, Jim Goetzinger, Gary Goll

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

Access the Prayer List

<https://bit.ly/4l2APJB>

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.

Faith Resources for Families

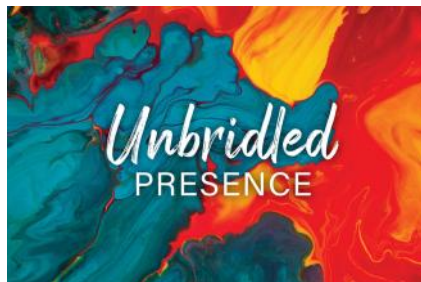
How can we help kids connect to what's going on in worship...	→	instead of distracting them with dollar store coloring books with most of the pages colored in?
Where can families go to find faith-based Bible storytelling media...	→	that doesn't bore kids and instead is built on a joyful, grace-filled theology?
How can we help worship planners gain new insights about why children belong in worship...	→	without overburdening their already-busy schedules?
What can a church offer to busy families that supports their prayer life...	→	but isn't complicated or guilt-inducing?

Unbridled Prayers App

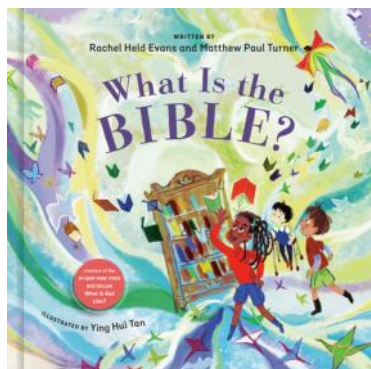
Busy parents and other primary caregivers may feel overwhelmed by the idea of developing a daily prayer practice. Unbridled Prayers can help! This easy-to-install app posts a prayer a day that parents can view. Prayers offer support, understanding, and a touch of humor. Parents can choose from prayers for early childhood, elementary, and preteen to match their kids' ages. Go to unbridledprayers.app to download.

Podcasts

For faith-filled listening on the go, recommend Sacred Storytime with Pastor Priscilla to all your families. Your worship planning team and other leaders can tune into Worship Whys to hear fresh ideas about why kids belong in worship.



Bible Books!



What is the Bible?

By Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner

Age range: 3-7 years

What Is the Bible? is a spectacular journey, guiding children to see how God's story and our own lives are delightfully intertwined. Kids and parents alike will see that God's story is big enough to be found all over the world and close enough to find in our own hearts.

The Just Love Story Bible

Written by Jacqui Lewis and Shannon Daley-Harris

Age range: 5-8 years

A groundbreaking, justice-oriented storybook Bible for children and families. For thousands of years, people have told stories, sung songs, asked hard questions, and shared experiences to learn about God and how to live as God's people. The big message of the Bible is that God loves us and created us to love God and each other, to do justice, and to love kindness.

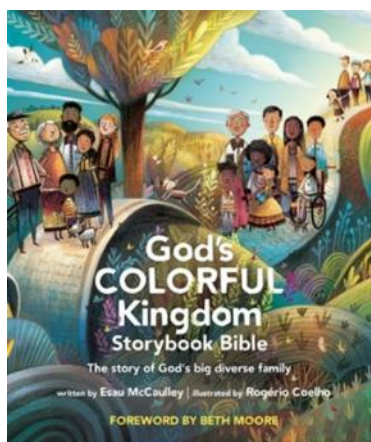


God's Colorful Kingdom Storybook Bible

Written by Esau McCauley

Illustrated by Rogerio Coelho

Ages: 6 and up



With sweeping, color-rich scenes, this one-of-a-kind storybook Bible celebrates God's love of ethnic diversity, concern for the poor, justice, and compassion.

More Books Recommendations!



Pick up your copy for the Faith Forums!

During October and November
we will be reading and discussing,
“Together by Grace: the Gospel of Matthew”.

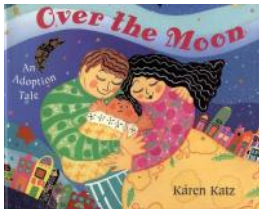
<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/productgroup/3386/Together-by-Grace>

Heather Has Two Mommies

by Leslea Newman

Ages 4-8

When Heather goes to school for the first time, someone asks her about her daddy, but Heather doesn't have a daddy. Then something interesting happens. When Heather and her classmates draw pictures of their families, not one drawing is the same.



Over the Moon

by Karen Katz

Ages 4-8

An affirming story about international adoption, based on the author's own experience with her daughter.

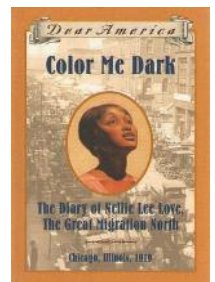


Color Me Dark

by Patricia McKissack

Historic Fiction (Grades 4-6)

After a tragic murder, Nellie Lee and her family leave the racism of rural Tennessee in hopes of finding a safer and more accepting world in Chicago.



Mt Meru Coffee Celebration

Mount Meru Coffee Project 25th Anniversary Celebration!

Saturday, November 1st, 2025,

11:30 am,

at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls

(W156N8131 Pilgrim Road)

for a

25th-anniversary luncheon to celebrate our partnership with Mount Meru coffee farmers!

The luncheon celebration will immediately follow a Congregational Coffee Ambassadors meeting (starting at 10 am), and will be catered by Ally's Bistro for \$15 per person, i.e. the cost of the food.

We'll also have limited edition gift packages available this year, featuring hand-crafted Tanzanian fabric creations, created by many volunteers across our Synod, and two special edition coffee mug designs.

Our special Holiday Blend coffee flavor (brought back by popular demand after selling out last year!) and other gift packs will also be available for purchase at the luncheon.

Friends and customers of the Coffee Project are welcome and encouraged to join the Board and Coffee Ambassadors for the delicious soup and sandwich catered luncheon for just \$15 per person.

Please RSVP by obtaining a ticket via this link: [https://
www.mtmerucoffee.org/products/25th-anniversary-luncheon](https://www.mtmerucoffee.org/products/25th-anniversary-luncheon)



Women of the ELCA



july 16-19, 2026 | des moines, iowa

Women of the ELCA 2026 Gathering

July 16-19, 2026

Des Moines, IA

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is “I Am Worthy,” based on Psalm 139:14: “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” This statement serves as a reminder of God’s promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. By repeating the phrase “I am worthy,” we can recognize the Holy Spirit’s ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation opens up opportunities for healing and restoration within ourselves, our church, society, and the world. When we declare, “I am worthy,” we align ourselves with God’s promises. There is great power in our resolve.

Read about the speakers

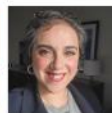
Register for the event

Check out the 10 song playlist!

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>



The Rev. Martha Ambarangu
Bible Study Leader



Dr. Elyssa Salinas-Lazarski
Plenary Speaker and Workshop Leader



Elise Seyfried
Plenary Speaker and Workshop Leader



Dr. Mary J. Streufert
Workshop Leader



Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy
Workshop Leader



Rev. Dr. Susan Rose
Workshop Leader

Spreading Christmas Hope



Father Genes Christmas Hopefest 2025

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." – Acts 20:35

Spread the Love & Hope of Jesus this Christmas!

■ When:

- Donations accepted all throughout **November**
- Final Drop-off Day: **December 1st** Pick ups can be arranged ahead of time.

■ What to Donate:

- New, unwrapped toys or books for children of all ages

Why:

Together, we want to share the joy, love, and hope of Jesus with children who are less fortunate this Christmas.

Drop-off Locations:

Partnering local churches (contact us for details)

How You Can Help:

- Purchase and donate a toy
- Encourage friends, family, and coworkers to give
- Pray for the children and families who will receive these gifts

- Help bring smiles, joy, and the message of Jesus' love to children in need this

Christmas! ■

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Shauna J. 10/1	Jason B. 10/11	Justin V. 10/20
Linda E. 10/2	Bill L. 10/11	Kent S. 10/21
Joanne B. 10/2	Judith M. 10/13	Amanda C. 10/21
Adam F. 10/3	Vivian T. 10.14	Jeff C. 10/21
Joey H. 10/4	Shirley B. 10/15	Irene M. 10/21
Arlo J. 10/6	Kristin W. 10/16	Elizabeth F. 10/22
Zach P. 10/8	Amy F. 10/17	Dorothy S. 10/23
Chuck W. 10/8	Carl E. 10/18	Paul Z. 10/24
Lexi G. 10/9	Karen B. 10/19	Brian D. 10/24
Brenda M. 10/10	Ellie W. 10/19	Jack J. 10/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Brendan and Jess M. 10/9	Jeremy and Angella G. 10/24
Jen and Andy J. 10/13	Lori and Brian J. 10/26
Katie and Tony F. 10/22	Beth and Jonathan F. 10/30
Jeff and Julie B. 10/22	

Thank You!



BACKPACKS FILLED WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you, Mt. Zion for your contributions for the July Mission – providing backpacks and supplies, and donations to help Tosa Cares purchase the needed supplies. Those donations provided lots of smiles for over 250 young people headed back to school with needed supplies. Then, in early September a call came from Rev. Becky from the synod office. School supplies were needed to replace those lost because of the flooding. Tosa Cares responded with 21 backpacks filled with school supplies. Mt. Zion member, Jenny Hawes, and Martin Luther member, Amy Fox, and their families lead this project ordering, organizing, and packing those school supplies for Tosa Cares. Just think how those

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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