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SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2026!



Lutherdale Camps

Summer Camps for 2026 include:

- ♥ Specialty camp for kids with heart disease
- * A 24 hour intergenerational family camp
- ♦ Leadership exploration and adventure program
- Camps for 1-2 graders
- Camps for 3-8 graders
- Camps for High Schoolers

[Lutherdale.org/summer-camp](https://lutherdale.org/summer-camp)



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Donate What You're Able

Thanksgiving food drive for



Select one item and buy in quantity
or select different items from the following list.

Please place this bag in the **Gathering Space**
beginning Nov 2 - Nov 17.

Or with a financial gift, we will shop for you.

- green beans
- corn
- cranberry sauce
- cornbread mix
- other bread mixes
- box of potatoes
- peanut butter
- jelly
- cereal
- baking items such as
flour, oil, sugar
- can of fruit and/or
jar of applesauce
- cream of mushroom soup
- can of sweet potatoes or
yams
- cake mix and frosting
- macaroni and cheese

Thank you for helping feed over 380 Tosa Cares
families during the holidays. We are grateful!

November 9 to November 16

Sun Nov 9	9:30am Worship service Zoom ID: 841 6597 2335 <u>Passcode</u> : 12012 10:40am Faith Formation Hour 6:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Mon Nov 10	6:00pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm Knit One, Pray Too 7:00pm NA 12 Step Meeting Fellowship Hall
Tues Nov 11	Veterans Day Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Room 211 6:30pm Outreach Committee Meeting 6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Upper Room
Wed Nov 12	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 6:30pm Younger Adults Group off-site 7:00pm Festival Bells handbell rehearsal
Thurs Nov 13	World Kindness Day 7:00pm Troop 27 Meeting Room 100
Friday Nov 14	12:00pm Mayfair AA Group 6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100
Sat Nov 15	
Sun Nov 16	9:30am Worship Service 10:40am Faith Formation Hour 5:00pm MZY Night
Next Week	Reverend Combined Worship Service with New Command

Christmas Has a Heart

An Alternative Christmas Market

December 7th from 10:00 to 11:30am



You can make donations which will support organizations right here in the Milwaukee area including:

Outreach for Hope

Project Return

Reformation Lutheran Church

And new this year Father Gene's Help Center

This Sunday's Volunteers

Altar Care: Liv and Dom Juel

Assisting Minister: Tom Ertel

Lector: Linda Ertel

Communion, bread: Mavis Roesch

Communion, wine: Tom and Linda E, Liz Anderson

Ushers: Dave Nelson and Dave Fohr

Greeter: James and Angela Riccaboni and Vince Pipia

Audio/Visual: Janet McCarthy and Gabby Riccaboni

Tellers: Brad Hext and Tom Morgan

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

Access the Prayer List

<https://bit.ly/49ok1Ld>

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.

Join Our Friends In Worship!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Combined Worship Service
with New Command
Korean Church**



9:30am Faith Formation
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 Meal featuring
traditional Korean dishes



Steve's Science Tidbits

A Wonderful story of Kindness

Beth Usher was in her 3rd week of kindergarten when she fell off the seesaw. Afterward, she started having seizures, as many as a hundred times a day. She was 5 yrs old.

Her only respite was when she watched Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. Something about his voice calmed her brain and her body,

She continued to have seizures and, two painful years later, the Usher family finally got an accurate diagnosis—a rare disease that was eating away at the left hemisphere of her brain, called Rasmussen's encephalitis. They found a doctor who could fix the problem—the diseased half of her brain would have to be removed.



Afraid for Beth, the family kept canceling and rescheduling this terrifying surgery. During this time, Beth's mother, Kathy, contacted Fred Rogers' offices and told the person who answered about Beth, hoping that maybe they could send a signed photo. That night, their telephone rang.

Kathy spoke to the caller for a few minutes and then told Beth a friend wanted to talk with her. Beth took the phone from her mother and said hello. She heard a familiar voice and felt immediately at ease. Mr. Rogers asked her about her brain surgery and she told him things she did not even tell her parents. They talked for over an hour. Before she hung up the phone, she told him, "I love you, Mr. Rogers." He told her he loved her too.

She finally had the surgery. The twelve-hour surgery was a success, but Beth's brain stem swelled and she fell into a coma, which lasted for 6 weeks. One day, while keeping vigil in the intensive care unit, Kathy was called to the nurses' station. There was a call from someone claiming to be Mr. Rogers.

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World Kindness Day is November 13, 2025

Promote kindness and compassion through random acts of kindness and service to others, the world, and even yourself.

Steve's Science Tidbits

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He had been calling the Usher house every day to check on Beth, but not hearing back, he called the hospital directly. Hearing the unfortunate news of the coma, he told Kathy he would be praying for Beth. After checking in every day for two weeks without promising news, he insisted on coming for a visit, as long as the hospital didn't publicize his visit.



[Photo from WUSA9](#)

At the hospital, with family and medical staff peering in from the doorway of Beth's room, Mr. Rogers sat with the comatose Beth for an hour. He opened up the clarinet case he had brought and pulled out replicas of puppets from the Neighborhood of Make-Believe. He sat speaking gently to her while she remained unconscious. Weeks later, Beth finally woke up and was astonished to find herself surrounded by puppets.

Beth stopped having seizures, but had to relearn how to walk and talk, and had issues with short-term memory and some motor control. Mr. Rogers remained her friend, calling her on birthdays or when she got a good report card. When she was 12-yrs-old, Fred Rogers gave the commencement speech at the University of Connecticut where Kathy and Brian Usher both worked, and Beth finally got to meet her hero in person. "He was just as I imagined he would be," she said. "His voice was so kind and gentle and we gave each other a huge hug. I could not help but cry with sheer happiness."

Steve Downs



⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

"There are three ways to ultimate success:
The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind.
The third way is to be kind."

Mr. Rogers

Luther and Tolkien?



Add to the joy and beauty of the season by giving to the altar poinsettia display!

Name _____

Phone number _____ or Email _____

Given in memory/honor of _____

	Red Qty	White Qty	Pink Qty	Cost Per plant	Total For size
6"				\$15	
7"				\$20	
Total					

- ☐ I have enclosed payment.
- ☐ I will pay online (Select Holiday/Special Service from the drop down menu and put "Poinsettia" in the memo).
- ☐ I would like to bring my poinsettia home.
Circle one I'll likely attend the 4:00pm or 8:00pm service
- ☐ Share my poinsettia with an at-home member.

Please return forms to church office or offering plate by November 23 .

Halloween Fun



Douglas and Mary Johnson and Steve Downs performed with the Wauwatosa Community Band at their Halloween concert October 2. Several Mt Zion members attended to show their support and show off their costumes!



FUN-ding Mt Zion

Pastor Tyler probably won't like that I'm writing this article. He likes to keep things hopeful and optimistic. But hey, let's go big, because I don't want to go home. Not in the unemployed context anyway. Which might happen if we don't adequately fund the church.

I love working at Mt Zion. Mt Zion is amazing! I love being creative. I get excited about the new ways we try to better care for the community. It's awesome to come in and debate Pastor Tyler about the weirdest topics or theological concepts. It's not everyday you get to work with someone like PT, and it's so much fun!

If Mt Zion doesn't stay adequately funded, our Fun-ding ends. The Leadership Board is working hard to bring in more revenue, but it also takes generous support to make Mt Zion's ministries happen. Imagine with me for a moment if we had to sell this building. What happens to the ministries we run out of this space? The Bible studies and faith forums and the adorable kids in their Christmas pageants? Or The hundreds of families of Tosa Cares? The numerous 12 -step groups we host? The homeless and poor who seek help and hope? The proclamation of Good News throughout the neighborhood?

It is hard to think of the possibility these programs could end, especially when we're growing many new ministries right now. We've recently implemented a monthly Sunday Community Dinner and it's gaining momentum! Four ladies from the Courtyard Apartments next door joined us this past Sunday and we're hoping for even more neighbors next month! We're also starting a Younger Adults group to help 20-and 30- year olds with their unique faith formation needs amid parenting, caretaking, and working. And who knows who will come up with the next great community outreach or event idea? Maybe it's you! Right here, at Mt Zion.

Caring for each other is gratifying (aka, fun). It makes us feel good and we can only hope it helps make the other person feel better, too. It's hard work sometimes, sure, but it is honestly pretty fun. We wouldn't all be here in this place if we did not truly enjoy what we do at Mt Zion—whether you're Pastor Tyler, the admin, a volunteer, part of the Leadership Board, or a musician.

We need each other. Pastor Tyler and I and the staff need each other. We need the congregation. The congregation needs the community. The community needs the building.

Please consider how you are able to begin, or increase, your yearly giving for 2026. Mt Zion's compassionate, inclusive, big-hearted, above-and-beyond Gospel sharing FUN-ding depends on it.

Jess Monahan

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

David W. 11/01	Emmett J. 11/08	Robert E. 11/16
Sharon R. 11/01	Kyle F. 11/08	Gabby G. 11/16
Janice G. 11/02	Katy M. 11/08	Jacob B. 11/17
Niko A. 11/02	Erin M. 11/09	Elena B. 11/17
Beth F. 11/02	Andrew F. 11/10	Amy K. 11/17
Mary J. 11/03	Elmer B. 11/10	Jelani S. 11/23
Judy H. 11/03	Bob C. 11/12	Krista H. 11/26
Brian C. 11/04	Linda H. 11/13	Brenda F. 11/30
Melissa S. 11/05	Pam K. 11/14	Scott B. 11/30
Jason F. 11/05	Mike K. 11/15	David K. 11/30
Shelly R. 11/07	Jean W. 11/15	Debbie K. 11/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Mike and Brenda M. 11/02	Ellyn and Wayne S. 11/26
John and Anna K. 11/14	John and Lynda Y. 11/27
Jill and Tom A. 11/16	Kent and Margie S. 11/28
Tom and Mary C. 11/21	

The Tosa Turkeys Visited



Thanks to
Douglas Johnson for
catching this image.

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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