

April 19 2026



# Grace Notes

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## Sunday's Hymns

**Calling all  
car carolers,  
shower singers,  
amateur aria achievers...**

You are invited to join the Voices of Zion choir! It's open to all abilities ages 18 and up! We rehearse Wednesdays from 6:00 — 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

Not into singing but still want to make some amazing music with a group of Mt Zion friends? Join the Festival Bells handbell choir! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00pm.

Contact Danielle for more information:

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# Everyone is Welcome

# Free Community Dinner



Everyone in the community is invited to join us for a free, spaghetti dinner on

**Sunday, May 3rd**

**5:00pm**

**Mt Zion Lutheran Church**

**12012 W North Ave, Wauwatosa**

Let us know if we can set a place for you and if you have dietary restrictions:

[mtzionlutheran.org/signup](http://mtzionlutheran.org/signup)

or call church at 414-258-0456



# April 19 to April 26

<p>Sun April 19</p>	<p>9:30am <b>Worship Service</b> <u>Zoom ID:</u> 841 6597 2335 <u>Passcode:</u> 12012</p> <p>10:40am <b>Faith Formation Hour</b></p> <p>11:30am <b>VBS Leader Meeting</b></p> <p>5:00pm <b>MZY Night</b></p>
<p>Mon April 20</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Leadership Board Conference</b></p> <p>7:00pm <b>NA 12 Step Group</b> Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>Tues April 21</p>	<p>Noon <b>AA 12 Steps Meeting</b> Upper Room</p> <p>6:30pm <b>Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting</b> Upper Room</p> <p>6:30pm <b>Troop 27 Meeting</b> Room 100</p>
<p>Wed April 22</p>	<p>12:00pm <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b></p> <p>1:00pm <b>Prayer Warriors</b></p> <p>1:00pm <b>Tosa Cares Donation Drop-Offs</b></p> <p>6:00pm <b>Voices of Zion Choir Rehearsal</b></p> <p>7:00pm <b>Festival Bells Handbell Rehearsal</b></p>
<p>Thurs April 23</p>	
<p>Friday April 24</p>	<p>12:00pm <b>Mayfair AA Group</b></p> <p>6:00pm <b>ACA 12 Step Group</b> Room 100</p>
<p>Sat April 25</p>	<p>8:30am <b>Tosa Cares Donation Drop Offs</b></p>
<p>Sun April 26</p>	<p>9:30am <b>Sunday Worship Service</b></p> <p>10:30am <b>Faith Formation Hour</b></p> <p>5:00pm <b>Confirmation</b></p>
<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Free Community Dinner</p>

## Thought of the Week

If you had a million dollars to give back to the community, what would you do with it? Build a tiny home community? Plant trees? Forgive someone's debt?



And how does your faith direct how you support or heal the community? Would this charitable contribution deepen your faith in any way?

Jess will share her thoughts on this in next week's edition and she'd love to share other's ideas, too!

Share your thoughts of what you'd do with a million dollars at [parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org](mailto:parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org) or call and chat at 414-258-0456

## Today's Volunteers

**Altar Care:** Jen and Andy Johnston

**Acolyte:** Emmett Johnson

**Assisting Minister:** Janet McCarthy

**Lector:** Jenny Hawes

**Communion, bread:** Jenny H.

**Communion, wine:** Janet M., Tom and Linda Ertel

**Ushers:** Kurt and Debbie Kleppek

**Audio/Visual:** Luke and Shauna Johnson

**Greeters:** Erin McDougal and Jenny H.

**Tellers:** Roy Durrenberg and John Link

**Access the Worship Volunteer Schedule at:** [bit.ly/4jEMCPf](https://bit.ly/4jEMCPf)

## PRAYER WARRIORS


*Help lift up our community's concerns and thanksgivings*

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

**Need Prayer?**

**Submit prayer requests:**

 [pastor@mtzionlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@mtzionlutheran.org)

 414-258-0456

 Fill out a prayer card in-person

## Canopy of Creation

If you love trees, this resource is for you. And if you're ready to let that love widen into justice—into shade shared, healing offered, and neighborhoods made more whole—come on in. Let's grow a canopy of creation together.

In cities across the United States, there is a striking correlation between historic redlining maps and modern day tree canopy maps: precisely those communities that were historically redlined are the same ones that lack tree canopy coverage. As you layer on other social and economic factors, like race, income, and asthma rates, the trend continues. The dearth of trees in a community portends other issues of justice

Fewer trees means higher temperatures, worse air quality, decreased resilience to flooding, not to mention the lack of mental health benefits that trees provide. According to American Forests' Tree Equity Score, lower-income areas typically have 26% less tree cover and are exposed to temperatures on average 6°F higher than wealthier neighborhoods. In communities of color, the tree cover disparity increases to 38% and the temperature difference to 13°F. This connection is a rather simple one. Over the past century, higher-income communities have benefited from local investment, including tree-planting. Lower-income communities have not. So, as those trees grew into a full canopy in the Main Street neighborhoods, the other side of the tracks baked under full sun.

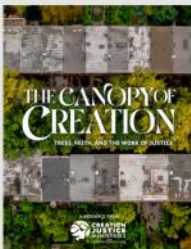
Read more at Creation Justice's website!



[www.creationjustice.org/canopyofcreation.html](http://www.creationjustice.org/canopyofcreation.html)

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### Download *Canopy of Creation*

Download our 2026 Annual Resource, *Canopy of Creation* [here!](#) "In cities across the United States, there is a striking correlation between historic redlining maps and modern day tree canopy maps: precisely those communities that were historically redlined are the same ones that lack tree canopy coverage. As you layer on other social and economic factors, like race, income, and asthma rates, the trend continues. The dearth of trees in a community portends other issues of justice!" Download this resource to access:

- Songs
- Sermon Starters
- Reflections
- Sacred Stories
- Theological Framing

## **Develop Your Powers!**

# **WHAT'S YOUR**

# **ALTAR EGO?**

When you take on Your Altar Ego, you will join an amazing squad of fellow supers right here at church. Together, we can do amazing things, but only if you answer the call. The Squad needs YOU!

Mt Zion Supers tend to start out in one focus area and work their way up to incorporating all three areas into their faith life.

The three focus areas are:



**Developing Faith Life**



**Serving Within Mt Zion**



**Serving Beyond Mt Zion**

Find out what some Supers are already doing on the next page

# Develop Your Powers!

## WHAT'S YOUR **ALTAR EGO?**



### **Super Sibling**

Serving within Mt Zion during worship, often handing out bulletins



### **The Artful Loopers**

Serving beyond the church by knitting prayer shawls sent out into the community



### **Property Guy**

Serving within the church through church building repairs and upkeep



### **The Kissel Duo**

Serving in multiple roles within Mt Zion and helping the Youth develop their faith life

### **Brown Bag Lunch Man**

Grows his personal faith life through Noon Bible Study and serves at Tosa Cares

### **Discover Your Altar Ego!**

Pick up a copy of the Grow magazine and find out how you can become a Mt Zion Super!



# **Mt Zion Youth**



**CONGRATS!**



**OUR YOUTH  
ARE  
AWESOME!**

**Isabella and Francesca's  
Cheer Team closed out  
the season with a  
1<sup>st</sup> place finish and  
Grand Champions at the  
US Finals!**

**We give thanks for all the amazing  
teammates, coaches, parents, and  
friends who support our local youth  
athletes..**

## Steve's Science Tidbits

### A Great Lake Is Not An Ocean

My favorite musical performer has always been Gordon Lightfoot. His most iconic work is *Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* which was released in 1976. Its creative lyrics and haunting melody have captivated audiences for decades. Lightfoot composed it in response to a brief article he read in *Newsweek* to commemorate the 29 sailors that went down with the ship on Nov. 10, 1975. He felt the families were owed that respect.

The month of November plays a prominent role in the song, and just recently I discovered why in a newly published book by John Bacon (*The Gales of November*), that tells the story of Lake Superior and shipping disasters. It is both fascinating and horrifying.

Storms can appear at any time on the Great Lakes, and they are at their worst in November. The winds are at their strongest, the waves are the biggest, and common components include sleet, snow and hail. Bacon explains the realities of facing such storms: The face of a thirty-foot wave alone weighs almost 20,000 pounds...when that wave is moving at about thirty-six miles per hour, it's like getting hit by a fully loaded truck.

Unlike oceans, water in the great lakes contain no salt. Therefore, when sea spray hits the ship, it immediately freezes, coating the ship's surface in layers of ice, including the pilothouse windows, potentially rendering the pilot blind. With waves coming in every few seconds, the ice builds up incredibly fast, sometimes up to 400 tons worth, greatly endangering the ship.

Another factor is the unique structure and frequency of Great Lakes freshwater waves. Salt in the ocean makes the waves heavier, flattening them and spreading them out. On the Great lakes the waves rise more sharply and travel much closer to one another, so when they arrive, they hit the ship one after the other in a rapid barrage. They can be so close that a large ship like the *Edmund Fitzgerald* (729 feet long; see pic) can ride atop two adjacent waves, causing it to sag in the middle. With a cargo of 26,000 tons of iron ore, the force can snap a ship in two.

In addition, in the ocean, waves that strike the shoreline are created by storms many miles away, and in the miles between have smoothed and lost their ferocity. Great Lakes waves, on the other hand, are spontaneously created locally, and, just like that, you are in the middle of a vicious hurricane-like storm. Piloting ships on the ocean is straightforward, but on the Great Lakes it is a whole different ball game.



Back on Nov. 10, 1975, because the storm was so vicious the *Edmund Fitzgerald* sank very quickly; thus, very little is known about the details of its demise. It sank roughly 17 miles from Whitefish Point in Michigan. Up until his death on May 1, 2023, Gordon Lightfoot kept in close contact with all the families of the deceased.

**Steve Downs**

# Life Line Screening



**You're invited to a  
Life Line Screening event!**

**Where: Mount Zion Lutheran Church  
12012 West North Ave  
When: May 15, 2026**

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

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Anyone **age of 40+**

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to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Kathryn K. 4/1	Samantha K. 4/7	Steve D. 4/21
Michael F. 4/2	Erik P. 4/10	Jennifer V. 4/23
Andy J. 4/2	Rondi R. 4/13	Ryan F. 4/23
Siena K. 4/2	Sue S. 4/16	Anna K. 4/25
Clara M. 4/3	Griffin S. 4/18	Gloria C. 4/26
Rick P. 4/3	Liv J. 4/19	Mary J. 4/28
Amy R. 4/3	Lora M. 4/19	Sheree H. 4/28
Lisa K. 4/6	Matt C. 4/20	Wayne S. 4/29
Jessica M. 4/6	Kara P. 4/20	Janet M. 4/30
	Nancy S. 4/20	

### Anniversaries

Kevin & DeAnn B. 4/1  
 Natasha P & Michael F. 4/15  
 Erik and Jessica P. 4.21

## Keep Us Updated

Are you planning to have surgery soon? Has your spouse been sick? Is your kid dealing with something challenging OR are they in a new play?

**Please let Pastor Tyler know.**

He wants to know how people are doing and care for the congregation. He can bring communion to you, pray with you over the phone, or just sit and visit in his office. He will come cheer you and your family on at games or performances.

Now you might say something such as, "Oh, I don't want to be a bother"; or "I wouldn't want him to see me and my house like this". Please know, he's not visiting to judge your baseboards. He's there for you! He will make time for you.

He was called to Mt Zion to walk with you during the beautiful as well as the difficult times.

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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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