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Pride Parade!

Sunday, June 7

Parade steps off at 2:00pm

If you're walking in the parade, try to arrive around 1:30pm at Scott and 2nd in Walker's Point.

Bring water and sunscreen.

Text Jess on Sunday for exact location if you can't find the group.

If you're cheering from the parade route, bring a chair and water.

This year's theme is
"Together in Pride"

You're encouraged to wear festive, bright colored clothing or the purple Mt Zion shirt.



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Welcome, Pastors!

We would like to give a great, big Mt Zion welcome to our summer supply pastors while Pastor Tyler is out on sabbatical. Rev. David Schoob and Rev. Marilyn Miller will be leading us in Sunday worship and Wednesday Bible study. They will provide Pastoral Care during office hours on Wednesdays from 10-12.

Pastor David served 28 years at Trinity Lutheran alongside his wife and fellow pastor Cristy Schoob. Pastor David's son, Nick, previously served as the bridge pastor at our partner church, Reformation Lutheran, and has since taken a call in Alaska. Pastor David is an avid gamer, playing board games and Dungeons and Dragons with family and friends and his prior congregation!



Want to read more about Dungeons and Dragons in Church?
Check out the Living Lutheran article here:



[Holy rollers | Living Lutheran](#)

Rev. Marilyn Miller grew up right here in Milwaukee! With degrees in Education and years spent working in universities, Rev. Miller still has a deep passion for teaching and learning. She went back to school as a second career candidate at Wartburg Theological Seminary. She continued to work with education and teaching in some capacity during her ministry having worked as a consultant for anti-racism training and serving on the board for MICAH. She has since retired but continues to be involved throughout the Synod. She was featured in the 2025 Synod Assembly Devotional videos.



Want to hear what Rev. Miller has to say about compassion?
Check out her video here: [Synod Assembly 2025: Devotion 1](#)

June 7 to June 14

<p>Sun June 7</p>	<p>9:30am Worship Service <u>Zoom ID:</u> 841 6597 <u>Passcode:</u> 12012</p> <p>2:00pm Pride Parade Walker's Point, MKE</p> <p>5:00pm Community Dinner Fellowship Hall</p> 
<p>Mon June 8</p>	<p>6:00pm Property Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm NA 12 Step Group Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Knit One, Pray Too Upper Room</p>
<p>Tues June 9</p>	<p>Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Upper Room</p> <p>6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Upper Room</p> <p>6:30pm Troop 27 Meeting Hearth Room</p> <p>6:30pm Outreach Meeting Upper Room</p> <p>7:30pm Stewardship Meeting New Conference Room</p>
<p>Wed June 10</p>	<p>10:00am Pastoral Care Hours Office (<i>Until Noon</i>)</p> <p>12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study</p> <p>1:00pm Prayer Warriors</p> <p>1:00pm Tosa Cares Donation Drop-Off</p>
<p>Thurs June 11</p>	<p>7:00pm Pride Worship Service</p> <p>Ascension Lutheran, MKE</p> 
<p>Friday June 12</p>	<p>12:00pm Mayfair AA Group</p> <p>6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100</p>
<p>Sat June 13</p>	<p>8:30am Tosa Cares Donation Drop Offs</p> <p>9:00am Women of Heart Bible Study</p>
<p>Sun June 14</p>	<p>9:30am Sunday Worship Service</p> <p>10:40am Congregational Meeting</p>
<p>Next Week</p>	

Seeking Director

Mt Zion is seeking a new Director of Choirs and Contemporary Music. We are looking for a person with skills in leading contemporary music who will help bring richness to our worship as we celebrate the resurrection and God's grace. This person would direct both our vocal choir and our bell choir, as well as work with our organist to lead the worship music of the congregation, particularly focused on contemporary music or other worship music not suitable to the organ. In addition, we hope this person will cultivate the musical skills of our congregation, especially in the children and youth. We are seeking a vibrant musician who puts heart into their playing and brings joy to our worship.

To apply, email president@mtzionlutheran.org.

Today's Volunteers

Altar Care: Edie Di Giacinto and Linda Havlicek

Assisting Minister: Nancy Di Giacinto

Lector: Bob Young

Communion bread: Joe Di Giacinto

Communion wine: Lora Marheine, Bob Y., Nancy D.

Ushers: Cody Di Giacinto and Rick Pearson

Audio/Visual: Mary and Douglas Johnson

Greeters: Jenny Hawes and Erin McDougal

Tellers: Gary Goll, Jim Goetzinger, Tom Ertel

Access the Worship Volunteer Schedule at: bit.ly/4jEMCPf

PRAYER WARRIORS

Help lift up our community's concerns and thanksgivings

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

Need Prayer?

Submit prayer requests:



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*Fill out a prayer
card in-person*

Pride Worship



The Greater Milwaukee Synod Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team invites you to

**CELEBRATING OUR
DIVERSITY AS GOD'S
CHILDREN**

PRIDE WORSHIP

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026, 6:30PM

Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI



RECONCILING IN CHRIST



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Congrats Grads!

Zach P.

UW-Madison
BS Kinesiology

Minnesota State University for
graduate school in
Exercise Physiology



Jada G.

University of Minnesota

BS Mathematics
Specialization in Actuarial Science
Starting as an Accounting Analyst at
Howden Reinsurance



Miles Koplinski
Muskego High School

Truckee Meadows
Community College (Reno, NV)
Studying Fire Science
Committed to Playing Soccer



Congrats Grads!



Devin T.

Wauwatosa West HS

UW-Madison
Accounting and Economics

Grace Y.
St. Thomas More HS

UW-Parkside
BA Music Performance



Alexis H.

Golda Meir High School

UW- Milwaukee

Henry Kitterman

Audubon Technology and
Communications Center
High School

Milwaukee Area Technical College



Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship Campaign Update

A special thank you to the 20 member families and several other anonymous small donors that have made donations to help Mt. Zion raise fund for tuckpointing of the outside of our building and repairs needed for our organ. So far, we have raised \$17,250 or 82% of our total fundraising goal of \$21,028, including the \$18,925 estimated cost of the two projects and a \$2,103 tithe contribution to Courage House of Milwaukee, a home for LGBTQIA+ youth. If we exceed our goal any excess amounts will be used for other needed building repairs or improvements as well as an increase in the tithe to Courage House.



We are deeply grateful for the generosity and dedication of our congregation. Every gift, large or small, helps preserve Mt. Zion for worship, fellowship, and ministry for generations to come. Would you please consider donating to the Nip n' Tuck Appeal investing in the future of our church? Gifts can be made by check or cash, using Tithe.ly, or through our website at www.mtzionlutheran.org/pages/give.



Mission of the Month

Courage House

In 2018, Courage House opened Wisconsin's first and only licensed group home for displaced LGBTQ+ youth in out-of-home care. Youth at Courage House receive a stable and affirming living environment, clear expectations paired with supportive structure, daily care from trained and compassionate staff, and integrated programs that foster growth, coping skills, and independence.

In 2024, a second location for LGBTQ+ youth was opened for LGBTQ+ young adults ages 18-24. The C2 Apartments support young adults as they move toward independence.

Your gift in June to support Courage House as the Outreach Committee's 'Mission of the Month,' will extend the care Courage House can provide LGBTQ+ youth toward a productive life.

June is a great month for meaningful giving.

Juneteenth at Alice's Garden

JUNETEENTH DAY GATHERING

"CELEBRATING
COMMUNITY & CREATIVITY"

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

4:00PM TO 8:00PM

ALICE'S GARDEN

URBAN FARM

2136 N. 21ST STREET



4:00PM-5:30PM: KASSUMAI AFRICAN DANCE & DRUMMING, LED BY LUCKY DIOP
4:30PM: LIBATIONS WITH VENICE WILLIAMS
5:00PM: "A RECIPE FOR JOY"
WRITING WORKSHOP WITH TIFFANY MILLER
5:30PM-7:30PM: MUSIC BY THE HUES
6:00PM "CELEBRATING FREEDOM" STORYTIME
JUSTUS AND BOOKS, WITH DANNETTE JUSTUS
6:30PM: "WE ARE THE ARCHIVE" JUNETEENTH
COLLAGE & ZINE WORKSHOP WITH THE CR8TY
HOUSE AND THE LEADERSHIP UNCOMMONS

MARKETPLACE VENDORS

A PEACE OF ABUNDANCE

ALICE'S GARDEN

AUNT MANDA'S BEVERAGES

GODDESSFRUITART

JUST GINA'S GRACIOUS KITCHEN

KUJICHAGULIA COOPERATIVE

REBIRTH INK

THE SHACK MKE

SOULFUL JUICE

VEGAN SOUL



All Are Welcome!

Feel free to bring a chair for yourself or a blanket for your family to sit upon.

No pets, please (only service dogs).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

email Venice Williams

at venicewb@gmail.com.



Steve's Science Tidbits

And You Thought It Was The Gold Standard

We were setting up our garden last week at around dusk, and, to my chagrin, I heard and felt my first mosquitoes. "Not already!" I shouted. Nothing like a few mosquitoes to ruin a pleasant spring evening, though the number wasn't overwhelming since it's been rather dry lately. I've looked ahead on my weather app to see five straight days of rain in the forecast and am dreading the mosquito implications.



Like most successful organisms on this planet, mosquitoes have evolved to maximize their reproductive capability. Eggs can lay dormant in dry soil for months, until it rains. A significant rainfall stimulates these eggs to hatch within 24-48 hours, then it's katey bar the door. For several days the larvae feed in the water and transform into pupae. For the next week or so after that, adults emerge, mate and actively pursue food hosts (like you and me). Thus, within 1-2 weeks of a rainstorm your yard is transformed into an arena of prey-predator confrontations.

Of course, warm temperatures speed the entire process up, which is why the problem is so acute in the summer. As many of you know, if you want to lessen the severity of the inevitable mosquito-palooza in your yard, regularly empty standing water—a.k.a. their breeding grounds.

That's the good news. So what's the bad? The most common way to combat these buggers is through mosquito repellent, and there are numerous types. One of the most effective is a chemical called DEET. When given a choice between a bare arm and the other arm coated in deet, the mosquitoes will always attack the bare arm. Wait...not so fast.

You've probably heard of the famous Pavlov experiment where he conditioned dogs to salivate at the sound of a bell by ringing the bell every time they were fed, so they learned to associate the bell with eating and thus the anticipatory salivation.

In a fascinating study, researchers at Virginia Tech used the same Pavlov conditioning methods on mosquitos with surprising results. They let a species of mosquito responsible for transmitting dengue and yellow fever (but free of any pathogen) feed on a volunteer, then introduced the smell of DEET. After just four repetitions, more than 60% of the insects tried to feed when they detected the scent of DEET alone. Moreover, when offered both of the same volunteer's arms, these trained mosquitoes not only tolerated the DEET-coated arm, they actively preferred it. The repellent no longer repelled the mosquitoes but attracted them! The association of DEET with feeding overrode a normally objectionable smell.

DEET is the gold standard of repellents. Trouble occurs when traces of old repellent are still present on the skin, inviting the mosquito to tie the odor with the meal it is enjoying.

Steve Downs

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jill A. 6/1	Dan U. 6/11	Jan R. 6/17
Sue K. 6/3	Ethan C. 6/12	Troy J. 6/17
Grace Y. 6/3	Blake P. 6/12	Brendan M 6/17
Marika M. 6/3	Rachel H. 6/12	Mason H. 6/18
Tristan P. 6/5	Gianna S. 6/14	Colt B. 6/18
Susan K. 6/5	Brian G. 6/15	Donna H. 6/22
Owen G. 6/5	Amanda E. 6/15	Vicki N. 6/23
Jacob F. 6/5	Tina H. 6/16	Jeremy G. 6/28
Michael D. 6/6		Andrew K. 6/28
Kaylyn N. 6/6		Rich D. 6/30
Keith A. 6/9		

Anniversaries

Mike and Amy K. 6/1	Carl and Karen E. 6/23
Roy and Linda D. 6/10	Kim and Sue M. 6/26
Kim and Norm W. 6/12	Dave and Lora M. 6/26
Jesse M. and Kate W. 6/17	

Items for The Taking

As we have been rearranging and moving around our spaces to make way for Tosa Cares and Kidz Cave daycare, Mt Zion has been downsizing quite a bit! We've gone through cabinets and closets and discovered items we haven't used in years, items we didn't even know we had, and stacks of stuff we had just too many of.

So, we're giving them away!

Most items are office supplies and include staplers, staples, paper clips and three ring binders. There are some office chairs, as well. And there are other various church related items that may be of interest to people. Feel free to peruse the Northeast stairwell entrance at your leisure and take what you think you might be able to use (or repurpose!).

Free will donations are welcome but not necessary.

If there is a sticky note with someone's name on it, they've already claimed that item. Items can be claimed and picked up at a later time.

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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Monday — Friday 10:00am — 3:00pm

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