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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 14

10:40am After Worship

Gathering Space

At this meeting, we will:

- Vote on proposed amendments to the church Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions,
- Hear updates about all the things happening in the church building
- Thank outgoing Leadership Board and elect new members,
- Learn about the upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer, and
- Receive the 2026 Annual Report and hear updates from church ministries.



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Seeking Choir 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.

Juneteenth Celebration

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 CR8TV
 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.



June 14 to June 21

<p>Sun June 14</p>	<p>9:30am Worship Service <u>Zoom ID:</u> 841 6597 2335 <u>Passcode:</u> 12012</p> <p>10:40am Congregational Meeting</p> <p>5:00pm Confirmation</p>
<p>Mon June 15</p>	<p>6:00pm Leadership Board Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm NA 12 Step Group Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>Tues June 16</p>	<p>Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Upper Room</p> <p>6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Upper Room</p>
<p>Wed June 17</p>	<p>8:30am Health Clinic Courtyard Apartment Parking Lot</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 18</p>	
<p>Friday June 19</p>	<p>Juneteenth</p> <p>12:00pm Mayfair AA Group</p> <p>6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100</p> 
<p>Sat June 20</p>	<p>8:30am Tosa Cares Donation Drop Offs</p> <p>9:00am Parker Family Rummage Sale <i>Northeast Door</i></p>
<p>Sun June 21</p>	<p>Father's Day</p> <p>9:30am Sunday Worship Service</p> 
<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Vacation Bible School!</p>

Commemorations

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379

Sunday, June 14, 2026

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

Today's Volunteers

Altar Care: Gloria and Kevin Caruana

Assisting Minister: Linda Ertel

Acolyte: Jack Johnston

Lector: Kevin Caruana

Communion bread: Liz Anderson

Communion wine: Gwen Anderson, Mavis Roesch, Linda E.

Ushers: James and Angela Riccaboni

Audio/Visual: Luke and Shauna Johnson

Greeters: Ruth McGill and Nancy Kohl

Tellers: Brad Text and Tom Morgan

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:



pastor@mtzionlutheran.org



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*Fill out a prayer
card in-person*

All Together in One Place

“When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place” (Acts 2:1).

Every day, I receive emails and messages from members across this church. Many of you share concerns about the state of the world and how faith informs your response to troubling or perplexing events. Sometimes you ask me to speak out more often regarding current affairs, and sometimes you ask me not to speak so much. I cannot answer every message, yet I am learning from you and feel the heartbeat of this church through the concerns, fears and hopes you share with me.

To continue our conversation and respond to what I am hearing from you, I will issue a monthly message through the end of this year in a series called “All Together in One Place.” Each message will share a pastoral word that witnesses to God’s presence today, rooted in Scripture, our rich theological tradition and the social teaching that connects us for life together.

At the first Pentecost, the disciples were guided by the prophet Joel’s assurance that, even in troubling and perplexing times, God is faithfully present.

Our baptismal vocation together is to serve God and neighbor in daily life, fostering “a faith that is active in love, a love that seeks justice, and an insight that strives to discern what is right, good, and fitting” (ELCA social statement *The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective*, 1991, p. 6). Baptism invites us to love our neighbor, to steward creation, to advocate justice and mercy in situations of brokenness, and to seek peace.

As much as we strive to be “all together in one place,” we may not agree on how to do this. The letters I receive testify that we span a beautiful and God-given diversity that invites Lutherans into deep listening, moral deliberation and a certain humility as we seek the common good.

In our differences, we can still be together in one place, when that place is connection in the unity that only Christ gives us (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). We stand in one place when we embrace the dignity of every human being by engaging others with curiosity and respect. We stand in one place when we shake off the immobility of fear to nurture connection in diversity. Our witness to the world embodies 2 Timothy 1:7: “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.”

Just as those early followers of Jesus Christ experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, may we also trust when the Holy Spirit comes blowing into our lives to connect the body of Christ.

**In peace,
Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop, ELCA**

Pride Parade



Clara draws outlines for the cardboard rainbows.



Pastor Lynn and MZY parents from Martin Luther chat while waiting for step-off.



Jess designed and printed a sign for Every RIC congregation in the synod. The parade MC read all the names on the side of the truck facing the grandstand. Jess was so excited the advertising worked! Bonus: Mt Zion was one of the names read off for hundreds to hear!



Liz and Bishop Erikson carry the banner for all to see!



Several Mt Zion people wore renaissance faire outfits to bring more whimsy and joy. (Photo from Lake Park Lutheran)

Pride Parade



To be honest, the adults were awesome, but the kids stole the show!



Other churches carried banners. Mt Zion carried candy refills. Someone in the synod got smart and created ready-to-go bags pre-filled with candy. Maybe they'll last us the whole parade this year...?



Well, the candy ran out about one block into the mile long route. Oh well. Maybe next year...

We shared high fives, smiles, and God's love with so many people we met along the route.



Day Care and Moving Updates

Kidz Cave Day Care and Learning Center has completed their necessary state inspection and passed. They will be opening the second floor portion of the daycare on Monday, June 15th. The first floor portion for infants and toddlers, will open in July.



We are excited to open our doors to the community and provide an essential service for many families. Oh and check out the beautiful mural for Kidz Cave going upstairs at the Northwest entrance (previous Tosa Cares entrance).

The main Tosa Cares entrance will now be off of the Admin wing (where the small south parking lot is located).

And speaking of Tosa Cares, Tosa Cares has been working hard to move the clothing closet into what had been the admin wing work room. The different pattern carpet is where the work table cabinets had been. Cabinets from the admin wing have now moved into the Hearth Room and Upper Room, changing the look and feel of those spaces, too).



Phew! It's been a lot!

At Alice's Garden

honoring MIDWIVES doulas and BIRTHWORKERS

Tuesday, July 28, 5:30-8:00PM Alice's Garden Urban Farm

2136 N. 21st Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

sponsored by Healthy Moms, Healthy Kids, an initiative of Alice's Garden & The Table

5:30PM: Libations Honoring
Ancestral Birthworkers &
The Unborn Child
Resource Tables

Connect with a Midwife or Doula
7:15PM: Ceremonial Blessing of
the Birthworkers Amongst Us



6:00PM: Prenatal & Family Yoga
with Vanessa Johnson
(please bring mats or blankets)



- Children's Play Station & Family Activities
- Alice's Garden Artisan Market with a special focus on moms & families
- FREE Belly Art Station with Mystic Phoenix Art

If you would like a link to the forms to register as a doula, midwife, or birthworker, to have a resource table, and/or to be a vendor for this special marketplace, please email Jamie at jamibruchman@gmail.com

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Steve's Science Tidbits

Warning—It's Turtle Nesting Season

Right now in Wisconsin, turtle nesting is in full swing. That means females are leaving their ponds to find a place to lay their eggs. But this is becoming increasingly difficult due to the continued loss of habitat from real estate development and highway construction. Painted turtles, often measuring about 6 inches long, have been known to travel up to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in search of a suitable place to lay their eggs; some common snapping turtles, which can be considerably larger (20 inches and 50-75 lbs) have been known to travel up to 10 miles from their water source. The drive to nest is great, because if they don't successfully accomplish the task, they will become egg bound, a condition with poor survival rates.



The loss of suitable nesting habitat is a serious problem, but perhaps even more disconcerting are the dangers that await the turtles as they leave the water to dig their nest. While there is no accurate national count, it is estimated that hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of turtles are killed by cars annually during the late May-to-August breeding season. In areas with high road density, traffic encounters cause a 10%-20% mortality rate among adult turtles annually. This is devastating because most turtle populations cannot withstand an adult death rate of more than 2%-3% without starting to decline. Most of these turtles are females because they are crossing busy highways in search of nesting sites. In most circumstances, a loss of only 2-3 adults each year means an imminent collapse in the population.

Sherry and I have witnessed first-hand this turtle activity. Already this spring we came across a painted turtle walking down the side of a busy road in an adjacent subdivision--an accident waiting to happen. Just two days ago, in our own subdivision, a large painted turtle was in the middle of the road, and we watched a good Samaritan stop his car, pick it up and set it down off the road where down below is a large pond. Sherry and I like to visit River's Edge Park in Menomonee Falls, a large hidden pond where we have seen painted, softshell and snapping turtles. This last week we witnessed a large snapper out of the water, presumably returning from an egg-laying mission.

Last week I was driving home on Lilly Rd when I spied a big snapping turtle walking next to the road. I thought about stopping to move it to a safer area, but I didn't. Wouldn't you know it, today I'm driving home again on the same road and what do I see but turtle roadkill, a big snapper. The same turtle? Could be.

It's hard to avoid some animal accidents, like deer suddenly darting in front of your car. But turtles don't pose that same problem. Keep your eyes out for turtles on the road; you might even save a life by moving it out of harm's way.

Steve Downs

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jill A. 6/1
 Sue K. 6/3
 Grace Y. 6/3
 Marika M. 6/3
 Tristan P. 6/5
 Susan K. 6/5
 Owen G. 6/5
 Jacob F. 6/5
 Michael D. 6/6
 Kaylyn N. 6/6
 Keith A. 6/9

Dan U. 6/11
 Ethan C. 6/12
 Blake P. 6/12
 Rachel H. 6/12
 Gianna S. 6/14
 Brian G. 6/15
 Amanda E. 6/15
 Tina H. 6/16

Jan R. 6/17
 Troy J. 6/17
 Brendan M 6/17
 Mason H. 6/18
 Colt B. 6/18
 Donna H. 6/22
 Vicki N. 6/23
 Jeremy G. 6/28
 Andrew K. 6/28
 Rich D. 6/30

Anniversaries

Mike and Amy K. 6/1
 Roy and Linda D. 6/10
 Kim and Norm W. 6/12
 Jesse M. and Kate W. 6/17

Carl and Karen E. 6/23
 Kim and Sue M. 6/26
 Dave and Lora M. 6/26

Pride Worship Postponed



Due to severe weather,
 the Pride Worship was postponed.

Talks are underway for rescheduling.
 Stay tuned for updates.

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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