



# Grace Notes

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## Happy 80th Birthday, Mt Zion!

We give thanks for the many blessings, ministries, prayers, and friendships Mt Zion has provided over the years! We look forward to what God has in store for the years to come.



# Construction Zones

## PARDON OUR DUST!

THREE PHASES OF  
MOVING AT  
MT ZION

### Church Admin Wing >>

April - May

The admin wing will be downsizing to make room for Tosa Cares. Staff will rearrange the reception area and move out of the work room, conference room, several offices, and the mail room. Pastor Tyler and Jess will remain in their current offices.

### Tosa Cares >>

May - June

Tosa Cares will be moving to make space for Kidz Cave. The cold food storage, the clothing rooms, and the seasonal/shopping room will move into the admin wing. Dry goods will move into rooms 100 and 101.

### Kidz Cave Daycare >>

June - July

The daycare needs first floor space to be able to accept infants from the neighborhood! There is a big need for infant care, so they will be converting two Tosa Cares rooms into safe, loving spaces.



If you are able to lend a hand, supplies, or words of encouragement, it would all be greatly appreciated! Cookies are also accepted.

## April 12 to April 19

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Sun<br>April 12    | <p>9:30am <b>Worship Service</b><br/><u>Zoom ID:</u> 841 6597 2335 <u>Passcode:</u> 12012</p> <p>10:40am <b>Faith Formation Hour</b><br/>5:00pm <b>Confirmation</b> Hearth Room</p>                                                                                                                                      |
| Mon<br>April 13    | <p>6:00pm <b>Property Meeting</b> Zoom<br/>7:00pm <b>Knit One, Pray Too</b> Conference Room<br/>7:00pm <b>NA 12 Step Group</b> Fellowship Hall</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Tues<br>April 14   | <p>Noon <b>AA 12 Steps Meeting</b> Upper Room<br/>6:30pm <b>Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting</b> Upper Room<br/>6:30pm <b>Troop 27 Meeting</b> Room 100<br/>6:30pm <b>Outreach Committee Meeting</b> Hearth Room</p>                                                                                                          |
| Wed<br>April 15    | <p>8:30am <b>Health Clinic</b> Courtyard Parking Lot<br/>12:00pm <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b><br/>1:00pm <b>Prayer Warriors</b><br/>4:30pm <b>Staff Meeting</b><br/>1:00pm <b>Tosa Cares Donation Drop-Offs</b><br/>6:00pm <b>Voices of Zion Choir Rehearsal</b><br/>7:00pm <b>Festival Bells Handbell Rehearsal</b></p> |
| Thurs<br>April 16  | <p>5:30pm <b>Public Theology Night</b> Ferch's Craffthouse</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Friday<br>April 17 | <p>12:00pm <b>Mayfair AA Group</b><br/>6:00pm <b>ACA 12 Step Group</b> Room 100<br/>6:00pm <b>Young Adult Night</b> Off-site</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sat<br>April 18    | <p>8:30am <b>Tosa Cares Donation Drop Offs</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sun<br>April 19    | <p>9:30am <b>Sunday Worship Service</b><br/>10:30am <b>Faith Formation Hour</b><br/>11:30am <b>VBS Leader Meeting</b><br/>5:00pm <b>MZY Night</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Today's Volunteers

**Altar Care:** Lilly Snow and Susan Kenny

**Acolyte:** Francesca and Isabella Riccaboni

**Assisting Minister:** Refilwe Magasa-Bockhorst

**Lector:** Mavis Roesch

**Communion, bread:** Mavis R.

**Communion, wine:** Refilwe M. and Gabby Goll

**Ushers:** Suzy Morgan and Carl and Karen Engelhardt

**Audio/Visual:** Janet McCarthy and Gabby Riccaboni

**Greeters:** James and Angella Riccaboni and Vince Pipia

**Tellers:** Gary Goll, Jim Goetzinger, and Tom Ertel

**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

## Easter Message



### Friends in Christ:

Each year during this holiest of weeks, I try to slow down, to listen to the familiar stories we repeat every year at this time, to imagine what it might have felt like to be among those who witnessed the events of that painful week. The point at which I feel most connected is the time from Saturday through Sunday morning, when the followers of Jesus were likely weighed down with grief, exhaustion, and confusion, not sure what to do, how to feel, or where to go next.

I'm guessing most of us have had times of grief and loss, times when we felt lost, uncertain, and alone, times when the gap between the world as we were experiencing it and the world as we believed it should be was painfully large. Perhaps some of us are experiencing this painful gap currently, when conflicts at home and wars overseas can easily give rise to feelings of despair and emptiness. To be honest, I'm not sure what to do with the fact that, even though we proclaim that God has conquered sin and death forever, there's still so much pain and suffering and violence and death. It still feels like there are stones too large for us to move, stones that wall us off from the new life that God wants to give us.

And yet, I don't know how to live if I don't believe that the resurrection is real, and God's love is stronger than all the pain and death that surrounds us. I don't want to live without the joy and the hope that takes root in my soul each time I hear the Easter story. I may never have words to describe it all, but I know, deep in my bones I know that my redeemer lives, and because he lives, all of us can live. We can live fully, without fear, without regret, without anything slowing us down or holding us back. Jesus lives, and that's enough. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Alleluia.

## Public Theology

You're invited to Pub(lic) Theology!

Every month on the 3rd Thursday.

This month that's April 16th.

5:30pm - 7pm at Ferch's on Mayfair.

**This month's topic:**

**When is war just?**



What is Pub(lic) Theology?

An informal conversation asking friends about a faith topic of interest, while enjoying beverages of choice and some food.

All are invited. Open to all ages (including youth). Come, learn about the topic, share your thoughts, and hear what others think.

## MZY Nights

Sunday evenings middle school and high schoolers gather to practice our faith. This includes lots of hanging out and eating, of course. Jesus loved spending time with people and having a meal. But it also includes bringing our faith out into the world. That might mean talking about something going on in our lives or the news and what faith has to say about it. It might mean planning and organizing a service activity. Whatever we're doing, our goal is that our faith isn't something that just happens on Sundays but both helps us live in the world and informs how we live.

MZY welcomes young people of all ethnicity, abilities, sexual orientation, and religious persuasion. Journey with us to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community. ALL REALLY ARE welcome.

# Easter Photos



Happy Easter!



# Disability Inclusion



## 6 Ways Faith Communities Can Advocate for Disability Inclusion

01.

### Make Voting Accessible

Ensure voting locations hosted at your place of worship are fully accessible to people with disabilities.

02.

### Check Your Accessibility Policies

Review your congregation's accessibility, especially for public events. Can people with mobility, vision, or other disabilities easily gain access and participate?

03.

### Join or Start a Disability Council

Get involved with your local municipal disability council—or help create one—and connect with your faith's national organizations to support or learn from their advocacy work.

04.

### Partner with Local Disability Services

Collaborate with nearby disability service providers to support independent living and community-building efforts.

05.

### Learn and Educate

Understand local disability policies and invite and pay disability advocates to present to your congregation. Raise awareness by hosting educational sessions for your community.

06.

### Provide Volunteers

Assign volunteers to assist with access needs, such as providing visual descriptions for blind participants or helping those with physical disabilities navigate your services.

## Disability Inclusion

### How is Mt Zion working toward more inclusion?

We were happy to open our doors as a polling place during last week's elections. In the past year we have increased our accessible parking spaces and signage. And many people coming in to vote were grateful for them!

To better support individuals who have visual impairments, we have begun printing in large font as much as possible throughout the Grace Notes and worship materials. We are happy to print any material you need, from prayer lists to Sunday morning readings in a larger font. We are also trying to create less flashy screen backgrounds and provide better contrast coloring so the words are easier to read throughout the Sanctuary.

Providing the Sanctuary's playground right up front is radically inclusive. Children can observe and participate in everything going on. Whether they are neurodivergent or not, children are allowed to see there are many appropriate ways to worship—from drawing during the readings to leg bouncing during quiet prayer and even dancing during uplifting songs!

Mt Zion believes anyone can help out with worship and volunteer opportunities. We are grateful for all those with intellectual or developmental disabilities who eagerly serve as acolytes, work in the church office, greet visitors, and provide maintenance support. You're awesome!

If you have any recommendations or requests for how we can better support inclusivity at Mt Zion and the community, please contact the church office!

Would you like to learn more about the ELCA's work toward inclusion?

Visit [elca.org/how-we-serve/elca-in-society/disability-ministries](https://elca.org/how-we-serve/elca-in-society/disability-ministries)

Related ELCA Ministries:

**Intellectual / Developmental Disability** Gifts Without Limits

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing** Empowered to Belong

**Blind and Visually Impaired** Inclusion in Every Form

**Mental Illness** Beloved, Not Broken

## **New Member Class**

Are you a regular guest at Mt Zion?

Would you be interested in becoming a member?

We are beginning New Member classes this May, meeting twice for about an hour to an hour and a half on Monday, May 4 and Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. (meal included both times!), and then welcome new members in worship on Sunday, May 17.

Why become a member?

The simplest way to understand membership is a commitment between Mt Zion and you. You commit to be an active participant in Mt Zion's community for the foreseeable future, supporting this ministry with your time, talents, and resources as you are able, and Mt Zion commits to caring for and supporting you and your household, being there as a reliable community you can turn to for help, guidance, and fellowship.

## **Part of God's Village**

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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## 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

## Contribute to the Grace Notes

Do you have Easter photos, Holy Week thoughts, or deep spiritual questions you would like to share with the congregation? Please send them to the Grace Notes at:

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

Or mail them to the church office! 12012 W North Ave, Wauwatosa

We'll go first.

Jess Monahan has struggled with the "Three days" timeframe of Holy Week. If Jesus died on Friday, how could he come back in three days on Sunday because Friday to Saturday and Saturday to Sunday is only two days? BUT...once we look at it from the perspective of Jewish time keeping, modern Thursday night is when Friday would start.

So....Thursday night, Friday night, and Saturday night would then account for the three days. Cool!

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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