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Grace Notes

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On this July 4th weekend, may we give thanks for 250 years as these United States and our shared ideals of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. May we recognize the areas where we are lacking as a nation and work together toward full liberty and justice for all. God, grant us empathy, compassion, and patience as we step boldly into our next 250 years hand-in-hand with family, strangers, enemies, and friends.

The Thrilling Conclusion!



**Mt Zion's
Nip n' Tuck
Stewardship Campaign**



We are pleased to announce the successful completion of our 2026 Spring Special Stewardship Campaign on June 30, 2026. We offer special thanks to the 31 member families and several other anonymous donors that made donations to help Mt. Zion raise funds for tuckpointing of the outside of our building and repairs needed for our organ.

Here is a summary of the overall campaign:

Project Cost (Organ & Tuckpointing repairs)	\$21,970
Gift to Courage House	<u>\$2,200</u>
Fundraising Goal	\$24,170
Funds Raised through 6/30/26	<u>\$24,925</u>
Surplus over Fundraising Goal	\$795

Work has begun on the needed repairs and we are in process of issuing a \$2,200 check to Courage House as a contribution to their ongoing ministry. We will at least temporarily retain the \$795 surplus in the event that the cost of repairs exceeds what was estimated. If the repairs come in on budget, we will consider contributing some of the surplus to Courage House in addition to Mission of the Month contributions received or save it for future building repairs.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity and dedication of our congregation. Because of your help, and through the grace of God, our 2026 Spring Special Stewardship Campaign was very successful and will help us meet our future worship needs, and ministry goals in service to our community.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support!

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Stewardship Team

July 5 to July 12

Sun July 5	9:30am Worship Service <u>Zoom ID:</u> 841 6597 2335 <u>Passcode:</u> 12012 5:00pm Free Community Dinner
Mon July 6	7:00pm NA 12 Step Group Fellowship Hall
Tues July 7	Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Upper Room 6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Upper Room
Wed July 8	10:00am Pastoral Care Hours Office <i>(Until Noon)</i> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Warriors 1:00pm Tosa Cares Donation Drop-Off
Thurs July 9	6:30pm Troop 27
Friday July 10	12:00pm Mayfair AA Group 6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100
Sat July 11	9:00am Women of Heart Bible Study
Sun June 12	9:30am Worship Service
Next Week	

Commemorations

Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

Monday, July 6, 2026

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.



Today's Volunteers

Altar Care: Andy and Jen Johnston

Assisting Minister: Luke Johnson

Acolyte: Shae Urbanek

Lector: Erik Peterson

Communion bread: Bob Young

Communion wine: Liz Anderson, Luke Johnson, Erik Peterson.

Ushers: Suzy Morgan and Dave Nelson

Audio/Visual: Jack Johnston and Joe Di Giacinto

Greeters: Kent and Margie Spicer

Tellers: Tom Ertel, Jim Geotzinger, and Gary Goll

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

We Are America

On the heels of celebrating the diversity of our LGBTQIA+ siblings, let us now celebrate the rich tapestry of servicemembers who have served this country to help the United States reach not only it's first birthday, but it's 250th. Each week in July, Grace Notes will feature just some of the marginalized groups who have helped shape America into the country we all call home. You will also see their pictures in the RIC screens in the announcements before worship.

African-Americans in the Armed Services

Peter Salem

Salem was freed by his owner in 1775 so that he could join the newly forming patriot militia. He was a minuteman in the Battle of Lexington and Concord. African-Americans numbered in the thousands fought in the American Revolution, hoping to secure their freedom or expand their freedoms. Some accounts credit Salem with shooting the British Major Pitcairn during the battle. This battle, despite it being a British victory, was a moral booster for the colonists and ultimately helped the United States win the battle for Independence.

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/biographies/peter-salem>



Buffalo Soldiers

Following the Civil War, many young black men joined the buffalo soldiers and headed out west. Led by white commanders into battle against native Americans to expand the United States, many Buffalo Soldiers "used military service as a strategy to obtain equal rights as citizens". (nmaahc.si.edu). Yet, their legacy also included the establishment of our first national parks. Buffalo soldiers protected wildlife from poachers and private livestock from grazing on federal lands. Charles Young became the first black superintendent of Sequoia National Park in 1889. When World War I began and men went to war, the National Park Service was created to take the military's place, although the uniforms are a nod to its US Army roots.

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/buffalo-soldiers#krewasky-bunch>



We Are America

Chaplain Allen Allensworth

Chaplain Allen Allensworth was born into slavery yet by the end of his career, was the highest-ranking black officer in the US Army. He served in the Union Navy during the Civil War and later became a chaplain where he was assigned to a regiment of Buffalo Soldiers. In Post Civil War America, many whites believed Blacks to be “Lacking in intellect and leadership skills.” (OU.edu) but Allensworth’s educational programs proved otherwise. His twenty years in education encouraged black soldiers the freedom to pursue their own academic interests which supported advancements in the military and secured career choices after the service.



nps.history.com/publications/foda/brochures/black-reg-chaplains.pdf

<https://halloffame.outreach.ou.edu/About/Directors-and-Officers/allen-allensworth>

Although the Coast Guard was officially established as we know it today in 1915, its roots can be traced back to 1790 when Alexander Hamilton proposed the idea for a Revenue Cutter Service through the Department of the Treasury. In 2024, in the same New York theatre that shows the musical “Hamilton” about Alexander Hamilton’s life, Zeita Merchant became the first black woman to be promoted to the rank of Admiral in the Coast Guard’s 235-year history.

Zeita Merchant

Admiral Merchant graduated from Tougaloo College with a B.S. in Biology and has served in the Coast Guard for over 25 years. She joined the Coast Guard after learning that the military could help pay for her medical school tuition while also providing a salary. And once she was in the Coast Guard she was able to allow her passion to drive her desire to help people. And she not only helps people during times of crisis, but she is researching how to improve the military for women and underrepresented minorities in the 21st century. She is currently serving as commander, Coast Guard East District in Portsmouth, VA.



<https://coastguardfoundation.org/news/rear-adm-zeita-merchant-the-u-s-coast-guards-newest-admiral>

<https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/zeita-merchant-following-passion-service-sea-and-land>

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/our-stories/alumnae/meet-the-first-female-african-american-u-s-coast-guard-commander.html>

How have military service and education worked together to support the freedoms for all people? How can Mt Zion support those opportunities? Email Jess at parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org or join the Facebook convo!

Mission of the Month

Partnering with Reformation Lutheran Church at 3806 West Lisbon Avenue in Milwaukee

With the collaboration of partner churches, the Reformation summer youth work ministry - SALT, Serving and Learning Together- begins on July 7th at Reformation. Thank you, Mt. Zion, for your wonderful support of this ministry with your donations of over \$1,400. We will be preparing and delivering lunches on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July 14-16. Your donations also support this program, where each youth will receive a gift of \$275 and school supplies for participating in this ministry and completing community service work and internships.

NOW, we could use YOUR help with preparing and/or delivering the lunches.

Tuesday, July 14 – 9am- 10:45 prepare lunches, deliver lunches – 11 am

Wednesday, July 15, 9am – 10:45 prepare lunches, deliver lunches – 11 am

Thursday, July 16, 9am – 10:45 prepare lunches, Deliver lunches – 11 am

If you would like to volunteer or find more information, contact either Karen Engelhardt text or call 262-893-9862 or Linda Ertel 414-861-4725

THANK YOU FROM THE MT. ZION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Summer Celebrations

Clara will be performing at Bastille Days on Saturday, July 11. Her group will perform at 12:10pm at the Cathedral Square Stage. Volunteers will also be making delicious crepes! Come on out to celebrate French history, culture, food, and music!

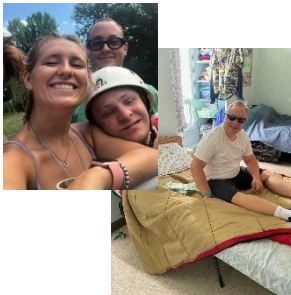


Admission to the festival is FREE!

<https://easttown.com/bastille-days-festival/>

Cathedral Square Park

520 E Wells St, Milwaukee, WI 53202



Joe will be attending Wisconsin Badger Camp at Prairie Du Chien again this summer. For the past 16 years, Joe has enjoyed camping, fishing, boating and ziplining before the nightly camp fires. There's singing, dancing and horseback riding! Here's to many more adventures, Joe!

Heading to Firefly Grove Park soon?

Check out Challah in the Park

Friday July 10, July 24 or August 21

From 4-5pm

Our Jewish neighbors will gather for a Jewish play experience with Shabbat songs, Challah making and more!



Summer Hike



SUMMER HIKE

SUNDAY, JULY 26

2:00PM

LET'S GO INTO THE WOODS!

Join fellow Mt Zion members, friends, and families on a hike through Grant Park, also known as Seven Bridges. Located along Lake Michigan, we'll explore forests, streams, and yes, many bridges. The trail will lead us to the beach, so we can put our feet in the water!

Bring snacks, water, bug spray and maybe even a swimsuit if you're adventurous enough to splash in the lake!

Contact Jess with questions.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kyle C. 7/1
 Vince P. 7/1
 Jeff P. 7/1
 Hadley P. 7/2
 Tony F. 7/3
 Tyler R. 7/4
 Carole S. 7/5
 Tom E. 7/6
 Lorna S. 7/8
 Gabby R. 7/8
 David Y. 7/8

Teagan L. 7/8
 Ellyn S. 7/11
 Anne M. 7/11
 Kevin S. 7/14
 Lilly S. 7/15
 Bella B. 7/18
 John R. 7/19
 Tyler F. 7/19
 Norm W. 7/19
 Mary C. 7/20

Lynda Y. 7/21
 Hunter F. 7/21
 Jase F. 7/21
 Keston S. 7/23
 Callie S. 7/23
 Michael C. 7/23
 Jeff K. 7/23
 Don S. 7/25
 John Y. 7/28
 Hayden P. 7/29
 Douglas J. 7/31

Anniversaries

Jeff and Marja K. 7/1
 Luke and Shauna J. 7/6
 Steve and Sherry D. 7/7
 Chasity and Scott B. 7/16
 Joe and Nancy D. 7/31

Photo of the Week

Tom Ertel captured this photo he dubbed, "The Crane Club". Hey, however you get here, we're glad you're here!



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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