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Grace Notes

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Courage House

Join us this Sunday at 10:40 in the Upper Room for the Faith Forum. Alisha Hart from Courage House will present the faith forum after everyone has picked up a beverage. She will detail the work of Courage House and respond to your questions.

Courage House. A community grounded in safety, affirmation, and support, where LGBTQIA+ youth are empowered to grow. Courage+ is the resilient, evolutionary family of change agents for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults, that cares for the full person to help them turn internal safe spaces into external brave spaces.



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The July Mission of the Month

Mt. Zion July Mission School Supplies for Tosa Cares

The opportunity is here once again for our Mt. Zion community to support Tosa Cares in showing all God's children that we care about them having access to supplies that they need to start the school year off on the right foot. Backpacks are already being packed for grades 1-12 as these supplies will be distributed from July 15th through August 27th.

How can I help? Great question! You can purchase any of the following supplies and place them in the donation basket in the Gathering Area.

- *Backpacks any size and shape
- *Packs of lined paper – wide ruled and college ruled
- *Two pocket folders
- *Notebooks – wide ruled and college ruled
- *Wide washable markers, highlighters, thin markers
- *Small glue sticks
- *Pens and pencils
- *Pink erasers and pencil top erasers



Or Tosa Cares can shop for you. Please write a check and mark in the memo line Tosa Cares school supplies or use the Mt. Zion Online Giving and select Tosa Cares. Thank you for your continued Generosity and share the joy of preparing children for the new school year.

Mt. Zion Outreach

Tosa's 4th of July Parade



The Blue Saints marched in the Wauwatosa 4th of July parade. Mt Zion hosted the Blue Saints while on their visit to the United States.

July 12 to July 19

Sun July 12	9:30am Worship Service <u>Zoom ID:</u> 841 6597 2335 <u>Passcode:</u> 12012 10:40am Faith Forum Upper Room
Mon July 13	6:00pm Property Meeting 7:00pm NA 12 Step Group Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Knit One Pray Too
Tues July 14	Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Upper Room 6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Upper Room 6:30pm Outreach Meeting New Conference Rm
Wed July 15	8:30am Health Clinic Courtyard Parking Lot 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 16	
Friday July 17	12:00pm Mayfair AA Group 6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100
Sat July 18	8:00am Movie Marathon <i>see page 10 for details</i>
Sun June 19	9:30am Worship Service

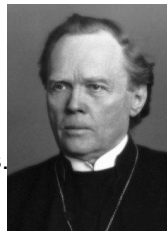
Commemorations

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931

Sunday, July 12, 2026

A winner of the 1930 Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

Interestingly, he not only received a Noble Prize, but also presided over the memorial service for fellow Swede Alfred Nobel in 1897.



[Nathan Söderblom – Biographical - NobelPrize.org](https://www.nobelprize.org/biographical/nathan-soderblom)

Today's Volunteers

Altar Care: Linda Havlicek and Mavis Roesch

Assisting Minister: Erik Peterson

Acolyte: Gwen Anderson

Lector: Erin McDougal

Communion bread: Erin M.

Communion wine: Linda Ertel, Bob Young, and Erik P.

Ushers: Debbie Rack-Kleppek and Suzy Morgan

Audio/Visual: Lilly Snow and Janet McCarthy

Greeters: Ruth McGill and Nancy Kohl

Tellers: Tom Morgan and Brad Hext

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

 414-258-0456

 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 Americans who have helped America realize it's first birthday and 250 more! 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.

Asian Americans Building America

Saint Malo, Louisiana

When the Spanish galleon trade routes linked Europe and the Asia in the 1600 and 1700s, many Filipinos found themselves imprisoned upon the large Spanish shipping vessels. A successful escape attempt saw a group of Filipinos jump ship near New Orleans and settled the village of Saint Malo in 1763. The Filipinos built houses on stilts and began shrimp drying on the platforms of their houses. "These shrimp drying platform structures became one of the forerunners of the Louisiana shrimp drying industry" (Manila Village Historical Marker) Despite being mostly fishermen, it is believed that residents of Saint Malo, called 'Manilamen', enlisted to help Major General Andrew Jackson defend New Orleans during the battle of 1812. Due to a hurricane, the first permanent Filipino settlement no longer survives, but during its time, it was the largest fishing village on the 280 square mile Lake Borgne.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Malo,_Louisiana

Transcontinental Railroad

Before the outbreak of the Civil War, the Transcontinental railroad had already broke ground to unite the continent. When not enough white workers could be hired due to the undesirable working conditions, immigrants filled the spots. "At their peak, there were 15,000 Chinese workers working on the railroad, making up 90% of the total workforce." (americanimmigrationcouncil.org). They did all kinds of back-breaking work in the hot summers and freezing winters. Despite their contributions, when a photo was taken to celebrate the golden spike driven into the finished track at Promontory, Utah in 1869, there's no sign of any of the many thousands of Chinese workers who did much of the work (bottom photo). Racism against Chinese Americans would minimize much of their contributions for the next century. postalmuseum.si.edu



We Are America

Chien-Shiung Wu



Raise in a small fishing town in China, Chien-Shiung Wu would go on to become a pioneer in the field of physics.

After obtaining a degree in physics, her mentor encouraged Wu to pursue further education in the U.S. and Wu did just that! In 1940, she obtained her PhD in physics! She went on to work for the Manhattan Project – the research group working to develop the atomic bomb during World War II.

“Chien-Shiung’s research included improving Geiger counters for the detection of radiation and the enrichment of uranium in large quantities.”

(Nps.gov). “She is believed to have been the only Chinese person to have worked on the Manhattan Project” (ahf.nuclearmuseum.org)

After World War II she became a professor at Columbia University and continued her research. In 1958, she looked “into the molecular changes in the deformation of hemoglobins that cause sickle-cell disease.”(seu.edu.cn)

[Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu, The First Lady of Physics \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

[Chien-Shiung Wu - Nuclear Museum](#)

[Distinguished Alumni | Chien-Shiung Wu](#)

Did you hear? Less than two weeks ago, in Louisiana, Daniel Cressy became the first person to be functionally cured of sickle cell anemia! You can watch an exciting news clip here: [youtube.com/watch?v=8DDDFUYIE3g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DDDFUYIE3g)
And speaking of YouTube:

YouTube



After experiencing racism in both East and West Germany, Jawed Karim’s Bangladeshi father moved his family to Minnesota. Karim would go on to study software engineering and started out working for PayPal where he met Pennsylvania native Chad Hurley and Taiwanese American Steven Chen. The three would form the core group which launched the video sharing site YouTube. The idea for the video sharing platform came to Jawed Karim after watching the Asian Tsunami in 2004. “What started out as a way of watching and sharing funny cat videos grew into a much broader platform that captures the attention of billions of people every day.” (History.com)

[8 Groundbreaking Contributions by Asian Americans Through History | HISTORY](#)

https://usatoday30.usatoday.com/tech/news/2006-10-11-youtube-karim_x.htm

Immigration Message

Friends in Christ,

In recent days, we have seen a marked increase in [immigration enforcement activity](#) in Southeast Wisconsin, resulting in the detention of at least 18 people in Milwaukee and Waukesha. While such activity is not unexpected, it is troubling to see masked immigration agents engaging in forceful detentions on the streets of our cities and towns. We have been working to make sure that all of our immigrant neighbors are aware that everyone who lives in this nation has rights to due process, even when those rights are not respected.



In this time of heightened anxiety, I remind us all to remain calm and compassionate. If you encounter what appears to be an immigration enforcement action, please do not interfere. You are encouraged to document what you observe, take video if you can, and report it to Voces de la Frontera at [1-800-427-0213](tel:1-800-427-0213). They will work to confirm whether what you observed was, indeed, related to immigration enforcement.

I also encourage you to check in on your friends and neighbors who may be feeling particularly vulnerable at this time. Even though initial reports indicate that this activity will be short term, lasting perhaps a week or so, and that the activity is focused on individuals with pending asylum cases or standing orders for deportation, it is likely that many folks will be feeling anxious and afraid, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status. Checking in on your neighbors and offering to run some errands for them can remind them that they are not alone.

Our immigration system is badly broken, and we need to engage in the challenging work to create a system that is compassionate, fair, and clear. I do not believe that the enforcement activity we are witnessing now is moving us in that direction, and I invite all people of faith and good will to reject the voices that use the tactics of fear, intimidation, and division and embrace the voices that embrace dignity, compassion, and peace for all of God's children.

**In Christ,
Bishop Paul Erickson**

Meal Delivery Needed

AS A RESULT OF THE MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

**Partnering with Reformation Lutheran Church
Summer Youth Program
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 May Mission of the Month donations of over \$1,400. Mt. Zion 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



Steve's Tidbits

Origin of Battle Hymn of the Republic

There are moments throughout the year when patriotic hymns take center stage. The fourth of July is certainly one of them. One of the most popular and moving is "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The tune for this hymn is not original; rather, it is borrowed from a marching song sung by the union army during the Civil War, called "John Brown's Body," which tells the story of an abolitionist who was hanged for his efforts to free the slaves.

The words for Battle Hymn were written by a female activist, Julia Ward Howe, who also believed in freeing the slaves. She was anguished over the angry mood and growing divide in the country. One day, while witnessing a parade of soldiers singing this tune, a visiting friend and pastor turned to Mrs. Howe and said, "Why don't you write some decent words for that tune." So she did—that very same evening in a single burst of inspiration. Instead of the many crude, earthy phrases in "John Brown's Body," Mrs. Howe's lyrics were spiritual and inspirational. They were first published in the February, 1862 issue of The Atlantic Monthly magazine. Mrs. Howe earned \$5 for her efforts.

The hymn became tremendously popular and soon the entire nation was united in singing it. The hymn was sung at a large patriotic rally attended by President Lincoln. It was said that after the singer finished, the president, with tears in his eyes, cried out, "Sing it again!" And so it was sung again. What started out as a battle song for the Northern Republic during the Civil War soon became a unifying national anthem embraced by the entire nation.

Mrs. Howe belonged to a distinguished lineage. Her ancestors were famous leaders in Revolutionary history. She was vehemently opposed to slavery and was a leader in the Woman's Suffrage Movement. In 1870, she organized an international crusade for all women of the world to unite for the purpose of ending war for all time. She was also a well published author. Twelve days before she died in 1910, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Smith College for her life-long accomplishments.

Steve Downs

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. 7/27

Movie Marathon



Sing along with all your acappella favorites at this Pitch Perfect movie marathon on Saturday 7/18/2026 from 8am to 2pm in our 32-seat movie theater with Dolby surround sound! We will take a couple breaks for meals. If you will be joining us for one or more of the meals, please consider bringing a little food to share, or toss a couple bucks in the basket. Otherwise, this event is free!

8am: breakfast

8:10am: Pitch Perfect (2012, PG-13, 1 hr 52min)

10:02am: break

10:12am: Pitch Perfect 2 (2015, PG-13, 1hr 55min)

12:07pm: lunch

12:27pm: Pitch Perfect 3 (2017, PG-13, 1hr 33min)

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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