

## Come and See!

### Worship Services

#### Sundays

8:30am Traditional  
9:40am Education hour  
10:45am Contemporary

### Office Hours

**M T W F** 9:00am–3:00pm  
**Thurs** 9:00am–noon  
or call for an appointment

### Our Mission

With the assurance of God's faithfulness, we'll  
† nurture disciples,  
† extend healing and compassion, and  
† work for justice in our communities and throughout the world.

### Our Vision

Gathered by the grace and love of Jesus Christ, the people of Mt Zion commit to know God deeply and to serve God gladly through the many and diverse gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

### Marks of Discipleship

† **PRAY** daily  
† **WORSHIP** weekly  
† **READ** the Bible  
† **SERVE** at Mt Zion and beyond  
† Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage spiritual growth in others  
† **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources

## Why should I send my child to Rotation Sunday School?



**Answer: What if I told you there was a well-researched and statistically proven program that on the average could:**

- 1) Increase the average life expectancy of your children by 8 years
  - 2) Significantly reduce your child's use and risk from alcohol, tobacco and drugs
  - 3) Dramatically lower their risk of suicide
  - 4) Help them rebound from depression 70% faster
  - 5) Dramatically reduce their risk for committing a crime
  - 6) Improve their attitude at school and increase their school participation
  - 7) Reduce their risk for rebelliousness
  - 8) Reduce the likelihood that they would binge drink in college
  - 9) Improve their odds for a "very happy" life
  - 10) Provide them with a life-long moral compass
  - 11) Provide children with a caring extended family
  - 12) Get them to wear their seatbelts more often
  - 13) Statistically improve the odds that they will lead an active church life in their adult years
  - 14) The best reason: To come to know and love Jesus!
- WHY WOULDN'T YOU SEND YOUR CHILD TO SUNDAY SCHOOL?**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**-Sherry Downs**

## Office Closed

### Labor Day

Labor Day in America can trace its roots back to the Industrial Revolution of the late 1800s. During that time workers typically clocked twelve hour days, seven days a week. Children were included in the workforce—often doing the same work as adults for lower pay.

The labor movement in the early 1900s was determined to provide safer working conditions, more humane work hours, and improve wages. It also helped establish child labor laws, which eventually paved the way for “childhood” as we know it today.

Labor Day was set aside as a holiday for the general working public. Picnics often took place and promoters of labor rights would speak at public gatherings on that day. Today, it is still dedicated to the social and economical achievements of American workers.



Where does the church fit into the history of the labor movement? For an in-depth read, check out this article on “Workplace Justice and the Church” on the ELCA website here <https://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/952> .

It’s a long read...but we *do* have a three day weekend!

## Scripture Readings for this Week

Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14

## Mission of the Month

September’s Mission of the Month will support The Reformation Partnership.

## Second Offering

September’s Second Offering will go toward purchasing trees for the grounds of Mt Zion.

# Looking ahead at the Mt Zion calendar

## Thursday, August 29

10:00am Reformation Community Bible Study

7:30pm Music Lessons [Upper Room]

## Friday, August 30

5:30pm OEAnonymous 12-steps group [Room 102]

7:00pm ACOA 12-steps group [Room 100]

7:30pm Essay 12-steps group [Bread of Life Cafe]

## Saturday, August 31

9:00am Music Lessons [Upper Room]

## Sunday, September 1

8:30am Worship—Traditional

9:40am Fellowship Hour

10:45am Worship - Contemporary

11:30am Worship - Korean [Chapel]

## Monday, September 2

### Office Closed—Labor Day

7:15pm NA 12-steps group [Fellowship Hall]

## Tuesday, September 3

12:00pm AA 12 steps group [Room 211]

## Wednesday, September 4

12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study [Hearth Room]

1:00pm Prayer Group [War Room]

6:00pm Stewardship Committee Mtg [Conference Room]

6:30pm Knightwind Ensemble Rehearsal [Fellowship Hall]

## Thursday, September 5

10:00am Reformation Community Bible Study \*

## Friday, September 6

5:30pm OEAnonymous 12-steps group [Bread of Life Cafe]

7:00pm ACOA 12-steps group [Choir Room]

7:00pm Essay 12-steps group [Bread of Life Cafe]

\* Reformation Community Bible Study is held at 3806 W Lisbon Ave, Milwaukee

## August/September Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

Kurt Kleppeck	8/29
Julie Babcock	8/31
Kim Lewis	9/3
Sara Bergeman	9/3
Talula Johnston	9/4
Jessie Miller	9/7
Dave Bergeman	9/7
Cynthia Rigsby	9/7
Dan Sneller	9/8
Dave Marheine	9/12

Elena Edwards	9/13
Marissa Hollander	9/14
Erik Huth	9/14
Devin Townsend	9/14
Aiden Theilman	9/14
Gary Goll	9/15
Eric Brill	9/15
Ron Vasko	9/16
Misty Stewart	9/16

### ANNIVERSARIES

Trentin and Elena Edwards	8/30
Dick and Judy Matthai	9/3
John and Lauryl Pukansky	9/6
Dave and Vicki Nelson	9/8



Hello Mt Zion!

As I write this final entry for the Grace Notes, I find myself ever more grateful for the time I was given with our MZY. It seems like yesterday that first took the reigns of the Youth Coordinator position and with the help of many, many willing parents, we created a great year!

### **HOLDEN VILLAGE!**

Most recently, a group of MZY coupled with 6 adults from the Mt Zion family made a pilgrimage to Holden Village! If you were unable to attend our Sunday Holden Village Worship on August 25<sup>th</sup>, please refer to the MT Zion Facebook page and see the links for Abby Sumiec's gorgeous slide show presentation; a world-class video by Katy Marciniak; and composer/vocalist Steve Downs' song – The Lure of Nature! The Spirit of God has shown through in so many ways as we sought and claimed SABBATH.

### **WELCOME NEW YOUTH LEADERS!**

I want to welcome, applaud and THANK the MZY Coordinator TEAM of Mari Moore (Ethan's mom), Erin McDougal (Jack's mom) and Erik Peterson (Abby and Zach's dad) as they transition into leadership this year! They have been busy getting ready for the Fall already and working hard for the MZY kickoff on RALLY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>! Stay tuned for details!!

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# Kick-Off Fest

## Sun Sep 8 — noon to 2

Open to the public — All are welcome!



- Free live music by the Jackson Park Jazz Orchestra
- Two free bounce houses for the kids
- Hot food, cold soda, beer, and wine
- Enjoy lunch and fun fellowship!



### WHERE IN THE WORLD IS PERRIE?

Many of you have asked where I am going, why am I going and will I return! ☺  
So here we go:

I will be leaving this weekend to be installed as a Pastoral Intern at Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford IL on Sunday, September 1. It is a 1-year internship and is part of seminary – an important part I am told. From what I understand, it is the intern's opportunity to experience congregational pastoral life, while still being in a learning mode (in other words, if I really screw up, my teaching pastor promises to catch me as I fall!) After this year, Doug and I will be back to worship, play and serve with you at Mt Zion, our home congregation!

I will miss you. Period. And, I will continue to be in fellowship with you through prayer. I will pray for you and I ask that you continue to pray for me and my family. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to be with and grow with your children. Sending this with a ton of love attached.

Peace,  
Perrie

**Ministry Schedule S**

	<b>Sept. 1 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sept. 1 Sunday 10:45 am</b>	<b>Sept. 8 Sunday 10:45 am</b>	<b>Sept. 15 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sept. 15 Sunday 10:45 am</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Ethan Czervionke		Griffin Sneller	Misty Stewart	
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Norma Hollander		Nancy DiGiacinto	Elynn Steinke	
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	Andrea Cockerham	Janet McCarthy	Andrea Cockerham	Chris Kress	Jim McTaggart
<b>COMMUNION DEACONS</b>	Douglas and Mary Johnson		Jim and Donna Zarek	Brenda and Katy Marciniak	
<b>GREETERS</b>	Pat and Suzy Morgan	Brenda and Katy Marciniak	Jim and Lisa McTaggart	Dick and Norma Hollander	Brenda and Ryan Marciniak
<b>LECTORS</b>	Rich Robinson	Sara Bailey	Lora Marheine	Wendi Hall	Erik Peterson
<b>NURSERY</b>	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available
<b>USHERS</b>	Jim & Donna Zarek Roger & Nancy Schumacher	Jim Yee and Doro- thy Snead	Jesse and Lauren Campbell	Roy Durrenberg Larry Seefeld Suzy Morgan	Jim Yee and Liz Casper
<b>OFFERING STEWARDS</b>	1ST WEEK: Tom Ertel / Jim Goetzinger / Gary Goll		2ND WEEK: Tom & Pat Morgan / Brad & Pam Hext	3rd WEEK: Pete Peterson/John Link/ Roy Durrenberg	
<b>AUDIO/VISUAL</b>	The Johnson Family	The Peterson Family	The Marciniak Family	The Johnson Family	Janet McCarthy

**ur Church work! Thank you!**

**Sept. 1-Sept. 29, 2019**

	<b>Sept. 22 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sept.22 Sunday 10:45 am</b>	<b>Sept. 29 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sept.29 Sunday 10:45 am</b>	<b>Oct. 6 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<b>Oct. 6 Sunday 10:45 am</b>
	Ethan Czervionke		Griffin Sneller		Misty Stewart	
	Edie DiGiacinto		Nancy Schumacher		Wendi Hall	
	Cynthia Rigsby	Erik Peterson	Linda Ertel	Sara Bailey	Tom Ertel	Lora Marheine
	Wendi Hall and Chris Kress		Jim and Donna Zarek		Douglas and Mary Johnson	
n	Hilda Rohr, Irene McCarthy, and Betty Casey	Sandra Echols	Roger and Nancy Schumacher	Pat Campbell	Pat and Suzy Morgan	Jim and Lisa McTaggart
	Sherry Downs	Sara Bailey	Chris Kress	Jim McTaggart	Irene McCarthy	Lora Marheine
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	Jim Stuczynski Roger and Nancy Schumacher	Dave and Vicki Nelson	Jim Stuczynski Roger and Nancy Schumacher	Dave and Vicki Nelson	Jim & Donna Zarek Roger & Nancy Schumacher	Liz Casper and Dorothy Snead
	4TH WEEK: Barb McMath / Carl & Karen Engelhardt		4TH WEEK: Barb McMath / Carl & Karen Engelhardt		1ST WEEK: Tom Ertel / Jim Goetzinger / Gary Goll	
	Lynda Yanny	The Peterson Family	Abby Sumiec	The Peterson Family	The Johnson Family	Janet McCarthy

## SCIENCE TIDBITS

Being a retired teacher, I have a very soft spot for stories of the heart regarding the sometimes unrealized impact teachers have on their students. Here is one such special story.

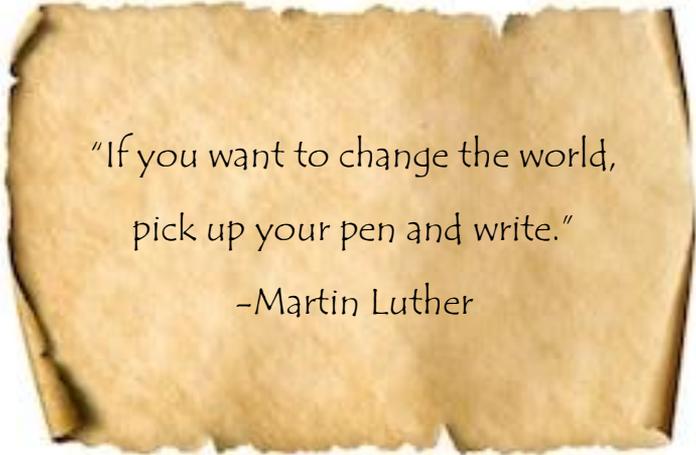
He was in the first third-grade class I taught at St. Mary's School. All 34 students were dear to me, but Mark Eklund was one in a million. I had to remind him repeatedly that talking without permission was not acceptable. What impressed me, though, was his sincere response every time I corrected him for misbehaving. "Thank you for correcting me, Sister." I didn't know what to make of it at first, but before long I became accustomed to hearing it many times a day.

One day, when Mark talked once too often, I told him, "If you say one more word, I am going to tape your mouth shut!" It wasn't ten seconds later when Chuck blurted out, "Mark is talking again." And since I had stated the punishment in class, I had to act on it. I walked to my desk and took out a roll of masking tape and, without saying a word, tore off two pieces and made a big X over his mouth. As I glanced back upon returning to my desk, he winked at me. That did it! I started laughing and the class cheered as I walked back to his desk, removed the tape and shrugged my shoulders. His first words were, "Thank you for correcting me, Sister."

The years flew by and Mark was in my classroom again, this time for junior high math. One Friday, after working hard on a new math concept, the students were frustrated and edgy with one another. So I asked them to list the names of the other students in the room on a sheet of paper, think of the nicest thing they could say about each classmate and write it down. That Saturday I wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet and listed what everyone else had said about them. On Monday, I gave each student their list. Before long the entire class was smiling. No one ever mentioned those papers in class again.

Several years later, after returning from a vacation, my parents picked me up at the airport. On the way home, my dad cleared his throat and announced, "The Eklunds called last night." My ears perked up, because I wondered how Mark was. "Mark was killed in Vietnam. The funeral is tomorrow, and his parents would like it if you could attend."

I had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. Mark looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. I was the last to bless



"If you want to change the world,  
pick up your pen and write."

-Martin Luther

his coffin. One of the soldiers present asked if I was Mark's math teacher. As I nodded, he said, "Mark talked about you a lot."

Mark's mother and father were waiting for me. "We want to show you something," Mark's father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. "They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it." Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had been taped, folded and refolded many times. I knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which I had listed all the good things said about him by his classmates.

"Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it."

Mark's classmates started to gather around us. Charlie smiled sheepishly and said, "My list is still in the top drawer of my desk at home. Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album." "I have mine, too," added Marilyn. "It's in my diary." Vicki pulled something from her purse. "I carry this with me at all times. I think we all saved our lists."

That's when I finally sat down and cried.

-Steve Downs

## August in Review

I thought August was supposed to be quiet!

Mount Zion was full of activity as we closed out the summer in style!

Fourteen Holden Pilgrims started the month off by embarking on a venture to the mountains of Washington State for the unique experience of being at Holden Village, a Lutheran Retreat Center, that gathers people in the wilderness to enjoy music, arts, theology, justice, and the beauty of creation.



While the Holden Pilgrims were away, the ELCA gathered in Milwaukee for the Churchwide Assembly. Rev. Elizabeth Eaton was re-elected for another six-year term. The assembly voted to approve a new social statement “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action” as they celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ordination of women. The church also addressed many resolutions for action regarding some of the most pressing issues of our times including immigration and gun violence. For more about the actions of the Churchwide Assembly go to <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8003>



On August 11th, we also had the opportunity to celebrate worship in a new way with a Jazz Service led by Kristin Sponcia. We invited the Holy Trinity Latvian Lutheran Church to participate and Pastor Janus Ginters preached and presided. At our cookout we welcomed guests from Holy Trinity and Reformation.



Youth leaders from Mount Carmel and Mount Zion came together to brainstorm and plan for ways our youth programs could work together this year. The confirmation youth will be participating in Pastor Jim's confirmation class and Mount Zion will be planning a middle school retreat in December for youth of both churches! This year of transition will be an opportunity for us to explore greater collaboration with our neighboring churches.

And finally, we celebrated several changes in leadership. Perrie Dralle was blessed and sent to her internship site at Zion Lutheran in Rockford, Illinois. And we elected a new President and Vice President of the Leadership Board. Matt Czervionke was elected President and Sara Bailey was elected Vice President. Matt attends the 8:30 worship with his wife Marika Moore, and their kids Ethan, Leah, and Kyle. Sara attends the 10:45 service with her husband Bradley and kids Belinda and Melody.



Many thanks to Douglas Johnson and Ian Koenig for their leadership during a time of much transition and change. Our Leadership Board is full of great and gifted members ready to take on the mantle and move this congregation forward.

-Pastor Josh

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