

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

One People of God

Strengthening our Walk with our LGBTQIA+ Siblings

Explore how we can better understand, support, and minister with our LGBTQIA+ siblings

At Mt Zion Lutheran Church!

Monday, September 23 6:30—8:00pm

Exploring Gender Diversity in Biblical and Modern Contexts

Tuesday, September 24 10am—8:30pm

10am-2pm—Text Studies

2:30-3:30pm—LGBTQIA+ and Youth (geared toward youth leaders)

6:30-8:30pm — LGBTQIA+ and the Call Process

Come for one session, all of them, or a combination of sessions.

Event is open to everyone!

Register online or at the door.

It's right here! At Mt Zion!



Austen Hartke is the creator of the Youtube series Transgender and Christian. He is a graduate of Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Studies and, as a 2019 Bush Foundation Fellow, currently researching best practices for rural churches interested in becoming LGBTQ2A affirming.



transforming

The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians

Austen Hartke

Foreword by Matthew Vines,
author of *God and the Gay Christian*

Tosa Cares

The next Tosa Cares distribution is Saturday, October 5th. Please join other members of Mt. Zion in serving our neighbors by volunteering to host snacks or supply them. Volunteer shifts are from 8 -10 or 10 - 11:30. Ideas for snacks and juice are on the sign-up sheets. And those pink sign-up sheets are on the clipboard wall next to the Gathering Space.

Thank you. Andrea Cockerham (262-308-0136)

Clothing needs for fall: Sweatshirts, jackets, and jeans

Always in need of non-perishable food. Short on cereal .

Scripture Readings for this Week

Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16: 1-13

Mission of the Month

Reformation Lutheran Church is rooted in Word and Sacrament ministry. Its mission is to walk in solidarity with its neighbors. Residents live in a "surround of force": drug-related crime, high unemployment and poverty, violence on the streets, schools and home in a hyper-segregated area. The cumulative effect of the "surround" is more than the sum of individual forces; there is no space to breathe.

Reformation Lutheran Church provides an alternative "surround" to neighbors through year-round S.A.L.T. (Serving And Learning Together) Youth Ministry, giving young people a chance to work and earn, Peer Ministry for people in the neighborhood to help with daily tasks of the church and be in a supportive environment, Infant Safe Sleep training, Angel Community Garden, young adult tutoring/mentoring, partner church relationship-building and Community Bible Study.

We are invited to reformation's Sunday celebration October 6th starting 10am. Worship begins at 10am with a reception to follow afterwards. This is our time to celebrate the partnership both individual and congregations have with Reformation and the wonderful time to greet Reformation members and partners from other faith communities. Carpool from Mt Zion at 9:30am.

Looking ahead at the Mt Zion calendar

Thursday, September 19

10:00am Reformation Community Bible Study
7-8:30pm Choir rehearsal [Upper Room]

Friday, September 20

5:30pm OEAnonymous 12-steps group [Room 102]
7:00pm ACOA 12-steps group [Room 100]
7:30pm Essay 12-steps group [Rm 210]

Saturday, September 21

8:30am Women of Heart bible study [Conference Room]
9:00am Music Lessons [Upper Room]

Sunday, September 22

8:30am Worship—Traditional
9:40am Education Hour [Classrooms and Upper Room]
10:45am Worship—Contemporary
11:00am Worship - Korean [Chapel]

Monday, September 23

6:30pm One People of God [Sanctuary]
7:00pm Book Club [Conference Room]
7:15pm NA 12-steps group [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, September 24

10:00am One People of God
12:00pm AA 12 steps group [Room 211]

Wednesday, September 25

12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study [Hearth Room]
1:00pm Prayer Group [War Room]
6:00pm Stewardship Meeting [Hearth Room]
6:30pm Knightwind Ensemble [Fellowship Hall]

Thursday, September 26

8:30am Marketing Committee [Gathering Space]
10:00am Reformation Community Bible Study *
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal [Upper Room]

Friday, September 27

5:30pm OEAnonymous 12-steps group [Room 102]
7:00pm ACOA 12-steps group [Choir Room]
7:00pm Essay 12-steps group [Rm 210]

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

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Wils	9/19	Elf Eberle
Robin Zastrow	9/21	9/30
Tina Koplinski	9/21	Betty Casey
Andrew Wright	9/23	Mavis Roesch
Abby Peterson	9/24	
Karen Engelhardt	9/26	
Jamie DeFouw	9/27	
Pete Peterson	9/28	
Jonathan Frankey	9/29	
Everly Eschenbacher	9/29	

ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher and Susan	
Theurich	9/22
James and Angela	
Riccaboni	9/26
John and Donna Wolf	
	9/27
Rich and Rondi Dralle	



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 22 During the Forum

Holden Village Pilgrims will reflect on their journey!

Saturday, October 5th 8:00am

Volunteer with the Tosa Cares Distribution!

Friday October 11th 7:00pm

LOCK-IN at the church! All Mt Zion Youth welcome.

Pizza! Movies! Games! Spooky Hide-and-Seek!

Join the YOUTH BAND

And/Or

Be a star in a MT Zion movie!



Thank You "MTZ Clean Team"

When we left our hero, she was surrounded by cobwebs. But, just in time, the rest of the team was able to sweep in and save her from almost certain doom.

Thanks to the brave and tough *Dustice League* who fought off the Goons of Grime!

You saved the day and gave us a clean place to pray.

But like any good villain, the dust bunnies will be back!



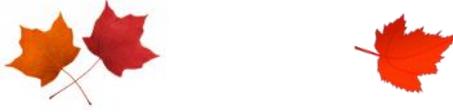
So, we plan to summon the Clean Team once every other month to deep clean various areas of the building.

If you want to help keep our church looking, feeling, and smelling beautiful then the MTZ Clean Team wants you! Contact mzparishadmin@wi.twcbc.com

Join today!



Colder Months Ahead



The weather is changing and Reformation's Neighborhood Store and Coffee Shop are looking for items for the cold months ahead. Donations can be placed in the marked bin upstairs from the Gathering Space or you can take them directly to Reformation, 3806 W. Lisbon Avenue in Milwaukee, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. If you have larger items or a lot to donate, contact Thaurra Stallings at Reformation, 414-444-0440, directly to make arrangements. Thank you for keeping our Milwaukee neighbors in your prayers.

Andrea Cockerham

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"Most Wanted List"

Linens: Bath/hand towels, washcloths, sheet sets, comforters/bedspreads, bed pillows

Home Goods: Small lamps, curtains/drapes, clocks, shower curtains/liners/rings, waste baskets

Accessories: Jewelry, purses, men's belts, sport caps, wallets

Kitchen: Pots and pans, utensils, towels, silverware sets

Small Appliances: Coffeemakers including Keurigs, microwaves, blenders, electric skilllets, irons, deep and air fryers, toasters, large crockpots, flat screen TVs

Clothes: Infant, toddler and kids to size 8 (clothes, coats, boots); adult coats, underwear and new slippers

Hospitality Supplies for the Coffee Shop: Coffee, K-cups, creamer, sugar

Ministry Schedule S

	Sept. 22 Sunday 8:30 am	Sept.22 Sunday 10:45 am	Sept. 29 Sunday 8:30 am	Sept.29 Sunday 10:45 am	Oct. 6 Sunday 8:30 am
ACOLYTES	Ethan Czervionke		Griffin Sneller		
ALTAR CARE	Edie DiGiacinto		Nancy Schumacher		Wendi Hall
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Cynthia Rigsby	Erik Peterson	Chris Kress	Sara Bailey	Tom Ertel
COMMUNION DEACONS	Wendi Hall and Chris Kress		Jim and Donna Zarek		Douglas and Mar Johnson
GREETERS	Hilda Rohr, Irene McCarthy, and Betty Casey	Sandra Echols	Roger and Nancy Schumacher	Pat Campbell	Pat and Suzy Morgan
LECTORS	Chris Kress	Sara Bailey	Chris Kress	Jim McTaggart	Irene McCarthy
NURSERY	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nurser available
USHERS	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
OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u>	4TH WEEK: Barb McMath / Carl & Karen Engelhardt		5th WEEK: Roy Durrenberg, John Link, Pete Peterson		1ST WEEK: Tom Ertel / Jim Goetzingler / Gar Goll
AUDIO/VISUAL		The Peterson Family	Abby Sumiec	The Peterson Family	The Johnson Family

ur Church work! Thank you!

Sept. 22-Oct. 20, 2019

	Oct. 6 Sunday 10:45 am	Oct. 13 Sunday 8:30 am	Oct. 13 Sunday 10:45 am	Oct. 20 Sunday 8:30 am	Oct. 20 Sunday 10:45 am	
		Norma Hollander		Nancy DiGiacinto		
	Lora Marheine	Andrea Cockerham	Janet McCarthy	Chris Kress	Liz Casper	
y		Cynthia Rigsby and Wendi Hall		Wendi Hall and Nancy Schumacher		
	Jim and Lisa McTaggart	Vince & Barbara Pipia	Brenda and Ryan Marciniak	Kent and Margie Spicer	Pat Campbel	
	Lora Marheine	Katy Marciniak	Sara Bailey	Wendi Hall	Jim McTaggart	
y	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	
ek	Liz Casper and Dorothy Snead	Roy Durrenberg, Carl and Karen Engelhardt	Lauren and Jesse Campbell	Roy Durrenberg Larry Seefeld Suzy Morgan	Jim Yee and Dorothy Snead	
y		2ND WEEK: Tom & Pat Morgan / Brad & Pam Hext		3rd WEEK: Pete Peterson/John Link/ Roy Durrenberg		
	Janet McCarthy	Lynda Yann	The Peterson Family	Abby Sumiec	The Marciniak Family	

Churches in Collaboration

I am grateful for the time I have had at Mount Zion. As I have begun my second year here I have been able to reflect on my first year and first impressions and also what I have learned during our time together. Part of the learning I was able to do this year came through two Interim Ministry Network Trainings and my work with my IMN Fieldwork Cohort in these last few months. As I have worked on a Fieldwork Project focused on the potential of collaboration between congregations in this context, I have had once a month videochats with six other pastors and our cohort leader.

In sharing our stories we always find some similarities and differences within our ministry contexts. The differences in our stories and perspectives on ministry have been valuable and helped us to hone our projects and better serve the communities we minister to. We serve in six different denominations in rural settings in Idaho and Arizona, to urban cathedral churches in Canada, to the first female priest at the Episcopal Church George Washington founded near Mount Vernon.

As I saw each month the benefit of pastors from different churches working together and helping each other, it was easy for me to imagine the ways congregations in Wauwatosa could work together and increase the mission and outreach of Jesus in our community.

My Fieldwork focused on three tasks:

- 1) learning about the Area Ministry Strategy that four ELCA churches have been using in West Allis
- 2) inviting ELCA pastors in Wauwatosa into dialogue about collaboration
- 3) working with pastors and lay leaders from Mount Carmel and Mount Zion to develop a model for a collaborative confirmation program.

The youth of Mount Zion and Mount Carmel have come together for confirmation the past two Sunday afternoons and will soon be serving together and getting to know each other more at more events. Seeing the numbers in confirmation multiply through working together brought new energy into the room and I think will be of benefit to both congregations.

Congregations in the area have also responded well to developing ways work together. But as in most things, the youth are leading the way and we at Mount Zion can follow suit in pursuing stronger relationships with other churches!

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Bike Ride For Hope



Goal:

\$110,000

Almost There!

And there is still time to help Outreach for Hope reach their goal!

Bike Ride for Hope is accepting donations through September 30th!

New gifts will be TRIPLED!

Visit

outreachforhope.org/bike-ride-2/ to make a donation.

As of 9.18.2019 Bike Ride for Hope has raised

\$94,325

WEEKLY WORDS

Rotation Sunday school

All children are welcome 3yr. to 5th grade

9:30-10:40am

Children will be dropped off and picked up at Holy Flicks Theater (2nd floor)

Bible Navigation

Sept. 15-Sept 29th

The Bible tells us, "Train a child in the way he should go. When he is old, he will not turn away from it." Proverbs 27:5-7 'Faith skills like Bible reading, prayer, honesty, and integrity-these are the kinds of things that stay with a child for a lifetime.' The Bible can be used to guide us through our time here on earth, but it does no good if we don't know what His Word says. That's why it is important, even for children, to read and study the Bible on a regular basis. In this unit your child will be learning how to walk through the Bible. The Bible tells one great story, the story of God the Creator, Sustainer, and Ruler of all that exists, and His purpose of redemption for His people. Your child will learn that the Bible is composed of 66 books within the Old and New Testament. He/she will learn that the Bible is the inspired word of God.

Memory Verse:

"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path." Ps. 119:105

-Sherry

“Collaboration”, Continued from Page 8)

This week we will have pastors and lay leaders from all over the synod and other denominations come to Mount Zion for the One People of God event with Austin Hartke. Tosa Cares has been a witness to what congregations can do when they work together for years, and we need to keep inviting new people into this great ministry.

But let’s get to know our neighbors by showing up at their events, too! Redemption Lutheran at 4057 N Mayfair Rd is our closest ELCA neighbor and they host a community breakfast there every third Saturday of the month from 8AM to 10:30AM along with a Baptist Church they partner with. On October 19th, I want to invite you to have some food, fellowship, and lend a helping hand! As we get to know each other more maybe we can find more ways that we can be the Body of Christ together in this community and serve more of our neighbors for the good of the gospel!

-Pastor Josh Graber

Book Club

Monday, September 23

7:00pm



Room Change!

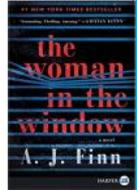
Due to the *One People of God* Event Monday night, the Book Club will meet in the **Conference Room** this month.

September’s

Book:

The Woman in the Window

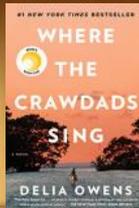
Host: Marleen Christiansen



Book Club Book Shelf



October 28



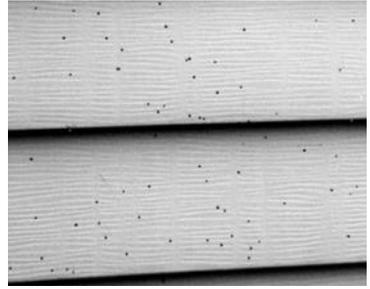
November 25



January 27

SCIENCE TIDBITS

First of all, kudos to Irene McCarthy for bringing this to my attention. It seems she knows someone who was puzzled by tiny black specks that were covering their house siding (see vinyl siding pic to the right). And when they tried to wash them off, it was nigh impossible; the buggers were there to stay. Turns out those tiny specks are spores released from fungi of the genus *Sphaerobolus*, otherwise known as artillery, shotgun or cannonball fungus. The common name pretty much sums up what the fungus is all about. It likes to grow on moist wood mulch, the smaller the pieces the better. And when mature, its sporulating bodies shoot out spores with explosive force. How explosive? Try 20 feet. Which can explain black specks covering the siding halfway up the house. And what's especially bad is that the spores are so incredibly sticky that if they are not immediately washed/rubbed off, it takes an act of...well, a supernatural deity...to remove them. So call it what you like, this innocuous-looking fungus has some nasty characteristics.



Which brings me to this morning. Since we experienced a heavy rain last night, I thought about how wet all of our wood mulch is that surrounds our vinyl-sided house. So I set out to inspect all of the mulch immediately adjacent to our house. I was alarmed to find about a third of the area filled with (you guessed it) artillery fungus. It is something I have never seen before in the 16 years we've been using hardwood mulch. I then panicked and perused the vinyl siding, but was relieved to find no evidence of spores. I was lucky; the fungus was not mature enough.

I took a picture so you can see what this stuff looks like. It is definitely the season for it, so for those of you in a similar situation, do what I did before writing this. I found all of the offensive fungi and dug out the contaminated mulch for disposal. In case of any remaining fungus I missed, I plan to cover those areas with fresh, presumably uninfected dry mulch.

If you are too late and already have spores on your siding, cleanup is no picnic, as I alluded to. You may be able to remove them; the best website I found for this is: <http://rayhaluchinc.com/getting-rid-of-artillery-fungus/>.

-Steve Downs

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