

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!



IT'S CELEBRATION TIME!

Come celebrate the 2020 Stewardship Appeal with us between services on Sunday! The SAS Committee and Leadership Board are hosting. We'll be having a Celebration Cake and Celebratory Beverages. You're invited to raise a toast to celebrate what you love about being a part of a vibrant, impactful faith community! Do you have a favorite ministry? Toast it!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to those who have submitted their Statement of Intent for 2020.

RESULTS SO FAR:

- ♦ We are off to a SOLID start with 67 Statements of Intent submitted as of Monday, November 18. Several more came in the mail or were dropped off during the week.
- ♦ As of 11/18, we received 14 Statements of Intent from households that had not pledged in the past. That is AWESOME ... Thank you!
- ♦ Those who pledged so far have increased their giving by an average of 13% over last year!! Outstanding!
- ♦ We still have at least 70 households to respond. When these supporters respond with the same generosity as those who already responded, we will be well on our way!
- ♦ If you haven't responded yet, we NEED YOUR HELP to achieve our goal of raising an additional \$57,000 to fund our proposed 2020 ministry initiatives. Please complete your intent card and bring it to Celebration Sunday! Or mail or bring it to the church office.
- ♦ We are so grateful for your generosity of time, talent and treasure!





Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 27th

6:30pm

Mt Zion Lutheran Church

All are Welcome

Stay for the Pie!

After the Thanksgiving worship service Mt Zion will host a pie social.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a pie, buy, or donate funds for pies,
please sign-up on the clipboard wall.



If you would like to bake a pie at church,
talk to Sherry!



Where is the Clipboard Wall?

Just off of the bottom of the ramp in the Gathering Space!

Scripture Readings for this Week

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Looking ahead at the Mt Zion calendar

Thursday, November 21

- 10:00am Reformation Community Bible Study [3806 W Lisbon Ave, Milwaukee]
 6:00pm Handbell rehearsal [Sanctuary]
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal [Upper Room]

Friday, November 22

- 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous [Rm 102]
 7:00pm ACA 12-step [Rm 212]
 7:30pm Essay 12-step [Rm 210]

Saturday, November 23

- 8:00am Tosa Cares Distribution
 8-10am MZY volunteer for Tosa Cares
 9:00am Music Lessons [Upper Room]
 10:00am Chinese American Class [classrooms]

Sunday, November 24

- Celebration Sunday
 8:30am Worship—Traditional [Sanctuary]
 9:30am Cool Yule wreath making (Fellowship Hall)
 9:40am Christian Education Hour
 10:45am Worship—Contemporary
 11:00am Worship - Korean [Chapel]

Monday, November 25

- 7:00pm Book Club [Hearth Room]
 7:00pm NA 12-step group [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, November 26

- 12:00pm AA 12 steps group [Room 211]
 7:00pm German Choruses Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

Wednesday, November 27

- 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study [Hearth Room]
 1:00pm Prayer Group [War Room]
 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service with pie social to follow

Thursday, November 28

- Thanksgiving Day —
 Office Closed



Friday, November 29

Office Closed

- 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous [Rm 102]
 7:00pm ACA 12-step [Rm 212]
 7:30pm Essay 12-step [Rm 210]

Saturday, November 30

- 9:00am Music Lessons [Upper Room]
 10:00am Chinese American Class [classrooms]

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-------|
| Rich Robinson | 11/21 |
| Alexandria Hollander | 11/23 |
| Gail Robinson | 11/29 |
| Brenda Fogel | 11/30 |
| Debbie Kleppek | 11/30 |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------------|-------|
| Steven and Jennifer Schroeder | 11/13 |
| Adam and Jessie Miller | 11/18 |
| Tom and Mary Cairns | 11/21 |
| Erik and Kay Huth | 11/23 |
| John and Linda Yanny | 11/27 |
| Kent and Margie Spicer | 11/28 |

Starting in December, Grace Notes would like to list all birthdays and anniversaries for the month at once. As a result, this list will be moved to another page.



Mr Bob's Under the Bridge November 16th



Hi MTZ Parents-

I heard the team worked hard serving over 100 people out of the Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge truck last Saturday morning! Brenda and Mike Marciniak teamed up with Marika Moore to chaperone the 3 youth on a chilly morning. Speaking with the chaperones, I know these youth valued the time they spent and considered it a highlight of their week.

Thank you to Brenda (not pictured), Mike and Mari for chaperoning and a special thanks to Mari for organizing this meaningful event!

God bless,

Mr. E.

Update to Carol Libeck's Funeral Service

We appreciate the congregation's patience while the plans for Carol's funeral are finalized. The precise time is to be determined, but it will be in the late afternoon or early evening on Thursday, December 5th. As soon as we have more details we will provide that information.

Please Note: The choir and the hand bell rehearsals have been moved from Thursday the 5th to Wednesday the 4th to accommodate Carol's Memorial. *Thank you.*

Book Club

Next Meeting

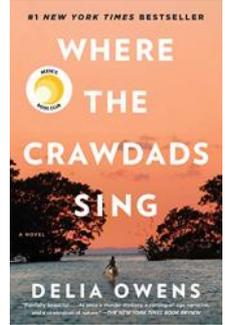
Monday, November 25th

7:00pm Hearth Room

Where the Crawdads Sing

By Delia Owens

For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she years to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.



Host: Mavis Roesch

Book Club Book Shelf



January 27

December-
No meeting

Christmas Has a Heart

Coming to Mt. Zion.....

Sunday, December 8th 9:30 - 11:00 am



Eight organizations will be represented at the Alternative Christmas Market, Christmas Has a Heart in the Gathering area. The point is not to stop giving but to give things that matter with an opportunity to support and encourage organizations that are serving others in our community. Christmas cookies and the Christmas spirit will be present.

A list to preplan your shopping excursion and conversation time at Mt. Zion's Alternative Christmas Market will be available on Sunday, December 1.

Sponsored by Mt. Zion's Outreach Ministry Team

Ministry Highlight: Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team has been working hard the last several months to implement the Stewardship for All Seasons campaign you have been hearing about over the last few weeks. The Stewardship Team has examined the areas at Mt Zion most in need of funds and how those areas will help Mt Zion grow holistically as a church. Members of the team have created flyers, posters, and mailing materials to help promote the stewardship campaign.

But these team members will continue to meet even after Celebration Sunday. It is called Stewardship for *All* Seasons, after all. They will continue to encourage us in growing from a mentality of scarcity into one of abundance daily throughout the year—not just as a one-time event.

So thank you to the Stewardship Team and thank you to everyone who has supported the Stewardship for All Seasons “Putting God’s House in Order” Appeal. You will help make Mt Zion a place where ministries flourish truly, “All are Welcome”.



Mission of the Month

ELCA World Hunger

More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry. Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

All donations made between now and December 31st
will be matched dollar for dollar
until ELCA World Hunger reaches \$150,000.

Check out this other unique way to provide food!

ELCA Good Gifts

Give the gift of honey, cheese, meats, eggs, and more this Christmas!

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>



Join Us for These

Stewardship for All Seasons Celebration

Sunday, November 24

9:35am-10:30am (During Education Hour)

Refreshments and cake will be provided to celebrate our congregation's generosity of heart and encourage our drive toward our "Putting God's House in Order" 2020 Appeal. We will have a chance to raise a glass for the abundant life we get to share as the body of Christ at Mt Zion.

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27th

6:30 pm

Followed by a reception with pies! Members are invited to prepare pies in the fellowship hall kitchen and bake them during the service.

Caroling at Luther Manor

Saturday, December 7th

Meet at Martin Luther at 2pm *Or* Meet at Luther Manor at 2:30pm

Carol with Martin Luther and Milwaukee Mennonite Community

Cocoa at Martin Luther to follow

Christmas Has a Heart

Sunday, December 8th

9:35am-10:35 am (During Education Hour)

Alternative Market to support and encourage organizations that are serving others in the community, including Kid's Matter, Outreach for Hope, Project Return, Reformation Lutheran Church, MICAH, Tosa Cares, and Community Project for Seniors.

Healing Service with Martin Luther and Redemption Lutheran

Tuesday December 10th

6:45pm at Mount Zion

As we work together with our neighboring churches we also want to worship together. Led by pastors and leaders from all three churches, the congregation will be invited to remember the healing presence and transformative power of God in our lives and the relationship between our churches.

Upcoming Events:

Live Nativity — Friday, December 13th

A celebration with our neighbors and congregational partners with chili, cider and hot chocolate. People are encouraged to bring cookies and baked goods!

5:00pm-6:45pm Live Nativity Outside

6:45pm-7:00pm Christmas Skit Inside

7:00pm-7:30pm Open Carol Sing

Children's Program Worship — Sunday, December 15th

9:30am-10:30am

Christmas Eve Services — Tuesday, December 24th

4:00pm Family Contemporary Service

8:15pm-8:45pm Chimes perform in Gathering Space during fellowship with cider, coffee, and cookies.

9:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 21st 8am-11am

Community Meal at Redemption Lutheran. Mt Zion volunteers welcome to help serve between 8:00am and 11:00am

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30am Traditional Worship Service w/Voices of Zion

10:45am Jazz Service led by Kristin Sponcia

Caroling to Break the Chains

Ecumenical Church Members will gather to sing carols to inmates at Felmers Correctional Facility

Meet at Redemption Lutheran at 6:30pm

Or Meet at FCF at 7pm for Caroling

Sunday, December 30th

9:30am — Hymn/Carol Sing at blended service

Ministry Schedule

| | Nov. 24 Sunday 8:30 am | Nov. 24 Sunday 10:45 am | Nov 27 Thurs 6:30pm | Dec. 1 Sunday 8:30 am | Dec. 1 Sunday 10:45 am |
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| ACOLYTES | | | | | |
| ALTAR CARE | Nancy DiGiacinto | | Nancy Schumacher | Ellyn Steinke | |
| ASSISTING MINISTERS | Linda Ertel | Mavis Roesch | Cynthia Rigsby | Tom Ertel | Lora Marheine |
| COMMUNION DEACONS | Cynthia Rigsby and Nancy Schumacher | | Jim and Donna Zarek | Chris Kress and Nancy Schumacher | |
| GREETERS | Dick and Norma Hollander | Pat Campbel | Jim and Lisa McTaggart and Sherry Downs | Irene McCarthy and Nancy Schumacher | Brenda Fogel |
| LECTORS | Nancy Schumacher | Lora Marheine | Andrea Cockerham | Rich Robinson | Erik Peterson |
| NURSERY | unstaffed nursery available | unstaffed nursery available | unstaffed nursery available | unstaffed nursery available | unstaffed nursery available |
| USHERS | Jim Stuczynski Roger and Nancy Schumacher | Dave and Vicki Nelson | Roger and Nancy Schumacher | Jim & Donna Zarek Roger & Nancy Schumacher | Jim Yee and Dorothy Snead |
| OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u> | 4TH WEEK: Nancy Schumacher / Carl & Karen Engelhardt | | | 1ST WEEK: Tom Ertel / Jim Goetzinger / Gary Goll | |
| AUDIO/VISUAL | The Johnson Family | Janet McCarthy | Janet McCarthy | Lynda Yanny Ethan Cervionke | The Marciniak Family |

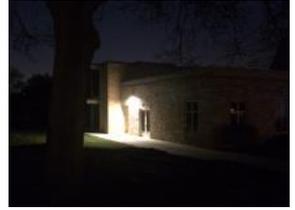
our Church work! Thank you!

Nov. 24-Dec . 22, 2019

| | Dec. 8 Sunday 8:30 am | Dec. 8 Sunday 10:45 am | Dec. 15 Sunday 9:30 am | Dec. 22 Sunday 8:30 am | Dec. 22 Sunday 10:45 am | |
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| | Edie DiGiacinto | | Nancy Schumacher | Norma Hollander | | |
| | Andrea Cockerham | Erik Peterson | Linda Ertel | Tom Ertel | Sara Baily | |
| | Gail and Rich Robinson | | Brenda and Katie Marciniak | Jim and Donna Zarek | | |
| | Vince & Barbara Pipia | Sandra Echols | Norma Hollander, Jim and Lisa McTaggart | Marika Moore and Matt Czervionke | Pat Campbel | |
| | Lynda Yanny | Sara Bailey | Sherry Downs | Wendi Hall | Erik Peterson | |
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| | Roy Durrenberg, Carl and Karen Engelhardt | Lauren and Jesse Campbell | Roy Durrenberg Larry Seefeld Suzy Morgan & Liz Cas- per | Jim Stuczynski Roger and Nancy Schumacher | Dave and Vicki Nelson | |
| | 2ND WEEK: Tom & Pat Morgan / Brad & Pam Hext | | 3rd WEEK: Pete Peterson/John Link/ Roy Durrenberg | 4TH WEEK: Nancy Schumach- er / Carl & Karen Engelhardt | | |
| | Abby Sumiec | The Peterson Family | The Johnson Family | Lynda Yanny | The Marciniak Family | |

Just One Light

Tuesday night I left Mt Zion via the administration door which leads out to the little parking lot off of North Ave. Douglas Johnson had replaced the light bulb so, instead of emerging into darkness I stepped out into a flood of light. It was so bright by contrast to the dark I felt like one could land an airplane on the sidewalk! Not only did I feel safer walking to my car, but as I did a U-turn onto North Avenue to head toward the highway, I noticed the light outside the building. Suddenly, there was a whole other part of a building I hadn't seen before!



Mt Zion was on the map. It was visible from the street. It was *there*.

It was welcoming.

All because of a single light.

This got me thinking of other churches I see on the way home. Near one major intersection are two churches. One is an adorable little white chapel style building with a bell tower. The warm glow from the lights illuminating the corners of the cross-shaped structure and that little bell tower always make me want to step inside. It seems warm and inviting, as though I would be safe to say a prayer in what I imagine are warm oaken pews.

The other church stands no more than half a block away. The modern, metallic structure of the sanctuary is dark and forbidding looking in the dim, eerie glow of the surrounding streetlights. Only one light seems to shine on the entire building – but unfortunately it does very little to invite me to want to visit, even during the day.

As much as I love to look up at a dark sky and see the stars at night, I cannot help but understand the importance of lighting on the human psyche. Outdoor lighting can say, “Go away we don’t want loitering” or it can say, “Hello, here you can find nourishment or help.”

Think about the buildings you don’t want to go inside. Why do those buildings make you think twice?

People do not know what they cannot see.

-Jessica Monahan

Upcoming Concerts

Sunday, December 1

German Chorus of Milwaukee

2:00

At Mt Zion!

Hear Christmas carols sung in German by the men's and women's choirs.

Tickets: \$10 for adults

\$1 for Kids



Saturday, December 14th

The Knight Wind Ensemble annual holiday concert at Wisconsin Memorial Park, Chapel of the Chimes, 13235 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield. The concert will be on Saturday, December 14th, at 2:00 PM and feature tunes of the Christmas season.

Admission is free.

December 22nd

Education Hour

Mt Zion will be treated to a saxophone quartet performance from 9:45 to 10:15. Enjoy the sounds of the holiday season from four merry musicians!



Science Tidbits

It has been scientifically proven that having a truly kind and grateful heart yields significant health benefits. But the jaded among us, who have been repeatedly burned by those claiming to be someone they are not, find it hard to believe that people who embrace kindness as a lifestyle actually exist.

I was struck by a recent article in *The Atlantic* that discussed how kindness is on the decline, that what parents value most in their children are material success and happiness. Apparently no matter how much lip service we pay to the importance of kindness and caring, we are failing to instill these qualities in our offspring. Some parents even discourage kindness, viewing it as a weakness in character in a competitive, dog-eat-dog world.

Like most people, I enjoy viewing movies. But when I look over the list of films showing at the local -multiplex, I am consistently disheartened at the choices. Thankfully, the film industry throws people like me some crumbs every now and then. That is why I am looking forward to a movie due out in a couple weeks, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. To some, it promises to be an intolerably saccharin-infused, simple-minded story of the host of a children's television show. Instead, it is a message about the transformative power of kindness, based on the true story of how Fred Rogers took a young journalist, Tom Junod (name changed in the movie), under his wings who had been assigned to write a story about him.

Fred Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister who was so disturbed by the sorry state of children's television in the 1950's that he joined the medium as a reformer. And through this medium he spread his message of kindness and love. In the words of Tom: "[Fred] wanted us to remember what it was like to be a child so he could talk to us; he wanted to talk to us so we could remember what it was like to be a child. And he could talk to anyone, believing that if you remembered what it was like to be a child, you would remember that you were a child of God."



Tom never knew why Fred Rogers took such an interest in him, but they became good friends and often communicated back and forth. An example of Fred's mindset is in one of Tom's anecdotes. "Once, when I called to tell him the story of five people stopping their cars to help an enormous snapping turtle across a highway exit ramp, he asked if I was going to write about it. I said no, and asked him why he thought it might make a good story. And this was his response: 'Because whenever people come together to help another person or creature, something has happened, and everyone wants to know about it, because we all long to know there's a graciousness at the heart of creation.'"



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I listened to a lot of commencement addresses during Marquette University graduation ceremonies over the years, but by far the most memorable and meaningful was the May, 2001 address given by Fred Rogers. If you would like to watch the video, just google “Fred Rogers Marquette University Commencement.” He had a gentle but powerful presence. I just listened to it again and here’s one memorable quote: “Appreciation is a holy thing. When we look for what’s best in the person we happen to be with at the moment, we’re doing what God does.”



Someone asked his widow if Fred’s public persona is what he is like at home. She smiled and said, “Absolutely. What you see is what you get.” How refreshing.

-Steve Downs



**Is it as refreshing as a cold glass of milk
combined with a fresh baked cookie?**

Sharing cookies might be one of the sweetest neighborly things we can do.

If you agree, would you like to show some love to those members in our congregation who are homebound?

Come on, let’s make some cookies!

There is a sign-up sheet on the clipboard wall.

Feeling really ambitious?

Why not make a few more cookies for our Live Nativity? We will share these with our visiting partner congregations on December 13th.



Let’s play it safe --- No nuts, please!

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