

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!

Have a Great Christmas Program!

To the children who are performing in the Sunday School program we thank you for helping to tell the story of Jesus' birth. We are so excited to hear your wonderful voices!

To all of the adults and youth who have helped—we thank you for playing music, accompanying the children, reading the narrations, teaching dances, providing guidance, and all of the behind the scenes support!

We hope you get to enjoy the program, too!



Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00pm –Family Service

8:15pm—Hand Chimes and Fellowship

9:00pm—Candlelight Service



Bible Study



Final Brown Bag Bible Study of 2019,
And the last BBBS for Pastor Josh here at Mt Zion,
This Wednesday, December 18 at noon.

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, take time to reflect on and gain insight into the weekly bible passages. Join us for plenty of fellowship, too!

Scripture Readings for this Week

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

Welcome Basket for Pastor Tyler Rasmussen

If you would like to contribute to the Wisconsin-themed welcome basket for our new pastor, this is your chance!



So far, we have cheese in the shape of Wisconsin, “111 places in Milwaukee you must not miss”, and a guide to board game hang outs in the area but we could use more ideas!

If you would like to contribute an item or funds to the basket, contact Katie Frederick via email and she will coordinate the effort.



Looking ahead at the Mt Zion calendar

Friday, December 13

- 5:00pm Live Nativity [Front Lawn and Gathering Space]
5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous [Rm 102]
7:00pm ACA 12-step [Rm 212]
7:30pm Essay 12-step [Rm 210]

Saturday, December 14

- 9:00am Music Lessons [Upper Room]
9:30am Children's Program Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
10:00am Chinese American Class [classrooms]
1:00pm Visitation for Marjorie Tuveson [Gathering Space]
2:00pm Funeral Service for Marjorie Tuveson [Sanctuary]

Sunday, December 15

- 8:30am Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program [Sanctuary]
9:30am Children's Christmas Program [Sanctuary]
10:30am Appreciation Breakfast [Gathering Space]
11:30am Worship —Korean [Chapel]

Monday, December 16

- 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting
6:00pm Leadership Board Meeting [Conference Room]
7:00pm NA 12-steps group [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, December 17

- 8:30am Health Clinic at Courtyard
12:00pm AA 12-step group [Room 211]

Wednesday, December 18

- 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study [Hearth Room]
1:00pm Prayer Group [War Room]
7:00pm Knightwind Ensemble Rehearsal [Fellowship Hall]

Thursday, December 19

- 10:00am Reformation Community Bible Study
6:00pm Handbells rehearsal [Sanctuary]
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal [Upper Room]

Upcoming Forum Events:

December 15th: Thank you breakfast for Pastor Josh.

December 22nd: Saxophone quartet playing the sounds of the season.

Saxophone Quartet December 22

From 9:45 to 10:15am

Joe Kress— soprano saxophone

Bill Zeidler—Alto Saxophone

Fred Heim—Tenor Saxophone

Patrick Ozimek— Baritone Saxophone



Youth Quake

We've registered for the 2020 Youth Quake. Youth Quakes are weekend retreats specifically designed for youth in grades 6-12 to become empowered to live as a Christian, become engaged in their faith, and develop friendships.

Currently, seven youth and two chaperones registered from MTZ. There are two more spots available.

We have reserved a three bedroom suite complete with a kitchen at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells.

Contact Erik for more info!

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Find out more at:

Goodgifts.elca.org

Limited-edition
Christmas cards are here!



Stewardship for All Seasons

Be on the lookout for something in your mailboxes!



Science Tidbits



There is so much of it that the supply must be limitless. It fills deserts, beaches and ocean bottoms, but did you know that because it is the world's second most utilized natural resource, the supply is rapidly running out? Its importance is so significant that worldwide violence is escalating in the effort to control its accessibility, and black markets have appeared because of the demand.

Sand and gravel have now become the most extracted materials in the world, overtaking biofuels. This is because they are essential ingredients of concrete, glass and electronics. Think of the amount of concrete used for buildings and roads, the amount of glass used for windows and electronic screens, and the electronic components in practically every aspect of our lives. The building of cities would be impossible without these materials. For construction alone, 11 billion tons of sand were mined in 2010. The highest extraction was in Asia-Pacific countries, followed by Europe and North America. Yearly sand and gravel consumption is enough to cover the entire United Kingdom. The worth of construction sand in the U.S. alone was valued at \$8.9 billion in 2016 and its use keeps rising.

But how can we be running out of it when there is so much of it? The problem is that not all sand is created equal. All of that desert sand? It's largely useless. The bulk of sand use is for concrete, and desert sand is not the correct shape. Formed by wind erosion, desert sand particles are too round and smooth to stick together and make stable concrete. The required sand comes from riverbeds, lakes and seashores. Demand is so intense that worldwide, beaches and riverbeds are being stripped bare, while forests and farmland is being torn up to get at the precious resource.

The drive behind this crisis? Urbanization that is occurring at break-neck speed, especially in developing countries, at a pace greater than any time in our history. The worldwide urban population has quadrupled since 1950. As a result, sand has become a globalized commodity, and its international trade value has increased six-fold in the last 25 years. An additional new use of sand is adding even more supply pressure. It is increasingly being used to create new livable space; dredging ships remove millions of tons of sand from the sea floor each year to pile it up on coastal areas to form extensions of preexisting land. For example, in Singapore, an additional 50 square miles has been created this way over the past 40 years. And add to this the significant erosion caused by sand dredging and the serious damage it inflicts on sensitive coral reefs and river wildlife.

The global community needs to develop a strategy to deal with sand demand. Science is hard at work in the attempt to find sand alternatives, such as crushed palm shells and rice husks, developing concrete requiring less sand, or finding ways to effectively break down and recycle preexisting concrete. Unfortunately, the challenge is exceptionally daunting. **-Steve Downs**

Ministry Schedule D

	Dec. 15 Sunday 9:30 am	Dec. 22 Sunday 8:30 am	Dec. 22 Sunday 10:45 am	Dec. 24 Tues 4:00pm	Dec. 24 Tues 9:00pm
ACOLYTES	Maya Smith	Leah Cervionke		Belinda Felber & Maya Smith	
ALTAR CARE	Nancy Schumacher	Edie DiGiacinto		Ellyn Steinke	Wendi Hall
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Linda Ertel	Tom Ertel	Sara Baily	Sara Baily	Janet McCarth
COMMUNION DEACONS	Brenda and Katie Marciniak	Jim and Donna Zarek		Tom/Linda Ertels and Jim/Donna Zareks	Wendi Hall, And Cockerham
GREETERS	Norma Hollander, Jim and Lisa McTaggart	Marika Moore and Matt Czervionke	Pat Campbel & Jack McDougal	Marika Moore and Matt Czervionke	Norma and Dic Hollander
LECTORS	Non needed	Wendi Hall	Erik Peterson	Lora Marheine	Sherry Downs
NURSERY	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nurse available
USHERS	Roy Durrenberg Larry Seefeld Suzy Morgan & Liz Casper	Jim Stuczynski Roger and Nancy Schumacher	Dave and Vicki Nelson	Liz Casper, Steve and Linda Hacker	Irene McCarthy Dorothy Snead Andrea Cockerha Dick Hollande
OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u>	3rd WEEK: Pete Peterson/John Link/Roy Durrenberg	4TH WEEK: Nancy Schumacher / Carl & Karen Engelhardt			
AUDIO/VISUAL	The Johnson Family	Lynda Yanny	The Marciniak Family	Ethan Cervionke	Abby Sumiec

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	Dec. 29 Sunday 9:30 am	Jan. 5 Sunday 8:30 am	Jan. 5 Sunday 10:45 am	Jan. 12 Sunday 8:30 am	Jan. 12 Sunday 10:45 am	
			Belinda Felber	Maya Smith		
	Nancy DiGiacinto	Elyn Steinke		Edie DiGiacinto		
	Cynthia Rigsby	Andrea Cockerham	Erik Peterson	Linda Ertel	Janet McCarthy	
	Chris Kress and Nancy Schumacher, Lynda Yanny			Douglas and Mary Johnson		
	Linda and Steve Haecker, & Brenda Fogel	Kent and Margie Spicer	Sandra Echols	Vince & Barbara Pipia	Brenda Fogal	
	Pete Peterson	Chris Kress	Sara Bailey	Gail Robinson	Lora Marheine	
	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available
	Tom & Pat Morgan, Roger & Nancy Schumacher/Jim Y, Liz	Jim & Donna Zarek, Suzy Morgan	Dorothy Snead	Roy Durrenberg, Carl and Karen Engelhardt	Lauren and Jesse Campbell	
	4TH WEEK: Nancy Schumacher / Carl & Karen Engelhardt	1ST Week Tom Ertel/Jim Goetzinger/ Gary Goll		2ND WEEK: Tom & Pat Morgan / Brad & Pam Hext		
	The Peterson Family	The Johnson Family	Janet McCarthy	Ethan Cervionke	The Peterson Family	

Operation Christmas 2019

For many years Mt. Zion has been partnering with our fellow ELCA church, Incarnation Lutheran on 15th and Keefe, to provide Christmas gifts to the children who attend their “Bless the Kids Spot,” a weekly program that welcomes ALL children. Incarnation concentrates on reaching out to its neighborhood by working for justice and making “faith” a verb in the 53206 zip code by attracting neighborhood children to worship, Sunday School, and evening programming. One way that Incarnation Church witnesses to the hope that Jesus embodies is to provide a Christmas gift for each participating child through the “Operation Christmas” effort in cooperation with Mt. Zion.



The process is simple:

- Take an ornament from the designated tree (in the north Narthex)
- Purchase a gift for the age of the child you selected
- Wrap the gift and securely tape the ornament to it

Bring your gift to church and place it under the tree NO LATER THAN Thursday, December 19. The gifts will be delivered on Friday.

Participating in this outreach will not only enrich your own family’s holiday experience, but also extend God’s love to children with less earthly abundance. Your generosity is GREATLY appreciated!

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Carol Libeck

Pat Campbell / Jeff and Andrea Cockerham / Dawn and Joseph Driscoll
Tom and Linda Ertel / Dick and Norma Hollander / Rich and Gail Robinson
Jerry and Mavis Roesch / Irene McCarthy / Bonnie and Daryl Wunrow
Joyce Nedset / Tom and Pat Morgan / Roger and Nancy Schumacher

Mission of the Month

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS —

As in past years, our mission for this month is Random Acts of Kindness.

Throughout the year we receive numerous requests for assistance, personal requests as well as requests from numerous agencies.

The money we receive in December is used to fund some of this assistance. Your money is used to help those much less fortunate than ourselves. This list is endless, and unfortunately the money is not. Your contribution matters!

THANKS FOR CARING & SHARING!

Follow Ups

The United German Choruses of Milwaukee concert was a huge success! Four choirs, including the men's, women's and children's choirs performed on Sunday, December 1st in the Mt Zion Sanctuary to a crowd of over 250!



“Dear Mt Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for placing an ad in the Tosa East Players' playbill for “Fools”! We appreciate your support! The show featured roughly twenty incredibly talented actors and actresses sharing their newfound comedic skills...along with almost 100 crew members working around the clock to make sure everything—the set, lighting, props, and costumes—looked as good as possible...Our company learned a lot through this production...”



-From Tosa East Players

Join Us for These December Events

Community Meal at Redemption Lutheran

Saturday, December 21st

8am-11am

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

December 22nd

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

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

Hymn/Carol Sing

Sunday, December 30th

9:30am — blended service

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Schmidt 12/01
Molly Sumiec 12/06
Bradley Stelzer 12/06
Kelly Richards-Parker 12/09
Kay Cucinello 12/11
Perrie Dralle 12/13
Ellie Yellick 12/14
Emma Burke 12/16
Troy Marciniak 12/17
Maverick Surges 12/18
Mick Cucinello 12/21
Christina Dralle 12/21
Caroline Westrick 12/21
Liz Casper 12/23

Jennifer Johnston 12/24
Jean Morack 12/28
Heather Townsend 12/28
Member Khloe Lewis 12/30
Eliot Eschenbacher 12/30
Linda Roberts 12/31
Nancy Di Giacinto 12/31
Angelina Goll 12/31

ANNIVERSARIES

John and Jean Morack 12/19
Derrick and Michelle Grosenick
12/29

Upcoming Event

Blood Drive
In honor of Sue Jurgens and Mari Scicero
Tuesday, January 28th

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