

Worship Services

Sundays

8:30am Traditional
9:40am Adult Forum
10:45am Contemporary
1:00pm Family Sunday
School

Office Hours

Currently closed. Staff is working remotely.

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!

Congregational Meeting

In between services

at 9:45am

on May 10th, 2020

Please plan to join us via Zoom.

There are two asks:

- 1) Does the Congregation approve accepting the Small Business Administration Loan?
- 2) If we cannot receive the loan then can we cut staff wages up to 20%?

Join on Zoom.com

Meeting ID:

882-1524-4050

Meeting Password:

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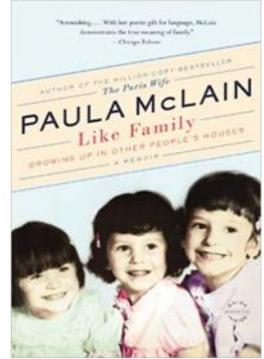


Book Club

Monday, April 27
At 7:00pm On Zoom

Like Family, by Paula McLain

This powerful and haunting memoir details the years Paula McLain and her two sisters spent as foster children after being abandoned by both parents in California in the early 1970s. As wards of the State, the sisters spent the next 14 years moving from foster home to foster home. The dislocations, confusions, and odd pleasures of an unrooted life form the basis of one of the most compelling memoirs in recent years--a book the tradition of Jo Ann Beard's *The Boys of My Youth* and Mary Karr's *The Liar's Club*. McLain's beautiful writing and limber voice capture the intense loneliness, sadness, and determination of a young girl both on her own and responsible, with her siblings, for staying together as a family.



Host Yvonne Kops

Wild Wildlife!

More and more animals have been spotted across cities and towns due to the safer at home order. Check out this article [on BBC.com](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-56888888) about where kangaroos, puma, and even alligators have been spotted around the world.

And, some of those animals have found their way onto the pages of our Grace Notes! How many animals can you find? Share your observations at parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org and get a shout out in an upcoming Grace Notes!



This Week at Mt Zion

<p>Sun Apr 26</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship on YouTube 9:30a Adult Forum on Zoom Meeting ID: 973-6894-1752 Password: 561375 10:45a Contemporary Worship on YouTube 1:00p Family Sunday School Meeting ID 279-814-460 Password: 828454</p>
<p>Mon Apr 27</p>	<p>12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer of Facebook 7:00pm Book Club Meeting ID: 850-9977-1173 Password: 755416</p>
<p>Tues Apr 28</p>	<p>10:00a Staff Meeting 12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer of Facebook 8:00p Writers Circle Meeting ID 711 638 007 Password 113585</p>
<p>Wed Apr 29</p>	<p>12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study on Zoom Meeting ID 763-027-694 Password 985667 1:00p Prayer Warriors on Zoom Meeting ID 763-027-694 Password 985667</p>
<p>Thurs Apr 30</p>	<p>10:00a Coffee and Chit Chat on Zoom Meeting ID 943-2124-6673 Password 959533 5:00p Beer & Bible, Wine & The Word Meeting ID: 994-4600-3234 Password: 271380 7:00p Game Night Meeting ID 944-1529-4702 Password 796308</p>
<p>Fri May 1</p>	<p>12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer of Facebook</p>
<p>Sat May 2</p>	
<p>Sun May 3</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship on Facebook 9:40a Adult Forum on Zoom 10:45a Contemporary Worship on Facebook 1:00p Family Sunday School</p>



Hi Mt Zion Youth!

Please join us at youth group again this Sunday as we incorporate some games we can play over Zoom. Thanks to youth-leader alumni Robyn Digiacinto, we can play some of our favorite games again. This Sunday, we'll play "Whose Facts?" (true facts). We can pick a different game for next week (maybe Mafia?!?).



We will continue our curriculum about Adam and Eve from Paul Martin's Inspire with the Temptation chapter. What's temptation? How can we avoid it? Is punishment fair? See Genesis chapter 2 and 3.

Last Sunday, the youth again connected with each other over Zoom and to share their highs and lows. We talked about how God us in his image and gifted the world to us. None of us can feel ashamed of ourselves and all of us will treat the world like a gift from God.

Topic: Youth Group

Time: Apr 19, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75739321560?pwd=MjVBQzllMTI5aW9NdEsrS0tLRFdzQT09>

Meeting ID: 757 3932 1560

Password: 3dvBrs

Please call with any questions!

God Bless,

-Erik, Erin and Abby

a link to some ideas for games to play over Zoom! <https://healthoverhurry.wordpress.com/2020/03/23/zoom-youth-group-games/>





Shows its Heart on North Ave



Mt Zion Youth can't get together during this crisis but that didn't stop the leaders from decorating the North Ave entrance this week! Abby Sumiec found a stash of construction-paper hearts and cut out some new ones to cover the front doors. Also, Erik and Abby Peterson charked the sidewalk leading up to the church with "Happy Easter" and messages of hope!

"We can't be together but we can spread God's love together!"

God bless the youth, God bless Mt. Zion and God bless our friends and neighbors



How Can I Help?

The statewide Safe at Home order is challenging for all of us—emotionally, physically, spiritually and financially. It is especially hard for our sisters and brothers at Reformation Lutheran Church. Many struggle with isolation, compromising physical ailments, loss of their spiritual community (weekly Bible study, operations at the Store and church) and concerns about money.

If you have been asking, “how can I help”, here is a suggestion that will make a difference. As you are out shopping for groceries or picking up items at the drug store, consider buying some gift cards, in particular for Walgreens, CVS, Pick N Save/Metro Market, Aldi’s or Wal-mart. The food stamp program does not cover the purchase of items like diapers, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies (so important right now) or over the counter medications. The gift cards can help supplement an already stretched budget and get necessary items for a family or individual.

You can send the gift cards directly to Pastor Marilyn Miller at Reformation Lutheran Church, 3806 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee, 53208 or contact the church at 414-444-0440 to arrange a time to drop them off.

God’s work, our hands,
Andrea Cockerham

Memorials and Honorariums

Given in memory of John Finn

Tom and Linda Ertel

Irene McCarthy

Given in memory of Donny Fostner

Janet McCarthy

That's Some Serious Sewing!



“Many people in developing countries don’t have the option of social distancing or frequent handwashing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now says cloth face masks, along with hand washing and social distancing may help reduce transmission.”

Lutheran World Relief is looking to collect and distribute 75,000 masks to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Find more information here:

<https://lwr.org/masks>

Are you up for the challenge?

Tosa Cares continues to seek hand made masks for our Tosa Cares volunteers (need about 1 dozen). They can be dropped off during donation drop off times (Saturdays 10 -11 and Wednesdays (1-2). Many thanks for Mt. Zion's response to help Tosa Cares.



YES! But, how do I make a face mask?

Face mask from bandana: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1r2C1zGUHbU>

Face mask from sewing: https://www.froedtert.com/sites/default/files/files/2020-03/MaskInstructions_V2.pdf

Stewardship

One of the Easiest Ways to Make a Gift to Mt. Zion

Did you know that one of the easiest ways to make a gift to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church is through life insurance? Simply, you can make the church a full or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy that you own or intend to take out.

Another way to leave a life insurance gift to Mt. Zion is to make the church the owner of the policy. Then, you can provide a gift to Mt. Zion each year to pay the premium. The annual premium payment will qualify as a gift to the ministry each year and so may be tax deductible. Mt. Zion will then make the annual payment to keep the policy current.

Examples: Mt. Zion members Janet McCarthy and PJ Boylan have included Mt. Zion in their estate plans. We thank them for their support of Mt. Zion's ministries!

- ◆ "Mt. Zion is an important part of my life, and I grew up in a family that taught the importance of tithing," Janet said. "I feel a sense of community and family at Mt. Zion, and wanted to support its ongoing ministries through my estate." As part of her plan, she designated her estate as the beneficiary her life insurance. In her will, she designated Mt. Zion as one of the beneficiaries of her estate. So indirectly, her life insurance payout will help Mt. Zion continue its important ministries.
- ◆ PJ told us: "I legally assigned to Mt. Zion a small life insurance policy that my parents had purchased for me when I was a baby. The policy was paid up at the time of donation--no further premiums were due. I did this as a donation for a specific fundraising project, which was the renovation that built areas like the Gathering Space, kitchen, Hearth Room, fireplace, and Upper Room. The cash value of the policy at the time was approximately the same as my intended donation."

Learn More: To learn more about life insurance and other gifts, complete the coupon below and mail it to the church office, 12012 W North Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 5322, or send us an email at parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org and we will be in contact with you.

P.S. As a donor, you may choose to designate your donation to a specific ministry or purpose at Mt. Zion, whether it's the Endowment Fund, youth activities, music program, Sunday School, or ask the Pastor for ideas.

Reply Device

I/we __ have __ are interested in including Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in our estate plans. Please contact us. Name _____ Phone _____
_____ email _____

-Stewardship Team

1946-2021



75th Anniversary

Grace Notes Gallery



Can you guess who this is?

Hint: She's still a member at Mt Zion!

Good for a Giggle

ONLINE MEETING

With Video

Audio Only



National Park Service

(Source: National Park Service)

April/ May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Steve D. 4/21
Marsha S. 4/22
Ryan F. 4/22
Jennifer V. 4/23
Jaidyn H. 4/25
Janet M. 4/30
Elizabeth C. 4/30
Mark S. 4/30
Ryan M. 5/2
Meghann S. 5/2
Marleen C. 5/3
Linda D. 5/3
Bob S. 5/3
Nate E. 5/3

Wedding Anniversaries

Kay and Mick C. 4/4
Erik and Jessica P. 4/21

Baptism Anniversaries!

Debbie F. 4/6
Garret J. 4/7
Christian D. 4/7
Jack S. 4/7
Noah F. 4/7
Emma F. 4/7
Taylor U. 4/10
Finley S. 4/12
Becky H. 4/13
Emily S. 4/14
John W. 4/16
Kristin F. 4/17
Chris B. 4/19
Abbey H. 4/22
Hadley P. 4/26
Mark S. 4/27
Connor F. 4/28
Greta S. 4/29
Amy R. 4/29

Scripture Readings for this Week

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35



Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

Science Tidbits

“Let’s Not Rush into Treatments”

The virus that won’t go away is certainly trying our patience and increasing our anxiety as we wait for the availability of an effective vaccine on the long term and perhaps chemical mediation (think hydroxychloroquine) on the short term. Innumerable research teams throughout the world are currently hard at work in vaccine development, but it is a long, complex process. Not only is it challenging to find a vaccine that is effective; there is also a lengthy testing process to confirm both its efficacy and safety. And things can get messy when there is a tendency to overreact to sensational, small sample number studies. In the atmosphere of desperate pressure to begin treating people with promising drugs or vaccines, it may be tempting to take short cuts in the approval process.



The importance of resisting such temptation and carrying out thorough testing cannot be emphasized strongly enough. Two horrific examples as to why occurred during my childhood in the 1950s. The first is a drug called thalidomide, produced by a company in Germany as a sedative to help alleviate the symptoms of morning sickness during early pregnancies. Great Britain approved its distribution to the general public, but the U.S. Food and Drug Administration did not. This drug turned out to be a teratogen, an agent causing malformations during embryonic development. Thousands of British children were born with horrible arm and leg deformities, while, thanks to the FDA’s oversight, America was spared the horror. (I often think how I could have been one of the casualties!).

The second example is the polio vaccine. I, as well as many fellow baby boomers, remember taking the polio vaccine in school. These mass vaccinations saved countless children from the ravages of this disease. But there is a sad chapter to the story. Most vaccines work by inactivating a live virus so that it can stimulate the immune system to produce antibodies without causing the disease. In 1955 more than 200,000 children in the U.S. received a polio vaccine in which the process of inactivating the live virus had been defective. Called the Cutter incident for the company that had produced the vaccine, it caused 40,000 cases of polio. (As a footnote, Jonas Salk, one of the principal developers of the vaccine, was, perhaps undeservedly, denied a Nobel Prize because of this.)

This unfortunate occurrence was a defining moment in the history of vaccine production, causing many changes in oversight and increasing the rigor of the approval process. By the time I was administered the vaccine, thankfully it was several years later, after the new testing procedures had been implemented. Bottom line: the wait is frustrating, but the oversight is necessary.

-Steve Downs

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