

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!

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



THANK YOU

April 20, 1920

Dear Mt Zion Family,

This thank you note is for the many cards and phone calls I have received for John's death. Writing a note or phone call would be too much heart ache. Instead each card will be read and my thoughts will relate to our relationship we shared with all of you over the many years.

We had a beautiful seventy years together and over fifty of them with you people of MZ. What a beautiful gift from GOD that was and we thank each of you during that time we shared together in beautiful MZ.

We now have a church here in CA and are enjoying it. Being with our family in CA is where we belong at this time. MZ will always be first on the list and it is because of the happiness you all shared with us.

I have not met Pastor Tyler but learned about him and I am sure his leadership will be a blessing to MZ. Please know that MZ has been around for a long time and Pastor Tyler will do his best to make sure a good message and give his very best to all of you great people.

Again, many thanks for your thoughts and John loved being there, especially in Kid's Corner as Grandpa John.

Fondly,

Jeanne Finn

WITH SYMPATHY

We were saddened this week to learn of the passing of Joan Beguhl. Joan was a long-time member of Mt Zion. She passed away peacefully on April 28th in her home at the age of 95. The family is planning a very small service for immediate family.

Please keep her daughter, Ann, and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.



THIS WEEK AT MT ZION

<p>Sun May 10</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship on YouTube 9:40a Congregational Meeting Meeting ID: 882-1524-4050 Password: 699815 10:45a Contemporary Worship on YouTube 1:00p Family Sunday School Meeting ID 279-814-460 Password: 828454</p>
<p>Mon May 11</p>	<p>12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer of Facebook</p>
<p>Tues May 12</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 May 13</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 May 14</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 15</p>	<p>12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer of Facebook</p>
<p>Sat May 16</p>	<p>8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study Contact Chris Kress or Andrea Cockerham for more information!</p>
<p>Sun May 17</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship on YouTube 9:40a Adult Forum on Zoom 10:45a Contemporary Worship on YouTube 1:00p Family Sunday School</p>

58 VEHICLES, 2 FIRETRUCKS, 2 STROLLERS...



This was the view from the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church parking lot on Sunday morning, May 3. These modes of transportation and their drivers and riders contributed 200 bags of food for Tosa Cares. There were smiling faces, often difficult to recognize under masks of all kinds. Thank yous were both given and received. A wonderful sense of community was created. It was awesome and uplifting!

These donations (product and financial) help to fill our pantry shelves and relieve food anxiety for us at Tosa Cares and for our Tosa Cares families. They can count on us, and we can count on you, even during a pandemic.

**Another opportunity:
Food Donation Sunday,
May 17,
10 am to 1 pm
Mt. Zion parking lot**

...2 BIKES AND 1 RED FLYER WAGON



Passing on the Blessings.....

As I have phoned, texted, and emailed our Tosa Cares families and met new families in need, I have received so much in return. The responses are so kind, warm of heart, and filled with so much gratitude. I hear stories of how the families are coping and their worries about what is next.

.....my sister just died from COVID 19

.....I listen to the news and tell my family what they need to do to be safe

.....I am so glad to pick up the food in a safe way

.....we are so in need of food

.....I really need diapersI need Depends

.....I have never had to ask for food before. I am now out of work

.....I miss everyone at Tosa Cares

The words I hear the most are **Thank you, God bless you.**

Tosa Cares wants to pass these words on to you. Thank you. God bless you for all the ways you are reaching out and celebrating God's love in the world.

Needed items: any nonperishables, particularly rice, pasta, cereal, cans of fruit with low or no added sugar, vegetables, chicken, and SpaghettiOs with meat, paper products including tp, large size diapers and incontinence products.



Hi Youth - Please attend the group again this Sunday as we try out another Zoom game! The voter's meeting starts at 9:45 and all confirmed-youth should attend that meeting before switching over to the youth meeting at 10:00am.

Last Sunday, we played a game similar to tag. Zach won the first round and Jack won the second. We also talked about the ELCA Youth Gathering coming up in the summer of 2021. I'll send a separate e-mail about it and you can put a placeholder on your calendar. I heard the younger youth really appreciated the perspectives of the older youth and they are excited.

We will continue our curriculum about Adam and Eve from Paul Martin's Inspire with the chapters about guilt. What happens after someone commits the sins?



We will also make time to share our highs and lows. We always pray for one another and so we can thank God and also ask for God's help.

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

Voters Meeting: <http://Zoom.com> Meeting ID: 882-1524-4050 Meeting Password: 699815

Please call with any questions!

God Bless,

-Erik, Erin and Abby

Greeting Card Campaign

Breaking the Chains Church (BtCC) has recently received letters of support for some of the men incarcerated at the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center. In order to have one letter for each man, we are in need of 65 more notes. The format of the notes is fairly simple. Introduce yourself as a member of a church and/or the Task Force. Let the person know they are being prayed for and people are holding them in our thoughts.

If you are able to write some letters, please let Pastor Mark Thompson know via email (pastormarkthompson@earthlink.net). Please include information on how many "thinking of you" notes you are able to provide.

BtCC can arrange to pick up any and all notes at your home, or give you information on where to deliver them. It is hoped to have these notes delivered by May 15, 2020. Thank you in advance for supporting our incarcerated siblings.

Tips for sending letters:

Do not include personal information or an address or phone number. You do not need to put a return address or a stamp on them. It is also recommended that you sign them with only your first name. On the envelope you can write "Felmers Chaney Resident."



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Reformation's S.A.L.T. Summer Youth Ministry Reformation's S.A.L.T. Summer Youth Ministry (Serving and Learning Together) plans to begin another year on June 30 and continues for four weeks into July. In a profound way, these young people are transformed by faith as they transform the neighborhood where they live and minister.

In faith, Reformation leaders plan, kids work, and people lives are changed for the better. Young people grow in their respect for the environment as they change places of despair into places of hope. Elderly and disabled individuals benefit from the youth's work, and appreciate that someone cares. As these young people work on homes year after year, neighborhood residents appreciate their presence, and become motivated to help improve their community. And at the closing celebration during worship service on Sunday, August 2, children and teenagers beam with pride as their parents hear about all the things they have accomplished and students receive backpacks, school supplies and vouchers for buying school clothes.

Reformation's youth ministry is made possible by literally hundreds of faith partners who contribute financially so kids can learn to work, pray, and save for school clothes. Mt Zion, as one of Reformation partner churches, provides lunch for the participants for one of the weeks of this summer ministry. Please consider a gift today.

Faith partners' support makes a difference in the life of Reformation Lutheran Church, and in the lives of the children of the congregation and neighborhood. Together, in faith, they rebuild the foundation of the city one youth at a time.

Linda Ertel

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Given in memory of John Finn

Nancy and Roger Schumacher

Pat and Tom Morgan

Tom and Linda Ertel

Irene McCarthy

SUE JURGEN'S MEMORIAL OPEN

The SJMO committee met to decide how we should approach the 2020 SJMO golf outing honoring Sue Jurgens and supporting breast cancer research at Froedtert Hospital. Of course, we would love nothing more than to bring friends and family together for a fun filled day of golf and laughs while supporting this cause! We love connecting with our donors/sponsors and helping to bring their businesses, restaurants, and services to everyone's attention.

Due to social distancing, clubhouse availability, cart restrictions, and the financial strain on businesses, we believe it is in the best interest of our participants, donors, and sponsors we forgo this year's SJMO. At this time, we have no idea what direction the pandemic/mandates may take. The committee is in agreement and we will POSTPONE until 2021.

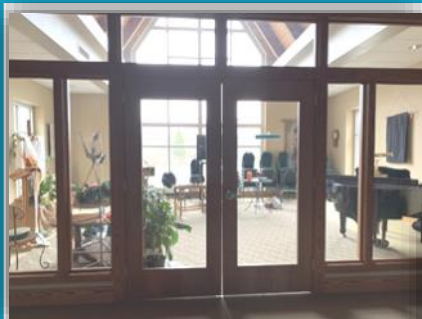
We look forward to seeing our golfers, donors, and sponsors next year when we resume the 5th Annual Sue Jurgens Memorial Open (SJMO).

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY JULY 16, 2021

Thank you,

SJMO Committee

GRACENOTES GALLERY



"Behind the Scenes of
Virtual Sunday Worship"



SCIENCE TIDBITS

“Draconian”

In ancient Greece, prior to the 7th century BC, laws were communicated only by oral means. That meant the socially elite who held the power could manipulate and abuse this oral tradition by claiming holy inspiration that could not be questioned. The people in their frustration clamored for a welldefined legal system.

Have you heard of a man called Draco? He was a Greek lawyer during the 7th century BC who established a written legal code that was publicly available and could be read by common folk. Trouble is, the people got more than they bargained for, because the new laws were severely punitive to the extreme. According to Aristotle, they were written in human blood, not ink. Under Draco’s laws, even minor infractions like stealing a cabbage or loitering were punishable by death. When asked for his reasoning behind the proliferation of the death penalty, Draco remarked that minor offenses deserved nothing less and major offenses were too great for the death penalty to be sufficient.

The word draconian derives from Draco’s name (coined in 1876) to describe repressive punitive measures, and I’m sure you’ve heard the word ad nauseum these past couple of months for the restrictions imposed on society to suppress the spread of Covid-19. By overuse of the terms ‘social distancing’ and ‘draconian,’ they have become permanently ensconced into everyone’s vocabulary. But are the measures that have been taken to battle Covid-19, such as closing restaurants, cancelling sporting events and forbidding social gathering, really “draconian?” Draco himself would have probably laughed at such hyperbole.

So the excessive use of ‘draconian’ has watered down the original intent of the word. Though we are by no means enjoying the sanctions on our liberties, they are necessary to gain some measure of control of the virus. To engage in reckless behavior that leads to your contracting the virus and ultimately dying from it, now that consequence would truly be draconian.

-Steve Downs



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Ryan M. 5/2
Meghann S. 5/2
Marleen C. 5/3
Linda D. 5/3
Bob S. 5/3
Nate E. 5/3
Owen A. 5/5
Betsy G. 5/5
Charlie S. 5/5
George R. 5/7
Della S. 5/7
Maya S. 5/7
Arihanna H. 5/8
Isabella R. 5/9
Leah C. 5/14
Joanne B 5/15
Pat M. 5/15
Mae E 5/16
AJ K. 5/18
Steve H. 5/18
Stephanie I. 5/19
Barbara G. 5/21
Joyce N. 5/22
William S. 5/23
Oliva A. 5/24
Norma H. 5/25
Finley S. 5/25
Kendall H. 5/26
Peg P. 5/27
Pam K. 5/29
Jack S. 5/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Jim and Lisa M. 5/6
Mike and Deni N 5/6
Jamie D and Stephanie I
5/12
Kurt and Debbie K 5/15
Matt C and Marika M
5/29
Bob and Marleen C 5/30

Baptism Anniversaries

Connor M. 5/1
Alex M. 5/1
Kaylyn N. 5/1
Marsha S. 5/1
Lexi G. 5/1
Barb V. 5/2
Zach P. 5/2
Louise H. 5/4
Abby P. 5/6
Amanda S. 5/7
Owen G. 5/8
Robert H. 5/9
Emma B. 5/20
Abraham B. 5/20
Matthew M. 5/21
Deni N. 5/21
Wyatt S. 5/24
Dave F. 5/27
Jada G. 5/27
Michael F. 5/27
Della S. 5/28
Ryan M. 5/30
Siena K. 5/31
Mark S. 5/31

Scripture Readings for this Week

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

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