

Worship Services

Sundays

8:30am Traditional
9:40am Adult Forum
10:45am Contemporary

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!

New Worship Times

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Starting July 5th, in response to the pandemic and to keep everyone safe, we are going to begin worshipping at the following times:

Traditional Service on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Resuming In-Person Worship

Starting July 12th, in-person worship will resume for both the traditional and the contemporary service. Both services will continue to be livestreamed; you may continue to participate in worship via livestream.

In-person worship is changing in various ways in response to this pandemic. This coming week you'll receive a letter detailing the changes, but the biggest things you need to know are:

- ◆ You must wear a mask (unless you're under 2-years-old).
- ◆ Due to limited seating, you need to sign up to attend in-person worship. You can sign up online [here](#).
- ◆ We will contact you each time it's your turn to worship in-person.
- ◆ The doors will opened 15 minutes before the service and will be closed 10 minutes after the service begins.
- ◆ The south entrance to the church will not be open. Use the main entrance on the north. (see page 4 for map).

Again, all these changes are in response to the pandemic and the many logistical issues needed to be addressed in order to maximize safety while together. We will reevaluate everything before our fall programming resumes in September or whenever circumstances majorly change. Please bear with us during these changes and continue to love one another.

Semi –Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 28th

9:40am

Meeting ID: 973 6894 1752

Password: 561375

Or Call 312-626-6799

Proposed Mission and Vision

The Proposed New Mission Statement:

Living our faith in the Triune God, we are creating a joyful community, welcoming and including all people, and courageously working for justice.

The Proposed New Vision Statement:

As a result of God's love for us, everyone at Mt Zion will know themselves as a reflection of God's image, worthy of life and love, and will be so energized by the Gospel that they will share the grace of Christ in all they do and with everyone they meet.

Scripture Readings for This Week

Jeremiah 28: 5-9 Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

This Week at Mt Zion

<p>Sun June 28</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship on https://youtu.be/xKrR3Nw4eUw 9:45a Semi Annual Meeting on Zoom 10:00a Youth Group Meeting ID: 810 9031 6665 Password: 780317 10:45a Contemporary Worship on https://youtu.be/xKrR3Nw4eUw</p>
<p>Mon June 29</p>	<p>12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer of Facebook 6:00p Outreach Meeting on Zoom</p>
<p>Tues June 30</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 July 1</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 July 2</p>	<p>12:00p 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook</p>
<p>Fri July 3</p>	<p>Office Closed in Observation of Independence Day</p>
<p>Sat July 4</p>	<p>Independence Day  8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study on Zoom Meeting ID 865535477 (No Password) Or call in at 1-312-626-6799</p>
<p>Sun July 5</p>	<p>8:30a Traditional Worship on YouTube 9:40a Adult Forum on Zoom 10:00a Youth Group on Zoom 10:45a Contemporary Worship on YouTube</p>



Camp 24 Family Camp

July 11-12, 2020 | 11 am Saturday – 11 am Sunday

Cost: \$45 per person

Discover all that Lutherdale has to offer your family during 24 hours at camp! Families will make memories as they participate in campfires, Bible study, arts & crafts, waterfront activities, the challenge course, and visit animals at the Farm! Explore camp together and strengthen your relationships with one another as you play in God’s creation.



<https://www.lutherdale.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Camp-24-Grandparent-Grandchild-2020.pdf>

So which door can I use?

On July 12th, our doors will reopen. But which doors exactly? If you’re in need of a map, we’ve got you covered!

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Conversations on Race and Our Faith

Sunday, June 28

3:-00 to 4:15pm

The events of the last few week, particularly the killing of George Floyd, has brought us to a deeper awareness of the sin of racism in our world. How are we as people of faith responding? What help do we need to speak the Gospel in a time like this?

Our Synod Antiracism Team is offering this opportunity for us as church people to talk about how we are feeling and what we need to do to address the issue of racial injustice. We hope you can be part of one of them. Members of our team will help guide the conversation.

Registration is required to join this virtual meeting.

[Register Here](#)

“Yes, I Will Commit!”

Beyond statements and prayers, we are called to also act and respond to injustices. We invite you to sign the pledge, “I commit to study, prayer and action to become an anti-racist individual in an anti-racist church,” and share your participation on social media using [#ELCA4Justice](#).

Screenshot our template in our Story to create your own pledge!
Click here to sign the pledge: <https://elca.org/racialjusticepledge>

#ELCA4Justice



Pledge to commit to Anti-Racism



Tosa Cares

TOSA CARES FIRST SUMMER DONATION DROP OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, June 28, from 10 am to 1 pm

Just drive up and drop off your food and/or personal care donations at the Mt. Zion parking lot between 10 am and 1 pm.

Your donations will help fill the pantry during this summer of the pandemic. You will be donating in a safe manner and our Tosa Cares family food boxes will get filled during a difficult time. We all thank you!

About All Those Hugs

My cousin Linda and I were comparing notes on our weekend as we packed up to go home. Last October we had combined our biennial cousin's reunion, with a joyous celebration of Aunt Marj's 100th birthday. Throughout the weekend we gathered with about 100 close- and distant-relatives and family friends. "Now we've got to head back to real life," I sighed. Linda answered, "Yeah, I hope I don't go back to work tomorrow and start hugging everybody."

Remember those days when we felt safe to exchange hugs? The feelings of love, affection and joy at seeing each other brought lots of hugs and smiles and greetings. If the friendly hugs are really gone for good, I will miss them. I hope we don't have to wait for heaven to hug again.

-Pat Cambell

Science Tidbits

“He was a good dog”

Today an air of sadness pervades our house like a dense fog. Yesterday we had the heart-wrenching experience of having our pet vizsla put to sleep. He was exactly 100 years old (in human years). For over fourteen years he was an integral member of our family, and our grief at his loss is intense.

Raising a [vizsla](#) is labor intensive. This breed of dog is so active and full of energy that they require a boatload of attention and large daily doses of exercise, but the payback is immeasurable. Any love you can throw at them will be multiplied many times in return. They are exceptionally loyal and, in my experience, don't have a mean bone in their body.

Since 1987, we have raised two vizslas, both named Gunther (G1 and G2). Their unconditional love made them perfect therapy dogs for our children; they were sociable to a fault, sticking to your side like velcro; and they were fun-loving and affectionate companions. They embellished our lives in so many ways, and we are healthier for it, because they: improved our heart health, helped keep us fit and active physically and socially, reduced our stress, helped us stave off depression and gave our lives more meaning.

But with all of the positive aspects of dog ownership, there is one feature that is profoundly painful to experience, the eventual deterioration of your pet's health. G1 developed a mast cell tumor just prior to his fourteenth birthday, and we made the difficult, but obvious, decision to relieve him of his suffering. But sometimes the decision is not that easy. Sometimes what we think is compassion on our part can turn out to be something different. Such was the case with G2. In his fourteenth year, he lost most of his sight and hearing;

his body was wracked with arthritis; and he became confused, so much so that one night he delivered quite a serious bite to my hand. But I was too blinded by my love for him to do the compassionate thing. The final straw came when he began to fall over when trying to relieve himself outside.

So this past Monday, I reluctantly made an appointment to have him put to sleep on Friday. My son, wife and I had four days to emotionally prepare for his impending departure from our lives, but it didn't diminish the eventual mental anguish of the actual event. We were there together, holding him, comforting him and shedding tears as he left this world, finding peace and hopefully reaching a better place.

I write this to emphasize the power and value of pet ownership. For some people, this will be one of the most consistently loving relationships of their lives. Now with his passing, only positive memories dominate: how he could melt your heart, suck the love right out of you, force your kinder, gentler thoughts to the surface. Farewell, my friend. Thanks for all you've given me. I will miss you.

-Steve Downs



July Mission of the Month

Backpack Kickoff Begins this Month!

Here it is the middle of summer – and we're starting off BACKPACK SEASON!

That's right...the annual "Backpack Drive" for Tosa Cares begins in July.

Right after the July 4th Holiday school supply sales begin.

We are not sure what school will look like in the fall, but we know school supplies will be needed.

You may make a financial contribution to this mission and we will shop for you.

If you are willing to shop, we will need **backpacks** for elementary through high school ages— along with the following list of items so all children will come to school with school supplies:

Pencils	Wide Lined Notebooks	Pink Erasers
Colored Pencils	Packets of Wide Lined Paper	Rulers
Pencil Cases/Pouches	Some College Lined Notebooks	Protractors
Blue, Black & Red Pens		Compass
Blunt Scissors	Packets of College Lined Paper	Crayons
Glue Sticks	Index Cards	Calculators
Fine Tip Markers	Subject Dividers	Highlighters
Broad Markers	Pocket Folders	Binders



***Please make your financial gifts to purchase the needed supplies which can be enclosed in the July Mission of the Month envelope.**

***We will have designated drop off times for backpacks and supplies in August. Backpack Drop off Sunday will be Sunday, August 9th.**

Thank you to all who have helped in the past — and to those who are willing and able to help this year. The children need us now, more than ever.


Pride Service Sunday Night

It has been over 50 years since the Stonewall Riots thrust LGBTQIA+ rights into the public conversation. Many strides have been made in the 21st century, from marriage rights to the landmark Supreme Court decision this month, understanding Title 7 as including protections from discrimination due to gender identity or sexuality.

June 28, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) will be having their own Pride worship on Facebook and YouTube at 6pm, celebrating 30 years since the work to welcome and accept LGBTQIA+ people as ordained ministers began. ELM is a ministry the works beside ReconcilingWorks to build the ELCA into an inclusive church. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

-Pastor Tyler

Prayer List



Access This Week's
Prayer List

[Here](#)

Grace Notes Gallery

Pastor Tyler has been interviewing members for short video about various ministries. Here is a behind-the-scenes photo from his interview with Jean Morak (from a safe distance). Be sure to watch out for these videos real soon!



What's Your Mantra?

Here's a beautiful mantra from member Lucy Fischer
that may help you with your days ahead:

Be Flexible

Trust God

Follow Jesus

Find Joy

June/July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jim Y. 6/25
Tyler P. 6/26
Andrew K. 6/28
Don F. 6/29
Bridget K. 6/29
Keegan K. 6/29
Rich D. 6/30
Brett M. 6/30
Kyle C. 7/1
Vince P. 7/1
Robert G. 7/1
Jeff P. 7/2
Hadley P. 7/2
Wendy B. 7/3
Samuel M. 7/3
Anthony F. 7/3
Tyler R. 7/4
Maggie M. 7/5
Carole S. 7/5
Samuel B. 7/5
Tom E. 7/6
Geoff H. 7/7
Tony C. 7/8
Lorna S. 7/8
Gabriella R. 7/8
Katie C. 7/8
David Y. 7/8
Anne M. 7/11
Ellyn S. 7/11
Eli B. 7/12
Bella B. 7/18
Jayson P. 7/19
Norm W. 7/19
Ben C. 7/19
Tyler F. 7/19
Peter M. 7/20

Wedding Anniversaries

Dick and Norma H. 6/25
Dave and Lora M. 6/26
Jeb and Chris B. 6/26
Kim and Sue M. 6/26
Joyce and Tony S. 7/6
Steve and Sherry D. 7/7
Eric and Lisa B. 7/18
Joe and N D. 7/24
Mark and Lisa J. 7/17
Shelly and Diane 7/31
Melissa and Jim S. 7/31

Baptism Anniversaries

Alexander H. 6/25
Kathryn M. 6/30
Kristin M. 6/30
Rich D. 7/1
Kyle F. 7/2
Elena B. 7/3
Jacob B. 7/3
Nate E. 7/6
Natalie B 7/6
Alex H. 7/8
Gwenivere A. 7/9
Jesse C. 7/18
Carter C. 7/18
Kylee L. 7/18
Kendall H. 7/21
Owen A. 7/23
David Y. 7/28
Grace Y. 7/28
Kristina W. 7/28
Peg P. 7/29

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