

Worship Services

Sundays

9:00am Traditional

Wednesdays

6:30pm Contemporary

Office Hours

Office remains closed.

Parish Administrator

available by phone

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday from 9:00am to
3:00pm.

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!**

10:45am Service is Back!

(Rebroadcast of Wednesdays)

All who love our second service: You want to worship on Sundays. You want contemporary music. You want to praise God with the people you love, even if only together via YouTube chat. We understand. You know we've had to make some hard decisions during this pandemic, and though we're don't think it's safe yet to have multiple in-person services on Sunday morning, we're gonna do the next best thing: Every Sunday at 10:45 a.m., the contemporary service from Wednesdays will be rebroadcast over our Sunday livestream.

Why not have two in-person services on Sunday? Simply reopening was a huge step taken only after much precaution. We are the only ELCA Lutheran congregation in the area that has resumed indoor worship, and that's because we are blessed with a large sanctuary that has a good air system. With those blessings, we felt one group of people could worship safely if everyone stays in their spots and remains social-distances (often, more than twice the CDC recommendations). But what happens when a second group comes in? How can we make the space is safe for the next group that will be sitting in the same spots the previous group sat in?

When we were making these decisions in June, there were two options. The first was get a crew of volunteers, put them in a potentially unsafe space, invest in rigorous cleaning methods, and hope. This seemed overwhelming and more than we could ask of our members. The second was spread the services out and let nature do its work. When we were making these decisions, we didn't know how long the virus lasts in the air; studies at that time suggested 2-3 days! Some studies now are suggesting only a few hours, but the results remain preliminary. Until more information is available, we decided the safest thing to do was separate the services by a matter of days. Just like our spacing of the congregation, we decided to err on the side of extreme caution.

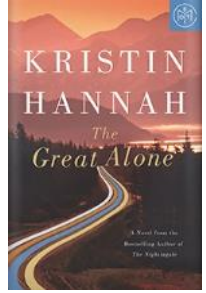
As we learn more about what it takes to make worship safe, we'll work to bring our contemporary service back to live on Sundays, but for now our top priority is keeping everyone safe. We hope you will continue to support us as we make these tough decision, and we continue to do our best to be creative while supporting you and loving God and neighbor.

Book Club

Monday July 27, 2020 at 7:00pm on Zoom

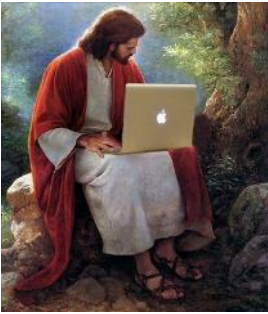
The Great Alone, by Kristin Hannah

Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.



Host Pat Campbell

Jesus in the Age of Screens



Trying to Follow Jesus in the Age of Screens and Covid?

Mark your calendars for

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25
from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

for a series the Greater Milwaukee Synod is putting together with Jamie Domm, author of the book "Digital Discipleship and Evangelism".

Watch here for more details in the coming weeks.

Prayer List



This Week at Mt Zion

Sun July 26	9:00a Traditional Worship https://youtu.be/hHEV4Ecih0M 10:00a TOSA Cares Donation Drop-Offs Until 1:00pm
Mon July 27	12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer of Facebook 7:00pm Book Club Meeting ID 856 6352 1107 Password 920256
Tues July 28	10:00a Staff Meeting 12:12p 12 Minutes of Prayer of Facebook 8:00p Writers Circle Meeting ID 711 638 007 Password 113585
Wed July 29	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 6:30p Contemporary Worship https://youtu.be/D001_mQyunQ
Thurs July 30	12:00p 12 Minutes of Prayer on Facebook
Fri July 31	
Sat August 1	8:30a Women of Heart Bible Study on Zoom Meeting ID 865535477 (No Password) Or call in at 1-312-626-6799
Sun August 2	9:00a Traditional Worship on YouTube



Outdoor Movie and Bonfire!

Wednesday, July 29th

7:00pm to approx. 10:30pm

“Evan Almighty”

In Jack’s Backyard

We will continue to practice social distancing and CDC guidelines to stay safe.

Individually bagged popcorn, drinks and snacks will be provided.

Capping off our study of the Noah unit with a modern day twist!



Spyglass Entertainment & Relativity Media’s “Evan Almighty”. 2007.

TOSA Cares Donation Drop-Off



Today!

July 26

10:00am to 1:00pm



Donations of
Personal hygiene products,
Food,
Cleaning products,
And school supplies
will be accepted



School District Feeding Families in Need

From the date physical school buildings closed in March, the Wauwatosa School District has provided more than 48,000 meals to students and families. Now, effective immediately, the District has approval from the Department of Public Instruction to extend our meal program to serve non-District community members who may also benefit from this free service.

Meals may be picked up between **11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Mondays at Whitman Middle School** (11100 W. Center Street) and on **Tuesdays at Longfellow Middle School** (7600 W. North Avenue). [Please click here to place your order.](#) If you're in need of transportation to/from a meal pick-up location, please contact Food Services at (414) 773-2635 to make arrangements.

	July 19 Sunday 9:00 am	July 22 Wednesday 6:30 pm	July 26 Sunday 9:00 am	July 29 Wednesday 6:30 pm	August 2 Sunday 9:00 am
ACOLYTES					
ALTAR CARE					
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Erik Peterson	Cynthia Rigsby	Andrea Cockerham	Erik Peterson	Cynthia Rigsby
COMMUNION DEACONS					
GREETERS	Andrea Cockerham and ?	Sandra Echols and Dorothy Snead	Vince and Barbara Pipia		
LECTORS					
NURSERY	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available
USHERS	Matt Czervionke, Mari Moore, and Dorothy Snead	Richard Pearson	Jim and Donna Zarek		
OFFERING STEWARDS					
AUDIO/VISUAL	John and Lynda Yanny	John and Lynda Yanny	Marciniak Family	Johnson Family	Marciniak Family

Aug. 2 Sunday 9:00 am	Aug. 5 Wednesday 6:30 pm	Aug. 9 Sunday 9:00 am	Aug. 12 Wednesday 6:30 pm	Aug.16 Sunday 9:00 am	Aug. 19 Wednesday 6:30 pm
Thia Rigsby					
unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available	unstaffed nursery available
niak Family	Marciniak Family				

Worship In-Person

Do you want to worship in-person?

Reminder to everyone: If you want to join us for in-person worship, you need to do things:

Fill out the form online or return the form you received in the mail last month.

This is due to greatly limited seating at this time of pandemic. We don't want to have to turn anyone away at the door, so we need people to register first so that we can make sure there's seats for everyone.

Arrive before worship begins.

In order to keep everyone safe, we teach and enforce our safety measures as people enter the building. But those doing hospitality and ushering want to worship as well. So when worship begins, the doors are closed to make sure someone who doesn't come in who isn't practicing appropriate safety measures and therefore puts everyone else in the building at risk. If you arrive late, you won't get in. This is not meant to be rude; it is simply necessary at this time for the safety of all.

Thank you for being understanding of our changes at this time. We are trying our best to make space for people to gather but ensure that the gatherings we have are safe. We do not want to become a hotspot of infection. Every step we're taking is for our collective safety.

Snow Removal

Do you know anyone in the snow removal business?

We are looking for a new contractor to plow our parking lots and blow our sidewalks this winter, so we would appreciate recommendations, especially if you know someone that would give us a "friends and family" discount :)!

If you have any suggestions, please send them to the Property Committee (marydouglasjohnson@gmail.com).



Science Tidbits

"Parents are Victims, Too"

Much of our self-image is shaped by how others see and treat us. And when our peers decide to pick on and bully us, there are often serious mental health repercussions, including lower self-esteem, self-harm and academic failure. Moreover, the impact often persists long after the mistreatment has ended. To this day, I carry with me a particularly traumatic episode I experienced in 5th grade.

Many studies have been carried out to document the adult outcomes of adolescent bullying. The best subjects are identical (monozygotic) twins, and where there is a history of one twin being bullied but not the other, follow-up studies later in life consistently show serious socializing problems in the one but not the other.

These outcomes may come as no surprise, but I would like to discuss another victim of bullying, the parents of the bullied child. One of my children experienced bullying in grade school and, while my child was not particularly adept at reading social cues at the time, as a parent I became an expert at recognizing such cues and anticipating peer behavior. Consequently, I did my best to steer my child away from situations that would precipitate more emotional trauma. I know that my child still carries deep scars from those childhood experiences.

But so do I. While much has been written about the psychological fallout in bully victims, I have seen little that addresses the other victims of bullying—namely, the parents. During that period in my child's life, I, too, suffered an agonizing psychological crisis. My anger over the inhumanity of peers knew no bounds, and I was continually on edge as a protective parent. To this day, my physiological response when witnessing bullying is intense and immediate.

Which brings me to what motivated this tidbits. I never use social media, but inadvertently came across an article this morning describing a meme that cropped up a few years ago that apparently has taken social media by storm. It is an arbitrary name given to middle-aged white women who are thought to be behaving badly in a manner suggesting a sense of entitlement. And in so doing, that name has become popular as a pejorative for this type of behavior that has also been tied to a particular hair cut style. And my stomach is churning.

The name? Karen. Well, that happens to be my daughter's name. My sweet, gentle, kind Karen. At a time when everything is being sanitized in the interest of political correctness, this meme is spreading unchecked like wildfire to make fun of a particular segment of the population. When the term racism is reflexively invoked against anyone at the slightest perceived offense, this racist meme gets little pushback. With the current nonstop focus on racism, shouldn't we be outraged at all examples of it?

How did things get to be this way? How are women who have carried that name since birth supposed to deal with such insensitivity? Cyberbullying is a new mental health crisis, and once again, as a parent, I am feeling the emotional pain.

—Steve Downs

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Bella B. 7/18
Jayson P. 7/19
Norm W. 7/19
Ben C. 7/19
Tyler F. 7/19
Peter M. 7/20
Steve K. 7/21
Lynda Y. 7/21
Jase F. 7/21
Hunter F. 7/21
Michael C. 7/23
Melody F. 7/23
Donald S. 7/25
John Y. 7/28
Aidan M. 7/29
Kylee L. 7/29
Hayden P. 7/29
Douglas J. 7/31

Wedding Anniversaries

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

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

Scripture Readings for This Week

1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119: 129-136
Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21



Good for a Giggle

Do you have a “good for a giggle” joke or funny picture you’d like to share?

Send it in!

parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org

Or mail it to church.

Backpack for the Future!

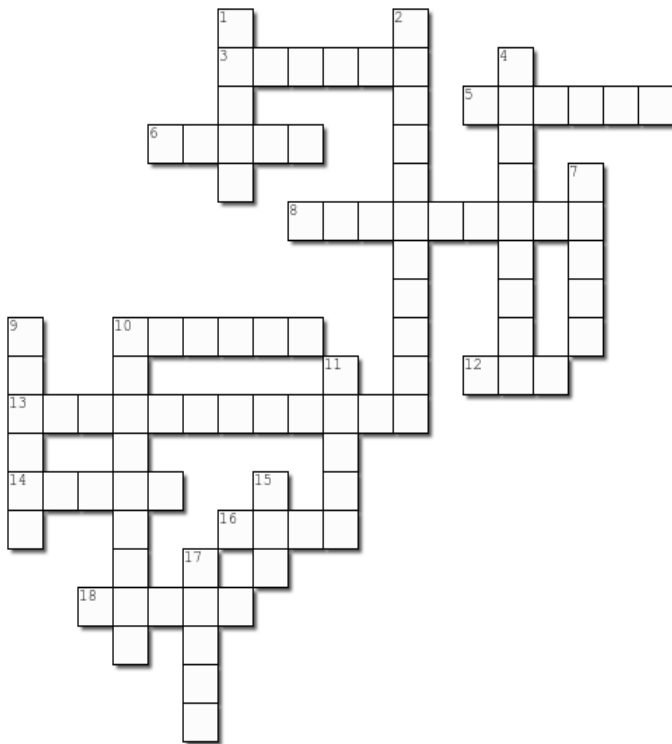
The July mission of the month is school supplies and backpacks for students returning to classes (in-person or virtually) in the fall.

The Sunday Crossword

Name: _____

Mt Zion Crossword

Complete the Crossword. Answers will be available in next week's edition.



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

- Alternative place for worship
- TOSA Cares Food _____
- Material of the cross above the altar
- Gather here for worship
- Shape of the altar
- The seat harder than my couch
- Selfless work done to help one another
- The only entrance currently open on Sundays
- A celebratory liquid
- A life staple made from flour, water, and yeast

Down

- MZY is this group
- We are a '_____' in Christ' Community
- Mary whose commemoration date is July 22
- Pastor Rasmussen
- Simply _____, online offering system
- A quiet place to sit outdoors
- Study this on Wednesdays
- Mt Zion was founded in 194____
- 12012 _____ North Ave
- how to show love for one another during COVID

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