

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, tal-  
ents, and resources

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

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### Homework Assignment:

Send in your school pictures for  
the

### Back-to-School Blessing

More info in article.



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Saturday, September 12

### GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Day of Service



# Back-To-School Blessing

This year, maybe more than ever, we need to bless everyone going back to school. During worship on September 13<sup>th</sup> (and the following Wednesday), we are going to bless everyone going back to school this year: Children, college students, teachers, and anyone else working at a school. In preparation for our blessing, we want your pictures.

Send a picture of anyone in your household who is going back to school:

- With their backpack
- Or on their first day of school
- Or by their computer for virtual learning
- Or with their lesson plans in hand
- Or any good picture you want to share!

**Submit pictures** to [parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org](mailto:parishadmin@mtzionlutheran.org) to be included in our celebration slideshow. Include with your pictures the grades of those in the picture or their jobs at school (names will not be displayed with the pictures for privacy reasons). Then join us on September 13<sup>th</sup> as we bless this school year and prayer for great learning, wonderful friends, and God's protection.



## Bibles For Kids

Do you need a good at-home bible for kids (12yo and under)? Planning to spend more time inside this winter due to the weather and the pandemic and need something for your kids to read? If enough interest is shown, Mt Zion will place a group order.



Reply to [reception@mtzionlutheran.org](mailto:reception@mtzionlutheran.org)

Requests due by September 25.

Payment to church due upon delivery (if cost is an issue, please contact the church at 414-258-0456).

Bible descriptions:

**Frolic First Bible:** Board book with 20 bible stories

**Frolic Preschool Bible:** 20 Bible stories at a preschool level

**Spark Story Bible:** 150 Bible stories great for reading to 3 to 10 year olds

**Whirl Story Bible** (we'd order the classroom edition): 100 Bible stories great for kids who are just beginning chapter books

# This Week at Mt Zion

<p>Sun September 6</p>	<p>9:00a <b>Traditional Worship</b> at <a href="https://youtu.be/2T8uhXCXd-w">https://youtu.be/2T8uhXCXd-w</a> 10:45am <b>Rebroadcast of 8/30 Contemporary Worship</b></p>
<p>Mon September 7</p>	<p><b>Labor Day— Office Closed</b> 7:00pm <b>NA 12-step group</b> MTZ Courtyard</p>
<p>Tues September 8</p>	<p>10:00a <b>Staff Meeting</b> 12:12p <b>12 Minutes of Prayer</b> of <a href="#">Facebook</a> 6:00p <b>Writers Circle</b> Meeting ID 711 638 007 Password: 113585</p>
<p>Wed September 9</p>	<p>12:00p <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> on Zoom Meeting ID 763-027-694 Password 985667 1:00p <b>Prayer Warriors</b> on Zoom Meeting ID 763-027-694 Password 985667 6:30p <b>Contemporary Worship</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/3M8U9giN2BA">https://youtu.be/3M8U9giN2BA</a></p>
<p>Thurs September 10</p>	<p>12:00p <b>12 Minutes of Prayer</b> on <a href="#">Facebook</a> 5:30p <b>Voices of Zion Rehearsal</b> MTZ Parking Lot 6:45p <b>Festival Bells Rehearsal</b> Sanctuary</p>
<p>Fri September 11</p>	<p><b>7:00p ACA 12-Step Group</b> Room 101 <b>7:30p Essay 12-Step Group</b> Meeting Virtually</p>
<p>Sat September 12</p>	<p>8:30a <b>Women of Heart Bible Study</b> on Zoom Meeting ID 865535477 (No Password) Or call in at 1-312-626-6799 9:30a <b>God's Work Our Hands</b> Day of Service at Mt Zion</p>
<p>Sun September 13</p>	<p>9:00a <b>Traditional Worship</b> on YouTube 10:45am <b>Rebroadcast of 9/9 Contemporary Worship</b></p>



# God's Work Our Hands

**Station 1:** Here is an opportunity to get your hands dirty! There will be a pile of potting soil, small pots and plants to put in them. These will be given to our homebound members.

**Station 2:** If your child likes to draw, they could include a “handwritten” note or picture with each potted plant.

**Station 3:** At this station, kids will assemble “Care Packages” for our Tosa Cares families including, treats, masks, and more. There are 180 bags to fill so you will be busy.

**Station 4:** Each Care Package will include a heart note which needs art work and a message. Art supplies will be provided.

The Middle School/High School kids will play an integral part in making the day a success by being **project leaders:** helping with set up, leading the outdoor activities, and cleaning up. A couple of youth volunteers are also needed at Tosa Cares to help carry food boxes and school supplies to Tosa Cares families who are picking up items that morning.

Our sister church, Reformation Lutheran, has asked for at least four adults, but no more than eight, for several special projects at the church. We need at least two adults who feel comfortable on ladders because we are adding string lights to the large front windows. The other projects are related to the store. Please plan to be available for about three hours. We can carpool from Mt. Zion.

And for people who want to participate, but can't leave home or are not comfortable with leaving home, there are two options:

**Option 1:** Sending notes of greeting to our homebound members. We will supply names and commercial greeting cards. But if you like, a note on nice stationery, a homemade card, or a drawing from a child (or an adult) are other ways to let them know Mt. Zion is thinking about them.



**Option 2:** Helping our Prison Ministry by writing notes to people associated with our congregation who are incarcerated. A list of names, addresses, note cards, suggested topics and return address labels with the church's address will be provided.



Please follow this link to sign up { <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EA8A629A46-gods> }, or call the church at 414-258-0456 and leave a message to RSVP.

Looking forward to having you join us on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> as we do **God's work with our hands!**

**-Andrea Cockerham**

# Roll Out the Barrels

Your administrator, Jess Monahan, has been a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan. The night this picture was taken was just after we told my parents we were expecting our daughter. My mom sat in Miller Park already looking up cute baby clothes online while we watched Kris Bryant warm up off the third base line. The fact the Cubs won was really just the icing on top.



Anyway, Jess wants to pitch this deal to all of you (no pun intended) — If Mt Zion completes ALL the project goals for **God’s Work Our Hands**, she will wear a Milwaukee Brewers shirt everyday for an entire week! She’ll send a daily picture to social media guy, Douglas Johnson, so he can post it as proof!

If at least three youth sign up and participate as project leaders, Jess will record herself singing “Roll out the Barrels”. She’ll do her best to maybe even add in a little polka dancing.

So sign up now and knock these wonderful projects out of the park if you want to see Jess sporting Brewers blue and yellow!

## Blood Donors Needed!

Due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 in our communities and hospitals now increasing surgery schedules, we are facing an immediate need for blood donations. To get the blood supply to a safe level, Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin is urging all eligible donors 16+ to donate at blood drives as soon as possible. There are TONS of appointment slots still open! Coming up in Tosa:

• **Friday, September 11, 1 to 5 p.m.** at the Wauwatosa Fire Department Station 51 (1601 Underwood Avenue). [Make an appointment here.](#)

Versiti is pleased to announce that the [SARS CoV-2 antibody test](#), AKA COVID-19 Antibody Test (CAT), will be performed on all blood donations as part of their standard testing.

**Ministry Schedule S**

	<b>Sept. 6 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>Sept. 9 Wednesday 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Sept. 13 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>Sept. 16 Wednesday 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Sept. 20 Sunday 9:00 am</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>					
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>					
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	Andrea Cockerham	Cynthia Rigsby	Rich Robinson	Mavis Roesch	Andrea Cockerham
<b>COMMUNION DEACONS</b>					
<b>GREETERS</b>	Vince and Barbara Pipia	Jill Werner	Kent and Margie Spicer	Dorothy Snead	Dave Fohr
<b>LECTORS</b>					
<b>USHERS</b>	Jim and Melissa Stuczynski	Richard Pearson	Matt Czervionke & Mari Moore	Richard Pearson	Jim and Melissa Stuczynski
<b>OFFERING STEWARDS <u>MONDAY</u></b>					
<b>AUDIO/VISUAL</b>	Lynda & John Yanny	Marciniak Family	Douglas Johnson	Lynda & John Yanny	Erik Peterson and Abby Sumiec

ur Church work! Thank you!

**Sept. 6- Oct. 7, 2020**

	<b>Sept. 23 Wednesday 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Sept. 27 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>Sept. 30 Wednesday 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Oct. 4 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>Oct. 7 Wednesday 6:30 pm</b>	
n Cynthia Rigsby	Linda Ertel	Mavis Roesch	Rich Robinson	Cynthia Rigsby		
Jill Werner	Vince and Barbara Pipia	Doug Dralle	Kent and Margie Spicer			
Dorothy Snead	Matt Czervionke & Mari Moore	Richard Pearson	Jim and Donna Zarek	Dorothy Snead		
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# Challenging Times In Kenosha

On Wednesday, September 2, people from across Southwest Wisconsin gathered at Grace Lutheran Church in Kenosha Wisconsin to pray, confess, and lament in the wake of the shooting of Jacob Blake by police and the shooting of three people in the protests which followed.

Clergy, “challenged themselves to take a hard look at the conditions that were already in place, confessing to the shortcomings that as whites they must do a better job to understand the underlying racism. They stressed listening to Black clergy and community members who have lived in fear of law enforcement that are supposed to protect and serve.” ([Kenosha News, “Clergy We Must Confront Racism.”](#))

“They asked the people gathered to reflect on how they had been complicit in or benefited from systemic racism and to consider one concrete step they can take.

“Then the Rev. Kara Baylor, campus pastor at Carthage College, offered a few suggestions specifically for the white members who overwhelmingly make up the ELCA. Those suggestions included educating themselves about race and racism, joining peaceful protests and learning how systemic racism impacts policy — not all policies, but, for each person, ‘the thing you are called to do.’

And, Baylor said, ‘Be open to a change of heart.’

‘Only if we are honest about what is happening can we change the world. We are here to change the world, to change Kenosha, to change our hearts,’ she added.” (Excerpt from [Religionnews.com “Kenosha Prayer Vigil at ELCA Church”](#)).

## Bishop Erickson’s Update on Kenosha

We will continue to provide updates from the congregations and ministries in Kenosha as they are available, and those wishing to contribute financially can send donations to the GMS Kenosha Support Fund by any of the following methods:

By MAIL: Send your contribution marked "Kenosha Support Fund" to the synod office at PO Box 341695, Milwaukee, WI 53234. Please make checks payable to Greater Milwaukee Synod with "Kenosha Support Fund" in the memo line.

[Donate Online](#)

select "Kenosha Support Fund" from the dropdown menu.

**We are church together, for the sake of the world.**

Bishop Paul Erickson  
Greater Milwaukee Synod



# Justice Challenge Submission

Words from St. Peter - "Cast all your anxieties on God, for God cares about you" (1 Peter 5:7). God cares! Words from Jesus - "I have compassion on the crowd ..." (Mark 8:2). Jesus had compassion!

Care and compassion. Several years ago, during another trying time of trouble and turmoil in our nation and world, there was a popular poster. On it were these words: Caution! Human Beings Here. Handle With Care!



To be cautious is to be careful: to be careful is to be full of care for ourselves and others. The opposite of being careful is being careless: that is, caring less about ourselves and others than we should be.

To be compassionate is to feel (pathos) deeply with (com) and for others. Both care and compassion are expressions of love: and the opposite of love is not hate, it is apathy (no feeling) and indifference which leads to all kinds of pain and suffering for individuals, communities and nations.

The call for care and compassion comes from many times, people, and places. It's heard from the lips and life of Jesus whose care and compassion motivated and moved him to use his power to help and to heal. The call to care is heard in the words of the philosopher Hegel who concluded: "Caring is the greatest thing. Caring matters most." The call is also heard in the words of a young woman who knew her life was ending and wrote, "The only thing that really matters is feeling and caring deeply - and living what you believe, so long as it's more than a belief about your own personal comfort." Today, who cannot hear the call for care and compassion from those suffering greatly as they feel the pain of poverty, prejudice, oppression, injustice, and illness?

Those calls need to be heard and heeded by people of faith and no religious faith, but especially by Christian people. Our identity as Christians is in our baptism and our faith and trust in the grace of God seen and shown supremely in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; but our lives are to be characterized by our care and compassion. Our prayer needs to be that we will be among those who feel deeply, care greatly, think clearly, and act bravely so others and we may live more freely, fully and healthfully.

**Rev. Dr. Dudley Riggle**



# Mission of the Month

Reformation Lutheran Church is rooted in Word and Sacrament ministry. Its mission is to walk in solidarity with its neighbors. Residents live in a "surround of force": drug-related crime, high unemployment and poverty, violence on the streets, schools and home in a hyper-segregated area. The cumulative effect of the "surround" is more than the sum of individual forces; there is no space to breathe.

Reformation Lutheran Church provides an alternative "surround" to neighbors through year-round S.A.L.T. (Serving And Learning Together) Youth Ministry, giving young people a chance to work and earn, Peer Ministry for people in the neighborhood to help with daily tasks of the church and be in a supportive environment, Infant Safe Sleep training, Angel Community Garden, young adult tutoring/mentoring, partner church relationship-building and Community Bible Study.

## The Back Pew

*Bringing you giggles and smiles from around the church and broader community.*



The CARTOON KRONICLES



# September Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Thomas T. 9/1  
Kim L. 9/3  
Sara B. 9/3  
Talula J. 9/4  
PJ B. 9/5  
Elizabeth M. 9/6  
Jessie M. 9/7  
Dave N. 9/7  
Dave B. 9/7  
Cynthia R. 9/7  
Dan S. 9/8  
Dave M. 9/12  
Elena E. 9/13  
Marissa H. 9/14  
Erik H. 9/14  
Devin T. 9/14  
Aiden T. 9/14  
Gary G. 9/15  
Eric B. 9/15  
Carter D. 9/15  
Ron V. 9/16  
Misty S. 9/16  
Nora P. 9/17  
Mike M. 9/18  
Jessica P. 9/18  
Charlotte W. 9/19  
Jessie C. 9/21  
Jeb B. 9/21  
Robyn Z. 9/21  
Jena N. 9/21  
Brent D. 9/21  
Tina K. 9/21  
Andrew W. 9/23

Jordan T. 9/24  
Abby P. 9/24  
Karen E. 9/26  
Andrew F. 9/27  
Jamie D. 9/27  
Francesca R. 9/27  
Erin P. 9/28  
Pete P. 9/28  
Joey S. 9/28  
Jonathan F. 9/29  
Every S. 9/29  
Betty C. 9/30  
Mavis R. 9/30

## Baptism Anniversaries

Julie B. 9/1  
Mickey F. 9/1  
Benjamin C. 9/2  
Samuel B. 9/7  
Talula J. 9/9  
Molly S. 9/12  
Jena N. 9/12  
Jack J. 9/16  
Michael C. 9/20  
Dylan P. 9/21  
Leah C. 9/26  
Logan M. 9/27  
Bridget K. 9/29  
Keegan K. 9/29  
Keith A. 9/29  
Charlotte W. 9/30

## Wedding Anniversaries

Dick and Judy M. 9/3  
Mike and Pam K. 9/4  
John and Lauryl P. 9/6  
Dave and Vicki N. 9/8  
Jayson and Erin P. 9/9  
John and Jeanne F.  
9/10  
Mark and Marsha S.  
9/11  
Bob and Nancy S. 9/20  
Christopher and Susan  
T. 9/22  
James and Angela R.  
9/26  
John and Donna W.  
9/27  
Rich and Rondi R. D.  
9/27

## Scripture Readings for This Week

Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

## Scripture Readings for Next Week

Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

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