



ZION VISITOR November 2025

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**“Called by God’s grace to celebrate and share
the love of God in our neighborhood.”**

—Zion’s Mission Statement



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1697 LAFOND AVE

ST PAUL MN 55104

At long last, construction begins this month on our long-awaited and long-labored-over accessibility project.

We will be seeing and experiencing this soon. Thanks to all of you, with contributions large and small over the last 10 years, we have the means to complete the first phase of the project. This includes the installation of a vertical lift inside the courtyard entrance, and the removal and reorientation of the stairways currently there.

It's gonna be messy, inconvenient, and disruptive for a while.

This marks a major step in our collective mission to be "a public space for the common good," and "to share God's love with our neighbors." All neighbors, especially those living on the margins in our world.

I think today of Bob Murphy. Years ago, unsteady on his feet, he took a tumble down the stairs carrying Sue's casserole for potluck. I heard it from the kitchen and rushed to find him on his back with the casserole, unspilled, in both hands on his chest. He was proud to have saved the dish! Amazingly he was not seriously hurt. But I was seriously moved, and doubly motivated to make an elevator reality.

I think of Isabella, Diane Olin's granddaughter, who long ago at about 10 years old, gave me a five dollar bill from her savings toward the Accessibility Fund. I have her beautiful handwritten note on my shelf.

I think of Rod Amundson's granddaughter OE. It saddened him that she could not come to church with him because her motorized wheelchair was too heavy to lift up the stairs. Rod was an early champion of making Zion accessible.

Most of all, I am thankful to all of you! Your love and work has made Zion Community Commons a place that is life-giving and open to all.

Now get ready for the mess!



John Marboe
651 238 6099





Sunday services will continue in-person and via Zoom at 10 a.m.

Any with health concerns please stay home and join us on Zoom.

**First Sunday of each month:
November 2nd — Coffee fellowship**



Third Sunday Bach Chorales

An opportunity to sing J.S. Bach once a month at Zion!
~ a 4 part Bach chorale to be sung on the third Sunday of each month.

We will send the music, including audio files of the chorale and individual voice parts to anyone interested in joining us. Paper copies are available at Zion. We will also be available to go over parts after the second Sunday service (11:10am).

As part of the service on the third Sunday, Tom and I will play and sing the parts, so there will always be at least one "voice" accurately singing each part. You can sing around the piano, or from the pews!

If interested, please contact Mira in person, or miratomkehoe@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Recordings of our Sunday worship services are available on-line.

Zion's website: www.zlcmidway.org

Donation Options:

- Mail-in to church: (Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 Lafond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104)
- In person: during worship; or through the courtyard door mailslot
- Automatic bill pay from your bank using Zion's mailing address
- Donate button on Zion's webpage (3% fee for credit card service)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ZION'S FOOD AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

On Thursdays, Zion distributes food for our neighbors and friends.

Please come between 1 and 3 p.m. to get your free bag of groceries and a lunch to take home or dine in with us.



.Zion needs volunteers between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This program fed over 430 people in October.

Thank you to all who contribute bags and egg cartons, keep it up!

Enneagram

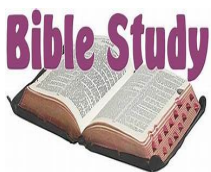
Each week Zion offers a small group experience to explore the transformative possibilities of the Enneagram. The Enneagram is a method to explore one's own unique personality in relationship to others and to life itself. The basic idea is to reflect on our lives in light of nine ("ennea" in Greek) personality types (with infinite variations of course), as a lens to understand ourselves better and to grow. We meet via Zoom using the same meeting ID as our Sunday gatherings. Feel free to ask Pastor John, Janet Quarn, Phoebe Waugh, or Marlin Osthus for more details.

Thursdays 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.



Set your clocks
BACK
one hour
before
going to
bed
tonight.

On
Nov. 1st



CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

**November 24th; 1 p.m. in
Conference Room**

From the Gather Magazine from Sept/Oct/Nov

"Generosity"

Session 3

**We remember the overwhelming generosity
we have received from God.**

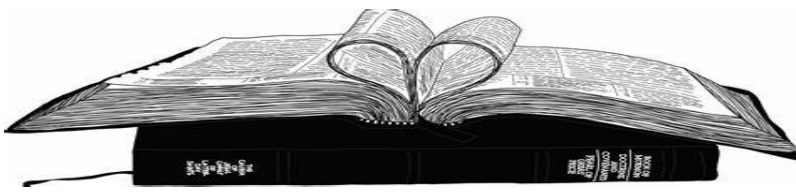
<https://www.gathermagazine.org/bible-study/upcoming-bible-studies/>

CHURCH COUNCIL

Meeting will be via Zoom

6 pm on Tuesday,

November 18th



Scripture Readings

November 2 — All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms 32:1-7 (6)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 9th — Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9 (8)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 16th — Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98 (9)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

**November 23rd — Christ the King Sunday
Last Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46 (10)

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 30th - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122 (1)

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



November 2nd — Sue Widerski

November 6th — Jerry Sedgewick

November 8th — Adam Mathison

November 11th — Mitchell Waugh

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November 23rd — Rebecca Mathison

October Financials

Income: \$10,664.00

Bills paid: \$8,547.54

Thank you to all for your generosity. As we move toward the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas we are reminded of what we have been given and what we can give to those in need. It is also a time to think about what we want to give to the mission of Zion. You will find the annual Giving in Gratitude form in this issue of the Visitor. At the end of November we will meet to consider a budget for the congregation for 2026. As you know expenses to maintain a household are rising. So too for the household of faith. We are increasing salaries for staff by 3%.

Give it some thought!

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Blessings
Janet Quarn, Treasurer



Love is nourishing.
Nourishment is love.

Remember,

You can
sit with
us.

**Every Tuesday
11am - 8pm**

All are welcome!

Zion Community Commons

1697 Lafond Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Weekly Community Dinners

Eureka Compass Vegan Food
Vegan, gluten-free, nut-free, corn-free

For the week of Thanksgiving only:



Vegan Thanksgiving Community Meal

On Wednesday, November 26th

11 am to 8 pm

WEEKLY EACH THURSDAY:

Open Market/Vegan
Meal from 5 — 8 p.m.

No food/meals on
Thanksgiving Day

Preorder instructions:

- Send an email to eurekacompassveganfood@gmail.com
- Include a window of time for pick up and number of meals.
- Cash contributions accepted at time of pick up.
- Credit card? Just let us know the amount of your contribution; we'll email you an invoice prior to the date. Pay electronically through a prompt in the email.
- Walk-ins welcomed! (It's always best to preorder.)



<https://eurekacompassveganfood.com/community-dinner>

arts on lafond

November Events 2025

Zion Community Commons
1697 Lafond Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

**Classical Guitar
concert/solos & duos**
Alvaro Henrique & Sara d'Ippolito Reichert



Sunday, November 9
Sunday, November 9, 4pm
Arts on Lafond
at Zion Community Commons
1697 Lafond Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104
(651) 238-6099

4pm Sunday, November 9

\$15-20 suggested donation

<https://alvarohenrique.com/>

<https://www.saradippolitoreichert.com/>

ZION COMMUNITY COMMONS
1697 LAFOND AVE,
ST. PAUL,
MN 55104

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 13
7:00 PM

LEVI SCHWARTZBERG
VIBES

ADAM LINZ
BASS

TAREK ABDEL-RAHMAN
DRUMS

\$7.5 AT THE DOOR
\$10 STUDENTS
CASH
CHECK
VENMO
PAYPAL

NO WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY

IG: KEUNGHAYS_MN

Darko Bageski



Facebook and Instagram: [artsonlafond](#)

Interested in hosting community meetings, gatherings, events, etc. in our space?
Contact John Marboe or Mira Kehoe at artsonlafond@gmail.com

The Tamarack Stylites
Chris Cunningham, guitars
Michelle Kinney, cello
Nick Gaudette, bass
Joe Strachan, piano

Tamarack Stylites album release

If Always

Friday, November 14

7:30pm

Opening set:

Kavy Kaviraj, solo piano

Tickets \$20 at the door
Student tickets available

Beverages available

<https://the-stylites.bandcamp.com/album/if-always>

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If Always
by The Tamarack Stylites

THE TAMARACK STYLITES




THE TAMARACK STYLITES (ALBUM RELEASE)
W/ KAVY KAVIRAJ (SOLO PIANO)



FRIDAY
NOV. 14TH

**Vanguard
New
Music
Series**

ZION COMMUNITY COMMONS
1697 LAFOND AVE
SAINT PAUL, MN

COMPOSER NIGHT
ACOUSTIC
THURS, NOV 20, 2025 | 7 PM




Phil Heywood

4pm Sunday, November 30

Acoustic Guitar Concert

\$15-20 suggested donation

<https://www.philheywood.com>

Thank you for your generous support!

[Donations to Arts on Lafond:](#)

* No wheelchair accessibility.



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed tonight.
2 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m.— New Generation Service	3	4 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 11 am to 8pm— Vegan Community Meal 7-8 pm Meditation w/Marc Anderson	5	6 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food & Wellness Program 5-8 pm — Open Market & Vegan Meal	7	8
9 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m.— New Generation Service 4 p.m.—Classical Guitar concert Solos & duos	10	11 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 11 am to 8pm— Vegan Community Meal 7-8 pm Meditation w/Marc Anderson	12	13 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food & Wellness Program 5-8 pm — Open Market & Vegan Meal 7 p.m.—Experimental Jazz concert	14 7:30 p.m.— The Tama- rack Sty- lites concert	15
16 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m.— New Generation Service	17	18 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 11 am to 8pm— Vegan Community Meal 6 p.m. — church council meeting 7-8 pm Meditation w/Marc Anderson	19	20 11:15 a.m. — En- neagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food & Wellness Program 5-8 pm — Open Market & Vegan Meal 7 p.m. — Vanguard New Music series	21	22 Noon—4 pm- Cranksgiving
23 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m.— New Generation Service 4 p.m.— Classical Guitar concert Darko Bageski	24 1 pm — Bible Study	25 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 7-8 pm Meditation w/Marc Anderson	26 11 am-8 pm— Thanksgiving Vegan Community Meal	27 	28	29
30 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m.— New Generation Service 4 p.m.—Acoustic Guitar concert						

Giving In Gratitude Form for 2026

I/We intend to give to the mission of Zion Lutheran Church the following amount:

\$ _____

Weekly

Monthly (Circle one)

Yearly



I/We will also pray for the mission of Zion and will offer My/Our time and skills as able to the work of the Church.

I/We would like more information about giving electronically: Yes _____

In Christ,

(Name) _____

Twin Cities riders — this one's for you.

Cranksgiving returns to St. Paul & Minneapolis on Saturday, November 22nd, and it's your chance to roll with purpose while supporting neighbors in need.

Hosted by Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles at Zion Lutheran Church, this ride blends fun, community, and direct impact. The food you collect will go to Zion's food program, which provides healthy meals to anyone in need—no questions asked.

Start/Finish: Zion Lutheran Church 1697 Lafond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

Expect a welcoming, community-focused ride across the streets and trails of St. Paul and Minneapolis, all while shopping for specific food and staple items to donate. In past years, about 50 riders have turned out, but there's plenty of room for more—so bring your friends, your family, or just yourself.

Registration 12 noon

Ride begins 1 p.m.

Sponsored by Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles

