



# THE ZION VISITOR MAY 2023

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the love of God in our neighborhood.”**

**—Zion’s Mission Statement**



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**1697 LAFOND AVE**

**ST PAUL MN 55104**

Dear Friends,

I want to lift up one word from our mission statement, which is: Called by God's grace to share God's grace in our neighborhood."

The word is "share."

It suggests just the right thing. Everyone has a share in all that we have been given. It does not mean that "we *have something* and we are such good people that we choose to share what we have." It means that we recognize that all the abundance we experience is by grace, and is but a share of the gift of life that no one earned, deserves, or created themselves. All life is a gift.

To share, therefore, is an act of gratitude, an acknowledgement of the fundamental gift. It is an invitation to others to realize and experience that everything is shared.

In this spirit, our community at Zion is an open community. We share a public space with open hearts. I say this with confidence, knowing your hearts.

"Church" in its original meaning means "gathering." It is a relational and inclusive term that unfortunately does not resonate as inclusive and open to many people today. I do not propose we stop using the word, "church," but that we continue to evolve, to open our minds about what church means.

I want to introduce another word that amplifies our heart and mission of sharing: "**Commons.**"

"Zion Community Commons" can be a way that we refer to our space on the corner of Lafond and Aldine. We might think of our space as Commons. Church is part of it. We already practice being a shared space for the benefit of all. The idea of "commons" is quite old. A great deal of land in former times was called commons. I recently learned that my great grandparents, who lived in North Minneapolis had a milk cow. There was a large plot of land that was "a commons" near their home. It was a shared space where they (and others) could freely let their cow graze. It was not a park. It was not proprietary to anyone or any activity. It was commons.

If you have been to Europe, you might have encountered commons. Sometimes there is a fountain, and sometimes it is called a piazza or a plaza. Sometimes it is just open space. In America, with our love for private property, the notion of commons has faded. Parks are remnants of the idea. But parks tend to be under some jurisdiction and tend to be dedicated to some purpose. Parks are good, but they are not commons.

Zion Community Commons could be the restoration of the old idea. Zion Lutheran Church is part of the Commons, and bears (main) responsibility for it in many ways. Yet we do so together with Prevail Initiatives, Open Market, Food and Wellness, Arts on Lafond, Unique 7000, community gardens, the homeless person who may sleep safely in our courtyard, Teatro del Pueblo, artists and community groups that use the space.

"Commons." I suggest the concept. It feels in keeping with who and what we are all about: sharing. This is the very spirit of Zion. I think it is also in keeping with the Spirit of God.



Pastor John Marboe



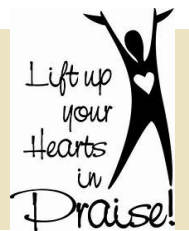
# Join Us IN Worship

**Sunday services will continue in-person and via Zoom: 10:00 a.m.**

Any with health concerns please stay home and join us remotely as able.



Thank you to Tom and Mira Kehoe, Ron Evaniuk (cellist),  
for the beautiful music they bring to our service each Sunday.



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

**Zion's website: [www.zlcmidway.org](http://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 service)

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**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.*



***Zion needs volunteers between 10 am to Noon and from 1—3 pm. Please help us out anyway you can!***

### **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.**



### **Bible Study**

**May 22nd @ 1 pm**

**In Zion's Annex**

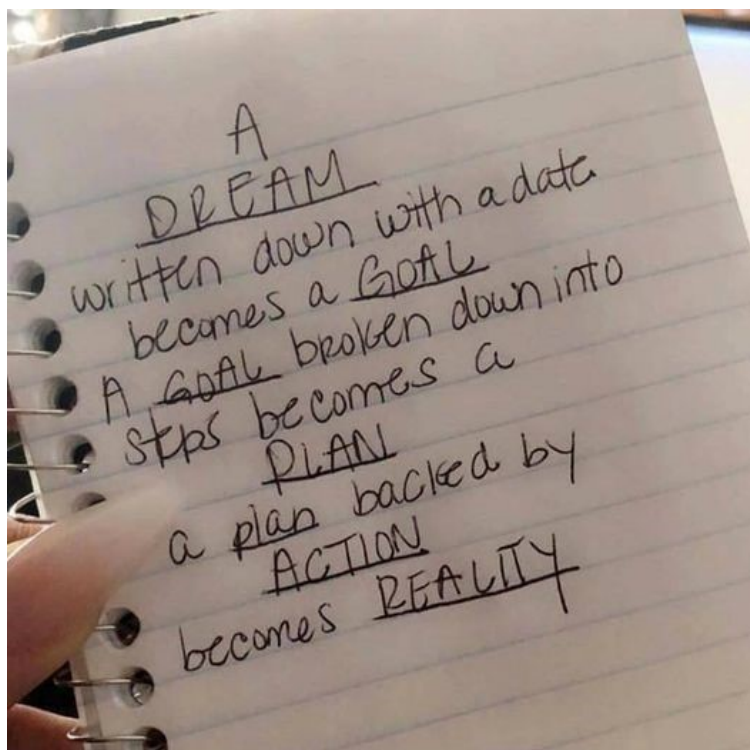
***"Salvation now"***

**from Gather Magazine May/  
June, 2023**



**Meeting will be  
via Zoom**

**6 pm on Tuesday,  
May 23rd**







May 1st — Pastor John Marboe

May 5th — Stephen Borden

May 5th — Ross Jacobsen

May 11th — Ginger Baumgart

May 28th — Marlin Osthus



## April Financials

Income: \$10,794.01

Bills paid: \$8,602.37



We sent \$165.00 to Lutheran World Relief to assist in the recovery for Turkey from the earthquakes. During the Sundays of the Easter season we are collecting for Ukraine. Consider making a contribution.

Thanks to all who support Zion with time, talent and treasurer.

Janet Quarn  
Treasurer

## Scripture Readings

May 7<sup>th</sup> -Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (5)

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20 (8)

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

May 21 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (4)

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

May 28 – Day of Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104:24-34 (30)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39





Love is nourishing.  
Nourishment is love.



## **Eureka Compass Vegan Food Community Meals** **Zion Lutheran Church Food & Wellness Program**

*"Pay what you want/can" ~ no one turned away.*

Half of all contributions are shared with the Zion Lutheran Thursday Food & Wellness Program.

**Second Tuesdays 11am - 7pm**

**May 9th**

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
1697 Lafond Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55104

As of January, Community Dinners raised over \$6,500.00 for Zion's Food and Wellness Program!

Funds donated to the All Vegan Open Market evening support Zion's operating expenses.

Colin Anderson, Eureka Compass Vegan Food

### **To preorder:**

- Send an email to [eurekacompassveganfood@gmail.com](mailto:eurekacompassveganfood@gmail.com) with number of meals and window of time for pick up.
- Cash and Venmo accepted at time of pick up.
- Credit card? Pay electronically with an email prompt.
- Walk-ins welcomed!

**Learn more about the Open Market Program and becoming a sustaining patron:**  
[https://www.patreon.com/TheCollectiveCommunityDinner?fan\\_landing=true&view\\_as=public](https://www.patreon.com/TheCollectiveCommunityDinner?fan_landing=true&view_as=public)

## **North Coast Paella Fridays**



... begins Friday, May 12th from 4pm to 8pm outside at the front entrance of the church.

Paella (pronounced pie-eh-ya) is a Spanish dish that most often contains saffron, rice, shrimp, red peppers, tomatoes and chicken. However, the ingredients can vary depending on the part of Spain. We are making two versions of North Coast Paella with ingredients sourced locally (in the Spanish tradition):

- 1) A smoked freshwater fish with chicken, garlic sausage, peppers, peas and rice in a sofrito (onions, tomatoes and garlic cooked to a thicker consistency).
- 2) A vegetarian/vegan paella with roasted vegetables (red peppers, beets, carrots, and whatever is available) and rice in a sofrito.

Our first event on Friday, May 12th, will be a test run. After that, the event will continue throughout the summer every Friday rain or shine.

**Please come by!**

## **Thursday, May 4th**

Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 Lafond Ave

Will be the Open Market and Community Meal.

**5-8pm**

Donations benefit the General Fund of Zion.

Learn more about the Open Market Program and becoming a monthly sustaining patron of these efforts here:

[https://www.patreon.com/  
TheCollectiveCommunityDinner?  
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# 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 am—5 pm— Prevail 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 10 a.m.-Noon— Upkeepers	3	4 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food and Wellness Program 5—8 pm — Open Market/Community Meal	5	6
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21 10:00 am Zion's Worship and on Zoom 11:30 am -2 pm— Unique 7000 Worship	22 1 pm — Circle Bible Study	23 9 am—5 pm— Prevail 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 10 a.m.-Noon— Upkeepers 6 pm — Church council mtg.	24	25 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food and Wellness Program	26 4-8 pm — Paella Friday	27
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Saturday, May 20th from 9:30 am to Noon  
Potluck lunch at Noon

We will have projects (big & small) to do.

Lets roll up our sleeves and get cleaning!

