



# **ZION VISITOR AUGUST 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**

A literal translation of Yeshua's teaching in Luke 12 is, "Beware of *more-having* (usually translated "greed").

This hearkens back to the 10 Commandments, which conclude with: You shall not covet what is your neighbor's.

Yeshua continues, "Is not your life more than possessions?"



Most of us have been led to think of this profound teaching as personal. What *I* should or should not do and how *I* should be. And it is personal. But it is, even more importantly, *societal*. What do we value collectively? What attitudes and behaviors are rewarded? What values are incentivised among us?

What we are witnessing and living in is a society that values greed. It is, in fact, the primary value. More-having. Are not our lives worth more than the abundance of possessions? Of course they are. Of course you are. Of course we are. The true value is that *we are*, period. No value can be added to, or subtracted from this. Every you is an I. Every I, a you. No one can judge this value. It is inherent to everyone.

More-having devalues not only the other in our eyes--as a means to our own ends. It devalues ourselves by valuing ourselves in terms of *what we have*.

Everyone loses with more-having--our very humanity.

I am so grateful to be surrounded by marvelous people who have little interest in more-having. They/you understand that abundance lies in the opposite direction, in giving, serving, sharing, welcoming, and mutuality. This is true abundance. Nourishing hearts, souls, and stomachs.

The devastation of more-having is a pandemic. I see no simple cure. Only to be true to value that is beyond price.

And one more thing. Since value is so commonly measured in economic terms, let us remind ourselves that the word "economy" comes from the Greek word "oikonimos," whose meaning is "household." What values make for a thriving household? Greed? Accumulation?

Or might it be the L-word?

Pastor John Marboe



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

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

**First Sunday of each month:  
August 3rd — Coffee fellowship time**



**The Bach Chorales will be sung on August 24th.**

*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)

# 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.



We served over 500 people in July!

Thank you to all who volunteer their time and talents to this program.

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

***We Believe Good Food Brings Us Together.***



### 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.**

### Fill your jar with



### SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, September 21, Zion Community Commons — church, food justice, and Arts on Lafond — will celebrate 10 years of service and evolution since Pastor John was called to Zion Lutheran Church.

We'll have a special worship service, potluck to follow, and a concert with special musical guests.

Details to come in our September newsletter.

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Meeting will be via Zoom

6 pm on Tuesday,

**August 19th**



**August 3th — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

**Psalms 49:1-12 (3)**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

**Luke 12:13-21**

**August 10th — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 15:1-6**

**Psalms 33:12-22 (22)**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

**Luke 12:32-40**

**August 17th — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

**Psalms 82 (8)**

**Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

**Luke 12:49-56**

**August 24th — Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

**Psalms 103:1-8 (4)**

**Hebrews 12:18-29**

**Luke 13:10-17**

**August 31st — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proverbs 25:6-7**

**Sirach 10:12-18 {alternate} Psalm 112 (4)**

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**



**August 5th—Ron Widerski**

**August 9th — Walt Wietzke**

**August 17th—Alexander Waugh**

**August 19th—Evelyn Mueller**

**August 20th — Mira Kehoe**

**August 23rd—Anna Widerski**

**August 26th—Mickey Morrell**

## **JULY'S**

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

Income \$8,459.57

Bills paid - \$8,824.92

Thanks to all for your support of Zion. It is only July but I am thinking about next year's budget. There will be some challenges with increases in insurance and energy costs. It is not too early to begin to think about our fall "Giving in Gratitude" effort.

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

**We feed us!**

***Dine in or take out!***

*Bringing your own containers is  
always encouraged.*

## **WEEKLY EACH THURSDAY:**

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

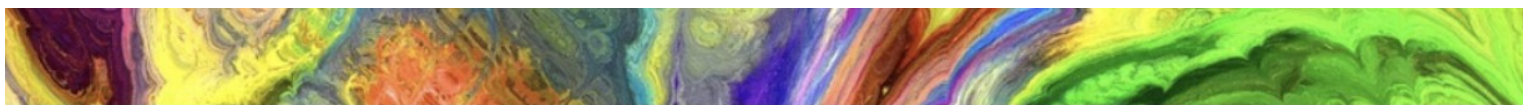
Meals and groceries  
offered in goodwill to all.

### **Preorder instructions:**

- Send an email to [eurekacompassveganfood@gmail.com](mailto: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

## August Events 2025

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



### The Music of Aaron Kerr & The Poetry of Alex Ness

Thursday, August 21st: 7pm

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

\$15 at the door – Cash, Check, Venmo, Paypal

Featuring new compositions by Aaron Kerr, Jared Coffin, and Jonathan Posthuma. Also a spoken word with musical setting of Alex Ness' epic poetry

Also featuring the release of Aaron Kerr's latest EP: American Music

Aaron Kerr - cello  
Laura Harada - violin  
Rebecca Hass - piano

[www.aaronkerr.com](http://www.aaronkerr.com)  
[alexnesspoetry.blogspot.com](http://alexnesspoetry.blogspot.com)

(this concert is not wheelchair accessible)



## Classical Guitar Series

### Murdych-De Pauw Guitar Duo

Join Lukas and Liam for an evening of classical guitar solo and duet music, with repertoire spanning a large range of styles and periods. Attendance is free and we would love to have anyone!

August 17th 7:00-8:30 PM

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



**Walk in Solidarity 6:30pm with Marc Anderson** **Thursday, August 28**  
**sound bath meditation 8 - 9pm** **suggested donation: \$15 cash or**  
~ a powerful sound immersion experience **Paypal @urbanmonkproject**

Thank you for your generous support!  
[Donations to Arts on Lafond:](#)

[Arts on Lafond facebook](#)

\* No wheelchair accessibility.

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

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom Fellowship time after Worship 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m.— New Generation Service	4	5 9:30 a.m.—Quilting 11 am to -8pm— Vegan Community Meal	6	7 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food and Wellness Program 5-8 pm — Open Market & Vegan Meal	8	9
10 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m.— New Generation Service	11	12 9:30 a.m.—Quilting 11 am— to 8pm— Vegan Community Meal	13	14 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food and Wellness Program 5-8 pm — Open Market & Vegan Meal 7 p.m. — Experimental Jazz	15	16
17 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m.— New Generation Service 7:00-9 p.m.— Classical Guitar Series	18	19 9:30 a.m.—Quilting 11 am— to 8pm— Vegan Community Meal 6:00 p.m.— Church council mtg	20	21 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food and Wellness Program 5-8 pm — Open Market & Vegan Meal 7 p.m. — Vanguard series/Aaron Kerr Solo Show	22	23
24 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m.— New Generation Service	25	26 9:30 a.m.—Quilting 11 am— to 8pm— Vegan Community Meal	27	28 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food and Wellness Program 5-8 pm — Open Market & Vegan Meal 6:30 p.m. — Walk in Solidarity 8:00 p.m.—Sound Bath w/Marc Anderson	29	30
31 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m.— New Generation Service				<b>SAVE THE DATE: SEPT. 21</b>  <b>Celebrate 10 years of community and service since Pastor John arrived.</b>		



# Bible Word Search

## Books of the Old Testament



AMOS  
CHRONICLES  
DANIEL  
DEUTERONOMY  
ECCLESIASTES  
ESTHER  
EXODUS  
EZEKIEL  
EZRA  
GENESIS  
HABAKKUK  
HAGGAI  
HOSEA

ISAIAH  
JEREMIAH  
JOB  
JOEL  
JONAH  
JOSHUA  
JUDGES  
KINGS  
LAMENTATIONS  
LEVITICUS  
MALACHI  
MICAH  
NAHUM

NEHEMIAH  
NUMBERS  
OBADIAH  
PROVERBS  
PSALMS  
RUTH  
SAMUEL  
SAMUEL  
SONG OF SOLOMON  
ZECHARIAH  
ZEPHANIAH

