



ZION VISITOR April 2026

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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

What's Good About Good Friday?

I have often wondered about this. I once thought it was because the word "good" came from the word "god." I read that somewhere. So Good Friday comes from God Friday?



No. The word "good" comes from a much older word *ghedh* that means "united with or associated with." This in itself is worth thinking about. To say something is good does not need to mean virtuous or correct, so much as it means *fitting* or *uniting*.

Good Friday commemorates (remembers together) the death of Yeshua. An ugly, unjust, degrading, violent, and extraordinarily painful death. Politically and religiously motivated and justified, supported by a mob, it involved betrayal by friends, abandonment, and mockery by onlookers.

Had we not been taught that this was somehow "good," there would be no way, I think, we would call it that. And what most of us were taught is highly suspect in my view: That Jesus suffered and died in this way was good--*for us*.

Many of us were taught that Jesus died to take God's punishment instead of us, that he "died for our sins." That *we* all deserve what *he* got, and that he took our place. Thus pardoning us from (eternal) punishment. This is sometimes called "atonement theory" and it assumes a legal system as the basis of human existence--and of a relationship with the Divine.

Not only is this misguided, it is dangerous. To imagine that *someone must suffer so that I don't have to* appeals to our worst instincts. Does it not? It makes violence and killing *redemptive*, a necessary price for our salvation. The cost of doing business with God, and therefore, more frighteningly, *the cost of doing God's business*.

No, *atonement (at-one-ment)* and *good* actually mean much the same thing: *unifying or coming together as one*. These are *relational*, not legal or transactional terms.

Yeshua on a cross, dying, is not about divine punishment upon him, thus satisfying or paying-for our sentence. A get-out-jail-at-another's-expense card.

It is rather an expression of unity, of solidarity, of one-with-ness. Yeshua did not die in the place of others. He died with, among, because of, but ultimately in one-ness with all who suffer. Not suffering for, but suffering with (the literal meaning of compassion).

The cross is a picture of compassion. Compassion is presence in suffering. Compassion is loving. Compassion is healing. Compassion (not violence) is redeeming. And when we embrace and live and work and serve in compassion, suffering with others, we are one with the meaning of the cross. And with the promise of new life (resurrection).

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:
April 5th — Coffee fellowship time**



30. Allein zu dir Herr Gott

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)

**FREE MEALS
& GROCERIES**
1697 Lafond Ave in St. Paul
Tuesdays 11-8
Thursdays 1-3, 5-8



ALL ARE WELCOME!

**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.***

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.

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

New date and time:

April 14th at 10:30 a.m.

In Zion's Conference room.



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

**Session one:
God's name, God's promise**

God who abides: Bread, light and vine.

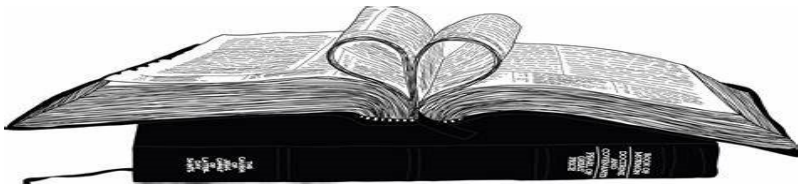
Meeting will be via Zoom

6 pm on Tuesday,

**CHURCH
COUNCIL**

April 21st

**Love is not something that
you do for yourself, it's what
you do to serve others.**



Scripture Readings

April 5th –Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

April 12th – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalms 16 (11) 3

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

April 19th - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (13)

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 23 (1)

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

April 4th — Kassity Mathison

April 5th — Monica Rice

April 7th — Raija Wietzke

April 7th — Steve Widerski

April 8th — Lorelei Mathison

April 16th — Allison Dilley (Widerski)

April 19th — Christopher Skaggs

April 21 — Cheryl Indehar

April 23rd — Andrea Marboe

April 26th — Sandra Luchsinger

March's Financials

Income: \$18,532.25

Bills paid: \$11,421.11

Thank you to all who have given so generously of their time, talent and treasure.

Janet Quarn, Treasurer

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**



Every Day

God thinks of you.
Psalm 139:17

Every Hour

God looks after you.
2 Thessalonians 3:3

Every Minute

God cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

Because Every Second
HE LOVES YOU.
Jeremiah 31:3



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
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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.

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>

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BRAZILIAN TREASURES

Álvaro Henrique

Sunday, April 5, 4pm

Arts on Lafond at Zion Community Commons

1697 Lafond Ave, St. Paul, MN



ARTS ON LAFOND
1697 LAFOND AVE.
ST. PAUL, MN 55104
THURSDAY, APRIL 9
@ 7:00 PM

EXPERIMENTAL JAZZ ON LAFOND

DEAN MAGRAW
GUITAR

DAVU SERU
DRUMS

IG: KEVINRHYS_MN

\$15 AT THE DOOR | \$10 STUDENTS CASH, CHECK, VENMO, PAYPAL
NO WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY

April Events

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

Classical Guitar Series

4pm
Sunday, April 26



Guitar studio School of Music recital

Repertoire for solo classical guitar, duos, an small ensemble
Joined by alumni and guitarists connected to the U of M

Join us for an afternoon of guitar music from all over the world!

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in collaboration with the U of M School of Music

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PRESENTS

BALKAN MOSAIC

4pm
Sunday, April 19



Maja Radovanlija - guitar Her innovative approach to music-making reflects a deep commitment to cross-cultural musical dialogue and creative expression. <https://www.majaradovanlija.com/>



Brothers Teofilović - a world-renowned Serbian vocal duo known for their unique interpretations of traditional folk music from Serbia and the Balkans. <https://teofilovic.rs/>



Mila vocal ensemble - nourishes the human spirit with songs and stories of everyday life, collected from the folk traditions of Eastern Europe and Russia. - powerful voices, meticulous precision, and breathtaking harmonies <https://www.milavocalsemble.org/>



Sara Pajunen - violin, is an interdisciplinary artist blending folk music traditions, visuals, environmental sounds and improvisation. With degrees in classical music, Sara is Influenced by her Finnish roots; steeped in music of the Nordic countries, exploring traditional music in progressive, yet reverent ways. <https://www.sarapajunen.com/>



<https://www.facebook.com/artsonlafond/>

Interested in hosting community meetings, gatherings, events, etc. in our space?

Contact John Marboe or Mira Kehoe at artsonlafond@gmail.com

Thank you for your generous support!
All donations benefit [Arts on Lafond](https://www.artsonlafond.org/).

* No wheelchair accessibility.



sound bath meditation

a powerful sound immersion experience

Tuesday 7pm
April 21, 2026

An immersive experience combining the sounds of crystal singing bowls, gongs, hand drums and subtle drones in which the listener is "bathed" in waves of soft tones, shifting textures and gentle rhythms. Marc Anderson, a musician and meditation teacher experienced in trance related music/healing traditions, creates unique, powerful, well-crafted sessions that restore, relax and transform. Wear comfortable clothes, and bring yoga mats and blankets if desired. There will be some mats available.



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1697 Lafond Avenue
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[facebook.com/artsonlafond](https://www.facebook.com/artsonlafond)

To donate online: *Arts on Lafond*
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8XC/home>

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ZION COMMUNITY COMMONS

SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday, April 18th from 9 am to Noon




Questions? Contact: Zionlc.midway@gmail.com

POT LUCK LUNCH TO FOLLOW

**COME
JOIN!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food & Wellness Program 5-7 p.m.— Open Market 6-7:30 p.m.—Maundy Thursday 7:30-8 p.m.—Stations of the cross service	3	4
5 Easter  10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m. New Generation Service 4 p.m.—Brazilian Treasures	6	7 11 a.m. to 8p.m. — Vegan Community Meal	8	9 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food & Wellness Program 5-7 p.m.— Open Market 7 p.m.—Experimental Jazz Series	10	11
12 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m. New Generation Service	13	14 11 a.m. to 8p.m. — Vegan Community Meal	15	16 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food & Wellness Program 5-7 p.m.— Open Market	17	18 9 a.m. to Noon Pot luck @ Noon 
19 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m. New Generation Service 4 p.m.—Balkan Mosaic	20	21 11 a.m. to 8p.m. — Vegan Community Meal 6 p.m.—church council meeting 7 p.m.—Sound Bath	22	23 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food & Wellness Program 5-7 p.m.— Open Market	24	25
26 10:00 a.m.— Zion's Worship & on Zoom 11:30 a.m. —2 p.m. New Generation Service 7 p.m.—sound bath meditation	27	28 11 a.m. to 8p.m. — Vegan Community Meal	29	30 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food & Wellness Program 5-7 p.m.— Open Market		



Hoppy Easter



APRIL
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 BASKET
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 MARZIPAN

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