



THE ZION VISITOR

July — 2022

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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

Dear Friends,

There is a sign in a bar in my neighborhood:
“Free Beer Tomorrow.”

 from the Pastor. . .



The promise remains—always—in the future. On the flip side, I have annoyed my daughter Charlie for years saying to her daily, “I love you *today*.” To which she would reply forcefully, “I love you *always*!”

These two fun examples can teach us about hope—serious hope.

It is this: hope that is pegged to the future and what is “hoped for,” is always out of grasp. Hope that is experienced today, now, here, presently—is real and eternal. It is enough to love people today. And today. And today...

Hope exists not because something is likely or longed for. Hope exists because it is part of the fabric of our being. Look at little children. Before they learn to hope for a puppy, they are just plain hopeful. Life is hopeful.

Hope can be crushed, of course, and we can feel hopeless. And since it is our experience of the world around us that crushes our sense of hopefulness, we naturally look to improve our situation to restore it. That does not work. Although we *can* improve the world around us, that will not restore hopefulness. It does not work that way. Hopefulness changes the world for the better, but hoping for a better world (or life) does not create hopefulness.

The key is to “turn and become like children.” To rediscover the innate hopefulness of life, though now, unlike when we were children, we are aware of the suffering pervasive in the world, as well as our own.

The “hope of glory” mentioned in scripture is not a future thing, i.e. an expectation of a future state of affairs called heaven. It is rather the realization of what is already real and true: your glory, the glory of being alive, human, and part of the living world and cosmos. Hope is bigger than you or me. It is an aspect of the nature of God, Creator of life.

On a hopeful and practical note, I want to thank you for your generosity!

At Zion, we have basically been able to pay our bills and sustain/expand our important services to the community. We’ve done this through a pandemic, and now we must do this with rising costs. We’ve all felt the dramatic increase in the cost of energy. At Zion, we have spent nearly our entire year’s budget for gas and electricity in the first six months--\$9,000. This is a new challenge.

Another rising cost is that of construction. We have not taken our eye off the goal of fashioning an accessible and welcoming entry into Zion. Although we have raised roughly \$160,000 in various ways for this project, the cost to complete will be considerably more. Therefore, we are not planning to take on the entire project at once through the services of a big construction firm. Instead, we are engaging small, local contractors to take on the project in stages. This way we can begin without taking on staggering debt. At this moment, we are engaged with a local contractor and draftsman to convert our architectural concept drawings into construction plans.

Thank you for all we do together to serve our neighbors and one another! Thank you for pulling together and pitching in to meet challenges and to create new things. Thanks for your hopefulness!





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



In-person attendance is now allowed for up to 50 people in the sanctuary.

All recommended precautions will be followed.

(masks are available free)

10 ft. social distance (recommended for singing)

No touching during peace / Careful communion

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

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 MINISTRY

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.



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 using the July/August Gather Magazine.

"Crafted in Christ, Session 3"

**July 25th at 1 pm:
Annex Room.**

All are welcome!



Meeting will be
via Zoom

6 pm on Tuesday,
July 19th

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Birthday Blessings



Paul Reinschmidt	July 1st
Shelly Baumgart	July 3rd
Ayden Mathison	July 7th
Blair Johnson	July 8th
Michael Mathison	July 8th
Emma Waugh	July 10th
Sharon Juen	July 20th



June Financials

Income: \$5,755.00

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Bills paid: \$7,002.00

Thanks to all for your generosity. Hope we can all get out and enjoy the natural creation. When you are away on Sunday consider contributing ahead or making it up the next Sunday. Or you can have your bank or other financial institution send us your contribution on a regular basis. Think about the benefits of that method for Zion as well as for you. Have a great summer!

Janet Quarn,
Treasurer

Scripture Readings

July 3 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-9 (4)

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms 25:1-10 (4)

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 17 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalms 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

July 24 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalms 138 (8)

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

July 31 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

**Arts on Lafond presents... Friday, July 8th...
MIDWAY INTER-COMMUNITY EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**Sober bar
with
mocktails!**

**Sliding scale
donations,
proof of vax,
all ages!**

Flyer art by Mari Poe



@ Zion Lutheran (1697 Lafond, St Paul)

5-6: free vegan dinner by Eureka Compass (with piano and sax tunes)!
6-6:30: Naloxone training by the Steve Rummeler HOPE Network!
7-10: PUNK SHOW! ANXIETY CAT! (tour kickoff!) ATOMIC LIGHTS! LOSS LEADER!
 Info-tabling by cool community orgs like Protect Minnesota, Prime Academy, Twin Cities Vegan, and more!



ONENESS

Soulful images of oneness & diversity via long exposure, candle-lit photography

Gallery Showings: Thursdays June 2 - September 1, 2022
 Location: Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 LaFond, Saint Paul, MN
 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 Photographer: Jerry Sedgewick

Inquiries: Jerry@prevailnews.org Text: 651-788-2261





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

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

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



arts on lafond

Live music in the courtyard! 5 - 7pm

July 12
August 9
September 13



Menus for each dinner are first posted here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/grow-eureka-grow-vegan>

Second Tuesdays
11am - 7pm

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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>



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5-7 pm — Unique 7000
3 10:00 am Zion's Worship and on Zoom 11:30 am -2 pm—Unique 7000 Worship	4 	5 9 am—5 pm— Prevail 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 10 a.m.-Noon— Upkeepers	6	7 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food Ministry 6:30-8:30 pm— Oneness	8  5-10 pm Midway Inter Community Extravaganza	9 5-7 pm — Unique 7000
10 10:00 am Zion's Worship and on Zoom 11:30 am -2 pm—Unique 7000 Worship	11	12 9 am—5 pm— Prevail 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 10 a.m.-Noon— Upkeepers 11 am-7 pm— Community Meal; With live music from 5 to 7 pm	13	14 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food Ministry 6:30-8:30 pm— Oneness	15	16 5-7 pm — Unique 7000
17 10:00 am Zion's Worship and on Zoom 11:30 am -2 pm—Unique 7000 Worship	18	19 9 am—5 pm— Prevail 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 10 a.m.-Noon— Upkeepers 6 pm—church council meeting	20	21 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food Ministry 6:30-8:30 pm— Oneness	22	23 5-7 pm — Unique 7000
24 10:00 am Zion's Worship and on Zoom 11:30 am -2 pm—Unique 7000 Worship	25 1-3 pm — Circle Bible Study	26 9 am—5 pm— Prevail 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 10 a.m.-Noon— Upkeepers	27	28 11:15 a.m. — Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food Ministry 6:30-8:30 pm— Oneness	29	30 5-7 pm — Unique 7000
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4TH OF JULY PICNIC



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY. Find and circle each word.

B W V E G E T A B L E S V F S
R I T H H M H C H I P S R I C
S N A C E P A E K A C E O A R
E G C U F D S E I G N L N I V
I S O P R B A B R C B E B B T
N A B C U C U N H C K S I E P
W E B A I M O F O C E C F A O
O T L K T B R O I M O C S N P
R E E E O I K H K R E T I S S
B C R S E V C R N I A L C J I
C I X S L J W A L S E L O C C
P W A T E R M E L O N S O E L
I M H A M B U R G E R S T N E
E J S T E A K V S A L A D O S
H O T D O G S U I C H C N U P

BEANS

BROWNIES

CAKE

CHICKEN

CHIPS

COBBLER

COLESLAW

COOKIES

CORN

CUPCAKES

FRENCH FRIES

FRUIT

HAMBURGERS

HOT DOGS

ICE CREAM

ICE TEA

LEMONADE

PASTA

PIE

POPSICLES

PUNCH

RIBS

SALAD

STEAK

VEGETABLES

WATERMELON

WINGS