



# **ZION VISITOR NOVEMBER 2024**

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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**



Yeshua said: "No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and Wealth."

This incredibly blunt statement should give us all pause. It puts Wealth against God, and God against Wealth. I capitalize Wealth (capital) because Yeshua is warning that Wealth is not benign. It is powerful. It tends to become of primary concern, a pursuit above all others, something "worthy" of lifetime and corporate pursuit.

More than that, Wealth--faith in it and dedication to it--has the power to become the controlling interest of society. Reordering everything to its demands.

As such, this passage is not simply a chastisement for the few at the top, the one percent who own almost 50% of the current world's wealth (a situation unimaginable in Yeshua's time, but accurately prophesied in his words). It is a message to us all.

No matter what our political stripe, we all share concerns about "Big Pharma," "Big Tech," "Big Agriculture," "Big Food," "Big Oil," etc. All of which serve Wealth as a legal obligation (fiduciary responsibility) to shareholders (owners). These are not made up of bad people, but simply people part of a system serving Wealth.

When politicians proclaim, "We are the wealthiest (meaning most powerful) nation on earth," why is this cause for celebration?

Here are some alarming numbers:

During the pandemic, America's billionaires increased in wealth by 71%. The top 10% now own 67% of total household wealth. The lower 50% have only 2.5% of the wealth. 7.5% of households have nothing but debt.

I am not making a politically partisan point. Nor do I think class warfare is fruitful. We are all involved in this economy. Whether profiting from, or suffering in it. Remember that in Yeshua's time, "economy" (Greek: oikonomos) meant "household." In our day, the Economy means money. And is dividing us dangerously.

We are not only in an economic crisis, the root of it is a spiritual one. In what do we trust? It says on every dollar bill, "In God we trust." Yet it is printed on the "Almighty Dollar." Which shall we serve?

There is one true economy; a household to which all living beings belong. To serve all living beings is to serve God. To compete for, hoard, and trust in Wealth is its opposite. Riches and Wealth divide and isolate us. It corrupts our systems and starves people and the creation we share.

There is an alternative. To love our neighbors as our(very)selves. This is both a spiritual and practical alternative. To be the change we see as possible in the world.

If "God is love" means anything, it means everything. It means the world, for all of us, not any chosen few.

Wealth accumulation is destructive. Even for those "benefited." It is a lose-lose proposition. As someone once said, "It profits one nothing to gain the whole world (literally, "system") and to lose one's soul." (Mark 8)

I have done many hundreds of funerals. At all of them I ask for meaningful stories from loved ones. Zero times have anyone commented on the deceased person's accumulated wealth. But almost every time, their *wealth toward others*. This is what matters in life and death. It is what Yeshua meant by "Don't store up treasures on earth, but treasure in heaven. No one takes that away." This is the real deal. Or, what Yeshua called, the kingdom of God. Which is open to everyone, especially the "least" among us. Riches and power bar the way, like a camel trying to fit through the eye of a needle.

Truth hurts, then it heals, potentially.

Pastor John Marboe





let's  
**Worship**  
together



Annual Congregational meeting after service on *November 17th*.  
With potluck lunch to follow.

First Sunday of each month  
(November 3rd).



**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.

*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.



**We served 391 people in October.**

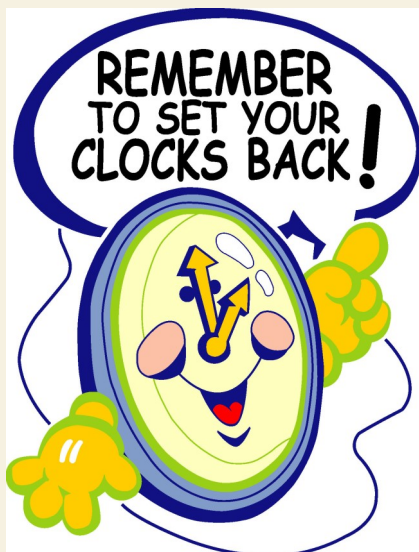
Thank you to all who volunteer their time and talents to this program.

***.Zion needs volunteers between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.***

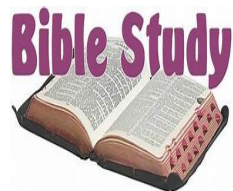
### Enneagram

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.**



Before you go to bed on Saturday, Nov. 2nd.



### CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

**Bible study is on November 25th**

**at**

**1:00 pm in Zion's Annex**

**Meeting will be via Zoom 6 pm on Tuesday,**



**November 19th**

# Scripture Readings

November 3rd — Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalms 119:1-8 (2)

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

November 10th — Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146 (8)

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 17th — Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16 (9)

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 24th — Christ the King Sunday

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93 (2)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37



NOVEMBER 2ND — SUE WIDERSKI

NOVEMBER 6TH — JERRY SEDGEWICK

NOVEMBER 8TH — ADAM MATHISON

NOVEMBER 11TH — MITCHELL WAUGH

NOVEMBER 11TH — LUMIN JOHNSON

NOVEMBER 23RD — REBECCA MATHISON

## October Financials

Income: \$6,809.10

Bills paid: \$7,640.16

Thank you to all who support Zion with your talent and treasures.

This month we received \$15,000.00 from our anonymous benefactor.

This will go toward our accessibility project. Your prayers for this project will be appreciated.

On November 17th we will have the first part of our annual meeting at which we will consider (and hopefully pass) the 2025 budget.

Blessings,  
Janet Quarn  
Treasurer

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**





## Weekly Community Dinners

Vegan, gluten-free, nut-free, corn-free

**Every Tuesday**

**11am - 8pm**

**Zion Community Commons**

1697 Lafond Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55104



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

*Bringing your own containers is  
always encouraged.*

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

## **WEEKLY OPEN MARKET EACH THURSDAY:**

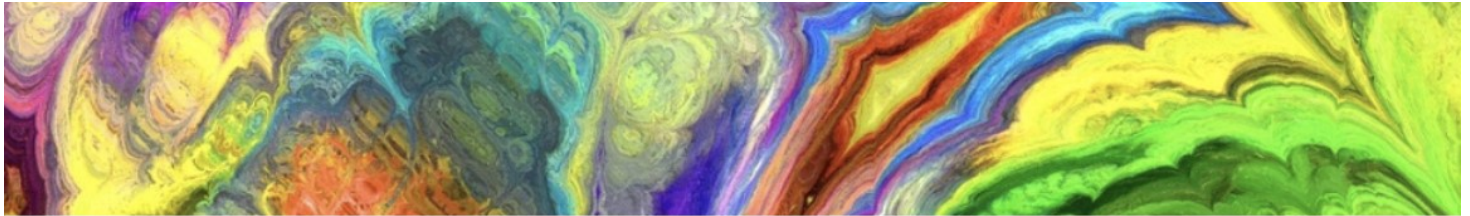
Open Market/Vegan Meal from 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.

**No open market/vegan meal on Nov 7 & 21**

Meals and groceries offered in goodwill to all.

**Community Meal each Friday**

**4—8 p.m.**



# arts on lafond

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

## November Events 2024

Thursday, November 7  
7pm

**Vanguard New Music**  
*Music for Strings and Percussion*  
Concert

\$15  
Cash, check, Venmo and [Paypal](#)



Thursday, November 14  
5 - 8pm  
**Open Mic + Open Market**



Thursday, November 21  
7pm  
**Experimental Jazz on Lafond**  
*Milo Fine and Anthony Cox*

\$15  
Cash, check, Venmo and [Paypal](#)

Tuesday, November 19  
7 - 8pm  
**sound bath meditation**

*a powerful sound immersion experience  
with Marc Anderson*

Suggested donation \$15  
Cash, check, Venmo and [Paypal](#)

<https://www.marcanderson.org/>

*Interested in hosting community meetings,  
gatherings or events in our space?*

Contact John Marboe or Mira Kehoe  
at [artsonlafond@gmail.com](mailto:artsonlafond@gmail.com)

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

# November

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4-8 p.m. — Community Meal	2 
3 10:00 am Zion's Worship and on Zoom Fellowship time after Worship 11:30 am -2 pm— Unique 7000 Worship	4	5 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 11 am—8pm— Vegan Community Meal	6	7 11:15 a.m. Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food and Wellness Program 5-8 pm — NO Open Market or Meal 7 p.m. — Vanguard New Music	8 4-8 p.m. — Community Meal	9
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17 10:00 am Zion's Worship and on Zoom <u>After worship is the 1st half of congregational meeting with pot/ luck lunch</u> 11:30 am -2 pm— Unique 7000 Worship	18	19 9:30 a.m. — Quilting 11 am—8pm— Vegan Community Meal 6 p.m. — Church Council Mtg. 7-8 p.m. — sound bath meditation	20	21 11:15 a.m. Enneagram via Zoom 1-3 p.m. — Food and Wellness Program 5-8 pm — NO Open Market or Meal 7 p.m. — Experimental Jazz	22 4-8 p.m. — Community Meal	23 Noon—4 pm — Cranksgiving
24 10:00 am Zion's Worship and on Zoom 11:30 am -2 pm— Unique 7000 Worship	25 1 p.m. — Circle Bible Study	26	27 11 am—8pm— Thanksgiving Vegan Community Meal	28 	29	30





**Saturday, November 23rd;  
Noon to 4 pm  
*Mr. Michael's Bicycle  
"Cranksgiving" Event***

Zion Community Commons, 1697 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul, operates a weekly food wellness program that provides food and sundries to people who are in need. Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles partners with Zion Lutheran annually to conduct a bicycle powered food drive where people bring their food and sundry donations by bicycle to the event.

### **People can participate 3 ways:**

- Carry donations to Zion Lutheran Church by bicycle on November 23rd between noon and 4 PM
- Participate in the alley-cat style race to purchase food items at local stores
- Call 651-641-1037 to arrange an appointment to have someone pick up food items from their home by bicycle (available only for people living in the Hamline Midway neighborhood)





# Word Search

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