



GRAPEVINE

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IS A MOSAIC COMMUNITY SHARING THE GRACE OF CHRIST WITH ALL...

AUGUST 2024 Sunday Worship at 9:15am

In Person & Facebook live

Burmese Worship at 10:30am

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Hello, My name is Jori Roysdon and I will be a new Faith Community RN at Zion. I have 3 cats, love Mexican and Italian food, and have a passion for advocating for my patients. I'm from Aurora, IL. I have been an RN for 3 years and have worked in both inpatient and outpatient settings. I am excited to meet all of you and begin this new journey in this new role. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to reach out to me at my email: jori.l.roysdon@osfhealthcare.org
Thank you, Jori



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Join the Members of Zion
AUG 2, 6:30-8:30pm
for Music on the Mall
All are welcome!

[The Grand Groove Hotel](#)

*Swing, Bossa Nova, Fun, Rock, Samba, Gospel &
Cuban songs*



Forum by Pastor Mike
August 11, 2024, 10:15am
Fellowship Hall
Zion in Midtown 141 Years



BABY SHOWER

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Please join us to prepare to welcome
Baby Boy - Thomas Perkins-Gama
Parents: Pastoral Intern Rachel & Nathi
Place: Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Date: Sunday, August 4, 2024
Time: 10:30am
Hosts: Intern Support and the Women of Zion



Parents are registered at:

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/rachel-perkins-october-2024-janesville/2TWXRV5KGJEH9>

and

Target: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=846b5ae0-0f16-11ef-b6e1-e35a6f78e1f6&type=BABY>

If you prefer to donate towards a combined gift, please feel free to send, or drop donation off to the Church office, 925 5th Ave, Rockford, or contact/give to Bonnie Dahlberg.
(To start the little guy's library please donate a book with a personal note)

INTERN RACHEL'S GREETING

Well, Zion family.....it is AUGUST!! This is the final month of my internship. What an incredible and beautiful journey this has been!

I have spent a lot of time reflecting on my time here and the growth that I have been able to make. The whole congregation has played a huge role in my pastoral development and I am so incredibly grateful. I want to take a moment and thank a few people that have been exceptionally vital during my time as the intern here.

Pastor Mike- I feel incredibly blessed to have gotten the opportunity to learn from you as my supervisor. You have encouraged me to push myself and be open to learning new skills and leadership styles. I have been so thankful for your trust in me and willingness to let me take the lead. I have appreciated, greatly, your advice on my sermons as well as your encouragement to try new preaching skills. I will take lessons I have learned from you into my ministry, wherever I end up.

Jolyn- It has been such an honor to spend time with you in the office. Going into the internship I was less confident in the administrative side of ministry. I have very much appreciated learning from you. I can confidently say that I know how to organize and publish bulletins, send out mass emails to the whole congregation, and many other office skills. I am thankful for your role in my internship as someone I could always go to for advice and clarification.

Internship Committee- I have been so grateful for your commitment to my learning and growth as a pastoral leader. I have appreciated your guidance and advice throughout this whole year. You have offered great advice on my sermons and have served as a source of prayer and support.

I am thankful for every single person in this congregation and in this community that has walked alongside me during my time here as intern. I have learned so much and feel ready and excited for what comes next! You all have been such a welcoming community for Nathi and me during our first year of marriage and now, first time parents. We cannot wait to welcome baby Thomas into our lives and share him with this community that has been so loving and accepting of us. My life is forever impacted by Zion and the Midtown community.

Peace! Intern Rachel



Tuesday Morning Worship



ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS

May 28 - Sept 3 7:30-8:00 am

All are welcome!



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ZION MINISTRIES

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BAGGING FOR CORNUCOPIA

We are in need of plastic shopping bags for the Pantry. Please drop off at the office and join us on the fourth Monday, at 1:00 PM, in the Youth Center for lots of fun while we fluff, & bag (Coffee & treats too) for Cornucopia Pantry! Thanks, Karen Kermgard.

BAG FLUFFING

FOR CORNUCOPIA FOOD PANTRY

Fourth Monday at 1:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church - Youth Center!

Cornucopia



Food Pantry



WORSHIP LEADERS

Would you like to be a Communion Assistant, Reader, Sound, Usher, Greeter or Worship Host? You could have the assignment on the first, second, third or fourth Sunday of each month at the 9:15am worship service. Please let the church office know if you are available, interested or have a question.

WOZ-- Cornucopia Food Pantry & Save the Date: During August we are requesting donations of **pasta noodles** for distribution at the Pantry. There is a great need for these items! A grocery cart is in the Narthex for donations, or you can bring them to the church office. Thank you so much for your help! Save the Date: Thursday September 19th - 9:00am for Breakfast in the Park.

Continue to look for updates in the Grapevine and weekly bulletins: WOZ Board: Sue Drilling, Maggi Hallin, Karen Kermgard, Kathy Rasch, & Linda Reinhardt.

MUSIC ON THE MALL - Edgebrook Mall August 2 at 6:30 pm. Zion members will come together for a night of free music and fellowship August 2 at Edgebrook Mall. The Grand Groove Hotel will start playing at 6:30 pm. All you need to bring is a lawn chair and something to drink. We will gather at the west end of the mall by the Ackerman Shoe store. The Edgebrook parking lot fills quickly so carpool if you are able. Try to arrive before 6:30 but you can certainly come and go at any time during the evening.

Concert is subject to cancellation if bad weather is expected so a rain date of August 23 is planned. If you have questions call Maggi Hallin at 815-398-6540.

MEMORIAL GARDENS—Once again the Memorial Gardens on S. 5th Street are available for anyone wishing to garden this summer. They are free for the choosing. First come first serve. Water will be available the week of May 12th. If you choose to plant a garden we only require that you let either me or Jolyn Hess know so we know which gardens are yours, also we ask that you clean out your garden at the end of the season. The grass will be mowed by the church as needed. There are tomato cages available on site also hoses. We are also looking for any volunteers willing to stain the sign posts and the wooden fence. The stain and brushes will be available in the office. Anyone interested in painting the picnic tables we will see that paint and brushes are available for that as well. We already have a repeat gardener that has requested the same 4 gardens that she had last year in the South garden. There are plenty of gardens available for the choosing. Hoping to hear from people soon. Thank you. Bonnie Dahlberg 815.742.5049 or nursebon@hotmail.com. Blessings and Happy Gardening

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at Stockholm Inn, 8:00am—feel free to join these groups

Cars & Coffee - Rockford

2024 EVENTS

APRIL 6
MAY 4
JUNE 8
JULY 6
AUGUST 3
SEPTEMBER 7
OCTOBER 5

TINT WORLD
AUTOMOTIVE BUY/SELL CENTER
2024
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THURSDAY 9AM-1PM

June 6 to September 26

RPS205 Parking Lot
502 Seventh Street
Rockford, IL



ACTIONS TAKEN

- Blessed a new synod banner.
- Heard from Rev. Miguel Gomez-Acosta, Senior Director for New Ministry Development and Evangelism at ELCA Churchwide.
- Passed the Fiscal Year 2026 Northern Illinois Synod Budget.
- Passed the 2025 Rostered Minister Compensation Guidelines.
- Passed three resolutions brought to the assembly.
- Elected several members to serve on Synod Council, committees, and 2025 Churchwide Assembly.
- Heard from Bishop Fidlar about a new development project.
- Heard from Becoming, a new Synod Authorized Worshipping Community in Oswego.



2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

"And being so fed, we will lean into the grace and grit of our vocation to Be the Body, to live into the called life"

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed by the assembly:

- R-1: Celebrating and Supporting the 50th Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger
- R-2: Northern Illinois Synod to Consider Becoming Reconciling in Christ
- R-3: Reject Christian Nationalism

LECTIONS

Synod Council Offices Treasurer, Ms. Nancy Lillevold
Synod Council Mr. Trace Gallagher, Ms. Leann Heimerdinger, Mr. Dave Kromphardt, Rev. Chris Lee, Rev. John Rothfusz

Congregational Life Committee Ms. Carol Johnson, Mr. David Crippen

Global Missions Committee Dr. Alan Esker, Rev. Makayla Dahleen, Rev. Jonathan Black

Ministry Support Committee Ms. Julie Eshleman, Mr. Jason Gustafson, Rev. Matt Kamprath

Outreach Committee Rev. Sarah Wilson, Rev. Dr. Eric Lemonholm

Social Ministry Committee Mr. John Gustafson, Rev. Patrick Fish

2025 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members

Ms. Clara Solak, Mr. Luke Snyder, Ms. Paula Ebener, Mr. George Sanchez, Mr. Brandon Graves, Rev. Chad McKenna, Bishop Stacie Fidlar, Ms. Minnette Willard, Mr. Mel Ehrler, Ms. Rita Gustafson, Rev. Jamie Gallagher, Rev. Julane Nease, Mr. Bill Wescott, Ms. Merianne Morris, Rev. Preston Fields, Deacon Shari Simon

Open God's Story



NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD
SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2024
JUNE 14 - 15, 2024

AUGUST 2024 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15am Worship 10:15am Forum - Pastor Mytch Senegal Mission and Nathi - Fellowship Hall	29 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen	30	31 8:00am Bible Study - Stockholm Inn 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen	1 9:00am Midtown Market - RPS Lot across from Katie's Cup	2 Office Closed 9:00am Private Music Lesson - Youth Center 6:30pm Music on the Mall - Edgebrook Mall	3 9:00am Cars & Coffee - RPS Parking Lot
4 9:15am Worship 10:30am Baby Shower for Pastoral Intern Rachel and Nathi - Fellowship Hall	5 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen	6 8:30am Staff Meeting 9:00am Worship Team	7 8:00am Bible Study - Stockholm Inn 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen 8:30am Staff Meeting - Fall Planning	8 Zion's Birthday (1883) 9:00am Midtown Market - RPS Lot across from Katie's Cup 4:00pm Katie's Cup Board 5:30pm Zion Development Board	9 Office Closed 9:00am Private Music Lesson - Youth Center	10
11 9:15am Worship 10:15am Forum - Zion in Midtown 141 Years (Pastor Mike)	12 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen	13 8:30am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Zion Outreach - Youth Center	14 8:00am Bible Study - Stockholm Inn 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen 9:00am Grapevine Articles Due 11:00am Missions Team - Zion	15 Grapevine Mailing 9:00am Midtown Market - RPS Lot across from Katie's Cup 11:00am Finance Committee - Library	16 Office Closed 9:00am Private Music Lesson - Youth Center	17
18 9:15am Worship 10:15am Around the Tables - Fellowship Hall	19 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen	20 8:30am Staff Meeting 3:30pm Building and Grounds	21 8:00am Bible Study - Stockholm Inn 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen 1:30pm Memorial Team	22 9:00am Midtown Market - RPS Lot across from Katie's Cup 4:30pm Patriots Board	23 Office Closed 9:00am Private Music Lesson - Youth Center	24 9:30am Ruthie's Kitchen Breakfast 1:00pm Ruthie's Kitchen & Closet
25 9:15am Worship 10:30am Godspeed Farewell Fellowship for Pastoral Intern Rachel & Nathi	26 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen 1:00pm Bag Fluffing - Youth Center	27 8:30am Staff Meeting 5:00pm HR Committee 6:00pm Church Council	28 8:00am Bible Study - Stockholm Inn 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich making - kitchen	29 9:00am Midtown Market - RPS Lot across from Katie's Cup	30 Office Closed 9:00am Private Music Lesson - Youth Center	31

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Ministers - All the People of Zion

Senior Pastor Michael Thomas
Pastoral Intern Rachel Perkins-Gama
Pastor Emeritus Denver Bitner
Office Manager: Jolyn Hess
Outreach Coordinator: Janice Forrest
Faith Community Nurse: Jori Roysdon
Music Ministry Coordinator: Jodi Beach
Custodians: Shanita Baker and
Denzel Banks
Worship Media: Kurt Brown

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael Beert, Pam Bitner, Bonnie Dahlberg,
Gary Fulkerson, Debbie Gortowski, Thomas Habing,
Karen Kermgard, Angeles Polcher, Debbie Raymond,
Ron Simmons, Kris Sommer,
Pastor Michael Thomas, and Neal Tolodxi

Church Council Officers

President: Kris Sommer
Vice-President: Thomas Habing
Treasurer: Michael Beert
Secretary: Bonnie Dahlberg
Pastor: Michael E. Thomas

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PRAYER CORNER

WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:

- ◇ The ELCA, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Stacie Fidler, Pastor Michael Thomas, Pastoral Intern Rachel Perkins-Gama, Pastor Emeritus Denver Bitner, the Zion Church Council, Pastor Caleb Uk of the Burmese congregation; the Zion Staff, Zion Outreach Board, Staff and Programs of Patriots' Gateway Center, Katie's Cup and Zion Development Corporation.
- ◇ Pastor Cosmas Mujungu of Sepuka/Msisi Church in Tanzania.
- ◇ Pastor Selvakumar and Arcot Lutheran Church in India.
- ◇ Mission Partner in Senegal with Pastor Mytch Dorvilier
- ◇ For the Northern Illinois Synod; North Conference churches; Midtown Lutheran Parish, faculty and students of Rockford Lutheran Schools, Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries.
- ◇ For those who grieve loss of loved ones.
- ◇ For healing: Eloise Anderson, Chiquita Bills, Phyllis Brynteson, Colette Buchert, Linda Callahan, Yolanda Churchill, Charlie Dahlberg, Norma Daugherty, Jim Duhigg, Deanna Hartenberg, Jonelle Haas, Vanda Nielsen, Linda Reinhardt, Wayne Spitzer, Carrie Steder, Brian Veitch, and Megan Zaphel.

If you have a prayer request or a prayer of gratitude to share, please notify Pastor Mike or Intern Rachel. The prayer room is upstairs to the left of the sanctuary and is available during office hours and on Sunday before and after worship services.

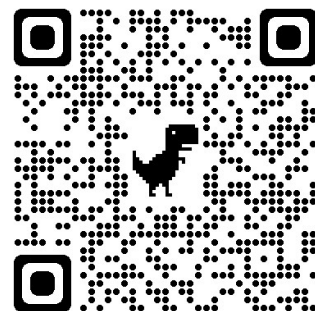
GRAPEVINE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2024 GRAPEVINE, EMAIL BY AUGUST 12, 2024 to submit an article: zionrockford@gmail.com, or please send a hardcopy to the church office.

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS WELCOMED!

Mailed...In-Person...Online

We are grateful for your generosity in supporting our ministries at and beyond Zion. There are envelopes in the place you are sitting at in worship and in the lobby of the church. Donations can be mailed to the church office or placed in the Offering Box in the back at the pole on the pulpit side before, during and after worship. You can also donate through the mobile app called, **Vanco Mobile**. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app to our various ministries. If you have questions with online or the mobile app, please email zionrockfordfinances@gmail.com for more information.

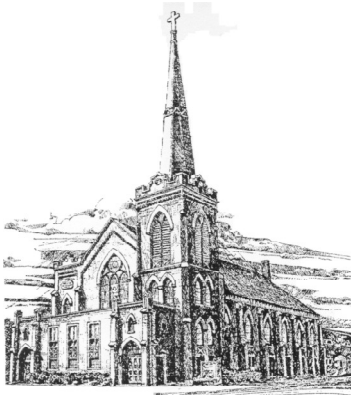
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PARTNERSHIPS



Sunday Worship at 9:15am In the Worship Space

Also Facebook Live/Online Worship

(Also posted at www.youtube.com/zionrockford afterwards)

Burmese Worship at 10:30am In the Chapel