

Zion Lutheran Church at Patriots Gateway
615 South 5th Street - Rockford, Illinois
June 7, 2026 at 9:15am
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SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



PRELUDE “Blessed Assurance” arr. By Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

The Holy Spirit calls and gathers us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"



1 Won-der - ful grace of Je - sus, great - er than all my sin;
2 Won-der - ful grace of Je - sus, reach - ing to all the lost,
3 Won-der - ful grace of Je - sus, reach - ing the most de - filed,



how shall my tongue de - scribe it, where shall its praise be - gin?
by it I have been par - doned, saved to the ut - ter - most.
by its trans - form - ing pow - er I now am God's dear child.



Tak - ing a - way my bur - den, set - ting my spir - it free—
Chains have been torn a - sun - der, giv - ing me lib - er - ty—
Pur - chas - ing peace and heav - en for all e - ter - ni - ty—



the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.
the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.
the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.

Refrain



Won-der-ful the match-less grace of Je - sus, deep - er than the might-y roll - ing



sea; high - er than the moun - tain, spar - kling like a foun - tain,



all suf-fi - cient grace for e - ven me; broad - er than the scope of my trans -



gres - sions, great - er far than all my sin and shame; oh,



mag-ni-fy the pre - cious name of Je - sus, praise his name!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the
2 That we may live out your im -
3 For peace in our hearts, that for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE "Glorify Thy Name"

1. Fa - ther we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
2. Je - sus we love You,
3. Spi - rit we love You,

5
Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

9
Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

13
Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Spirit of Life. Spirit of Hope.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:7-15

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel,
I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

- ¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- ¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.
- ¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- ¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**
- ¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also

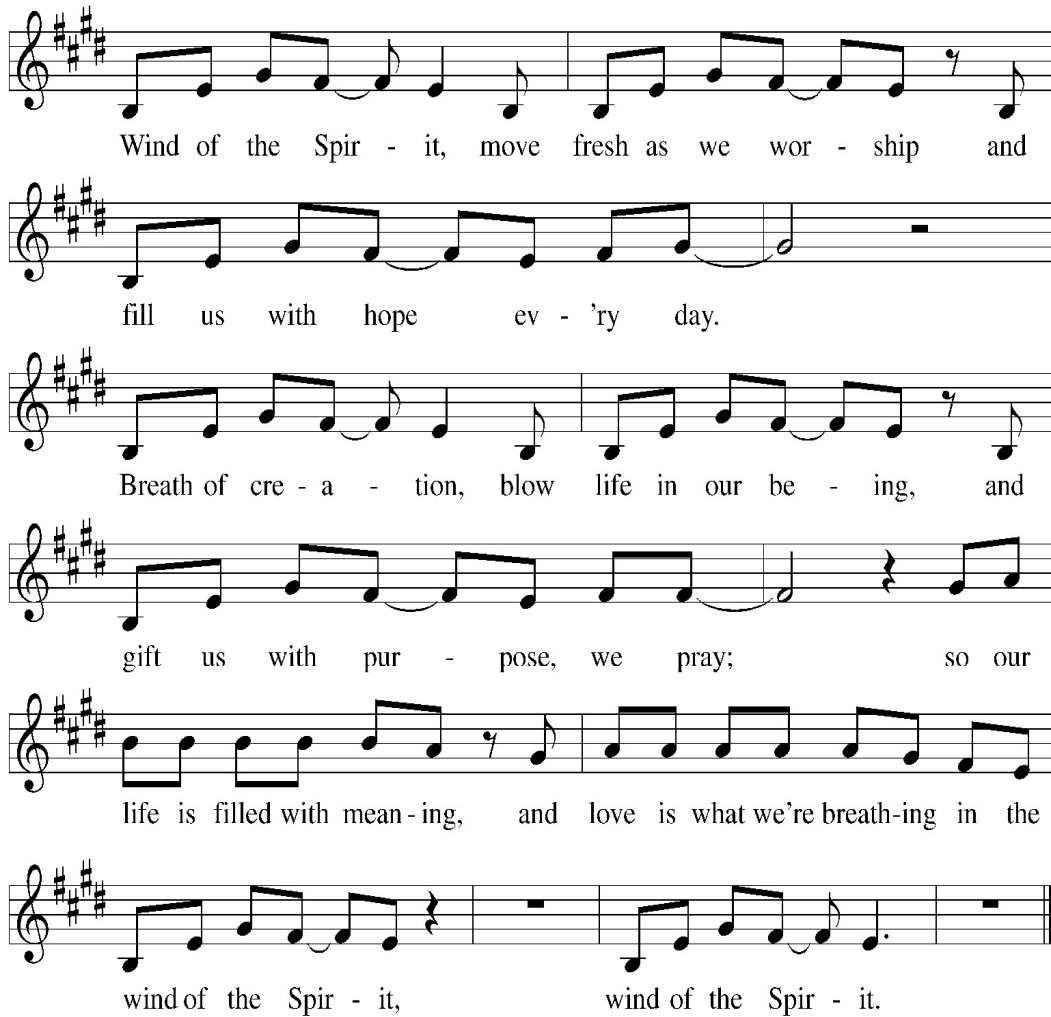
to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Spirit of Life. Spirit of Hope.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Wind of the Spirit”

Wind of the Spirit



Wind of the Spir - it, move fresh as we wor - ship and
fill us with hope ev - 'ry day.
Breath of cre - a - tion, blow life in our be - ing, and
gift us with pur - pose, we pray; so our
life is filled with mean - ing, and love is what we're breath - ing in the
wind of the Spir - it, wind of the Spir - it.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." ¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Michael Thomas

SERMON SONG

“There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”

Red Hymnal #588



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea; there's a
2. There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good; there is
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind; and the
4. 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all; great - er



kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty. There is
mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in His blood. There is
heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. But we
good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall. Make our



no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up - in heav'n. There is
grace e - nough for thous - ands of new worlds as great as this; there is
make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; and we
love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at Your word, and our



no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

MUSIC OFFERING & OFFERING

"People Need the Lord"

By Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh

Offering envelopes are available in the pews at your seat to designate gifts toward the ministries of Zion. The Offering Box is by the prayer table. You can also go online at www.zionrockford.com or you can click on the QR code.



TABLE BLESSING "You Are Holy" Red Hymnal #525

1

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Please come to the front for communion today. Receive the wafer with an open hand.
The cups of wine are red and juice is in the center and the juice is clear.
There are individual communion cups at the prayer table by the piano.
Dispose of them in the lobby.*

COMMUNION

"Here Is Bread" Red Hymnal #483

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of music with corresponding lyrics.

System 1: Chords: C, G/B, Am, E⁷, F/A, C/G, G. Lyrics: 1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us.

System 2: Chords: F/A, Am, G/B, C, G/B, Am, E⁷. Lyrics: he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

System 3: Chords: F/A, C/G, G, C, Fm/C, C, Gm⁷, Bb/C. Lyrics: Christ is with us here. here. feast on Je - sus here. Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

FM⁷ F⁶ Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is

B \flat /C C B \flat /D C/E FM⁷ F \sharp dim⁷

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,

Em⁷ A⁷aug Dm⁷ G⁷ C

by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” - Red Hymnal #733

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to build a table of belonging and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING SONG

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

Red Hymnal #860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

SENDING

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

PRAYER CORNER! WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:

- ◇ The ELCA, Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, Bishop Stacie Fidler, Pastor Thomas, 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.
- ◇ Senior Pastor Ndeshifose Akyoo, Assisting Pastor Evan Kiula, and Assisting Pastor Yohanna Samson Ntui of Sepuka Parish (Tanzania)
- ◇ Bishop Peter Paul Thomas and Pastor Selvakumar of Arcot Lutheran Church in India and Pastor Mytch Dorvilier.
- ◇ For the Northern Illinois Synod; North Conference churches; Midtown Lutheran Parish, faculty and students of Rockford Lutheran Schools.
- ◇ For those who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- ◇ For healing: Colette Buchert, Linda Callahan, Yolanda Churchill, Charlie Dahlberg, Jeff Dahlberg, Norma Daugherty, Karen Eiseman, Gary Fulkerson, John Hoyt, Gary Johnson, Greg Johnson, Leola LeGault, Jim McDowell, Les Morgan, Betty Jo Rodey, Wayne Spitzer, Carrie Steder, Kamara Thomas, Neal Tolodxi, Brian Veitch, Nancy Warden, Danielle Wegner, Gary Wegner, Jr., and Gary Zeien.

If you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving to share, please notify Pastor Mike. 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. If you would like a ribbon to show support for Pride or the African American communities, they are located in a basket in the lobby/narthex. If you would like a Zion yard sign to display they are in the lobby/narthex.

BAG FLUFFING

FOR CORNUCOPIA FOOD PANTRY

Fourth Monday at 1:00pm

Held at Zion Lutheran Church!



Cornucopia



Food Pantry

Women's Group!

June 8, 2026

Monday at 3:00-5:00pm

At Stockholm Inn

"Esther" Women's Small Group!

Any woman interested can attend or email us of your interest at zionrockford@gmail.com! Call Zion at 815-964-4609 for the address!



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WORSHIP LEADER'S TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Michael Thomas
Altar Guild Kris Sommer
Assisting Minister Student Deaconess Janice Forrest
Communion Assts:
Fellowship: Bonnie Dahlberg
Musician: Jodi Beach, piano; Jim McDowell, bass
Reader: Deb Gortowski
Usher: Kris Sommer



Sunday
June 14, 2026

Sunday Worship at 9:15am

Worship at Zion Lutheran Church
Special Music, Speaker and Worship

615 S. Fifth Street – Rockford, IL 61104



Duck Pin Bowling & Lunch
Join Pastor Mike at Cahoots!
CAHOOTS is at 314 Prairie Street
Rockford, IL

Tuesday, July 7, 2026
11:00am-1:00pm
(RSVP to Pastor by July 3rd)

www.cahootsrockford.com

**SEASONED
SAINTS
GROUP**

Women of Zion—Don't forget we are collecting the following Items: condiments—ketchup, mustard, relish, mayo, etc. for the pantry during June. Thanks-the WOZ Board.

Pew Envelopes - Feel free to use the new pew envelopes or scan the QR code to donate.

Financial Secretary - Please welcome to the Zion staff our new Financial Secretary, Hannah Wearsch. Hannah started this past week and works 5-8 hours a week. She can be reached at zionrockfordfinances@gmail.com.



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- * Pattern of Worship—resource from ELW pages 91-93

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:15am	Worship
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11:00am	Burmese Worship Service—Chapel
	1:00pm	New Life Worship Service-Conrad Room
Monday		Parking Lot Resurfaced—Do not use
	3:00pm	Esther Circle—Stockholm Inn
Tuesday		Parking Lot Resurfaced
	Noon	Katie’s Cup Conversation: Crusader Clinic Update
	1:30pm	Multicultural Committee Meeting
	5:30pm	Zion Development Board Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	Bible Study—Stockholm Inn
		Parking Lot Resurfaced—Do not use
	Noon	Worship Team Meeting
Thursday	5:30pm	Ruthie’s Annual Garden Party—Klehm
Friday		Synod Assembly—Augustana College
Saturday		Synod Assembly—Augustana College
Sunday	9:15am	Juneteenth Worship at Zion
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11:00am	Burmese Worship Service—Chapel
	1:00pm	New Life Worship Service-Conrad Room
	4:00pm	Mosaic Youth Group

UPCOMING

June 16	11:00am	Zion Outreach Board– Youth Center
June 21	10:30am	Retirement Celebration for Jolyn Hess
June 29	5-9pm	Women’s Interfaith Potluck-Fellowship Hall
June 30	Noon - 2	Last Day Party at Zion for Jolyn Hess
July 4	9:00am	Cars & Coffee Rockford: Parking Lot at Katie’s Cup
July 7	11:00am	Seasoned Saints: Duck Pin Bowling at Cahoots
July 14	5:00pm	Church Council Picnic
Sept. 30	8:00am	Katie’s Cup Golf Outing—Timber Point
October 2		Katie’s Cup Trivia Night (at Trinity Lutheran Church)