

Zion Lutheran Church at Patriots Gateway
615 South 5th Street - Rockford, Illinois
May 31, 2026 at 9:15am
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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

PRELUDE “Glorify Thy Name” arr. By Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“God Whose Almighty Word”

Red Hymnal #673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might! Bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light!
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

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



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



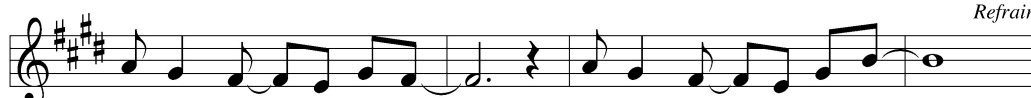
- 1 For peace in the world, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im -
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



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,



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

Refrain

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. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

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

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of

the sky to give light upon the earth,¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so.²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food."³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to

everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of life. Word of love. **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

PSALM 8

- ¹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

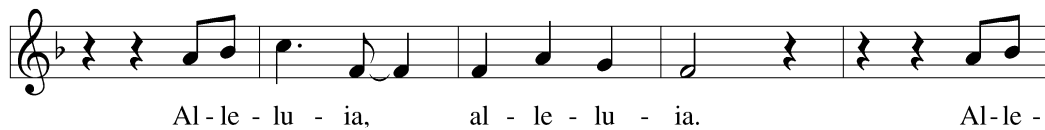
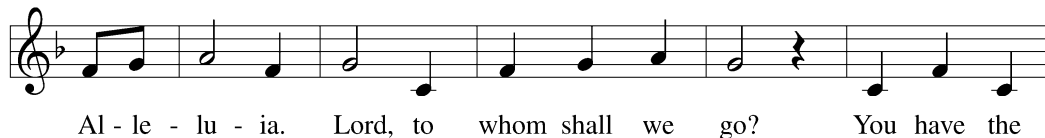
⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

SERMON

Pastor Mack Patrick

Northern Illinois Synod, Assistant to the Bishop

SERMON SONG "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

(words on next page)

Red Hymnal #413

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.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

“How Great Is Our God”

By Chris Tomlin—Jodi Beach

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*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 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

"Holy, Holy"



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .



Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a
chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a
deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a
new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a
. hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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 “Thy Strong Word”

Red Hymnal #511

(music on next page)

SENDING

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Thy Word” arr. by Mark Hayes



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

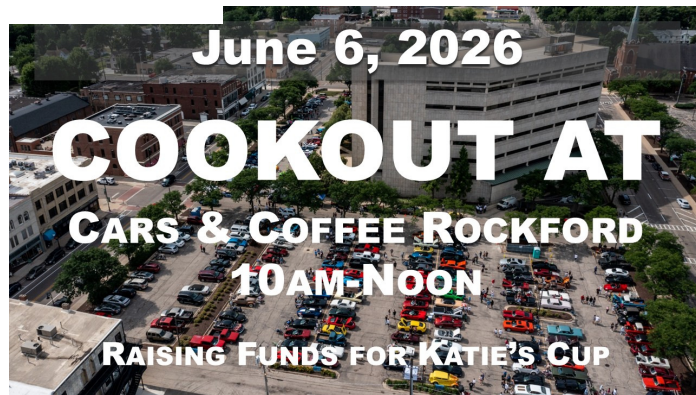
6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

THURSDAY 9AM-1PM

2026 SEASON

June 4 to September 24

Indoors at Katie's Cup
502 Seventh Street
Rockford, IL
We Accept Link!



PRIDE PARADE

Zion is in the parade!

June 6, 2026

We will setup at 10am!

Parade starts at 11:00am



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

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 Yohana 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.

PASTOR MACK PATRICK
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP
GUEST PREACHER
MAY 31, 2026!

9:15am Worship
10:30AM FORUM

Join us for a Forum after worship
Northern Illinois Synod Update!



BAG FLUFFING

FOR CORNUCOPIA FOOD PANTRY

Fourth Monday at 1:00pm

Held at Zion Lutheran Church!

Cornucopia



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:	Diane Wegner
Fellowship:	Bonnie Dahlberg
Musician:	Jodi Beach, piano; Tom Marken, drums; Jim McDowell, bass
Reader:	Angeles Polcher, and Pastor Denver Bitner
Usher:	

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

WOMEN OF INTERFAITH: All women are invited to attend the interfaith potlucks, listed below, which start at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Plates, silverware, and beverages will be provided, but you are always welcome to bring your own plate and silverware if you wish. Please join us!

Monday, June 29, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church, 925 - 5th Ave., Rockford. (NOTE: enter at rear door, next to the fire escape; If no one is at the door, push the button marked Kitchen and someone will open it.) The program will be "In Our Own Voice", through Northern Illinois NAMI, with an inspiring panel of women discussing their personal experiences with mental illness.

Mosaic Youth Group



Sunday - June 14th at 4:00pm

WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE

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

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:15am	Worship—Pastor Mack Patrick, NIS, Asst to the Bishop
	10:30am	Forum: NIS Pastor Mack Patrick Synod Update
	11:00am	Burmese Worship Service—Chapel
	1:00pm	New Life Worship Service-Conrad Room
Monday	1:00pm	Bag Fluffing—Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	7:30am	Tuesday Morning Worship—Anderson Japanese Gardens
Wednesday	8:00am	Bible Study—Stockholm Inn
Thursday	9:00am	Rockford Midtown Market—Indoors at Katie’s Cup
	4:30pm	Patriots Gateway Board
	6:00pm	Simmons Scholarship Meeting
Saturday	9:00am	Cars & Coffee Rockford: Parking Lot across from Katie’s Cup
	10:00am	Pride Parade—Rockford
Sunday	9:15am	Worship
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11:00am	Burmese Worship Service—Chapel
	1:00pm	New Life Worship Service-Conrad Room

UPCOMING

June 8 to June 9		Parking Lot being resurfaced—UNABLE TO PARK THERE
	3:00pm	Esther Circle—Stockholm Inn
June 11	5:30pm	Patriots Ruthie’s Garden Party at Klehm
June 12-13		Synod Assembly—Augustana College, Rock Island
June 14	9:15am	Juneteenth Worship at Zion
	4:00pm	Mosaic Youth Group
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 across from Katie’s Cup
July 7	11:00am	Seasoned Saints: Duck Pin Bowling at Cahoots
September 13		God’s Work Our Hands Sunday
September 30	8:00am	Katie’s Cup Golf Outing—Timber Point
October 2		Katie’s Cup Trivia Night (at Trinity Lutheran Church)