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Zion Connection

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

We're all about helping you get connected -

With one another, with your faith, with the greater church,
and with opportunities to serve our community & beyond.

Church Picnic - This Weekend!!

Sunday, April 24th, 12:00pm @ Lake David Park

Pat McCurdy and her team of enthusiastic WELCA helpers are hard at work finalizing the details of our upcoming Zion family church picnic. We have reserved Pavilion #1 (near the splash pad) for use. The picnic main dish (meat), cold beverages, and paper products will be provided for all to enjoy. Picnickers are asked to bring a side dish to share (salad, fruit, dessert, etc.) as they are able. (No side dish? No problem! Just come!)

The fun will begin immediately after our Sunday worship service. Please feel free to wear your comfy picnic clothes to church - Pastor won't mind at all! Also, bring your favorite outdoor game to play. The weather forecast looks great, but, regardless, the pavilion is completely covered. Picnic tables with benches are provided, but if you'd like a more comfortable seat for socializing, bring your favorite lawn chair. Come one, come all, and bring a hungry friend!

Changes to Worship - Hymnals!

As you may already know, our Zion Church Council has recently approved the use of our traditional red hymnals once again. We rejoice in this very visible sign of progress in the fight against Covid-19. We also rejoice in the reduction of the great amount of clerical work that

Church Calendar

Weekly Worship Service -
11:00am - In-person and via
livestream ([Link](#))

Men's Prayer Breakfast -
Mondays - 8:30am @ Rainbow
Restaurant (Info: [John Renn](#))

Pastor's Bible Study via
Zoom - Thursdays @ 2:00pm
(For info, email [church office.](#))

Mah Jongg Fellowship -
Fridays - 1:00pm @ Zion (Info:
[Gail Huntley](#))

Zion Church Family Picnic -
Sun., April 24th @ 12:00pm

WELCA Meeting - Mon., May
2nd @ 10:00am - In-person &
via Zoom. Link: [WELCA Mtg.](#)

CWU Friendship Day - Fri.,
May 6th, 9:30am (Info: [Joan](#)
[Missell](#))

Church Council Mtg. - Sun.,
May 8th @ 12:00pm

Easter Flowers -

On Easter, our chancel was overflowing with lilies, and our cross was alive with spring flowers. Thank you to Louise Willim and to all who donated!

(Changes/Hymnals - cont.)

has been required to continuously type up and print out the weekly Order of Service as well as to scan and print out the hymns for all to use. (Thank you, Maryanne Lenning and Joan Missell, for the many, many, many hours you have spent each week preparing these worship papers for us during the past two years!) While there may be a bit of a learning (or re-learning) curve for us all as we return to the use of the hymnals, the savings in terms of volunteer hours and paper and ink costs, along with the option for more variety in our worship services, will make the adjustment well worth the effort.

This change will also impact our members who rely on the weekly livestream of our worship services. To date, a copy of the weekly Order of Service has been posted on our website, but we will no longer be preparing a typed copy which can be posted. That said, we will continue to post a weekly worship "Welcome Paper" which will include the scripture readings and the hymn numbers. (Due to copyright restrictions, we are unable to post the *Celebrate* inserts or copies of the hymns online.)

If you often worship with us via livestream, we would be more than happy to provide you with copies of the *Celebrate* inserts. We would also be happy to provide you with a hymnal to use at home. To receive a hymnal and/or the weekly *Celebrate* inserts, please [email the church office](#) with your request. Arrangements will be made to either deliver or mail the items to you. Or, feel free to pick them up on any given Sunday when you are present for use in future weeks.

Synod Assembly - Joyful, Patient, Faithful

Friday, June 3rd thru Sunday, June 5th in Orlando

Members of the Florida-Bahamas Synod are thrilled to finally be able to gather in Assembly after two years of pandemic precautions. The entire Synod is looking forward to a joy-filled time of worship, workshops, and fellowship. The theme of the 2022 Synod Assembly, "JOYFUL, PATIENT, FAITHFUL," is based on Romans 12:12.

Assembly will be held in Orlando from June 3 - 5, 2022. For us at Zion, commuting is an easy option for those who prefer not to stay overnight. Assembly registration closes on May 13.

Important "business" sessions will be conducted for those attending as the designated voting delegate(s) from each congregation. However, in addition, numerous workshops and educational sessions will be offered



Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 24th

(Reader: Rich McCamant)

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Sunday, May 1st

(Reader: Pat McCurdy)

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalms 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 8th

(Reader: Rae Starke)

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

April Birthdays -

13th - Erik Olesen

14th - John Renn

21st - Jeanne Ferguson

29th - Zac Smrekar

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:11

(Synod Assembly - cont.)

for anyone wanting to attend. More than 25 workshops designed to support congregations in all aspects of their ministry together are being offered right here in our backyard. The following is just a small sampling of the workshops being offered.

- A Healthy Congregation is Not an Oxymoron!
- Growing & Empowering Everyone's Gifts in Your Congregation
- Living in God's Creation
- Reading to be Joyful, Patient, and Faithful
- Weaving Stories: A Model for Testimony in Lutheran Settings
- How God Leads Churches in Transition
- Creating Vision for New Mission through Faith and Innovation
- The Joy of WELCA - Patient, Faithful Service for 30+ Years
- Training Teams in Healing Prayer Ministry and Soaking Prayer

As you can see, our FL-Bahamas Synod Assembly is an educational opportunity not to be missed! For more info, please talk with one of our amazing Zion Council members, [email the church office](#), or check out the [Synod website](#).

News From WELCA - Meeting Format Change!

WELCA Meeting - Monday, May 2nd, 9:30am for Fellowship/10:00am for Meeting

Change is in the air once again for WELCA's monthly meeting format. With Council's recent approval for WELCA to meet in-person, we are excited to announce that our upcoming meeting on May 2nd, will be a "hybrid" meeting. Those who so choose will gather in person at the church while all those who prefer to continue meeting via Zoom will be "with us" on the large t.v. screen in the fellowship hall. We will continue to send out the monthly email reminder with the Zoom link (same link as always). Hope to see you on May 2nd!