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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.

Sunday is the BIG Day - We Hope to See You!

Sunday, Feb. 12th, Immediately Following the Worship Service

Both the Annual Congregational Meeting and a separate meeting to consider a pastoral call will be held Feb. 12, 2023. (Full details are again reprinted on pg. 3 of this issue of the ZC.) Please be in prayer in the coming days for our leaders and our congregation. **Important (and Tasty 😊) Update:** Coffee, cookies & donut holes will be on hand to get us through the meetings. However, Council will need use of the fellowship room following the two meetings to hold their required organizing meeting., so no space for a potluck is available that day.

Lutheran Men in Mission - Dates & News

Ambassador-Gram Newsletter: The latest Lutheran Men in Mission newsletter, the *Ambassador-Gram*, is now available for view. [Click here](#) to see current news from LMIM re: upcoming events and virtual opportunities for study and worship.

Master Builders – Men's Retreat: Join us while we do big and small projects to improve Luther Springs (Hawthorne, FL), enjoy the lake, tell stories around the campfire, enjoy healthy competition through camp games, and sit on the back porch talking about our faith. This a great opportunity for the men's group to come and enjoy working with their hands and building community with other men. [Click here](#) for details.

Church Calendar

(For more info re: any of these events, [please email the church office.](#))

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast -
Mondays, 8:30am @ Rainbow

Pastor's Bible Study via
Zoom - Thursdays, 2:00pm

Mah Jongg Fellowship -
Fridays, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Congregational Mtgs (2) -
Sun., Feb. 12th

Ash Wednesday Service -
Wed., Feb. 22nd, 11:00am

Ice Cream Party for March
Birthdays - Sun., Mar. 5th

WELCA Monthly Bible Study
& Mtg. (Hybrid) - Mon., Mar.
6th @ 10:00am ([Link](#))

Sanctuary Flowers in February -

The chancel flowers in February are given by Stephanie Stankiewicz to the Glory of God.

WELCA Dates & Details

Please mark your calendars for the following special events. If you're interested in any of the following, please let [Pat M.](#) or [Joy A.](#) know. We already have at least 1-2 women interested in each of these very special events. A wonderful time of fun & fellowship is guaranteed!

- **Heart of FL Spring Fling** - Sat., March 25th, Mt Dora
- **God Spa** - April 21st -23rd, Luther Springs, Hawthorne ([Details](#))
- **2023 Triennial Convention** - September 19th - 21st, Phoenix, AZ
- **FL-Bahamas Fall Gathering** - November 10th - 12th, Leesburg

WELCA February Devotion: *Justice, the Foundation of God's Love.* God calls us to be part of restoring the foundation of justice, which includes loving our neighbor. [Read the February devotion.](#)

Lutherans You Should Know in Black History

JUST Love Team Honors Black History Month - Feb. 2023

The FL-Bahamas Synod's JUST Love team works toward racial justice, authentic diversity and JUST Love. Throughout Feb., the JUST Love Team is presenting *Lutherans You Should Know in Black History*. This week, we direct our attention to the [Jim Crow Era - Dr. Rosa Young](#).

ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response - Middle East Earthquake Crisis

The Situation: On Feb. 6, two powerful earthquakes devastated Turkey and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Thousands of people have been killed, thousands more have been injured, yet search-and-rescue efforts are only in the early stages. A cold and snowy weather system now moving through the region complicates response efforts.

LDR Response: Mere hours after the earthquakes, ACT Alliance member organizations, including LDR, began distributing emergency medicines, bedding and other relief items. A comprehensive response will be coordinated as the extent of the impact becomes clearer.

What You Can Do:

To learn more about LDR's response on the ground and how you can help with both your prayers and your gifts, [please click here](#).

*As always, donations to Lutheran Disaster Response (or Lutheran World Relief) can be made via check made payable to Zion. Please clearly indicate 'Earthquake Relief' on your check or envelope.

Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 12th

(6th Sunday After Epiphany)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, February 19th

(Transfiguration of our Lord)

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday, February 22nd

(Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February Birthdays

7th - Jim McGovern

15th - Dee Shields

18th - Etta Brown (99yrs. ❤️)

Prayer Request List

Intercessory prayer is a meaningful way we can support one another. Our prayers are requested for:

Healing & Strength:

Nalja, Leif, Monika, Malcolm, Dylan, Mike, Bob, Jim, Karen S., Chris, Donald, John, Ginger, Karen M., and Linnea.

To add a name(s), please speak to Pastor, Susan S., or Joy, or [email the church office](#).

Special Notices/Reprints:
Two Separate Congregational Meetings
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023

NOTE:

All information, documentation and reports relevant to both of the following two meetings have been sent via email to all members of our Zion family. If you would like to request another copy be sent to you via email, please contact the church office: info@zionlutheranfl.com.

Congregational Meeting to Consider Pastoral Call (Meeting #1)

Our Zion Lutheran Church Council is excited to announce that there will be a special Congregational Meeting to consider extending a call to Pastor Karin Albaugh. This will take place on February 12 (Sunday) at about 12 noon (immediately following the worship service). A written ballot will be provided with a single motion for congregational voting. Active members of Zion present in-person will be eligible to vote.

Please note: The previously-announced regular Annual Congregational Meeting, also to be held on February 12th, will immediately follow this meeting. Further info will be coming on both meetings.

Annual Congregational Meeting 2023 (Meeting #2)

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held February 12, 2023, immediately following the meeting to consider a pastoral call. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be live-streamed ([Link](#)) for members who are not able to attend in person. At present, the agenda includes the following items:

1. Proposed amendments to the constitution, mandated by ELCA synodical action last year. **Full details of the proposed amendments are attached to the email with which you received this ZC newsletter.**
2. Election of Council: Two council positions for 3-year terms need to be filled, and congregational approval of Becky Wehman to continue for the two remaining years (she was selected by the council in early 2022 to fill a vacancy).
3. Approval of the 2023 Budget.