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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.

## WELCA's "Set" Monthly Meeting Date

### Mark Your Calendars, Women of Zion!

Zion's WELCA unit is led by our faithful, hard-working president, Ruth Stoyer. Together (via Zoom), we spend time in prayer, in spiritual growth, and in planning for our many mission activities.

Last month our wonderful WELCA group tested the idea of changing our "set" meeting day of the month. While there was good reason to consider and test the change, the end result has been a return to the long-established set meeting day - **1st Monday of the month.**

All women of Zion are invited and encouraged to join us. We hope to see YOU next "1st Monday!"

## Celebrate Bold Women's Day!

### Sunday, February 27th @ 11:00am

Women of the ELCA's Bold Women's Day—observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Members of Zion's WELCA unit have prepared a service of celebration, gratitude and encouragement for our worship service on Feb. 27th. Please join us as we honor all the bold women of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

## Church Calendar

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

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** -  
Mondays - 8:30am @ Rainbow  
Restaurant in Groveland (For  
info: [John Renn](#))

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

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

**WELCA Meeting via Zoom** -  
Mon., Mar. 7th @ 10:00am  
Link: [WELCA Zoom Mtg.](#)

**Bold Women's Service** - Sun.,  
Feb. 27th @ 11:00am ([Link](#))

**Church Council Mtg.** - Sun.,  
Mar. 13th @ 12:00pm

**WELCA Spring Fling** - Sat.,  
Mar. 26th in Winter Park

**WELCA God Spa Retreat** -  
Apr. 1st-3rd @ Luther Springs  
(For info: [Val Boyd](#))

**Florida Bahamas Synod  
Assembly** - Jun. 3rd-5th  
in Orlando

## Jail Ministry Update

Article by Diane Brown - Thanks, Diane!

It has been quite some time since I've updated you on the Women's Jail Ministry at the Lake County Jail. Unfortunately, that is because there hasn't been much to report since the volunteers are still not allowed into the facility. Each time jail administration considers allowing volunteers to return, another variant of the COVID-19 virus causes an uptick in cases at the jail and the plans are put on hold again. I continue to collect Christian books for the jail as I am sure that one day volunteers will be allowed back in. I will take the books in at that time.

In the meantime, Zion's involvement in jail ministry is having an impact in an unusual way. I recently received a phone call from our former member, Mary Greer, who is now living in Tampa. She wanted to get more detailed information on the use of Christian books at the jail to share with the women's group at her Tampa church. She had brought up the idea at the women's meeting and they were very interested in pursuing something similar in their area. We had a lengthy phone conversation, and I offered to answer any further questions the group might have as they proceed with this project. How wonderful that our involvement in the Lake County Jail Ministry could possibly be carried forward in Tampa!

## Zion 's "Behind the Scenes" Outreach (Part 2)

A previous edition of the *Zion Connection* included Part 1 of information on two of Zion's vital but lesser-known outreach funds. (That article explaining the *Project Zion Fund* is reprinted on pg. 3 of this edition.) The second of these two "behind the scenes" designated funds through which Zion quietly provides help and support to members of our local community is the *Members Care Fund*.

The *Members Care Fund* was established to provide support to anyone (not limited to Zion members) having a difficult time meeting financial obligations. The fund is supported by members of Zion, who may designate funds thru weekly offerings or memorials. All financial assistance offered (usually in the form of gift cards) is completely confidential. The decision to offer financial assistance can only be made by the pastor. Likewise, the pastor alone determines the amount of need to be given in an amount not to exceed the balance of the fund. Pastoral support is offered along with the financial assistance.

If you would like to contribute to either of these funds, simply mark your check (made out to Zion Lutheran Church) as either "*Project Zion*" or "*Members Care Fund*." For more info, please contact [John Renn](#).



## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, Feb. 20th

(Reader: Rich McCamant)

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

### Sunday, Feb. 27th

(Bold Women's Sunday)

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

### Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2nd

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### Sunday, Mar. 6th

(Reader: Louise Willim)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

### Sunday, Mar. 13th

(Reader: Ann Schultz)

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

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## Updated &/or Repeated Information

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### Reprinted from recent editions of *Zion Connection* -

#### Zion 's "Behind the Scenes" Outreach (Part 1)

Much of the heartfelt support that our Zion family extends to our greater community is well-known to all. Our members are faithful in their generous and on-going commitment to numerous organizations, both local and far afield. Perhaps not so well-known, even to members of our Zion family, are two well-established but "behind the scenes" designated funds through which Zion has been quietly providing help and support to members of our local community for many years.

The first of these two funds is *Project Zion*. **As our awesome treasurer, John Renn, explains:** "A former member created this fund to be used in support of local outreach and involvement. Past use of this fund included Zion's float in the Groveland Christmas parade. It can also be used to participate in mission outreach should the community experience any type of disaster, for example. The Church Council will make the decision on how to provide support to the community and/or encourage community participation."

Check our next *Zion Connection* for Part 2 which will include info on our *Members Care Fund* and details on how you can contribute to either of these two "behind the scenes" yet vital funds. Also, at this year's **Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30th**, you will have an opportunity to ask questions about these two funds or about any of Zion's many other designated funds.

#### An Invitation to Zion from LSF

##### Thursday, February 24th @ 7:00pm (Virtual Banquet)

Dear President Lenning and Pastor Nielsen,

I want to personally thank you again for Zion Lutheran Church's participation in our *Good Samaritan Initiative!* It has been a joy to meet and honor so many wonderful Good Samaritans, such as **Joan Missell**, who reflect the love of Christ through their selfless service. The second phase of the *Good Samaritan Initiative* is the Virtual Banquet which will be held on February 24th from 7:00-8:00PM. We hope you will consider joining us as we celebrate your Good Samaritans one last time, and officially kick off LSF's 40th Anniversary of bringing God's healing, hope and help to people in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

Ross Deitrich | Director of Development  
Lutheran Services Florida

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