

January 5, 2022

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.

A New-to-You Connection - Give It a Try!

New Opportunities for a New Year - Part 2

One of the blessings of celebrating a new year is that wonderful feeling of fresh, new possibilities and opportunities that seems to be felt by one and all. As you consider your goals and hopes for 2022, you may also want to consider a fresh "new-to-you" way of connecting with our wonderful Zion family. -

- **Pastor's Bible Study** - Every Thursday at 2:00pm via Zoom, Pastor leads a friendly, curious and welcoming group of students in Bible study. The class studies the 2nd Lesson for the upcoming Sunday. All are invited to join, and first-timers are especially welcome! Each week, Pastor sends an email with the Zoom link to anyone interested. To receive the link, please email the [church office](#).
- **Mah Jongg Fellowship** - Our fun-loving Zion Mah Jongg players gather Friday afternoons at 1:00pm to play a friendly game (no score-keeping 😊). Don't know how to play Mah Jongg? No worries - we'll be more than happy to teach you! For more info or to rsvp, please contact our awesome organizer, [Gail Huntley](#).
- Both Zion's **WELCA** group (women's ministry) and Monday **Men's Prayer Breakfast** group would love to welcome new faces in 2022! Last week's *Zion Connection* (1/1/22) had full details regarding both these fun-loving, friendly and hard-working groups. For more info or to rsvp, please contact [John Renn](#) (men's group) or [Gail Huntley](#) (WELCA). Hope to see you soon!

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 -
Every Friday - 1:00pm @ Zion
(For info: Gail Huntley)

Church Council Mtg. -
Sunday, Jan. 9th @ 12:00pm

WELCA Meeting via Zoom -
Monday, Jan. 10th @ 10:00am
Link: [WELCA Zoom Mtg.](#)

Zion Annual Mtg. -Sunday,
Jan. 30th, immediately
following the 11:00am service

Zion Family Birthdays in January -

4th - Joan Missell

9th - Barbara Bell

A Change of Seasons - Help Needed!

Saturday, January 8th @ 9:00am

As we approach *Baptism of Our Lord* Sunday on January 9th, the time has come to put away the lovely and much-loved Christmas decorations which have adorned our sanctuary throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas. **Any and all are invited and encouraged to meet at the church this Saturday, Jan. 8th**, to help take down the decorations and to put in place the white paraments to be used for *Baptism of Our Lord* Sunday. Sorting, wrapping, taking down, setting up and storing - there's a job for everyone! Hope to see you Saturday! If you have further questions, please contact this year's decorations coordinator, [Pat McCurdy](#).

Looking Ahead to Bold Women's Day

Sunday, February 28th - Will You Boldly Help Lead?

"Boldness comes in many forms. Some boldness is firm and quiet. Some is bright and loud. We want to help each other find that bold. Bold Women's Day celebrates all women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ."

Complete planning materials are available. **We just need a few bold Zion women to help with the planning and leadership.** To learn more about what's involved, please contact: info@zionlutheranfl.com.

Colo. Wildfires - Lutheran Disaster Response

The needs of our neighbors in Colorado are great. The Marshall Fire ignited on Dec. 30, in Boulder County, Colo. Over 6,200 acres burned quickly, forcing the evacuations of 35,000 people. The fire spread throughout neighborhoods, destroying at least 500 homes.

To support the efforts of LDR in Colorado and around the world, simply place your contribution in the Zion offering plate (or mail to church). **Please make your check out to Zion Lutheran Church and clearly label it LDR/Disaster Relief.** To learn more about about LDR and its work, check our their website: [Lutheran Disaster Response](#).



Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

(Reader: Joy Albrecht)

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022

(Reader: Louise Willim)

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022

(Reader: Ann Schultz)

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

January Sanctuary Flowers -

The chancel flowers in January are given by Jeanne Ferguson in loving memory of her husband, Bill, son, Kenneth, and mother, Betty.

Updated &/or Repeated Information

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Zion Lutheran Church will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30, 2022, following the 11:00am service. The meeting will be live-streamed ([Link](#)) for members who are not able to participate in the in-person service. The main items of business will be electing Council members, approving the budget, and voting on an amendment to the Constitution.

The amendment would change Sections 12.05 c. and d. to allow the Council to enter into contracts and access up to \$7500 rather than the present \$1500. Given the age of Zion's property and the rising costs of material and labor, the \$1500 cap limits the Council's ability to quickly address emergency needs in a timely manner, such as this past summer's air conditioning breakdowns. Such lag time could mean that Zion's property would be unusable while we wait for the Constitution's requirements (calling a meeting, announcing it for 2 consecutive Sundays, and mailing out notification of the meeting 10 days prior to the meeting and obtaining the approval of the congregation) to be fulfilled.

Following are the portions of the Constitution we are recommending be amended.

C12.05. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

- c. The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to ~~\$1500~~ \$7500 for items not included in the budget.
- d. The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation, shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations of more than ~~\$1500~~ \$7500 in excess of the anticipated receipts only after approval by a Congregation Meeting. The budget shall include this congregation's full indicated share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in ~~partnership~~ collaboration with the synod and churchwide organization.

If you would like a copy of the entire Constitution, they are available at church in the office.

Peace,
Gary Lenning
Zion Congregation Council