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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.

## Zion's Medical Equipment Ministry

### One Person Really Can Make a Difference!

While most of us at Zion know of and greatly appreciate the efforts of our efficient, hard-working treasurer, John Renn, in keeping our church finances in order, many may not know that John's commitment to stewardship and service to others extends beyond dollars and cents to a medical equipment ministry. Operating out of Zion's outdoor shed, John collects and stores a supply of various types of medical equipment which he freely offers to **anyone at all** - Zion family members, friends, neighbors or complete strangers.

Most of the equipment comes from individuals who purchased the equipment for their personal use but no longer need it. The collection includes wheelchairs, walkers, potty chairs and more. Borrowed equipment can be kept and used for as long as needed with no requirement that it ever be returned. Also included in the collection are approximately 10-12 grab bars that John is happy to give to anyone who may need them. Even better, he has volunteered to install them free of charge.

If you or anyone you know is in need of any of these medical supplies, please just let John know. Chat with him on a Sunday morning, or send him a [quick email](#). Thank you, John, for caring about our health and safety as well as our financial resources!

## Church Calendar

(For more info re: any of the following 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  
Restaurant

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

**Mah Jongg Fellowship** -  
Fridays - 1:00pm @ Zion

**Aug. Church Council Mtg.** -  
Sunday, Aug. 14th @ 12:00pm

**Women's Summer Fun  
Luncheon** - Friday, August 5th  
@ 11:00am

**"God's work. Our hands."** -  
Sunday, Sept. 11th

## Sanctuary Flowers -

The sanctuary flowers in August are given by Paul & Diane Brown in loving memory of their parents.

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## WELCA Fun & Games Luncheon - Bring a Friend!

Friday, Aug. 5th - 11:00am @ Zion

ALL are invited to gather in the Zion social hall for a fun, casual get-together featuring lunch & board games. Feel free to bring your favorite game, or choose from several we'll have on hand.

WELCA member, Dona Olesen, is spearheading plans for a light lunch. If you'd like to bring something, please check out the signup sheet in the social hall. (You can also volunteer via [email here.](#)) Otherwise, just come as you are and relax with good friends. There may even be little prizes for big winners! ([Rsvp's](#) would be very helpful.) Bring a friend(s)!

## Looking Ahead to Coming Events

**"God's work. Our hands." - Sunday, Sept. 11th**

GWOH is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Volunteer(s) are needed to help plan Zion's GWOH event(s). Please contact one of our amazing Zion Council members for more info, or [email the church office.](#)

**2022 Annual FL-BA Synodical Women's Organization Fall Gathering**

This year's gathering will again be held at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg. The theme is "Step by Step" based on Proverbs 16:9 - *We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps (NLT).* Join women from all over Florida and the Bahamas for worship, workshops, Bible study, fun, good food, fellowship and, most of all, the presence of the Lord. [Click here](#) for more info and registration.

## Even Though Pastor is Away -

Pastor Nielsen is away visiting with family and friends in Norway, but he is still managing to reach out to us in meaningful ways.

- Before leaving, Pastor made sure to share [this pastoral message](#) from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton regarding the recent SCOTUS ruling for us to prayerfully consider.
- Pastor has been posting wonderful photos of his trip, his family and his adventures on [his Facebook page.](#) This is a great opportunity for us all to visit Norway with him!

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## Sunday Scripture Readings

**Sunday, July 31st**

(8th Sunday of Pentecost)

Eccles. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

**Sunday, August 7th**

(9th Sunday of Pentecost)

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

**Sunday, August 14th**

(10th Sunday of Pentecost)

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

**Sunday, August 21st**

(11th Sunday of Pentecost)

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

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## August Birthdays -

**1st - Wendy Simon**

**7th - Louise Willim**

**9th - Maryanne Lenning**

**16th - Gary Lenning**

**18th - Pat McCurdy**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26