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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 Summer Fun & Fellowship

As many of you know, WELCA does not traditionally hold official meetings during the summer months. However, after waiting 2 years to finally be able to gather, share and laugh together in person, the women of Zion have absolutely no interest in saying good-bye for three long summer months. So, WELCA has planned two fellowship opportunities. ALL women of Zion are invited to join us and to bring a friend. These two events are all about "fun and games" - no duties, no business, no responsibilities.

Friday, July 15th @ 10:00am - Brunch at Twisted Biscuit restaurant in Tavares (Carpool leaving Zion at 9:30am)

WELCA members and friends are planning to "hit the road" to Tavares for a yummy brunch at Twisted Biscuit Diner. As the owner, Don Wilson, explains, "Our goal is to take a classic Southern diner and "twist" it a bit. We look forward to introducing you all to biscuits and Southern cuisine with a "twist" very soon!!"

Check out the [Twisted Biscuit Diner website](#), and plan to join us on July 15th. You are welcome to drive directly to the diner (4101 County Rd 561, Tavares, FL) and meet the group there. Or, those who would like to carpool will meet at Zion at 9:20am and drive over together. If you plan to carpool, please be on time; we will leave Zion promptly at 9:30am. Also, please rsvp to [Dona Olesen](#) so we will know how many to expect. We hope to see you there!

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](#))

Day of Pentecost - Sunday,
June 5th (**Wear RED!**)

Church Council Mtg. - Sun-
day, June 12th @ 12:00pm

Women's Summer Brunch -
Friday, July 15th - 10:00am @
Twisted Biscuit in Tavares
(Info: [Dona Olesen](#))

Sanctuary Flowers in June -

The chancel flowers in June are given by Louise Willim "in memory of our wedding anniversary (1965)".

(Summer Fun - cont.)

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

ALL are invited to gather in the Zion social hall for a fun, casual, air-conditioned get-together featuring lunch & board games. WELCA member Dona Olesen is organizing a lunch of sliders, salad and sweets. Feel free to bring your favorite table game to teach. We'll also have several games you can choose from at the church. If you'd like to help Dona with the lunch, please let her know. Otherwise, just come as you are and relax with good friends. There may even be little prizes for the big winners! ([Rsvp's](#) would be helpful.)

Current 'Help Wanted' Needs at Zion

Please prayerfully consider responding to one of these simple but vital opportunities to serve.

Volunteers are greatly needed to:

- Read the weekly scripture lessons from the lectern. The need for "new" lectors (readers) is especially acute as several long-time readers are now needed to serve in the tech booth. Faithful team leader, Pat McCurdy, trains all new volunteers and schedules readers on a rotating monthly schedule so no one person needs to serve every week. (Contact: [Pat McCurdy](#))
- Now that we are once again worshiping in person, a team of 2-3 volunteers are needed to take inventory of and update, if needed, the contents of the gift bags that we present to visitors. They are also needed to keep track of our supply of the items to be included, reordering as necessary, and to assemble the bags so that we always have plenty on hand. Of course, the bags include the beautiful, handmade wooden crosses made by John Renn and the lovely prayer squares made by Diane Brown, but we also want to be sure to include all relevant details and information about Zion and our ministries. (Contact: [Susan Skyzinski](#))

ELCA Response to School Shooting in Texas

"As we grieve with the families of the 19 students and two teachers killed in Tuesday's mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, we reaffirm our commitment in calling for greater gun safety, including preventing easy access to assault-style weapons and strengthening our federal system of background checks for all gun sales."

Please [click here](#) for the complete text of the ELCA's response to this heart-wrenching tragedy.



Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, June 5th

(Day of Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Sunday, June 12th

(The Holy Trinity)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 19th

(2nd Sunday of Pentecost)

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June Birthdays -

8th - Leif Zetterlund

10th - Jim Stouffer

30th - Valerie Clarke Boyd

May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

Psalm 20:4

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Day of Pentecost

Sunday, June 5, 2022 - Wear Red to Church!

Pentecost Sunday marks the fiftieth day of the Easter season, and the fulfillment of Easter is celebrated at Pentecost. The promised counselor comes to the faithful, and the church rejoices that God's mission in Jesus is for all the world's people. Pentecost Sunday is often referred to as the birthday of the church because Pentecost is when the apostles first went out among the people spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the church. The liturgical color of Pentecost is red. The symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire and a dove (Acts 2). Many Christians wear red on Pentecost to symbolize the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles.