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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.

Lent Mission Project - Well Worth Repeating

The wonderfully generous supply of diapers donated by our Zion family during the Advent season was so greatly needed and so greatly appreciated that WELCA members wholeheartedly agreed the project is well worth repeating this Lenten season. We will be collecting diapers throughout Lent and will deliver them during Holy Week. All diapers will be donated to The Neighborhood Center of South Lake. Our entire Zion family is encouraged to participate by either/or/both:

- Providing packs or boxes of diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6 are most needed). Diaper wipes are also greatly needed.
- Praying throughout the Lenten season for the families who will be receiving the diapers and the little ones who will be wearing them.

Note: To learn more about the mission of TNC, the services provided to clients, and the many and varied ways you can support our neighbors struggling with food insecurity and other challenges, check out TNC's new website: [The Neighborhood Center of South Lake](#).

Looking Ahead to Easter Lilies

Even as we are just now taking our first steps along our Lenten journey, scheduling challenges require that we look ahead to the beautiful Easter lilies that will once again adorn our chancel area on Easter Sunday, April 9th.


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

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

 **Pastor Karin's 1st
Sunday!** - Sun., Mar. 5th

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

**WELCA Monthly Bible Study
& Mtg.** (Hybrid) - Mon., Mar.
6th - Bible Study @ 10:00am;
Meeting. @ 10:45am ([Link](#))

**Heart of Florida WELCA
Spring Fling** - Sat., Mar. 25th
@ 10:00am in Mt. Dora (St.
Philip Lutheran)

Sanctuary Flowers in March -

Chancel flowers in March are given by Susan Moser in loving memory of Austin Umphries.

Easter Lilies - (cont.)

Members of our church family are invited to donate an Easter lily in honor, appreciation or memory of a special person or meaningful occasion. The cost for the lilies is \$9.00 per plant. Following the Easter service, all who donated are invited to take their lily(s) home.

How to Participate -

Order forms are now available at church. The form is also attached to the email with which this ZC newsletter was sent. Or, you may mail a check made out to Zion with a note detailing the person or occasion you are honoring. **The last day to place your order to ensure your name and commemoration appear on the printed Easter Lily Donation List is Sunday, Mar. 19th.**

Women of Zion/WELCA - March Update

- **Thank you to ALL** who did such a fantastic job planning, setting up, cleaning up, decorating, making cards, knitting, writing memories, and donating food and/or funds on Sunday! The farewell reception for Pastor and Marci really was a wonderful event for everyone who was able to attend. True highlights were the many super-huge smiles we saw on both Pastor's and Marci's faces. Thank you all!
- Women's Bible Study (Hybrid) - Mon., Mar. 6th @ 10:00am ([Link](#))
- WELCA Monthly Mtg. (Hybrid) - Mon., Mar. 6th @ 10:45am ([Link](#))
- Heart of FL *Spring Fling* - Each spring, the women of Heart of FL Conference gather for *Spring Fling*, a fun time of renewing friendships, singing, Bible study, delicious lunch, guest speaker and closing worship with Communion. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at St. Philip's Lutheran in Mt. Dora. Mark your calendars, and let's fill a car or two from Zion! Full details are on the flyer attached to the email by which you received this ZC newsletter. For more info, please contact [Louise Willim](#).
- WELCA March Devotion: *Go Deeper Into Lent*. [Read here](#).

Lutherans You Should Know In Black History

JUST Love Team Honors Black History Month - 2023

The FL-Bahamas Synod's JUST Love team works toward racial justice, authentic diversity and JUST Love. Throughout Black History Month, the JUST Love Team has been presenting *Lutherans You Should Know in Black History*. This final week, we turn our focus to [Contemporary Era - Bishop Yehiel Curry](#).

Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 5th

(2nd Sunday in Lent)

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

Wednesday, March 12th

(3rd Sunday in Lent)

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 19th

(4th Sunday in Lent)

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March Birthdays

8th - Paul Brown

8th - Terrence Renn

13th - Gail Huntley

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, Ginger, Linnea, Karen M., and Kim.

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