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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.

Change is Coming - Give Your Input!

Sunday, June 4th - Immediately Following the Worship Service

From our hardworking Zion Council President Mike Harrass (**Thanks, Mike!**) - Change is coming! But you need to help decide what is changing. As with practices in other areas of our life, it's time to discuss what to change at Zion. So, please plan on staying for a Pot-Luck lunch on June 4th after worship. Details will follow.

Here are some details/topics to be included: change in Communion distribution practice, use of Communion kneeler, worship settings, congregational singing, passing of the peace, coffee hour, offering plate, Bible studies, and **More details will follow, but please put June 4th on your calendar.**

Lake County Jail and Prison Ministry

Article Submitted by Jean Harrass - Thanks, Jean!

Thursday evening, May 4, Lake County Jail and Prison Ministry held their annual fundraising dinner at the beautiful Venetian Center in Leesburg. Zion sponsored a table, and eight of us enjoyed a delicious dinner accompanied by music provided by a live band playing timeless gospel favorites. Several representatives of the Lake County Detention Center spoke about the importance of the jail ministry. The program was highlighted by the testimonies of two former inmates who credit

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

Day of Pentecost - Sun., May
28th (Wear **red** to church!)

Women's Summer Fellowship Event #1 - Friday, June
2nd, 10:00am @ [Twisted Biscuit](#)
in Tavares (see article on pg. 3) ([Info/RSVP](#))

Ice Cream Party for June Birthdays - Sun., June 4th

 **Potluck & Zion Family Mtg.** - Sun., June 4th
(see full article on left)

Church Council Mtg. - Sun.,
June 11th, 12:00pm

Women's Summer Fellowship Event #2 - Friday, July
14th, 11:30am @ [JB Boon-docks](#)
in Howey (full details in next issue of ZC)

Jail Ministry - (cont.)

the ministry program with turning their lives around to become positive, productive members of their communities. The evening was uplifting and inspiring. Kudos to a wonderful local ministry and the volunteers like Diane Brown and Joy Albrecht who touch many lives.

Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 28th - Wear **Red** to Church!

Pentecost marks the fiftieth day of the Easter season, and the fulfillment of Easter is celebrated at Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is often referred to as the birthday of the church because Pentecost is when the apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit and first went out among the people spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the church. The liturgical color of Pentecost is red, and the symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire and a dove (Acts 2).

Strengthening Our Prayer Ministry

Zion's worship team, of which the prayer ministry is a meaningful component, has recently been exploring ways to strengthen this vital ministry, both for those in need of prayer and for those who faithfully respond to the requests for prayer. We've come up with a few changes that we believe will greatly enhance our prayer ministry.

Sunday Spoken Prayer Requests - Each Sunday at the start of worship, Pastor Karin offers us all the opportunity to share our spoken prayer requests. These requests are lifted up during that week's service.

Sunday Printed Prayer List*- You may request that your name, or that of others, be added to our printed prayer list. This is a public list that will be distributed each week in the red worship folders. We ask that you regularly follow up with updates. We try not to remove any name until we hear that the need has passed, but we also want to be sure our list reflects the current concerns accurately.

Prayer Request Email Tree* - More immediate prayer requests can be shared with our Zion family via our email tree. These email prayer requests can include as little or as much information as you like. If you are seeking prayer for someone other than yourself, please ask that person's permission first.

Important Note - To add a name to the *Sunday Printed Prayer Request List* and/or the *Prayer Request Email Tree*, please speak to Pastor Karin, Susan S., or Joy A. You may also [email the church office](#).

Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 21st

(7th Sunday in Easter)

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28th

(Day of Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

Sunday, June 4th

(The Holy Trinity)

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 11th

(2nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

May Birthdays

15th - Karen McCamant

21st - Monika Zetterlund

23rd - Diane Brown

30th - Margareta Akesson

Sanctuary Flowers in May -

The chancel flowers in May are given by Paul & Diane Brown in celebration of Diane's birthday.

Reprinted and/or Updated Articles

Reprinted from 05/5/23 edition of *Zion Connection* -

Women's Summer Fun & Fellowship - #1 (of 3!)

Friday, June 2nd, 10:00am @ Twisted Biscuit in Tavares (Carpool leaving Zion promptly at 9:30am)

While we traditionally do not meet during the summer, WELCA has planned three fellowship opportunities for the coming months. ALL women of Zion are invited to join us and to bring their friends. These summer fellowship events are all about "fun and games" - no duties, no business, no responsibilities. We hope you'll join us!

Summer Fun Event #1 - Back by popular demand, we'll be "hitting the road" to Tavares for a yummy brunch at [Twisted Biscuit Diner](#). 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, if possible, please rsvp to Pat M., Joy A. or to the [church office](#) so we can tell the restaurant how many to expect. We hope to see you there!

Synod Assembly 2023 - *Renewed in Christ*

Friday, June 8th thru Sunday, June 10th in Orlando

Each year, Synod leaders, clergy, congregational leaders, and laity of the Florida-Bahamas Synod gather for a joy-filled time of worship, workshops, decision-making and fellowship. The theme of the [2023 Synod Assembly](#) is "Renewed in Christ" based on Hebrews 13:6-8. This year's keynote speaker is [Bishop Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport](#).

In alternating years, the 3-day agenda at Assembly either focuses more on workshop sessions and provides dozens of workshops covering all areas of congregational ministry, or the agenda focuses more on plenary (business of the church) sessions. 2023 is the year of mostly plenary sessions, and important business will be conducted by those attending as designated voting delegate(s) from each congregation.

Assembly 2023 will be held in Orlando from June 8-10, 2023. For us at Zion, commuting for 1 or more days is an easy option for those who prefer not to stay overnight. For more info, please talk with Pastor, one of our Zion Council members, or email the [church office](#).

Special Note: While most of us will not be able to attend Assembly 2023 in person, we are all called to lift up in prayer the vital work being done and the important decisions being considered by our voting representatives and church leaders.