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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.

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.

A Loving Tribute to Linda Jacobsen

This past Friday was very special, indeed, for Zion's Friday afternoon Mah Jongg Fellowship group. The group was informally led for many years by our dear sister in Christ, Linda Jacobsen, who passed away on Feb. 1, 2022. Knowing her love for the game, for Zion, and for her fellow Friday players, Linda's loving husband, Kai Ewald, recently gifted the group with Linda's treasured mah jongg set. This past week was the first time we used the set, and the sweet memories of Linda's love, laughter and (very!) skillful play were with us all afternoon. Thank you, Kai! Any and all those who enjoy having fun with dear friends are invited to join us. (For more info: [Gail Huntley](#))

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 to church!)

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 May -

The chancel flowers in May are
given by John Renn in loving
memory of his parents.

Traveling Prayer Squares

Article Submitted by Diane Brown - Thanks, Diane!

In the past couple of months, Zion's prayer squares have been traveling around the state, the country and the world.

First, Pastor Derek Hoven contacted me about a Prayer Room that they set up at Salem Lutheran Church in Orlando. He wanted to know if we could provide prayer squares for them to place in a basket in their Prayer Room. Anyone using that room could take a prayer square, if desired. Of course, I took a large supply to them and offered to continue to supply more as needed. Pastor Hoven then asked if I could provide the pattern so his mother-in-law could crochet them, and I emailed the pattern to him. When I asked him earlier this week if his mother-in-law has been able to keep up with the demand, he replied: "She has, thanks! She used to make baby blankets for the hospital, but they don't need them anymore, so she has switched gears. We had a synod council retreat this weekend, and for devotion time I took prayer squares and gave one to each member of the synod council to carry with us as we do our work. There was delight in the sharing. All of this said, I'll always find homes for them, and if you have extras I'm happy to take them."

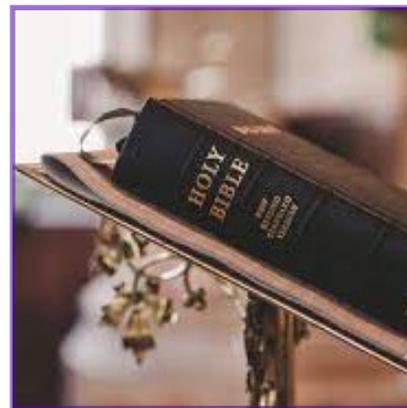
Then my brother, George, phoned me from Pennsylvania and asked if I could send him another box of prayer squares as he had given away all that I had sent previously. Of course, I honored his request, too.

Lastly, Joan Missell asked me if I had talked about the prayer squares with Davis, the missionary from Africa, who worshiped with us during his knee surgery and recovery. At that time, I hadn't; but, I made a point of talking with him about them. He said he would take some home with him, but was limited because of luggage restrictions. He said he may have a friend who lives in our area get more from us and ship them to him in the future.

What are you doing to get the prayer squares out into the world, especially our little corner of the world? Who could you give one to? Who do you know who could benefit from having one? Challenge yourself to share a square this week.

Tree Trimming in May

If you've driven past Zion's parsonage recently you may have noticed how nice the trees look after having been trimmed. Next up on the schedule - trimming the palms at the church.



Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 22nd

(6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 29th

(7th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 5th

(Day of Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

May Birthdays -

15th - Karen McCamant

21st - Monika Zetterlund

23rd - Diane Brown

30th - Margareta Akesson

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15