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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.

Sanctuary Decorations - 'Tis the Season!

Monday November 21st at 9:30AM

Our creative and hard-working Pat McCurdy is once again spearheading the challenging task of decorating our beautiful sanctuary for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. As Pat shares from experience, "Many, many hands are needed to get this task done. All who are able are asked to please join in the effort. There are a variety of jobs - something for everyone." Thank you, Pat!

Women's Christmas Fellowship

Friday, December 2nd @ 11:00am

ALL of our dear women of Zion, and their friends, of course, are cordially invited to WELCA's annual Christmas get-together. Whether you are able to participate in WELCA activities during the year or not, this is a time for all Zion women to join together in a time of fun and fellowship. The festive event will include:

- A potluck lunch - Please bring a dish to share. A sign up sheet is on the stringboard in the fellowship room.
 - A cookie exchange - Please bring a dozen cookies to exchange, and then select a dozen from Zion's wonderful bakers.
 - A holiday gift exchange - Please bring a small gift (\$10.00/max.) for our annual "white elephant" format gift exchange.
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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
Restaurant

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

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

**Final Day for Poinsettia
Donation** - Sun., Nov. 20th

**Women's Christmas
Fellowship @ Zion** - Fri., Dec.
2nd @ 11:00am

**Church Family Group Photo
Day** - Sun., Dec. 4th

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful chancel flowers in November are lovingly given by **Becky Wehman** in celebration of Rev. L.G. Wehman's 90th Birthday.

Christmas Party - (cont.)

Very Important Note: All three of the above planned activities are purely just for fun and relaxation during this very busy time of year. Are you feeling too rushed, over-committed or tired to be able to bring a dish, a dozen cookies and/or a gift? **NO worries at all!** We've all been there at one time or another, and, besides, we'll have plenty of extras of all three. All we really need is YOU!

A Thank You From Zion's Church Council

The end of the year can be a hard time for those charged with closing out the year-end financial records. This year, however, Zion Church Council members feel blessed to be able to share the news that Zion will end the year with a positive balance of \$6,000, even after the expense of the new air conditioner. Pres. Mike Harrass, Treasurer John Renn, and the entire Council are grateful for the generosity of all of the Zion family throughout the year, as well as the generosity of those who contributed "special gifts" outside of the general offering.

Time to Spread the Word, Zion!

As you know, Zion's weekly worship service is now being livestreamed via our primary Facebook page. Thankfully, our beloved livestream 'regulars' were able to find us this past Sunday. Now, Zion, it's time for us all to do our utmost to help others in our community find us, too!

We all remember the days of the professionally-printed trifold brochures that every church and civic club passed out to members of the community. The brochures had all kinds of info about the group - activities, goals, leaders, etc. Can you, however, even remember the last time someone handed you a brochure like that? These days, those brochures have been replaced by a Facebook page. The great news for us is that the FB page is absolutely free, can be easily updated, and has the potential to reach unlimited numbers of our neighbors. We need your help, though, in using our Facebook "brochure" to spread the word about Zion and all our various ministry happenings!

For ALL of us, even those who are not Facebook users -

- Anytime you mention Zion to someone for whatever reason, please simply add, "You should check out our Facebook page. It's Zion Lutheran Church, Groveland." Maybe they will or maybe they won't, but it's certainly worth a mention!

Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, November 20th
(Christ the King Sunday)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 27th
(1st Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, December 4th
(2nd Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

November Birthdays

3rd - Rev. L.G. Wehman

9th - Mike Harrass

13th - Thais McGovern

22nd - Marci Nielsen

23rd - Richard McCamant

23rd - Lou Anne Cousino

Prayer Request List

Intercessory prayer is a meaningful way we can support one another. **Our prayers have been requested for:**

Leif, Monika, Isabelle, Malcolm, Dylan, Mike, Bob, Jim, Susan, and Karla.

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

Reprints

Spread the Word - (cont.)

- As you attend various Zion activities and events, please take a couple of photos, especially of smiling faces, and send them to Susan S., Rae, or Joy. We have nice photos of our building and of our lovely sanctuary, but we all know that it's our people who make Zion so special.

Those of us who are Facebook users (regularly or merely occasionally) can dramatically increase the number of people who see Zion's posts by -

- Going directly to Zion's page ([Zion Lutheran Church, Groveland, FL](#)) and clicking on both 'Like' and 'Follow'.
- Clicking 'Like' or 'Love' or 'Care' or 'Wow' on each individual Zion post that appears in your newsfeed.
- Clicking on the 'Share' symbol that appears at the bottom of each individual Zion post.

Group Photo Day at Zion - Sunday, Dec. 4th

And finally, the large group photo which is Zion's official Profile Picture on Facebook is quite out of date. Many pictured have been gone from Zion for many years, while many of our newer Zion family members are not included. So, Zion, we seriously need you to participate in a photo op on Sunday, December 4th, immediately after the worship service. This is not a time for camera shyness or such 😊 - it's all about meeting and welcoming our Groveland area neighbors. We need as many smiling faces as possible!

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Advent Mission Project - A Diaper Christmas Tree

Babies and Christmas seem a match made in heaven, at least in the minds of the hardworking WELCA members leading Zion's 2022 Advent mission project. WELCA is asking the entire Zion family to help build a Christmas tree made of diapers by donating packs or boxes of diapers (sizes, 4, 5, and 6 most needed). As we collect the packs and boxes throughout the Advent season (**starting Nov. 27th**), we'll watch our tree(s) grow bigger and bigger. All diapers will be donated to [The Neighborhood Center of South Lake](#) (formerly Faith Neighborhood.)