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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.

## Caring for Our Church Grounds

The area around the grounds at Zion have undergone some significant improvements recently. The City of Groveland removed the large oak tree by the Waldo Street entrance. John Renn power washed the blocks around the sign out front and the shed. The Men's Breakfast Group worked as a team on a recent Monday morning following their weekly breakfast to make much-needed repairs to the irrigation system. Several of our gardening members have worked at cleaning up the plantings, and the Council has appointed a task force to update the landscaping around the church. All these tasks reflect our on-going commitment to being good stewards of Zion's property.

**Thank you to all who participated in this labor of love!**

## Christmas Gifts for LSF Foster Kids

LSF ([Lutheran Services Florida](#)) is an organization dedicated to serving those most vulnerable members of our communities by providing life-changing human services to all people regardless of age, background, or belief system. LSF is dedicated to serving children and families, youth and teens, adults and elderly, refugees and immigrants through various programs ranging from substance abuse and mental health to education. The lives of 1 in 50 Floridians is impacted by LSF through various services offered across the state.

## Church Calendar

### Weekly Worship Service -

11:00am - In-person and via  
livestream ([Link](#))

### Men's Prayer Breakfast -

Mondays - 8:30am @ Rainbow  
Restaurant in Groveland

### Pastor's Zoom Bible Study -

Thursdays - 2:00pm

### Mah Jongg Fellowship -

Fridays - 1:00pm @ Zion

### Women's Christmas Lunch -

Friday, Dec. 10th @ Lake  
David Park (Time TBD)

### Church Council Mtg. -

Sunday, Nov. 14th - 12:00pm

### Poinsettia Order Due Date-

Sunday, Nov. 21st

### First Sunday of Advent -

Sunday, November 28th

## Sanctuary Flowers in November-

The chancel flowers in  
November are given by Susan  
Skyzinski to the Glory of God.

## (Christmas Gifts - continued)

This Christmas season our Zion WELCA group is teaming up with LSF to help ensure that all children in the LSF foster care program, both in-home and residential, receive a personal Christmas gift. Rather than the actual gifts, WELCA is collecting monetary donations which will be sent directly to LSF. These funds will be used by LSF to purchase holiday gifts for each child based on his/her wishes.

**If you would like to join Zion's WELCA members in their support of these special children,** please simply place your donation in the Zion offering on Sunday morning or mail a check to Zion (PO Box 607). Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church, but clearly note on the check that it is to be used for LSF Christmas. Our awesome treasurer, John Renn, will see that the funds are sent to LSF.

## Women's Christmas Fellowship 🌲

All of our wonderful women of Zion 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.

Pavilion #1 at Groveland's newly-renovated and award-winning Lake David Park, just a block or two from Zion, has been reserved for us on Friday, December 10th. Details such as exact time, the food we'll be sharing, a possible gift exchange, etc. are still in the planning stages. For now, please mark your calendars and make plans to join your sisters in Christ for a joyful celebration around lunch. (Of course, we'll reschedule if the weather does not cooperate, but we're hopeful.)

## Prayer Concerns List

One of the most powerful and impactful spiritual gifts Zion has as a community of faith is the heartfelt call to prayer felt by so many in our church family. Whether one is in need of special prayer or is responding to that need, we are all blessed in our coming together to ask for God's healing, guidance, and steadfast support. To facilitate our coming together, we now have a dedicated email address specifically for prayer requests: [prayers@zionlutheranfl.com](mailto:prayers@zionlutheranfl.com). Please send your requests for whatever need God places on your heart. We also appreciate receiving updates so that we can keep our prayer concerns list current.



## Sunday Scripture Readings

### Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16  
Heb. 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

### Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

### Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

## Zion Family Birthdays in Nov.-

**3rd - Rev. L.G. Wehman**

**9th - Mike Harrass**

**13th - Thais McGovern**

**23rd - Rich McCamant**

**23rd - Lou Ann Cousino**

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# Updated &/or Repeated Information

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## Advent Virtual Pilgrimage in Palestine

Have you ever wanted to travel through the Holy Land? Now is your opportunity! **Advent Pilgrimage in Palestine** is a four-week virtual pilgrimage from the ELCA's *Peace Not Walls* and *Young Adult Ministry* teams featuring young adult voices from the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Join us this Advent Season on the WAY to Bethlehem: Prepare, Journey, Arrive, Witness.

What is "the way to Bethlehem," as Advent practice, and as Christian engagement in Palestine? What does it mean for us as Christians, and for the church, to be called to resist the injustice of "the way things are" in favor of following the disruptive and transformative way of the Lord? What does it mean for us to be "on the way"?

The opening Webinar is on [Nov. 22, 2021](#). Please register in advance. (All are invited to participate, regardless of age.) [Click here for full details and to register for the webinars.](#)

## Advent/Christmas Poinsettias

Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th, poinsettias will once again adorn our chancel throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Members of our church family are invited to donate a poinsettia(s) in honor, appreciation or memory of a special person or meaningful occasion. The cost for the nursery-grown plants (6-1/2 inch pots with green foil) is \$6.00 per plant. Following the Christmas Eve service, all who donated are invited to take their poinsettia(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 is Sun., Nov. 21st.

## Daily Texts 2022 Books Have Arrived!

Many of you gratefully responded to Linda Jacobsen's generous offer to give every interested woman of Zion a copy of the *Daily Texts 2022* devotional book as a gift of love. The books have arrived and are now available to be picked up in the church fellowship room. Please pick up your book any Sunday, and be sure to check your name off the list. **Thank you for your wonderful gift of love, Linda! YOU are a beautiful gift of love from God!**