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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.

Jail Ministry Update

Submitted by Diane Brown - Thanks, Diane!

A few months ago, Chaplain Jim Cornell at the Lake County Detention Center (a/k/a Lake County Jail) was given permission to slowly bring the volunteers back into the facility. In June, he brought in a few volunteers to lead the worship services and gradually added some Bible studies. Thankfully, that went well without any COVID spread, so late in July I was finally given permission to take the Christian book cart to the female inmates. I have a little closer contact with inmates at the book cart, so that's why I was delayed. The women were so excited to see the book cart return, and many expressed their thanks. Hopefully as time goes on, all of the 50+ volunteers will be back to ministering to the spiritual needs of the inmates at the level provided before the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please keep this ministry in mind if you have any Christian books you're willing to part with. The gently-used Christian books can be fiction, non-fiction, biographies, poetry, etc., but must encourage Christian values, be uplifting and encouraging, or be about people who have overcome obstacles. Just remember that the books must be paperback to be allowed into the jail. You can give them to me directly or leave them in the Fellowship Hall with a note with my name on it. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Note: For more info on this vital ministry, please [contact Diane](#).

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 ([Info: John R.](#))

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

Mah Jongg Fellowship -
Fridays - 1:00pm - 3:00pm @
Zion ([Info: Gail H.](#))

Oct. Church Council Mtg. -
Sun., Oct. 9th @ 12:00pm
([Info: Mike H.](#))

CWU Celebration @ Zion -
Fri., Nov. 4th @ 9:30am

WELCA Monthly Mtg. (Hy-
brid Format) - Mon., Nov. 7th
@ 10:00am ([Link](#))

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful chancel flowers
in October are given by **Dona
Olesen** in celebration of the
40th wedding anniversary of
Ken & Dona Olesen.

Church Women United Comes to Zion!

Friday, November 4th, 9:30am @ Zion Lutheran Church

The local Lake County Unit of [Church Women United](#) will be holding its annual World Community Day Celebration on November 4, 2022, at Zion Lutheran Church. Coffee fellowship will begin @ 9:30am, and the worship service will be held from 10:00am-11:00am. ALL churches are invited and welcome. Please invite your friends to come and join us in this community prayer celebration.

News From WELCA

Change to Monthly Meeting Format -

Beginning with the Monday, Nov. 7th, meeting, the format for WELCA's monthly meetings will be expanded to include a dedicated Bible study time which will be separate from the business meeting. The new schedule is as follows: Bible study from 10:00am till 10:35am and business meeting from 10:45am till 11:30am with a 10-minute break between the 2 sessions. All women of Zion are invited to attend either one or both of the sessions.

Save-the-Date For Future Events-

All women of Zion are invited to the following upcoming events -

- Zion will be hosting a *Church Women United* celebration event on **Friday, Nov. 4th, 9:30-11:00am**. See article above for details.
- Our annual women's holiday party will be held on **Friday, Dec. 2nd @ 11:00am**. A cookie swap, a simple gift exchange, and a light lunch are planned. Full details to come in a later issue of ZC News.

Hurricane Relief - LDR

The [ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response](#) collaborates with synods, congregations, Lutheran ministries and other faith-based partners to accompany communities impacted by hurricanes. In the short term, LDR provides immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes, including Ian (FL) and Fiona (PR), require a long-term response, LDR and our partners support communities on the long road to recovery with disaster case mgmt., construction mgmt. and emotional and spiritual care.

To Donate: Attached to the email by which you received this ZC News is a form that can be completed and placed with your check (made out to Zion) in the Sunday offering plate. Or, simply write "Hurricane Relief" on your check.

Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, October 9th

(18th Sunday of Pentecost)

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 16th

(19th Sunday of Pentecost)

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 23rd

(20th Sunday of Pentecost)

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalms 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

October Birthdays -

1st - Leslie Smrekar

2nd - Anne Schultz

6th - Jean Harrass

9th - Sam Smrekar

11th - Barbara Collins

12th - Pastor Nielsen

19th - Barbara Schroeder

31st - Dona Olesen

Prayer Request List

Our prayers have been requested for: Leif & Monika, Isabelle, Lou Anne, Roy, Malcolm, Dylan, Mike, Bob, Jim, Susan, and Jeremy.

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

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CIT Supports Local Homeless Children

The Children in Transition program at Groveland Elementary is designed to help homeless children succeed in school. Children considered to be homeless include those sharing a house with another family due to financial hardship, as well as those living in motels, trailer parks, emergency shelters, cars, or similar environments.

How WE Can Help -

Zion has a long history of supporting the Groveland Elementary School CIT program. Throughout the year, we collect supplies that are needed on a daily basis by the children and their families. Donations of the following items are needed: paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex tissue, dish soap, bar soap, body wash, wash cloths, hairbrushes, combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, detergent, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and all types of cleaning products. All items can be placed in the labeled box under the far table in the fellowship room. For more info, please contact [Joan M.](#) or any WELCA member.