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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.

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.

Speak Up, ALL Women of Zion!

As we begin the new programming year under the leadership of our faithful and hardworking president, Ruth Stoyer, WELCA is **asking ALL women** of our faith community to complete a very brief survey - just 2 questions. The purpose of the survey is to ensure that our monthly meeting schedule and programs are meeting the needs of as many of our faith-filled women of Zion as possible. The survey will be available

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.](#))

WELCA Monthly Meeting -
Mon., Oct. 3rd @ 10:00am
([Info: Ruth S.](#))

TNC 50th Anniv. Event - Sat.,
Oct. 8th ([Info Rae S.](#))

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in our chancel serve to remind us of the immense beauty of God's creation.

Chancel flowers in September are given by Joan Missell to the glory of God.

Speak Up! - (cont.)

at church the next two Sunday mornings (9/18 & 9/25) and is also attached to the email by which you received this ZC newsletter. Even if you have never participated in any WELCA activities, we hope you'll complete the survey. We appreciate your support!

Other News From WELCA

A Heartfelt Apology From Joy A.-

I sincerely apologize to anyone who may have tried to login to our recent WELCA hybrid meeting. I realized far too late that I had opened the meeting on a different link than the one we have always used. I was able to send the active link to those who immediately contacted me, and they were able to join the meeting via Zoom. However, there may have been others who tried unsuccessfully to login. I am so very sorry. I will be sure I have the correct link next time!

2022 Synod WELCA Fall Gathering - Nov. 11th thru 13th

The Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering is to be held at Lake Yale Center in Leesburg, November 11-13. This year's theme is *Step by Step* based on Prov. 16:9 (NLT). For more info, check with [Louise](#) or [Ruth](#) or go to www.flwelca.com.

Save the Dates 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, November 4th, 9:30-11:00am**. Full details will be included in the next issue of the *Zion Connection*.
- We had such a great turnout for our recent *Summer Fun* fellowship events that we are already looking ahead to our annual holiday gathering to be held on **Friday, December 2nd @ 11:00am**. Full details to come.

TNC's' 50th Anniversary Event

Sat., Oct. 8th, 4:00-7:00pm @ Mission Inn Country Club

Join The Neighborhood Center of So. Lake as they celebrate 50 years of helping neighbors in need! Mix and mingle at TNC's first Garden Party ~ featuring a special tribute to the founders, entertainment, auction, delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and WESH Anchor/Reporter, Jim Payne, as Master of Ceremonies. 100% of proceeds from the event will benefit TNC's food and resources programs. Purchase your ticket today at <https://bit.ly/TNCGarden>!

Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, September 18th
(15th Sunday of Pentecost)

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 25th
(16th Sunday of Pentecost)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Sunday, October 2nd
(17th Sunday of Pentecost)

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Sept. Birthdays -

7th - Rae Starke

17th - Ruth Stoyer

22nd - Penny Slifer

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. -Psalm 91:11

Prayer Request List

Intercessory prayer is a meaningful way we can support one another. **Your prayers are requested for:** Leif & Monika, Isabelle, Lou Anne, Roy, Malcolm, Dylan, Mike, Bob, Jim, Ginger, and Susan.

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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ELCA Vital Congregations Training - Fall 2022

Is your congregation ready to take some steps (even small steps) toward renewal or revitalization? Are you ready to try some new things, share some ideas, gain a greater understanding of the broader mission, bring clarity about your own congregation's mission, acquire knowledge on how to live that out in community, gain confidence to share what you have learned with the world, and find new allies from within a cohort of congregations? Then, you are invited to attend the 2022 Fall Session of the ELCA Vital Congregations Training.

[Click here to register.](#)

[Click here to see a PowerPoint with more information.](#)

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Flowers for Worship - It's That Time Again!

The beautiful flowers you see in our chancel area on Sunday mornings are provided by [Kim E's Flowers](#) in Groveland. Kim E's has not raised the price (\$25.00) to us for many years, and we are very grateful. The fresh flowers are delivered for the first Sunday of the month, and the arrangement is then refrigerated after each week's service. When watered properly, the flowers last for the entire month.

Beginning Sun., Sept. 4th, we will be accepting donations for 2023. Flowers may be given in honor of a special person or occasion. Please see the string board at church to choose the month(s) you prefer and then place the provided envelope with your donation into the offering plate.