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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.

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## Zion's Livestream Ministry is Expanding!

### Our Livestream 'Techie' Team Has Us Up & Running . . .

What a fantastic job our Zion livestream 'techies' have done!! A few short months ago, this amazing team of Maryanne & Gary Lenning, Rich & Karen McCamant, and Susan Skyzinski began the long, arduous process of researching the complex world of livestream technology and equipment, finding a reputable company to install the equipment that best suited Zion's needs, and, perhaps most challenging of all, going from zero to 100 in terms of being able to actually understand and use the equipment successfully. Thanks to their commitment, determination and countless hours of hard work, our Zion worship service is now available online so that all are able to worship with us.

### Now, They Need YOUR Help & Support!

While the 'techies' have committed to sharing the task of operating the equipment each week, they do need some simple physical support - someone to sit in the equipment room with them on Sunday mornings, an extra pair of hands who can do whatever is asked. **No technical or computer knowledge is required, and no t.v. production skills are needed either.** With enough volunteers, we will be able to have a schedule similar to our current monthly Reader/Lector schedule. To find out exactly what is involved, please just check with one of the livestream tech team members. We can do this, Zion. Really, we can!

## Church Calendar

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

**Men's Prayer Breakfast -**  
Every Monday - 8:30am @  
Rainbow Restaurant

**Pastor's Zoom Bible Study -**  
Every Thursday - 2:00pm

**Mah Jongg Fellowship -**  
Every Friday - 1:00pm @ Zion  
(For info: Gail Huntley.)

**WELCA October Meeting via  
Zoom -**  
Monday, Oct. 4th - 10:00am  
(See article on pg. 2 for link  
and details.)

**Church Council Mtg. -**  
Sunday, Oct. 10th - 12:00pm

## Flowers for Sept. -

The chancel flowers in Sept.  
were donated by Jeanne  
Ferguson in loving memory of  
Kenneth Ferguson.

## Flowers For Worship 🌸

The presence of flowers in the sanctuary each Sunday morning adds beauty and warmth to our weekly gathering for worship. Flowers also serve to remind us of the immense beauty of God's creation.

### Thank You, Kim E's Flowers!

The flowers you see in our chancel area on Sunday mornings have been provided for many years by [Kim E's Flowers](#) here in Groveland. Kim E's has never raised the price to us in all that time, 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.

### How You Can Participate -

Please consider giving flowers for our church services. They can be given in honor of a special person or occasion, if you wish. Please see the string board in the fellowship room to select the month you prefer, and then just pop the provided envelope with your payment into the offering plate. The cost is \$25.00 for one month.

## WELCA Meeting - October 4th

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, Oct. 4th, at 10:00am. Here is the Zoom link for the meeting: [WELCA Zoom Gathering](#). (You may possibly be asked to enter the Meeting ID: 844 0690 9390 or Passcode: 914993.) **For more WELCA news, see last week's Zion Connection.**

## More Helpful Info From Our Treasurer

In last week's *Zion Connection*, our awesome Council Treasurer, John Renn, explained that we can always put a check in the Zion offering plate and that he will then forward the funds to Lutheran Disaster Response. This week John wants us to know we can do that same thing with virtually any donation that we would like to make, i.e., a donation to WELCA, Faith Neighborhood Center, the Zion stained-glass window fund, the Zion memorial fund, the on-going Families in Transition mission project, any current Thrivent Action Team projects, etc.

**Please make the check out to Zion Lutheran Church and then clearly write (on the check or on the envelope) the fund or purpose for which you would like your donation to be used.** John will make sure that the funds go to exactly the purpose you intend. Thanks yet again for making it so easy for the rest of us, John!!



## Sunday Scripture Readings

### Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

### Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

## Zion Family Birthdays in Oct. -

**1st - Leslie Smrekar**

**2nd - Anne Schultz**

**6th - Jean Harrass**

**9th - Sam Smrekar**

**11th - Dan Smrekar**

**19th - Barbara Schroeder**

**31st - Dona Olesen**

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.

3 John 1:2

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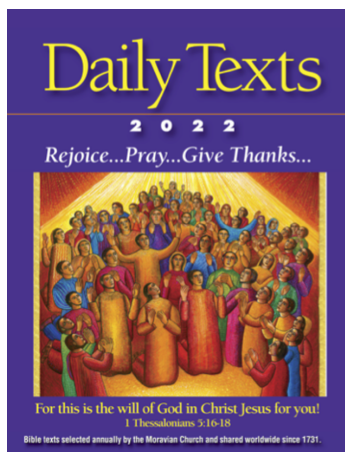
# Update on Linda's Gift of Love

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## Gift of Love From Linda Jacobsen - *Daily Texts*

### Linda's Generous Gift

Many of the women of Zion know how much our dear Linda Jacobsen enjoys giving a gift of the *Daily Texts* devotional book each year. Several weeks ago, Linda generously offered to provide a copy to every woman of Zion who would like to receive one as a gift of love. As she explained, "It's just a thank you from me for all the support the women have given me this year." Linda now reports that she has ordered a copy for every woman who RSVP'd with a request **plus 10 extras for anyone (man or woman) who would still like one.** The order should arrive sometime in October.



### *Daily Texts* 2022

From the *Daily Texts* [Website](#): The *Daily Texts* give you a text message from your Good Shepherd for each day of your life. These texts have been prayerfully selected for every day since 1731 so that your day may be guided by the Holy Spirit. The texts are chosen from both the Old and New Testaments to help you see the connection between the verses. Then you get to make the connection with the verses and your day. The *Daily Texts* will become the voice of God for you for each day of your life.

The devotional has additional materials including prayers written for each day's verses, pages to record your own prayer concerns, hymns for each week, a Bible reading plan, and other prayer resources. [This website](#) has other resources to help discover God's voice speaking to you through these texts.

The artwork for the *Daily Texts* 2022 is a giclee by our friend, John August Swanson, entitled "Pentecost". We were inspired by this piece as we considered the power of the Holy Spirit falling upon us to rejoice, give thanks and sing in all circumstances.