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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.

Livestream Worship Link for Sept. 12th

Our super-amazing livestream team is still working unbelievably hard and making great progress! Please look for an email coming from Maryanne Lenning in the next day or two that will include a link to the page that will host this week's livestream service. The link will also be posted on the [Zion website](#) along with the worship folder.

God's work. Our hands. Sunday is Here!

Sept. 12th, is upon us! We give thanks for the wonderful participation of our loving and generous Zion family in the activities for GWOH Sunday. There's still time to get involved! We continue to fill our chancel area with school uniforms and tennis shoes for local children and to cover our prayer board with cards representing our earnest and engaged prayers on behalf of our community. **Thank you, Zion!**

WELCA's Fall Kick-off Meeting

Our first meeting of the fall will be held via Zoom this Monday, Sept. 13th, at 10:00am. We always have a great time together and would love to have as many women of Zion as possible join us!

Here is the Zoom link for the meeting: [WELCA Zoom Gathering](#)

Meeting ID: 844 0690 9390

Passcode: 914993

Upcoming Church Events

Weekly Worship Service -

11:00am (Both In-person and Livestream (Link will be sent soon via email.))

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, contact Gail Huntley.)

Church Council Mtg. -

Sunday, Sept. 12th - 12:00pm

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday -

Sunday, Sept. 12th

WELCA Fall Kick-Off Meeting via Zoom -

Monday, Sept. 13th - 10:00am
(See article at left for link & details.)

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WELCA at Zion -

Zion's WELCA unit, led by our faithful, hard-working president, Gail Huntley, meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 10:00am (2nd Monday if the 1st is a holiday). Together, we spend time in prayer, in spiritual growth, and in planning for our many mission activities.

From the National [ELCA WELCA Website](#) -

"What is WELCA? It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 4,500 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ."

Faith Neighborhood Center Needs Our Help!

In addition to providing food for our neighbors in need, FNC also tries to offer clients the opportunity to choose one or two "special items" each month. These special items include: laundry detergent, dish detergent, toilet paper, mayonnaise, cooking oil, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, body wash and soap bars, lotion, feminine products (especially pads), deodorant, razors, shaving cream, and adult diapers.

FNC's ability to offer these items depends entirely on donations. That's where we can help, Zion! **Just drop off any of the above items at church anytime**, and Rae Starke will deliver them. Thank you, Rae!

A Note From Our Treasurer

On the following page, you'll find lots of info about the ELCA's ongoing work on behalf of both our Afghan allies (LIRS) and all those who are impacted by natural disasters (LDR).

Our hard-working Zion treasurer, John Renn, would like us all to know that, in addition to making online donations via the links on the next page, we can also simply put a check in the Zion offering plate, **making sure to clearly label it - LIRS/Afghan Allies or LDR/Disaster Relief**. Thanks for making it so easy for the rest of us, John!!



Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19: 7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Zion Family Birthdays in Sept. -

7th - Rae Starke
17th - Ruth Stoyer
22nd - Penny Slifer

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

How to Help Our Hurting World

The LIRS in Support of our Afghan Allies

History: "For 80 years, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has offered welcome and hope to more than half a million refugees. Since 1939, LIRS has transformed lives, with the support of people like you, to welcome the most vulnerable to the United States — from sea to shining sea. Together we have supported, equipped and empowered these new Americans, while advocating for policy that protects all of God's children."

Helping our Afghan Allies: "For two decades, the U.S. Government has employed Afghan allies to serve alongside U.S. troops, diplomats, and other government employees as interpreters, translators, cultural advisors, drivers, and more. Because of their service to the U.S. mission, our allies and their families soon became the targets of anti-American violence. As the U.S. armed forces rapidly withdraw from Afghanistan, more than 20,000 Afghans who served alongside them face a severe backlog in the processing of their Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs). Our Afghan allies and their families are in grave danger and at risk of retaliatory attacks from the Taliban."

For more info and to learn how you can help -

- The [LIRS website](#) - Find out much more information about this heartbreaking situation and all that LIRS is doing in response to the need.
- ELCA YouTube Video - [Supporting Afghanistan](#) | Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton | August 27, 2021.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is on the ground around the world as we speak - **in areas hard hit by Hurricane Ida, in Haiti, in the wake of wildfires in the western USA**, and in many more areas worldwide.

For more info and to learn how you can help -

- The [LDR website](#) - Learn more about the work of LDR and about how you can help by donating financially, by offering prayer, or by serving as a Disaster Volunteer.
- The [LDR Facebook page](#) - See photos and articles about the on-going work of LDR.