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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.

Sunday Worship Livestream Link

Our Sunday morning worship service is now being live-streamed each week at 11:00 am [via this link](#). The video of the service will also be saved on that page if you would like to watch at a later time. Both the link and the worship folder (printed liturgy & hymns) will also be posted on our [Zion website](#).

September Council News

At the September Council meeting, the Council approved donating \$500 to the [LDR Hurricane Ida Relief Fund](#) and updating the oldest air conditioner so that it will meet code.

Items being discussed include -

- Asking members to submit nominees for the [Good Samaritan Award](#) to Council or dropping them off in the collection plate by October 3rd.
- Updating landscaping around the front sign and the ramp entrance to the church,
- Seeking bids on electrical work to improve lighting in the sanctuary area.
- Finding out if The City of Groveland will remove the 2 trees in the front of church in addition to taking down the big tree at the entrance to the parking area, which has already been determined.

Upcoming Church Events

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 more information, contact 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

WELCA Annual Fall Gathering at Lake Yale- Nov. 12th thru 14th (See article on pg. 3 for details.)

News From WELCA

October Meeting Info

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.)

Notes from September Meeting

The Thrivent Action Team organized by Linda Jacobsen was a wonderful success thanks to the generosity of Thrivent, our WELCA members, and the entire Zion family. Joan Missell and Pat McCurdy received heartfelt thanks from administrators at Groveland Elementary School when they dropped off the huge load of school uniforms and shoes. Well done, Linda, and all who participated!

WELCA members voted to -

- Make a donation to the [LDR Hurricane Ida Relief Fund](#).
- Accept nominations for the Nominating Committee at the October meeting.
- Appoint Louise Willim as our unit voting representative at the upcoming Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization 2021 Annual Fall Gathering.

God Spa - New Dates

Due to the on-going Covid-19 situation, the [God Spa Women's Weekend](#) planned for October has been postponed until April 1st - 3rd, 2022. Mark your calendars now!

Annual Fall Gathering - Nov. 12th thru 14th

It's not too late to register for the upcoming Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization [2021 Annual Fall Gathering](#). See full details on page 3 of this newsletter.

Faith Neighborhood Center Needs Our Help!

[FNC](#) continues to need the following "special items" for clients: 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.

Just drop off any of the above items at church anytime, and Rae Starke will deliver them. Thank you, Rae!



Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021

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

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

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

Updated &/or Repeated Information

Note: The following articles are reruns of timely information that appeared in previous editions of the *Zion Connection*.

A Note From Our Treasurer

Our hard-working Zion treasurer, John Renn, would like us all to know that we can always put a check in the Zion offering plate for Lutheran Disaster Relief. **Please make the check out to Zion Lutheran Church and clearly label it LDR/Disaster Relief.** Thanks for making it so easy for the rest of us, John!!

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. 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, check out the [LDR website](#).

WELCA Annual Fall Gathering

Dates: November 12th thru 14th

Hosted by our Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization (WELCA), the theme of the **2021 Fall Gathering** will be "Faith Can Move Mountains" based on 1st Cor. 13:2b GNT: "I may have all the faith needed to move mountains but if I have no love, I am nothing."

This annual weekend gathering is always full of fun, laughter and fellowship as well as prayer, spiritual growth opportunities and leadership training sessions. The event is held at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg. There are registration options for those staying overnight and for those who prefer to attend as commuters, either for one or both days. LYBCC is a 45 min. drive from downtown Groveland.

Registration forms with complete details for both overnight participants and commuters are attached to the email which included this *ZC Connection* newsletter. **If you need a hardcopy or have any questions at all, please contact Gail Huntley or Louise Willim.**

Both Zion's WELCA & FL-Bahamas Synod have scholarships available for the Fall Gathering. Just confidentially ask WELCA President Gail Huntley for more information.