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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.

Notes From October Council Meeting -

The following actions were taken by Council on 10/10/21.

- Discussed the protocols being used for the in-person service and decided to maintain them for the time being.
- Voted to purchase a new wireless head microphone for Pastor to use during the service to cut down on issues that have arisen.
- Approved the bid to replace the light fixtures over the altar.

The following informational items were reported on 10/10/21.

- Looking ahead to the Annual Meeting, two 3-year terms and a 1-year term for Council will be up for election.
- The parsonage has been prepped for the upcoming arrival of the pastor from Uganda and his family who will be using the parsonage for the next few months.
- There was a deficit in payments for flowers that has been covered from the General Fund.
- Council will be entertaining suggestions from members of the congregation for using available Memorial Funds.

Thank You, Faithful Servants!

Following are the names of our hardworking Council members: Gary Lenning - Pres.; Mike Harrass - VP; John Renn - Treasurer; Karen McCamant - Secretary; Linda Jacobsen - Member-at-Large; Anne Schultz - Member-at-Large; Pastor Nielsen - Non-Voting Member.

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 November Meeting via Zoom -

Monday, Nov. 1st - 10:00am

Church Council Mtg. -

Sunday, Nov. 14th - 12:00pm

Sanctuary Flowers for October -

The chancel flowers in October are given by Dona Olesen in joyful celebration of Dona & Ken Olesen's 39th Wedding Anniversary.

CIT Supports Local Homeless Children

The *Children in Transition* program at Groveland Elementary School is designed to help local homeless children succeed in school. Children considered to be homeless include those who are sharing a house with another family due to financial hardship, as well as those who are living in motels, trailer parks/campgrounds, emergency or transitional shelters, cars, parks, abandoned buildings, 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 to meet their personal hygiene and home cleanliness needs. **Donations of the following items are immediately needed:** deodorant, shampoo, hair brushes, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels, laundry detergent, facial tissue, liquid dishwashing soap, etc. For more information, please contact Joan Missell.

WELCA Nominating Committee

The WELCA nominating committee is currently hard at work preparing the slate of officers for 2022. The committee is encouraging **all** women of Zion to prayerfully consider accepting a leadership position in this very worthwhile ministry. The only requirement for any of our leadership positions is a willingness to use your own unique spiritual gifts to be a blessing to others. If you feel at all led to learn more about WELCA, its ministries and its activities, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Joan Missell, Rae Starke, and Pat McCurdy.

Several "Flower Months" Still Available

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.

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.



Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

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