



Eye on Zion

A Quarterly Newsletter for the People of Zion Lutheran Church

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A Light to Lead the Way

Pastor Joel Pancoast

At baptism, all who are baptized receive a baptismal candle, lit from the large Paschal Candle, representing the light of Christ that shines in their lives. At Zion, we encourage everyone to celebrate their baptismal birthdays every year. This encouragement is not only for the newly baptized, but everyone of any age who has been baptized at any time. Just as we often celebrate birthdays, even more we should celebrate the day we were given a sign and a promise that God has claimed us, named us, and given us a light in Jesus to lead the way.



Light to Lead the Way.” We anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus, just as we long for Jesus to come again to bring the kingdom of God in its fullness. As we do, we will hear God’s word from the prophets of old, who promise the light that leads the way of hope, love, joy, and peace. Jesus will come again to bring the light in its splendor. In the meantime you have that light already, even if only a dim specter of Christ’s light, because in baptism you are marked with the cross of Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit, and led by the light of Christ. As you live in that promise, you bear that same light to the world.

Sometimes with the way our culture celebrates Christmas, the meaning and importance connected to our lives can be lost or forgotten. For this reason, Christians have observed the season of Advent as a way to prepare for Christmas and to welcome the same Jesus, who is born into our hearts. This year, our Advent and Christmas celebrations focus on the light of Christ, “A

As we focus on this theme of “A Light to Lead the Way” in Advent and Christmas, remember your baptism! If your baptismal birthday falls during this season, celebrate God’s light in your life. To help, the names of everyone who has a baptismal birthday in the following week are read in worship. On your baptismal birthday, invite people to

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celebrate with you, say a special prayer of thanks, have a special meal. Most importantly, light a candle to reflect on Christ's light shining in your life, and consider how you will share that light. Even if your baptismal birthday doesn't fall during this season, this season is a time to give thanks and celebrate Christ's life and light.

I have often said both during preparation for baptism and baptism itself that I would be delighted if I am asked by any of you if you could have another baptismal candle because your has burned too low from too much use. I hope my encouragement here, as well as my own family's practice, might encourage you to use yours if you have one. On October 29, we celebrated our oldest daughter's baptismal birthday, and as is our tradition, she pulled her baptismal candle out of her faith chest. As we remembered her baptism, prayed, and talked about that special day in her life, the flame from the candle caught fire on the candle's decal, showing us that it is time to replace it. We could use any candle, but for Sophia, a candle from church with signs of baptism on it carry special significance. I asked her to write something to share with you about her baptismal birthday, and this is what she wrote:

Every year, when my baptismal birthday comes around, my family celebrates it. To our family, it means that we are loved children of God. I don't get huge presents, just ones like a bible highlighter, or a bible, or a bookmark, or a piece of jewelry to remind me of my faith. Something to help me grow in faith. To my family, being a child of God means sharing the word, and helping others grow in their faith. For that reason, we celebrate.—SOPHIA PANCOAST

Whatever season of life you are in, whether it is Advent or Christmas, a new year, or close to your baptismal birthday, I pray that you may receive with joy Christ's light that leads your way. Let me know if you need a new baptismal candle, or if you never received one, let me bless you with one. May you be blessed with the light of Christ.



Sophia Pancoast celebrates her baptismal birthday.
(Photo was taken just before the candle decal caught fire.)

Sky Ranch Advent Retreat

As we begin the countdown toward Christmas, it's good to remember gifts we already have, like family and friends. Sky Ranch has a weekend of family activities planned to help escape the hustle and bustle of the commercialized "Christmas" frenzy, choosing instead to focus on "the reason for the season." Spend time with family and celebrate with food, fellowship, crafts, worship, and fun.

WHEN: December 2-4

COST (INCLUDES MEALS AND LODGING): Adults—\$80; Kids—\$50

Call the Sky Ranch office for more information at 970-493-5258.

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Music Ministry

Adam Torres

What a busy fall this has been! While discussing newsletter articles in the staff meeting, it seemed unreal that this article signifies the end of 2016 with a turn toward 2017. As we look toward Advent's theme of "A Light to Lead the Way," my prayer is that we will continue to be led by the light of God in our work at Zion and beyond.

This fall has been a busy season for the music ministries at Zion. I'm thrilled at the progress of our newly formed children's music ministry, and I hope you'll take the time to read a more detailed account in this newsletter that highlights some of the wonderful things that are happening with this program under the direction of NOELLE BAUMAN. The chancel choir, praise band, and bell choir continue their contributions to the Zion community through music. I am grateful for the continued ministry of THOMAS CHEN, bell choir director, and KATHRYN PEIFFER, organist, who help guide our community through their musical leadership.

As I reflect on our seasonal theme from the fall: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow: Songs of Faith," I am ever convinced that music offers us a glimpse of the glory of God. Music is

one of the great mysteries of the world—it can heal the soul, bridge people together, express the gamut of human emotion, and its tradition extends back through all generations. Whether music is intended to be used in a sacred context (for example, hymns) or secular use, music offers a snapshot of humanity at its greatest, seeking to enrich the world. Music is indeed a blessing to each and every individual, and is just one of the many blessings given to us by God. The musical works by the great masters of the past, and every joyful noise made by professionals and enthusiasts alike, provide a light to lead the way for the world through music. I am extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to live a life serving Zion, northern Colorado, and beyond, as a steward of the great musical tradition of the world's most creative artists throughout history. It is my hope that you can continue to find joy in all music (not just sacred music) and know that music is a gift that is intended to be shared and blissfully received.

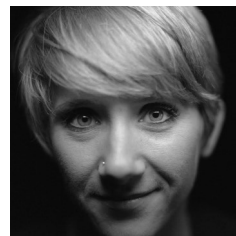
Thank you for your specific ministries and gifts which create a light to lead the world, and thank you for your support of our music ministries at Zion.

Introducing Noelle Bauman

Zion's welcoming and passionate hearts have made my first couple of months as the children's music ministry director an amazing pleasure. I am thrilled with the way music is used to prepare the congregation for God's word to lead them. Joining in the work done by the team at Zion has been educational and rewarding.

If you have not met me, I am the short blonde who will occasionally sing with the chancel choir, or sit in the back of the worship hall for service. Soon, my shyness will subside. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to say hello.

I have been on the Front Range for the past 8 years, minus a small retreat. I attended Colorado State



Noelle Bauman

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Special Opportunities for Worship

Service of Praise and Thanksgiving — Gratitude Sunday Sunday, November 20, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Throughout November, we are inviting people into the intentional practice of Gratitude—giving thanks for our many blessings. We began on Sunday, October 30, as we handed out Gratitude Reflection journals with prompts for each day to help people think about all the ways in which they are thankful. Some are receiving these prompts by daily email to reflect wherever they find themselves. When we give thanks we are recognizing the one from whom these blessings came—God. Everything that we have comes from God. We have been blessed with many blessings. These blessings are given to us not just for us to enjoy but for us to share. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. On **Sunday, November 20**, give thanks for the ministry Zion provides to touch the lives of those at Zion and those in our broader community. We will also make financial commitments to Zion for 2017 as part of our worship so that Zion can continue to bless others in the future.

Come and praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Joint ELCA Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. King of Glory Lutheran Church — 2919 Wilson Avenue

As we continue to build relationships with our sisters and brothers in other ELCA congregations in Loveland, we come together for a joint ELCA Thanksgiving worship. This year King of Glory is hosting the Thanksgiving Eve worship service and Pastor Chris Davis from Trinity Lutheran will be preaching. There will also be beautiful music by a choir of choral members from each congregation. We invite you to bring a pie for the pie social and stay for fellowship so that we can grow in relationship with our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ.

We invite you to take time to give thanks to God for the many blessings in your life.

Longest Night Worship Service Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.

For many people, the holidays are a difficult time. For them, the most wonderful time of the year is not wonderful. Holidays often bring up painful memories as people mourn the loss of loved ones, others are reminded of broken family relationships, and some feel inadequate because of lack of financial resources in this season of gift giving. On **December 21**, the longest night of the year, we want to acknowledge this pain, loss, grief, and loneliness that many experience with a special worship service to lift these concerns to Jesus who is the light of the world. This is a joint worship service of the ELCA Lutheran churches in Loveland with Zion hosting, Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry of King of Glory preaching, and Julia Bloom from Mustard Seed House Churches sharing her gift of music with us.

Join us as we lift our cares and burdens to Jesus who gives us light and hope.

Worship for Advent and Christmas

ADVENT—A LIGHT TO LEAD THE WAY

In the season of Advent, we prepare for the birth of the Jesus, the promised Savior of the world. We will explore the traditional Advent themes of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace from the perspective of the prophets, who looked for the promised one to come.

November 27—Leading the Way of Hope—Daniel

Daniel commits himself to the Lord and holds fast to his faith even when threatened with a den of Lions. How do we have hope when faced with the many challenges the world brings?

December 4—Leading the Way of Love—Joel

The prophet Joel invites us to repent and to turn to a God who is merciful and abounding in steadfast love. We look to the ways that we encounter this God of steadfast love.

December 11—Leading the Way of Joy—Isaiah

Joy does not always look like happiness but joy in the midst of all that life brings. The prophet Isaiah looks forward to one who is to come who will bring Good News to all people in the midst of all of life-challenging circumstances.

December 18—Leading the Way of Peace—Luke, The Magnificat (Mary's song of praise)

We enter into the Gospel of Luke with the announcement of Jesus' birth to his mother Mary, and the promise that this one who is the promised one from the house and line of David will reign forever as the Prince of Peace.

At the 10:45 a.m. worship, our Sunday school children and youth will share the good news of the season with us.

CHRISTMAS—THE LIGHT HAS COME

Jesus is born! Come and celebrate the birth of the newborn Jesus, who is the Light of the World. Come and celebrate that God is born into our world for you and for me. Come and bask in the light of Jesus' glory.

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve—The Light has Come

4:00 p.m.—Contemporary Family Worship with special music by the praise band.

6:00 p.m.—Traditional Worship with special music by the chancel choir and bell choir.

10:30 p.m.—Eventide Worship with special music by Joshua Schairer's wind quintet.

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00 a.m.—Light breakfast.

9:30 a.m.—Service of Lessons and Carols

We will come together for one worship service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Day. If you are the type of person who barely rolls out of bed after a long night of Christmas Eve celebration, come as you are! Bring a favorite brunch treat to share, or just come for breakfast after which we will join together to offer our worship and praise to the newborn king Jesus. Children are invited to bring a favorite gift to talk about.

Faith Formation

Cary Mathis

Advent Festival November 27 9:40 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

All ages are invited to come and create an Advent wreath. Each Sunday during Advent, you will receive a candle to add to the wreath. The significance of each candle will be explained in the worship services.

Advent Decorating November 27 12:00 Noon

Stay after church to help decorate the church for Advent. Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP on the blue sheet or by calling the church office. This is a wonderful family event with fellowship, fun, and food.

Family Sunday School January 8; February 5; March 5; April 2

Family Sunday school is held in the fellowship hall and is for all ages. Here we use Faith Five to talk about highs and lows, share scripture, talk about the scripture, pray for each other, and bless one another. Come to these special Sunday school sessions, and be truly blessed!

In Appreciation

Thank you to BOB and TERESA MAJESKI for making chili for Zion and King of Glory's Fall Festival family event on October 22! All 65-75 people were well fed with their gourmet, hardy, delicious chili! We had extra that we have used for several meetings at church and for others in the future.

Thank you to DENNIS and JEAN KUEHL for opening up their ranch for the people of Zion and King of Glory for the Family Fall Festival. They provided their beautiful Belgian horses for people rides, wood for our s'mores, and plenty of seating on their hay bales. In addition, they created a walking path and let us use their compost pile for the pumpkin innards! Thank you for the fantastic event!

Thank you to JIM VOSBERG and ROB HUFFSMITH for fixing the door on the north shed.

Thank you to JIM VOSBERG for leading youth and adults in painting the north shed in October. We also thank the many youth and adults who volunteered!

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support in the Bella Notte fundraiser! It was a great success. The funds will be used in our faith formation ministry events and activities which benefit all ages in our congregation.

Thank you also to LISA TEESDALE for volunteering to be the lead coordinator this year, CRISSY WOLFE who was the lead chef, and the rest of the crew who made this event great. Thank you to the congregation for your donations and your financial support!

L2F2 Events

Loveland Lutheran Faith Formation

High School Lock-in

November 18-19

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Zion

Cost: A snack to share and an appropriate DVD movie to share.

All senior high youth from Zion and King of Glory Lutheran churches are welcome to this night of fun, food, games, and worship. Joe Jedrzejewski (just call him Joe J) of King of Glory and Cary Mathis of Zion will host this evening. We will have a late-night worship using candles only, in the sanctuary with Pastor Joel. Zion's ladies will be providing a home-cooked breakfast in the morning. Come, bring a friend, and get ready for a wonderful time together!

Middle School Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10

6:00 p.m. at King of Glory

Bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange—something of no significant value that you may not want. Wrap it, and it will be added to the pool of gifts to be exchanged as part of a fun game. Dinner will be provided!

High School Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11

At the Patricks' Home

Watch the bulletins for party details.

Young Adult Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 p.m.

Pourhouse Restaurant

124 East 4th Street, Loveland

Bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange—something of no significant value that you may not want. Wrap it, and it will be added to the pool of gifts to be exchanged as part of a fun game. Appetizers will be provided by Zion and King of Glory.

As with all Zion-related events, we do not want cost to be prohibitive from participation. We are blessed with a generous congregation who feel the same. If there is an event that is difficult for your family to afford, please let Cary know. Your request will be kept confidential.

Bridge Ministries (for people over 55)

Smart Phones and Other Forms of Technology

Sunday, November 20, 12:00 Noon at King of Glory

We will be learning about Smartphones, apps, and other technology that can be useful in today's ever-advancing world. We hope to see you there!

Email lighthousekochs@gmail.com or joe@aplace2grow.org for details.

Among Members and Friends

At Rest in Our Father's House

We lift up in prayer those grieving the death of loved ones.

Howard Abraham at the death of his brother, Rod.

Mike Blundell at the death of his 48-year-old brother.

Brendon Peach at the death of his uncle, Jim.

Cherie Roberton at the death of her brother, Charles Boyer.

Barb Roman at the death of her mother, Joyce.

Joe Roman at the death of his stepfather, John Osborn.

Eleanor Stahlecker at the death of her sister, Vi Deines.

The Teesdale, Molitor, and Lowe families at the death of their grandmother, Paula Reynolds.

Joyous Celebrations of the Gift of Baptism

*We rejoice with Sara and Mike Schreiner at the baptism of their daughter, **Elena Schreiner**, on August 21.*

*We give thanks for the baptism of **Braxton Goetsch**, son of Brittany and Brian Goetsch and for the baptism of **Sawyer Guerrero**, son of Ryan and Lindsay Guerrero on October 23. Braxton and Sawyer are grandchildren of Lloyd and Judy Guerrero and great grandchildren of John Wachsmann.*

Joyous Celebration of Marriage

We rejoice with those who were united in marriage and ask God's blessings on their married life together.

Matthew Kurtz and **Andrea Baumann** who were married on October 7.

Andrew and **Anna Smith** who were married on October 20. Andrew is the son of Robb Smith.

Justin and **Madie Dennis** who were married on October 22.

We Keep in Prayer

Zion offers up prayers for those in need—for members, for friends, for community, and for the world.

Dear Pastor Sonja and Zion Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank you for your support, ministry, and encouragement during this difficult time. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your words of comfort at Dad's funeral service. What a great sermon on faith! We are encouraged and blessed to know that he is in the company of our Lord! We are also thankful for the beautiful music provided. It was truly wonderful to honor his memory. We want to personally thank the staff for helping us and a big thank you for the delicious food preparations that you provided for our family and guests. This token was greatly appreciated by each one of us during our time of loss.

*Many blessings from the Marvin Hoffman Family,
Vickie and Jay, Rich and Sally, and Eric*

Among Members and Friends

Dear Pastor Joel, Pastor Sonja, and the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church,

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your service to our Lord and our community. As we have read and heard of your rich history as a community of believers, we are so encouraged by your works of love, faith, and hope. . . . We see through your mission and vision statements that you carry this rich heritage into today's generation. For us at House of Neighborly Service, it is such an honor and a joy to work together with you to carry out God's plan for those in need and the homeless in our community.

*Glorie Magrum, Dena Trumbo,
and Doug Ashbaugh
House of Neighborly Service*

Dear Zion Friends,

I needed your prayers, visits, phone calls, and get well wishes again, and you came through as you always do. Thank you.

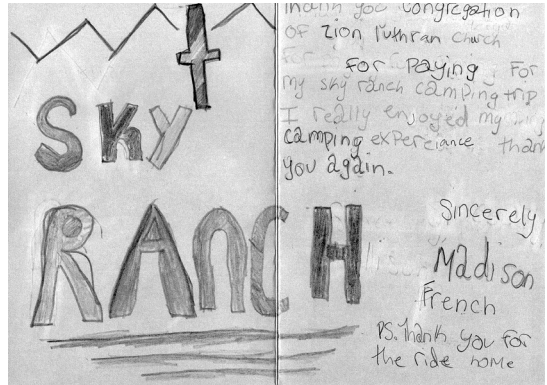
This month [November] at Zion, we are encouraged to count our blessings one by one daily and that is easy to do with a congregation like Zion.

Thank you all and may God bless each of you.

Dave Hart

Thank You Letters to Zion

- July 30, 2016—From Food Bank for Larimer County for a gift of \$727.92.*
- August 15, 2016—From House of Neighborly Service for a contribution of \$1,331.01.
- August 16, 2016—From Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado for a donation of \$125.
- October 23, 2016—From Food Bank for Larimer County for a gift of \$658.22.



This card reads: "Thank you congregation of Zion Lutheran church for paying for my Sky Ranch camping trip. I really enjoyed my camping experience. Thank you again. Sincerely, Madison French. P.S. Thank you for the ride home."

To our friends and family at Zion,

Thank you for all your prayers and cards after our motorcycle accident! Thank you, Pastors Sonja and Joel for your calls and visits; to Susan Schairer, Deborah Price, Diane Farnham, Teresa Majeski, Joanne Sterkel, Marlow Brewer, and Angie Elder for the wonderful meals; Jim Vosberg for the handrail he designed and built; and all of you for your continued support. With God's grace we continue to heal and get stronger! God bless you all.

Marla and Bill Blanton

* The gift of \$727.92 was in addition to Zion's supporting ELCA World Hunger. This gift to the Food Bank was provided by King Sooper dollars from grocery cards. Anyone who wants a King Sooper card to support important missions like these can pick one up from SCOTT SPRAIN on Sunday mornings at Zion.

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University (CSU) for both my undergraduate and graduate degrees. I feel Fort Collins has become my home, but my first home was in Grand Junction, where my mother and her partner, my sister, and my grandmother still reside. In a small town south of Grand Junction, my brother and his wife are raising a family with two small ones and another on the way. The love abounds not only with them, but also with my additional married family who are in too many states to list.

I attended CSU for my undergraduate degree in music education. During that time, I played French horn in numerous CSU ensembles, and mellophone in the CSU marching band. Upon graduation, I returned to Grand Junction and

accepted a job teaching elementary music alongside very driven and wise music educators. The following year, I returned to CSU to work on my masters degree in conducting. I had many wonderful opportunities during this time; some of which have surfaced other opportunities.

My service and love is music, but I enjoy many other activities common among Coloradoans. Almost 2 years ago, my now husband introduced me to mountain biking. From then to now, we have shared many adventurous outings, fulfilled with the sights of the majestic land around us. When we are not biking, rafting, or SUP-ping with our dog Curi, we are “adulting” in the city of Fort Collins as high school music teachers.

Children’s Music Ministry (CMM)

Noelle Bauman

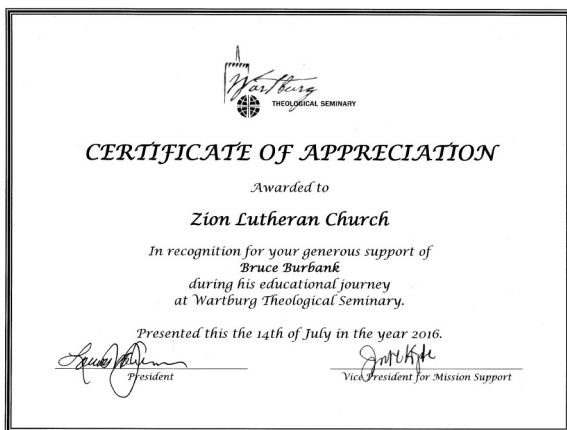
Before our first service singing with the chancel choir, the choristers of the Zion children’s choir talked about why they were practicing to sing for the congregation. This type of reflection has been paramount to the overall environment the CMM volunteers and I are creating with our after-school choir. Even though the choristers express their nervousness about singing in front of people, they all agree they have been given a gift that can be used to glorify God.

Since our first rehearsal in September to our first worship service in October, the choir has grown to include eight girls of varying ages. With direction from the CMM Vision Team, our group has focused on being musically literate, being respectful choristers, and preparing songs for worship independently, and alongside the adult chancel choir. The amount of hard work the girls put in on a weekly basis is impressive, and much of the drive is owed to the amazing help of our volunteers. I find myself continuously in awe of the sense of community throughout Zion, and the dedication to lead the young children in the way of God.

As we look to the future of this ministry, we prepare for the welcoming of students from Monroe Elementary. As I learn more about the relationship between Zion and Monroe, I see people who are surprised—as I was—at the amount of assistance, care, and support Zion can give. It is such a great opportunity to make a difference in children’s lives.

My weeks have been filled with excitement and smiling faces since I began the opening music for Sunday school. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the hobbies, skills, and interests of the children while preparing for the Christmas program on December 18.

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Dear Everyone at Zion,

We just wanted to send a big Thank You for everything you guys do for us! We wouldn't be able to do so many amazing events without you guys!

*Thank you! Thank you!
Monroe Elementary School,
PTO, parents, and kids!*

This in response to Zion's providing meals to the Monroe teachers during parent/teacher conferences on October 13.

WOW, is all I can say. We are so truly blessed to have you all taking such amazing care of our school family :)

*Jennifer Fodness
Kindergarten Teacher
Monroe Elementary*

Dear Pastor Joel,

Thank you so much for joining us for dinner and worship! We appreciate your sharing Holy Communion with us and hope to see you again soon!

*Peace,
Pastor Deb
Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry
at University of Northern Colorado*

Christmas Bazaar at King of Glory Lutheran Church

As you prepare for Christmas, here's a great way to follow Christ's light for giving gifts that actually benefit local and global crafters and skilled craftspeople, while also benefiting House of Neighborly Service, Loveland's main provider of human services for those living on or near the edge of poverty.

The King of Glory 2016 Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Over 50 vendors from around Colorado and the world will be there selling handmade items. You can also purchase baked goods or gift baskets, eat lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and have your young ones do fun crafts! Vendors have products ranging from jewelry, soaps, quilts, baby items, and Ukrainian eggs to tutus! All the proceeds from the bake sale, gift baskets, lunch, and King of Glory boutique tables and quilters are donated to House of Neighborly Service. Last year, due to the generosity of its customers, King of Glory was able to donate over \$10,000 to this wonderful agency. We will again be offering credit card sales at each of our stations.

It takes a huge volunteer effort to make this fundraiser a success; please consider signing up to help in some way. We begin by taking everything out of the worship space on November 6 and continue with setup on November 11 from noon to 5:00 p.m. On November 12, the day of the bazaar, we need volunteers to staff the boutique, lunch, nursery, and bake sale. We welcome your help in any area. Please contact Mary Camp at mcamp4843@aol.com.

L2F2 Events continued from page 7.

High School Lock-in

January 27-28

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. at King of Glory

Cost: A snack to share and an appropriate DVD movie to share.

All high school youth from King of Glory and Zion Lutheran churches are welcome to this night of fun, food (s'mores, weather permitting) games, and worship. Joe J of King of Glory and Cary Mathis of Zion will host this evening. We will have a late-night worship using candles only, in the sanctuary. Come, bring a friend, and get ready for a wonderful time together!

L2F2 presents weekly and monthly activities for our Loveland Lutheran youth in 2017

Weekly

High School Youth Group

Starting January 8, 6:30 p.m.

The high school youth group will alternate every 3 months between the churches:

**January, February, and March at King of Glory;
April and May at Zion.**

Each youth group meeting will include a devotional and check-in time—highs and lows.

First Sunday of the month—Bible study.

Second Sunday of the month—out on the town (for example: mini golf, bowling, laser tag).

Third Sunday of the month—game night; (group-building games, board games, sardines)

Fourth Sunday of the month—dinner at a family's house or at a restaurant.

Monthly

Middle School Activities

January 13-15—Rocky Mountain Synod middle school youth gathering at Embassy Suites, Loveland.

Cost: \$170.

Health form and payment due December 11.

This gathering includes service with Lutheran Family Services and the Larimer County food bank. The event includes a hilarious comedian, live band, and an all-you-can-eat buffet. Please grab a flyer from the L2F2 board, and sign up on the board or blue sheet.

February 17-18—Middle school lock-in at King of Glory.

6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Cost: A snack to share and appropriate DVD movie to share.

Calling all middle schoolers! Join Joe and Cary for lots of fun, food, games, group-building activities, and a candlelight worship service.

L2F2 Bridge Ministries (for people over 55) Christmas Social Candlelight Dinner Theater Matinee Performance Saturday, December 10 RSVP Required

We have an opportunity to attend the Candlelight Dinner Theater matinee performance on Saturday, December 10, of “It’s a Wonderful Life.” As you can imagine the show is popular and selling out quickly. Twenty seats have been set aside for us to sit as a group. We still have seating available at our table. We will carpool from King of Glory to the theater in Johnstown. Price per person, which includes a meal, is \$55.25. Bridge Ministries will guarantee the reservation with the payment due the middle of November. To RSVP, call Len Koch at 970-988-3644.

Continuing Education for Faith Formation Coordinators

The ELCA is offering an amazing continuing education opportunity for faith formation coordinators, pastors, and others who work with youth. Cary will be attending in Louisville, Kentucky, January 20-23, 2017, and bringing back strategies and ideas to help grow Zion’s faith formation program.

L2F2 Spring and Summer 2017

High School Winter Retreat March 3-5

Cost: \$170

The cost is all inclusive. This includes ski or snowshoe rentals, lift tickets, lodging, and food. We are blessed to have MARTY and CAROLYN SCHULTZ coming with us again this year. They will be providing alternatives to skiing, such as snowshoeing, and also a dinner for us!

Vacation Bible School June 5-9

VBS for King of Glory and Zion Lutheran churches at Zion. Contact MEGAN HART if you are willing to volunteer. Middle school and high school youth, we can’t do this without you! Please make time to be a part of this ministry.

Sky Ranch Youth Go! Leadership Camp—June 11-23

This is an intensive 2-week camp for high school youth—an amazing camp with training that would also look very good on college applications. Go to <http://skyranchcolorado.org/9-12> for information.

Mission Trip to Navajo Mountain, Utah—June 24-July 2

Cost: \$500

Once again, we are using the amazing Group WorkCamp to serve the Native American population on the Navajo reservation. Please see the L2F2 board for more information. We will be sending out mission trip meeting dates soon.

Sky Ranch Confirmation Intensive Camp—June 25-30

Pastors and faith formation coordinators from the participating churches plan for this camp that is an incredible week of study and fun to bring us all closer together as a group and is spiritually rich. Confirmation students are strongly encouraged to come.

Elementary School Sky Ranch Camps—July 23-28

Early elementary and upper elementary ages are all welcomed to go this week. This will be Zion’s and King of Glory’s official week of camp.

Confirmation Shines a Light

On October 30, Zion witnessed as seven of our young people affirmed the faith into which they were baptized. This act of affirming their faith, and being confirmed by God's Spirit, is the culmination of a lengthy process of learning and growing in the light of Christ, and it is the beginning of a new stage in their lives as they continue to follow—and to shine—that light to others.

At Zion, confirmation is a 3-year process for youth and their parents (or some caring adult) through the middle school years with a dual emphasis both on teaching and a fellowship. Over the course of 3 years, we learn the whole story of the Bible and how our lives fit into that story; the basics of faith taught in Luther's Small Catechism (Ten Commandments, Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion, and Baptism); and generally what it means to be and to live as a Lutheran Christian.

Throughout those 3 years, their teaching and learning is complemented by many experiences that teach them to see and be a part of Christ's light shining in the world. They participate in confirmation camp at Sky Ranch, where they experience a major story of the Bible, such as the Exodus story, the Jesus story, and the Acts of the Apostles, and the formation of the early church story. They attend retreats, where they learn about the complex issues of poverty and homelessness while working on ways to help the poor; they learn about the greater church they are a part of as they gather with hundreds of other middle school youth from around the Rocky Mountain Synod; and they learn about biblical concepts like spiritual gifts, worship, and prayer.

But the theological and academic content of what confirmation youth and their families learn together only takes root if they have a deep, rich

foundation of soil, provided by a loving community of faith. These youth and their families grow together as a part of the church, just as they grow into their understanding of being a part of the whole church. They have supported each other just as they have been supported by you. They have found mentors and caring adults throughout the congregation, and we pray those relationships continue. They have learned to participate fully in worship, and they have supported and led worship. Christ's light has led them in their lives, just as they have shined Christ's light to those around them, and we look forward to seeing Christ's light continue to lead them in their journeys.

As each youth prepared their own statement of faith, they were also asked to consider a Bible verse that would help guide them in their lives, both in good times and in bad. They were also asked to consider the gifts that God had given them, and how they might use those gifts in an upcoming ministry project. Please pray for these confirmands, and for their lives of faith as they move beyond this important milestone and into a new stage of their faith journey.

Ellie Black

MINISTRY PROJECT: volunteer at the animal shelter and Girl Talk.

BIBLE VERSE: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

Tyne Klammer

MINISTRY PROJECT: articles in quarterly newsletter.

BIBLE VERSE: "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

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Cece Magee–Allen

BIBLE VERSE: “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

Jennifer Robinson

MINISTRY PROJECT: baking communion bread.

BIBLE VERSE: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Olivia Tate

MINISTRY PROJECT: making homeless care bags.

“Footprints in the Sand”

Colby Vrem

MINISTRY PROJECT: help with IHN.

BIBLE VERSE: “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:22)

Tyler Wolfe

MINISTRY PROJECT: serve in the sound booth for contemporary worship.

BIBLE VERSE: “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)



Zion's confirmands from left to right:

Tyne Klammer, Olivia Tate, Colby Vrem, Tyler Wolfe, Cece Magee–Allen, Jennifer Robinson, and Ellie Black.

A Light to Lead the Way

Zion's Partnership with Monroe

Pastor Sonja Pancoast

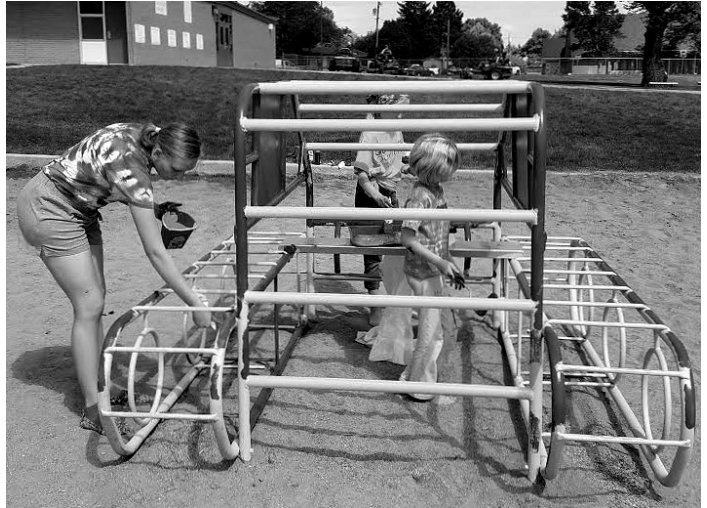
One of the three initiatives that emerged out of the sabbatical planning was Loving Others by Serving Others. One of the aspects of the Service Dream Team was to build and deepen relationships with Monroe Elementary across the street from Zion. It is so wonderful to see how the seeds that have been planted continue to grow and flourish. Each year we have continued the programs from the previous year and added more. I used to be able to thank each person by name for their participation; now we have so many wonderful people helping out I am worried I will miss someone if I start to list the names. What a wonderful problem to have.

- * Thank you to everyone who helped with the root beer float night to kick off the school year.
- * Thank you to everyone who helped make and hand out 200 sack dinners for back-to-school night.
- * Thank you to the adults and youth who painted Monroe's playground to make it beautiful for the kids as they started school.
- * Thank you to everyone who came to the pozole meal made by the PTA and hosted here at Zion.
- * Thank you to those who made soups, brought bread, veggies, and desserts and helped set up and take down the meal for the teachers at parent/teacher conferences.
- * Thank you to those who helped out with the hearing and vision screening.
- * Thank you to everyone who donated a pair of boots that were given to Monroe in October.
- * Thank you everyone who donated food for the 30 Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you to the youth who will be putting those baskets together.
- * Thank you to the weekly volunteers who help out in the classroom. This is one that I am super excited about because we now have four more caring adults this year to add to the five who already volunteer on a weekly basis at Monroe.

I pass along these thank-yous from Monroe to you. Every time I am in the school, I hear over and over how thankful Monroe is for our partnership. They truly feel that we are bringing light to them as we support the amazing work they already do with the children at Monroe. It is amazing to see how God keeps using us to care for others. Thank you for all that you do to make this partnership a success.

As we look to the holiday season, we will again partner with Monroe for the Christmas Giving Tree where we give toys and clothes to the children in need at Monroe. Look for the tree with stockings on it after Thanksgiving.

Zion Paints Monroe's Playground



God's Work. Our Hands.



Charity Miles

Sarah Bauer

Zion has an informal team walking and raising money for charity together! To join, download the free app Charity Miles. When you open the app, you select a charity, and start walking. Charity Miles has developed partnerships with companies who promise to divert advertising dollars to the charities people have selected based on how far they walk. The app tracks your miles walked for each charity and handles the rest! Once downloaded, click the small logo on the top left corner of the app's home page and select Teams. You can search for Zion Loveland and join us walking, running, or biking to earn money for some good causes. We've gone 288 miles so far—and we'd love to go farther and faster with you on our team! Join us!

Installation of Zion's Newest Staff Members

On September 18, 2016, Zion celebrated the installation of its newest staff members.

NOELLE BAUMAN was installed as Zion's Assistant Director of Music focused on a children's music program.

*O Sing to the Lord a
new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

—PSALM 96: 1

STIG ORESJO was installed as Zion's Worship Technology Coordinator.

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that
cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which
we offer to God an acceptable worship with
reverence and awe.*

—HEBREWS 12: 28

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Stig Oresjo	projection@zionloveland.com

WHAT ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?

Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, and relocation or separation due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. A Stephen Minister begins a caring relationship when he or she is matched with a person experiencing a life crisis. The Stephen Minister then meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the person is in need of care.

If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, the first step is to find out more about getting involved. Call Pastor Sonja or one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders (GINGER KLEIN, CHERYL GILLPATRICK or BRENT ANDERSON) for more information.

Zion has its second boiler in about 50 years

Thanks to the work of BILL KURTZ and the generosity of many in the Zion community, Zion now has its second boiler in only about 50 years to heat the building! This has been a growing need for several years, especially as the boiler has gone down and required costly maintenance and repairs in the last several years. And of course, problems with a boiler always arise when it's being used heavily, so we lost the ability to heat the building at critical times, like Sunday worship or when families through Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) were staying overnight in the building.

The one behemoth Acme boiler that filled an entire room was deemed to be somewhere between 50-60 percent efficient. If you stood in the nursery, which was directly above the boiler room, you could feel that lack of efficiency as heat rose through the floor and made the room entirely too hot for the nursery staff and children. In place of the one large, inefficient boiler, we have actually received four Rinnai high-efficiency boilers, which are 96 percent efficient and modulate as needed for maximum efficiency. This means that if only a portion of the heat is needed, the boilers will compensate and de-rate the output unlike the existing boiler that fired at full output no matter how small the demand. This will save a lot in the normal usage of natural gas purchased.

While the boilers were being replaced, we also learned

that the two water heaters were 12 years old, which is pushing toward the potential lifetime of standard water heaters. Since we were still within the total project amount, we opted to have the water heaters replaced with tube tanks that were close to the same cost if we replaced the current water heaters with the same equipment. These tanks contain tubes that hold water heated with the new high-efficiency boilers instead of their own burners. For this reason, these new tanks will last much, much longer than traditional direct heated water heater. This new hot water tank will also provide much more hot water recovery than two standard heaters. Overall, it seemed like a great opportunity while everything was taken apart and the system was being replaced.

Thanks again to Bill Kurtz and to all who generously provided financially to complete this project and provide consistent heat in the coming winter. If you would like to see the new boilers, come by sometime during the week and ask for a tour. We will be happy to show them off to you.



Two of the freestanding boilers are set on a panel, with the other two on the reverse side.

Troop 314 Status Update—Fall 2016

Chip Leadbetter

With summer over, Troop 314 has begun our yearly scouting program of activities. We finished out the month of August focused on wilderness survival skills such as building shelters, minimalist cooking, kit free first aid, and finding food sources in wild places. All those skills you hope you never need, but if you ever do.... Self-confidence derives in part from understanding personal capability and knowledge, and the boys certainly gained from the month's skill building.

Also in August, the troop joined other local troops at the Scouting Ranch near Redfeather to participate in a shooting weekend. The boys who attended had the opportunity to shoot 22 caliber rifles, 12 gauge shotguns, and archery. Several boys were able to make strides toward shooting and archery merit badges, while others who were new to the sport had the opportunity to be introduced to the experience in a safe environment. Several of our adult leaders took the time earlier this year to become certified NRA Range Safety Officers and NRA Range Instructors and then provided range control during the event. Reports from the boys certainly expressed the event was fun and even the adults were O.K. at shooting. Who knew, right?

September launched a new skill theme of pioneering. Meetings were focused on learning to tie knots and lashings and then use the new skills to build structures in the parking lot. Starting small with cooking tripods, moved on to trail gateways and multi-level towers. Pioneering incorporates more than just "sticks and strings," but is a focused team training skill as most of the complex structures require boys working in unison to assemble and erect them. It is one of the

popular themes as the boys end the evening looking at a big accomplishment that they built together.

October began our orientation month. Maps and compasses received a heavy and hard workout this month as the younger boys were introduced to the way-finding tools and the older boys were tested with increasingly complex courses to push their abilities. A skill that some are more natural at, a handful of scouts who really excel become the gurus for the rest of the troop. It is these scouts who are tasked with building the orientation courses for the rest of the troop by month's end.

We also accomplished our 2017 year planning in October. Troop 314 is a boy-led troop, and the scouts themselves met on a Saturday to discuss what the skill themes for next year will be, what weekends will be reserved for camping, what events they will be arranging for, and all the other activities. Adults were in attendance for nothing more than to agree to provide transportation and funding. In all seriousness, the adult leaders were there to guide the boy leaders and help answer questions, but the troop is, indeed, led and planned entirely by the scouts themselves.

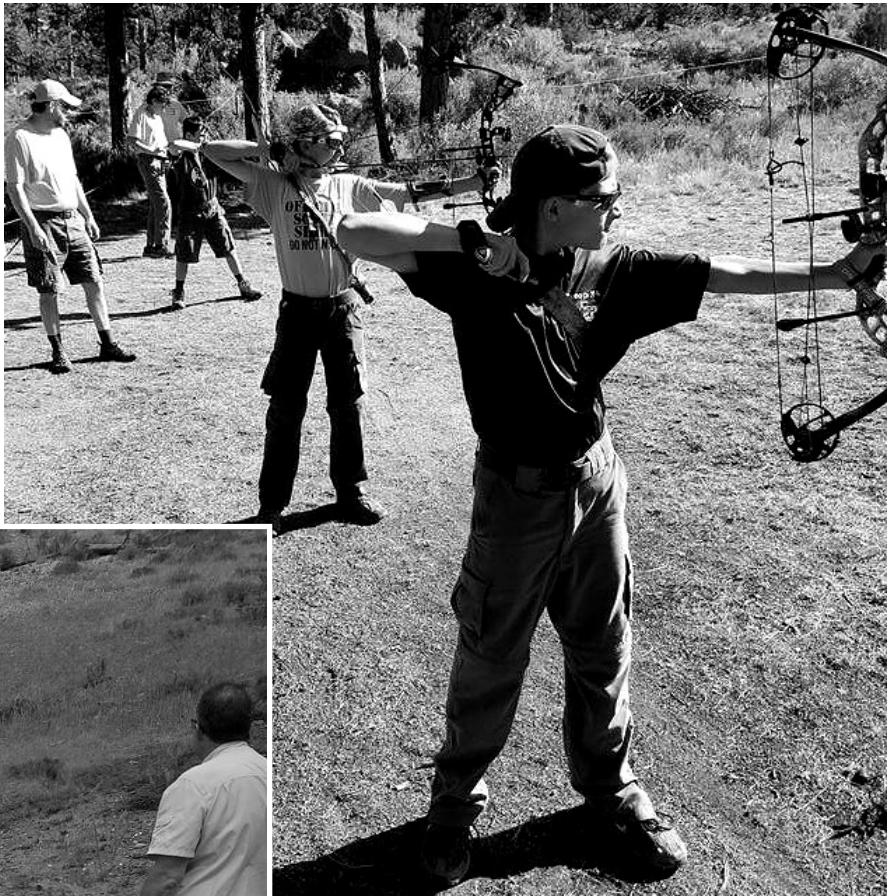
With November being a shorter month, we are going to be focused on general rank advancement and quartermaster tasks. It is time to reorganize chuck boxes and repair tents. We have a training campout planned for Camp Patiya in the mountains west of Boulder for the month and we will be preparing for our ice

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fishing trip in December.

We are always looking for young men seeking a challenge and opportunity to have fun while gaining skills and learning leadership. If you know one who might be interested, send them our way!



Troop 314 participated in a shooting weekend where they had the opportunity to shoot 22 caliber rifles, 12 gauge shotguns, and archery under the supervision of their adult leaders who were certified NRA Range Safety Officers and NRA Range Instructors.

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) News

Pastor Deb Abbott

Thank You! As Thanksgiving approaches, our thoughts turn to all that we are thankful for in our campus ministries. Thank you for the meals cooked for our students, financial support, volunteers and leaders who share their time, and all of your prayers.

A lot is happening in our campus ministries! Worship, Bible studies, faith conversations, and service opportunities are all going strong. At LCM-CSU, we worship with Holy Communion every Sunday at 5:15 p.m. with a meal following worship. We worship at LCM's St. Thomas Chapel, on 805 South Shields Street, just across from CSU's Moby Arena in Fort Collins. LECM-UNC gathers every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and worship at the LECM Center, 1844 11th Avenue, Greeley. You can help support campus ministry by bringing a meal to one of our weekly gatherings. If you are interested in donating a meal or grocery cards to purchase food please contact us!

For more information about Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado (LECM-UNC), contact PASTOR DEB ABBOTT at lcm.unco@gmail.com.

For more information about the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University (LCM-CSU), contact PASTOR PAUL JUDSON at pastor@lcmcsu.org.



Thanks to all the volunteers who worked on our campus ministry sites for God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, September 11.



Hi!
Bookworm
here.

First of all,

there are four new “featured” books in the library. You will find them on the bookshelf immediately ahead of you as you come into the library.

Second,

on the side of that same bookshelf, there are two lists. These lists, one listed by author and the other listed by title, contain all the books in the library (except for the children’s books). This should help you find a book, even if I happen to be off in a corner reading. The location of each book is indicated on the lists and matches the locations noted on the library shelf labels.

If you have any questions, please see JANIE LICHTFUSS, my helper in the library.

Happy Reading!

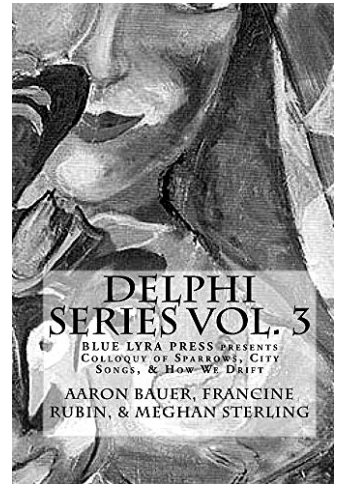
Zion member, Aaron Bauer, has had a short collection of his poems published and the book is available in Zion’s library; check it out—literally!

A short collection of poems by Aaron Bauer has been published by Blue Lyra Press, part of their Delphi Poetry Series, along with two other poets, Francine Rubin and Meghan Sterling. The collection explores themes of theology and nature. The collection is titled **Delphi Series Vol. 3: Colloquy of Sparrows, City Songs, & How We Drift**.

The book reviewed by Zion librarian Janie Lichtfuss

This is truly a fascinating book of poetry by three different authors: Aaron Bauer, Francine Rubin, and Meghan Sterling. As I read Aaron Bauer’s poetry, I was transported to my Colorado surroundings, from one entitled “Magpies” to one about Lake Loveland. Francine Rubin took me to city surroundings while Meghan Sterling expresses many feelings and impressions from the viewpoint of a female citizen of the world.

If you enjoy poetry, take this book to a quiet place and read it slowly and carefully. Let yourself be transported to the “worlds” of each poet.



[Editor’s note: Aaron Bauer also has copies of the book available for sale. aaronmbauer@gmail.com]

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8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

On the 3rd Sunday of each month,
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Our Mission:

We build and nurture a
welcoming faith community
for all generations.

Our Vision:

All shall know Jesus Christ
as Lord and Savior,
and love each other
as He loves us.

**Celebrate Your Faith—
Renew Your Spirit—
Love One Another**

Important Dates Related to Newsletter Content (Read the Articles for Details)

November 12	Christmas Bazaar
November 18	High School Lock-in
November 20	Gratitude Sunday; Bridge Ministries
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social
November 27	Advent Festival; Advent Decorating
December 2-4	Sky Ranch Advent Retreat
December 10	Bridge Ministries Christmas Social; Middle School Christmas Party
December 11	High School Christmas Party
December 18	Children's Christmas Program
December 21	Longest Night Worship; Young Adult Christmas Party
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship (4:00, 6:00, and 10:30 p.m.)
December 25	Service of Lessons and Carols
January 8	Family Sunday School; High School Youth Group
January 13-15	Middle School Youth Gathering
January 27	High School Lock-in