



# Eye on Zion

A Quarterly Newsletter for the People of Zion Lutheran Church

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## Knit Together

*Pastor Joel Pancoast*

*For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

—PSALM 139:13-14

It is difficult for me to name one favorite Psalm. I have a favorite for every kind of situation in life. But when I think about the miracle of life and our relationship to God, Psalm 139 is "it." God knit each of us together in a way that is beyond our understanding—the way our inward parts work together in a perfect balance. Even the smallest parts of our bodies, down to each individual cell, has a function that works toward a greater purpose, giving us the ability to learn and reason, to talk and listen to others, to embrace each other and to send messages, all while our bodies automatically control our heart rate, blood pressure, balance, breathing, and many other functions. It is amazing; an absolute miracle when you start to think about the complexities of our bodies and the way God has knit them together. We are indeed "fearfully and wonderfully made."

In the same way, God has knit each community together. The Scriptures refer to the church as the "body of Christ." Since his resurrection, Jesus is no longer confined to his body, but is present in each individual and in each community for God's purpose. That means every person who reads this article, every person who participates in community, has a creative purpose, whether intentionally acted out or automatically directed as nothing less than a miracle of God.

Of course, if we are fortunate enough to grow old, many experience the failing of our physical bodies. The same happens in community. Eventually, there will always be some conflict, some disagreement, some struggle to get through. But all life depends on the gracious will and act of God, who both creates us and redeems us through Jesus Christ. Christ gave

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his own body, his total person, for us, so that we can be reconciled to God and each other.

So the next time you look in the mirror, see yourself as God does, “fearfully and wonderfully made,” created for the purpose to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (MATTHEW 22:37). The next time you join with the church in community, know that it too is “fearfully and wonderfully made” for the same purpose.

The focus of this newsletter is “Knit Together.” The summer months are wonderful times to focus on the ways God has knit together our bodies to enjoy creation and recreation, but we will also focus on the way that God has knit us together in community. Our summer worship will focus on conflicts in the early church, and the ways that God not only brought healing through those conflicts but a beautiful masterpiece as a sign of salvation and healing.

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## Summer Worship Times—June 4 through September 3

**8:15 a.m.            Outdoor Informal Worship**

**9:30 a.m.            Faith Formation and Education**

**10:15 a.m.          Indoor Worship**

**1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays are Traditional Worship**

**2nd and 4th Sundays are Contemporary Worship**

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## How “Knit Together” Fits into My Life

*Tyne Klammer, Youth*

When I think of knit, I think of a close, unbreakable bond that forms into something beautiful. I can see this in my faith life, my personal life, and my school life. Even though these may all seem separate, all aspects of my life are “knit together” to form me, Tyne Elise Klammer. There are many things in life that I enjoy, and I consider myself lucky to have so many opportunities to express myself. As a teenager, it may seem hard to intertwine all of the things I enjoy, and make time for all the people and things I value in my life. But, somehow I find myself with so many blessings each and every day. These blessings include all

of the people that have entered my life and made an impact. All of these people have added to the intricate life that I have knit together, and these people hold me together. My complicated, confusing life becomes clear when I am able to see that people are put in my life for a reason. Whether they impacted me positively or negatively, I can surely say that I can learn something from everyone I may meet. I see how God knits different people into our lives each and every day to help us learn, grow, and nurture others around us so that we may become knit into other’s lives as well. That’s where God leads us to help others grow.

# Music Ministry

*Adam Torres*

Greetings and a happiest of Eastertides to you all!

**A**s we enter into the season of Easter, I want to begin by thanking our music ministry volunteers for their countless hours in enhancing the Zion community through music during the 2017 edition of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. Our Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer midweek services featured familiar faces and first-time song leaders alike. The praise band continued its contributions to Maundy Thursday, with the chancel choir offering its music on Good Friday, coordination by Noelle Bauman for the Easter Vigil, and all combined forces lending their praises through music on Easter Sunday!

I am grateful for the talents of Jon Gray and Jesse Matthews, who amplified the music ministry through their trumpet prowess at the 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Easter services. An honorarium to Jon and Jesse was graciously provided by the Debbie Boose Memorial Fund, in honor of Debbie and her love of music in worship.

And, finally, to you, the greater Zion community, a special thanks for your continued support of our work and for lending your voices in song each week. We are truly “knit together” as a community, and what better way to show our solidarity than through song. What a delight it was to have an anthem at the 10:45 a.m. Easter Sunday service, featuring the chancel choir, children’s choir, bell choir, organ, trumpets, and congregation!

Of course, our music offerings would be immeasurably different without the time and talents of our music staff, NOELLE BAUMAN (assistant director/children’s choir director), KATHRYN PEIFFER (organist), and THOMAS CHEN

(bell choir director), and our chancel choir, children’s choir, bell choir, and praise band members who offer their time in rehearsal and offering music in worship week in and week out.

As we look forward to summer worship, there are a number of opportunities for all Zion members to help with leading through music. First, every single outdoor worship service provides the opportunity for song leaders and special music. Not all special music needs to be vocal, and not all song leaders need to provide special music. If you are interested in lending your talents to this important component of outdoor worship, please contact [music@zionloveland.com](mailto:music@zionloveland.com). Additionally, we will have a number of opportunities for traditional indoor worship special music, sprinkled with some music provided by the Zion praise band. I look forward to displaying the talents and gifts of the Zion community in worship.

As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support of the music ministry.

I look forward to divulging many more details about our October Reformation music offerings in our next newsletter; stay tuned for the exciting news!

*Soli Deo Gloria*

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**Soli Deo Gloria** is a Latin term for Glory to God alone. It has been used by artists like Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frideric Handel, and Christoph Graupner to signify that the work was produced for the sake of praising God.

# Children's Music Ministry

*Noelle Bauman*

The Zion children's choir is now mixed with students from Monroe elementary. We had four singers continue from last semester, and seven from Monroe joined. We could not be happier to have all of these children involved in music. Although our choir is open to first through fifth grade, we ended up with only first and second grade children. Each child is working through our new curriculum at their own pace, with the help of our volunteers. I am so excited for the foundation we are building with these eleven. With the help of our amazing volunteers, I can only hope to instill in them a lifelong enjoyment of creating music with others through worship and praise. I hope to hear more about that instillment when the writer of our curriculum visits Colorado to speak about the curriculum uses, and share her knowledge of developing successful children's music programs. I am very appreciative of her commitment to children's choirs across the nation, especially to us! As we wrap up a season of children's music, I can say that I am happy with how it has progressed. I see learning, excitement, friendships, and a growing and healthy community. Our children's choir truly accentuates the uniqueness of each human being, and shows that even with a little discourse,

our journey can lead us down melodious paths. Perhaps these paths rely on a little discourse.

During this school year, I have been blessed enough to have an eager and positive group of high school musicians in Fort Collins through Colorado Early Colleges. At the beginning of the school year, we only had one concert booked for each semester, which is not an ample amount of performances for any ensemble. I am so thankful to the church and to Adam Torres for allowing the Colorado Early Colleges ensembles to perform for two of Zion's worship services. The kids learn an incredible amount from playing or singing in a new environment, and I hope our younger musical community can learn from hearing them.

While thinking of all the fun and exciting activities to do this summer, keep in mind that we still have activities for children at Zion. In addition to a vacation Bible school week, we will be holding a mini music camp on July 26, 27, and 30. We hope to see your children there!

**Mini Music Camp for Children**  
**July 26, 27, and 30**

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## International Baccalaureate (IB) Personal Project

### Girl Talk at Zion

*Rachel Samuels*

The Personal Project is an independent assignment that gives individual students attending Loveland High School the opportunity to share something that they're passionate about, and is meant to stress an importance on self-discovery and growth as an IB learner. The intent of the project is to challenge students over the course of many months, and allow individuals to expand upon their strong interests and genuine curiosities.

For my Personal Project, I have chosen to start a nationally recognized club chapter, known as Girl Talk, within my community; focusing on the middle school-aged females living within Loveland, Colorado, who may be struggling with the issues an abundance of young women face throughout their 6th-8th grade years in school.

Girl Talk is an international nonprofit mentoring program with a simple yet clear foundation: to give high school girls the chance to mentor middle school girls, helping them confront the challenges many encounter during their formative teenage years. Their

mission is to help young teenaged girls build personal leadership skills, recognize the importance of improving one's community, and develop higher self-confidence. Middle school girls, with the help of Girl Talk, are provided with the realization that they don't have to feel hopeless or lonely regarding the obstacles they face. High school leaders have the opportunity to share their experiences and advise younger members, creating positive role models for the middle school youth. The lessons learned in Girl Talk have the potential to contribute to girls becoming more confident, service-minded women with stronger leadership characteristics.

My experiences with bonding and developing lifelong friendships with a diverse group of young women within my community thus far has allowed me to prove to myself that I am capable of doing much more than I've previously thought or imagined. My Personal Project has pushed me outside of my comfort zone, forcing me to challenge myself and look beyond just school and

academics; overall turning into a goal that is greater than myself.

Girl Talk has given me the support and encouragement to bond with youth living in the Loveland area, and provide them with a sense of camaraderie. Due to the things I have experienced and learned throughout the development of my Personal Project, I now realize that, no matter how stressful taking on a task like starting a Girl Talk chapter can be, I have the capability of producing something worthwhile and substantial despite the obstacles that stand in my way.

If you're interested or want to recommend this club to anyone you know, please feel free to. We love getting new members and want to grow Girl Talk into something even larger than it is now. We meet every Tuesday evening, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church and tend to involve crafts/snacks at every meeting while discussing a meaningful topic (ranging from things like family relationships to school). To those interested: just show up! We meet in the middle school room downstairs. Bring a friend or come alone; we'd be so happy to have you.

# Prayer Shawl Ministry at Zion

*Linda Tegeder*

As the chair of the prayer shawl group here at Zion, I have been blessed so many times with the stories that go along with the giving of the shawls. The group has received thank-you notes from many people who have been blessed with the giving of the shawls. Everyone in the

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congregation is welcome to take a shawl for someone who is hurting. We just ask that Pastor Sonja be told about the giving.

For me personally, saying prayers while knitting my shawls gives me quiet time to listen to God, and there have been many

times when while knitting, I've heard the voice saying you need to send a shawl to someone who is in my heart and thoughts. Some of the shawls I have made are in Minnesota, Iowa, Australia, Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska, Nevada, and, of course, Colorado.

As a group, we have given shawls to people who are suffering from cancer, and have heard that they love to wrap themselves in the shawl for not

only warmth, but knowing that other people are praying for them. All recipients have made comments that they are always happy knowing others care. We have sent shawls to North Carolina for flood disaster relief and to Orlando, Florida, to let the victims of the shooting know that we care. Also, we have sent shawls to the fire victims in Estes Park, and have shared with a nursing home there also.

When there is a funeral at Zion, it has been our pleasure to present the family with shawls, and they are always so happy to receive them again knowing we are praying for them. We are always happy to give a small shawl to the children who are baptized to let the family know prayers are being lifted for all of them. We share this ministry with the bride and groom and present them with a shawl for God's blessing on their wedding. Another group that has been blessed with shawls are our Stephen Ministers upon completing their training. I think this shows them that they are also being prayed for in their ministry and that when they enter into prayer for their care receiver, they can wrap up in their shawl.

I feel that this ministry of knitting or crocheting shawls binds us all together in Jesus' love.

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## Have you saved the date?

**Zion Women's Retreat  
November 11-12, 2017  
More information to come!**

The Zion women's retreat will again be held at Peaceful Valley Ranch. Mark your calendars for this amazing time away to grow in faith and become knit together with your sisters in Christ.



# Hooked Potential

*Amy Brauner*

One of the most dangerous places for a crocheter to visit is the yarn aisle. Don't worry, you did indeed read that correctly—the yarn aisle. If the crafter is unprepared, they will leave drowning in skeins of yarn they did not need. How does this happen? One word—potential. I see potential in a skein of yarn. What can I turn this into? A hat? A blanket? A Dancing Baby Groot? The possibilities are endless!



**Skeins of yarn offer potential to the crocheter. Similarly, we are like skeins of yarn in God's eyes.**

My perspective about a skein of yarn doesn't seem too far off from how God sees us—skeins of yarn of potential. He is our maker and he “hooks” in a series of specially spaced twists and turns to form us. He sees what we have been, what we are, and what we can become. After he's done shaping us, he then hooks us to each other. We are all part of the beautiful tapestry of community.

It's nice to know that I am a piece of the community that God tied me into, but sometimes it's hard for me to see my role/place in the group. What am I supposed to do for my crochet

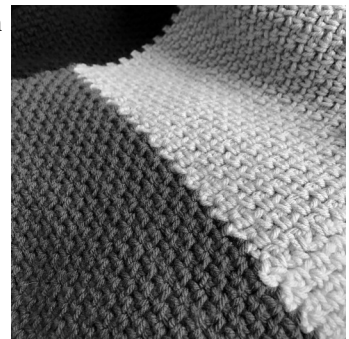
ministry? The challenge that has been placed before me by God is to see beyond the “rectangle.”

Not only do I feel like God has asked me to look beyond the typical rectangular shape of a blanket, but to look beyond Zion. Who can benefit from a crocheted item? So far, I've only gotten as far as sleeping mats made from plastic bags given to the homeless community in Denver. But I have seen so much more since I have opened my eyes. There are people out there crocheting octopuses for preemies (the spiral tentacles are comforting to hold onto because it mimics an umbilical cord). Others have taken the call to crochet prosthetic breasts for women who have had mastectomies. There is unlimited potential to where my hook and yarn can take me.

So, what will your skein of yarn become? How can you use your special, unique talent to help hook your community together? For me, I am still creating blankets for the police chaplains to hand out in the community. My “beyond the

rectangle” idea is to crochet prosthetic breasts for women who have had mastectomies in Loveland. As for the future, I don't know what God has planned for my skills.

See your potential and create it!



**A crocheted rectangle becomes a blanket given to those in need in our community.**

# Faith Formation

*Pastor Sonja Pancoast*

## Graduation Milestone

**Sunday, May 21**

**8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship**

We are knit together as one body in Christ with our many and varied gifts. As our youth graduate from high school, community college, vocational school, college, and graduate school, we want to celebrate them and all the gifts that they have which have helped them to achieve their graduation milestone.



We will celebrate this milestone in worship on May 21 as we surround them with our prayers.

All high school seniors will be recognized. Since many youth graduate from community college, vocational school, and college on a schedule that works best for them, it is difficult to know who is graduating when. If you are aware of anyone who is graduating this year, please contact PASTOR SONJA so that we can celebrate these milestones as a faith community.

## Maker Fun Factory

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 5-9 —9:00 a.m. to Noon**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a wonderful experience and an example of how we are all knit together. The many gifts of the volunteers are knit together to make VBS happen. The many children God brings to Zion are knit together as they become a community throughout the week of VBS.



All children age 3 through having completed 5th grade are invited to Maker Fun Factory, a world where kids' creativity will be ignited as they discover they are lovingly crafted by God, where each day they will meet a Bible Memory Buddy.

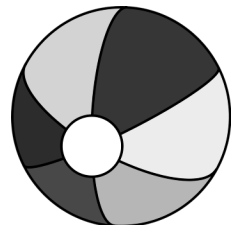
The cost for Vacation Bible School is \$15 for one child or \$25 per family. Paper registrations are available at Zion or register online at

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/zionlutheranvbs2017>

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## **Summerfest 2017—Sunday, August 13—5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Winona Pool at 1615 4th Street, Loveland**

Celebrate summer with friends and family at Summerfest. Everyone is invited for a night of fun at Winona pool. There is no cost for anyone to attend. Bring a sack dinner and enjoy fellowship with friends from Zion and King of Glory. Often times Sunday morning is not enough time to get to know more about each other. Here is some time to let loose and play in the pool together or just laugh and enjoy each other's company. This is a great event to invite friends to come.



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## **Summer Faith Formation— Sunday mornings—9:30—10:00 a.m.—June 4—August 20**

*We are knit together with God as we learn and grow in relationship with God.*

Children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade will focus on the Ten Commandments and a new Bible story each week. Their Sunday school theme is Fear, Love, and Trust: Following God's Commandments. They will discuss questions such as, "Why doesn't God want me to have other gods?" "As long as I do my best, I'll get into heaven, right?"

Middle school and high school youth will explore "Scary, Gross, and Weird Stories from the Bible." Some of the best stories in the Bible are also some of the most unexpected and unusual—and not for the faint of heart. Each week Fear Factor meets the Bible as each lesson is truly sick—and totally interesting.

## **Explore a Natural Area with Naturalist Deborah Price**

Zion is offering two hikes this summer, led by environmental educator Deborah Price. We'll explore a couple of local sites on weekday evenings when it is less crowded, and cooler. There is no cost, but please register so we'll know how many people to expect, and space is limited. If you have questions about either program, email Deborah Price at [dhprice@naturedeb.com](mailto:dhprice@naturedeb.com) or call 970-635-0411. Directions to the sites and more specific information will be shared with those registered.

**Monday, June 19— 6:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**Bobcat Ridge Natural Area**  
**Sign up by June 16**

Enjoy hiking the 4-mile Valley Loop and learn about the natural and historical significance of this beautiful property, located just south of Masonville. This is a medium-level hike. Wear hiking shoes or sturdy closed-toe walking shoes, bring water and snacks, and binoculars if you have them. Sign up on the Faith Formation board at Zion or email [faithformation@zionloveland.com](mailto:faithformation@zionloveland.com) by June 16. Be sure to indicate how many people are in your party.

**Monday, July 17—7:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**River's Edge Natural Area**  
**Sign up by July 14**

This Loveland natural area survived the 2013 flood and provides a beautiful walk at sunset around the ponds. Enjoy a leisurely walk and a summer sunset. Stay after 9:00 p.m. and look toward the sky to spot some constellations. Wear comfortable closed-toe walking shoes, bring water and snacks, and binoculars if you have them. Sign up on the Faith Formation board or email [faithformation@zionloveland.com](mailto:faithformation@zionloveland.com) by July 14. Be sure to indicate how many people are in your party.

### **Want a longer hike?**

If you're interested in going on a longer hike during a weekday sometime, email [faithformation@zionloveland.com](mailto:faithformation@zionloveland.com) and Deborah will get back to you with some possibilities for a smaller group outing.

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## **Zion Children and Youth: Join Laura's Team As We Stomp Out Meningitis**

**Sierra's Race Against Meningitis**

**Saturday, June 17**

**Foundations Church**

**1380 N. Denver Ave, Loveland, CO 80537**

- 8:00 a.m.—Free Vaccination Clinic Starts
- 8:00 a.m.—5K Run/Walk
- 9:00 a.m.—Kids Fun Run
- 9:30 a.m.—Awards and Raffle Drawing



**Ages 10 and Under Kids Fun Run—Free \***

**Ages 11-18 Youth 5K Run/Walk—Only \$15 \***

We are excited to put together a team from Zion to join Laura's Team in the fight against meningitis. Sierra's Race is a 5K run or fun run for those 10 and under that helps to raise funds for the meningitis vaccine and raise awareness that with the vaccine many forms of meningitis can be prevented.

Meningitis hits close to home in our community. Laura Loken died of meningitis, Pastor Sonja's sister-in-law died from meningitis, and just this year one of our members, Sara Schreiner, contracted meningitis and continues to recover from the impacts of this horrible virus and bacteria.

\* The Loken family has graciously offered to sponsor all children age 10 and under at no cost who want to run the fun run plus cover half the cost for any youth age 11 to 18 as part of the Laura Loken Memorial.

Registrations are available at Zion. Please fill them out and return them to PASTOR SONJA by May 21.

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The race was created in memory of Sierra Krizman who died suddenly of bacterial meningitis in April 2007. Sierra was just 20 years old when she died and had been in college studying elementary education. Had the family known that an immunization could have prevented this tragedy, Sierra would be alive today. 100% of all proceeds go to immunization and awareness of bacterial meningitis in hopes that no family would have to go through what the Krizman family did 10 years ago.

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## **Knit Together through Service, Mission, and the Outdoors**

This summer our children and youth have unique off-site opportunities to grow in relationship with God and each other.

### **Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp**

*Encountering Christ in the Mountaintops*

Children and youth of all ages are invited to be knit together through the amazing outdoor ministry of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp.

**High school youth** can participate in Youth Go! a 2- week leadership training June 11-23 or as a high school helper for Confirmation Camp June 25-30.

**Middle school youth** will participate in Confirmation Camp Intensive June 25-30.

**Elementary school children who have completed 1st-3rd grade** can participate in Round Up July 30-August 1.

**Elementary school children who have completed 3rd-5th grade** can participate in Homesteaders July 30-August 4.

Talk to PASTOR SONJA if you would like more information about participating in these programs.

### **High School Mission Trip**

Our high school youth will be knit together in service to others as they participate in the Group Workcamp at Navajo Mountain, Utah, June 24– July 1. The youth will help out in one of the most remote locations in the lower 48 as they work with the Navajo people.

Each year the youth have a powerful and life-changing experience as they make a difference in the lives of others, and we assume that this year will be no different.

We have 19 people attending from Zion and King of Glory and are excited for this opportunity. Keep them in prayer as they head out on this amazing experience.

## **YOUNG ADULT SUMMER GET-TOGETHER**

**Monday, May 29  
(Memorial Day)**

**7:00 p.m.**

**at**

**Origins  
Wood Fired Pizza**

**500 North Lincoln Avenue  
Loveland**

We are knit together with young adults who are in the area and with those who are away at school or work.

To remain tightly knit, we gather together twice a year as a large group to catch up and reconnect.

Come and enjoy!

## Introducing Zion's New Members

The following joined Zion on December 11, 2016.

### **CAPRICE MAGEE ALLEN**

Caprice is a student at Loveland High. She is in the ninth grade. In her free time, she enjoys singing, modeling, and acting. She enjoys the Zion faith community because of all the activities for youth. She has lived in Loveland for 6 months.

### **JACK ALLEN**

Jack came to Loveland from Minnesota by way of Jamaica. He has lived here for 6 months. He is an energy engineer. In his free time, he enjoys building train models. He likes Zion because it is friendly and offers a lot of activities.

### **PATRICIA ALLEN**

Patricia loves to do art, dog walking, and computers in her free time. She has also lived in Fort Collins and in Coon Rapids and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### **TYRELL HIRCHERT**

Tyrell came to Colorado from North Dakota. Prior to moving to Loveland, he spent 3 years in Greeley attending graduate school. He is a school psychologist. Tyrell says Zion gives him a sense of community. He likes snowboarding, fishing, camping, and golf.

### **MARIE MACHAIN**

Marie has been in Loveland since 1960. She is retired but stays busy volunteering and talking with her daughter. She enjoys coming to Zion because of the sincerity and friendliness of the people. She has lived in most of the United States, but really likes Colorado.

### **CHRISTINE MURPHY**

Christine has lived in the Loveland area since birth. She is married and has two children. She is

a stay-at-home mom and enjoys watching football and basketball (especially March Madness), reading, and spending time with her family. She first came to Zion as a child with her parents and later when she was in the area. She feels comfortable at Zion with her father Phil Fulkrod as her sponsor.

### **CAROL JANE SCHULTZ**

Carol has been in Loveland for 3 years. She lived in Fort Collins for 20 years and before that in Illinois and Wisconsin. She came to Zion by an invitation from Debbie Joncas who is her sponsor. Pastor Sonja gave her communion while she was in rehab. She is retired from CSU Faculty Extension. In her free time she collects vintage hats, jewelry, and purses.

### **ROYCE SCHULTZ**

Royce is retired from law enforcement which was his job for 36 years. In his free time, he enjoys football, baseball, and travel. He came to Zion when he was invited by friends. Previously he attended Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, but not as a member. He came to this area because of his daughter and granddaughter. He had the support of Zion when Pastor Joel visited him in the hospital after his surgery.

### **DIANE WALKER**

Diane is married to John Walker. She moved here from Indiana when she was 8 years old. She is a retired research director in the field of animal feeds. She likes the warmth and welcoming (especially the personal touches) of Zion's faith community. She enjoys outdoor activities.

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**JOHN CHARLES WALKER**

John was raised in Ohio and Indiana. He has been an engineer and worked in investments/stock trading. He likes gardening, hiking and backpacking, stained glass, cooking and eating, working out at the gym, and swimming. He came to Zion looking for a smaller church.

The following joined Zion on April 23, 2017.

**RANDY AND BRENDA DAVIS**

Randy and Brenda moved to Loveland from Iowa. Randy is a CPA and Brenda is a retired LPN. They enjoy biking, hiking, being with family, and volunteering. They like being active in their church; they were members in their previous church for 40 years. Dave and Elaine Hart are their Zion sponsors.

**CORINN MORRILL**

Cori (preferred) is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska, but has been in Colorado over 20 years, going back and forth to Nebraska. Cori enjoys scrapbooking and reading. She is a registered medical assistant and is happy to be part of the Zion community.

**JAMES PICKARD**

James retired in 2012 and lives in Loveland. He enjoys exercising, biking, dining out with friends,

being with family, and helping others when they need him. Phyllis Zimmerman is his sponsor.

**SUE, JONATHAN, AND GABRIEL TATAJE**

Sue, Jonathan, and Gabriel have lived in Timnath for over 10 years. Sue is an active volunteer in her children's schools and is a part-time social worker, along with being a "mom." Their family loves being outdoors and skiing. Amy Black is the family's sponsor.

**ANN WATSON**

Ann worked as preschool teacher and as a director of a day care facility. She also worked at a boys and girls club as an activity director. She enjoys riding a bike, listening to music, walking, and watching movies. Valerie Boyce is her sponsor.

**TERRY AND ROXANNE WING**

Terry and Roxanne live in Johnstown. They moved from Texas in 2015. Terry is a regional production manager. Roxanne is a writer and housewife. Terry enjoys football and building things. Roxanne enjoys writing fiction, home decorating, exercising, and reading. Their sponsor is Gene Elder.

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

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## **FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR SEARCH**

As of this publication, the search team for the Faith Formation Coordinator has completed second interviews for three of the candidates for the position. They feel very good about any of the candidates, so the difficulty will be choosing the best fit for Zion. We have had an opening for just over 2 months, so we feel this has been a very efficient process. Please continue to pray for the search team, and for the candidate whom we believe God has already chosen to be knit together in the Zion community.

Search team members are ERIN BACHMAN, JUDY GUSTAFSON and BEILYNN GEISS, EILEEN HUDDLE, BOB MAJESKI, SUSAN SAMUELS and RACHEL and JOSH SAMUELS, NITA STARR, and ALISON STONE.

## Among Members and Friends

### At Rest in Our Father's House

*We keep in prayer:*

*Family and friends of **Lillian Crosley** who died on February 14, 2017, and whose funeral was on February 22 at Zion.*

*Family and friends of **Ann McCarthy** who died on April 1, 2017, and whose funeral was on April 17 at Zion. We especially keep in prayer her children Theresa and Michael, her grandchildren, and other family members.*

*Family and friends of **Tim Haag** who died on April 10, 2017, and whose funeral was on April 19 at Zion. We especially keep in prayer his wife Cindy, his children Katrina, Conny, Monica, and Steven.*

*Family and friends of **Evelyn Wolfe** who died on April 25, 2017. Evelyn was a long-time member of Zion who moved a few years ago to be closer to family.*

### First Communion

*We rejoice with the following who received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2017.*

**Isabella DePumpo**

**Rylee Dimmitt**

**Angela Gatton**

**Robert Gatton**

**Anabelle Huffsmith-Gerrard**

**Josiah Kuhns**

**Anna Schlagel**

**Cate Schlagel**

**Kate Ward**

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

*We give thanks for the birth of **Grace Sterling Hart** to Dan and Tina Hart on March 30, 2017.*

### We Keep in Prayer

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

*Pastor Sonja, Lindsey, and Zion Staff,*

*Thank you for delivering an absolutely amazing tribute to our husband, father, and grandpa. Your kind words and the manner in which you captured him was truly appreciated by all! Thanks also to Lindsey for all the help with the program!*

*Blessings,  
The Elmer Bonnell Family*

## Among Members and Friends

*Thank you very much for the collection of cans of soup. Our clients will enjoy a good meal on a cold day. We are trying to serve an evening meal soon, so this first meal will be soup and sandwiches. Thank you so much.*

*Doreen MacDonald*

[In response to Zion's Souper Bowl of Caring.]

*Thank you for the gift certificate to 4th Street Chop House. I feel blessed to have been able to share my gifts, limited though they are, with the congregation of Zion. God's Work. Our Hands.*

*John Sterner*

[In recognition of his service as Zion's Treasurer 2013-2016.]

### **Zion says thank you to:**

SUSAN OSBORN for her embroidery work on the shirts for the children's choir.

The FUNERAL TEAM who ensures all the funerals run smoothly.

EVERYONE who helped make the Palm Sunday breakfast the success that it was.

### **Thank You Letters to Zion**

- January 25, 2017—From House of Neighborly Service for a contribution of \$50.
- March 2, 2017—From Project Self-Sufficiency for a donation of \$1,250.  
[In response to a gift from Zion's Great Gift Away fund.]
- March 8, 2017—From Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado for a donation of \$125.
- April 21, 2017—From Loveland Habitat for Humanity for a gift of \$317.

*Pastors Pancoast and the Great People of Zion, Thank you so much for hosting Walter Nieuwlandt on Campus Ministry Sunday. We pray that his message was a blessing to Zion. The preparation, conversations, and opportunity to preach was a blessing to Walter and our ministry. Thanks also for your support in so many ways. . . financially, meals, and people doing work like John Sterner and Pastor Sonja.*

*God's peace,*

*Pastor Paul Judson*

*People of Zion and Pastors!*

*Thank you so much for the opportunity to preach at your church! It was a pleasure and a lot of fun talking about such a cool message with such cool people.*

*Cheers,*

*Walter*



*On Saturday, March 11, volunteers from King of Glory, Trinity, and*

*Zion, along with a Habitat homeowner-to-be painted, installed, spackled, and caulked the woodwork in a Habitat home in southwest Loveland. They also built shelf supports and swept floors in preparation for painting. If you were one of the volunteers, give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. If you know any of the volunteers, thank them for representing your congregation well.*

*The next Habitat work day is Saturday, May 20. If you help build that day, please contact me at 593-1173 or introvert48@gmail.com.*

*Jean Weiss*

**Q: what is:** 1 box mac & cheese +  
1 jar peanut butter +  
1 can beans +  
1 can pasta +  
2 cans tuna or chicken +  
2 fruit cups



**A: one KidsPak**

On March 22, Zion volunteers joined the Rotary KidsPak team regulars and in 30 minutes, they—in assembly-line fashion—packed 590 KidsPak bags. The Rotary Club of Loveland KidsPak is a weekend hunger relief program for children in the Thompson School District and Berthoud. The program partners with each school in the district to provide much needed packs of food that meet the nutritional requirements for children. In addition to the schools, KidsPaks are delivered to the Salvation Army and the Loveland public library to further reach kids in need of weekend food. The KidsPak team is staffed 100 percent by volunteers. Its largest grant and processing partner is the Larimer County Food Bank. The KidsPak team and community volunteers pack at the Larimer County Food Bank facility in Loveland every Wednesday during the school year.

*April 12, 2017*

*Please thank all your members  
for their support of KidsPak  
with a donation of \$560.*

*Your support allows us to  
provide hunger relief to almost  
600 children each week.*

*KidsPak Team*



**Zion's KidsPak volunteers were Pastor Joel, Priscilla Stamp, John Sterner, Angie Elder, Linda Sterner, and Florence Doksansky.**

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## House of Neighborly Service (HNS) thanks Zion

*On behalf of our HNS board it is an honor to partner with you and how much of a blessing you are to our community. I am hearing countless stories of how your donation and generosity is making a difference! Because of your generosity, you are touching our community, and because of that, new donors are also catching the HNS vision and have embraced that spirit of*

*generosity just like you!  
So again, I say “THANK YOU!”—you have, and continue to make a difference by giving someone in our community a “hands up”!*



*Paul Hernandez  
HNS Board President*

**House of Neighborly Service assists and advocates for people challenged by the effects of poverty or situational crisis.**

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## Give a little. Help a lot.

The Loveland Community Kitchen now provides evening meals once a week, on Mondays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. To provide the Monday evening meals, Community Kitchen needs to add volunteers to help with serving, food preparation, and food transport (food is provided by local restaurants, catering companies, and grocery stores).

The community kitchen also seeks donations of

- cereal
- instant oatmeal packets
- coffee
- hot chocolate packets
- peanut butter
- jelly
- bottles of juice
- canned fruit
- gallon-size food storage plastic bags
- napkins
- plastic spoons
- postage stamps

Either drop off any items during serving hours at 427 North Garfield Avenue, Loveland, or call the Community Kitchen at 970-278-1726. Breakfast hours are 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Monday through Friday and 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch hours are 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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***“Therefore, we should be guided in all our works by this one thought alone—that we may serve and benefit others in everything that is done, having nothing before our eyes except the need and advantage of the neighbor.”***

—MARTIN LUTHER  
FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN, 1520



## **Knit Together in the Beauty of Creation Zion's Annual Retreat to Sky Ranch Labor Day Weekend—September 1-4, 2017**

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in an amazing weekend away in the Rocky Mountains. Bring your tent or camper, or stay in a cabin or lodge room. Throughout the weekend, we will have a number of activities including hiking, fishing, campfires, crafts, and more. Come relax and be refreshed.

Come and stay 1, 2, or 3 nights. Cost is \$25 a night for a tent site, \$35 for a campsite with electric, \$45 for a cabin for up to 10 people, or \$55 for a lodge room for up to 4 people. You can cook your own meals around the campfire or meals are available for those who desire. Breakfast is \$7, lunch is \$8, and dinner is \$10 per person. Children 5 and under are free for meals.

### ***Reservations are needed by June 15!***

Reserve your spot by filling out a registration form and turning it in with a \$25 deposit check (made out to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp) to PASTOR SONJA.

Registration forms can be found on the Faith Formation board or in the church office. If you have any questions feel free to email Pastor Sonja at [pastorsonja@zionloveland.com](mailto:pastorsonja@zionloveland.com) or call the church office.

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### **A "Shout Out" of Gratitude to**

JACK ALLEN, JOHN MCCAUGHEY, the BOY SCOUTS, BioSTAR, and the CITY OF LOVELAND for the new sanctuary lights. We appreciate everyone involved who made this happen at no cost to Zion!

## **Blessing of the Bikes and their Riders**

### **Sunday, June 25**

Summer is a wonderful time to get outside and enjoy the beauty of God's creation, as well as the miracle of our bodies that were "knit together" by our Creator. In conjunction with the City of Loveland Bike to Work Day, we want to bless bikes and their riders; pray for safety; and give thanks for the ability to exercise and enjoy creation.

On Sunday, June 25, ride or bring your bike to worship. We will bless bikes of all kinds—bicycles and motorbikes—as part of our worship service!

## **FaithFest**

*A family festival of faith  
benefiting House of  
Neighborly Service (HNS)*

Thousands in our community suffer each and every day to make ends meet. House of Neighborly Service is already meeting the basic needs of families, but relies on the prayers, involvement, and contributions from the Loveland faith community to keep the hopes and dreams of its clients alive. To that end, they announced their new fundraising event, FaithFest, a family festival of faith geared to promote "Unity in the Community."

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## Bike to Work Day

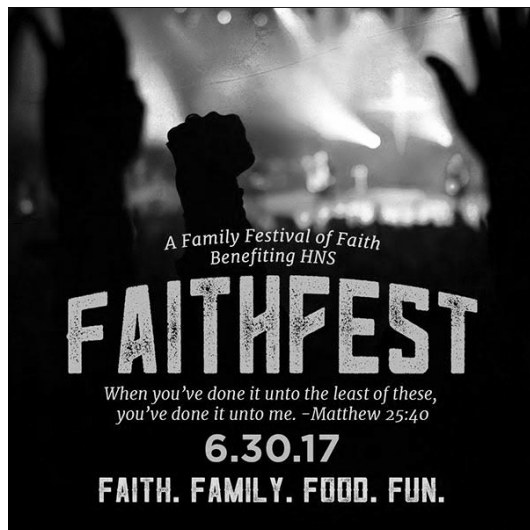
### Wednesday, June 28

On Wednesday, June 28, the City of Loveland sponsors a citywide Bike to Work Day. At this point, there are already 18 breakfast stations all over town. You can find the location of those stations at <http://www.cityofloveland.org/departments/public-works/bicycle-pedestrian/bike-to-work-day>. Even if you don't bike to work, get out and participate! See the town in a different way, meet people, and see which sponsors have the best breakfasts!

If you don't want to ride, help us sponsor two ELCA stations.

Zion will join with the other ELCA Lutheran Churches of Loveland (King of Glory, Mustard Seed House Churches, and Trinity) in hosting two Bike to Work stations. One will be at the southeast corner of Taft and 29th Street, and the other will be at the northwest corner of Wilson and 29th Street (at King of Glory). We will hand out breakfast goodies to those who are biking to work that day to encourage them to care for the bodies God has given them. Come and visit a Bike to Work station or help hand out food and visit with those who come to our station.

*FaithFest continued from page 18.*



## FaithFest

**June 30, 2017**

**4:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.**  
(gate opens at 3:30 p.m.)

## Foundations Church

ADULTS: \$20; KIDS: \$10; AGES 5 AND UNDER: FREE

Purchase tickets at [www.honservice.org](http://www.honservice.org)

Ticket price includes: concert, food and drink, parking, and outdoor summer activities.

**Help stock HNS shelves! Bring a donation of canned fruit, tuna, or peanut butter.**

**One in five people in Larimer County currently lives in poverty.  
HNS provides hope, help, and solutions to our struggling neighbors.**

# Lawn Maintenance

## *A transition in responsibility for Zion's landscape needs*

When you look out of an airplane window flying over the middle of the country, the landscape looks like a patchwork quilt. Sometimes that landscape view reminds me of community, where individual gifts and contributions come together to create one beautiful handiwork. One such contribution has been what the Horst family has done over many years to create a beautiful landscape at Zion.

In March, the Horsts retired their work of contributing to the consistent care and maintenance of the lawn and the surrounding landscape after many years. When asked how long he had been taking care of the church landscape, Kevin's first response was, "A long time!" It was difficult for him to remember just how long he had been at it. Kevin first started taking care of the lawn in the 1980s, when he was in high school. When he got married and moved to Denver, he had to give it up, and volunteers continued the work for him. In 1998, he started at it again, and over the years his entire family has been involved in different ways. His son Josh started helping when he was probably 10 years old, but even as Josh and his sister Jordyn got older you could see all four of them—Kevin and Wendy, Josh, and Jordyn—on any given weekend in the summer riding the lawnmower or carrying a trimmer. In recent years as Kevin's work shifted, Josh took over the business and the care of Zion's landscape. Their care as a family for Zion's landscape has been admirable, and we are thankful, not just for their time, but for the quality of their care.

This is not a new pattern for the Horst family, nor is it the end. When Zion moved to its current location in the late 1960s, Kevin's father

(Virginia's husband) Bob was instrumental in bringing in the shade trees on the south lawn from the nursery that was part of his family, creating a beautiful landscape for the community. Then, in the late 1970s, after Virginia's mother, Katherine Zimmerman, died, a memorial in her name paid for the sprinkler system to keep the lawn green. Finally, the tranquility garden with the fountain was placed as a memorial for Bob, and the family continues to maintain that space beautifully.

As you can see, the care and maintenance of Zion's landscape remains a concern for the entire Horst family, but their schedules are preventing them from being able to provide the consistent care and attention it needs. We are grateful for the many years of care they have given to providing a landscape for Zion's community. Children have played there, individuals have rested and enjoyed the garden, and the community has worshiped there during the summer, and for that we thank the entire Horst family.

Recently, BILL KURTZ, Zion's building and grounds chair, received bids for a new lawn service provider, and with the council's approval settled on Jason Mueller. Jason has provided quality snow removal for several years, so we are happy to extend our relationship to him for our lawn care. This will include mowing and trimming, sprinkler maintenance, weed prevention and removal, and fertilization so that we can continue to enjoy the landscape.

But, it will never replace the care that the Horst family has given to the landscape of this community.



## ELCA presiding bishop issues pastoral message on Syria

4/8/2017 4:30:00 PM

CHICAGO – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued a pastoral message on Syria.

Eaton's message follows.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Like many of you, I have been deeply troubled by the news this week from Syria. First, there was the horrific chemical weapons attack on civilians. Then the U.S. missiles being used against the Syrian airbase understood to have perpetrated the earlier attack. In both instances, the lives of precious children of God have been lost. Lord, have mercy.

The psalmist reminds us not to put our “trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help,” but rather reminds us to place our hope in the Lord our God. He recalls that “the Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin” (Psalm 146).

It is a time for prayer – for peace, and for those seeking refuge during this time when there is no peace in Syria.

Still, acknowledging our brokenness in sin, we recall that God created humans in God’s image “made for life in community” and that our social statement, *For Peace in God’s World*, encourages us to “pray for forgiveness, and for the faith that in love acts for earthly peace,” and to work for it.

In situations of civil war, the statement notes, questions arise “about what, if anything, the international community can and should do in the face of internal conflicts.” In deciding about wars, “we face conflicting moral claims and agonizing dilemmas” about the ways to help and protect the neighbor in the face of injustice and aggression.

While the path to peace remains unclear, our commitment to it should not waiver. We have been and will continue to assist Syrians in need through the Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch in Syria, through the Lutheran World Federation assisting refugees in Jordan and through our Global Mission partners in Europe.

Let us continue to pray, assist those in need, offer refuge to those fleeing violence, and encourage all efforts toward peace for all of the children of God created in God’s image. We continue to place our hope in the Lord our God, the Prince of Peace.

In Christ

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop

## **Instant Church Directory Member APP for your phone**

### **Visit your play store app on your phone for a free download**

Members must download the Instant Church Directory Member App first.

Once downloaded, enter the email address that is listed for you in your church's directory. This will generate an email that is sent to you with your password.

Enter this password on Step 2 of the app. This will start the first download of the directory.

#### **To download the app to your Apple device:**

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

#### **To download the app to your Android device:**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

#### **To download the app to your Kindle Fire:**

[http://www.amazon.com/Communication-Resources-Inc-InstantDirectory/dp/B00D76604E/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=mobile-apps&ie=UTF8&qid=1371671565](http://www.amazon.com/Communication-Resources-Inc-InstantDirectory/dp/B00D76604E/ref=sr_1_1?s=mobile-apps&ie=UTF8&qid=1371671565)

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, contact Zion Office Manager Lindsey Bowling at [office@zionloveland.com](mailto:office@zionloveland.com) or 970-667-1836.



## **Thank You, Zion, for being a supporting congregation of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp**

You are one of the congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod who use, own, and operate this camp. Your prayers and financial help are very much appreciated. As a seasonal ministry, we served over 3,600 youth and adults last year.

#### **2016 Sky Ranch Highlights:**

- Camper numbers were up 38% in 2016 with over 500 high school campers.
- Facilities are being upgraded to meet growing demand; volunteers combined to contribute over 2,000 hours of service to improve facilities and grounds.
- Sky Ranch has a rich tradition of training staff to be church leaders; of the 11 college graduates on last summer's staff, Sky Ranch has two in seminary, two teaching, two in graduate school, and one in Madagascar with Young Adults Global Mission.
- The Sky Ranch 50th Anniversary Special Appeal has raised \$609,000 toward its goal of \$550,000. The appeal resulted in a \$430,000 new shower house and \$150,000 reduction in long-term debt.

# News from Campus Ministry

*Pastor Deb Abbott*



## Why does campus ministry matter?

Ally brings her friends to campus ministry because it “has been a huge part of my college experience, and I want everybody to feel connected to a community where you can just be yourself. This is so important to college students because we are all trying to find our place in this big wide world.”

Your support for campus ministry gives students the opportunity to be part of a Christian community, explore faith, and serve others. Campus ministry gives students the opportunity to plan, lead, and participate in worship every week.

Keith shares that “planning worship services for

Lutheran campus ministry is always an adventure! We try to use our space in many different ways throughout the year, so students can explore their spirituality in new settings.”

Thank you for supporting campus ministry this past academic year. Your support raises up leaders in the church who use the gifts God has given them for worship and service.

For information about Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado, contact Pastor Deb Abbott at [lcm.unco@gmail.com](mailto:lcm.unco@gmail.com). For information about Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University, contact Pastor Paul Judson at [pastor@lcmcsu.org](mailto:pastor@lcmcsu.org).



## “Splashing Into Summer”

—an Exciting Exploration Summer Program at Thompson Valley Preschool

Come and join us for a fun-filled week of exploration.

We offer 3 weeks with a different topic each week.

Every Friday is “splash” day. Every Wednesday is a special “theme” day.

\$70.00 per week. Registration and full payment is due May 12.

<b>June 12-16</b>	<b>Get'n Buggy</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Bring a sack lunch</b>
<b>June 19-23</b>	<b>Fun on the Farm</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Bring a sack lunch</b>
<b>June 26-30</b>	<b>Pirate Party</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Bring a sack lunch</b>

You can sign up for all 3 weeks or pick and choose whatever works for your summer plans. Reservations are first-come, first-served. Sign up for all 3 weeks and save \$20.

For children ages 3½ to 6 years old  
(Your child must be potty trained by June 1.)

Contact Thompson Valley Preschool for further information.  
803 East 16th Street, Loveland, CO 80538  
970-667-6552      [admin@thompsonvalleypreschool.org](mailto:admin@thompsonvalleypreschool.org)

Registration forms are available at the Zion Lutheran Church office.

# Troop 314 Status Update—Spring 2017

*Chip Leadbetter*

The snow has disappeared and the troop is exercising our outdoor skills to tie strong knots and lashings and continue to bind our scouts with Zion Lutheran Church! We have come through a busy spring and are heading into a fun summer.

This is a big year for us in terms of the size of our troop. Troop 314 gained 18 new scouts this year from the cub scout packs in Loveland. This greatly swells our ranks and really puts the pressure on our senior scouts to lead all these green “recruits.” **The Zion troop is now the most prominent and strongest troop in town, and we couldn’t have done it without the support of the Zion congregation. Thanks to all of you for your support in providing a great home for Troop 314!**

February was a world of white with our camping trip to the District Klondike Derby event. The boys camped in the snow, hiked pulling gear on a dog sled, competed in many skill events, and hosted a horde of cub scouts for the event. Yep, two nights sleeping in a

sleeping bag in a nylon tent in sub-freezing temperatures... AND it is one of our most attended events! Going along with the Klondike event, we focused the whole month of our meetings on a theme of Snow. The scouts learned about snowshoeing, winter survival and the troop went to the Epic skating rink to go ice skating. All that and no frostbite.

Spring came early this year and March was much more temperate than we expected. Our camping trip was supposed to encounter challenging weather, but it was sunny and pleasantly warm, which made the 5-mile hike grow to 8 miles, and the overnights more pleasant. Our weekly meetings focused on cooking with the boys gaining skill with Dutch oven cooking, food preparation safety, and finally participating in two competitions. The first was a pancake competition where I choose not to describe the rules and results as it may ruin your future breakfast. The second competition required each patrol to prepare a complete meal using a theme of “Spring Barbeque” and the color purple. Lets just say the

judges had quite the time that evening, but we are pleased to announce no one became ill, so we will call that a win. We also participated in the IHN (interfaith hospitality network) night at the church, where the scouts look forward to spending time with the families.

April came along with a grab bag of topics. We started the month with a troop trip down to La Junta to learn about some Colorado history at the Bent’s Fort and stay overnight inside the Koshare Indian Kiva constructed by the local scout troop many decades ago. While it was a bit of a drive, the boys had a great time, even though the hike was canceled due to rain and mud. Our first troop meeting focused on Indian Lore tying onto the La Junta trip. We also spent a meeting learning about fingerprinting where several scouts completed the merit badge. We devoted one meeting to shotgun safety and spent the next at the Berthoud Gun Club where the boys spent an evening knocking clays out of the air and leaving with huge smiles on their faces.

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*Troop 314 Status Update—Spring 2017 continued from page 24.*

Summer is coming and the troop is attending summer camp at Camp Alexander in the mountains west of Colorado Springs. We attended there before, and the staff is better than excellent—definitely worth going back. We are sending two crews to northern Minnesota to Ely High Adventure Base for a week of remote canoeing on the Canadian border. And more, more, more!

If you have time, stop out at Centerra on May 13 to check out the Scout Show and see all the local scouting units showing off what they do best. 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!



**The Koshare Indian Kiva at La Junta was constructed by the local scout troop many decades ago.**



**The troop skated at the Epic skating rink.**



**The boys learned about Colorado history and stayed overnight inside the Koshare Indian Kiva at Bent's Fort in La Junta.**



**The boys camped in the snow and hiked pulling gear on a dog sled on their trip to Klondike.**



**Due to warmer than expected temperatures, the 5-mile hike grew to 8 miles.**

## Are you ready for renewal?

This summer, you can take part in a three-session Bible study written by Kelly Fryer, published in *Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA. In “All Anew: Ready or Not,” Fryer challenges us to consider what we’re really asking for when we plead

with God for renewal. Renewal is a process much like giving birth—beautiful and essential for life but not “nice.” Like giving birth, renewal “produces pain, requires sacrifice, and makes a really big mess,” Fryer says.

### Three Bible study sessions

#### Session 1: Say goodbye to nice

For the heroes and “sheroes” of the biblical story, being part of the “new” thing God was doing often meant having to do and say things that were unpopular with family, friends, and neighbors. What if being part of God’s renewal today means not just wading into the messiness yourself, but being willing to create discomfort for those you love? What truths need to be told in the places where you live, work, worship, and play? Are you ready?



#### Session 2: Stand with the least of these

The biblical story tells us that whenever God does a new thing, it happens in, through, and with people who live on the margins. With whom is God asking you to align yourself? In whose corner are you being called to stand? Are you ready?

#### Session 3: Upend the tables

The biblical story is filled with characters who challenged unjust systems, took action that turned societal norms upside down, and spoke truth to power. What systems are you a part of that need to be challenged? What counter-cultural, justice-making actions are you being called to take? Are you ready?

Those attending the 2017 triennial gathering in Minneapolis ([welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org)) will receive free copies of the June and July/August issues of *Gather* magazine that include the Bible study. Learn more about *Gather* Bible studies and subscribe at [gathermagazine.org](http://gathermagazine.org).

*Reprinted from Seeds for the Parish. Spring 2017.*

#### From the Editor

*With this issue of **Eye on Zion**, I complete 5 years as your newsletter editor. Since that inaugural issue published in July 2012, the newsletter has grown from 16 to 28 pages and, as promised, been filled with content that is newsworthy, inspirational, and relevant.*

*Special thanks to Pastor Joel who in May 2012 asked if I would be interested in working on a quarterly newsletter, to the contributors who have ensured the newsletter continues to be relevant, and to all who tell me they’ve read each issue from beginning to end. This is afterall your newsletter.*

*I am grateful for the opportunity allowed me to be your*

*newsletter editor.*



Linda

## Perfect book for groups and individuals exploring women of the Bible

**‘Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation,’ by Alice Connor (February 2017)**

Women in the Bible aren’t shy or retiring; they’re fierce and funny and demanding and relevant to 21st-century people.

Women in the Bible—some of their names we know, others we’ve only heard and others are tragically unnamed or forgotten.

In “Fierce,” pastor and provocateur Alice Connor introduces these women and invites us to see them not as players in a man’s story—as victims or tempters—nor as morality archetypes, teaching us to be better wives and mothers, but as fierce foremothers of the faith.

These women’s stories are messy, challenging and beautiful. When we read their stories, we can see not only their particular, fearsome lives but also our own.

Visit [augsburgfortress.org/fierce](http://augsburgfortress.org/fierce) to order the book and download the free reading guide.



## PAPA LUTHER graphic novel

“Papa Luther” is an 88-page, full-color graphic novel—or comic book—for children ages 8 to 12. It’s also suitable for older youth and adults. “Papa Luther” tells the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation as seen through the eyes of his children



Hans and Magda. This resource is accompanied by a free, downloadable leader guide to help educators engage kids in exploring this exciting story in a new way.

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Hi, Bookworm here!

Just a reminder that Zion’s library has a terrific selection of books for readers of all ages. Check it out and check out a book!

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## Join Us in Worship

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month,  
the two worship styles switch.

**Summer schedule starts June 4.**  
**8:30 a.m. outside on the lawn**  
**10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary**

### ***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**

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

May 21	Graduation Milestone
June 4	Summer Worship Schedule Begins Summer Faith Formation Begins
June 5-9	Vacation Bible School
June 11	Youth Go! Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp
June 15	Deadline to Reserve for Sky Ranch Labor Day Weekend
June 17	Sierra's Race
June 19	Bobcat Ridge Hike
June 24-July 1	High School Mission Trip
June 25	Blessing of the Bikes and their Riders
June 25-30	Confirmation Camp Intensive Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp
June 28	Bike to Work Day
June 30	House of Neighborly Service FaithFest
July 17	River's Edge Hike
July 26, 27, & 30	Mini Music Camp for Children
July 30	Round Up and Homesteaders Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp
August 13	Summerfest