



Eye on Zion

A Quarterly Newsletter for the People of Zion Lutheran Church

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Life: Surprise!

Pastor Joel Pancoast

Advent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. It is relatively short—just four weeks leading up to Christmas—but to me, this season seems the most real, reflective of what's really going on in our lives as people of faith. Advent honors the longing in our lives for something more, something better, while offering glimpses of the surprise that there is something more already available.

Life is one long Advent. Even though life is a gift, it is often full of many difficult decisions, or struggles with health, with other people, or even with ourselves. And all of this draws us in. Sometimes we can get so focused on the struggles and difficulties in life it is difficult to see the promise of something more. Sometimes it feels like there is so much darkness and hopelessness that we cannot see the light and hope and life in Jesus Christ. Do you ever wonder why the news industry feeds us with such negativity and sensationalism? Because it draws us in. It sells. And we buy it.

But Advent is a season of resistance. Advent surprises us with life in times when there should be anything but life. It offers glimpses of something that we might otherwise miss. It does not ignore our present realities, but speaks God's Word of promise into them, giving us strength to resist the temptation to be consumed by them.

Advent is a time to practice waiting, anticipating, and longing for something better, something more. Of course, it is a season of waiting for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus, but it is more than that. As people of God, we wait for the return of Jesus Christ to bring God's kingdom to our lives in full.

For the four Sundays in Advent, our worship centers on stories from Scripture where there should be nothing but darkness, hopelessness, and death. But with God, it is not so. With God, we are surprised by light, hope, and life.

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Life: Surprise! continued from page 1.

December 3—Through the Fire and Flames (Daniel 3:1,8-30)

Three young men are thrown into a fiery furnace for living out their faith. They should have died. Instead, these men walk through the fire and into God's presence.

December 10—Can These Bones Live? (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

When you come across a dried up pile of bones, you know there is no life in them. So why does God ask Ezekiel "Can these bones live?" God is up to something, bringing life to a bunch of tired, dried out old bones.

December 17—Word of God, Word of Life (Isaiah 55:1-11)

God's Word goes out and does not return empty. God's Word will accomplish its purpose, which is life, even when there appears to be no way for life to thrive.

*Special note: the children's Christmas program will be shared as a focus of the 10:45 worship.

December 24—Word Among Us (John 1:1-18), Lessons and Carols

Sometimes the final hours of waiting for something great are the most difficult to practice patience, but it is good to be with a community in times of anticipation and longing. On this final Sunday of Advent, our focus turns to singing songs of faith for the season and hearing the stories from Scripture that led to the promise of "God with us."

*Special note: since the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve, we will have only one morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. with a light potluck breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated, and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense. I hope you will come join us for worship as we wait for the promise of a Savior, while also celebrating how that promise has already surprised us with life!

Advent Prayers for Worship—Praying Through the News

In the midst of our own lives, sometimes we are surprised by the life in Jesus.

Since life is full of opportunities for prayer, you are invited to help form the prayers for worship by sending or bringing event notices, announcements, clippings, or printouts from the news (in any media form) where you see God's presence (thank you God!) and where you see a need for God's presence (God help us!). If you forget, there will also be current newspapers in worship for you to cut out for the prayers.

Any time throughout Advent, send your prayers to pastorjoel@zionloveland.com, post them on Zion's Facebook page, or bring them with you to worship each Sunday. There will be a basket at the entrance of the sanctuary to collect these prayers.

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Music Ministry

Adam Torres

Ein Feste Burg

On Friday, October 20, Zion celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by presenting a concert for chorus and orchestra, “Ein Feste Burg (A Mighty Fortress).” This concert was presented in collaboration with the Zion chancel choir and the choirs of King of Glory and Trinity Lutheran, alongside an orchestra comprised of professional musicians throughout Northern Colorado. It is an amazing testament to the ELCA and arts patrons of Loveland that there were nearly four hundred people in the building (including nearly one hundred performers) for this concert. What a joy to utilize overflow seating and the choir loft to accommodate such a large and enthusiastic audience!

The combined ELCA Loveland choirs performed music by John Rutter and George Frederic Handel, and guest artist Emily Morris, soprano, offered her talents by singing “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from Messiah and Laudamus Te from Mozart’s Mass in C minor. To add to the festivities, every member in the audience was given an opportunity to sing with full orchestra during a hymnsing of “When In Our Music God is Glorified” arranged for orchestra by Colorado composer (and CSU alumnus) Thomas Lack. The Zion Festival Orchestra then took the reigns for the rest of the concert, performing Saint-Saëns’ thrilling Danse Bacchanale from Samson et Dalila, and two works influenced by the hymntune “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”: Joachim Raff’s Concert Overture on “Ein Feste Burg” and Mendelssohn’s Reformation Symphony.

In my (nearly) five and a half years as music director at Zion, I can assure you this concert is

the zenith of my tenure, and I suspect this may have been the largest sound to fill the walls of the Zion sanctuary in its history. Martin Luther writes, “Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.” I am filled with immense joy to have the support of the Zion community in presenting a concert of this caliber, especially in this quincentennial anniversary of the Reformation. This concert would not be possible without the incredible musicians of Northern Colorado, the collaborative endeavors of our ELCA brethren, each member of our chancel choir who put in so many hours in preparation, our hundreds of audience members, our staff who warmly offered a helping hand throughout each step of the process, our amazing volunteers at Zion who helped by ushering, folding programs, running lighting, helping tear down and reassemble the altar, and for so many of you who offered a financial contribution to help offset the financial impact of a concert of this magnitude.

We are working with sound engineer Dan Butcher to produce a high quality audio recording, which we will sync with our video recording of the event. Look for a link in the next month or so which will be posted on our webpage and sent through e-on Zion. Thank you for your incredible support of Zion and its ministries. It is through “Ein Feste Burg” that we can offer a special thanks from the music ministries for an evening of music unique to the entire ELCA. To have a full, professional symphony orchestra in the halls of a church is a true blessing. Please know the Zion community has my utmost gratitude for helping realize this ambitious project into a successful fruition.

Photos from Ein Feste Burg are on page 5.

Children's Music Ministry

Noelle Bauman

One would assume that the second time around would feel like déjà vu, but in the case of the children's choir, it feels like an entirely new experience! After observing the first few weeks of rehearsals, I believe the main reason for this is the leadership of our returning members. No, they are not perfectly behaved or perfect examples of beautiful singing all of the time, but their optimism and esteem permeates through the young choir. The presence of their voices has supported the new singers, and their strongholds to traditions, like our good-bye song, are helping shape the inclusive environment.

The size and the sound of the choir are growing. A large part of this is due to word-of-mouth by other singers. We have a very large attendance of first grade students from Monroe, and apparently these kids are very influential in their school. There have been six more students join since our first rehearsal in early September. I am so thankful that our curriculum allows us to be flexible with joining students rather than restricting us to specific join dates. The students are able to jump right in to the beginning of the books, and work their way up to the level they need to be.

The children's choir would be in severe want if it were not for our wonderful volunteers. We are so lucky to have PAM STEVENS and SARAH BAUER, along with their hearts, creativity, and hunger to learn. They are wonderful models for our Zion children's choir. It would be a shame not to mention that the sharp look of our choir is credited to SUSAN OSBORN and her willingness to embroider our shirts. We are blessed.

We have already had one performance at Zion and will be involved in the children's Christmas program in late December. Watch for the little ways the children's choir joins in our Sunday worship (other than the goldfish crumbs left in the carpet). You can also look forward to hearing more of our young musicians when we offer a new opportunity for an instrumental ensemble. Rehearsals will run from late November through December, with a performance around Christmas.

Christmas Eve Worship—Sunday, December 24

Life is full of surprises, but none more life-giving than the surprise of Jesus, who is "God with us." Come and celebrate the birth of a Savior, and the life born into our lives.

4:00 p.m.—Contemporary Family Worship

6:00 p.m.—Traditional Worship

10:30 p.m.—Eventide Worship

New Year's Eve Worship—Sunday, December 31

A new year, a new life. Worship returns to a regular schedule, but this worship will be anything but regular. Many people make resolutions for the new year. In worship, we invite you to hear and remember once again God's resolution to you that will propel you into new life for the new year. In response to God's resolution of love and forgiveness, we then make resolutions to live in God's love fully.

Images from Zion's *Ein Feste Burg*

The rehearsals



The performance



Shared ELCA Worship Services

Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social

Wednesday, November 22—7:00 p.m.

King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2919 Wilson Avenue

We join with King of Glory and Trinity Lutheran churches for a shared service of praise and thanksgiving. Pastor Chris Davis will be preaching, and choir members from all three congregations will share in song. Bring a pie for the pie social and stay for fellowship for a few minutes after worship.

Blue Christmas / Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 21—7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Avenue

Some people call this Blue Christmas; others call it the Longest Night. Whatever you call it, the night acknowledges that for many people, the holidays are a difficult time. Holidays bring up painful memories of the loss of a loved one, broken relationships, or strained finances. They may feel “blue” instead of “merry and bright.” December 21 is literally the longest night of the year, but some people feel the entire holiday season is one long night. Come worship on this night and lift your concerns to Jesus, the light of the world, as we acknowledge the pain, loss, grief, and loneliness that many experience.

Christmas Gatherings

Middle School Youth

Saturday, December 9
at King of Glory
6:00-8:00 p.m.

High School Youth

Sunday, December 10
at the Patrick Home
Time TBD

Young Adults

Friday, December 29
At McGraff's
7:00 p.m.

Text Madeline to RSVP
419 270 6233

Christmas Bazaar

November 11—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**King of Glory Lutheran Church
29th and Wilson**

Lunch Served 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

King of Glory's eighth annual Christmas bazaar will feature nearly 60 vendors from around Colorado selling handmade items, quilts made by King of Glory members, lefsa at the bake sale, a tasty lunch, fabulous gift baskets, a children's craft room, and a silent auction of a beautiful bronze sculpture by Carl Wagner.

All of the proceeds will be donated to House of Neighborly Service, Loveland's nonprofit organization helping individuals and families become self-sustaining.

For more information, call 669-5983.

Faster Pastors Running for South Sudan

South Sudan is the newest country in the world, but they don't have the liberty to celebrate. They have been engulfed in a civil war since 2013 that has displaced millions, and now even more people are food insecure as famine has brought the situation from bad to worse. The country has some of the world's lowest levels of development. Most people are lacking access to services such as healthcare, education, water, and sanitation. Unfortunately, the United States media is covering very little of the situation, which seems to be getting worse every day.

But the Lutheran Church is there. Lutheran World

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Relief provides programs in refugee camps, and the

ELCA is working with companion churches in

the region to provide care, support, and hope. Together as a church, we have provided food distribution, temporary shelter, water and sanitation, and psychosocial support. To create a long-term impact, the ELCA has

sponsored a ministry center, which includes a health clinic, a worshipping community, educational classes, and many other resources.

The Faster Pastors is a team of pastors and other professional church workers in the ELCA who run a team relay every year for a particular cause. They have fought malaria, run for refugees, and purchased bikes for missionaries in Africa. This year they ran for South Sudan. They ran the Flaming Foliage Relay from Idaho Springs to Buena Vista over Guanella, Georgia, and Fremont Passes, totaling 165 miles as a team and running in just over 29 hours total (all night, all morning, until we stopped). Thanks to the generosity of many at Zion, Pastor Joel raised over \$2,500, and together the team raised over \$12,000. Thank you for your generosity!



Lutheran Community Center and Clinic in South Sudan.



The Faster Pastors 2017 at the Flaming Foliage finish line in Buena Vista, Colorado. That's Zion's Pastor Joel on the left.

Exploration and Connections: Becoming a Member at Zion

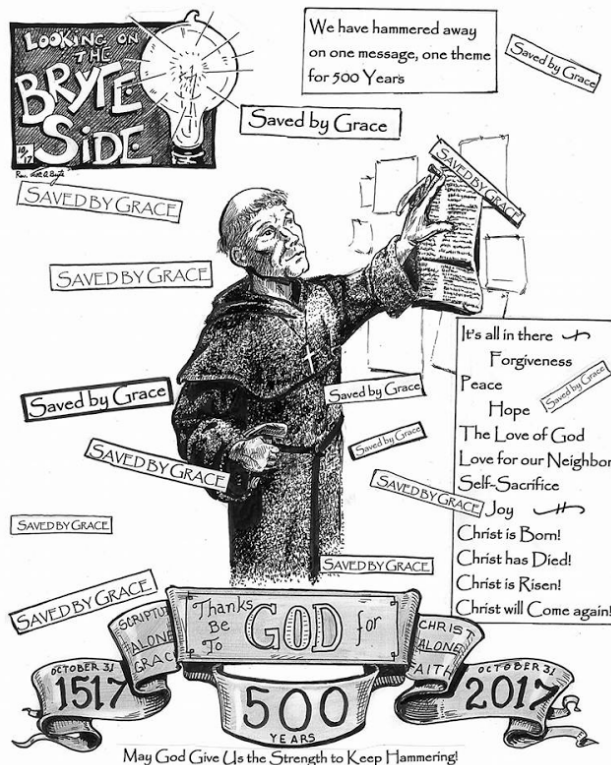
At Zion we offer an opportunity each fall and each spring for visitors who have become active worshipers and participants in Zion's mission to explore what it means to be a member at Zion.

Anyone interested in considering membership at Zion, or wanting to know more, should participate in the "exploration" conversation on November 19 to receive information for "next steps" toward membership. If you are unable to make this date, please see one of the pastors to set up another time for conversation.

After this exploration conversation, anyone who wants to join or is considering the next step is invited to the "connections" dinner on Sunday, December 3. During the dinner, we focus on connecting with relationships and ministry areas that may nurture each person's growth as a disciple and participation in mission and ministry.

New Member Exploration Conversation
Sunday, November 19, at 9:40 a.m.

New Member Connections Dinner
Sunday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m.



About the Cartoonist

Scott Bryte is the pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Thiel College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Additionally, he is a wood-carver, portraitist, cartoonist, published author (several times), liturgical artist, ventriloquist, and puppet maker, obsessed with sloths and the tiny nation of Liechtenstein.

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Celebrating Faith Milestones

Pastor Joel Pancoast

At Zion, we like to celebrate faith milestones, which are markers along life's journey that say, "This is something important, and God is here with you!" As often as we are able, we provide people with ways to recognize and remember that milestone, hopefully through some form of faith formation and education, but at a minimum with a sign of God's promise that God is with them through that milestone and in everyday life. Some of the obvious milestones we celebrate are birth, baptism, entry into Sunday school, first communion, receiving first Bibles and how to use them, confirmation, marriage, and even death. But faith milestones are not limited to the things we do inside of the church's walls. Faith milestones also include the beginning of a new school year (for students, faculty, and staff of all ages), when youth receive their driver's licenses, graduations, or when older adults transition into assisted living, or when someone is preparing for end-of-life. Each of these times marks a transition of some kind in life, and it is the role of the church to remind us that God is in each of those transitions, whether they include celebrations or sadness. If you or someone you know is approaching a transition of any kind, let us know. We want to help mark that transition, whether in worship, or with resources, or education, or a blessing—any way that gives a reminder that God is with us in all stages of life's journey, sometimes in obvious ways, and sometimes surprising us with a gift of God's abundant life.

At the beginning of the school year, we also celebrate with those families of children who are beginning Sunday school for the first time. For some, this is an exciting time full of surprises. For

others, it may be scary because it is new and different, and in some cases they are not with their parents. At this particular milestone, each child is given a frame with a sewn picture that reminds them of God's love. These are made by SUSAN OSBORN, who so generously shares her talents with many people at Zion. We are thankful for Susan's gifts that we are able to pass on to others. Below is a note from AMY BRAUNER, who recently celebrated the beginning of Sunday school with her son Nolan. Thank you Susan!

I want to thank you for the gift you all gave to Nolan for his first day of Sunday school (we got it after church since Nolan still goes to the nursery). Nolan carried the picture frame out to the car, and he was so surprised to see there is a stand on the back. He put it on the table with his other current treasures.

Anyway, thank you so much for all the love and blessings you share with Nolan and our family. It's amazing to witness what it's like to grow up in a loving faith community through the boys—since it's not something I got to experience as a child. Thank you!!!!



Zion youth are confirmed on Reformation Sunday

On October 29, six young people affirmed the faith into which they were baptized, and were confirmed in faith by God's Spirit. Their faith is strong, as was witnessed throughout September when they each shared their own faith statements, but their faith community is stronger, and their God is even stronger yet.

Confirmation is not an achievement they have done on their own; it is but one milestone in their journeys of faith. Throughout the 3 years of confirmation, students grow in their knowledge of the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and the Christian life. They participate in retreats, where they learn about issues of homelessness, foundations of Christian worship, spiritual gifts, and complex issues of poverty and hunger in the world. But no one ever stops learning and growing, so maybe more important than information, these young people have learned how to be part of the church, they have built relationships across the generations of the faith community, and they have learned where to go for support when it is needed.

Please pray for each of these young people as they continue to grow in the Spirit.

Here their names are listed, as well as the Bible verses they have chosen to carry with them in their hearts, and ministry projects they have chosen to help them integrate their gifts with the needs of the community.



Zachary Blundell

Man Cave and Middle School Retreat Helper

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

*"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."*

*The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.*

*It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.*

—Lamentations 3:22-26

Taylor Cassell

Liturgical Art Work

*For once you were darkness, but now in the
LORD you are light. Live as children of light—*

—Ephesians 5:8

Madison Elder

Youth Activity Bulletin Board

*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

Joshua Samuels

Community Kitchen

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Rebecca Smith

Preparing as an ASL Interpreter

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

—1 Peter 5:7

Marshall Wolfe

Building Faith Chests

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod
and your staff—they comfort me.*

—Psalm 23:4

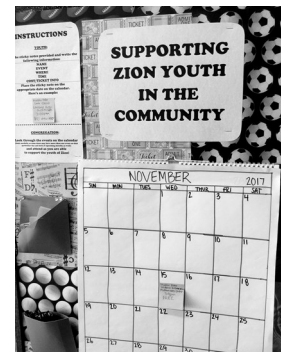


Zion's 2017 Confirmands: Taylor Cassell, Marshall Wolfe, Joshua Samuels, Zachary Blundell, Rebecca Smith, and Madison Elder. Standing behind are Pastor Sonja, Pastor Joel, and Madeline Fairfax.

Support Zion Youth in the Community

Maddie Elder, Youth

My name is MADDIE ELDER and I am a 9th grade student at Loveland High School and affirmed my baptism on Sunday, October 29. I am really excited about my confirmation project and connecting Zion members with activities that the youth are involved in within the Loveland community. I often hear people say, "I wish you would have told me about that. I would have come to see you participate."—in things like sporting events, concerts, recitals, plays, and fundraisers.



We are blessed at Zion to have an intergenerational congregation that supports each other on so many levels. This will provide another opportunity for intergenerational interaction and support, and you will be SURPRISED and blessed by the amazing talent you see in the young people of Zion.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex labeled "Supporting Zion Youth in the Community" for the calendar. Youth are encouraged to write on a sticky note the activities they are involved in and place it on the corresponding date on the calendar. You will want to refer to the calendar often to see updates and changes.

Thank you for supporting the youth of Zion through my confirmation project. Blessings to you all!

New beginnings, full of surprises

Madeline Fairfax

Recently beginning a new job and moving to a new state has resulted in a lot of new discoveries over the past few months. Being embraced in a new community, finding favorite local restaurants, and spending time in God's beautiful creation all have been incredibly joyful. One of the greatest discoveries I've experienced in my first months at Zion is the generosity and outpouring of support for the ministry that happens here. When I put out the cards for food donations for Bella Notte, I was shocked to walk by the table later that same morning and find only five cards left. Collectively, you've provided food for over 125 people, for which all the proceeds will go directly to our youth programs. Just this morning as I write, one of our amazing office volunteers was sorting through a PILE of warm winter coats, which you have all anonymously provided for students at Monroe. From teaching Sunday school to sharing musical gifts in worship to opening your homes to host church events, I am happily surprised by everyone at Zion's willingness to contribute to the community and live out the call to be good stewards. Thank you for the part you play in making this such a great place to call home! I'm so glad to be here.

Thank you for making the night beautiful!

BELLA NOTTE

a beautiful night for giving

Thank you for your food donations and willingness to attend the Bella Notte dinner! Your support makes faith formation possible for our youth.

In surveys of current pastors and other faith leaders, experiences such as camp, mission trips, and youth gatherings consistently show up as formative experiences in their growth as disciples. The opportunities Zion youth have to

serve, learn, and grow enable them to see God at work in the world. This in turn helps them to deepen their faith, increase their connection to community, and yes, even give them openness and room for doubt. Upon return, our young leaders emerge from these faith-building experiences with renewed passion for making a difference in their own communities and circles. They share God's Word through their actions, their character, and their willingness to serve. By supporting our youth fundraisers such as Bella Notte, you are providing so much more than a gift. You are giving our future leaders opportunities to live their faith in a new and exciting way. Thank you for your continued support!

Advent Retreat at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp

December 1-3, 2017

Registration forms for the Advent Retreat are available on the Faith Formation bulletin board or online at www.skyranchcolorado.org/retreat-rental-registration.

Please return \$25 deposit and one form per family to Madeline by November 19.

Cost: \$80 per adult/\$50 per child or \$250 maximum per family.

Sky Ranch Advent Retreat – Should I Go?

Sarah Christensen

In a word, yes. Now I'm sure that you are thinking what Ron and I were thinking when we were approached to participate in the Advent Retreat 2 years ago. "We have too much going on this holiday season. We have all these things that we *need* to do." And that is exactly why you should go, and it is exactly why Ron, Emilee, and I have gone the last 2 years, and why our family is going again this year.

The Advent Retreat at Sky Ranch starts the Advent season. Attending the weekend will give you and your family the opportunity to grow closer to God through reflection, fellowship, activities, and music. Our family was pleasantly surprised with the family-friendly crafts, worship, and activities for all ages. And I do mean all ages. There are kids from grade school through high school in attendance with their families. In past years, as a family, we've made nativity scenes, playacted the birth story, and sung lots of Christmas hymns. Our favorite activity was the reflection stations where we prayed for each family member and reflected on the coming of Christ. In the evenings, the little kiddos went to bed early in their rooms in the lodge so that adults and older kids could visit by the roaring fire upstairs. At the end of the weekend, our family always leaves refreshed and reconnected. It helps ground us in our faith before the *really* busy period begins.

Remember, Advent is the season of reflection and preparation for the birth of our Savior. So before you get into your to-do lists, Christmas lists, shopping lists, parties, and events, take a breath, slow down, reflect, and reconnect with your family. You'll be surprised at the peace you find, and hopefully, Ron and I will see you at Sky Ranch this year.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17, at 10:45 Worship

Come and hear the good news, shared by our children!

Advent Festival

Sunday, November 26

During Faith Formation—9:40 to 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome to come and celebrate the anticipation of Jesus' birth!

We will have snacks, activities, and a special family project to complete together.

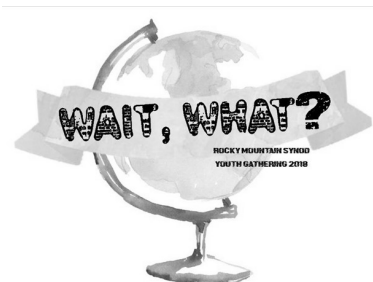
What better way to share in the joy of waiting for life's best surprise?



Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering 2018

New this year!

One Event, Two Tracks: Middle School Youth and High School Youth



The gathering organizers have created a lineup of sessions, speakers, and worship specifically geared toward our youth with passion for social justice and a willingness to change the world.

The leadership and discipleship skills learned at this event will be useful in so many areas for our young people. And it's a great opportunity to meet and worship with

other Lutherans from all over the Synod! There will be two tracks for this event: Middle School Youth and High School Youth.

Registration details:

WHERE: DoubleTree Hotel, Colorado Springs

WHEN: Saturday, January 13, (leave Loveland in the afternoon)—Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school, return to Loveland in the afternoon)

COST: \$170 due to Madeline by November 12

FORMS: Health/Permission registration form due to Madeline by November 12

MORE FAQs AVAILABLE HERE:

<https://www.rmsselca.org/faith-formation/gathering-frequently-asked-questions>

Save The Date

**High School
Winter
Retreat**

March 2-4

Skiing and fun at
Winter Park!

We will be staying at
Snow Mountain
Ranch, YMCA of the
Rockies.

Registration
available in early
January.

See Madeline for
details.

A family's rich tradition of farming

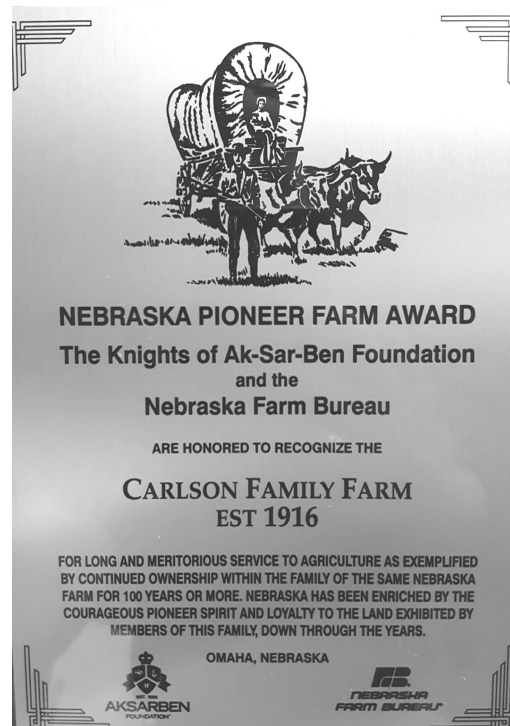


Just about the time farmers start preparing for harvest, VERL and CAROLYN CARLSON brought news to the church about a harvest of their family's generations of hard work on their family farms. It is one thing to know one person whose family tradition has remained in farming for a century, but it is truly an honor to know a husband and wife who can both claim such a rich tradition!

From the August 10 "Johnstown Breezeway":

Verl's family farm, located near Concord, Nebraska, was given Pioneer Farm status this summer. The recognition comes from the Knights of Columbus Ak-Sar-Ben (that's Nebraska spelled backwards for the non-Nebraska readers) and the Nebraska Farm Bureau. Verl's grandfather, Fritz Carlson, bought the farm in 1916, three years after immigrating from Sweden. Fritz broke the original 75 acres with a 1 bottom plow and a team of horses. Verl's dad bought the farm from Fritz in 1953, and Verl bought it from his father in 1974.

As if one Pioneer Farm weren't enough in the family, Carolyn's family farm was awarded Pioneer status in 1994, 100 years after her grandfather purchased it. The plaque reads "For long and meritorious service to agriculture as exemplified by continued ownership within the family of the same Nebraska farm for 100 years or more. Nebraska has been enriched by the courageous pioneer spirit and loyalty to the land exhibited by members of this family down through the years." Verl and Carolyn retired from farming and moved to Johnstown 21 years ago this October. "We always loved Colorado and came as often as we could get away from the farm," Verl said. Showing the same stick-to-it spirit, the high school sweethearts celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in August.



Why I'm Passionate About Stephen Ministry

Barbara Roman

I'm passionate about Stephen Ministry because I'm passionate about knowledge.

I attended the Stephen Ministry Leaders Training Course (LTC) in Pittsburgh July 30 to August 5, 2017. Nothing says knowledge like 30 pounds of training materials: 27 file folders that inform about the Stephen Series System, 26 file folders outlining how to teach a new class of parishioners to be Stephen Ministers, volumes 1 and 2 of the Stephen Ministry Training Manual, and one Supervision Group Facilitator Manual. I have certainly not mastered these materials, so I have stowed them under my sewing machine an arm's-length away from our computer and printer on a desk in our third bedroom.

I'm passionate about Stephen Ministry because I'm passionate about compassion.

I think going through a difficult situation in our own life makes us feel compassionate toward others. My ex-husband and I found out he didn't have any sperm six years into our marriage. I was devastated by this news because the only dream I had for my life was to be a mom. We enrolled with a local adoption agency that placed Caucasian infants. I don't think they told us in the beginning that it would be five years before we would have our home study done, which made us eligible to become part of the adoption pool where our profile became available for review by birth mothers wanting to place their babies for adoption. We didn't have control over any aspect of this process and our lives hung in the balance. Since I couldn't blame my husband for our situation I turned my anger toward God. I raged at Him. I bargained

with Him. He didn't answer, of course. We received couples counseling and learned to say that we were an infertile couple. We waited and we waited some more. We saw my in-laws often, but they were closemouthed and unsympathetic. My family lived 700 miles away. My husband seemed to move on with his life, but I remained stuck as I waited for our baby. After seven years with the adoption agency I insisted that I wanted to be inseminated with frozen donor sperm. I was inseminated nine times without achieving a pregnancy. Nine years had passed and I became unwilling and unable to continue with either the adoption process or the inseminations. I left the marriage. Upon reflection, it's clear that these nine years were my wilderness years.

I'm passionate about Stephen Ministry because I'm passionate about helping others.

After high school I went into the medical field because I believed this was a great way to help others. Unfortunately, after several years as a Radiologic Technologist (X-ray tech) I realized that although my gentleness and kindness were appreciated by the patients, the job was more about getting the exam done quickly and moving onto the next one. My next vocation didn't have anything to do with helping others, but the skills I learned have served me well over the years. I attended a local university and earned a BA degree (English major) because I wanted to be a writer. I now understand and feel grateful that God knew all along I would be led to this satisfying place of purpose in my life as a member of the Stephen Ministry team. I used my language and writing skills as I

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created a bulletin board and wrote an article for our church newsletter, which both inform about Stephen Ministry. I also look forward to sharing my passion about helping others as I help teach the next class of Stephen Ministers who will be able to offer Christ-centered care to people who are going through a difficult time in their lives.

Christ is our light in the darkness. Don't go it alone. Let a member of our Stephen Minister team walk beside you.



Pastels on 5th Street

On Saturday, September 9, 150 local artists gathered in downtown Loveland to transform 5th Street into a spectacular sidewalk gallery as a benefit for Alternatives to Violence.



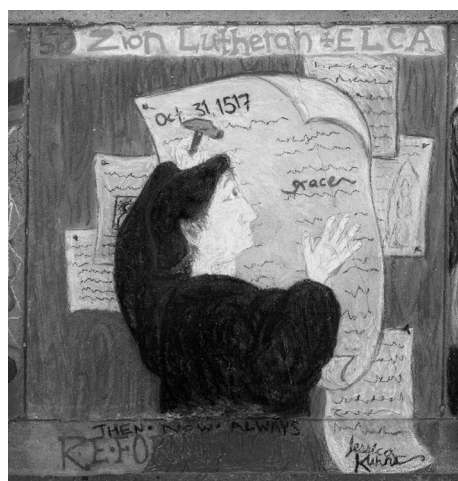
Alternatives to Violence provides services to survivors of violent crimes, whether domestic violence, sexual assault, primary or secondary (witness) of violence. All of these services are free, and include emergency shelter, 24-hour victim advocates, court advocates, therapy and counseling, housing referral and case management, and community education. This is truly an organization that exists to provide the surprises of life where victims might otherwise experience anything but life.

For this year's Pastels on 5th, 150 artists and 100 sponsors raised over \$31,000 to help provide these important services to Loveland and Larimer County. For the first year, Zion sponsored JESSICA KUHN as our very own artist.

If you missed this year's event, mark your calendars on September 8, 2018, for next year's Pastels on 5th Street.

A note from Jessica about her artwork:

I want to thank the congregation for sponsoring me this year. I wanted to draw something to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the reformation. I decided to draw Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the Wittenberg door. To indicate the 500th year, I wrote the year at the top of the document and to summarize the 95 Theses, I wrote in "grace" then included the theme from the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA of Re-Formation: Then, Now, Always" at the bottom. Thank you Zion for supporting a great cause and a wonderful day of art, peace, and for me prayer, meditation, and fellowship. I enjoy the time to meet other artists and support the community.



Among Members and Friends

At Rest in Our Father's House

We keep in prayer:

*Family and friends of long-time Zion member **Carolyn Fenske** who died on July 26, 2017, and whose funeral was at Zion on August 18.*

*Family and friends of **Ken Gillpatrick** who died on August 20, 2017, and whose funeral was at Zion on August 28.*

*Family and friends of **Virginia (Ginny) Flack** who died on September 29, 2017. When Ginny lived in the area she was the director of the chancel choir and sang in the Zion women's sextet.*

*Family and friends of **Ione Askeland** who died on October 3, 2017.*

*Family and friends of **Alison Nygren** who died October 27, 2017. Alison is the daughter of Ed and Joanne Swan.*

*Family and friends of **Charmie Steine** who died on October 27, 2017, and whose funeral was at Zion on November 4.*

Congratulations Cody and Hannah Kuehl

We offer congratulations and God's blessings to Cody and Hannah Kuehl. Last year, Cody and Hannah welcomed two foster daughters into their home, and in October gained permanent custody!

Cody and Hannah have found such great joy in this experience, and are willing to be a resource to anyone interested in knowing more information.

The Colorado Department of Human Services recently announced it needs to add 1,200 foster homes, and as a church community we have an incredible resource in Lutheran Family Services, which has an incredible foster program.

We Keep in Prayer

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

Joyous Celebrations of the Gift of Baptism

*We rejoice with Nick and Pamela Davis at the baptism of their son, **Lucas Davis**, on September 3. Lucas is also the grandson of Randy and Brenda Davis.*

Thank you to the Zion community for all the out-pouring of love as I recover at home. Thank you for the food, visits, rides, and continued support.
Mryna Miller

Hi Sonja,

I just wanted to tell you how wonderful it was to have all of the Zion members' support and gracious efforts to make our Trunk-or-Treat event successful! The trunks were adorable! The kids had fun learning, and the adults had fun seeing all of the creative costumes! It was chilly, but fun. I know you could not be there, but thank you for your hard work on the [Thrivent] grant!

Many thanks from the Monroe Staff



**Thank you
Thrivent for
making this
event possible!**

Among Members and Friends

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for your faithful support of
House of Neighborly Service! Your annual
summer food drive was such a blessing to us and
to so many in need in our community, and we are
so grateful.*

House of Neighborly Service Staff

*Pastor Sonja and Pastor Joel,
What a wonderful surprise to receive your check.
We are planning on creating and delivering
19,700 food bags this year. Your donation will
create 192 bags for hungry students.*

*Tom Carrigan, KidsPak Chair
Rotary International*

In September, EMILEE LAMONDA, who is a Zion member living in Japan, sent a text to Pastor Joel asking if it would be okay to send flowers for Zion's next worship (only a few days away). It turned out a local flower shop had a cancellation and was stuck with a large amount of flowers for which they had not received payment. Emilee knew this and wanted to help, so she paid for some of the flowers and had them sent to Zion. The next day, Dave and Elaine Hart stopped at Zion on their way to visit Polly Hansen, so Pastor Joel asked if they would take the flowers to Polly so that someone could enjoy them. Even from nearly 7,000 miles away, Emilee lives out her faith in ways that surprise people with life!

*Dear Emily,
My very dear friends Dave and Elaine Hart came to see me on Tuesday afternoon and brought me a beautiful bouquet of white roses. They said they were given to Zion in "some way." The Harts and Pastor Joel suggested they would like for me to have them. Anyway, I have enjoyed them so much and thanks to you. Hopefully I can meet you some day soon.*

*Most sincerely and God Bless You
Polly Hansen*

*I want to thank all who gave Carolyn
understanding and love before her passing. All of
the prayers and sympathy cards since have been
greatly appreciated by all of her family. Sixty-
three years and nine months of marriage,
traveling to 67 countries and all 50 states gives us
so many good memories.*

Husband, Donald Fenske

*Dear Family at Zion,
Thank you so much for your prayers, meals, and
care following my hip replacement surgery in
August, and to Pastor Deb Abbott for her visit to
me in the hospital. Zion is truly a caring
community that we feel blessed to belong to. I am
doing well and back on my feet. Blessings and
peace.*

Deborah Price

Thank You Letters to Zion

- June 4, 2017—From Food Bank for Larimer County for a generous gift of \$344.
- July 6, 2017—From House of Neighborly Service for a contribution of \$638.20.
- July 20, 2017—From Alternatives to Violence for a donation of \$200 for Pastels on 5th Street.
- August 8, 2017—From Angel House, House of Neighborly Service for a financial gift.
- August 9, 2017—From *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* for a gift of \$2,393.
- August 21, 2017—From Lutheran Family Services for a gift of \$500.
- September 5, 2017—From Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado for a donation of \$250.

Monroe teachers, parents, and 4th grade students express gratitude for Zion's outreach to their school

From the teachers for the food provided for the parent teacher conferences

Thank you! We are so lucky to have you care for us!

The food helped me persevere through all my conferences!

Thank you for feeding our ♥s and tummies!

Thank you for providing us with such delicious food—a real treat.

Thank you. Having meals prepared makes conferences easier.

Thank you for the soup! I tried all of them. The desserts were yummy.

Oh my gosh! Delicious! Thank you so much for the yummy lunch.

Thank you for your support through parent teacher conferences.

Sooooooo good. I can't stop eating. Thank you.

The food was excellent. Thank you for being so thoughtful.

Delicious food! I feel refreshed and energy replete. Thank you.

Everything was delicious as always. Thank you so much for all you do.

Thank you so much for the absolutely delicious food.

Thank you so much for the lunch. I'd love the potato soup recipe!

From a grateful mother for the back-to-school night sack supper

A grateful mother of four children stopped by the church office specifically to say thank you to everyone for the sack suppers. Getting her children home from school and fed before attending the back-to-school night is difficult. In years prior, she missed some of those nights. Last year and this year are the first years she and, more importantly, her children are able to attend their back-to-school night. She expressed her gratitude and wanted everyone to know how something so little to some can be so BIG to others. Zion's sack suppers make a huge difference to her and her children.

From the 4th graders for the homework kits

Thank you for the supplies for homework. Markus

Thank you for your generous donation.

Thank you for putting up a homework basket.

Thank you Zion! We appreciate your generosity!

Thank you for all the supplies. I really appreciate it. I also wanted it to help me learn. Your friend, Damayon

Dear friends from Zion, Thank you so much for the stuff you people have given us. You are the best.

Thank you Zion church for giving us a box of pencils, glue sticks, sharpener, math flash cards, crayons, scissors, sheets of paper, and four folders. We really needed it. Thank you very much. God Bless You. Zury

Thank you for the homework supplies and making our school better. Love, Lanae

Dear Zion, Thank you for all the things that you gave to me. I love it so much. To Zion from Selene. I am a girl.

Thank you for the school supplies you provided for me. God bless you. Edgar

Hi Zion. Thanks for the school supplies and thanks to help 4th grade. Love, Joselin

We're off and running in this year's partnership with Monroe

Pastor Sonja Pancoast

Each year, I am so amazed how our partnership with Monroe continues to grow and flourish. Each year, I cannot even begin to imagine what else we could do. Then God has a surprise. We find that we can do more and find so much joy as we do.

The beginning of the school year is always a busy time as we get the year off to a good start. In the past few months, we have helped teachers get their classrooms set up; made 30 homework kits for 4th grade students; painted the basketball hoops, soccer goals, four square, and hop scotch area of the playground; provided 250 sack dinners for back-to-school night; provided pies and served pies for PIE (Partners in Education) night; provided teachers with hot soups, breads, and yummy desserts for parent teacher conferences; donated 41 coats to ensure that children are warm in cold weather; and hosted a trunk-or-treat math enrichment night at the school. All this is in addition to the 14 volunteers who help in the school each week. All I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you. There is no way that I can even begin to list all the names of the people who help make these things happen. This outreach is truly a congregational ministry. You are all a part of this amazing partnership.

As we look forward to November and December, we will provide families in need with Thanksgiving dinners and gifts for children at Christmas. In early November, you will find tags for food items we need for Thanksgiving baskets. In late November and early December, you will find tags on the Christmas tree with clothing and toys that are needed for the children. In this holiday season, we give thanks for the birth of Christ and that God gave us the greatest gift ever as we share with those who are in need in our community.

In this ministry, we are the ones who are blessed. It reminds me of a song that I used to sing as a small child.

*Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more.
It's just like a magic penny, hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many they'll roll all over the floor.
Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more.*

The more we give ourselves away, the more we have to give. God's great surprise.

Global Village Museum Honors and Celebrates the Nativity

Nativity scenes from around the world will take center stage this holiday season at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures. An exceptional exhibit and an educational program will highlight the crèche and its universal significance.

Nativities & Trees: Global Traditions debuts Friday, November 3, with a free grand opening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. as part of Fort Collins Gallery Walk. From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Loveland's Kris Hickman will play traditional holiday music on her Celtic harp.

"Nearly 300 one-of-a-kind nativities will be showcased, all on loan from travelers or collectors in Northern Colorado," said Dawn Behr, Curator and Administrative Assistant. "Versions of the crèche are found in countries on every continent. The unique visions and perspectives by different cultures are amazing and eye-opening."

Ranging in size from miniature to large-scale, the nativity treasures are crafted or manufactured from a variety of materials including wood, stone, ceramic, and metal. More exotic sets feature fabrics, gourds, and even seeds. Rare, collectible, and antique nativities will augment the eclectic display. The Main Gallery exhibit will also feature holiday trees with decorations.

From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, the history of the nativity scene will be explored in *Chronicle of the Crèche*. Reverend Dr. Larry Kunter, a retired pastor of 45 years, will discuss the facts and the legends throughout the ages and across diverse cultures.

"The story of the nativity is timeless," said Kunter, who received his master's degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and his doctorate in Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. "It is the plight of a homeless couple who are helped by their community. Although the nativity concept became central to Christianity, it is at heart a story of love through the ages and across all cultures." Admission to the program is \$5/person with museum members admitted free.

The exhibit runs through January 20, 2018. The Global Village Museum is located at 200 West Mountain Avenue, and museum hours are 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit globalvillagemuseum.org or call 970-221-4600.



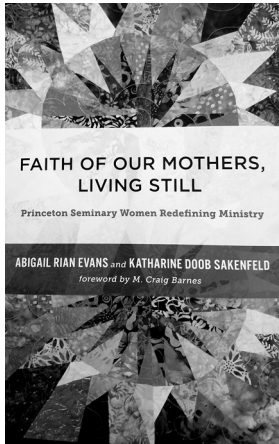
Traditional 15-piece nativity set carved from olive wood by Palestinian artisans.



Ten-piece set from Kenya made from banana fiber and cloth.



Tin set from El Salvador. The tin box adorned with poinsettia holds the set.



Faith of Our Mothers, Living Still

The book **Faith of Our Mothers, Living Still** celebrates the diverse ministries in which women are called to serve God and others, which inspire a wholistic vision for theological education that can benefit seminaries, the church, and the world. The book presents an overview of the ministry of women associated with Princeton Theological Seminary over the last 200 years. Beginning with a historical summary of early pioneering women and a chapter highlighting selected trailblazers in ministry, it goes on to showcase twenty-eight first-person narratives by women from diverse racial-ethnic, geographical, and denominational backgrounds in a variety of settings. It concludes by developing new understandings and directions for Christian ministry and theological education to challenge the twenty-first-century church.



Zion's PASTOR SONJA PANCOAST is among the authors contributing to **Faith of Our Mothers, Living Still**. In Part II Section 3, Pastoral Leadership and Christian Formation, Pastor Sonja has written a chapter entitled, "The Patchwork Quilt: A Paradigm for Ministry."

The cover art for the book was inspired by her chapter.

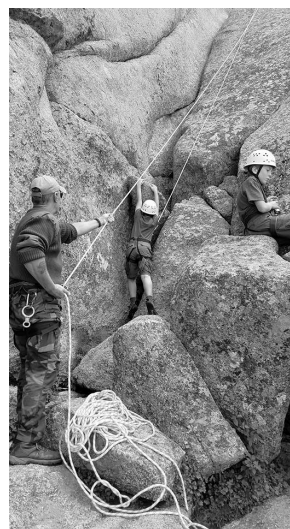
Troop 314 Status Update—Fall 2017

Jenny Hutson

With summer over, Troop 314 has begun our yearly scouting program of activities. After the theme of Personal Fitness in September, we launched into October with a focus on Environmental Science with assistance from the CSU Environmental Learning Center (ELC). Daniel, an ELC instructor and Eagle Scout, walked the boys through topics such as ecology, pollution, endangered species, and environmental protection. While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, our scouts got a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.

Also in October, the troop joined many other Colorado troops at the Air Force Academy (AFA) in Colorado Springs to participate in their annual AFA Scout Day. The boys who attended enjoyed watching AFA beat UNLV 34-30 at Falcon Stadium. After the game, the scouts set up camp on an adjacent field near the new Zion Cub Scout Pack 298. The wind whipped up just in time for tent setup which was a challenge our boys faced and conquered with impressive skill.

We also accomplished our 2018 yearly planning in October. Troop 314 is a boy-led troop, and the scouts met on a Sunday to discuss what the skill themes for next year will be, what weekends



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will be reserved for camping, what events they will be participating in, and all other scouting activities. Adults were in attendance to guide the boy leaders and help answer questions. The troop is, truly, led and planned entirely by the scouts themselves.

With November being a shorter month including our twice-yearly Court of Honor, we will be focused on the transition of new scout leadership including Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Assistant SPL, Patrol Leaders, and other boy leadership positions. A campout to Camp Patiya is planned in early November with a focus on youth leadership training and team building. The leadership skills learned and relationships built on this campout will truly set the tone for the next 6 months as the boys settle into their new patrols and continue working toward rank.

December, although also a short month, is going to be focused on Citizenship and First Aid as well as preparing the boys for the snow camping months. We have an ice fishing trip planned for January followed by the annual Klondike camping event in February. These boys are going to be pros at camping in cold weather by the time this winter is over.



Lastly, yet another of our wonderful young men has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout! Nick James was pinned in mid-October, and we could not be prouder of this fine young man. He truly embodies the qualities of a Boy Scout. Congratulations, Nick!

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 him our way!

Introduction to Cub Scout Pack 298

Tim and Julie Call

Recently Cub Scout Pack 298 was welcomed to Zion Lutheran Church.

Pack 298 is dedicated to a lively Cub Scout experience with activities that capture the interest of boys yet are fun for the entire family, including siblings. Our Cub Scouts learn essential skills and enjoyment of outdoor activities, community involvement, personal safety, sports, and the environment. Scouting is fun with a purpose, and the purpose is to raise boys who respect themselves and others, and who have strong character.

Currently there are 37 Cub Scouts in the pack, starting in kindergarten up to 5th grade. We just wrapped up our popcorn sales for the year. We are excited to bring fun activities such as the pinewood derby to the church.

Contact Cubmaster Tim Call at 970-405-8497 or tjrh81681@gmail.com.



Inviting Zion's Knitters

Knitted Knockers Knit-A-Thon

Trinity Lutheran Church—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 11—9:00 a.m. to Noon

What are they? Knitted knockers are special handmade breast prosthetics for women who have undergone mastectomies and other procedures to the breast. Traditional breast prosthetics are usually expensive, heavy, sweaty, and uncomfortable. Knitted knockers are light, comfortable, and adjustable; they are made from soft durable cotton and are easily washable. And, thanks to many volunteers, they are free for the asking! Knitted knockers are in great demand across Colorado.

Using a Thrivent action team grant, Kristi Aberle, a totally unskilled non-knitter with a passion for this project, will purchase special yarn and materials to construct these prosthetics to give away at cancer centers in our community. We need YOU—all knitters, crocheters, stuffers, cooks, and bakers (for refreshments). We hope to make this project a springboard for making many knockers over the next few months and hopefully years to come and in this way, use our talents to help others in our community. Technical expert, Terri Jansen, will demonstrate techniques and assist where needed. Come and bring a friend or a neighbor to join us.

If you can come for an hour and get started or stay the whole time, we want you! Knockers that aren't finished at the event can be turned in at the office.

Please RSVP to Kristi Aberle at ktaberle@gmail.com or 225-2939 so that she can have enough materials available. If you can't come that day, but would like to help with preparation for the event, or make some snacks to donate, or knit some on your own, or have more questions, please contact Kristi for that too. Thank you for your support!

Sanctuary Renovations

In the last issue of the "Eye on Zion," it was reported that the wood pews had been refinished and restored. Since that issue, the cushions have been replaced, not only on the pews but on the choir chairs as well. The pews now include cushions on the backs for the first time, leading ushers to ask for training to keep worshipers awake in worship. Okay, maybe not, but if you haven't sat in these pews since the upgrades, you should come check them out. They are comfortable, and they are beautiful!

Often one renovation only shows something else that needs to be done, and in this case it became noticeable that the paint on the front wall of the sanctuary was aging, chipped, and faded, so it was repainted with a color that will create an aesthetic unity to the worship space.

Thanks to JORDYN HORST for sharing her gifts for design, and for helping to get the best paint available. And, thank you to CHAS FARASYN, JESSICA KUHN, RUTH SPRAIN, and SCOTT SPRAIN for giving of their time to paint.

Zion thanks everyone who donated to and participated in the refinish of the church pews.

**50 years / 500 Years
50th Anniversary Celebration
Lutheran Campus Ministry in Fort Collins
Sunday, November 12 — 12:00 Noon**



Banquet Lunch followed by Holy Communion Reformation Worship

Fifty and 500 years—Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins is celebrating five centuries of the Lutheran Reformation and half a century of re-forming young adult students through its ministry.

You are invited to be our guests in joining the celebration in a banquet lunch and Reformation worship service on November 12 at noon at the LuMin Center, 805 South Shields Street, Fort Collins. We will begin with a meal in the St. Thomas Chapel and then join in a sing-along of historic hymns accompanied by the chapel organ in a Word and Sacrament worship service. Our guest speaker, Kay Gillespie, will reflect on the university professor, Martin Luther, and the campus ministry that has been serving over these last 50 years in Fort Collins. We look back and connect to our roots—so that we can see our steps in the present—leading to how the Holy Spirit will call us into the future.

Let us know that you are coming by sending an e-mail to 50th@lcmcsu.org or call Pastor Paul at 970-482-2160.

All are welcome.

NEWS from Lutheran Campus Ministry

Thank You!

As November begins and 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.

In October, we had our Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp with students and staff from CU Boulder, CSU, and UNC. We are grateful for the hospitality of Sky Ranch and the gift of God's beautiful creation!

For more information about Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado contact, Pastor Deb Abbott—lcm.unco@gmail.com.

For more information about Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University, contact Pastor Paul Judson—pastor@lcmcsu.org.

**Thompson Valley
Preschool**

2018-19 Registration

Open House

Saturday, February 3

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Join us for a tour to learn more about the program and the different classes available and to pick up registration material.

You can visit our website at www.thompsonvalleypreschool.org or call 970-667-6552.



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Join Us in Worship

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

On the 3rd Sunday of each month,
the two worship styles switch.

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.

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

November 11	Christmas Bazaar Knitted Knockers Knit-A-Thon
November 12	50th Anniversary Celebration LCM CSU Deadline to Reserve for RMS Youth Gathering
November 19	New Member Exploration Conversation
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social
November 26	Advent Festival
December 1-3	Advent Retreat at Sky Ranch
December 3	New Member Connections Dinner
December 9	Middle School Youth Gathering
December 10	High School Youth Gathering
December 17	Children's Christmas Program
December 21	Blue Christmas / Longest Night Worship
December 24	Potluck Breakfast; Lessons and Carols Worship Christmas Eve Worship (4:00, 6:00, and 10:30 p.m.)
December 29	Young Adults Gathering
January 13-15	RMS Youth Gathering
February 3	Thompson Valley Preschool Open House
March 2-4	High School Winter Retreat